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**Govt controls** 

inflation with a

better strategy

Sibi to Harnai train service restored after 18 years

#### Restoration of railway service will create economic prospects, job opportunities in the region: CM

Says Bolan Mail service will be restored on Dec 25, while Nawab Akbar Bugti Express will run in the next phase

QUETTA (INP): Pakistan Railways has restored the impact on the economy and agriculture of the entire Sibi-Harnai railway service for traffic after 18 years. Caretaker Chief Minister of Balochistan Ali Mardan Domki and Federal Minister of Railways in-

augurated 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 finest railway station in Balochistan."

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

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 Dr. Shamshad Akhtar says



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



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 heavy shelling continues," 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. he 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 Is-

warned Josep Borrell, the EU High Representative for foreign affairs.

In a tweet posted on Saturday, he described the situation in Gaza as 'desperate' where people live "without electricity, food, water".

Noting that "far too many civilians, including children, have been killed," Mr Borrell said: "This is against International Humanitarian Law." The UNGA resolution, on Friday, besides calling for a "humanitarian truce" in Gaza, also underlined the hope that it raeli military action seems to would lead to a cessation have entered a decisive phase. of hostilities.

#### 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, Care-taker Foreign Minister Jalil Abbas Jilani said Israel turned

lights off and cut all communication in Gaza as the death

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.





Two remaining

footballers

recovered from

Dera Bugti

footballers, who had been

kidnapped from Dera Bugti

along with their four team

mates on September 9, from

Pir Koh tehsil of the dis-

trict. The other four had been recovered 20 days later

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 spe-

cial anti-polio campaign in

Chaman district due to the sit-

in on the Pak-Afghan border

highway. Deputy Commis-

sioner Chaman Raja Athar

Abbas said that the decision

was made due to sit-in, law

ellers with a passport and

restoring the old border

crossing system as locals

have families on both sides,

and the new restriction will

Senate to

discuss Gaza

situation today

ISLAMABAD (Online):

Senate body will held

session to discuss Gaza situation as Is-

rael continues its bla-

tant aggression and

human right violation against Palestinians in

chair

session.According to

the senate secretariat

the agenda of the ses-

sion is to present reso-

lution on the Gaza cri-

sion, Senators will

also voice their own

opinion regarding the

latter situation.

During the ses-

impede their movement.

They have demanded

visa to enter Afghanistan.

According to the Levies

on September 29.

taker 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 cam-

KARACHI (Online): Care-

paign 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 QUETTA (INP): Pakistan | salute our law enforcement Levies have recovered two agencies.

The government has controlled the inflation with a better strategy, the effort to control the inflation is

happening, we have tried to revive the economy and it is not an easy task, she continued.

Korangi Association of Trade and Industry (KATI)

yesterday (Sunday). wana. President KAT Chief Patron Zubairchaya

this occasion.

going on, success is also

Finance minister siad 'We all have to work together, when we came to government, we were sur-rounded 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

Chairman FBR Amjad Farazur Rahman, Deputy and others also spoke on

Ulema-i-Islam-Fazl (JUI-F) chief Maulana Fazlur large gathering was a mes-Rehman Sunday called for

struggle for independence.

and we will defeat the Zionland as well." He hinted that ing the consequences.

Rehman asserted that they stand with our Palestinian brothers and are with them

Calls for global solidarity

### JUI-F declares unwavering support for Palestinian cause

global unity against Israeli oppression and declared unwavering solidarity with the Palestinian people and their

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 ist powers on Palestinian the agent of the Zionist of the Mujahideen to fight proclaimed. lobby (Imran Khan) is fac- against Israel.

QUETTA (INP): Jamiat in the war of independence. and urged the rulers to break He reiterated that the sage directed towards America and Israel, under-

> estinian cause. "We declare equal participation in the liberation of Palestine," Maulana Fazlur Rehman added.

scoring the shared commit-

ment of the JUI to the Pal-

In a direct message to the world, Maulana Fazlur Rehman asserted, we stand with our Palestinian broth-

aressea the changing dynamics of global power, stating, August 14th, the population "America is no longer the remained enslaved throughsuperpower of the world," out the year.

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

"Those you call terrorers. He expressed his unwavering belief in the readiness mujahideen of the time," he

JUI head also pointed Fazlur Rehman also adout that while the rulers celebrated independence on

#### Federal government's criminal delay become fatal blow to PIA

ISLAMABAD (Online) ferred as Federal Secretary Federal Government's criminal delay has become a disaster for Pakistan International Airline (PIA).

The Ministry of Réligious 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 Durrani, Grade 22 Secretary of Reli-

scheme, PIA was entrusted with the responsibility of transporting 50% of the pilgrims to the Holy Hıjaz. 61461 Pakistani pil-

on September 18. Due to

the absence of a Federal

Secretary, the upcoming

Hajj and other matters of

the Ministry of Religious

Under the official Haji

Affairs are also pending.

grims 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 gious Affairs, was trans- the pilgrims.

