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Sibi to Harnai train service restored after 18 years Restoration of railway service will create economic prospects, job opportunities in the region: CM

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QUETTA (INP): Pakistan Railways has restored the Sibi-Harnai railway service for traffic after 18 years. Caretaker Chief Minister of Balochistan Ali Mardan Domki and Federal Minister of Railways inaugurated the railway service. Caretaker CM addressing the ceremony said that the railway track was closed in February 2006. "Restoration of the railway service will create economic prospects and job opportunities in the region," he said. "The Bolan Mail service will be restored on Dec 25, while Nawab Akbar Bugti Express will run in the next phase," chief minister said. Moreover, goods trains will also run on the Sibi-Harnai railway track, he added. "The railway's track was made dysfunctional after a series of bomb blasts which damaged 22 steel bridges in the highly rugged and inaccessible area," an official in the Ministry of Railways earlier told the official news agency. "The restoration of the railway between the twin historical cities of Sibi and Harnai will have a positive

impact on the economy and agriculture of the entire region," the official added. With the rehabilitation of the railway track, he said not only the students of district Harnai and Ziarat will also get opportunities to acquire higher education but also boost the economic and commercial activities in the region. In March 2016, a contract for rehabilitation and restoration of the Sibi-Harnai railway track along with the up-gradation of railway stations was awarded to the NLC. During the initial survey of the track, it was found that 22 steel bridges were destroyed and required replacement for the restoration of the train operation. Railway official said a total of nine railway stations along with tracks had been upgraded by NLC engineers including the reconstruction of Harnai Railway Station and a complete renovation of Sibi Railway Station, which could be regarded as the finest railway station in Balochistan.



SIBI: Caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Ali Mardan Domki inaugurates restoration of Sibi-Harnai Railway section. Caretaker Federal Minister for Railways Shahid Ashraf Tarar and others are also present.



QUETTA: Chief of Jamiat Ulema-i-Islam, Maulana Fazlur Rehman addressing public gathering during Toofan Al-Aqsa conference.

Catastrophe unfolding in Gaza, warns UN secretary general

Monitoring Desk

UNITED NATIONS: "A humanitarian catastrophe is unfolding in front of our eyes," UN Secretary General António Guterres warned on Saturday as another night of heavy bombing flattened Gaza and virtually cut it off from the outside world. The UN General Assembly adopted a resolution by 120 to 14 votes calling for an "immediate, durable and sustained humanitarian truce" in Gaza. But even this overwhelming support for a pause in fighting had little impact on the situation in Gaza, where the Israeli military action seems to have entered a decisive phase.

Pakistan calls on world to exert pressure on Israel for ceasefire in Gaza

ISLAMABAD (INP): Pakistan has called on the international community to put pressure on Israel to respect UN resolutions demanding an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. In a post on social media platform X on Sunday, Caretaker Foreign Minister Jalil Abbas Jilani said Israel turned lights off and cut all communication in Gaza as the death toll rises. He further stressed not to lose sight of the plight of innocent Palestinians in the hour of darkness. "Pakistan calls on Int community to exert pressure on Israel to respect UN Res demanding an immediate ceasefire," Abbas further said in his post. The Gaza health ministry has said that more than 8,000 had been killed in the Palestinian territory since the start of the current conflict with Israel on October 7.



DUKI: Chairman PkMAP Mehmood Khan Achakzai addressing Jirga.

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Two remaining footballers recovered from Dera Bugti

QUETTA (INP): Pakistan Levies have recovered two footballers, who had been kidnapped from Dera Bugti along with their four team mates on September 9, from Pir Koh tehsil of the district. The other four had been recovered 20 days later on September 29. According to the Levies officials, both Babar Ali and Shiraz Khan have reached their homes. The footballers were whisked away when they were travelling from Dera Bugti to Sibbi.

Anti-polio campaign postponed in Chaman due to sit-in

CHAMAN (INP): District Administration has decided to postpone seven-day special anti-polio campaign in Chaman district due to the sit-in on the Pak-Afghan border highway. Deputy Commissioner Chaman Raja Athar Abbas said that the decision was made due to sit-in, law and order situation and other problems in the area. It may be mentioned here that for the past nine days, thousands of political workers, traders and tribesmen have been protesting against the government's decision to only allow travellers with a passport and visa to enter Afghanistan. They have demanded restoring the old border crossing system as locals have families on both sides, and the new restriction will impede their movement.

Senate to discuss Gaza situation today

ISLAMABAD (Online): Senate body will hold session to discuss Gaza situation as Israel continues its blatant aggression and human right violation against Palestinians in Gaza. Senate session will be held today (Monday) at 2pm. Chairman senate Sadiq Sanjrani will chair the session. According to the senate secretariat the agenda of the session is to present resolution on the Gaza crises. During the session, Senators will also voice their own opinion regarding the latter situation.

