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Pakistani mountaineer Shehroze sets another record

ISLAMABAD (Online): Pakistani mountaineer Shehroze Kashif has set another record.

He is the youngest mountaineer to climb 13 peaks above 8000 meters.

Shehroze Kashif has crossed this milestone by summiting Chu Yu in China, 8188 meters high Chu Yu is the sixth highest peak in the world.

Shehroze Kashif wants to become the youngest climber to climb all 14 peaks above 8000 meters. Shehroze plans to climb

Shishapangma located in China in middle of this

Actions of LEAs, govt depts. against illegal activities to continue with full force: COAS

Chief of Army Staff (COAS), General Syed Asim Munir on Friday said the law enforcement agencies (LEAs) and other Government departments will continue the enforcement actions against a spectrum of illegal activities with full force to deny pilferage of resources and economic losses that the country suffers due to these activi-

The Army Chief made these remarks during his visit to Karachi where he attended a meeting of the

Chief Minister Sindh, Justice ® Maqbool Baqar, an Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) news release

mittee meeting, the COAS was briefed about the Re-

Progress on SIFC initiatives in Sindh and Green Sindh initiatives.

gainful effects of the landmark initiatives. The participants af-



KARACHI: Caretaker Chief Minister Sindh, Justice (Retd) Magbool Bagar chairs Provincial Apex Committee meeting held at CM House in Karachi. Chief of Army Staff (COAS), General Asim Munir is

Administrative officers must improve service delivery:

GoB determined to provide basic amenities of life in remote areas of Balochistan: caretaker CM

Mir Ali Mardan Domki says immediate solution of ongstanding problems quite difficult but not impossible; assures to make sincere efforts to resolve within limited time

views were expressed by

the caretaker Chief Minis-

ter while speaking at pub-

lic gathering in native area Lehri on Friday.

people present at the gath-

ering who also informed the

Chief Minister about their

A large number of

Independent Report

QUETTA: The caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki has stated that we are determined to provide basic amenities of life including source of communications, education, health and clean drinking ware in the far flung areas of the province.

He said that it is our endeavour to take such steps in the available limited time which may benefit the people of province

the applications about their issues to the Chief Minis-

Also accompanied with the caretaker provincial Ministers Asifur Rehman Dummar and Mir Danish

This and similar other Langove while Secretary Communication and Works, Akbar Baloch, Commissioner Sibi, Bashir Ahmed Bangulzai and other concerned high ups were also present.

Addressing the public, Mir Ali Mardan Domk said that he is well aware of the public issues, and added that it is quite difficult to resolve the longstanding is-

sues but it is not impossible. He said that these issues can be resolved gradually, if the steps are taken with sincerity and dedica-

expanding bilateral trade volume with Bahrain

President for

expand bilateral trade volume with Bahrain, besides exporting high number of skilled labour force to the

Talking to Pakistan's Ambassador-designate to Bahrain Saqib Rauf who called on him at the Governor House, the president said demand for skilled labour force in different socio-economic related fields, especially information technology and artificial intelligence, was increasing in the international

President Dr Arif Alvi on should be fully focused on Friday stressed the need to capturing the market demand by exporting the required skilled workforce from Pakistan. President Alvi said Pa-

kistan attached special importance to the brotherly relations with Bahrain. He stressed that economic, educational and cultural ties with Bahrain, should be strengthened. He said the Pakistan embassies abroad should play their due role in exporting skilled labour force from Pakistan and increasing foreign remittances for the market. Therefore, he said country.



LANDIKOTAL: Unregistered Afghan families are willingly enroute their home land passing through Khyber Pass with their homes necessities after the government decided in the apex committee meeting to expell all those Afghans who are living in Pakistan unlawfully

Shehbaz 'plays down' any legal barrier to Nawaz's homecoming LAHORE (INP): Pakistan

Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) President Shehbaz Sharif on Friday played down any chances of a legal barrier to party supremo Nawaz Sharif's homecoming, as speculations regarding the former prime minister take centre stage in the country's poli-

"If Allah wills, Nawaz Sharif will return to Pakistan on October 21 by the will of Allah," Shehbaz said. stressing that the question regarding his return shouldn't be repeated.

The remark came during a press conference in Lahore, as the former prime minister — who led the country for 16 months after the ouster of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf government in April last gone bankrupt?

brother will arrive at the Minar-e-Pakistan following his return to Paki

Nawaz, the three-time prime minister, has been livng in London following a self-imposed exile since November 2019 owing to health reasons. He was disqualified for life in 2017 by the Supreme Court for not declaring a receivable sal-

Meanwhile, speaking about his government's performance before the caretaker government took over, the former premier said: "We desperately tried to solve the problems in 16 months.

Shehbaz said, God forbid, what would be the situation had Pakistan actually

Japanese Envoy grieved over Mastung carnage; People, Government of Japan expresses solidarity with

people of Balochistan against terrorism **Independent Report**

QUETTA: The Ambassador of Japan to Pakistan, Wada Mitsuhiro has expressed deep grief and sorrow over the loss of precious lives in the suicide blast of Mastung.

In a condolence letter written to the caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki, the Japanese ambassador expressed deep sympathy and solidarity with the aggrieved families of the Mastung carnage and people of Balochistan on behalf of the people and

government of Japan. He said that the government and people of Japan are deeply grieved over the loss of precious lives in the Mastung carnage. He said that the incidents of terrorism like Mastung blast are very condemnable, and as such we hope that the government of Pakistan would improve further the security arrangements for prevention of such acts of terrorism in future.

The Japanese ambassador also prayed and expressed best wishes for the early recovery of those injured in the blast.

Unregistered Afghan families start leaving Pakistan after ultimatum

documented Afghans have started to leave Pakistan following the warning issued by the government.

The government has set a deadline for the undocumented immigrants to leave Pakistan till Oct 30. Following the ultimatum, as many as 30 Afghan families returned to their hometown through the Torkham border crossing during last few days. A crackdown is already

underway against the unrecorded Afghans those are residing in different parts of the country, media reports said. Media reported that people attached with the immigration department are dubbing the return of Afghan families a routine af-

KHYBER (INP): The un- fair. However, independently the departure is considered an outcome of government instructions.

It said in the days to come, the migration of Afghan families from Pakistan, majority of them living in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, would increase. Currently the families those are leaving Pakistan are being helped at the Torkham in connection with their clear-

Currently, as many as 23,000 Afghans are living in various parts of Khyber Commissionerate has also

duly registered them, media quoted the deputy commissioner of Khyber as

REPATRIATION OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS

RAWALPINDI (APP): tee along with Caretaker Transformation Plan,

During the Apex Com-

vised National Action Plan, Operation in the Kacha Area of Sindh, Security of Foreign Nationals employed on China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), Non-CPEC and

Private Projects, Repatriation of illegal foreigners, Foreign Currency Regular-Provincial Apex Commit- ization Measures, Karachi

The Army Chief underscored the need for synergy among all relevant departments for the

firmed that state institutions, government departments and people are united for the progress and prosperity of the province. Earlier, upon arrival,

the COAS was received by

Commander Karachi

LEHRI: Caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki **Decision of**

enquiring about health of patients during his visit to HRC Lehri

Interim Govt. committed to effectively address issue of illegal immigration: Achakzai

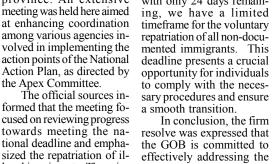
Independent Report QUETTA: The Government of Balochistan is committed to addressing issue of illegal immigration in the province. An extensive meeting was held here aimed among various agencies in-Action Plan, as directed by

the Apex Committee. The official sources informed that the meeting focused on reviewing progress towards meeting the national deadline and emphasized the repatriation of illegal immigrants. These individuals, who have entered the country unlawfully, will be detained under the Foreign Act and subsequently deported.

to note that this campaign is directed against illegal aliens and not targeted at any specific nation. It was mentioned in the meeting that with only 24 days remain-

a smooth transition.