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

ISLAMABAD (Online): Supreme Court (SC) threemember 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 Minullah 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.

#### Caretaker federal cabinet to meet today on 14-point agenda

ISLAMABAD (Online): The meeting of the caretaker federal cabinet will be

and order situation and other problems in the area. held today (Monday). It may be mentioned The meeting will be here that for the past nine held under the chairmandays, thousands of political ship of caretaker Prime workers, traders and tribes-Minister Anwarul Haq men have been protesting Kakar at the Prime Minisagainst the government's ter House, in which the 14decision to only allow travpoint agenda will be con-

sidered. The Hajj Policy 2024 will be presented for approval in the cabinet meet-

The Hajj and Umrah Regulation Bill 2023 will be presented to the Cabinet for approval.

Issues related to providing international routes to Fly Jinnah will be reviewed.

OUETTA: Balochistan Governor Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar in a group

photo with Balochistan members of Pakistan Writers Guild.

Approving repatria-tion orders for illegal aliens, extension of the Commission of Inquiry on Missing Persons is on the agenda. Along with the approval of the establishment of FIA and anti-human trafficking police stations and inclusion in the rolls, the agreement regarding the increase in Ramazan trade, exports and imports of Pakistan-Tajikistan will also be ap

#### proved. 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 Gaza. Senate session will be held today (Mon-day) at 2pm. Chairman senate Sadiq Sanjrani 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.

identified as Sher Alam.

The deceased cop was

However, swift response by the police personnel forced the militants to flee. Heavy contingents of

police and other law-enforcement agencies (LEAs) were combing the area when last reports came in. Attacks by militants on

the police and personnel of other LEAs have become more frequent in the recent past, especially in Khyber akhtunkhwa.

At least one police official was martyred and two others were injured in a terrorist attack on Hathala police station in Dera Ismai Khan three weeks ago

#### **President** condoles with families of martyred troops

ISLAMĂBAD (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 Âbdul 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 the nation to the martyred for their services and sacrifices for the country.

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#### Gazan apocalypse

With Tel Aviv's troops carrying out land incursions inside Gaza while its jets mercilessly pound the congested Strip, obliterating hospitals, residential buildings and shelters, it is clear that Israel is attempting to foist its 'final solution' on the Palestinian people in the name of going after Hamas. Since Oct 7, when Hamas staged raids inside Israel, over 7,000 Palestinians have been butchered by Israel, nearly half of them children. Tel Aviv has shown no mercy, wiping out entire families, targeting civilian infrastructure, and cutting off food, water, communication links, power and fuel to Gaza — all qualifying as war crimes. Yet Israel's powerful friends, including US President Joe Biden, doubt the Palestinian toll; they believe Israeli accounts that Tel Aviv did not bomb the Al-Ahli Hospital, and that it was a misfired Palestinian rocket that caused the atrocity.

In fact, it is the blind support of the West that has emboldened Israel to unleash genocidal force against Palestinian civilians, as it knows it Darwin's theory of evowill not have to pay for its crimes.

There is also disingenuous framing of the conflict by Israel and its friends in Western officialdom and media. The fact is that the Arab-Israeli conflict did not begin with the Hamas raid. For decades, Palestinians have faced death, humiliation and the usurpation of their ancestral land on a daily basis. And, while the targeting of civilians by both sides is condemnable, Oct 7 was the explosive reaction to years of pent-up rage, as Gaza's people had been living under a siege enforced by Israel long before the latest hostili-

Whatever spin Tel Aviv and its claque of supporters may be putting on the conflict, people of conscience the world over are demanding an end to the massacre of Palestinians.

The majority of states voted for a Jordanian resolution in the UN General Assembly calling for a truce. Moreover, hundreds of thousands have marched in cities as diverse as London, Sana'a, Baghdad and Paris demanding an end to the slaughter. Many, many Jews have clearly told Israel: 'not in our name'.

The Middle East stands at the edge of a precipice. If Israel continues its slaughter in Gaza, particularly through an expanded ground invasion, and if the US-led West flexes its military muscle in its support, the whole region can go up in flames.

Tel Aviv needs to immediately end its bloody campaign, while all actors must stand down and allow the grieving people of Gaza to bury their dead. The siege must be broken so that ample supplies of food, water and medicine can reach

But if Israel continues its merciless assault and the West continues to aid it, the Middle East will explode, and the reverberations will be felt teaching Darwin's theobeing bullied by hard-line across the world.

#### **Mission Lion-heart**

clerics took exception to

ently, the only way to re-

solve the issue, which

had been brewing for a fortnight, was for Sher Ali

to denounce Darwinism

and mixed gatherings, as

well as accept women's

inferiority to men. He also

and social media posts

saying they were "con-

trary to teachings of Is-

lam", as reported by this

paper, and absolved the

clerics of Bannu if some-

thing untoward happens

have often been por-

trayed as enemies at war.