Dr. Shamshad Akhtar says Govt controls inflation with a better strategy

KARACHI (Online): Caretaker Finance Minister Dr. Shamshad Akhtar has said that the tax collected by FBR in the first quarter of the current fiscal is more than the target of IMF and during this period the IMF program effectively implemented. Anti-trafficking campaign is being given much attention and illegal transactions and hoarding are being controlled, she added. Shamshad Akhtar said there is a special focus on the anti-trafficking campaign and the important role of the law enforcement agencies in the eradication of trafficking and for this I salute our law enforcement agencies. The government has controlled the inflation with a better strategy, the effort to control the inflation is

going on, success is also happening, we have tried to revive the economy and it is not an easy task, she continued. Finance minister said "We all have to work together, when we came to government, we were surrounded by problems from all sides but the caretaker government has controlled the situation very quickly, improvement in the value of rupee depends on the market." She expressed these views while addressing the members and talking to the media at the Korangi Association of Trade and Industry (KATI) yesterday (Sunday). Chairman FBR Amjad Towana, President KATI Farazur Rahman, Deputy Chief Patron Zubairchaya and others also spoke on this occasion.



QUETTA: Balochistan Governor Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar in a group photo with Balochistan members of Pakistan Writers Guild.

Caretaker federal cabinet to meet today on 14-point agenda

ISLAMABAD (Online): The meeting of the caretaker federal cabinet will be held today (Monday). The meeting will be held under the chairmanship of caretaker Prime Minister Anwarul Haq Kakar at the Prime Minister House, in which the 14-point agenda will be considered. The Hajj Policy 2024 will be presented for approval in the cabinet meeting. The Hajj and Umrah Regulation Bill 2023 will be presented to the Cabinet for approval.

Cop martyred as militants storm police camp in Dera Ismail Khan

DERA ISMAIL KHAN (INP): A policeman was martyred when militants, armed with sophisticated weapons, stormed a police camp near CPEC York Toll Plaza in Dera Ismail Khan early Sunday morning. Sources said that loud explosions were heard as the militants also hurled hand grenades at the camp, which normally houses 15 to 20 policemen. The exchange of fire between the two sides continued for a considerable time period. The deceased cop was identified as Sher Alam.

President concedes with families of martyred troops

ISLAMABAD (APP): President Dr. Arif Alvi on Sunday expressed condolences to the families of the martyrs of the Pakistan Army over telephone. The president spoke to the families of the soldiers over phone who were martyred in North and South Waziristan on October 16 and 18. He paid tribute to Sepoy Abdul Hameed, Lance Naik Tabassum-ul-Haq, and Sepoy Naeem Akhtar. President Alvi also paid tribute to Lance Naik Waris Khan and Sepoy Sajid Azim in a telephonic conversation with their families. He saluted on behalf of the nation to the martyred for their services and sacrifices for the country.

Calls for global solidarity JUI-F declares unwavering support for Palestinian cause

QUETTA (INP): Jamiat Ulema-i-Islam-Fazl (JUI-F) chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman Sunday called for global unity against Israeli oppression and declared unwavering solidarity with the Palestinian people and their struggle for independence. In an address at the Al-Aqsa Conference organized by the JUI-F in Quetta, he asserted without taking the name, "We have defeated the agent of Jewish lobby and we will defeat the Zionist powers on Palestinian land as well." He hinted that the agent of the Zionist lobby (Imran Khan) is facing the consequences. Maulana Fazlur Rehman asserted that they stand with our Palestinian brothers and are with them

in the war of independence. He reiterated that the large gathering was a message directed towards America and Israel, underscoring the shared commitment of the JUI to the Palestinian cause. "We declare equal participation in the liberation of Palestine," Maulana Fazlur Rehman added. In a direct message to the world, Maulana Fazlur Rehman asserted, we stand with our Palestinian brothers. He expressed his unwavering belief in the readiness of the Mujahideen to fight against Israel. Fazlur Rehman also addressed the changing dynamics of global power, stating, "America is no longer the superpower of the world," and urged the rulers to break free from what he perceived as subservience to America. Commenting on the global stage, Maulana Fazlur Rehman raised concerns about Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's open support for Israel. He criticized the Pakistani rulers for not taking a stronger stand, highlighting the contrast in the terminology used to describe certain groups. "Those who call terrorists, we call them mujahideen of the time," he proclaimed. JUI head also pointed out that while the rulers celebrated independence on August 14th, the population remained enslaved throughout the year.

Federal government's criminal delay become fatal blow to PIA

ISLAMABAD (Online) Federal Government's criminal delay has become a disaster for Pakistan International Airline (PIA). The Ministry of Religious Affairs also became a participant in the recent PIA crisis. Despite the availability of Rs.550 million, the Ministry of Religious Affairs was unable to pay the PIA. According to PIA sources, if the Ministry of Religious Affairs makes payments, the problems of non-availability of fuel can be solved. Federal Secretary of Religious Affairs could not be appointed even after 40 days. Aftab Akbar Durani, Grade 22 Secretary of Religious Affairs, was transferred as Federal Secretary on September 18. Due to the absence of a Federal Secretary, the upcoming Hajj and other matters of the Ministry of Religious Affairs are also pending. Under the official Hajj scheme, PIA was entrusted with the responsibility of transporting 50% of the pilgrims to the Holy Hijaz. 61461 Pakistani pilgrims traveled through PIA this year while 258 flights were operated to bring pilgrims back home. 136 flights were operated from Jeddah and 122 from Madinah, the Ministry of Religious Affairs collected 250,000 rupees per person for air travel from the pilgrims.