Furthermore, the meeting addressed the need for a unified document regime at



issue of illegal immigration in Balochistan. By fostering seamless coordination among relevant agencies and providing a clear deadline for voluntary repatriation, we aim to ensure the successful implementation of the National Action



QUETTA: A delegation of Institute of Architects Pakistan Quetta Chapter led by Saif Dotani meeting with Governor Balochistan Malik Abdul Wali

Kabul must stop TTP attacks from Afghan soil to Pakistan: Durrani

Afghanistan Asif Ali Durrani said that Tehreeke-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) has been carrying out terrorist attacks on Pakistan from Afghanistan and stated Kabul interim government must stop this

Asif Durrani said that "the peace [the Taliban]

ISLAMABAD (INP): lands." He says TTP fight-Special Representative for ers in Afg, who he noted are using US weapons, should be "returned to Pakistan or neutralized.

He also strongly denied the Afghan accusation of interference in Pakistan. Islamabad, Asif Ali Durrani was not invited to Afghani-

94 illegal Afghan immigrants arrested: SSP Operations

Independent Report

QUETTA: The crackdown has been started against the illegal Afghan and other national immigrants in the provincial metropolis.

The SSP Operations

Jawad Tariq informed the media that as many as 94 illegal Afghan immigrants were arrested under the Foreign Act.

Cases have been registered against the illegal Afghan inhabitants in different police stations, informed SSP Operations.

Addressing a function in said that the Soviet Union stan by Pakistan, nor was brought to Afg must also be brought to our border-by Pakistan itself.

Moreover, data of the

Afghan refugees is also being collected in different police stations of Quetta. The data of some 22,000 Afghan inhabitants have been collected so far, Jawad Tariq added.

In addition to this, the information about the properties, business and jobs is also being collected SSP Operations further

He said that the state policy would be truly followed and implemented regarding the refugees.

procedure act case likely on Monday

practice and

ISLAMABAD (Online) Arrangements have been made for third hearing of practice and procedure case. There will be live hearing of the case on Monday and a bench has also been

constituted in this regard. A full court bench under Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Oazi Faez Isa will hear the case.

The decision is likely to

be announced on Monday The CJP has already said he will give decision after hearing 3 lawyers. He has asked the lawyers to come prepared. It is pertinent to mention here the hearing of petitions against Practice and procedure act 2023 was adjourned til Monday. The Court had said decision would be given after hearing the case on

Nawaz still suffers from 'chest pain', says report submitted in LHC

Monday.

LAHORE (INP): A fresh medical report of Pakistan Muslim League-N (PML-N) supremo, Muhammad Nawaz Sharif was submitted to the Lahore High Court (LHC) on Friday.

The former premier who had left for London in 2019 on medical grounds, was scheduled to return to Pakistan on October 21.

The LHC had allowed Nawaz Sharif to travel abroad initially for a period of four weeks, extendable on the basis of medical reports. As per report, the expremier had "some residual

anginal symptoms" which

would require "frequent follow-up investigations" in London and Pakistan. The report was signed by Professor Carlo Di Mario, a consultant cardiologist at the Royal Brompton & Harefield Hos-

pitals, part of Guy's and St Thomas' National Health Service Foundation Trust. The cardiologist noted that they first tried medical treatment, strengthening his

antianginal therapy. 'When Nawaz's symp-Muhammad Nasar was also toms worsened, another angioplasty was conducted in November 2022 which Deputy Inspector General targeted an occluded left of police, Sibi Range, circumflexed artery,"

Assures full protection to Hindu community: **Jamali calls for conducting** joint operation to prevent crimes on Notal, Bhag national highway **Independent Report** Sibi and Kachhi partici pated in the meeting through

QUETTA: The caretaker Provincial Minister for Home, Captain (Retd) Mir Zubair Jamali has stressed the need to conduct joint operation for prevention of the crimes on Notal, Bhag national highway.

In this regard, joint patrolling of the levies and police on the highway. This was stressed at a

meeting held on the law and order situation with the caretaker provincial Minister Home in the chair here on Friday The Additional Chief

secretary Home, Saleh

present in the meeting. The

Commissioner Naseerabad.

briefed about the incidents of crimes on the national highway. The DIG police Special Branch, Ali Sher Jhakrani and Deputy Commissioner Kachi briefed the participants of meeting. It was informed that the crimes occur on 12 kilome

video link. The meeting was

ter area on the highway. The Inspector Genera f police has approved two platoons of Balochistan Constabulary for Bhag.

The caretaker Minister on the occasion assured that full protection would be provided to the Hindu community. He said that incidents of crime are intolerable and as such targeted operation would be conducted against dacoits.



OUETTA: Caretaker Home Minister Captain (retd) Muhammad Zubair Jamali presiding over a meeting regarding law and order

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Costly borrowing

The finance ministry blaming the hikes in State Bank policy interest rates for the rapid growth in public debt is a case of the pot calling the kettle black.

A ministry official told a Senate panel the other day that a 1pc increase in borrowing costs adds a whopping Rs600bn to annual debt-servicing ex-

He maintained that the debt stock had surged by over Rs7tr since January 2022 due to the increase in the policy rate from 9.75pc to 22pc. That has, indeed, been the case as soaring debt-servicing costs keep forcing the government to borrow

As a new World Bank report notes: "Higher policy rates are increasing government borrowing costs, driving higher financing needs. These financing needs are ... being met through increased borrowing from the domestic banking

But the official modestly omitted to mention the contribution of the government's profligate fiscal policies to the quicker growth of its debt stock over the last year and a half, ie. failure to contain its large wasteful expenditures and boost tax revenues by broadening the tax base.

He also didn't mention how the spike in government borrowing from domestic banks to finance an average fiscal deficit of over 7pc year after year has crowded out the private sector and fuelled price inflation. The higher interest rate is a major contributor to our debt woes. But it isn't the original

In this case, extravagant fiscal policies are to blame. SBP has no option but to raise borrowing costs to control the aggregate demand, which is expanding mainly because of unrestrained government spending, and tame price inflation.

The government is stuck in a vicious cycle. Its debt problem is likely to be complicated with the passage of time because of its increasing reliance on domestic banks for financing its fiscal deficit amid shrinking external official budgetary support from multilateral and bilateral lenders.

No matter how miscalculated the SBP decision to hold the interest rate in its last monetary policy committee meeting was in the face of elevated inflation, its reluctance is understandable.

