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President urges world to play role for world peace

Israeli occupying forces should immediately stop violence, oppression: FM

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

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

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

He said time had come to move forward in line with UN resolutions, adding "International community can play a big role today towards world peace."

Online adds: Caretaker Foreign Minister Jalil Abbas Jilani has expressed deep concern over the growing ten-

sion in the Middle East and said that the Israeli occupying forces should immediately stop the violence and oppression, deeply saddened by the loss of innocent lives.

More than 300 Palestinians have been martyred after Israel launched retaliatory air strikes in the Gaza Strip following Hamas's operation "Al-Aqsa Storm" which saw 5,000 rockets being launched into Israel from Gaza, followed by gunmen infiltrating areas in the southern region of the country.

The foreign minister also expressed concern over the volatile situation and the loss of precious Palestinian lives.

"Pakistan is deeply concerned by the escalating hostility in the Middle East and the loss of innocent lives. We stand in solidarity with Palestinians and call for an immediate end to the violence and oppression by Israeli occupation forces," Jilani wrote on his X account.



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

Decision of expulsion of illegal immigrants final: Caretaker CM assures every possible support for return of illegal immigrants

Mir Ali Mardan Domki says additional staff deputed at Passport office Chaman; passport office to be made operational at Killa Saifullah soon

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QUETTA: The caretaker Minister Balochistan, Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki has categorically stated that the decision of expulsion of illegal immigrants is final, and as such the interim government would provide every possible assistance to them in repatriation to their respective countries.

He said that the additional staff has been deputed in the Passport office of Chaman to serve the people round the clock.

Moreover, a focal point has also been set up in the Deputy Commissioner office Chaman while the passport office would be made functional in Killa Saifullah soon. This was announced by the caretaker Chief Minister while addressing a tribal Jirga at Chaman.

Also present on the occasion were the prominent tribal elders besides the senior officials from the civil bureaucracy, Frontier Corps (FC) and other concerned high ups.

Prominent among them were the Chief Secretary Shakeel Qadir Khan, Additional Chief Secretary Home, Saleh Muhammad Nasar, Inspector General FC North, Major General Muhammad Amir Ajmal, Inspector General of police, Abdul Khaliq Sheikh, Commissioner Quetta, Hamza Shafqaat, be-

sides others. Addressing the tribal Jirga, Mir Ali Mardan Domki said that the it has been decided by the government to repatriate the illegal immigrants to their respective countries.

He made it clear that the illegal immigrants don't belong to a particular tribe or nationality.

He said that the policy about expulsion of Afghan refugees is not only for the Afghan nationals, rather it would apply on all illegal immigrants living without valid documents in the province and country.

The caretaker Chief Minister said that the paper Tazkara would be over in couple of days,

and instead of it, the passport and E-Tazkara would be valid.

He said that immediate probe would be conducted into any complaint about exploitation or mistreatment with any immigrants.

The Chief Minister said that the villages located at both sides of the Pak-Afghan border and their dwellers have Pakistani national identity cards would don't have need passports.

Rather, they would have permission of across the border movement after necessary verification of national identity cards and biometric.

However, adding he believed that the matters would gradually be improved after initial hardships. He said that we are aware about the hardships of the families living in the border and they could face problems for time being.

However, we are preparing comprehensive strategy for the purpose.

In addition to this, viable steps are being proposed regarding transit trade, he added.

The Chief Minister on the occasion thanked the support to government initiatives by majority of the tribal elders of Chaman and adjoining areas.



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

Giving date of elections not mandate of caretaker regime, says Solangi

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

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

Talking to WE News on Sunday, the minister said Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) was an autonomous constitutional institution, and since the day, he took oath as minister, he was in constant contact with the ECP. The minister said he had full faith and confidence in the capability and leadership of the ECP, and the elections would be held on the date announced by the Election Commission.

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

"We are going through the phase of election and during the environment of election, any party and its leadership had the freedom to give their stand on any important issue", he maintained.

Murtaza Solangi said that media in Pakistan en-

joyed freedom and the courts were also free, adding all registered political parties had equal opportunities.

The Election Commission of Pakistan and caretaker government would ensure equal opportunities for all political parties in the upcoming elections, he added.

The minister stated that there was no ban on PTI as a political party.

Replying to a question, he said that the process of privatization was not initiated by caretaker government, previous parliament and its elected government decided to privatize various entities.

"We are bound to implement the decisions of the previous parliament and the previous government," Murtaza Solangi opined.

The minister stressed the need for reformation in the institutions.

Answering a question, he said that public broadcasters were considered essential services, and as they were institutions of compulsory national service they were supported by the state worldwide.



QUETTA: Chairman Pashtoonkhwa Milli Awami Party Mahmood Khan Achakzai addressing during award distributing ceremony organized by Baluchistan International Think Tank and friends of universe Society Pakistan, at Press club

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OIC voices concern at Israeli escalation in Palestinian territory

ISLAMABAD: Organization of Islamic Corporation has expressed deep concern on dangerous Israeli escalation in Occupied Palestinian territory.

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

The statement stressed for providing international protection for Palestinian people and sponsoring a credible political process to establish an independence sovereign Palestinian State with East Al-Qudus as its capital on the line of 1967 borders.

Security forces kill one terrorist in North Waziristan

RAWALPINDI (APP): One terrorist was killed in an exchange of fire with security forces in Razmak area of North Waziristan.

According to Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR), weapons and ammunition were also recovered from the killed terrorist.

Known as Azeem Ullah alias 'Ghazi', the killed terrorist remained actively involved in various terror activities against security forces and killing of innocent civilians.