SC 3-member bench to hear case of holding elections within 90 days on Nov 2

ISLAMABAD (Online): Supreme Court (SC) three-member bench headed by Chief Justice Qazi Faiz Isa will hear the case related to the holding of general elections on November 2. The bench includes Justice Athar Mullah and Justice Aminuddin Khan. SC issued a notice to the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) and the Federal Government on the previous hearing and sought their response. Supreme Court Bar, PTI and others have filed petitions against the decision of the Council of Common Interests and holding elections in ninety days. ECP and the Federal Government have prepared responses which are likely to be submitted on Monday, in which the Election Commission and the caretaker government will inform about the efforts and actions taken so far.



USTA MUHAMMAD: Caretaker Provincial Home Minister Mir Zubair Khan Jamali talking to tribal elites and media persons.

Governor KP visits AUST, inaugurates projects worth one billion rupees

PESHAWAR (APP): Governor of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Haji Ghulam Ali has reaffirmed his commitment for advancing the education and research in the province. During his visit to the Abbottabad University of Science and Technology (AUST) on Sunday, the Governor underlined the importance of universities engaging in commercial research, showcasing how universities worldwide are generating billions through research commercialization. He urged universities in the province to make a name for themselves in the research field. During his visit, the Governor inaugurated various projects worth one

billion rupees, funded by the Higher Education Commission in the university. These projects included the establishment of the Institute of Space Technology and initiatives to harness solar energy for the University. The Governor unveiled a new Academic Block and a Regional Anti-Terrorism Center at the University, emphasizing the importance of research and security efforts. Governor Ghulam Ali distributed laptops among the university's students and Higher Education Commission scholarships. The inaugural ceremony was attended by numerous dignitaries, including Vice Chancellor Abbottabad University, Dr. Majid-ur-Rahman, faculty

members, and representatives from the Higher Education Commission, along with a large gathering of students. In his address, Governor Ghulam Ali highlighted the substantial allocation of the national budget towards the education sector and encouraged all universities to prepare surplus budgets. He stressed that guidelines for budget preparation had been provided to universities after consultation with the Governor's Secretariat. In an unprecedented move, the Governor's Secretariat has prepared a comprehensive financial report related to university budget matters, which will be presented to the universities for review, said Governor Ghulam Ali.



PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Governor Haji Ghulam Ali inaugurates Institute of Space Technology at Abbottabad University of Science and Technology.

Punjab CM greets leadership of Turkiye

Independent Report
LAHORE: Punjab Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi has congratulated the leadership and people on the Republic Day of Turkiye. In his message on the 100th anniversary of the Republic of Turkiye, he said it is a matter of great joy for the Pakistanis as well. "Turkiye is an important Islamic country in the global scenario. Strenuous hard work of the people and leadership of Turkiye is worth appreciating. Pakistan-Turkiye friendship is a unique and unprecedented tale of mutual love. Turkiye and Pakistan always stand shoulder to shoulder with each other to provide assistance and cooperation in every time

of difficulty and will continue to do so. Pakistan-Turkiye relationship is a magnificent blend of mutual love, brotherhood, trust and partnership. We earnestly endeavour for the promotion of mutual collaboration and brotherhood between Pakistan and Turkiye. We deeply extol the splendid services rendered by various Turkish institutions in Punjab," he added. The chief minister highlighted that Pakistan and Turkiye have similar culture, history and civilization on account of which their friendship is exemplary. "I pray for a bright future of the people of Turkiye and further strengthening of Pakistan-Turkiye friendship," he added.

IGP instructs officials to complete modern law and order control training

LAHORE (APP): Inspector General of Police (IGP) Punjab Dr Usman Anwar on Sunday visited Punjab Constabulary Headquarters Farooqabad. He presided over a meeting about the training matters of Punjab Constabulary officials, reviewed the training modules, inspected the field exercises of anti-riot force, issued orders after listening to problems of the force and officers, and gave away awards to the best performers in various categories as well. The IGP started his visit by laying wreaths at

the Martyrs Memorial, recited Fateha and paid tribute to sacrifices of the martyrs. He inspected the anti-riot force formations exercise at PC Headquarters parade ground. He instructed the officials to complete the modern law and order control training with utmost dedication. The IGP said that the anti-riots course had been designed to deal with emergency situations including control of violent angry protesters and crowd dispersal. He also visited Police Training School Farooqabad.

