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BEIJING (APP): Caretaker not mere words.

Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-

Haq Kakar on Thursday,

calling the bilateral partner-

ship made in "heaven", said

that Pakistan blindly

trusted China and that the

country would not allow

anything to undermine the

bilateral strategic partner-

his opening remarks while

meeting with Chinese Presi-

dent Xi Jinping, said Paki-

stan firmly supported One

China policy and would

The prime minister, in



BEIJING: Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar meets Chinese Presi-

Caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan says:

#### Modern technical educational institutions to be made effective with support of federal Govt.

Caretaker Federal Minister Education assures representation of all provinces to be ensured in administrative affairs of federal institutions

**Independent Report** QUETTA: The caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan,

Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki has stated that the modern technical educational institutions operating in the province would be made more effective with cooperation of federal gov-

He said that the measures are being taken to produce skilled human force according to the demand of ince were discussed.

kistan on Thursday ex-

pressed its disappointment

over the results of the emer-

gency meeting of the

United Nations Security Council (UNSC) held on

Wednesday and called for

an immediate end to the

bombardment and inhu-

appointed by the results of the UNSC debate. The

Security Council should

play its designated role

to bring an immediate end

to the bombardment and

ISLAMABAD (APP):

The Islamabad High Court

Maqsood said that the IHC

'We are nationally dis-

mane blockade of Gaza.

the CM's secretariat on Thursday.

meeting, the matters pertaining to promotion of education, technical and vocational training, opportunities available for the same, besides the financial issues facing the public sector universities of the prov-

The Federal Minister This was shared by the Education informed the Chief Minister while Chief Minister about the speaking to the caretaker ongoing programmes of in-

son Mumtaz Zahra Baloch

said in her weekly press

briefing.
The spokesperson was

referring to the use of veto

power by the United States

at the UN Security Council

to block a resolution calling

for Israel to allow humani-

tarian corridors into the

Gaza Strip, a pause in the

fighting and the lifting of an

order for civilians to leave

the north of the besieged

UAE had convened the

China, Russia and the

territory.

blockade leading to a hu- meeting to discuss the wors-

manitarian catastrophe," the ening situation in Gaza.

Israel-Hamas war:

Pakistan has no intention

to send Army to Gaza: FO

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pa- Foreign Office spokesper-

Federal Minister for Education, Madad Ali Sindhi technical education with who called on him here at cooperation of federal government. Also present on the occasion were Minister During the course of Finance and Revenue, Amjad Rsaheed, and other concerned high ups of federal and provincial governments.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister said that the provincial government would take special measures for resolving the issues being faced by the universities of the province with cooperation of the federal government.

ISLAMABAD (APP): darity with the Palestinian President Dr Arif Alvi on people on behalf of the Thursday visited the Embassy of Palestine and exof Pakistan. He said that Pakistan pressed solidarity with the Palestinian people who are

show it through its actions, meeting accompanied by

**President visits Palestine** 

Embassy; calls for ceasefire,

criminate killings by Israel. He urged the international community to condemn Israel's brutalities and its disproportionate reaction which killed thousands

of innocent people. He called for an immediate ceasefire and the opening up of a humanitarian corridor to send aid to the people lacking food, electricity and water.

being subjected to indis-

The president also met Ambassador of the State of Palestine Ahmed Jawad

humanitarian corridor people on behalf of the Government and the people

The meeting took place

"Pakistan will not take

on the sidelines of the

Third Belt and Road Forum,

attended by leadership and

representatives of around

an inch back when it comes

to our relations with

China," he remarked as the

two leaders met to discuss

President Xi warmly

the bilateral and regional

received the prime minister

as he arrived to hold the

140 nations.

would always stand by Palestine and only accept a solution that was acceptable to the Palestinians.

President Alvi said that the United Nations should debate the atrocities that happened in Palestine, and the UN Security Council should pass a resolution to stop Israeli atrocities.

here on Thursday, the care-He said that such bru taker Chief Minister said tal actions created more possibilities of hatred leadupper age limit for the govng to more wars, adding that the Organisation of Is lamic Cooperation (OIC) should raise a strong voice Rabei, and expressed soli- in support of Palestine.



ISLAMABAD: Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee, General Sahir Shamshad Mirza addressing the participants of ongoing aerial exercise Indus Shield-2023

#### Jamali praises performance of Home Dept **Independent Report**

QUETTA: The caretaker Provincial Minister for Home, Mir Muhammad Zubair Jamali has appreciated performance of the Home department with regard to repatriation of the illegal immigrants in the province.

The caretaker Minister Home was speaking to the newly appointed Secretary Home, Zahid Saleem who called on him here on Thursday

During the meeting, matters pertaining to security and law and order were discussed between the Minister and Secretary

They also reviewed the ways and means to enhance mutual relations between the security institutions.

#### **CJCSC** witnesses PAF's 14-Nation Air Exercise **Indus Shield-2023**

Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee, General Sahir Shamshad Mirza, visited an operational air base of Pakistan Air Force (PAF) to witness the ongoing aerial exercise Indus

On his arrival at the base, the Chairman Joint kistan Air Force, a PAF news release said.

Chiefs of Staff Committee was briefed on the Air Power Center of Excellence training facility as

to the people of Gaza.
At least 3,785 Palestin-The Air Chief apprethe health ministry in Gaza

He highlighted the warfare challenges

#### Jan Achakzai accuses QESCO of betraying agreement with zamindars

Independent Report QUETTA: The caretaker Provincial Minister for Information, Jan Achakzai has accused the Quetta Electric Supply Company (QESCO) of betraying the agreement reached with the zamindars of province in presence of the provincial government regarding restoration of electricity supply to them (zamindars).

While addressing a hurriedly called press conference along with the leaders of Balochistan Zamindar Committee (BZAC), Abdul Rehman Bazai and others here at the Quetta Press Club on Thursday, Jan Achakzai regretfully pointed out that



an agreement was reached between the QESCO and zamindars due to the efforts of provincial government for restoration of electricity supply to the farmers of province. however, the QESCO is not implementing the agreement,

which is uncalled for and

unjustified, adding he re

He said that the interim cabinet of Balochistan had approved funds of Rs. 1 billion for payment of ar rears to QESCO, out of which around Rs. 78 crore have also been sanctioned by the government.

his delegation members, including Shamshad Akhtar, phrases of (Pak-China Sarfaraz Bugti, Gohar Ejaz and others.

The prime minister thanked the Chinese leader for inviting him to attend the "historic" Belt and Road Forum and also congratulated him for the "resounding" success of the He said President Xi's

Invites President Xi to visit Pakistan

Pakistan blindly trusts China; nothing to be

allowed to undermine our partnership: PM

President Xi underlines Pakistan an iron-brother, partner in peace and development; Pakistan, China emphasize steady pace of CPEC, vow to make it corridor of sustainable growth

> address at the Forum was "profound, deep and visionary", which offered a lot of opportunities for the countries like Pakistan.