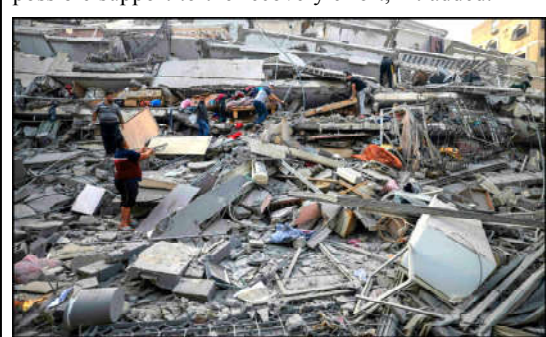
Pakistan grieved over devastating earthquake in Afghanistan

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ISLAMABAD: Pakistan on Sunday expressed deep sadness and condolence over loss of precious lives and properties in devastating earthquake that hit Western regions of Afghanistan on Saturday.

"The Government and people of Pakistan are deeply saddened by the devastating earthquake in Western regions of Afghanistan yesterday, resulting in tragic loss of life and widespread damage to property," a statement issued by the foreign office spokesperson said.

"We extend our sincerest condolences to the families of those who lost their loved ones and pray for the early and complete recovery of the injured." The statement added that Pakistan stood in complete solidarity with the brothers and sisters in Afghanistan during this difficult time. "We are in contact with the Afghan authorities to get a first-hand assessment of the urgent needs of those affected by the earthquake. Pakistan will extend all possible support to the recovery effort," it added.



People inspect a building destroyed in Israeli strikes in Gaza City

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

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

LAHORE (INP): Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) Senior Vice President Maryam Nawaz expressed optimism on Sunday about the return of her father, Nawaz Sharif, to Pakistan on October 21, aiming to bring an end to what she referred to as a "seven-year period of prolonged sorrow".

Addressing a public gathering in Lahore, Maryam remarked that Nawaz Sharif had suffered more days of hardship instead of remaining in power corridors, emphasising former prime minister's commitment to the nation's well-being.

Maryam highlighted the PML-N's economic achievements under Nawaz Sharif's leadership and chal-

lenged the audience to recall any other prime minister who had successfully reduced the prices of essential commodities.

Amidst an enthusiastic crowd displaying placards bearing Nawaz Sharif's images, Maryam expressed her anticipation of the joyous reception her father would receive upon his return on October 21.

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

Branding them as "jokers," Maryam claimed that the health card initiative was started by her father

which was hijacked later by the PTI government, adding that the former ruling party wrongfully took credit for its success.

Earlier, in a news conference held on Friday, PML-N President Shehbaz Sharif had clarified that the party's "vote ko izzat do" (respect the vote) slogan was not intended to be anti-establishment, but rather focused on serving the people and improving the lives of those living below the poverty line.

The former prime minister also deftly avoided answering any questions about holding the outgoing generals, whom the party has long accused of overthrowing their government, accountable.

Project Manager of PMDC killed in Sorenj road blast

QUETTA: The Project Manager of Pakistan Mineral Development Corporation (PMDC), Shabbar Mirza was killed and his driver injured in the roadside blast hit their vehicle in Sorenj area on Sunday morning.

According to the police sources, the Project Manager PMDC was on way to the Sorenj coalmine field riding his vehicle when an explosive device went off just close to his vehicle.

As a result the explosive device hitting his vehicle exploded, the Project Manager PMDC died on the spot while his driver got injured. The area police and administration reached the spot and shifted the body of deceased to the local hospital. The injured, however, was removed to the Sandeman Provincial Headquarter Hospital for treatment where his condition is stated to be precarious.

The investigations have been started into the blast. As per the initial reports, the blast was carried out through a remote control device, however, further investigations are underway.

A case has also been registered in this regard.

Hamas, Israel war, total casualties exceed 900

TEL AVIV/GAZA (Online): After the unexpected attack by Hamas, the death toll of Israeli citizens has increased to more than 600 and dozens of people, including soldiers, have been taken hostage.

While according to Palestinian officials, at least 370 Palestinians have been killed and nearly 2,000 injured in Israeli airstrikes in the Gaza Strip.

In this way, the total number of casualties has exceeded 900 in the clashes between Hamas and Israel that have been going on for 2 days.

The Israeli army said fighting is ongoing in eight locations in its territory.

According to media reports, the current tension between Israel and Palestine has now completed 24 hours.

After the sudden attack by Hamas, the Israeli army could not recover even for the second day.

The death toll of Israelis in various clashes has exceeded 600, including more than 100 military commanders and officials.

According to the Ministry of Health in the Gaza Strip, more than 313 Palestinians, including children, were martyred in these attacks.

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

The Israeli army said it had regained control of most of the south, but heavy fighting was still ongoing in Israeli areas near the Gaza border, including Be'eri and Sderot.

The Israeli embassy in the UK has confirmed that Jack Marlowe, a British national, is missing. He was working as security staff at an outdoor dance festival near the Gaza border when the attack took place.

The Times of Israel quoted an IDF spokesman as saying that more than 400 Palestinian militants have been killed and dozens arrested in southern Israel and the Gaza Strip.

The Israeli Embassy in Turkey has reported that at least 300 Israelis have been killed so far in the tension, while dozens have been kidnapped by Hamas.

It is being said by the Palestinian authorities that 313 people have been killed in the Gaza Strip in Israeli airstrikes so far.

Palestine at war

Fifty years since the last Arab-Israeli war, hostilities have once again broken out in Palestine.