Naqvi convene Punjab Cabinet special today

LAHORE (Online): Caretaker Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi called a special meeting of the Punjab Cabinet today (Monday). In the meeting, the budget for the next four months of the current financial year 2023-24 will be approved. Provincial Ministers, Advisors, Chief Secretary, Inspector General of Police, Chairman Planning and Board, Secretaries of concerned departments and senior officials will participate in the meeting.



HUNZA: Minister IT Gilgit-Baltistan Suraiya Zaman in a group photo with the team of KADO.

6 dead, 1,268 injured in 1167 road accidents in Punjab

LAHORE (APP): At least six persons were killed and 1268 injured in 1167 road accidents in all 37 districts of Punjab during the last 24 hours. Out of them, 624 people with serious injuries were shifted to hospitals, while 644 victims with minor injuries were treated at the sites by rescue medical teams thus reducing the burden of hospitals. Furthermore, the analysis showed that 601 drivers, 35 underage drivers, 161 pedestrians, and 512 passengers were among the victims. The statistics show that 258 accidents were reported in Lahore which affected 285 persons placing the provincial capital at top of the list followed by 83 in Faisalabad with 92 victims and Multan with 67 accidents and 69 victims.

ANF recovers 137kg drugs in six operations

RAWALPINDI (APP): Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) while conducting six operations managed to recover over 137 kg of drugs and arrested three accused including a woman, said an ANF Headquarters spokesman. He informed that 3.6 kg hashish was recovered from the possession of an accused, a resident of Karachi arrested in Dera Ghazi Khan. The accused was trying to smuggle drugs from Quetta to Punjab. A woman resident of

Okara who was going to Doha by flight number QR-621 from Allama Iqbal Airport was arrested. 59 heroin and Ice filled capsules were recovered from her possession. In the third operation, 85 kg heroin and 10 kg Ice drug, hidden in a house in the Batizai area of Pishin were recovered. In the fourth operation, 26 kg of ice concealed in a house near Turbat was recovered which was concealed to smuggle abroad.

Muslims urged to unite for Palestine cause

SIALKOT (APP): Jammu and Kashmir Freedom Movement convener Dr. Zahid Ghani Dar has said that Israel's atrocities on Palestinians should stop immediately. Talking to APP here today, he urged the world community to use its influence to pressurize Israel for halting larger scale human rights violations and genocide of the Palestinian people by the Israel armed forces. He said that Israel's

atrocities on the oppressed Palestinians had reached an extreme level. He said that the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and Muslim countries should play their role in stopping the war. He demanded that Muslim countries should come together for the Palestine cause. "Raising voices for Palestinians is the responsibility of Muslims and a part of their faith.

Two cops among four booked

FAISALABAD (APP): Sadr police claimed on Sunday to have booked four people including two police officials on charge of abduction for ransom, and arrested one of the accused. Constable Umar Daraz and constable Qaisar posted at Ghulam Muhammad Abad police station, along with his two accomplices Zeeshan Younus, etc. had allegedly abducted a citizen Waris Ali, resident of Kaleem Shaheed Colony. The meeting was



KARACHI: Members of Students Civil Society are holding protest demonstration against Israeli cruel and inhumane acts and express unity with the innocent people of Palestine, held at Karachi press club.

PDB expedites work on 43 development projects

LAHORE (APP): The Planning and Development Board (PDB) Punjab has geared up its round the clock working to complete the 43 development projects in the province, within the timeline, official sources told APP on Sunday. It is worth to notify that in a recent meeting with PDB, the Caretaker Punjab Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi, the progress on ongoing development projects across the province was reviewed in which the CM Punjab observed the development progress on 43 projects. The meeting was

informed that 92 percent of the work on Shadara Multigrade Flyover project, 65 percent on Imamia Colony Overhead Bridge had been completed. The construction of Akbar Chowk flyover and Bedian underpass had been completed 80 percent, Main Boulevard Gulberg to Walton Road 80 percent while Ghorra Chowk flyover had been completed 34 percent. The meeting reviewed the upgradation of Services Hospital, Gangaram, Mayo Hospital, General Hospital, Lady Willingdon and other hospitals.

International News

Biden says Mideast leaders must consider a two-state solution after the war ends

Monitoring Desk
WASHINGTON: As the 3-week-old Israel-Hamas war enters what Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu says could be a "long and difficult" new stage, President Joe Biden is calling on Israeli and Arab leaders to think hard about their eventual postwar reality. It's one, he argues, where finally finding agreement on a long-sought two-state solution to the Israel-Palestinian conflict should be a priority. "There's no going back to the status quo as it stood on Oct. 6," Biden told reporters, referring to the day before Hamas militants attacked Israel and set off the latest war. The White House says Biden conveyed the same message directly to