> > CM says

GoB not reduces

age limit for

government jobs

Independent Report

QUETTA: The caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan,

Mir<sup>\*</sup> Ali Mardan Khan

Domki has stated that final

decisions has not been

made yet on the matter of

reduction of upper age limit

for obtaining the govern-

ment jobs in the province.

been kept for further con-

sideration in the next meet-

ing of provincial cabinet.

media account (X) issued

that the agenda point of the

ernment jobs was presented

by the Services and General

Ådministration Department

in the cabinet's last meeting.

reviewed the matter from all

aspects and the concerned

department (S&GAD) pre-

sion was made on the mat-

ter, the Chief Minister made

nature public matter would

be considered in the next

meeting of interim cabinet,

Pakistan sends

**100 tons** 

humanitarian aid

for Palestinians

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pa-

kistan on Thursday sent

humanitarian assistance for the people of Palestine in-

cluding medicine, tents and

A chartered aircraft car-rying 100 tons of essential

medical supplies, tents and

blankets departed from Islamabad for Egypt this

afternoon, the Foreign Of-

fice said. From Egypt, the

supplies will be transferred

ians were killed in Gaza in

Israeli strikes since Oct 7

It comes as four more residential buildings were

struck by Israeli air raids,

the Palestinian Ministry of

Foreign Affairs said in a

Schedule

announced for

LB elections

in Quetta

QUETTA (APP): Provin-

cial Election Commissioner

Balochistan Sharifullah on

Thursday said that the Elec-

tion Commission of Paki-

stan has announced the

schedule for the local gov-

ernment elections to be held

on November 30 in Quetta.

returning officers will issue

the public notice on 30 Oc-

tober 2023. While the nomi-

nation papers will be re-

ceived from the candidates

from November 2 to

4nAfter which the list of

names of nominated candi-

dates can be released on

November 6, he said. He

said that similarly, from

November 7 to 9, the re-

turning officers would scru-

tinize the nomination pa-

pers of the candidates, while

the last date for filing ap-

peals against the acceptance

or rejection of nomination

papers by the Returning

Officers is November 11.

As per the schedule, the

said Thursday.

post on X.

blankets

However, no final deci-

However, the important

sented its view on it.

The interim cabinet had

Rather, the matter has

Ĭn a tweet on his social

friendship) 'sweeter than honey' and 'iron clad brotherhood', but I realise that this moment is for Pakistan when you say 'when China does well, the rest of the world does well.

for Pakistan to come and seize the opportunity," he remarked.

He said eight proposals President Xi had put forth at the Forum were actually a roadmap for not just physical connectivity history.

"I used to hear the but also an important stabilising factor in international order.

Prime Minister Kakar said the Belt and Road Initiative was a "pragmatic" and "practical" answer to the global political, economic and civilisational "This is the moment challenges faced by many

> He said China's unprecedented progress was a role model which transformed the lives of the millions of its people, also having no parallel in the world



ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif Alvi in a meeting with the Ambassador of the State of Palestine in Pakistan, Mr Ahmed Jawad Rabei, and expressing solidarity with the people of Palestine.

#### **CPEC** to bring about Pakistan's economic prosperity, regional connectivity: PM

BEIJING (APP):Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Thursday, terming CPEC a landmark project in the history of ment projects under the Pakistan-China relations, CPEC framework in agriculsaid it would bring about ture, health, education, voprosperity in Pakistan and contribute to regional connectivity and development.

The prime minister in a meeting with Chairman of China International Development Cooperation Agency Luo Zhaohui, lauded the vision of connectivity and partnership un-China-Pakistan Economuc Corridor and its fruits over the last ten years in terms of economic milestones for Pakistan.

Prime Minister Kakar and CIDCA Chairman Luo discussed the collaboration in socioeconomic developcational education, water supply and poverty allevia-

The chairman wel-

comed the prime minister's proposal for the swift implementation CIDCA's GDI projects in Pakistan. Prime Minister Kakar lauded the dynamic partnership between Pakistan and CIDCA and especommended CIDCA's strong commitment to development projects in Pakistan.

#### Governor Kakar meets Balighur Rehman



LAHORE (APP): Governor Balochistan Abdul Wali Kakar met Governor Punjab Muhammad Balighur Rehman and discussed matters of mutual interest besides promoting inter-provincial relations during a meeting at the Governor's House here on Thursday.

Welcoming his counterpart to Lahore, Governor Punjab Muhammad Balighur Rehman said that Balochistan is the largest province of the country in terms of area, adding that development and prosperity of Balochistan is essential for the development of the country. He said a sizeable number of scholarships and seats have been reserved for the students of Balochistan in the universities and medical colleges in Punjab.

The Governor Punjab also apprised Governor Balochistan about the steps taken as chancellor in universities. He said that consortiums have been formed in seven important areas in the universities, adding, the aim is to strengthen linkages between academia and industry and to suggest recommendations for improvement in these

#### Six terrorists killed, four soldiers martyred in Waziristan gun fight

RAWALPINDI (INP): Six terrorists including a highvalue target named Hazrat Zaman alias Khawarey Mullah have been killed by security forces in an operation at general area of Gharyoum in North

Waziristan district. According to the Inter Services Public Relations, the ringleader was actively involved in multiple terrorist activities in the area and was highly wanted by the law enforcement agencies.

However, three military personnel including Lance Naik Tabbasum UI Haq, Sepoy Naeem Akhtar and Sepoy Abdul Hameed also embraced shahadat while fighting gallantly against terrorists. In another operation at general area of Asman Manza in South Waziristan District, Sepoy Farman Ali also embraced shahadat in the line of duty. Sanitization is being carried out to eliminate any terrorists found in the area

#### to Nawaz Sharif till Oct 24 he said, adding he had adopted the stance after taking instructions from the

(IHC) on Thursday granted protective bail to Pakistan NAB Prosecutor General. Muslim League-Nawaz's Justice Miangul (PML-N) Quaid Hassan Aurangzeb said that Muhammad Nawaz Sharif the bench was granting till October 24, and protective bail to Nawaz stopped the authorities Sharif on the statement of from arresting him on his arrival in Pakistan from NAB prosecutor, otherwise, it would have decided abroad the matter as per case merit. The IHC bench com-The court subse-

**QUETTA: Caretaker Federal Education Minister** 

Madad Ali Sindhi meeting with Caretaker Chief

Minister Balochistan Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki

**IHC** grants protective bail

prising Chief Justice Aamer quently granted protective Farooq and Justice Miangul bail to the former prime Hassan Aurangzeb anminister stating that NAB nounced the verdict on the had not raised any objecpetitions seeking protective tion on it. It also stopped bail for the former prime the Bureau from arresting minister in Al-Azizia Steel Nawaz Sharif on his arrival Mills and Avenfield propin Pakistan till October 24, so that he could surrender erty references. At the outset of hearbefore the court. ing, NAB Prosecutor Rafay Later, the court, in its

written order, also observed

had stated in its judgment that NAB Deputy Prosecuthat the former prime mintor General Naeem Tariq ister could request the court Sakhera presented the to open his appeal again at stance of Bureau after takany time after his return. ing instructions from the The National Accountprosecutor general that it ability Bureau (NAB) had had no objection on the no objection if Nawaz protective bail of ex-prime Sharif wanted to surrender,

## ISLAMABAD (APP): well as the scope of the

Shield-2023 on Thursday. Chiefs of Staff Committee was received by Air Chief Marshal Zaheer Ahmed Baber Sidhu, Chief of the Air Staff, Pa-

The Chairman Joint

exercise which aims to project cooperation between the participating air forces and consolidate upon modern concepts of aerial warfare.

ciated the utmost support extended by General Sahin Shamshad Mirza and lauded his efforts in the promotion of tri-services

significance of the 14 nation Exercise Indus Shield which in addition to boosting the operational readiness of PAF, would also prepare the participants for contemporary

Electricity supply to agriculture consumers:

#### Daily Joice of Masse, Independent

#### Israeli barbarism

It is difficult to put into words the outrage one feels when looking at the broken, lifeless bodies of Palestinian men, women, and especially children — all victims of Israel's latest murderous assault on Gaza.

If any other country had been guilty of committing these atrocities, the international community, particularly the self-professed guardians of the rules-based Western order, would have been calling for harsh accountability. But not so for Israel, for whom the rules are always put aside by its benefactors. While the people of Gaza have been enduring hell on earth ever since the events of Oct 7 Tuesday's air strike targeting the Al Ahli Hospital marks a new low in this uneven, brutal conflict. This monstrous crime, in which at least 500 people were reportedly killed, has Israel's footprints all over it, even though Tel Aviv has denied responsibility.