But religious leaders

have come a long way

since Galileo was charged

with heresy in 1633 for

teaching that the Earth

orbits the sun. Because

people's lives are at seri-

ous risk in Pakistan,

where anything they say

can be labelled as anti-re-

ligion, perhaps a compro-

mise can be reached:

maybe some lessons do

not fall under science's

domain, but those that do

should be taught by the

and religion are clear on

be challenged.

Thankfully, science

Science and religion

to him.



Monday October 30, 2023

Muna Khan

For the past month, we've been hearing iterations of 'sher aya' (here comes the lion), referring to the return of Nawaz Sharif, but I'm here to write about another sher. In this case, a real person, a zoology professor at Government Postgraduate Degree College in

KPnamed Sher Ali, who last week gave a threepage undertaking, reportedly under pressure from clerics, denouncing lution. That he did this in district

commissioner's office, which, as a representative of the state, has to protect all citizens, is most infuriating. But it's easy for me to say this from the comfort of my home, because I have not had to face threats for my teaching material.

And yet. In 2020, the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan released a statement warning of the grave threats posed to academic freedom. They expressed fears of "recurring attacks on academic freedom of expression through use of the country's controversial blasphemy or sedition laws that could carry a death sentence"

But Sher Ali wasn't teaching his opinion. I understand the theory of evolution is a prickly subject among a lot of faiths, but as a science teacher, Sher Ali was following approved course material and doing his job. He also wrote on Facebook — where he has a following of 21,000 how he seeks his students' consent before ries. However, it seems clerics.

a speech he made earlier alone in our social indimonth about cators. Pakistan has the women's rights in relation world's second highest to purdah. And appar- out-of-school children according to Unicef. The World

Organisation recommends the health budget be enhanced to six per cent of GDP. It was under 1pc in the last budget. The poverty rate has renounced his speeches risen from 34.2pc to 39.4pc in just one year.

The World Bank in May listed Pakistan's Human Capital Index as 0.41. This means "a baby born in Pakistan today will only be 41pc as productive as they could be if they enjoyed complete education and full

The report said "it is a human capital crisis that is profound, silent and with far-reaching negative effects on the potential of the country and its people.

I believe Sher Ali represents the potential of this country, as do so many teachers that work hard because they want to make a difference in children's lives. Children deserve a shot at the future, but the odds are stacked against them. To the sher planning

his family's return to

power, I ask them to progender: women are not the inferior sex. Some clertect all the Sher Alis of this country. To let them do ics saying otherwise do not make it so. This must their jobs safe in the knowledge that if a stu-Muslim leaders have dent or outsider accuses run into trouble for emthem of heresy, the state's bracing Darwinism elsepillars will act in accorwhere. Dr Usama Hasan, dance with the law. I ask an imam and science lecthem to imagine the eduturer in the UK, was suscation and health sectors pended from his mosque as the big development in 2011 following backprojects they love, and lash to his saying that prioritise them over religious belief and the motorways. Demolish theory of evolution were these dismal statistics not incompatible. He also that keep this country said the requirement for poor. Pakistan is owed hijab was cultural in oricourageous leadership gin. He received death that must make tough decisions for the betterment threats for both views. I am sure I can find several its poor marginalised citizens. other examples from Their future should be the across the world to show that we are not alone in one being negotiated in deals. Is this lion up to the

task? -- Courtesy Dawn

#### Elusive peace



Chaudhry

A popular view by academics and politicians alike is that Hamas's recent action of Oct 7 not only instigated Israel to exact the biggest ever death toll of Palestinians, even more than the Intifadas, but also undermined the peace process. However, this act did not take place in a vacuum. It was an act of resistance to the systematic state terrorism that Israel has been committing for decades against the Palestinian people. For seven decades,

Israel has used brutal force to suppress the Palestinians' right to self-determination, guaranteed by UN Resolution No 181 of 1947, which had decided to partition Palestine into two states: one Arab, the other Jewish. On Oct 7, 1947, when the General Assembly of the newly formed United Nations was discussing the draft resolution, Pakistan's representative, Zafarullah Khan, built a strong case for the right of Palestinians to form an independent modern state on the lands on

which they had lived for millennia. At the centre of the debate was the British government's Balfour Declaration, which, on Nov 2, 1917, had announced its intent to establish "a national home for the Jewish people" in Palestine and asserted that "... nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine.... "This commitment was never honoured. To date, the

Kashmiris, have been fighting for the right to live on their own lands with honour and dignity, a right that most people get easily. Palestine's Israel conundrum can be understood from three tween Fatah and Hamas, dimensions: territorial, ideological, and geopo-Territorially, the Arab Palestinians believe

that they have lived in this land for millennia, including the times when Palestine was called David and, before him, the patriarch Jacob, later named Israel, lived in these territories. In recent history, the land has remained under the suzerainty of, among others, the Romans, Arabs, the Ottomans and then the British. It was the Zionist movement (those Jews who strove for an independent homeland), which brought Jews from Europe to occupy the Arab lands, pushing 700,000 native Palestinians out of their homes in an event remembered as the Nakba, the catastrophe that accompanied the creation of the state of Israel on May 14, 1948. Ideologically, this land has religious significance for the Jews, Christians and Muslims. The Muslims revere the Al-Aqsa Mosque, while for the Jews this land was home to their traditional ancestors and Hebrew patriarch.