Netanyahu during a telephone call this past week. "It also means that when this crisis is over, there has to be a vision of what comes next, and in our view it has to be a two-state solution," Biden said. The push for a two-state solution — one in which Israel would co-exist with an independent Palestinian state — has eluded U.S. presidents and Middle East diplomats for decades. It's been put on the back burner since the last American-led effort at peace talks collapsed in 2014 amid disagreements on Israeli settlements, the release of Palestinian prisoners and other issues. Palestinian statehood is something that Biden rarely addressed in the early going of his adminis-

tration. During his visit to the West Bank last year, Biden said the "ground is not ripe" for new attempts to reach a permanent peace even as he reiterated to Palestinians the long-held U.S. support for statehood. Now, at a moment of heightened concern that the Israel-Hamas war could spiral into a broader regional conflict, Biden has begun to emphasize that once the bombing and shooting stop, working toward a Palestinian state should no longer be ignored. Until recently, Biden had put far more emphasis on what his administration saw as the achievable ambition of normalizing relations between Israel and its Arab neighbors than on restarting peace talks.



Protesters calling for a ceasefire in Gaza walk past the ancient Colosseum in Rome. Massive protests were held in major European capitals demanding an end to Israeli atrocities in the besieged enclave.

Hundreds of thousands attend pro-Palestinian rallies in Europe

Monitoring Desk
LONDON: Hundreds of thousands of demonstrators rallied in cities across Europe, the Middle East and Asia on Saturday to show support for the Palestinians. In London, which saw one of the biggest marches, aerial footage showed large crowds marching through the centre of the British capital to demand the government of Prime Minister Rishi Sunak call for a halt to hostilities. "The superpowers at play are not doing enough at the moment. This is why

we're here: we're calling for a ceasefire, calling for Palestinian rights, the right to exist, to live, human rights, all our rights," said protester Camille Revuelta. "This is not about protecting Palestinian lives," she added. Echoing Washington's stance, Rishi Sunak's government has stopped short of calling for a ceasefire, and instead advocated "humanitarian pauses" to allow aid to reach Gaza. Britain has supported Israel's right to defend itself after the Oct 7 Hamas raid in Israel. There has been strong

support and sympathy for Israel from Western governments and many citizens over the Hamas raids, but the Israeli response has also prompted anger, particularly in Arab and other Muslim countries. In Malaysia, a large crowd of demonstrators chanted slogans outside the US embassy in Kuala Lumpur. A huge rally in the Turkish city of Istanbul also drew hundreds of thousands of people. In the Israeli-occupied West Bank, Palestinian protesters took to the streets in Hebron, calling for a global boycott of Israeli products.

Ukrainian drones hit Nuclear waste facility, says Moscow

Monitoring Desk
MOSCOW: A Ukrainian drone crashed into a nuclear waste storage facility at the Kursk power plant in western Russia on Thursday, damaging its walls, Russia's foreign ministry said on Saturday, calling on other governments to condemn "an act of nuclear terrorism". A ministry statement said Ukraine must have known that its actions could have caused a full-scale nuclear catastrophe that would have affected many countries. "We call on all governments to issue a strong condemnation of Kyiv's bar-

baric actions, which are extremely dangerous and could lead to irreparable consequences," said foreign ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova. Moscow said that it had thwarted Thursday's drone attack and two news outlets said an explosion had damaged the facade of a warehouse storing nuclear waste. Saturday's statement was the first official confirmation of the damage. Zakharova said one explosive-packed drone had damaged the nuclear waste facility's walls while another two had hit an administrative building complex.



People gather outside the explosion site in India's Kerala state.

Turkiye celebrates centenary under shadow of Gaza war

Monitoring Desk
ISTANBUL: Turkiye marks its centenary as a post-Ottoman republic on Sunday with somewhat muted celebrations held under the shadow of Israel's escalating war with Hamas militants in Gaza. President Recep Tayyip Erdogan will be front and centre of day-long events that both honour the secular republic's founder and play up the achievement of the Islamic-rooted party running Turkiye since 2002. Erdogan and World War I-era military commander Mustafa Kemal Ataturk have become the seminal figures of the modern Turkish state. Ataturk is lionised

across Turkish society for driving out invading forces and building a brand new nation out of the fallen Ottoman Empire's ruins in the wake of World War I. Turkiye was formed as a Western-facing nation that stripped religion from its state institutions and tried to forge a modern new identity out of its myriad ethnic groups. It eventually became a proud member of the US-led NATO defence alliance and a beacon of democratic hopes in the Middle East. But Ataturk's social and geopolitical transformation of the overwhelmingly Muslim nation created divisions that weigh on Turkish politics to this day.



Foreign Minister Yoko Kamikawa and Yasutoshi Nishimura, right, the Japanese minister in charge of trade and the economy, attend a G-7 Trade Ministers' Meeting in Osaka, western Japan.

Anti-Hasina protest turns violent, leaves two dead

Monitoring Desk
DHAKA: Police fired tear gas and rubber bullets at huge crowds of Bangladesh opposition supporters on Saturday to break up a giant protest against the prime minister, with an officer and a protester killed in several hours of violent clashes in central Dhaka. More than 100,000 supporters of two major Bangladesh opposition parties rallied to demand Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina step down to allow a free

and fair vote under a neutral government. Live footage on the verified Facebook page of the main opposition Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) showed thousands of people running for safety as sound grenades went off one after another and plumes of black smoke rose from the roads. Correspondents said the violence spread in roads and alleys in the centre of the capital as police fired tear gas and rubber shotgun rounds.