Instead, Israel blames the Palestinian Islamic Jihad, saying the armed group misfired a missile that hit the health facility. The outfit says the accusations are "baseless".

While facts are often obscured in the fog of war, it should be remembered that the Israeli military is well-versed in the art of obfuscation, and that Tel Aviv has a rich history of carrying out massacres of Palestinian civilians, from 1948 onwards.

No one, except for its ardent supporters, is likely to believe Israel's denial of responsibility, since its hands have been covered in the blood of Palestinian non-combatants for decades now. In the most recent hostilities, over 3,300 have been murdered by Israel, including 1,000 children. Were these 1,000 minors all Hamas operatives?

What is just as reprehensible as Israel's unrestrained barbarity is the Western hypocrisy in this conflict. Many Western leaders have made a beeline for Tel Aviv in solidarity with the murderous regime, the latest amongst them Joe Biden.

While offering lukewarm condolences over the hospital outrage, Mr Biden warmly embraced the Israeli prime minister while observing that the "other team" was likely responsible for this odious crime. Gloating over his high-profile visitor's presence, Benjamin Netanyahu termed the conflict a struggle "between the forces of civilisation ... and barbarism". Certainly, Tel Aviv's brutal behaviour over the decades, and today, qualifies as barbaric.

It is highly unlikely the West will muzzle Isgoes beyond rhetoric, and stops the slaughter in Palestine.

During an OIC meeting in Jeddah on Wednesday, the Iranian foreign minister proposed an oil embargo and sanctions on Israel, as well as called on Muslim states with relations with Tel Aviv to break these off.

There are echoes here of the 'oil weapon' deployed by Arab states during the 1973 Middle East conflict. Certainly, these measures should be considered in solidarity with Palestine's battered population.

#### Illegal Israeli attack on hospital in Gaza: a violation of human rights

By Samiullah

In recent years, the flict has seen numersulting in the loss of extensive damage to infrastructure. One of the most disturbing incidents in this ongoing conflict was the conflict. This article tance of upholding the challenging to reach a rules of war and peace, emphasizing the responsibility of powerful nations and international organizations like the United

region. Targeting Hospitals: War, even when

waged between states with longstanding rules and conven-

law is to protect civilians, including the wounded, children, and the elderly. Hossafe havens in times of conflict, places where the injured can receive medical care sights: Rules of War without fear of attack. Yet, the attack on a hospital in Gaza Greek violated these prin- Thucydides, in his Officer to Minister ciples and shocked masterpiece "History Information and Pub-

Israel-Palestine con- hospital in Gaza re- these rules is not a sulted in devastating sign of weakness but ous escalations, re- consequences. Inno- an essential aspect of cent civilians, includ- the international orcountless lives and ing children, the der. The attack on a wounded, and the elderly, were directly affected by this viola- lation of these printion of international ciples and underlaw. Lives were lost, illegal Israeli attack and the wounded on a hospital in Gaza, faced dire circumhighlighting the ur- stances with limited gent need for interna- access to medical tional intervention to care. Moreover, such protect the most actions further per- minder of the tragic vulnerables in this petuate the cycle of consequences that the violence in the region, delves into the impor- making it even more

> the conflict. sponsibility:

The United Nations and powerful Nations to ensure jus- nations have a critical tice and peace in the role to play in addressing the Israel- held. The Inhuman Act: Palestine conflict.

"the enemy of my en- are not a sign of emy is my friend" has weakness but a corbeen a notion in interconflicts, is subject to national relations for

nerable. Powerful nations should exert dip-tion in the region. lomatic pressure on pitals are meant to be the conflicting parties Mr. Samiullah has to respect the rules of war and peace.

Thucydides' Inand Peace

The the international com- of the Peloponnesian lic War," emphasized the Balochistan.

The Impact of the importance of rules in war and peace. He ar-The attack on a gued that upholding hospital in Gaza stands as a stark vioscores the necessity

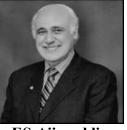
of enforcing them.

To sum up:

The illegal Israeli attack on a hospital in Gaza is a grim re-Israel-Palestine conflict continues to inflict on innocent lives. peaceful resolution to It is imperative for the international commu-International Re- nity to unite in its efforts to promote peace, protect the most vulnerable, and ensure that the rules of war and peace are up-

As Thucydides The concept of noted, these principles nerstone of a just and humane world order. It is high time for the In this context, it United Nations and The fundamental should translate into a powerful nations to principle of interna- commitment to safe- take proactive meational humanitarian guard the rights and sures to end the sufsafety of the most vul- fering and work towards a lasting solu-

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F.S. Aijazuddin

In 1945, Adolf Hitler committed suicide in a bunker in Berlin. Seventy-eight years later, his destructive spirit has reincarnated itself in Benjamin Netanyahu, a US-trained Jew. Many of Hitler's policies that led to World War II — lebensraum, contempt for treaties, un-

bridled militarisation, persecution of minorities, and the malevolent use of a ubiquitous security apparatus — have been reborn in modern Israel. Those violations of civilised norms — once a casus belli — are now kosher to the West.

Geography reveals the vulnerability of the Gaza Strip. It is only 365 square kilometres — one tenth the size of Indian Goa. once similarly trapped between a hostile mainland and an inhospitable sea. India resolved that by invading it in 1961. The Gaza Strip is dwarfed by Israel's 22,145 sq km.

The present Palestine/ Israel contest is between an underfed David and a US-fattened Goliath. Since 1948, Palestinians have survived off scraps tossed from the tables of their wealthy Arab brethren, while Israel has been the recipient of some \$260 billion in aid from the US. Every year, it receives about \$3.3bn in foreign military financing from it.

Hamas's surprise attack last week was a reprise of the Yom Kippur war of 1973, 50 years ago, when Egypt and Syria took advantage of the Yom Kippur holidays to launch an offensive. This attack by Hamas on a Sabbath caught Israel again off

It should not have.

Over the past five years alone, Israel has invested over \$80bn on its military defence. It must be galling, therefore, for the Israeli defence ministry to discover that 5,000 Hamas rockets could penetrate its expensive security shield with such precision. În May 1987, an au-

Abraham's seed

dacious German teenager, Mathias Rust, flew his Cessna aircraft from Helsinki and landed in Moscow's Red Square. The Soviet defence minister Sokolov and other top officials were forced to resign. The Israeli defence minister Yoav Gallant has no intention of going anywhere, except into the Gaza Strip, with a vengeance. Netanyahu has told

the residents of the Gaza Strip to leave before they are bombarded into nonexistence. It is a cruel warning, as callous as if the Nazis had called on the Jews living in the Warsaw Ghetto in 1940 to find alternative accommodation. The final death toll in that ghetto was estimated to be '300,000 killed by bullet or gas, combined with 92,000 victims of starvation and related diseases". The two million

trapped in the Gaza Strip have nowhere to go. Their exodus is not through a Red Sea parted by Moses. It has to be through once Pharaonic Egypt, or the Mediterranean patrolled by two US aircraft carriers, or into oblivion. The US, the UK and some European countries have leapt to Israel's defence. ÚS Secretary of State Antony Blinken went overboard in Tel Aviv by declaring in Netanyahu's presence 'I am a Jew'. It was more than J.F. Kennedy's symbolic assertion: "Ich bin ein Berliner", and far beyond what Henry Kissinger would have admitted. Kissinger sublimated his Jewishness throughout his tightrope negotiations between the Arabs and

Russia has growled from its lair, warning the West that it too has inter-

Israel.