Geopolitically, it was Britain that initiated the idea of creating a Jewish state in Palestine, pulling in Jews from Europe and displacing the local population. Over the past 70 years, the US and Britain have treated Israel as the pivot of their Middle East

Given the above territorial, ideological, and geopolitical factors, peace continues to elude the land of Palestine. Neither the Arab-Israeli wars of 1948, 1967 and 1973, nor the Palestinians' indig-

Palestinians, like the enous resistance to Israel, which peaked twice as the first Intifada (1987-1992) and then the second Intifada (2000-2005), have helped resolve the conflict. Disunity amongst Palestinian ranks, ie, behas also undermined their

cause The peace option was tried but did not result in earnest implementation of the two-state solution. Egypt recognised Israel in 1979 and Jordan in 1994. The Oslo Accords Canaan, or when King of the 1990s could secure only a little more autonomy for Palestinians. Most recently, the Abraham Accords saw the UAE, Bah-rain and Morocco establishing diplomatic relations with Israel. There are reports that Saudi Arabia was negotiating a peace settlement with the US, which wou-ld have ensured the right of the Palestinians to live in a state of their own. As is evident, the recent attack by Hamas on Israel on Oct 7 has halted Arab-Israel normalisation.

With protests breaking out in all Muslim lands, Europe, and even the US, it appears Israel's disproportionate reaction to the Hamas attack and the indiscriminate bombing of civilians in Gaza has shaken the conscience of the world yet, this is not enough. The United Nations Security Council met, where Russia, China and others tried to secure a ceasefire and a humanitarian corridor to Gaza. The US veto blocked practically any action by the UN. The unequivocal support that Israel has received from the US has emboldened it to disregard all human rights. Keeping Gaza under siege for weeks with no food, water, fuel or medicine, killing innocent civilians, including children, bombing hospitals and places of worship, and blocking humanitarian aid to besieged Gazans is tantamount to war crimes. For Palestinians, resistance has become a duty. --Courtesy Dawn

## Commerce News

### Bilateral trade b/w Kazakhstan, Pakistan continues to witness expansion each year: Envoy

ISLAMABAD (APP): Ambassador Yerzhan Kistafin of Kazakhstan to Pakistan has said that the bilateral trade between Kazakhstan and Pakistan continues to witness steady and robust expansion each year.

"Interaction between Kazakhstan and Pakistan in the scientific and educational spheres is intensifying, coupled with an increase in the number of Pakistani students attending universities in Kazakhstan. Along with a progressive improvement in bilateral relations in the banking sector," he said while talking to APP on the occasion of Kazakhstan's Republic Day.

Carpet Manufacturers and

Exporters Association (PCMEA) Senior Vice

Chairman Usman Ashraf

said on Sunday that

exporters are facing many

problems as despite the

lucid slashing in dollar rate.

the prices of imported raw

materials did not decrease.

we are promoting links with

all institutions to solve

problems." He expressed

these views while talking to

Chief Executive Officer/

Chairman of Soneri Bank,

Muhtashim Ahmed Ashai,

"Keeping this in view,

that both nations are celebrating the remarkable 30-year friendship, peace, and harmony between Kazakhstan and Pakistan.

Kistafin said that during the past 30 years, the countries have established and reinforced close relations across various domains, including political interaction, trade. economics, culture, and humanitarian cooperation.

He said that positive dynamics have become evident in the industrial production sector. "Key elements driving trade, economic, and investment interaction between the two countries included meetings of

office along with a delegation.

Carpet Training Institute

(CTI) Chairman Ejazur

Rehman, senior central leader

Abdul Latif Malik, Shahid

Hasan Sheikh, senior member

Riaz Ahmed, Saeed Khan,

Major (Rtd) Akhtar Nazir,

Faisal Saeed Khan and others

informed the delegation about the difficulties faced

by the exporters in banking

matters and said that

sometimes new rules are

implemented without

giving timely information.

were also present.

Usman

The ambassador said Intergovernmental Commission.

**Business Council** business forums, and reciprocal visits by business delegations," he added.

He further said that

cooperation in the field of inter-parliamentary interaction, particularly at the upper houses of legislative assemblies, is generating substantial interest not only in bilateral relations but also in multilateral formats. The Ambassador expressed confidence that such interaction at the legislative level would significantly advance the matters discussed between the two governments.

RAWALPINDI: People are busy is buying warm clothes in Sunday weekly bazaar at Committee Chow area in the city.

## Private sector asked for investing in technology advancement

He said technology

research

parks have played a central

role in these efforts.