Chinese party delegation visits Solomon Islands

Monitoring Desk
BEIJING: A Chinese communist party delegation has visited the Solomon Islands, calling the "flourishing" cooperation between China and the Pacific nation a show of how diplomatic ties were in their peoples' interest. Chinese state media said on Sunday. The delegation led by the deputy head of the international department under China's Communist Party central committee, Guo Yezhou, met Solomon Islands' Prime Minister Manasseh Sogavare during a visit spanning Friday to Sunday. The delegation also met the foreign minister and energy minister. China had signed a policing pact with the Solomon Islands in July, as both countries upgraded their ties to a "comprehensive strategic partnership" when Sogavare met Chinese Premier Li Qiang in Beijing. China's visit to the southern Pacific archipelago comes a week before Australia's Prime Minister Anthony Albanese is set to visit Beijing.

100th anniversary of Turkiye
Pak leaders want to further enhance strategic partnership with Turkiye

ISLAMABAD (INP): Pakistani leaders on Sunday said that Pakistan wants to further enhance strategic partnership with people of Turkiye. In their separate messages on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of Turkiye, President Dr Arif Alvi, Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaarul Haq Kakar, Former prime minister and PML-N President Shehbaz Sharif, and Punjab Chief Minister Syed Mohsin Raza Naqvi have reaffirmed Pakistan's abiding commitment to further cement its multidimensional strategic ties with Turkiye, especially in the economic domain.

Caretaker has congratulated the President and people of Turkiye. "On behalf of the people of Pakistan and the government of Pakistan, I would like to extend my warmest congratulations to President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on the auspicious occasion of 100th anniversary of Republic of Turkiye which was found on October 29 in 1923 under the charismatic leadership of Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, the great leader of Turkiye," President Alvi said in his video message. He said the relationship between Pakistan and Turkiye had been very old, even before the formation

of Turkiye and Pakistan when there was a great friendship of people of this region and the people Turkiye. He highlighted that the good relationship was evident from the fact that people along with relief goods from this region were sent to fight along with them in the Russian battle which Turkiye had always reciprocated. The president believed that a tremendous progress had been made under the outstanding leadership of Tayyip Erdogan while at the same time there had been a great leadership shown in the issues of the Muslim world by the current Turkiye leadership.

The outstanding friendship between Pakistan and Turkiye is based on mutual understanding on world issues as well as Turkiye stood by us on Kashmir, the president said. He said the Turkish president had taken bold stance on the recent brutal events happening in Gaza. He believed that the Muslim world would also take a bold stance on this very painful issue of Gaza and on the issue of Kashmir as well. The president said the world had forgotten how the Muslims had always welcome people from all religions in Anatolia and Andalus throughout history.



ISLAMABAD: Amir Jamaat-e-Islami Pakistan Sirajul Haque addressing the participants of the Gaza March.

Ashrafi highlights S. Arabia's crucial role in resolving Palestinian issue amid

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Special Representative to the Prime Minister on Religious Harmony and the Pakistani Diaspora in the Middle East and Islamic Countries, Hafiz Muhammad Tahir Mehmood Ashrafi, said on Sunday that Saudi Arabia had emerged as a crucial player in finding a solution to the long-standing Palestinian issue in a tumultuous region marred by conflict and uncertainty. In an exclusive interview with APP, he said the recent escalation in violence, exemplified by a deadly missile strike on Al-Ahli Baptist Hospital just hours before President Biden's visit to Israel, underscored the urgency of

addressing the Palestinian crisis. Ashrafi, who is also the chairman of the Pakistan Ulama Council, said for the Palestinians in Gaza, each passing day brought more suffering, with a continuous toll of lives lost since October. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's commitment to a potential ground offensive on Gaza added to the tension, while journalists had become casualties in targeted attacks, he added. In a heartbreaking turn of events, he said Al Jazeera Arabic's Gaza bureau chief lost his wife, son, daughter, and grandson in an Israeli airstrike on his home. He said the absence of for-

ign journalists in Gaza amplified the courage of Palestinian journalists, who were risking their lives to report on the situation in a region under Israeli siege. Ashrafi said the Arab leadership, once poised for a new chapter in Israeli-Palestinian relations and the prospect of a self-governing Palestinian state, had witnessed Israel's disproportionate response to recent events. He said the Saudis had taken a stand by informing Washington of their decision to freeze normalized talks, as this gesture emphasized that the Palestinian issue could not be dismissed in the pursuit of normalizing relations with Israel.



QUETTA: Caretaker Provincial Minister for Health Dr. Ameer Muhammad Khan Jogeza inspecting the cleanliness and various sections during his visit to Civil Hospital.