ests in the area. The Iranian foreign minister has cautioned Israel that "violence could spread to other parts of the Middle East". The Iranians and the Saudis are holding talks "to prevent a broader surge in violence across the region". Interestingly, China has remained relatively silent. Is it waiting for the situation to deteriorate until its intervention as a peacemaker becomes inevitable? For once, public demonstrations in world capitals have supported the Palestinians that go beyond the token keffiyeh. The slogan 'Je suis Charlie' chanted in Paris has been replaced by 'Je suis Palestinien[ne]'

Meanwhile, an Armageddon waits in the

Some who spot a comedy in every tragedy will have a field day on the predicament of Scotland's First Minister Humza Yousaf, His mother-in-law is trapped in Gaza, unable to escape. Forty years ago, the British cricketer Ian Botham remarked caustically that Pakistan was "the kind of place to send your mother-in-law for a month, all expenses paid". Humza Yousaf must wish his mother-in-law had chosen anywhere even Pakistan — for her

foreign trip. Those who have a reverence for God in whichever form will recall the Bhagavad Gita's opening verses. In them. Arjuna on the battlefield of Kurukshetra expresses despair at seeing his kinsmen mixed with friends and honoured elders: "Some this side, some that side ranged: and, seeing those opposed, such kith grown enemies [...] If we slay kinsfolk and friends for love of earthly power, Ahovat! What an evil fault it were!" Is the Gaza Strip to become a Semitic Kurukhshetra, a battleground-turnedgrave-yard for the warring

seed of Abraham? -- Cour-

tesy Dawn

#### Commerce News

#### PM encourages Chinese firms to explore Pakistan's vast potential

Says govt taking steps to uplift agri sector; enhance processing, exports

BEIJING (APP): MCC, Caretaker Prime Minister C o m Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Thursday encouraged executives to explore the vast investment potential of Pakistan.

The prime minister said this in a meeting with a number of Chinese corporate executives on the sidelines of the Third Belt and Road Forum here.

The CEOs and executives of Chinese

International Group, China Energy, Power China and China Gezhouba Group.

businessmen of Pakistan's initiatives for economic and financial stability.

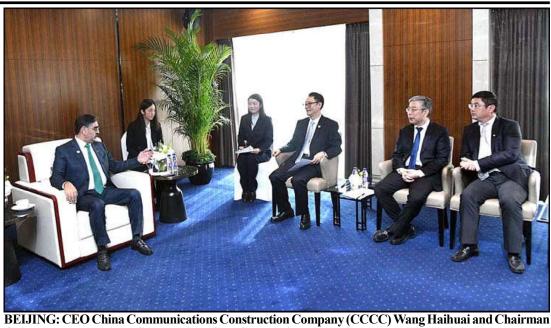
Sharing Pakistan's vision for sustainable and enterprises who called on inclusive development, he taken by Pakistan to attract the prime minister outlined Pakistan's foreign investment, the included Minmetals, investor-friendly policies; entrepreneurs briefed the

China including the establishment Communication of Special Investment Construction Company Facilitation Council, which (CCCC), China Road and will act as a one-window corporate Bridge Corporation platform to face explore the (CRBC), COFCO, Amer foreign investment. platform to facilitate

Chinese corporate executives to explore the The prime minister apprised the Chinese of Pakistan, especially in ICT, agriculture, renewable energy, textile, digital economy and, mining and minerals sectors. Appreciating the measures

prime minister on their business portfolios in Pakistan. They also expressed their keen interest in working with Pakistani partners to He encouraged the expand their business footprint in Pakistan.

Prime Minister Kakar also invited the executives of Chinese companies to Pakistan to discuss their business interests with relevant ministers. Meanwhile Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Thursday said that the government was taking measures.



China Road and Bridge Corporation (CRBC) Du Fei called on Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar.

# ISLAMABAD: SAPM/MOS on Investment, Tahir Javed meeting with Mehmet

Pacaci, Ambassador of Republic of Turkey in Pakistan at his office.

#### **Dr Mehmood says: CPEC** helps to build an enabling economic environment in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD (APP): (CSAIS) Islamabad, Dr Mehmood Ul Hassan Khan megawatts o Corridor (CPEC) had helped build an enabling electricity grid, said a press economic environment in release issued here. Pakistan as energy, education and the economy being among its key pillars.

China had invested Executive Director, Center US\$25.4 billion in direct for South Asia and projects in Pakistan, International Studies creating 236,000 jobs, (CSAIS) Islamabad, Dr generating 8,000 megawatts of electricity, on Thursday said the and building 510 China Pakistan Economic kilometers of highways and 886 km of the national

> Also, about 28.000 Pakistani students were studying in China

#### Telenor solidifies resolve towards customers with Customer **Day 2023**

ISLAMABAD (APP) Telenor Pakistan has successfully completed its annual Customer Day through extensive onground outreach into local communities neighbourhoods across the country

Valuable feedback from customers was gathered through market visits and surveys, and will be used for continuous improvement.

#### Dr. Saif lauds Huawei's presence at GITEX 2023 Federal Minister for IT & the latest technology and

Telecom, Dr. Umar Saif cutting-edge trends in along with delegation had innovative visited the Huawei pavilion infrastructure, at GITEX 2023.

The delegation included the Federal Secretary for IT & Telecom, Hassan Nasir Jamy, Ambassador of Pakistan to the UAE, Faisal Niaz Tirmizi, and Member IT, Junaid Imam, said a news release issued

as a service for global accessibility. The minister was keen on the latest CERT product and OIC CERT operations globally as well

cybersecurity and privacy

protection and the Huawei

Cloud which is leading the

creation of infrastructure

#### **Need urged for implementing** fiscal, structural reforms to achieve sustainable growth

need for implementing sustained macro-fiscal and reforms, structural improving

competitiveness productivity diversifying its agricultural

growth and development. Talking to a delegation of progressive farmers, he exports of rice, sugarcane,

ISLAMABAD (APP): and cotton products by Chairman Pakistan Hitech diversifying its markets, Hybrid Rice Association enhancing its quality (PHHSA) Shahzad Ali standards, branding its Malik Thursday urged the products, and complying with international trade regulations requirements.

example, For Pakistan can tap into the lucrative markets of China, Turkey, Qatar, Kenya, Afghanistan, UAE, and exports to achieve Afghanistan, UAE, and sustainable economic Saudi Arabia for its rice exports by offering different varieties meeting their quality specifications said Pakistan had huge and ensuring timely potential to increase its delivery, said a press release issued here.

#### to over Rs 2 trillion in Q1 ISLAMABAD (APP): showing an increase of of exports during August 25.54 percent, according to provisional data released

The exports from the country in the rupee term witnessed an increase of 25.54 percent during the first quarter (Q1) of the current fiscal year as compared to the corresponding period of last year, the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS)

Exports during July-September (2023-24) were recorded at Rs.2,013,533 million as against Rs.1,603,869 million during the corresponding period of last year, On a year-on-year

Exports increase by 25.54%

September 2023 increased by 31.27 percent and were recorded at Rs. 737,295 million compared to the exports of Rs.561,643 million in September 2022. On a month-on-

when compared to the exports of Rs. 695,136 million in August 2023. The main commodities (Rs.16,922 million).

2023 were commodities of exports during September, 2023 were knitwear (Rs. 103,029 million), readymade basis, the exports during garments (Rs. 74,608 million), bed wear (Rs. 69,234 million), cotton cloth (Rs. 51,891 million), oil seeds, nuts and kernals (Rs.46,571 million), cotton yarn (Rs.33,815 million), rice others (Rs.32,324 month basis, the exports million), towels (Rs.25,116 increased by 6.06 percent million), rice basmati (Rs.19,008 million) and madeup articles exclueing

#### Gold rates dip **by Rs.200 to** Rs.206,300 per tola

ISLAMABAD (APP): The per tola price of 24 karat gold decreased by Rs.200 and was sold at Rs. 206,300 on Thursday compared to its sale at Rs.206,500 the previous day of trading. The price of 10 grams of 24 karat gold also decreased by Rs.171 to Rs.176,869 from Rs. 177,040 whereas the price of 10 gram 22 karat gold went down to Rs.162,130 from Rs. 162,287, the All Sindh Sarafa Jewellers Association reported.