Technology parks and

innovation clusters are

physical locations where

collaborate and innovate,

Singapore, South Korea,

G e r m a n , China, California, Ankara

Bangaluru in India and,

Cambridge are excellent

living examples of

promoting innovation that

played magic in propelling

their economies to new

He said Finlan.

businesses,

institutions.

he added.

ISLAMABAD (APP): Coordinator to Federal Tax Ombudsman Meher Kashif Younis Sunday emphasized the paramount significance of innovation in propelling Pakistan's technology sector to greater heights with sole active entrepreneurs participation of private

Speaking at a seminar Innovation for development Economy" organised under the aegis of Gold Ring Economic Forum, he said In today's rapidly evolving

landscape, global innovation stands as the cornerstone of progress, enabling nations to adapt, compete, and thrive.

upgrade

it the business hub,

considering its location in

the centre of business

activities. "The Railway

Station was built a century

ago in a British style, the

value addition to the

heights globally.
Pakistan, with its Railways all set to upgrade Rawalpindi Rail. Station

involved", an official in the Ministry told APP. He said the upgrade was already decided in a meeting that reviewed the upgradation as well as commercialization plan of Rawalpindi Railway

vast pool of talent and untapped potential, has a unique opportunity to harness innovation for economic growth, he said adding that by investing in research and development. fostering a culture of creativity, and providing adequate support to startups entrepreneurs, Pakistan must unlock new avenues

in technology.
He said Innovation not only drives advancements in sectors such as healthcare. agriculture, and education but also enhances the nation's overall

competitiveness on the international stage

#### Lahore Science Mela concludes

'Lahore Science Mela' on Sunday concluded at Crescent Model Higher Secondary School organized by the Khwarizmi Science Society (KSS).Khwarizmi Science Society General Secretary Dr Muhammad Sabieh Anwar while speaking on the occasion said that the KSS was established with an aim to promote culture of science in country's educational institutions and general public.

#### **KPTMA Chairman** urges PM's support for KP industry in crisis

PESHAWAR (APP): In a resolute and impassioned plea, KPTMA Chairman, natural gas and 20 per cent please of the composed of the please of the pl Muhammad Kamran Shah, RLNG (Re-Gasified has reached out to the Liquefied Natural Gas), to Prime Minister of Pakistan, seeking immediate help to address the profound on Sunday. challenges confronting the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Industry.

The pressing matter was discussed during a pivotal meeting of the KP where grave concerns were raised over the Federal

serve the KP industry, said a press release issued here

Kamran Shah, in his fervent appeal, beseeches the National Authorities to intervene promptly. Shah emphasizes that all sectors of the KP industry stand Textile Mills Association, united against what they perceive as a serious injustice the imposition of Blended Government's recent Gas, which combines natural gas with RLNG



LAHORE: Senior Vice Chairman Pakistan Carpet Association Usman Ashraf and Chief Executive Officer Sonheri Bank talking to members.

#### **Need urged to support** research, development of seed technology

Hightech Hybrid Seed Association (PHHSA), Shahzad Ali Malik Sunday urged to continue supporting research and development in seed technology, enabling farmers nationwide to harness the full potential of these remarkable innovations.

He said hybrid seeds have made remarkable contributions in boosting agricultural production worldwide including Pakistan.

Talking to a delegation revolution in Pakistan due yielding, he remarked.

ISLAMABAD (APP): to the innovative Chairman of Pakistan advancements in seed technology, particularly the development and utilization of hybrid seeds. He said

significance in enhancing agricultural productivity cannot be overstated. He said Guard hybrid rice seed, engineered through meticulous research and cutting-edge techniques, has proven to be a gamechanger for farmers in Pakistan. Their unique genetic

composition, combining desirable traits from different varieties, of progressive farmers, he empowers farmers to said in recent years, the cultivate crops that are agricultural sector has more resilient, diseasewitnessed a transformative resistant, and high-

**PCMEA says:** 

**Exporters facing problems** 

due to dollar factor

LAHORE (APP): Pakistan who visited the PCMEA

CHINIOT: A worker busy in making gas geyser at railway road.

#### Seminar on '3rd **Belt and Road** Forum' held

LAHORE (APP): The Chinese Consulate Lahore and the Institute of International Relations and Media Research organized a seminar titled: '3rd Belt and Road Forum' at a local hotel on Sunday. Caretaker Provincial

Minister for Industries and Commerce SM Tanvir and Consul General Zhao Shiran participated as the special guests and talked about the possibility of increasing cooperation between the two countries.

The participants emphasized the promotion of bilateral economic cooperation and people-topeople contacts. Provincial Minister of

Industry and Commerce SM Tanvir said that China is a sincere friend of Pakistan and has come to help Pakistan in every hour of difficulty.

Two agreements were signed during the PM's recent visit to China while two agreements were signed during the visit of a delegation led by the Punjab chief minister.