Tel Aviv has already said Israel is "at war". According to Hamas, 'Operation Al-Aqsa Flood' was started in response to "atrocities in Gaza, against Palestinian people [and] our holy sites".

Many Western states have issued typically sanctimonious statements criticising Hamas, and reiterating Israel's right to defend itself. Yet they choose to ignore what has led to the current conflagration: the far-right government that runs Israel has unleashed a reign of terror upon the Palestinians.

The latest escalation also raises a question mark over the efforts of various Muslim states to normalise ties with Israel. The Palestine question cannot be resolved unless a just solution is found, one where the Palestinians have a viable state that is secure and financially self-sufficient.

Mutual mistrust



Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry

The seeds of mistrust between Afghanistan and Pakistan were sown even before independence in 1947. By 1946, it had become clear that British India would be partitioned.

During the Pakistan-India war of 1965, Afghanistan chose to stay neutral though public sympathy appeared to be with Pakistan, leading many Pakistani strategists to believe that Afghanistan could ensure strategic depth for Pakistan.

Economically, Pakistan should do everything to boost bilateral trade and facilitate Afghan transit trade through its ports. This is a positive leverage that must be used prudently to win the hearts and minds of Afghanistan's trading community.

Afghan government denying space to elements hostile to Pakistan could be a strategic asset. This expectation has remained largely unfulfilled, even during the past two years of a seemingly friendly government in Kabul led by the Taliban.

How should Pakistan deal with a state which distrusts it so deeply? The first option would be to start treating Afghanistan as a sovereign state whose people choose rulers without outside influence.

Politically, Pakistan should maintain regular contact with the Taliban, through formal and back channels, to convey its concerns and also listen to their perspective. But this should not mean that Pakistan extends formal recognition to the Taliban government.

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

Monk à la mode



Muna Khan

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

Monk mode gained popularity last year when it was reported as a productivity hack popular among CEO and entrepreneurs who use it to focus on one activity at a time.

TikTokers post their progress of doing the monk mode challenge — wherein they eliminate distractions like social media, Netflix, apps, video games, dating and focus on one task at a time.

Forbes wrote in 2022 that "the global personal development market was valued at \$41.81 billion in 2021, with projected growth at a compound annual growth rate of 5.5 per cent from 2022 to 2030."

at 10pm. Some people also include healthy habits into the challenge like no junk food, sugar, alcohol and drugs. TikTokers also followed three beliefs that helped them during their monk mode challenge — isolation, introspection and improvement.

Funny things happen when capitalism gets its grubby hands on sacred philosophies. The name monk is a nod to monks who have renounced worldly goods to pursue spiritual goals.

On the surface, monk mode is an incredible idea. It frees us from the terrible trappings of social media which, studies show, make users feel bad about themselves.

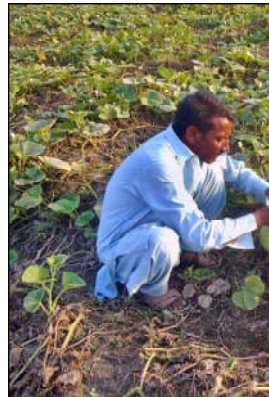
I'm not against self-development. I believe all of us can benefit from introspection without relying on apps for long periods. I will get into trouble for saying this but Imran Khan would have done well had he ventured into

Commerce News

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

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

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



CHINIOT: A farmer is checking vegetables before plucking at Faisalabad Road.

The recent internet closure in various parts of the country has had an impact on multiple sectors, leading to substantial financial losses and operational challenges.

Online cab services, online food delivery services, freelancers, transport companies, and postal services have all been affected by the disruption of internet services, it said.

The PIDE Infographic showed that online cab services, a cornerstone of modern transportation, saw a 97% reduction in the number of rides on days when the internet has been closed down.

Similarly, online food

delivery services suffered a 75% reduction in the number of orders, translating into a substantial daily loss of Rs 135 million.

Meanwhile, the freelance community, which contributes significantly to Pakistan's economy, has also felt the brunt of internet disruptions.

Denial of orders to Pakistan-based freelance workers resulted in over \$1.3 million loss of revenue, equaling Rs 390 million, impacting the livelihoods of many and the national economy as a whole too, it revealed.

Power theft detected at Relax Inn hotel; owner fined Rs 7m

LAHORE (APP): The Lahore Electric Supply Company (LESCO) has detected pilferage on a electricity connection of a nine-storey hotel, 'Relax Inn,' owned by Basharat Muhammad, in the area of Davis Road Sub-Division. The LESCO spokesman told media here Sunday that under the supervision of Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Engineer Shahid Haider, the operation against electricity thieves is going on successfully.

Railways strives to complete rehabilitation work of tracks

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan Railways is striving to complete rehabilitation and reconstruction work on railway tracks in order to improve the speed of the locomotives to carry passengers to their respective destinations on time.

Line-I (ML-I) and doubling of track from Lahore to Peshawar (462.20 Km) are also being revamped, an official in the Ministry of Railways told APP. The official noted that the length of the track was 1,726 kilometres and the department has planned to improve the speed up to 160 kilometres per hour in the project of up-gradation.



QUETTA: President Anjuman-e-Tajiran Balochistan Raheem Agha, Wali Afghan and Umar Tareen inaugurate food point at Sirki Road.