#### Chairman FBR holds E-Kachehri

ISLAMABAD (APP): relevant offices to Chairman Federal Board Amjed Zubair Ťiwana earliest, said a news held an E-Kachehri at release here.
FBR (HQs) on Thursday Amjed Zubair also as part of FBR's drive to encouraged the taxpayers facilitate taxpayers in tax compliance and to address their tax-related concerns.

During the occasion, their concerns pertaining Chairman FBR directly to filing of tax returns. received telephone calls

resolve the problems of of Revenue (FBR) Malik the taxpayers at the

> to visit their nearest Regional Tax Office and Collectorate of Customs for speedy resolution of

He apprised that from taxpayers and Field Formations have listened to their issues. already been given The Chairman issued on- instructions for maximum directions to facilitation of taxpayers

#### CJ PHC issues warning against corruption, vows strict action

**Independent Report** PESHAWAR: Justice of Peshawar High Court, Justice Mohammad Ibrahim Khan Tuesday administered the oath to the newly elected cabinet of the High Court Bar Association Bannu.

The newly elected cabinet of the High Court Bar included President Muhammad Naeem Khan Sadozai, General Secretary Peer Inamullah Shah, and cabinet members who participated in the swearing-in ceremony.

The swearing-in ceremony witnessed the

Subhan and Justice measures Khurshid Iqbal, along with prominent officials like Commissioner Bannu Division Parvez Sabot Khel, Regional Police Officer Qasim Ali Khan, Deputy Commissioner Muhammad Nawaz, and District Police Officer Iftikhar Shah.

Justice Ibrahim Khan, while addressing the gathering, emphasized the need for the courts to proactively combat corruption within their

He issued a stern

judges like Justice Fazal do not take necessary corruption, they might face dismissal notices.

The chief justice stressed that judges should demonstrate commitment to delivering justice through their actions and highlighted the importance of treating government officials and officers with respect and

Peshawar High Court is set to modernize its facilities with the introduction of digital libraries and infrastructure, following

He announced the establishment of a Camp Court for the Service Tribunal in Bannu, aiming to improve access to justice in the region.

He said that the

judicial complex in Bannu maintenance restoration work to enhance its functionality.

In his closing remarks during the swearing-in ceremony, Ibrahim Khan made it clear that any form of misbehavior would not be tolerated in the district



with officials of Sui Gas regarding provision of gas to district Peshawar. Mayor Peshawar

## warning that if the courts the example of the presence of distinguished

GUJAR KHAN: Speaker National Assembly Raja Pervez Ashraf addressing the Public Gathering after Inaugurating Solar Energy System at Gujar Khan

#### **Feroze Jamal reviews** reduction in transport fares in Peshawar

Independent Report PESHAWAWR: In an effort to assess the effective implementation of reduced transport fares in light of declining oil prices across the country, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's Caretaker Minister for Information and Public Relations, Barrister Feroze Jamal Shah Kakakhel visited two transportation hubs: Peshawar Bus Terminal and Haji Camp Bus Stand.

During this visit, Minister Kakakheĺ engaged with passengers, preparing for their journeys to different districts and cities at various terminals, keenly concerning the fare inquiring about the reductions.

realized reductions in transport fares. Furthermore, he inquired from drivers and conductors regarding government-regulated

The Commissioner of Peshawar Division, Muhammad Zubair, and Deputy Commissioner of Peshawar, Afaq Wazir joined the minister along with officials from the Regional Transport Authority during the

Minister Kakakhel expressed gratification upon receiving general positive feedback from the public

#### **ANF** seizes 226 kg drugs in seven operations

RAWALPINDI (APP) Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) while conducting seven operations managed to recover 226 kg drugs and arrested five accused, said an ANF Headquarters spokesman here on Thursday.

He informed that over 2.8 kg Ice drug concealed in a passenger's bag was recovered at Islamabad Airport.

The accused, resident of Lahore, was leaving for Bahrain by flight number EK-613.

In another operation conducted in Faizabad, Rawalpindi, 135 narcotic (ecstasy) tablets were recovered from the possession of a passenger, resident of Khyber.

#### **Delegation of Sikh pilgrims** calls on CM Naqvi **Independent Report** pilgrims said, "We are

LAHORE: A delegation of Sikh pilgrims coming from America and other countries met with Caretaker Chief Minister Punjab Mohsin Naqvi at and will give you good CM office here on Thursday.

The Sikh pilgrims thanked CM Mohsin Naqvi on looking after religious places of the Sikh community at Lahore, Nankana Sahib, Hassan Abdal and Kartarpur.

trying to provide visa on arrival to the Sikh pilgrims on arriving to Pakistan. I have talked with the federal government in this regard news soon." A community centre will be established for the Sikh community at Nankana Sahib, he added. He said, "We are

He said, introducing a special tours package in Punjab for the Sikh pilgrims," adding that Tourism department is The CM while taking to the delegation of Sikh giving a final shape to package in this regard. giving a final shape to this

#### Govt taking steps for promotion of education in tribal districts: Dr Qasim

**Independent Report** PESHAWAR: Caretaker Minister for Elementary, Secondary and Higher Khyber Education Pakhtunkhwa, Professor Dr Mohammad Qasim Jan has said that the provincial government was taking special steps for promotion of education in the newly merged

Area (FATA). He expressed these views while presiding over a meeting of the Merged Areas

districts of the erstwhile

Federal Administered Tribal

on Thursday. Besides, Secretary, Elementary and Secondary Education, Muatasim Billah Shah, Managing Director (MD) Merged Areas Education Foundation, Abdul Karam and Deputy Managing Director (DMD), Dr Shaukat Hayat, other higher authorities of the department

also attended the meeting. The caretaker minister said that the provincial government has allocated hefty share from its budget to increase literacy rate in the Education Foundation here tribal districts.

#### Naqvi for timely completion of 34 priority projects

**Independent Report** LAHORE: Chief Minister Punjab Mohsin Naqvi has directed the timely completion of 34 priority projects of public importance, emphasizing round-the-clock dedication to meet project deadlines.

He was chairing a meeting at the P&D Board on Thursday which was also attended by Provincial Minister for P&D Bilal Afzal, chief secretary, SMBR, secretaries of finance, health, P&D, housing & development,

visit the P&D to review progress on development projects. A detailed review of progress on priority development projects was

presented by the chairman **Dera police** arrested 4

#### drug peddlers DERA ISMAIL KHAN (APP): Dera police during a successful operation against criminal elements

arrested four drug peddlers and recovered heroin and hashish from their possession in the limits of Paharpur and Cantt police stations here on Thursday. According to the police

spokesman, Police Station Cantt under the leadership of SDPO City Circle Muhammad Adnan along with SHO Gul Sher Khan, while taking action against drug dealers arrested.

activities through drone education, education, forests, fisheries footage and commended & wildlife and augaf the performance of the departments, DG LDA, P&D Board on the chairman PITB and others. efficient system. There should be no delays and all allied matters The should be promptly addressed; the CM stressed

inspected various sections of the P&D Board, and vowed to regularly including its daycare.

Meanwhile Chief Minister Punjab Mohsin Naqvi paid a surprise visit Nawaz Interchange Bedian Road Underpass late-night and P&D and concerned Akbar Chowk Flyovers secretaries. The CM projects early morning.