ISLAMABAD (APP): station surroundings would make Pakistan Railways is all set it commercially viable and and commercialize the Victoriawould generate significant era Rawalpindi Railway revenues for all the stakeholders Station aimed at facilitating the passengers and making

LAHORE (APP): A 2-day

Naqvi convene

**Punjab Cabinet** 

special today

LAĤORE (Online):

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

Ministers, Advisors,

Inspector General of

Planning and Board,

concerned departments

and senior officials will

participate in the

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

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.

Constable Umar

Provincial

Secretary,

Chairman

Mohsin

Caretaker`

approved.

Chief

Police,

meeting.

Secretaries

## Governor KP visits AUST, inaugurates projects worth one billion rupees

PESHAWAR Khyber Governor of Pakhtunkhwa Haji Ghulam Ali has reaffirmed his commitment for advancing the education and research in the

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.

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. inaugural The

ceremony was attended by numerous dignitaries, including Vice Chancellor Abbottabad University, Dr. Majid-ur-Rahman, faculty

HUNZA: Minister IT Gilgit-Baltistan Suraiya

Zaman in a group photo with the team of KADO.

**ANF recovers 137kg** 

drugs in six operations

RAWALPINDI (APP): Okara who was going to

Anti-Narcotics Force Doha by flight number QR-

(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

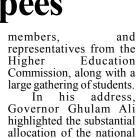
possession of an accused,

a resident of Karachi

arrested in Dera Ghazi

Khan. The accused was

from Quetta to Punjab.



budget towards the

education sector and

encouraged all universities

to prepare surplus budgets.

He stressed that guidelines

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for budget preparation had provided been after universities 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.

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

said Governor Ghulam Ali

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 drivers, 601 underage drivers, 161 pedestrians, and 512 passengers were among the victims.

The statistics show

that 258 accidents were drug, hidden in a house in reported in Lahore which the Batizai area of Pishin affected 285 persons were recovered. placing the provincial In the capital at top of the list followed by 83 in operation, 26 kg of ice concealed in a house near Faisalabad with 92 victims and Multan with 67 accidents and 69 victims.

Of the Paiestinian people by the Israel armed forces.

He said that Israel's trying to smuggle drugs Turbat was recovered which was concealed to A woman resident of smuggle abroad.



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

#### IGP instructs officials to complete modern law and order control training

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.

visit by laying wreaths at School Farooqabad.

LAHORE (APP): the Martyrs Memorial, recited Fateha and paid tribute to sacrifices of the 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 The IGP started his visited Police Training

#### 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 Palestinians is the

He said that Israel's their faith.

atrocities 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 responsibility Muslims and a part of

#### **Punjab** CM greets leadership of Turkiye Independent Report AHORE: Punjab Chief continue to do so.

leadership and people on the Republic Day of

In his message on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Republic of Turkiye, he said it is a matter of great rejoice 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 Pakistan-Turkiye cooperation in every time friendship," he added.

of difficulty and will Pakistan-Turkiye has congratulated the 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



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 informed that 92 percent of 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 was reviewed in which the CM Punjab observed the development progress on

43 projects. The meeting was and other hospitals.

the work on Shahdara 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 projects across the province meeting reviewed the upgradation of Services Hospital, Gangaram, Mayo Hospital. General Hospital, Lady Willingdon

## International News

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

621 from Allama Iqbal

Airport was arrested. 59

heroin and Ice filled

capsules were recovered

In the third operation, 85 kg heroin and 10 kg Ice

from her possession.

**Monitoring Desk** WASHINGTON: As the 3week-old Israel-Hamas war enters what Israeli Prime Minister Beniamin 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 even-

tual postwar reality.
It's one, he argues, where finally finding agreement on a long-sought twostate 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 phone 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 Biden conveyed the same rarely addressed in the

Netanyahu during a tele- tration. During his visit to the West Bank last year,

> 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.



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** 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 step down to allow a free rubber shotgun rounds.

and fair vote under a neu-DHAKA: Police fired tear tral 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 Minister Sheikh Hasina as police fired tear gas and

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

#### Chinese party delegation visits Solomon **Islands**

**Monitoring Desk** BEIJING: A Chinese com-

munist 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 me-

dia said on Sunday.

The delegation led by the deputy head of the international department un-der 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



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 support and sympathy for

**Monitoring Desk** LONDON: Hundreds of a ceasefire, calling for Palthousands of demonstrators rallied in cities across Europe, the Middle East and Asia on Saturday to show support for the Pal-

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 estinian rights, the right to exist, to live, human rights, all our rights," said protester Camille Revuelta.