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

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Pakistan Business Forum (PBF) has welcomed the European Parliament's decision of extending the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) Plus status to Pakistan for another four years till 2027, but has urged the government to remove regulatory obstacles to boost exports to the EU.

for Pakistan to boost its exports and create jobs. In a statement, PBF Chairman (Capital Area) Atif Ikram Sheikh said that PBF appreciates the unwavering efforts of the Government of Pakistan in advocating for this extension, further strengthening trade relations and fostering economic growth for our nation.

prospiry. Atif Ikram said that GSP Plus status holds paramount importance for Pakistan's economy as it has played an important role in expansion of multilateral trade.

According to the trade statistics from ITC World Trademap, Pakistan's exports to EU, which were around 6.3 billion dollars in 2013, have increased over the time to 11.3 billion dollars in 2022, primarily due to the deeper market access provided by European Union under GSP Plus.

World Bank takes proposal to impose tax under 50,000 salary

ISLAMABAD (Online): The World Bank withdrew the proposal to impose tax on people earning 50,000 monthly salary. The World Bank retracted its proposal saying that the proposal was issued based on 2019 data, which needs to be updated to reflect recent inflation and labor market conditions.

He said that the GSP Plus status, which Pakistan has enjoyed in the past, has significantly contributed to enhancing our export potential and economic prosperity. He said that the GSP Plus status, which Pakistan has enjoyed in the past, has significantly contributed to enhancing our export potential and economic

Privatization Commission will take over the financial affairs of PIA

ISLAMABAD (Online): Privatization Commission will take over the financial affairs of Pakistan International Airlines from today (Monday).

First Pakistani company approved by GACC to export meat to China

BEIJING (APP): In a ground breaking development for Pakistan's meat industry, a local meat company named Pakistan's Organic Meat has achieved a historic milestone by becoming the first Pakistani entity to be registered with the General Administration of Customs of China (GACC).

remarkable feat is "The Organic Meat Company Ltd," a leading player in Pakistan's meat processing and export industry. This achievement comes after years of rigorous quality control measures and compliance with international standards, he told China Economic Net (CEN). He further said that to secure registration on the GACC, Organic Meat Company Ltd underwent rigorous inspections and quality audits.

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



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

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

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

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

Independent Report
LAHORE: On the special direction of Caretaker Chief Minister Punjab Mohsin Naqvi upgradation plan of the emergency block of Punjab Institute of Cardiology has been prepared. Emergency block will be upgraded under the plan and new surgeons will be hired. New ICUs and operation theatres will be established. 100 beds will be further increased. Caretaker CM Mohsin Naqvi paid a visit to PIC

so as to make onground review of the upgradation plan and ordered to start upgradation work of the ground floor of emergency block by the start of next week. CM Mohsin Naqvi while directing to hire the services of surgeons from abroad stated that surgeons should be hired on contract basis as well after seeking approval of the Board of Management. Mohsin Naqvi directed to complete the upgradation project within three months adding

that work on upgradation of the emergency block should be done in three shifts. The construction of Sarai should also be completed at the earliest. CM was informed during the briefing that LED screens will be installed for the facilitation of patients and their attendants. Mohsin Naqvi during his visit reviewed upgradation plan of the emergency block and inspected relevant sections.



LAHORE: Patients suffering from dengue fever are treated at a hospital in Provincial Capital.

Construction work of Dadocha Dam to be resumed soon: Chatta

RAWALPINDI (APP): Commissioner Rawalpindi Division Liaquat Ali Chatta has said that the construction work of Dadocha Dam would be resumed soon. He informed that the construction work of the Dam would be completed within the stipulated period as Punjab government was paying special attention to water supply projects. The Commissioner said that the patriotism and sacrifices of the local population, especially the residents of Barwala, Malikpur, Azizal and Khanpur areas are

commendable. "We value the sacrifices of the local population and would make every effort to provide them with the full benefit of these sacrifices," Liaquat Ali Chatta said. In the light of the Supreme Court's decision and the directives of the caretaker government of Punjab, the local population would be given the prices of their land according to the current market rates, the Commissioner added. The local residents whose property is affected by the construction of the dam would be given fair compensation, he said.

Couple killed in m/c-tractor trolley collision in DI Khan

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

According to Rescue 1122, the accident occurred near Segri-Bangla on Chashma road when a motorcycle was collided with a tractor-trolley which was wrongly parked in the center of road. There was no reflective tape on the trolley which caused the accident in the darkness. After receiving information about the incident, the rescue team reached the site and shifted the bodies to Tehsil Headquarters (THQ) Hospital paharpur where the deceased were identified as Muhammad Zulfqar, son of Muhammad Zareef, a resident of Pipplan area of Mianwali district, and his wife. The deceased couple was reportedly coming to Dera Ismail Khan to inquire about the health of the woman's ailing father.



PESHAWAR: Visitors take keen interest in art during Art Exhibition organized by Ramina Foundation held at Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Women University (SBBWU) in Peshawar.

Chief Secretary stresses joint efforts to wipe out polio virus from region

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PESHAWAR: Chief Secretary Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Nadeem Aslam Chaudhary has directed authorities to vaccinate every eligible child against the crippling polio virus. He stressed the need for meticulous monitoring of anti-polio drives to ensure complete eradication of the virus from the region. The Chief Secretary, gave the instructions on Sunday during his visit to several parts of the

CMO visits different schools

NAWABSHAH (APP): Chief Monitoring Officer (CMO) Shaheed Benazirabad, Tariq Ali Solangi here on Sunday paid a surprise visit of different schools of Nawabshah and checked the attendance of teachers and staff members. The CMO visited 13 schools and checked the attendance register and facilities available at schools. During detail check, he found 14 teachers absent from duty. The CMO noticed that 12 teachers were absent from without submitting any leave application while two teachers were absent for a long period.