#### Minister lauds launch of MCMIS

**Independent Report** LAHORE: Caretaker Punjab Agriculture Minister S.M Tanvir has said that launch of Market Committees Management Information System (MCMIS) is a revolutionary step for bringing innovation in agricultural marketing system. He said this while inaugurating the MCMIS here on Thursday. The system prepared for digitalization of agricultural markets with the cooperation of the Agriculture Department

and Punjab Information Technology Board. SM Tanvir said the agricultural markets.

annual income of Rs 2.9 billion was generated through agricultural markets in Punjab. He said that this new system would bring transparency in tax collection and end black marketing.Punjab Agriculture Secretary Nadir Chattha said, "We have to work with dedication to make this new system effective and successful."He further said that in the pilot phase of digitalization of agricultural markets, this system had been implemented in five

#### International News

#### No place is safe in Gaza after Israel targets areas where civilians seek refuge, Palestinians say

**Monitoring Desk**DEIR al-BALAH: Even the "safe zones" of Gaza aren't safe for Palestinians.

Intense Israeli strikes Tuesday destroyed homes, hit a U.N. school sheltering the displaced and killed dozens of people in south and central Gaza.

The situation is very, very difficult with artillery shelling and aerial bombardment on homes and defenseless people," said Abu Hashem Abu al-Hussein. who initially welcomed displaced families into his home in Khan Younis, but then fled to a U.N. school, where he hoped to find safety himself

Israel had told Palestinians over the weekend to evacuate northern Gaza and Gaza City in advance of an expected ground invasion of the territory following an attack by Hamas militants last week that killed at least 1,400 Israelis.

An estimated 600,000 people complied, packing what belongings they could and rushing to the south, where they squeezed into overcrowded U.N. shelters, hospitals, and homes in the approximately 14-kilometer (8-mile) long area south of the evacuation zone. Israeli Prime Minister

Benjamin Netanyahu accused Hamas on Tuesday of preventing people from 'getting out of harm's way," and he again urged Palestinians to head "south

to safe zones" For some on Tuesday, there was no safety to be had there. After midnight Tuesday morning, an explosion shattered Moataz al-Zre'e's windows. He rushed outside to find his neighbor Ibrahim's entire home had been razed. The house next door was damaged also. At least 12 people from two families were

"There was no (Israeli) warning," he said. Al-Zre'e's sister was gravely wounded and five of his paternal cousins were also injured following the attack. "Most of the killed were women and children.'

killed, including three

people from a family dis-

placed from Gaza City.

#### Egypt rejects any displacement of Palestinians into Sinai, savs Sisi

CAIRO: Egypt's President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi

The Gaza Strip is effectively under Israeli control and Palestinians could instead be moved to Israel's Negev desert "till the militants are dealt with", Sisi told a joint news conference in Cairo with German Chancellor

The border between Egypt's Sinai Peninsula and the Gaza Strip is the site of the only land crossing from the Palestinian territory that is not con-

and siege of Gaza has raised fears that its 2.3 million residents could be forced southwards into



Protesters hold a demonstration in Quezon City, Philippines, condemning the blast at the Ahli Arabi hospital in Gaza; members of the US Jewish community protest in the US Capitol in Washington against Israeli attacks; and Lebanese security forces use water cannons as they clash with protesters outside the US Embassy in Awkar, east of Beirut, during a pro-Palestinian

#### **Protests across Muslim world** after hospital strike

#### **Monitoring Desk**

BEIRUT: Thousands rallied across the Arab and Muslim world on Wednesday to protest the deaths of hundreds of people by an Israeli attack on a Gaza hos-

The strike provoked outrage and condemnation from around the world, with protests on the streets of Iran, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Tunisia, Turkiye, Yemen and the Occupied West Bank.

Death to America, death to Israel," hundreds of Hezbollah supporters chanted at a rally in Beirut's southern suburbs. "The Israelis will try to target more hospitals, rescue workers, civil defence volunteers and Gaza's residents without flinching, in order to push Gaza's people out," senior Hezbollah official Hashem Safieddine told the demon-

Protesters took to the streets of the West Bank city of Ramallah and President Bashar al-Assad.

free Palestine" While in Tunisia, thou-

sands of pro-Palestinian protesters rallied outside the French embassy, condemning Western support for Israel. Some waved Palestinian flags while others demanded the ambassador be expelled, accusing France of being among the West-ern "allies of the Zionists", AFP journalists reported. Some 5,000 Jordanians

gathered outside the Israeli embassy, demanding the expulsion of Israel's diplomatic mission. Security forces blocked off roads leading to the embassy but the size of the demonstration looked set to swell due to the anger in Jordan, which is home to many Palestinian refugees.

Damascus, hundreds of people with Palestinian ment, many wearing Tshirts bearing the image of

In Tehran in the early hours of Wednesday, protesters gathered outside the British and French embassies, an AFP correspondent said. "Death to France and England," protesters shouted, throwing eggs at the walls of the French embassy compound in the Iranian capital. The gatherings

ended peacefully.
Several thousand people also gathered in Palestine Square in central Tehran to voice their anger. according to an AFP photographer. Overnight Turks marched with Palestinian flags and chanted slogans denouncing Israel in at least a dozen Turkish cities, including outside the Israeli embassy in the capital Ankara. Police used pepper spray and water cannon to disperse thousands of protesters who tried to enter the compound of Israel's consulate in Istanbul Turkiye's largest city.

#### Russia's Lavrov meets North Korea's Kim, slams 'dangerous' US policy

#### **Monitoring Desk**

SEOUL: Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov met with North Korea's Kim Jong Un on Thursday, after slamming US policy towards the nuclear-armed state as "dangerous" Lavrov hailed North

Korea as a "close neighbour and long-time partner" in a meeting that lasted a little over an hour, Russia's foreign ministry said in a state-

The veteran envoy's two-day visit is expected to lay the groundwork for a trip to the country by Russian President Vladimir Putin, who was invited by Kim last month at a highprofile summit in Russia's ous line," he said.

Earlier in the day, Lavrov lashed out at what he termed a "dangerous" US policy towards North Korea while touting the "new, strategic level" of relations between Moscow

and Pyongyang. "Like our North Korean friends, we are seriously worried about the intensification of military activity of the United States, Japan and South Korea in the region and by Washington's policies, Lavrov told journalists, according to Russian news

"We oppose this unconstructive and danger-



German Chancellor Olaf Scholz shakes hands with Egypt's President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi in Cario.

#### Lebanon's Hezbollah says it is stronger than before as border clashes rage

**Monitoring Desk** BEIRUT:

Lebanon's Hezbollah warned its adversaries on Wednesday it was "thousands of times stronger" than before, as its fighters exchanged fire at the border with Israeli forces in violence fuelled by the war between Hamas and Israel.

The United States has warned Iran, which backs Hezbollah and the Palestinian group Hamas, against getting involved in the crisis, and deployed two aircraft carriers which it says aim to deter any state or non-state actor seeking to escalate

Hezbollah official Hashem Safieddine, in a speech to thousands of supporters, said US President Joe Biden, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and 'malicious Europeans" should be careful.

"The response to the mistake you might make with our resistance will be resounding," he said.

"Because what we have is faith, and God is stronger than you, all your battleships, and all your weapons," he said, speaking at a rally called in response to a strike that killed hundreds of people at a Gaza hospital.

BLAGNAC: Travellers wait outside the Toulouse-Blagnac Airport after the facility was evacuated.

#### China is building up its nuclear weapons arsenal faster than previous projections, a US report says **Monitoring Desk**

WASHINGTON: A Pentagon report on China's military power says Beijing is exceeding previous projections of how quickly it is building up its nuclear weapons arsenal and is "almost certainly" learning lessons from Russia's war in Ukraine about what a conflict over Taiwan might look like.