"This is not about Hamas. This is 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

#### **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

cisive phase. Gaza is in complete blackout and isolation while heavy shelling continues,' warned Josep Borrell, the EU High Representative for foreign affairs.

seems to have entered a de-

In a tweet posted on Saturday, he described the situation in Gaza as 'desperate', where people live without electricity, food,

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

Israel from Western govern-

ments and many citizens

over the Hamas raids, but

the Israeli response has also

prompted anger, particu-

larly in Arab and other

In Malaysia, a large

Muslim countries.

in Hebron, calling for a global boycott of Israeli products. Egypt FM accuses Israel of impeding aid into Gaza

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CAIRO: Egypt's foreign ministry said on Saturday "Israeli obstacles", including truck inspection procedures, were impeding the prompt delivery of aid to Gaza Strip through the Rafah crossing between Egypt and Gaza. "The trucks must be inspected at the Israeli Nitzana crossing before they head to the Rafah crossing on a journey that takes a distance of 100km before they actually enter the Rafah crossing, which causes obstacles that significantly delay the arrival

of aid," a ministry spokesper-

son said in a statement.

#### Ukrainian drones hit Nuclear waste facility, says Moscow

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 govern-

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 ex-

plosive-packed drone had damaged the nuclear waste facility's walls while another ments to issue a strong condemnation of Kyiv's bartive building complex. two had hit an administra-



People gather outside the explosion site in India's

#### **Turkiye celebrates** centenary under shadow of Gaza war

ISTANBUL: Turkiye

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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 daylong 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.

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 its myriad ethnic groups. It eventually became

proud member of the UŜ-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 Ataturk is lionised Turkish politics to this day.

#### 100th anniversary of Turkiye

## Pak leaders want to further enhance strategic partnership with Turkiye

ISLAMABAD (INP): Pa-kistani leaders on Sunday the President and people of when there was a great 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 do-

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 Ataturk, the great leader of Turkiye," President Alvi said in his video message.

He said the relationship between Pakistan and Turkiye had been very old,

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

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 cur-

reciprocated.

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 all religions in Anatolia and Andalus throughout his-

Thousands attended the Jamaat-e-Islami (JI) led

Gaza Solidary March in

Islamabad as Israeli occupation forces intensified ag-

gression against the Pales-tinians, ARY News re-

Sirajul Haq and several po-

litical and religious leaders

addressed the Gaza Sol-

idary March which was

scheduled to be staged be-

fore the US Embassy, how-

ever, the authorities

has not allowed entry of the

Srinagar Highway, a high-

blocked the routes citing protest.

The administration

JI Pakistan Ameer

ported on Sunday.

security concerns.



necessities after the government of Pakistan decided in the apex committee meeting to return all those Afghans who are living in Pakistan unlawfully, at Torkham Border in Landikotal.

baric moves against Pales-

tinians across the country

the Muslim rulers for not

fulfilling their responsibili-ties towards the Palestin-

lence of the international

community over the illegal

occupation of Israel on Pal-

estinian land, the martyr-

dom of over 250,000 Pal-

estinians and the targeting

Muslim rulers have a duty

to save Gaza people and

provide military and hu-

manitarian aid to the Pales-

13 detained

**PTI workers** 

released from

Adiala Jail

RAWALPINDI (Online):

13 detained workers of Pa-kistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) were released from

sources, the workers were

released from Adiala Jail on

completion of their deten-

tion period. Last two days,

19 PTI workers were re-

leased from Adiala Jail. The

issued detention orders for

district administration had

According to jail

Adiala Jail

Sirajul Haq said that

of hospitals in Gaza.

The JI chief blamed

He slammed the si-

until an end to the war.

## President Arif Alvi even before the formation rent Turkiye leadership.

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

The Special Representative crisis. to the Prime Minister on Religious Harmony and the Pakistani Diaspora in the Middle East and Islamic Countries. 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 ter, and grandson in an Is-Biden's visit to Israel, underscored the urgency of He said the absence of for-

Ashrafi, who is also the chairman of the Pakistan Ulema 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

In a heartbreaking turn of events, he said Al Jazeera Arabic's Gaza bureau chief lost his wife, son, daughraeli airstrike on his home.

ISLAMABAD (APP): addressing the Palestinian eign journalists in Gaza amplified the courage of Palestinian journalists, who were risking their lives to report on the situation in a region under Is-

> 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 nor malized talks, as this gesture emphasized that the Palestinian issue could not be dismissed in the pursuit of normalizing relations with Israel.



rally participants to the protest. Haq announced to

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

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 Am-

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.

in Gaza: Sirajul Haq

staged its protest at

the public rally also heard

the special message of the

Hamas top leader Ismail

said that they stand side-by-side with the Muslims

in Gaza. He said that JI an-

nounced to hold a protest

before the US Embassy but

the US deputy secretary of

the state contacted the Pa-

kistani rulers to stop the

ers faced police baton

charge and arrests before the

continue the series of pro-

He said that JI work-

The participants of

JI Ameer Sirajul Haq

Aabpara Chowk.

Haniyeh.

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



LAHORE: Ex-MNA of PTI Wajiha 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, Liagat 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 Doctors and journalists are also being martyred, despite all this, Palestinians

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

preparations.