The government's growing need to borrow heavily from the local banks has severely constrained SBP's ability to contain inflation through policy rate increases. As of June, banks had allocated 74pc of their total loans to the public sector.

In contrast, credit to the private sector is down to 26.2pc from 30.3pc a year ago. Reduction in the primary budget deficit is the only sustainable solution for the government to cut its bank borrowings, alleviating the need for new inflationary liquidity injections from the central bank. To achieve that the government would have to shrink its budget deficit to 2-3pc by increasing tax revenues to 25-20pc of GDP and cutting its wasteful expenditures.

Digital pedagogy

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Saturday October 07, 2023

Neda Mulji

Digital pedagogy is vastly different from in-person teaching and learning. Technology-mediated teaching leads to active involvement, collaboration and personalised learning that is not possible within the confines of a traditional teaching framework. Essentially, digital pedagogy leads learners to new dimensions above and beyond the expertise of a teacher who may not be able to give individual time and attention in large classes

Remote self-paced learning facilitated by technology in class and at home makes learning far more accessible and effective for students. It also enables in-depth monitoring for the teacher who can see the time spent on the learning modules by each of the students, the tasks attempted and the results. Teachers need the support that digital tools provide. However, the real conundrum for many schools is to initiate ways to integrate digital tools in lesson time.

At first it may seem daunting. For many teachers, it is uncharted territory and it may take a while to get comfortable with weaving in digital teaching methods. If the strategy unfolds in easy steps, the landscape of education can change remarkably.

The essential steps to be taken involve access and availability of tablets at school. These can be easily shared among groups of stu-dents. The next step would be creating time during lesson time, or between lessons, to consolidate learning through what they have learnt in - Courtesy Dawn

search capabilities that ably take assessments students can develop in online? These are just class far exceed the learn- some examples of areas ing they can acquire in where the teacher's digiisolation at home. Some- tal expertise is essential thing as simple as a keyto guide the students word search may not journey. come naturally to stu-A winning feature of

dents but can be learnt digital pedagogy is that students don't fall through peer collaboration in class. Students through the cracks eascan take quizzes online ily, as they get to revisit right after a lesson, prothe content repetitively viding a quick opportu- such as videos, disnity for formative assess- cussion boards and quizment. Concepts can be zes — as many times as clarified instantly with a they wish. Technology child-friendly video that surpasses the limitations can be watched together. of human patience, and However, successstudents can benefit by ful implementation of teaching themselves, faildigital pedagogy ining and trying again, askvolves weaving it ing repetitive questions seamlessly into the curand retaking assess

riculum one lesson at a ments. The added benefit been successful at initi- of digital pedagogy is that it helps teachers collect data on student effort and attainment. Techhelp for students who nological tools will prostruggle with acquiring vide a regular overview to language skills. Such authe teacher of dips in a students' performance dio support can act as a personal assistant to the and marginal learning curves. Without digital tools, such data collection is far less reliable and accurate.

ing once they are intro-duced to it. Children are It may be difficult for natural explorers and cuteacher to cater to the differing needs of learnriosity drives them to try out new things once ers and that is where technology fills the gaps with adaptive tests and a per-Not all teachers are comfortable with it, fallsonal e-coach. The sucing by default back onto cess of digital pedagogy relies on its impact and and talk. Preparing chilnot merely its usage, and countless studies have auires inculcating these shown improvement in skills in teachers as well students' academic performance once they start subject knowledge, using digital tools.

digital pedagogy are can lead to a paradigm those who know how to shift in how students incorporate digital tools work, how long they into the structure of their engage with course content and how well to consider are: can chil- they use technology to teach themselves. No mountain is high enough for those who have acquired the skills mation they need to com- and strategy to find plete an assignment? Can their way up, and our they produce video or au- young ones are defidio content based on nitely digitally-ready.

Digital pedagogy

Father of the Man



Zubeida Mustafa

Why are we what we are is the question. We were not so before and have emerged so over the years. The most likely reasons for our moral decline is the state's failure to protect its children. Pakistan is not child-centric.

The impact on our children of a policy measure in any walk of life is never weighed carefully. Hence children from all classes suffer. The message they receive is that they will have to fend for themselves. Thus they learn to treat others with indifference when they become adults.

They do not grow up to be caring and sharing in their public attitudes, because they have not experienced such treatment towards themselves when they were young. Remember, all the adults in the country — be they the rulers in Islamabad or the beggars in the streets of Karachi — were once children. To quote William Wordsworth, "The Child is father of the Man".

The capacity of a person to hurt others varies, and depends on the mindset he develops in the company he keeps — be it family or friends — and the power he manages to acquire

Education, the media and the pulpit also shape people's thinking. An environment unfriendly to the child encourages the culture of lying. Without a gun and power, a person's capacity to harm others is somewhat limited. If he is, however, in a position of power he does immense harm by having thousands killed, destroying institutions and robbing millions of the money

that should have rightfully been spent on them. That is how the rot set in and has grown from gen-

eration to generation. The result? Lust for money, a hunger for power, the tendency to cut corners and to get what one wants without working for it. The inherent sense of justice and fair play that every child is born with is eroded by the time she grows up. The exceptions are too few to change the wider picture. Violence and hardship have dominated our pub-

There would not be a single child in Pakistan experienced violence in her life, and that must have impacted her psyche. Sahil, an Islamabad-based NGO, recorded 4,253 child abuse cases in 2022, and the number is expected to be higher in 2023. It must be noted that mental health professionals believe that many of these abused children will emerge as the abusers of Educating each and

every child appropriately is the only way of rectifying this odious situation that threatens to destroy the future of our children. However, it must be emphasised that our present system of primary school education, has proved to be disastrous. It is actually hostile to the child. Be they state-run schools, private institutions — both upscale and low-fee — or madressahs, they have harmed students immensely. While the first hardly function, the others overload the students with books, tests, homework and tuitions. Their approach is highly competitive and stressful. Educationists who know insist that in the primary years the regularity, though the child should be taught majority of them are orally through specially designed play material and

focus only on the impart-

The common practices of resorting to corporal punishment and teaching in English which the child doesn't comprehend ensures that the adult who emerges from the school system is emotionally insecure and incapable of critical thinking. He has only learnt to memorise lessons without any understanding. What the children actu-

ally need is a lot of love

and care that will give

ing of literacy skills.

them confidence. The saddest part of the story of the child in Pakistan is that parents — the affluent as well as who has not witnessed or the indigent — do not seem to understand the excesses committed against their offspring. At times, they themselves unwittingly become the oppressors. The poor send their girls to work as domestic labour in spite of being aware of the risks involved. The privileged demand better performance from their children even if it is beyond their natural capabilities.

What comes as a shock after one learns of the tragedy of the child in Pakistan is the galloping demographic growth rate. According to census authorities, our population has grown from 207.6 million in 2017 to 241.5m an increase of around 33m in six years.

Billions have been allocated for the population welfare programme. It is not known where these billions have gone, certainly not for advocacy campaigns, nor for counselling couples on the choice of appropriate measures, nor for the purchase of contraceptives supplied free to population welfare centres.