PIA restores Skardu flights to rescue stranded tourists

SKARDU (INP): Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) has announced multiple flights to Skardu, Gilgit to rescue tourists who were stranded in northern areas amid blockade of roads and cancellation of flights. PIA, the national flag carrier, has announced plans to operate six flights to rescue stranded tourists. The flights will operate from Islamabad for Gilgit and Skardu. The tourists were stranded after Pakistan International Airlines cancelled multiple flights to and from Gilgit and Skardu due to fuel crisis and land routes restricted by extreme

weather. Taking notice, Minister of State Wasi Shah took action and approached concerned officials to arrange flights for those who were stranded in Skardu and Gilgit. Shah contacted the senior officials of PIA and asked for an immediate solution to the problem, as the tourism industry is badly affected amid the haphazard situation. The Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the Cabinet approved a Rs. 8 billion bridge financing package for Pakistan International Airlines (PIA).

Bilawal grieves over death of Prof. Shahida

KARACHI (APP): Chairman of Pakistan People's Party (PPP) Bilawal Bhutto Zardari on Sunday expressed his grief and sorrow over the death of Professor Shahida Qazi. In a condolence message here, he said that late Shahida Qazi played an important role in eradicating gender discrimination in Pakistani journalism. He said that the deceased had valuable services in the field of teaching. Bilawal said that being the first woman reporter of Pakistan, the late Qazi opened doors for the women in the field of journalism.

Muslim rulers must provide military aid to Palestinians in Gaza: Sirajul Haq

ISLAMABAD (INP): Thousands attended the Jamaat-e-Islami (JI) led Gaza Solidarity March in Islamabad as Israeli occupation forces intensified aggression against the Palestinians, ARY News reported on Sunday. JI Pakistan Ameer Sirajul Haq and several political and religious leaders addressed the Gaza Solidarity March which was scheduled to be staged before the US Embassy, however, the authorities blocked the routes citing security concerns. The administration has not allowed entry of the rally participants to the Srinagar Highway, a high-

security zone. Later, the JI staged its protest at Aabpara Chowk. The participants of the public rally also heard the special message of the Hamas top leader Ismail Haniyeh. JI Ameer Sirajul Haq said that they stand side-by-side with the Muslims in Gaza. He said that JI announced to hold a protest before the US Embassy but the US deputy secretary of the state contacted the Pakistani rulers to stop the protest. He said that JI workers faced police baton charge and arrests before the protest. Haq announced to continue the series of pro-

tests against the Israeli barbaric moves against Palestinians across the country until an end to the war. The JI chief blamed the Muslim rulers for not fulfilling their responsibilities towards the Palestinians. He slammed the silence of the international community over the illegal occupation of Israel on Palestinian land, the martyrdom of over 250,000 Palestinians and the targeting of hospitals in Gaza. Sirajul Haq said that Muslim rulers have a duty to save Gaza people and provide military and humanitarian aid to the Palestinians.



SIBI: Caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Ali Mardan Domki inaugurates restoration of Sibi-Harnai Railway section. Caretaker Federal Minister for Railways Shahid Ashraf Tarar and others are also present.

Caretaker Health Minister visits Palestinian Embassy

ISLAMABAD (Online): Caretaker Federal Minister of Health Dr. Nadeem has said that the heart is very sad and saddened by the events in Gaza, human rights are being violated in Gaza. According to the details, the Caretaker Federal Health Minister Dr. Nadeem visited the Palestinian Embassy in Pakistan and also met with the Palestinian Ambassador Ahmad Jawad Rabi. While talking during the meeting, the caretaker federal health minister said that the heart is very sad and saddened by the events in Gaza. The Palestinian Ambassador said that millions

of people are facing disaster in Gaza, upon which the Minister of Health said that there is great sadness over the martyrdom of innocent children, old people and young people, thousands of innocent citizens, children, old women are deprived of medical facilities, injured. Providing medical facilities to the citizens is a big problem. Human rights are being violated in Gaza, he continued. The United Nations (UN) demands that measures be taken to ensure the delivery of medicines, shelters, food and basic needs on humanitarian grounds and calls for an immediate humanitarian ceasefire in Gaza.



LAHORE: Ex-MNA of PTI Wajaha Qamar has announced joining the PML-N during meeting with President PML-N Shehbaz Sharif.