They have supported America and Israel by cracking down on this protest in Islamabad, he main

with the Palestinians or with the Zionists. In European countries, people are also on the streets for the

We demand that the

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

please whomever we did not know

#### Muslim rulers must provide **Amid Mideast tensions** military aid to Palestinians **Munir stresses resolution of** old disputes to promote peace UNITED countries who were in New ISLAMABAD (INP): security zone. Later, the JI tests against the Israeli bar-York for a 4-day Global

(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 occupation.

#### 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

#### 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 journal-

Yet the Pakistani state has failed to use this legis-

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

The international organization added in the report that the most incidents of crimes against journalists in Pakistan have occurred in



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 re-

Two days earlier, Indian troops abducted five defensless Kashmiri people and martyred them extrajudicially close to the Line of Control. The youth had gone in the forest to collect

#### Lahore tops polluted cities' list

LAHORE (NNI): The city of Lahore has been declared the top ranking city in the world air pollution index, showing the air quality mark of 281 among the other cities of the world.

The World Environment Report, Beijing stood at the second number with air quality index of 196 while India's Delhi stood third with an air quality index of 181

In the report, the other cities of Pakistan including Peshawar, Haripur and Islamabad are also told to be the harmful for the human health. The Peshawai air quality is recorded 171 Rawalpindi 163, Islamabad 162 and Haripur 152

#### SC to hear appeals against NAB amendment decision on Tuesday

ISLAMABAD (Online): former Prime Minister and 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 3member special bench headed by former Chief Justice of Pakistan Umar Atta Bandial, 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

Chairman of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf Imran Khan against NAB amendments and invalidated several clauses. In its decision, the Su-

preme 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 Pervaiz 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.

#### PIA restores Skardu flights Bilawal grieves over death of to rescue stranded tourists **Prof. Shahida** SKARDU (INP): Pakistan weather. KARACHI (APP): Chair-

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.

visit to Civil Hospital.

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

Taking notice, Minister of State Wasi Shah took action and approached concerned officials to arrange flights for those who were stranded in Skardu and

QUETTA: Caretaker Provincial Minister for Health Dr. Ameer Muhammad

Khan Jogezai inspecting the cleanliness and various sections during his

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

#### PML-Q calls for an end to Israeli oppression on Palestinians

LAHORE (INP): The Pa- favor of Palestine, the prokistan Muslim League-Q (PML-Q) Sunday organized a protest demonstration outside the Lahore Press Club to express a powerful display of soli-darity with the Palestine

Former Punjab Governor and the chief organizer of the party Chaudhry Sarwar led the protest.

PML-Q Punjab General Secretary Chaudhry Shafay Hussain also joined the rally in voicing his concerns about the dire situation in Palestine.

The demonstration, which saw a significant turnout of PML-Q workers, conveyed a resounding message of support for the oppressed Palestinian people, who have been enduring decades of conflict and hardship in the face of Israeli aggression.

Carrying banners and placards bearing slogans in

haphazard situation.

The Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the Cabinet approved a Rs. 8 billion bridge financing package for Pakistan International Airlines

testors demanded an imme-

diate end to Israeli oppres-

sion and called for the

implementation of United

Nations resolutions ad-

dressing the Palestinian is-

sue. Speaking on the occasion, the PML-Q chief or-

ganizer Ch Sarwar under-

lined the importance of in-

ternational solidarity by

urging, "We all have to raise

our voice for Palestine to-

gether." He further urged

the people to boycott Is-

raeli products. Addressing

the atrocities in Palestine,

Sarwar emphasized, "The

world needs to understand

that children are being mas-

sacred, and over fifty thou-

sand people have already

comparison to other nations, he questioned, "You

ask the international com-

munity what would happen

if another country did what

Israel is doing wrong

Drawing a powerful

lost their lives.

#### woman in the field of jour Nawaz likely to start political activities

next week ISLAMABAD (Online) Leader of Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) Mian Muhammad Nawaz Sharif is likely to start regular political activities from next week

man of Pakistan People's

Party (PPP) Bilawal

Bhutto Zardari on Sunday

expressed his grief and sor-

row over the death of Pro-

sage here, he said that late

Shahida Qazi played an

important role in eradicat-

ing gender discrimination in

ceased had valuable services

ing the first woman re-

porter of Pakistan, the late

Qazi opened doors for the

in the field of teaching.

He said that the de-

Bilawal said that be-

stani journalism.

In a condolence mes-

fessor Shahida Qazi.

According to the sources, Nawaz Sharif will first address the general meeting in Mansehra.

Nawaz Sharif will start the activities after the relief from the high court and the fears of arrest are over, while the schedule of meetings with the leaders of other political parties is also being fixed.

Meetings with the leaders of Nawaz Sharif's recent allied parties will be prioritized Chaudhry Nisar Ali

Khan, Shahid Khaqan Abbasi are also likely to be Consultation will also be made to meet angry leader Sardar Mehtab

Ahmed Khan.

we have completed all the

tained. Liagat Baloch further said that the government should tell whether it is

Palestinian people. OIC summit be called, he

Liagat Baloch said the

caretaker government and the administration exercised power over us to

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