Smuggling bid foiled, NCP items worth over Rs 23.6 mln recovered

DERA ISMAIL KHAN (APP): The district police have foiled a smuggling attempt and seized non-custom paid (NCP) items worth over Rs 23.6 million during the checking of several vehicles here in the limits of Daraban police stations. According to the Police spokesman, a police team of Daraban police station led by SDPO Daraban Circle Malik Aneesul Hassan along with SHO Atta

Ullah Khan inspected several vehicles. During checking, the police recovered NCP items including 15 rolls of cloth, 33 tyres of different sizes, 20 sacks of plastic bags, 70 sacks of China Salt, eight Iranian blankets, eight blankets with bed-sheets, six rolls of plastic pipe, 12 sacks of Iranian sandal, three sacks of dry milk, five cartons of cosmetic items, one sack of tea and two cartons of veterinary medicines.

Dr. Sved Faraz says: Economic growth, paperless governance assured with digital transformation

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PESHAWAR: KPRMP Project Director met with the Caretaker Provincial Advisor Dr Syed Sir Faraz Ali Shah at his office Civil Secretariat Peshawar. Advisor to the Caretaker Chief Minister of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Dr. Syed Sir Faraz Ali Shah has said that the Corona epidemic has highlighted the need for a strong and organized digital infrastructure at the global level. Digital transformation is essential for faster connectivity, better efficiency and adapting to new challenges.

These views were expressed by the Caretaker Provincial Advisor for Mineral Development, Planning & Energy & Power Dr. Syed Sir Faraz Ali Shah in a meeting with Faisal Shehzad project director of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Revenue Mobilization and Public Resource Management in Civil Secretariat Peshawar yesterday. Senior Manager EY Azeem Sani and Program Manager NETSOL Zahid Mushtaq were also present in the meeting.



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

Another 143 dengue cases reported in Punjab

LAHORE (APP): The battle against dengue virus continues in Punjab as 143 new cases were reported on Sunday, according to the latest data from the Health Department. This year, a total of 5,469 confirmed dengue cases have been reported across 36 districts in Punjab. Lahore leads the unfortunate tally with a staggering 2,130 cases, closely followed by Rawalpindi with 1,561 cases, Multan with 620, Gujranwala with 268

and Faisalabad with 245 cases. As many as 52 new dengue cases were reported in Lahore, 47 in Rawalpindi, 10 in Multan, 11 in Gujranwala, 10 in Faisalabad, Sheikhupura recorded 3 new dengue cases, 2 cases reported from Kasur, Gujrat, Chakwal, Okara, Bahawalpur and Rajanpur each confirmed one new dengue case during the same period.

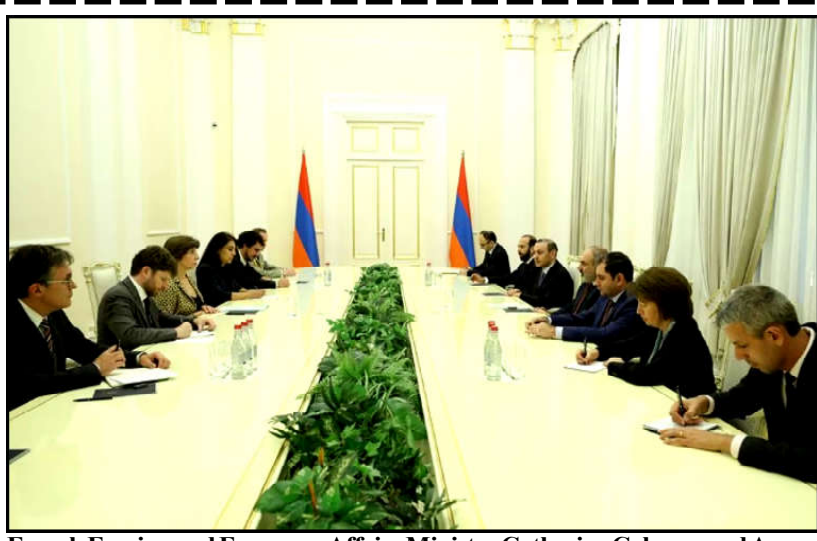
International News

58 Kurdish 'militants' killed by Turkiye in Syria

Monitoring Desk
ANKARA: Turkish forces have killed 58 Kurdish militants in northern Syria in overnight attacks on militant targets, the Defence Ministry said on Saturday, as conflict in the region escalated nearly a week after a bomb attack in Ankara. Turkiye this week said all targets belonging to the outlawed Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) militia and the Syrian Kurdish YPG militia were "legitimate targets" for its forces, after the PKK claimed responsibility for Sunday's bombing in Ankara which wounded two police officers and killed the two attackers. Turkiye said the at-

tackers came from Syria. The US-backed Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) — a coalition of rebel groups spearheaded by the YPG militia — denied this. Since the bomb attack, Ankara has launched a barrage of air strikes and ground-based attacks against militant targets in northern Syria and Iraq, while ramping up security operations at home. "Targets belonging to PKK/YPG terrorists in northern Syria's Euphrates Shield, Olive Branch, and Peace Spring operation areas were hit strongly all night long," the ministry said, referring to regions where Turkiye has previously mounted incursions. The ministry said the operations, which it says

are carried out under self-defence rights, had "neutralised" 58 militants in the region. Ankara typically uses the term "neutralised" to mean killed. Late on Friday, the ministry had said Turkiye's military had conducted air strikes in northern Syria, destroying 15 militant targets where it said militants were believed to be. Interior Minister Ali Yerlikaya said that police in the eastern province of Van had captured six people suspected of PKK links and in preparation of an attack. Following the bomb attack, authorities have carried out raids and operations across the country, seizing dozens of people.