Ji demands to convene the OIC summit

ISLAMABAD (Online): Leader of Jamaat-e-Islami Liaquat Baloch demanded to convene the OIC summit. While giving a press conference on Sunday, Liaquat Baloch said that Palestine, which has practically been turned into Karbala, Israeli planes have been attacking Gaza throughout the night and a large number of people are being killed. Doctors and journalists are also being martyred, despite all this, Palestinians are standing firm, Islamabad is the capital of Pakistan and Muslims around the world have high hopes for Pakistanis. Jamaat-e-Islami invited all parties and civil society, our programs are peaceful and orderly. Despite all this, the administration arrested our people to make whom please, he said. Further he said they thought that Shahid will end all this and There will be no protest but Alhamdulillah

we have completed all the preparations. They have supported America and Israel by cracking down on this protest in Islamabad, he maintained. Liaquat Baloch further said that the government should tell whether it is with the Palestinians or with the Zionists. In European countries, people are also on the streets for the Palestinian people. We demand that the OIC summit be called, he said. Jamaat-e-Islami will mobilize people all over the country, the whole country needed that there should be a big demonstration in Islamabad. He continued that Jamaat-e-Islami has invited all religious parties and civil society. Liaquat Baloch said the caretaker government and the administration exercised power over us to please whom ever we did not know.

Amid Mideast tensions Munir stresses resolution of old disputes to promote peace

UNITED NATIONS (APP): Pakistan's Ambassador to the United Nations, Munir Akram, has called for resolving festering disputes involving the peoples' right to self-determination—like Palestine and Kashmir—so that they don't get more aggravated and threaten regional peace and stability. Speaking to an international youth delegation at the Pakistan Mission, he said that the ongoing conflict in the Middle East highlighted the need for a push to settle old disputes. The delegation comprised youth delegates from various

countries who were in New York for a 4-day Global Peace Summit, which concluded on Saturday. Ambassador Akram told the delegation that India had denied Kashmiris their inalienable right to self-determination in contravention of international law, the UN Charter and the UN Security Council resolutions. The 76 years, he said, have witnessed exemplary sacrifices rendered by the different generations of Kashmiris in their legitimate, just and indigenous struggle for freedom from India's illegal and immoral occupation.

Freedom Network Pakistan fails to stop crimes against journalists despite legislation

ISLAMABAD (Online): In its special report, the international organization Freedom Network declared Pakistan unable to stop crimes against journalists despite legislation. In its report released by the Freedom Network, it said that Pakistan is the only country to legislate on the protection of journalists. Yet the Pakistani state has failed to use this legislation to prevent crimes

against journalists. According to the report, there has been an alarming increase in the unproven allegations of kidnapping, torture and rebellion cases without proof against journalists in Pakistan in the last 2 years. The international organization added in the report that the most incidents of crimes against journalists in Pakistan have occurred in Islamabad and Sindh.

13 detained PTI workers released from Adiala Jail

RAWALPINDI (Online): 13 detained workers of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) were released from Adiala Jail. According to jail sources, the workers were released from Adiala Jail on completion of their detention period. Last two days, 19 PTI workers were released from Adiala Jail. The district administration had issued detention orders for PTI workers.



KARACHI: A delegation led by Former Chief Minister Balochistan Jam Kamal Khan meeting with Chinese Consul Yang Yundong. Caretaker Provincial Minister for Excise and Taxation Prince Ahmed Ali is also present.

Indian troops martyr 1 more Kashmiri youth in Kupwara

ISLAMABAD (APP): Indian troops in their fresh act of state terrorism martyred one more Kashmiri youth in a fake encounter in Kupwara district in Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir. The youth was martyred in extrajudicial killing by Indian forces during a cordon and search operation in the Jamagund area of the district, KMS reported. Two days earlier, Indian troops abducted five defenseless Kashmiri people and martyred them extrajudicially close to the Line of Control. The youth had gone in the forest to collect shrubs.

SC to hear appeals against NAB amendment decision on Tuesday

ISLAMABAD (Online): Supreme Court of Pakistan will hear appeals against the decision of NAB (National Accountability Bureau) amendments on Tuesday, for which the Chief Justice of Pakistan had constituted a five-member larger bench. A five-member larger bench headed by Chief Justice Qazi Faiz Isa will hear the case on October 31. Other members of the larger bench include Justice Aminuddin Khan, Justice Jamal Mandukhel, Justice Athar Minullah and Justice Hasan Azhar Rizvi. It should be remembered that in front of a 3-member special bench headed by former Chief Justice of Pakistan Umar Atta Bandal, Imran Khan challenged the NAB amendments introduced by the former government led by the then Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif in 2022. In September this year, the Supreme Court had declared a safe decision on the petition filed by

former Prime Minister and Chairman of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf Imran Khan against NAB amendments and invalidated several clauses. In its decision, the Supreme Court had reinstated the corruption cases against public officials, while NAB was allowed to investigate corruption cases worth less than Rs 50 crore. The decision has reauthorized the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) to crack down on politicians and influential figures involved in white-collar crimes of less than Rs 50 crore and about 1,800 closed cases will now be reopened. Apparently, as a result of the Supreme Court's decision, the cases against former Prime Ministers Nawaz Sharif, Imran Khan, Shehbaz Sharif, Yusuf Raza Gilani, Raja Perwaiz Ashraf, Shahid Khaqan Abbasi and Shaukat Aziz will also be reopened, as well as former President Asif Ali Zardari.



ISLAMABAD: Members of Aurat March, holds placards during protest in favor of their demands outside National Press club, in Federal Capital.