The babies keep coming with unfailing uncared for. Family planning is a subject that is attractive never talked about. All storybooks and work- suffer the consequences books. Writing should of this silence. -- Courtesv Dawn

Commerce News

Punjab Governor says: Skilled worker force plays an important role in the development of country

Independent Report LAHORE: A delegation of important role in the Auto Air Conditioning Association led by the President of Auto Air Conditioning Association, Malik M. Nadeem met Governor Punjab Baligȟur Muhammad

Rehman here today at Governor House Lahore. A detailed discussion was held regarding the problems faced by the auto air conditioning industry during the meeting. Speaking on this occasion, Governor Punjab Balighur Muhammad Rehman said that skilled

worker force plays an development of any

He said that it is

praise worthy that the conditioning workshops are earning their own livelihood as well as providing training and employment to many people. While underscoring importance of vocational and technical education, he said that vocational training is the key to prosperity and development.



LAHORE: China's Acting Chinese Consul General in Lahore, Cao Ke addressing a function held on occasion of the 74th founding anniversary celebration of the People's Republic of China. The event was organised by the Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI).

Weekly inflation goes slightly up by 0.11 percent

ISLAMABAD (APP): group in the week under The weekly inflation, measured by the Sensitive Price Indicator (SPI), witnessed an increase of combined consumption group during the week ended on October 5, the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) reported

on Friday.

The SPI for the week under review in the abovementioned group was recorded at 282.00 points as compared to 281.70 points during the past week, according to the PBS data. As compared to the corresponding week of last combined consumption

review witnessed an increase of 37.07 percent.

The weekly SPI with the base year $20\dot{1}5-16=100$ 0.11 percent for the covers 17 urban centers and 51 essential items for all expenditure groups.

The SPI for the lowest consumption group up to Rs 17,732, increased by 0.49 percent and went up to 286.29 points from last week's 284.89 points. The SPI for consumption groups from Rs 17,732-22,888, Rs 22,889-29,517 and Rs 29,518-44,175 increased by 0.38 percent, 0.27 percent and 0.17 percent respectively whereas it declined by 0.03 year, the SPI for the percent for income group above Rs 44,175.

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Privatisation Fawad Hasan Fawad chaired a Privatisation

Political forces should sign CoE for stable country: Mandviwalla

MULTAN Chairman Senate Standing Committee on Finance & Mandviwalla on Friday mainstream political parties should come forward to sign Charter of Economy (CoE) which was the dire need of the hour.

He said it was imperative for a stable Pakistan which would eventually help tackle challenges on the economic front, besides ensuring the interests of people.

> **PSX** gains 41 points

ISLAMABAD (APP): The 100-index of the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) gained 41.19 points, a positive change of 0.09 per cent on Friday closing at 47,493.57 points against 47,452.38 points the previous day.A total of 246,382,303 shares valuing Rs.7.184 billion were traded during the day as compared to 462,865,965 shares 462,865,965 shares valuing Rs. 8.998 billion

the previous day. As many as 351 companies transacted their shares in the stock market; 190 of them recorded gains and 139 sustained losses whereas the share price of 22 companies remained unchanged

Addressing a news leaders Khawaja Rizwan down to ensure relief for the country.

The Senator said

conference with PPP Pakistan People's Party wanted general elections on Alam, Ali Qasim Gilani and time and added that PPP others at Multan Press co-chairman Asif Ali Club, he stated that Zardari and he were inflation was at its peak meeting with the business and there was a need to fraternity to find solutions bring rates of commodities to the economic woes of

Replying to a question, the Senator said that he had met that whosoever party Faisalabad and Multan assumed power after the business community on elections, should act upon Thursday adding their CoE.He said that the the issues would be resolved masses would decide who community and got should be the winner in the them resolved.

Earlier, speaking to the executive committee at Multan Commerce & Industry (MCCI) late on Thursday night, he said that businessmen were the most important people of the country.

He said though the standing committee had an oversight role for the govt departments, even then it took up issues of

BRICS expansion allows Ethiopia to deepen economic cooperation with emerging markets: Envoy

ISLAMABAD (APP): Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Democratic Republic of Ethiopia to Pakistan Jemal Beker Abdula has said that joining of his country to BRICS would deepen its economic cooperation with the emerging markets of the world. Addressing a round table discussion on "Expanding BRICS and the New Alignments", the ambassador underscored that the BRICS expansion would be instrumental in

development plan, aligning

Ethiopia's

ten-year

with the economic reforms initiated by Ethiopian Prime Minister Dr. Abiy Ahmed. He said Ethiopia with the second largest population in Africa, had become one of fastest-growing economies maintaining an impressive average growth rate for last several years even during the

pandemic critical time. Ambassador Jemal Beker emphasized that Ethiopia's entry into BRICS would open new avenues for increased trade, foreign direct investment,

opportunities for technology transfer, knowledge sharing,

development. He highlighted Ethiopia's commitment to diversify its exports in key sectors such as agriculture agro-processing, manufacturing, mining, tourism, and information communication technology (ICT).

"With the addition of new members like Saudi Arabia, Iran, and others, BRICS now represents nearly half of the global population and a quarter of the global GDP," he said, adding this actually positioned BRICS as an economic powerhouse that could not be ignored.

Need to encourage solar energy to avoid expensive electricity: Mian Zahid

KARACHI (INP): Chair-man of National Business stopped, he said. Mian Zahid Hussain man of National Business Pakistan Businessmen and Intellectuals Forum, and All Karachi Industrial Alliance, and former provincial minister Mian Zahid Hussain solar energy to avoid expensive electricity.

In a statement issued here on Friday, he said that due to line losses, capacity payments, and thefts, electricity was becoming more expensive.

use expensive electricity

Group Pakistan, President said that it was important to attract consumers towards solar energy, make its equipment cheaper, and provide long-term interestfree loans to people, enhas called for encouraging abling them to use the solar

energy.

He said that Pakistan was among the top countries in the world in terms of solar power potential. According to international experts, Pakistan can get 40% of its Forcing people to electricity requirement avoid alternatives and through solar energy, but instead of using this secwas a violation of their tor for public welfare, it fundamental rights, so is being used as a source this practice must be of profiteering.



LAHORE: Chairman All Pakistan Anjuman-e-Tajran Naeem Mir addressing press conference at press club in Provincial Capital.

Pakistan's exports to China increase by 5.16%

exports of the corresponding period of last year, State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) reported.

during July-August (2023-24) against exports of US \$333.077 million during July-August (2022-23),

also surged by 25.09 per million.

revealed.

ISLAMABAD (INP): cent from \$159.021 Pakistan's export of goods million in August 2022, and services to China against the exports of witnessed an increase of \$198.932 million in 5.16 per cent during the August 2023. Meanwhile, first two months of the current fiscal year (2023-basis, the exports to China 24) as compared to the rose by 31.42 per cent the during August 2023 as compared to the exports of \$151.365 million in July 2023, the SBP data The overall exports revealed. Overall Pakistan's to China were recorded at exports to other countries US \$350.297 million witnessed a decrease of 8.26 per cent in the first two months, from US \$ 4.951 billion to US \$ 4.541 billion, the SBP data showing growth of 5.16 revealed. On the other hand, per cent, SBP data the imports from China into the country during the On a year-to-year months under review were basis, the exports to China recorded at US \$ 1861.702

IGP inaugurates modern command and control center at Mardan PS

PESHAWAR (APP): the IGP mentioned that a Inspector General of Police (IGP) Khyber initiated in D.I. Khan, Pakhtunkhwa, Akhtar Hayat Khan on Friday

inaugurated the modern Command and Control Center at Mardan Saddar Police Station.