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

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

Monitoring Desk
KYIV: A dozen people were wounded, including a 27-year-old woman and her 9-month-old baby, in a Russian attack on the southern Ukrainian region of Kherson, its governor said on Sunday. "The Kherson region experienced another terrible night," Governor Oleksandr Prokudin wrote on the Telegram messaging app. The woman and the infant were hospitalised with moderate wounds, he said, adding that a 33-

year-old Red Cross medic was also wounded. Several houses and gas pipelines were damaged in the attack. Over the past 24 hours, Russian forces carried out 59 attacks on Kherson, the region's administration said on Telegram, including 19 instances of shelling of Kherson city, the region's administrative centre. Reuters could not independently verify the reports. There was no immediate comment from Russia. Russia has frequently carried out air strikes and shelling on Ukraine since the start of its full-scale invasion in February 2022. Ukraine says its counteroffensive in the south and east is gradually making progress. Both sides deny targeting civilians, but thousands of civilians in Ukraine have been killed in attacks that have hit residential areas as well as energy, defence, port, grain and other facilities.

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

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KABUL: Powerful earthquakes in Afghanistan have killed more than 2,000 people and injured more than 9,000, the Taliban administration said on Sunday, in the deadliest tremors in years in the quake-prone mountainous country. Amid the confusion, the death toll from Saturday's quakes spiked from 500 reported on Sunday morning by a Red Crescent spokesperson and 16 from Saturday night. The quakes hit 35 km (20 miles) northwest of the city of Herat, with one measuring 6.3 magnitude, the

US Geological Survey (USGS) said. Mullah Janan Sayeeq, spokesman for the Ministry of Disasters, told Reuters that 2,053 people were dead, 9,240 injured and 1,329 houses damaged or destroyed. More than 200 dead had been brought to different hospitals, a Herat health department official who identified himself as Dr Danish told Reuters, adding most of them were women and children. Bodies had been "taken to several places — military bases, hospitals," Danish said.



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

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

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MOSCOW: Azerbaijan's president scolded the European Union and warned that France's decision to send military aid to Armenia could trigger a new conflict in the South Caucasus after a lightning Azerbaijani military operation last month. Azerbaijan's President Ilham Aliyev last week pulled out of an EU-brokered meeting with Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan at which Brussels said it was standing by Armenia. But Aliyev criticised the EU's approach — and particularly France's position — when European Council, Charles Michel, telephoned him, according to an Azerbaijani statement issued late on Saturday.

President Aliyev said "that due to the well-known position of France, Azerbaijan did not participate in the meeting in Granada," the Azerbaijani presidential office said. "The head of state emphasized that the provision of weapons by France to Armenia was an approach that was not serving peace, but one intended to inflame a new conflict, and if any new conflict occurs in the region, France would be responsible for causing it." France has agreed on future contracts with Armenia to supply it with military equipment to help ensure its defences, Foreign Minister Catherine Colonna said Oct. 3 during a visit to Yerevan.



Unioist supporters protest against amnesty of separatist leaders and activists involved in the failed independence drive at Passeig de Gracia in Barcelona, Spain.

US will always have Israel's back, says Biden

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WASHINGTON: United States President Joe Biden said on Saturday the US will always have Israel's back and warned that no enemy of Israel should exploit the attacks. Talking to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, he offered "all appropriate means of support" to the government and people of Israel in their fight against Hamas. "The United States unequivocally condemns this appalling assault against Israel by Hamas terrorists from Gaza, and I made clear to Prime Minister Netanyahu that we stand ready to offer all ap-

propriate means of support to the government and people of Israel," President Biden said in a statement issued after he spoke with Mr. Netanyahu. "My administration's support for Israel's security is rock solid and unwavering. "Terrorism is never justified. Israel has a right to defend itself and its people," he said. "We are heartbroken by the lives that have been tragically cut short and hope for a swift recovery for all those who have been wounded." President Biden said. "My team and I are tracking this situation closely, and I will remain in close touch with Prime Minister Netanyahu."

Indian flood toll up to 77 as waters recede

Monitoring Desk
NEW DELHI: At least 77 people are confirmed dead in the floods that hit India's northeast, authorities said on Sunday, with destroyed roads and bridges leaving thousands more still cut off despite waters receding. Violent torrents struck Sikkim state on Wednesday after a high-altitude glacial lake suddenly burst. Scientists warn that similar disasters will become an increasing danger across the Himalayas as global temperatures rise and ice melts, spurred by climate change. "A total of 29 bodies have been retrieved from different parts of Sikkim," state relief commissioner Anilraj Rai told AFP by phone. In neighbouring West Bengal state, Jalpaiguri district police told AFP that another 48 bodies had been recovered. More than 100 people are still missing, according to official figures. Water levels along the Teesta River "returned to normal" four days after the floods hit.

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

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WASHINGTON: U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken said part of the motivation for Hamas' latest attack on Israel could have been disrupting a potential normalizing of Israel-Saudi Arabia ties, adding Washington will announce new aid for Israel on Sunday. Hamas fighters rampaged through Israeli towns as the country suffered its bloodiest day in decades on Saturday and subsequently battered

Palestinian Authority calls for emergency Arab League meeting

Monitoring Desk
CAIRO: The Palestinian Authority submitted a memorandum on Sunday calling for an emergency Arab League meeting at the foreign ministerial level, according to Wafa, the Palestinian news agency. The request for the meeting comes in light of the "brutal and ongoing Israeli aggression against the Palestinian people, including the escalation of the storming of the Al-Aqsa Mosque by thousands of settlers."