The report released Thursday also warns that China may be pursuing a new intercontinental missile system using conventional arms that, if fielded. would allow Beijing "to strikes against targets in challenge

the continental United States, Hawaii and Alaska.

The China report comes a month before an expected meeting between Chinese leader Xi Jinping and President Joe Biden on the sidelines of next month's Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit in San Francisco.

The annual report, required by Congress, is one way the Pentagon measures the growing military capabilities of China, which the U.S. government sees as its key threat in the region and America's prithreaten conventional mary long-term security

**Monitoring Desk** 

said on Wednesday that Egyptians would reject the forced displacement of millions of Palestinians into Sinai, adding that any such move would turn the peninsula into a base for attacks against Israel.

Olaf Scholz.

trolled by Israel. Israel's unprecedented bombardment

## Nablus, shouting "Free,

In the Syrian capital flags gathered near parlia"Martyrdom or victory,"

one banner read.

## BAHADUR KHAN WOMEN'S UNIVERSI SBK

QUETTA: Caretaker Federal Minster for Education and Professional Training Madad Ali Sindhi poses for a group photo with students after awarding laptops at Sardar Bahadur Khan Women's University Quetta.

#### Ali Madad asks Balochistan govt to take measures to reduce huge number of out-of-school children

QUETTA (APP): Caretaker Federal Minister for Education and Professional Education Madad Ali Sindhi on Thursday said that Balochistan has the highest number of out of school children and asked the provincial government to take measures for reducing the huge number of out-of-school children in the province. He asked the provincial government to take maximum efforts to promote quality education and increase the literacy rate in the prov-

Addressing the ceremony of distributing laptops to students in Sardar Bahadur Khan (SBK) Women's Univergreat pleasure for him to lems of public sector uni-

visit the only women's university in Balochistan and realized the problems of the students of Balochistan.

Vice-Chancellor of Sardar Bahadur Khan Women's University Professor Dr. Sajida Noreen, Director General NAVTTC Ali Bakhsh Magsi, Director General Higher Education Professor Dr. Zahoor Ahmad Bazai were also present on

the occasion. The minister said that the education was not a priority of the previous governments which was why it did not allocate sufficient funds for the purpose. Madad Ali said that more efforts had been sity, he said that it was a taken to resolve the prob-

The federal government will fulfill its responsibility to ensure the probers of out-of-school children and ensure quality in the country.

lems of 50 years could not be resolved in a short pe-

fewer opportunities were provided to female students for quality education and it would be difficult for them to work in the practical field.

#### Domki calls for implementing law of free compulsory education in Balochistan

QUETTA: The caretaker Chief Minister Mir Ali Mardan Domki has stressed the need to ensure of free compulsory educa-

education sector plan is very important for increasing the literacy rate in the province.

we have to bring out of school children in the educational institutions of the province

The Chief Minister directed to all the district education officers to visit high and middle schools once in

He also directed to form KPIs for review of

Moreover, comprehensive plan should also be devised for professional

#### **Significant** progress for purchase of oil

ISLAMABAD (Online): An important progress has been made in the purchase of cheap oil from Russia; between Pakistan and Russia for the long-term purchase of

Sources told that agreement was made on commercial basis, local refineries will buy oil directly from Russia, and regular supply will be followed by governmentto-government agree-

Sources of the Ministry of Petroleum say that the first cargo of the commercial agreement with Russia will reach Pakistan in December, the first oil tanker will contain one hundred thousand metric tons of crude oil, and Russia will deliver the oil to Pakistan at the port.

sian oil will be 60 dollars cial agreement takes into account the limit of the price of Russian oil of the G7 countries.

the United States veto on a Gaza. Referring to today's U.N.Security Council resovote, Ambassador Akram lution earlier in the day that said, "Although the Brazilwould have called for "huian resolution needed conmanitarian pauses" to desiderable improvement in liver life-saving aid to millions our view, we were surprised pf traumatized people in at the Council's inability to adopt it due to the veto cast by a permanent member." The resolution, sponsored by Brazil, had wide He added, "A heavy resupport and would have also sponsibility rests on those condemned all violence who have contributed to the against civilians. The vote in prolongation of consistent the 15-member Council was bombing of Gaza's citizens

(APP): Pakistan Wednes-

day expressed regret over

12 votes in favour to one

(United States) against, with Rus-

stressed upon the Govern-

ment of Pakistan to play a

proactive role in order to

champion the Palestinian

cause and clearly convey

the anger and anguish of the

entire Muslim Ummah over

the injustice and Israeli bru-

talities with the Gaza

ISLAMABAD (APP):

Special Assistant to Prime

Minister for Human

Rights and Women Em-

powerment Mushaal

Hussein Mullick called

upon international community, the UN bodies and OIC to adopt a pro-

policy approach to pre-

vent the looming humani-

tarian catastrophe, as the

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war-battered Gaza under

total siege, halting food,

water and fuel to 2.3m

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They called for a lead-

ing role of Pakistan at the Rizvi and others

**SAPM Mushaal Mullick** 

urges global action to halt

humanitarian crisis in Gaza

Roundtable titled "Gaza impunity, as Gazans

Under Siege: Humanitar- were being subjected to

QUETTA: Caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan

Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki visiting BMC hospital

Jan Achakzai condemns incident:

Caretaker Minister Home

takes notice of firing on

Provincial Minister for

Home, Mir Muhammad

Zubair Jamali has taken se-

rious notice of the firing at-

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Ganji area on Thursday

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embattled Gaza.

that is taking place."
The Pakistani envoy also regretted that the Secu-"Pakistan supports an immediate ceasefire," Amrity Council was unable to issue a call for a ceasefire, bassador Munir Ákram, due to the opposition and permanent representative of insufficient support for the Pakistan to the UN, told an resolution proposed by the emergency meeting of the Russia a day before, and for Security Council, which folthe Russian amendments to lowed the vote. China, Rus- the Brazilian resolution call-

ian Embassy, was addressed, besides Palestinian

Ambassador Ahmed Jawad

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League-Nawaz leaders Shahid Khaqan Abbasi,

Hafiz Masood Kamaluddin

and Chaudhry Shafique-ur-

Rehman Warraich, Head of

Ansar Ummah Maulana

Fazlur Rahman Khalil,

MQM's Haider Abbas

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The SAPM on Human

ing for a ceasefire this mornthe meeting to discuss the ing. "Today is the eleventh worsening situation in the day of relentless, catastrophic Israeli attacks on Gaza. All of Gaza is under militarily siege, and electricity, water, and all humanitarian aid channels have been cut off. The entire population of Gaza - women, children, and elderly - are being collectively punished by the indiscriminate Israeli attacks", Ambassador Akram said Pakistan, he said, strongly condemns Israeli air strikes and military incursions into Gaza, the killing of civilians, and the largescale displacement of an already occupied and battered people. "The laws of war and the international humanitarian law, especially the Geneva Conventions must be strictly observed."

Pakistan regrets US veto on UN Security

Council actionon Israeli-Palestinian conflict

Ambassador Akram also "strongly and un-

Israel's cowardly and criminal attack on the Al-Ahley hospital in Gaza on Tuesday, killing hundreds, mostly sick and wounded Palestinian children, women and men. "This willful atrocity, an attack on a hospital, which enjoys explicit protection under international law, is clearly a war crime and a crime against humanity," he said, adding those responsible must be held accountable through an international inquiry and accountability process.

Despite the paralysis in the Security Council today, Ambassador Akram hoped that the General Assembly and the UN Secretary-General and the UN agencies will be able to halt the conflict, secure the opening of humanitarian corridors to ensure food, water and meditial supplies to the Palestinians in Gaza and prevent the displacement of the Palestinian population of Gaza.