The IGP received a briefing stating that city surveillance in Mardan would be conducted through 200 cameras at the

Haripur, Kohat, and Nowshera. Modern cameras have been installed at 34 of the

busiest intersections in Mardan city under the Command and Control Center. The IG Police also inaugurated distribution of police equipment and the new computerized resource He emphasized that management system for use of modern security. The IGP also the use of modern security. The IGP also technology would assist in inaugurated the Ababeel controlling crimes and quickly identifying suspects. The Command policing in the city, suspects. The Command policing in the city, and Control Center is a emphasizing the project of Khyber importance of urban Pakhtunkhwa Police, and policing.



KARACHI: Employees of private news channel are holding protest demonstration against forced dismissals, at Karachi press club.

Chinese ambassador scholarships awarded to 282 students

SARGODHA (APP): The Pakistan friendship has a rich University of Sargodha history, solid foundation ambassador scholarships to 282 students.

In this regard, a prestigious ceremony was the scholarship aimed to held at the University of Sargodha (UoS). Öne hundred merit-based, 176 need-based and six scholarships were awarded to the position holders of Chinese language courses by Vice Chancellor UoS Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas.

In a statement, the Chinese ambassador expressed his gratitude to Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas and bonds of friendship between emphasized that Chinanations.

Chinese fruitful outcomes, and promising prospects.He also stressed that the youth are the hope of the nation and support students in realizing their dreams and contributing to the strong bond between China and Pakistan. Speaking at the ceremony, the Vice Chancellor expressed his profound gratitude towards the Chinese embassy for its unwavering support of the University of Sargodha.He stated, "Education is a powerful tool for building bridges and strengthening the



PESHAWAR: A delegation of tribal elites of merged Districts meeting with Khyber Pakhtunkhawa Governor Haji Ghulam Ali.

No undocumented alien to be allowed to stay in Punjab: CM Independent Report The CM issued a that the closure of schools disclosed that 90 percent di

LAHORE: Punjab Caretaker Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi has asserted that all foreign nationals residing illegally in Punjab should voluntarily depart as the initial data of foreign residents has been

He made these emarks during a media nteraction after inspecting the Shahdara flyovers and Bund Road controlled

abuse anyone, maintained. access corridor projects.

LWMC deploys additional staff for night shift

LAHORE (APP): The Lahore Waste Management Company (LWMC) is taking practical measures to ensure the best sanitation situation in the provincial capital.

Over 300 sanitary workers and 90 vehicles are working the night shift cleaning operation, said a spokesperson. On the instructions of LWMC CEO Babar Sahib Din, mechanical sweeping and washing is being conducted across the city in the night shift. The process was activity conducted on MM Alam Road, Canal Road Khayaban-e-Firdousi Khayaban-e-Jinnah Gulberg Town, Jail Road, Ferozepur Road, Liberty Market, Punjab Assembly Road, Mall Road.

staying foreigner unlawfully in the province would not be permitted to dwell. Naqvi stressed the importance of self-eviction by illegal immigrants in Punjab, cautioning that a

The CM observed

stern warning that any had led to a noticeable decrease in pink eye cases. In response to a query about his health, he

conveyed that he is feeling better. Mohsin Naqvi provided updates on the progress of the Shahdara comprehensive crackdown would ensue if they failed to comply. However, the government would not and ongoing activities. Anticipating that the flyovers would be opened flyovers would be opened to traffic next month, he within 90 to 180 days.

of the work had already accomplished been Additionally, he informed that two construction companies are working tirelessly to complete the Bund Road project before 120 days. Simultaneously, numerous pending projects in Rawalpindi, including the Ring Road and safe city authority, have been initiated. These projects

Governor KP says:

Grievances of tribal elites about reduction of seats in merged dists will be conveyed

PESHAWAR (APP): A Waziristan districts. joint people's delegation comprising the chiefs of the combined districts of Kurram, Waziristan, Orakzai and North Waziristan called on Governor Khyber

In the meeting, the problems and difficulties faced by the people of the merged districts were discussed in detail by joint people delegation from Kurram,

With the new the National Assembly and 8 seats of the Senate of the merged districts have been eliminated, the

delegation said.
The National Ghulam Ali at the Assembly Constituencies Governor's House on of Orakzai and South Friday. of Orakzai and South Waziristan have been abolished by the new constituencies, delegation informed.

There is serious concern among the tribal people about reducing the seats in the National South Waziristan Assembly of the merged benefits, the orange and North districts, the delegation is of the view.

Annual Development constituencies, 6 seats of funds of 100 billion rupees have not been released for the merged districts, delegation and after the local elections, funds, offices and other facilities were not provided to the elected representatives of the merged districts, the delegation said while briefing the Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Haji Ghulam Ali.

After the merger, the tribal people are facing losses and difficulties instead of benefits, the delegation

AJK govt pleased to constitute Reconciliation **Committee: AJK PM office**

Cabinet Reconciliation Thursday said. Committee headed by the minister Faisal Mumtaz Rathore to get rid of the ongoing crises besides non-availability of flour on subsidised rates and other identical

pleased to constituted including Sardar Mir the Reconciliation Akbar Khan.

MIRUR (AJK) (APP): Committee comprising Azad Jammu and following members", an Kashmir government has constituted 16-Member AJK PM office late

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Quoting the official order issued late Thursday by the AJK PM office in the state over high local power metropolis, top official teriff and price hike sources told APP here on Friday that led by the minister Faisal Mumtaz Rathore, belonging to PPP AJK in this "In the larger public interest, the AJK the committee is government has been comprising ministers



HYDERABD: Dengue patients are under treatment at Bhitai Hospital as the dengue fever is spreading at an alarming proportion in the city.

6 killed, 1318 injured in 1244 accidents in Punjab

Independent Report LAHORE: At least six persons were killed and 1318 injured in 1244 Road Traffic Crashes (RTCs) in all 37 districts of Punjab during the last

injuries were shifted to different hospitals, while 682 victims with minor injuries were treated at the incident site by Rescue

hospitals.

among the victims of road traffic crashes.

The statistics showed that 266 RTCs were reported in Lahore which affected 263 persons placing the Provincial Capital at top Out of these, 636 of the list followed by 88 people with serious in Faisalabad with 102 in Faisalabad with 102 victims and at third Multan with 86 RTCs and 86 victims.

According to the data 1072 motorbikes, 80 Medical Teams thus auto-rickshaws, 133 reducing the burden of motorcars, 19 vans, 11 pitals. passenger buses, 16 Furthermore, the trucks and 99 other types analysis showed that 598 of auto vehicles and slowdrivers, 38 underage moving carts were drivers, 207 pedestrians, involved in these road and 519 passengers were traffic accidents.

International News

Russian lawmakers will consider rescinding ratification of global nuclear test ban, speaker says

Monitoring Desk MOSCOW: Russian lawmakers will consider revoking the ratification of a global nuclear test ban, the parliament speaker said Friday.