QUETTA: Caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki giving away trophy to captain of winning team after conclusion of All Pakistan Chief Minister Gold Cup Football Tournament. Caretaker Provincial Minister for Sports Mir Jamal Raisani is also present

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

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

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

vide third parties to participate in this project," he told CCTV in an interview.

"We are now working to extend it to Afghanistan, the neighboring country of both China and Pakistan," he added.

Ambassador Haque said that China is a global leader in terms of many technologies like artificial intelligence, e-commerce, green technologies.

"So, it has been identified as one of the most important areas for the second phase, and we have established Joint Working Groups for cooperation," he added.

He said that new corridors like China-Pakistan Digital Corridor, Green Corridor and Health Corridor have been launched to benefit on the emerging opportunities in the area science and technology and Information Technology (IT) fields.

Responding to a question about the transportation projects, he said that Lahore Orange Metro Train was one of the first early harvest projects under the CPEC framework.

"It was built in the second largest city of Lahore, a city of over 10 million people.

Aneeq aims to provide better facilities for Hajj pilgrims

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

Speaking in a recent meeting with Caretaker Advisor to the Prime Minister on Aviation, Air Marshal @ Farhat Hussain Malik, he expressed hope that pilgrims would receive encouraging news regarding these efforts soon.

The minister emphasized the responsibility of ensuring travel amenities without compromising on quality. He underlined that their collective objective

was to enhance the services offered to pilgrims without increasing the cost of Hajj tickets.

In the meeting, Farhat said, "We have already initiated our work, and soon we will have good news for the pilgrims." He shared his dedication to the welfare of the pilgrims and their comfort during this sacred journey.

The meeting was attended by Aviation Secretary, Saif Anjum, Pakistan International Airlines Chairman, Managing Director and Ministry of Religious Affairs Additional Secretary, Syed Atta-ur-Rehman, among other officials from the Hajj wing.



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

Economic team led by finance minister leaves to Morocco

ISLAMABAD (Online): The economic team headed by caretaker finance minister Shamshad Akhtar left for Morocco today (Sunday). The caretaker Finance Minister and State Bank Governor departed from Karachi while the Finance Secretary left for Morocco from Islamabad.

According to sources in the Ministry of Finance, the economic team will participate in the annual meet-

ings of the World Bank and the IMF. Finance Secretary, Governor State Bank is accompanied by the caretaker Finance Minister, the economic team is scheduled to meet with MDIMF, World Bank President, Asian Development Bank officials.

Sources further said that the caretaker finance minister will discuss the sale of bonds in the international market along with the economic team.

13blns money laundering discloses under the guise of solar panels

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

According to media reports, the Directorate of Post Clearance Audit FBR Karachi has identified 6 more fake companies of solar panels during the customs clearance audit, and money worth 13 billion rupees has been transferred abroad under the guise of

solar panels on behalf of these fake companies.

Sources said that out of these 6 fictitious companies, 3 are related to Karachi and the other 3 are related to Quetta, 6 fictitious companies include Messrs. SH Traders, Messrs. Sahar International, Messrs. Delta Trading, Messrs. Smart Impex, Messrs. Ehsanullah Import Export and Asadullah Enterprises.

After the customs clearance audit, it has been pointed out that the above 6 fictitious companies have

Sultan says: Role of Pak Army during earthquakes would never be forgotten

MUZAFFARABAD (INP): Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) President Barrister Sultan Mahmood Chaudhry has said that unparalleled help provided by the Pakistan armed forces to the earthquake victims would never be forgotten by the people of Azad Jammu Kashmir.

In a statement, he said that compensation for the loss of human lives caused by the earthquake was not possible, but the government tried its best to rehabilitate the victims, rebuild and reconstruct the damaged infrastructure. He thanked the international community for its generous support for rescue.

128 illegal foreigners held in Quetta operations

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

Meanwhile, cases were registered against 38 people under Foreign Act. According to details, as part of mass deportation of illegal Afghan nationals, police continues operations in Quetta.

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

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

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

QUETTA: The caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki has stated that wholehearted opportunities of healthy activities are being provided to the youth in the province.

The Chief Minister was addressing the closing ceremony of All Pakistan Chief Minister Gold Cup Football Tournament played at the football ground in Ayub Stadium on Sunday afternoon.

He said that the competitions of different sports including football in Quetta are proof of that this land is ambassador of the peace.

He said that the youth of province are second to

none in potential. They just need opportunities and proper patronage to excel in the sports and other sectors, he added.

The Chief Minister on the occasion appreciated the Provincial Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs, Nawabzada Jamal Raisani and all the organizers for holding the national level football event in Quetta successfully.

He also assured that the provincial government would fully encourage the talented players for promotion of the sports in province.

He said the event remained continued despite the terrorism act in Mastung and loss of so many precious lives in it.

He said this event of national level gives message that we are peace and sports loving.

In the end, Chief Minister gave away cash prizes and trophies to the top three position holders of the event.

The cash prize of Rs. 1.5 million along with the winning trophy to KRL team.

The cash prize of Rs. 1 million was awarded with runner-up trophy to the WAPDA team.

Similarly, Rs. 0.5 million cash was given to the Madho Muhammadan Karachi. It may be mentioned here that KRL defeated WAPDA by 1-0 to win the CM Gold Cup Tournament.



