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National Polio Eradication Campaign by administering polio drops to child.

PM urges every section of society to play role in complete eradication of polio

Launches anti-polio vaccine drive targeting 44 mln children

Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Monday called upon every section of the society to play role in complete eradication of polio virus from the country. He said every-one would have to participate in this sacred task to ensure safe and healthy future of children of the country. Chairing a meeting of the National Task Force for eradication of polio here, the prime minister directed the concerned authorities to engage religious scholars, teachers, parents and all stakeholders to become part of the polio awareness campaign in the country. He also directed to ensure security of the polio workers during the anti-polio campaign. Expressing satisfac-

ing of this crippling disease from the country.

The nation would celebrate the day when every child of the country would be completely safe from this disease, the prime minister said adding that it was a fact that all the religious scholars, including Imam-e-Kaaba, had declared the polio vaccine absolutely safe and very necessary for the future of children without disabilities. PM Kakar expressing concern over reports of polio virus in the three districts of the country, directed to run a special anti-polio campaign in areas where the polio virus had been reported.

international partners for

ISLAMABAD (APP): forts till complete uproot- compared to the 20 cases reported in the country in 022, only two cases had been reported this year, which was mainly due to the continuation of antipolio campaigns at the na-

tional level. The prime minister appreciated the ministry of health, National Task Force, provincial governments and administration, and law enforcement agencies for their tireless efforts in eradicating polio virus from the country.

Meanwhile Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Monday launched the five-day antipolio vaccination drive targeting around 44 million

"We are grateful to the children across the country. The prime minister their active participation initiated the campaign by tion over the significant and key support in administering anti-polio drop of polio cases in the Pakistan's National Polio vaccine oral drops and vicountry, the prime minis- Program," he added. The tamin A to children, here at



KARACHI: Peoples Party (PPP) Chairman, Bilawal Bhutto Zardari addresses the PPP candidates who won the local elections of Sindh, during meeting held

PPP 'only' political party that wants timely elections, says Bilawal

KARACHI (INP): Taking a dig at his allies in the erstwhile Pakistan Democratic Movement-led ruling coalition, PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari on Monday claimed the PPP was the "only" political party in the country that wanted timely elections.

"PPP is the country's only party that wants elections to take place," he said in a press conference in Karachi, lamenting how "so-called" political leaders were coming up with

"You must have seen that sometimes a so-called leader comes on screen and says. 'Delimitation has to happen and until then [elections can be delayed]'. Okay let's accept delimitation [needs to be done] but that process has been completed so now there should be no issue in giving the date [for polls]. "If not delimitation, then sometimes someone begins talking about the weather that 'it is very cold in February and January so how will we contest elections, 'while others talk about the law and order situation,' Bilawal said. His statement appeared to be a criticism of JUI-F emir Maulana Fazlur Rehman's concerns over holding elections in Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtun-khwaatatimewhenthey remain grip--ped by intense winter.

Lt Gen Munir Afsar appionted as NADRA's chairman

By M. Ilyas

ISLAMABAD: The federal cabinet Monday approved the appointment of Lieutenant General Munir Afsar as the chairman of the National Database and Registration Authority (Nadra).

The federal cabinet approved his appointment after it received a summary containing three names from the Ministry of Interior, a statement from the Prime Minister's Office

"The selection committee had shortlisted three best candidates for the post. After a detailed discussion, the cabinet appointed Lieutenant General Munir Afsar to the post,' the communique stated.

Later, a notification was also issued, which mentioned that his ap-



pointment would come into effect immediately. The new chairman Lt

Gen Mohammad Munir Afsar Hilal Imtiaz (Military) has vast experience in IT related technical development and management in Pakistan Army and United Nations Mission, according to his profile released to the

Lt Gen Muhammad Munir is an MPhil in Public Policy and National Security Management.

He compiled a research paper on public policy response in the GIS department during the 2010

Lt Gen Munir Afsar did his MS in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Remote Sensing.He was also awarded the President's Award for his paper on rapid geospatial data generation through

hotometry. MS in National Resource Strategy (C&IT Industry and Supply Chain Management) from NDU Washington DC where he was named a Distinguished

He is currently a PhD candidate in Remote Sensing at NUST Islamabad. His research paper is related to detection of plant diseases through remote sensing and artificial intelligence.