He urged the UN to give urgent consideration to OIC's proposal for an international protection force to protect innocent lives from the ongoing attacks by the occupation forces and extremist colonialist settlers. The root cause of this latest violence is the prolonged and illegal occupation of Palestine and the usurpation of the lands and properties of Palestinians and the accompanying oppression and massive violations of human rights committed with impunity by Israel, he said, noting that illegality of Israel's occupation has been reaffirmed by the International Court of Justice.



QUETTA: Caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki presiding over a meeting regarding Balochistan Education Sector Plan and

#### Dream of bringing Balochistan at par other provinces in education sector can be materialized with support of federal Govt,: Kakar

Independent Report

QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar has stated that the dream of bringing Balochistan at par of other provinces in education sector can be materialized with wholehearted support of the federal government.

The Governor stated so while speaking to the caretaker Federal Minister for Education, Ali Madad Sindhi, who called on him here at the Governor House on

Also present on the occasion were Principal Secretary to Governor, Hashim Khan Ghilzai and Director General Higher Education Commission, Dr Zahoor Ahmed. The Governor regretfully pointed out that a large number of students especially women are deprived of the higher education due to lack of financial resources in the

In this regard, the federal government needs to pay immediate attention and provide special package, adding he stressed.

The Governor apprised Federal Minister about the educational situation of the province, hardships of the students, issues caused due to social backwardness besides the financial issues of public sector universities.

He expressed the hope that the federal minister would inform the federal government about the province's issues and play his role to resolve them.

He said the primary education has basic status for promotion of education, but,

infortunately the province lacks the necessary facilities for primary education espe cially in it's remote areas. Even majority of schools have no four walls, adding he

The Governor also stressed the need to ensure implementation on the NEVTC programme all over the province.

#### **Noted lawyer** S.M. Zafar passes away at 93

. LAHORE (IŇP): Renowned lawyer and former federal law minister S.M. Zafar passed away after a protracted illness on Thursday. He

S.M. Zafar was the father of known advocate and Senator Barrister Ali Zafar. The late Zafar also remained a senator. Born on Dec 6, 1930,

in Rangoon, Burma, S.M. Zafar was a senior advocate and a former law minister.

He was also an accomplished author and penned numerous books. His family hailed from the town of Shakargarh in Punjab.

#### Caretaker CM grieved over death of eminent lawyer SM Zafar

Independent Report QUETTA: The caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki has expressed grief and sorrow over death of the eminent lawyer SM

In a condolence statement issued here on Thursday, the Chief Minister paid rich tributes to late SM Zafar on the meritorious services rendered in the law

He said that late SM Zafar was a thorough law professional.

He prayed that may Allah Almighty rest the departed soul into Its eternal peace and give enough strength and patience to the bereaved family to bear the

#### Govt determined to implement existing laws for protection of rights of all segments: Domki

**Independent Report** QUETTA: The Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki has stated that the government is determined to implement the existing laws for protection of rights of all segments of the society including women, children and

labourers in the province. The Chief Minister was speaking to the delegation of Balochistan Commission on Status of Women, who called on him

here on Thursday. Also present on the occasion was the Advisor to Chief Minister for Social Welfare and Women

Development, Ms Shania

Commission on Status of Women, Ms Fauzia Shaheen briefed the Chief Minister about the working of the Commission. The Chief Minister said that the women hold

special status based on the respect and honour in the province. He on the occasion assured that implementation would be ensured on the rules of business of the pending laws related to the

human especially women He also welcomed the recommendations of Com-

mission on the Status of Women and assured to dispose of the pending matters related to the Commis-



ISLAMABAD: His Excellency Ahmad Jawad Rabei, Ambassador, State of Palestine addressing during All Parties Conference to express solidarity with the people of Palestine at Embassy of the State of

**Minister Information visits women directorate** Women are more active in

#### govt. departments than men counterparts: Jan **Independent Report**

QUETTA: The caretaker Provincial Minister for Information, Jan Achakzai has categorically stated that the women are more active in the government departments than their male coun-

The Minister Information was speaking on occasion of visit to the Women Development Directorate nere on Thursday.

Also present on the occasion were the senior officials of the Women Devel-

Speaking on the occasion, the Minister Information appreciated the overall functioning of the women Directorate saying that it is taking steps for prevention of the harassment of women and violence against them.

In view of the performance of the women civil servants, Jan Achakzai remarked that the women are more active in the government departments than

Ànwaar-ul-Haq Kakar. PM lauds CPC's role to cement Pak-China ties, fostering greater understanding

BEIJING: Liu Jianchao, Minister of the Interna-

tional Department of the Communist Party of China

(IDCPC) called on Caretaker Prime Minister

BEIJING (APP): Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on discussed promotion of Thursday appreciated the role of the Communist Party of China in cementing the Pakistan-China relationship and fostering greater understanding be-

tween the two countries. The prime minister, in a meeting with Minister of the International Department of the CPC Central Committee (IDCPC) Liu Jianchao here, also lauded CPC's contribution in the development of modern China.

The prime minister noted that the goodwill between the peoples of Pakistan and China was at the heart of the Pakistan-China All-Weather Strategic Cooperative Partnership.

Both Prime Minister Kakar and Minister Liu people-to-people contacts, including exchanges between parliaments, political parties, academia, media, youth, women and think tanks. These exchanges would help advance the exceptional friendship between Pakistan and China that endures

from generation to generation, they viewed. Liu stated that the prime minister's visit to China was in keeping with the time-honoured tradition of the special friendship between Pakistan and

He reiterated IDCPC's commitment to further strengthen Pakistan-China relations.



**QUETTA: Former Provincial Minister Mir Umar** Khan Jamali meeting with caretaker Home Minister Balochistan Captain (retd) Muhammad Zubair

#### **Balochistan govt to ensure** completion development projects in Quetta on deadline

projects

QUETTA (APP): Commissioner Quetta Division Hamza Shafqaat on Thursday said that the government is paying special attention and strict monitoring of development ous development projects projects initiated under Quetta Development Program to ensure its completion on the final deadline. He visited the ongoing

road construction and expansion projects in the city under the Quetta Development Project. On the occasion, he re-

viewed the progress of work on Sariab Road, Link Link Badini Road, Shahwani Road, Sabzal Road and Anscomb Road

He said that the government is serious about expediting the work on the projects to facilitate the local people. He said that varihave been initiated in order to improve road conditions and ensure public facilities

in the city. He said that despite various challenges and problems, significant progress has been made in the construction of roads in the city. He said that the completion of roads and public facilities projects of Quetta city will improve the living standard of citizens and also get rid of traffic problems.

vision of quality education in Balochistan, he said and added that the federal government resolved to bring massive reforms in education sector in all provinces to educate maximum numeducation for every child

He said that the prob-

riod but it can be reduced. Madad Ali said that

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tion in the province.

The Chief Minister chairing a meeting of the Education Sector Plan and Health Development Partners here on Thursday.

He said that the 5-year

He also stressed that

performance of the DEOs.

training of the teachers.

### from Russia

According to the sources, the price of Rusper barrel; this commer-

women, orders probe **Independent Report** He also directed to provide medical facilities to the OUETTA: The caretaker

> injured women. Meanwhile, the Minis-Information Jan Achakzai condemned the incident of firing targeting women in Hazar Ganji area. In a separate official

According to an official statement issued here, Jan hand out issued here on Achakzai said that the con-Thursday, the Minister cerned high ups have sought Home sought report of the report from the concerned incident from concerned authorities high ups and ordered to He also directed them

to present the report at the earliest so as to take the culprits involved in it to task. Moreover, he also directed the law enforcement agencies to play effective role in prevention of such

untoward incidents in fu-



and other projects under Quetta Development Project