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

Pakistan faces unpredictable events caused by climatic condition: Chairman NDMA

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

In his message on "National Resilience Day", he said that we commemorate the occasion with a mission and commitment to advance national preparedness by improving and increasing the nation's resilience to natural and human induced threats.

Lt Gen Inam Haider said that to meet disasters caused by climatic challenges, NDMA was proactively working at reducing the vulnerability to disasters, and also providing coping mechanisms and framework for effective disaster management. The disaster management system in Pakistan has traveled a long way in the recent time

with formulation of National Disaster Risk Reduction Policy and National Disaster Management Plan but still we have to go very far by implementing these policies and plan in their true letter and spirit, he added.

He said, "We have also made considerable progress in mainstreaming disaster risk reduction in development processes, which will no doubt lead to greater national resilience against potential disasters. Our expedition for resilience is consistent and we need to make our utmost efforts to realize the ideals."

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

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

He said, "This transformation involves the establishment of a modern National Emergency Operations Center (NEOC) at the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA). The disaster NEOC is now capacitated to create common operating picture enabled by multiple satellite feeds, softwares, Artificial intelligence tools that is expected to strengthen digital risk assessment, early warning systems, and preparedness strategies." Im Haider said that National Resilience Day prompts us to embrace best practices and implement policies and strategies aimed at fortifying our nation.



QUETTA: Activists of Pakistan Sunni Tehreek hold a protest in favour of their demands at Quetta Press Club.

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

ISLAMABAD (Online): The negligence and incompetence of NTDC and DISCOs, the burden of line losses and transmission losses of more than 141 billion rupees has also been put on the consumers, have incurred losses in excess of the prescribed limit. According to the audit documents, various DISCOs and NTDCs have suffered losses in excess of the prescribed limit of line and transmission losses from NEPRA, which have been more than 141 billion 76 crore rupees during the financial year 2021/22. PESCO has been leading in terms of losses of more than Rs.53.5 billion.

According to the documents, Lahore Electric Supply Corporation's line and transmission losses are more than 24 billion 42 crore rupees, Multan Electric Supply Corporation's line and transmission losses are more than 22 billion 85 crore rupees. HESCO has the losses more than 13 billion 5 crore rupees, and SEPCO line and 24 billion 78 crore rupees, FESCO's line and transmission losses are 16 billion 82 crore rupees, NTDC's line and transmission losses are 5 billion 71 crore rupees, LESCO's line and transmission losses are 16 billion 6 crore rupees, TESCO's line and transmission losses are more than 83 crore rupees. While GEPCO's transmission and line losses have been more than 67 crore rupees. According to the documents, the audit authorities have sought details of feeder-wise power line and transmission losses.

PDM parties doing drama over election date: Khattak

ISLAMABAD (INP): Terming the recent trade of verbal blows and apparently escalating feud among component parties of the Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM) and key partner of the former government over the poll timing a "drama", Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf Parliamentarians (PTI-P) Chief Perviz Khattak has said that the former ruling alliance is "misleading" the nation.

Addressing a ceremony held on Sunday to mark the formal induction of Pakistan Muslim League-Quaid's (PML-Q) Allama Muhammad Shoaib and his colleagues into the newly-formed party, Khattak — once the close aide of PTI Chairman Imran Khan — said: "The PDM empowered the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) [to fix a date for the general elections in the country] but now they are doing a drama."

NDMA to dispatch relief items to quake-hit Afghanistan

ISLAMABAD (APP): The National Disaster Management Authority has arranged relief items including food, medicines, tents and blankets as well as Search and Rescue Teams to be dispatched on immediate basis to quake-hit Herat Afghanistan.

This was briefed at a special session of the National Emergency Operations Centre held in Islamabad today.



QUETTA: Chairman Senate Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani condoling with former MNA Mir Ehsanullah Reki over death of his father

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

UN, OIC urged to craft meaningful strategy for settlement of Palestine issue

ISLAMABAD (INP): Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) called upon the United Nations and the OIC to realize the gravity of the situation and should immediately hammer out a meaningful and result-oriented strategy to find out lasting and perpetual solution to the Palestinian issue, insisting that enduring peace in the region lies only in a two-state solution.

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

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

manent and durable solution to the Palestinian issue.

PTI spokesperson made it clear that the people of Palestine have full right to get their own land and independent state, adding that the establishment of an independent Palestinian state with Al-Quds Al-Sharif as its capital was inevitable for the regional security and stability.

He recalled that PTI Chairman Imran Khan's principled stance on the Palestine issue was the key for the perpetual solution to the conflict and the lasting peace in the region, who has consistently maintained his stance that oppression, occupation, and peace cannot go hand in hand.

PTI spokesperson underlined that the Israel's occupation on Palestinian territories and its policy of expansion through use of force, inhuman coercion and fascism was the basis of the conflict.



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

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

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

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

The President CPSP also inaugurated the first-ever Advanced Life Support in Obstetrics course at the CPSP Regional Office.

Speaking on the occasion, Professor Khalid Masud Gondal said that the postgraduate training and education is being promoted in the province so as to improve the healthcare services in Balochistan.

He said that it is our endeavour to provide better medical treatment opportunities and facilities for people in the province. Professor Gondal also mentioned that CPSP is the only institution that has international recognition.

He said that it is our desire to establish the regional offices of CPSP in Loralai, Turbat and Khuzdar so that the doctors may get the postgraduate training in remote areas of the province as well.



CHAMAN: Caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki addressing jirga of tribal elders