Says apex committee meetings being held to tackle terrorism; Caretaker govt taking special measures to curb terrorism, hoarding, smuggling

Minister Sarfraz Bugti announced on Monday that any security personnel found engaged in cross-border smuggling will face court-martial proceedings. Bugti's statement follows a similar warning issued by Chief of Army Staff (COAS) Gen Asim Munir, He explained that the army emphasising that security had its accountability officials involved in cross-border smuggling would be mechanism, which, while not publicly known, does

During a press conference in Islamabad, Bugti

Minister for Interior
Sarfraz Bugti on Monday

APP adds: Carcumstanterior
Sarfraz Bugti on Monday smuggling activities, stat- of caretaker Prime Minising, "If I say that security ter Anwar-ul-Kakar, the forces weren't involved [in Ministry of Interior took

ISLAMABAD (APP):

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has decided to evict 11 lacs

foreigners living illegally in

Pakistan because of their

involvement in funding, fa-

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residence cards will be ex-

pelled. "Illegally resident

foreigners pose a serious

kistan" said a source privy

to the development and

added that the plan for evic-

tion of illegally residing Af-

ghan citizens has also been

approved as this lot is in-

volved in funding, facilitat-

ing and smuggling terrorists

whereas 7 lacs Afghans

ISLAMABAD (APP):

Caretaker Federal Minister

for Information and Broad-

casting Murtaza Solangi

said on Monday that it was

responsibility of the gov-

ernment to ensure peace in

the country and assist the

Election Commission of

Pakistan (ECP) in conduct-

ing free, transparent and

meeting with Caretaker

Minister for Interior

Sarfraz Bugti who called on

him here. On his arrival at

the Ministry of Informa-

This, he said, during a

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Interim Govt decides to

evict 11 lacs foreigners

residing illegally in Pakistan

In first phase, illegal residents, in second phase, those with Afghan citizenship and

in third phase, those with proof of

residence cards will be expelled

Federal Caretaker Interior right as the smuggled items are transported via trucks, not camels.'

Bugti said that Gen Asim Munir had warned military personnel that involvement in illegal crossborder trade would not only result in court martial but

proof of residence in Paki-

that in the first phase, ille-

gal residents will be de-

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who do not renew their vi-

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Murtaza Solangi welcomed

Interior Minister Sarfraz

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terest including law and or-

der situation in the coun-

Murtaza Solangi and

Sarfraz Bugti expressed

their profound regret over

the loss of precious lives in

the recent bomb blasts in

the country. Both the fed-

eral ministers reiterated that

there was no place in Paki-

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their facilitators in Pakistan,

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terrorism, hoarding, smuggling, illegal money exchange and other illegal ac-Addressing a press con-

"Not right" to say security forces not involved in smuggling

Security personnel involved in smuggling

to face court martial: Sarfraz Bugti

ference along with caretaker Minister for Information Murtaza Solang, Sarfraz Bugti said that ten joint check posts consisted of Custom officials, Frontier Core and local Police were established in Baluchistan with special powers of customs clearance, however the number of check posts were not being increased

from ten to fourteen. He said similar fourteen joint check posts are being established in Punjab, ten in Sindh and seven in

control illegal activities.

He said on the special reports from the intelligence agencies, an action is being taken against smugglers, hoarders including their facilitators' officials or civilians in all provinces.

The minister said that for stoppage for sugar smuggling, the FBR using latest technology, was tracking the transportation of sugar and in the first phase 54 sugar mills had been taken on board whereas the rest were bewhereas the rest were being taken on the system.

National Counter Narcotics Center is being setup to control drugs smuggling, said the minister adding

ISLAMABAD (INP): smuggling], it won't be special measures to curb Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to that through this system, the information gathering would become faster and easier and drug peddlers could be arrested, besides preparation of the educational programme in collaboration with the Higher **Education Commission to** sensitize the students

against the use of drugs. The minister further said that Afghan Transit Trade would be monitored from Karachi Port to Afghanistan to control tax evasion, whereas Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) was requested to expedite the prosecution of pending cases of smug-



ISLAMABAD: Chairman Federal Minister for Interior Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti and Caretaker Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Murtaza Solangi addressing a press Conference.

President condemns terrorist attack

in Turkive ISLAMABAD (APP): President Dr Arif Alvi on Monday strongly condemned the terrorist attack on a Turkiye's government building in Ankara. The president expressed hope that Turkiye would overcome terrorism under the leadership of President Recep Tayyip Erdogan. "I am sure that Turkiye would eliminate the threat of terrorism under the dynamic leadership of

President Erdogan, the president posted on social media platform X, formerly known as Twit-

One of the two terrorists blew himself up in front of the General Directorate of Security in Turkive's capital Ankara on Sunday.

Nawaz Sharif books ticket for return to **Pakistan**

ISLAMABAD (Online): Ticket has been booked for return of Nawaz Sharif from London to Pakistan.

Nawaz Sharif will land in Abu Dhabi international airport on October 21 from London.

Nawaz Sharif has been got made through private airlines flight 243. Booking has been made in business class of private airlines.

Nawaz Sharif will leave Abu Dhabi for Lahore on October 21. Private airlines will

land In Allama Iqbal international airport at 6.25 p.m.