The statement from Vyacheslav Volodin, the speaker of the lower house, the State Duma, followed Russian President Vladimir Putin's warning that Moscow could consider rescinding the ratification of the international pact banning nuclear tests since the United States has never rati-

move to resume nuclear tests to try to discourage offer military support to Ukraine. Many Russian hawks have spoken in favor of resuming the tests.

Volodin reaffirmed Moscow's claim that Western military support for Ukraine means the U.S. and its allies are engaged in the

"Washington and Brussels have unleashed a war against our country," Volodin said. "Today's challenges require new deci-

it. He said that senior There are widespread lawmakers will discuss concerns that Russia could recalling the 2000 ratification of the nuclear test ban at the next meeting of

the West from continuing to the agenda-setting house

"It conforms with our national interests," Volodin said. "And it will come as a quid pro quo response to the United States, which has still failed to ratify the

treaty."
Speaking Thursday
at a forum with foreign affairs experts, Putin noted the United States has signed but not ratified the 1996 Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban, while Russia has signed and ratified it. He argued that Russia could act in kind.

Theoretically, we may revoke the ratification." he said.



Discussion Club in the Black Sea resort of Sochi, Russia.

Kosovo-Serbia tension threatens the Balkan path to EU integration, Germany's foreign minister warns bloc. The top diplomats of long gunbattle with Kosovo

the six countries — Albania,

Bosnia,

Monitoring Desk TIRANA: Germany's foreign minister on Friday expressed the European Union's deep concerns following the recent shootout between masked Serb gunmen and Kosovo police that left four people dead and sent tensions soaring in

the region. Ännalena Baerbock was in Tirana, Albania at a foreign ministers' meeting ahead of the Oct. 16 summit on the Berlin Process, an initiative from Germany and France to encourage six Western Balkans

Macedonia and Serbia — are meeting with Baerbock, EU Enlargement Commissioner Oliver Varhelyi and other senior EU officials. "The key to resolving the conflict is in Belgrade and Pristina, though some

may not be pleased to listen to that," she said. On Sept. 24, around 30 heavily armed Serb men first killed a Kosovar police officer and then set up barricades in northern Kosovo

Serbia of orchestrating the Montenegro, "act of aggression" against its former province, whose 2008 declaration of independence Belgrade doesn't recognize. Serbia has denied this, saying that the gunmen acted on their own. Meanwhile

Kosovo, Maj. Gen. Angelo Michele Ristuccia, the commander of the NATOled peacekeeping force, called on both Kosovo and Serbia on Friday to return to the negotiating table to resolve their issues to prevent further violence.

police. Kosovo has accused

US govt doesn't want to build new sections of border wall

government does not want to build new sections of wall on its border with Mexico, Mexican President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador said on Friday, expressing doubt that the planned construction

of border wall.

will send Ukraine a new military support package worth Sweden hopes to join the NATO defence alliance billion crowns (\$199

Sweden pledges more

military aid to Ukraine,

considers fighter jets

million) - consisting mainly of artillery ammunition and is looking into sending fighter jets, Defence Minister Pal Jonson said. Jonson told a news conference the armed forces

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were due to report by Nov. 6 on the potential for sending Jas Gripen jets to Ukraine after the government asked them to assess the issue. But he reiterated that Sweden would for domestic security reasons need to become member of NATO before it would be able to potentially spare any fighter jets.

soon although its accession has been held up by member states Turkey and Hungary. The new military aid package will be Sweden's 14th to Ukraine since Russia's invasion, taking the total value of the Nordic country's such aid to just over 22 billion crowns. "We need to design our support so that it's long term and sustainable," Jonson said. "It is now important that more countries step up to support Ukraine.'



A fallen tree branch is pictured under a truck after Typhoon Koinu passed the southern tip of Taiwan, on the outskirts of Dawu, Taiwan.

1.1 million bullets seized from Iran, US ships them to Ukraine

Monitoring Desk WASHINGTON: Russia has long turned to Iranianmade drones to attack Ukraine. Now Ukrainian forces will be using bullets

seized from Iran against Russia troops.
A U.S. Navy ship seized the 1.1 million rounds off of a vessel that was being used by Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps to arm Houthi

rebels in Yemen's civil war

in violation of a U.N. Secu-

rity Council resolution. Those 7.62 mm ounds have now been transferred to Ukraine, U.S. Central Command said Wednesday. The much-said in a statement.

question.

tions against one authoritarian regime are now directly supporting the Ukrainian people's fight against another authoritarian regime. We will continue to use every legal authority at our disposal to support Ukraine in their fight for freedom, democracy, and the rule of law," Attorney General Merrick Garland

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been sent at a time when

support for Kyiv's fight to

defend itself remains in

transfer, the Justice

Department's forfeiture ac-

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continued U.S. financial

An soldiers carry a casket during the funeral of the victims of a drone attack targeting a Syrian military academy, outside a hospital in government-

Turkey steps up strikes on militants as conflict escalates in Syria

Monitoring Desk ISTANBUL: Turkish security forces attacked Kurdish militants in northern Syria and eastern Turkey, and Ankara said it will continue to destroy their capabilities across the region as conflict escalated on Friday nearly a week after a bomb attack in Ankara.

military "neutralised" 26 Kurdish militants in northern Syria overnight in retaliation for a rocket attack on a Turkish base, the defence ministry said. Turkey typically uses the term "neutralise" to mean kill.

the base, by the Syrian Kurdish YPG militia, killed one Turkish police officer and wounded seven officers and soldiers in northwest Syria's Dabiq area on Thursday evening, Ankara said.

Turkey also conducted air strikes and destroyed 30

The rocket attack on

militant targets elsewhere in northern Syria, including an oil well, a storage facility and shelters, the defence ministry said. "As has been done in Iraq, all the capabilities and revenue sources developed by the terrorist organisation in Syria will continue to be destroyed systematically."

dead after drone attack kills dozens at graduation ceremony Monitoring Desk BEIRUT: Syria began burying its dead on Fri-

Syria buries

day after a drone attack on a military academy graduation ceremony in Homs killed dozens, Damascus pummelled oppositionheld areas in response to the assault by "ter-rorist organisations". In one of the bloodiest single attacks on the army since the start of Svria's war in 2011, Thursday's assault came just after the ceremony attended by officers and their families, killing and wounding both military personnel and civilians.

State media said on Friday that 89 had died, including 31 women and five children, with 277 other people wounded.

Dozens of distraught victims' relatives gathered outside the Homs military hospital since the early morning, an AFP correspondent said.

countries to keep working toward membership in the cades in northern Kosovo before launching an hours-Biden announces \$9 billion more in student debt relief cellation by the his adminis-**Monitoring Desk**

WASHINGTON: U.S. President Joe Biden announced on Wednesday that his administration has approved an additional \$9 billion in student debt relief for 125,000 borrowers. Biden has said he will pursue new measures to provide student loan relief to Americans after the Supreme Court blocked his

plan to cancel hundreds of billions of dollars in debt. The president said the latest announcement brought the total approved debt can-

tration to \$127 billion for nearly 3.6 million Americans. This kind of relief is life changing for individuals and their families. But it's good for our economy as a whole as well," he told reporters. According to a White House fact sheet, the new measures include: \$5.2 billion in additional debt relief for 53,000 borrowers under Public Service Loan Forgiveness programs nearly \$2.8 billion in new debt relief for some 51,000

borrowers through fixes to

"income-driven repayment."

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MEXICO CITY: The U.S. would be carried out.

"It's pure publicity," Lopez Obrador said in a regular morning press conference after the Biden administration announced it would build additional sections



LEHRI: Caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki meeting with tribal elders.

KSRelief to donate 50,000 shelter NFIs, winter kits to Pakistani citizens

ISLAMABAD (INP): King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Center (KSrelief) has initiated a vital project aimed at distributing 50,000 kits including 25,000 shelter NFls (Non-Food Items) and 25,000 winter kits across Pakistan.

The project is planned to be implemented in four phases providing help to individuals who have been affected by recent floods and need assistance. This collaborative effort is being conducted in partnership with the National Disaster Management Authority

Speaking on the occasion, chief guest Caretaker Federal Minister for Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony Aneeq Ahmed thanked the Saudi Ambas-

sador for providing 25,000 Shelter NFls (Non-Food Items) and 25,000 winter kits across Pakistan and said that both countries enjoy strong bilateral relations.

"He said that somebody said that we are like brothers. We are not like brothers. We are brothers", he added. Saudi Ambassador to Pakistan Nawaf bin Said Al-Malki, speaking on the occasion said that the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is handing over fifty thousand kits as a gift to the brotherly country.

This winter aid will be distributed in four phases in all provinces of Pakistan.

This gift is presented through the King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Center which is at the forefront in the service of

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Religious Affairs and Interfaith Har-

mony Aneeq Ahmed posing for a group photo graph along with Ambassador of

Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to Pakistan Nawaf bin Saeed Al-Malki, Director

King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Center Pakistan and others after

ceremony "Project for the Provision and Distribution of Shelter NFIs and

Winter Kits in Pakistan 2023-2024" at Saudi Embassy in Federal Capital.

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BRSP is the first NGO

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Jan felicitates BRSP on

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Development Award

QUETTA: The caretaker sion, Jan Achakzai said that

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Independent Report

Provincial Minister for In-

visited the office of

Balochistan Rural Support

Programme here on Friday.

Minister Information con-

gratulated BRSP on win-

ning the prestigious

Azizul Haq Rural Development 2023 and ex-

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It may be mentioned here that BRSP was con-

ferred the award during a

ceremony held at Laos by

the center for Integrated

Rural Development for

Speaking on the occa-

Asia Pacific.

During the visit, the

Planning minister reaffirms Pakistan's commitment to fast-tracking CPEC projects the people of Pakistan and

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Sami Saeed on Friday reaffirmed Pakistan's strong commitment to fasttracking the ongoing projects of China-Pakistan Corridor Economic (CPEC).

He made these remarks during a meeting with China Overseas Port Holding Company (COPHC) Chairman Yu Bo, a news release said. Sami Saeed said

Gwadar was the heart of CPEC and a gateway to prosperity for Pakistan and the entire region. He said Gwadar was

being developed as a worldclass port and logistics hub,

adding.

This will create new jobs and opportunities for

Pak supports

Saudi Arabia's

bid to host

FIFA World

Cup 2034

ISLAMABAD (APP) -Pakistan on Friday reaf-

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SLAMABAD (Online)

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ECP establishes

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Secretariat

ISLAMABAD (Online)

Election Commission of

Pakistan (ECP) has estab-

lished facilitation desk at its

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To a question from the

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Nawaz Sharif will

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boost the economy." He also reiterated that Pakistan was committed to resolving all outstanding issues related to CPEC on a priority basis.

China and Pakistan have established a highlevel mechanism to address concerns, if any, he Chairman Yu Bo

the progress of Gwadar Free Zone and Gwadar Free

Underscoring the significance of Gwadar within the CPEC framework, he in this area.

said the first stage of Gwadar port and city development, along with the Gwadar Free Zone, had been completed marking a substantial achievement.

He also highlighted how COPHC's decadelong stewardship had remarkably transformed Gwadar from a modest village into a thriving modern briefed the minister about city, replete with cuttingedge technology.

During the meeting, both sides reaffirmed their commitment to further strengthening cooperation

Siraj ul Haq says **Body responsible for** accountability misused for political victimization

Jamaat-e-Islami (JÍ), Sirajul-Hag has expressed concern that institutions responsible for accountability have often been misused for political victimization rather than being allowed to operate freely against those who have plundered the

During discussions with various delegations on Friday, he emphasized that, once in power with the support of the people, the JI would work towards meeting the nation's demand for comprehensive account-

Sirajul Haq lamented the detrimental impact of dynastic rule on both the economy and institutions. particularly highlighting the decisions made by the two previous governments over the past five years. He observed that these decisions had resulted in widespread suffering for the public. The deterioration in the security situation, he noted, had further exacerbated economic challenges, leading to rampant inflation and unemployment. The JI leader expressed his disappointment in the caretaker government's continued adherence.

China-Pak ties maintaining sound momentum of development: Wang Yi

BEIJING (APP): China and Pakistan are all-weather stands ready to work with strategic cooperative part- Pakistan to promote highners and ironclad brothers, senior Chinese diplomat Wang Yi said on Thursday, adding that bilateral relations have withstood the test of time and continued to maintain a sound momentum of development.

"Following the announcement by the King-Wang, a member of the dom of Saudi Arabia of its Political Bureau of the intention to host the FIFA World Cup in 2034, Paki-Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee stan affirms its support for the Saudi bid to host the tournament," the Foreign and director of the Office of the Central Commission for Foreign Affairs, made Office spokesperson said in The spokesperson said Pakistan wished its

the remarks when he met with Foreign Minister, Jalil Abbas Jilani at the third China Xizang Trans-Himalaya Forum for International Cooperation held in Nyingchi, southwest China's Xizang (Tibet) Autonomous Region, CGTN

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the China-proposed Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and the launch of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), said Wang, noting the CPEC has brought tangible benefits to the economic development of Pakistan and to local people.

Wang said that China quality development of the

For his part, Jilani spoke highly of the fruitful results of bilateral cooperation and the CPEC, stressing that the Pakistan-China relationship has always been the cornerstone of Pakistan's foreign policy. The CPEC has helped

Pakistan transform its economic landscape and brought tangible benefits to the country, the foreign minister added.

He also extended congratulations on the 74th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China. According to Pakistan Ambassador to China, Moin ul Haque, at the invitation of the Chinese government, Foreign Minister, Jalil Abbas Jilani attended 3rd China Tibet Trans-Himalayan Forum in Tibet,

In his speech, he emphasized the importance of regional cooperation for green development, ecological preservation and connectivity for inclusive and sustainable development.



Malik Nadir Khan Achakzai meeting with care taker Information Minister Jan Achakzai.

Pakistani women can perform Hajj 'sans mehram'

ISLAMABAD (INP): The Ministry of Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony said on Friday that Hajj policy 2024 would be announced in the next two weeks under which women can perform Hajj without a mehram (a

The ministry further said that the federal cabinet will approve the Hajj policy within 10 days and the Hajj application process for the next year will get following

Furthermore, the ministry has also prepared strict es regarding the sighting of the crescent moon.

As per the new rules, only the Ruet-e-Hilal committee will announce the sighting of the crescent moon, no private committees will be allowed to do so, the ministry ommended.

Earlier, Caretaker Minister for Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony, Aneeq Ahmed said that the Saudi Arabia government would provide additional facilities and improved services to Pakistani pilgrims during the

for pilgrims would be improved with a more comfortable

Ashrafi urges Afghan interim govt to address legitimate concerns for peaceful relations

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan Ulema Council Chairman Hafiz Muhammad Tahir Mahmood Ashrafi on Friday urged the Afghan interim government to prioritize addressing legitimate concerns raised by Pakistan instead of engaging in a blame game. In a conversation with Arab and national media representatives, he underscored the importance of maintaining stability and peace in the region.

Ashrafi stated that Pakistan's intentions were clear: it had no desire for instability or lawlessness in Afghanistan, and it ex-

ment from its Afghan counterparts. He emphasized the historic ties between Pakistan and Afghanistan, rooted in social, cultural, and religious bonds, making their peace and prosperity interdependent.

Regarding the repatriation of illegal Afghan immigrants from Pakistan, Ashrafi encouraged the Afghan government to engage in open dialogue with Pakistan rather than resorting to hostile rhetoric.

He acknowledged Pakistan's four-decade history of hosting Afghan refu-

gees and reassured that this support would continue. However, he stressed that respecting the laws of both countries was crucial for harmonious coexistence.

Ashrafi also highlighted the issue of Afghan extremists potentially finding accomplices in recent blasts in Pakistan. He urged both nations to resolve this matter amicably and collaboratively to ensure regional security and stability. He further said there was no acceptance of recognizing Israel as Kashmir and Palestine were declared common issues for the Muslim Ummah.



QUETTA: Chairman Board of Director QESCO Abdul Wahab Magsi presiding over meeting of Board.

Domki dismayed over delipidated condition of Govt. boys HS Lehri

Mir Ali Mardan Domki directs to ensure release of allocated funds for education sector under PSDP

Independent Report QUETTA: The caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki has expressed his anguish over the poor delipidated condition of the building of Government Boys High School Lehri.

He was on surprise visit of the Government Boys High School during which he inspected its building and other educa-tional facilities available there, on Friday.

Mr. Domki reached his native town Lehri on Friday morning, where he was warmly welcomed by the people besides the concerned high ups. He was also presented

guard of honour by the contingent of police

on the occasion directed to cently repaired and renoensure release of funds alvated by the UNICEF. located for education sector under the Public Sector Development Programme

He also directed to provide the necessary equipment in the science and computer laboratory of the Boys High School and make it fully functional.

In addition to this, the attendance of teachers should also be checked and ensured in the school, adding he stressed. He also directed the Deputy Commissioner Sibi to pay surprise visits to the educational institutions and ensure presence of teachers there.

Meanwhile, the Chief Minister visited the Rural Health Center Lehri and in-The Chief Minister augurated its building re-

He also met the pa-

tients being treated at the RHC. The Secretary Health, Asfandyar Kakar and Director General Health, Dr. Noor Qazi, who were also present on the occasion, briefed the Chief Minister about the healthcare facility in Lehri.

The DG Health informed that the necessary medicines and machinery have been provided in the

Mr. Domki directed the concerned authorities to ensure availability of the standard health services.

He on the occasion asserted that it is our priority to provide basic facilities of education, health and water to the people.



QUETTA: Deputy Director NAB Khurram Shahzad addressing a seminar organized by NAB Balochistan in SBK Women's University.

Minister **Information** greets Pak team on victory in 1st match of WC

Independent Report QUETTA: The caretaker Provincial Minister for Information, Jan Achakzai congratulated national cricket team on registering thumbing victory in its first match of the World Cup cricket.

In a felicitation message issued here on Friday, the Minister Information said that it is great to watch Pakistan team winning its opening match in the World

He expressed the hope that the national team would continue to perform in the same manner and with similar spirit.

IHC to announce verdict in few days on PTI Chairman's jail trial: CJ

ISLAMABAD (APP): Islamabad High Court (IHC) Chief Justice Aamer Farooq on Friday remarked that the court had already reserved its verdict on a plea against the jail trial of PTI's chairman, which would likely to be announced in two or three

IHC chief justice heard the case, seeking early decision on the petition of chairman PTI on his case against jail trial in cypher case. Petitioner's lawyer Sher Afzal Marawat said that the court had initiated the trial of his client in jail but the decision in petition against jail trial, was still pending.

Madad expresses concern over deteriorating primary level educational standard HYDERABAD (APP): sons after attending the cer-

Caretaker Federal Education Minister Madad Ali Sindhi while expressing his grave concern over deteriorating primary level educational standard in the country particularly in Sindh province has informed that the caretaker federal government was making sincere efforts to address this issue and also resolve the issues of all higher learning institutions of Sindh on

while talking to media per- ships.

cheque distribution under National Endowment Scholarship for Talent Scheme among the students at University of Sindh Jamshoro on Fri-He informed that

emony of the scholarship

all out efforts are being made to provide scholarships to make male and female students of Sindh on priority basis adding that merit is being ensured while selecting The minister said this the candidates for scholar-

Coast Guards seizes huge quantity of narcotics of worth US\$ 21 million **Independent Report** However, the Coast

QUETTA: The Pakistan Coast Guard recovered huge quantity of narcotics

According to the spokesman of Coast Guard, a patrolling ports.

Later, during the search, 743 kilogram of charas and 57 kilogram of the coast Guard tried to intercept a vehicle in Bandri area of Gwadar. However, instead of stopping the ve-

hicle, driver flee from the

hicle. Driver left the vehicle behind and managed to es-

Guards team chase the ve-

The Coast Guard sources informed that the

value of seized narcotics is stated to be over 21.84 million US dollar in the international drugs market.



UTHAL: Pakistan Coast Guards seize huge quan-

Police arrest six Afghan immigrants, one drug dealer in Quetta QUETTA (APP): Police rested and narcotics were

ISLAMABAD: The Minister for Planning, Devel-

opment and Special Initiatives, Sami Saeed, has

reaffirmed the Government of Pakistan's commit-

ment to fast-tracking the ongoing projects of the

China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

arrested six afghan refugees without valid documents under foreign act at respective areas of Jinnha town area of Quetta on Friday. SHO Jinnah Town

Mitha Khan told APP that, on special directive of Inspector General (IG) Police Abdul Khaliq Sheikh and DIG Quetta Abdul Hai Baloch, police team led by Mitha Khan conducted successful raid at different places and apprehended six Afghan refugees under for-

recovered from his possession during raid.

The ŠHO said that arrested Afghan refugees would be handed over to FIA for further investigation. A drug dealer is being interrogated by police. SHO Mitha Khan

said that the protection of people's property and lives was the first priority in which deficiency and negligence would not be tolerated in any case.

He said that steps were being taken to improve Meanwhile, a drug law and order situation for dealer namely Khan maintaining peace in the Muhammad has been ar- area.



HUB: Construction works of Sindh and Balochistan connecting Bridge is underway, in Hub.

close male relative).

He said accommodation, meals, and transportation

and convenient experience