Chairman Advance booking for

The delegation led by

ISLAMABAD (APP): A Social Sector Development Programs which include Healthcare, Education and others, said a press release.

highlighted various steps being taken by the interim government towards economic revival in the country. He also appreciated the role of the ADB as one of the major development partners of Pakistan, stating that the ADB for its decades-long assistance, has been playing a vital role in the socio-economic uplift of Pakistan

ISLAMABAD: A delegation of Asian Development Bank (ADB) led by Senior Director, Human & Social Development Sector Office, Sectors Group (SG-HSD), Ayako Inagaki, met with Deputy Chairman Planning Commission, Muhammad Jehanzeb Khan at his office.

tion and Broadcasting, Muhammad Ali, Zhang discuss mutual interest issues

Caretaker Federal Minister for Power and Petroleum, Muhammad Ali has held a significant meeting with the Vice President of China National Petroleum Corporation, Mr. Zhang, during the sidelines of the Abu Dhabi International Progressive Congress (ADIPEC). The discussions revolved around vari-

ISLAMABAD (APP): tions, according to a news release received here on Monday. Both sides expressed their willingness to enhance future cooperation in the vital energy sector. ADIPEC, renowned as one of the world's largest energy events, is currently underway in Abu Dhabi, attracting participation from 2,200 companies and featuring 30 country pavilions ous issues of mutual inter- that showcase cutting-edge est between the two na- energy strategies.

IHC dismisses lower courts' verdicts in nine bail petitions of PTI Chairman

The Islamabad High Court (IHC) on Monday dismissed decision of trial court for terminating prearrest bails of PTI's Chairman in nine case on the basis of non-pursuance.

The court said bail petitions of PTI's head would be considered as pending and trial court would take decision after hearing them

A two-judge bench

ISLAMABAD (APP): comprising Chief Justice Aamer Farooq and Justice Tariq Mehmood Jahangiri announced the verdict on appeal of chairman PTI.

It may be mentioned here Additional District and Session Court dismissed the interim bail petitions of PTI's head in six cases, while Anti-Terrorism Court turned terminated three bail petitions due to non-pursuance after his arrest in toshakhana case.

PM stresses provision of skills to manpower according to contemporary requirements

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Monday stressed the need to work on a war footing for the provision of skills to the country's manpower according to contemporary requirements. He said the profes-

sional education and vocational training programs should be prepared at par with the needs of the international market.

Chairing the meeting of the federal cabinet here, the prime minister said steps should be taken to increase employment opportunities of skilled people abroad. On recommendation of

federal ministry of education and professional train- Hungary.

ing, the federal cabinet also approved the service level amended agreement between National Vocational and Technical Training Commission and Saudi agency Takamol.

The prime minister directed that all existing centers of technical education and vocational training should be activated.

On the recommendation of the ministry of education and professional training, the Cabinet also approved the signing of the Memorandum of Agreement between the Area Studies Center, University of Peshawar and Central Asia Research Center of Corvinus University of

ADB delegation appreciates Pak efforts for economic revival

delegation of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in a meeting with Deputy Planning Commission Muhammad Jehanzeb on Monday appreciated Pakistan's efforts for the economic

the Senior Director of Human and Social Development Sector Office, Sectors Group (SG-HSD), Ayako Inagaki assured Pakistan of their continuous support in the future for

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Faizabad redux

The memory of the infamous Faizabad dharna of 2017 has returned to haunt Pakistan. When one looks back at the stand-off, which eventually saw the Tehreek-i-Labbaik catapulted into the political 'mainstream', there is little to feel but regret.

As the Supreme Court takes up review petitions against its 2019 verdict in the same case, the TLP is once again on the rampage, this time against minority communities.

Unfortunately, there has been, so far, no attempt by the state to clamp down on their disruptive activities — an approach in line with the security establishment's earlier inclination to allow a free hand to the group. Interestingly, those who had filed the review pleas against the 2019 Faizabad sitin verdict now want them withdrawn.

They include the PTI, which participated in an extended smear campaign against the current chief justice following the judgement, but which now finds it more suitable for his verdict to be implemented without further qualification.

There are also some who do not want the matter to be revisited as this will invariably give rise to difficult questions about the present political con-

It may be recalled that the Supreme Court's Faizabad ruling had prompted a presidential reference against Justice Isa — a move that was widely seen as a 'punishment' for his attempt to hold the security forces to account.

The judgement was seen as a clarion call for unelected quarters to respect their oath, to stop interfering in the political domain, and to check religious extremists, instead of patronising them.

But none was ever prosecuted for engaging in unlawful political activity, and the TLP was allowed to flourish despite its virulent ideology, which recurrently caused immense embarrassment for the Pakistani authorities in later years.

The political instability seen lately and the repeated attacks on Pakistan's minority communities in recent weeks are just some of the symptoms of the state's failure to implement the Faizabad sit-in

After the Eid Milad-un-Nabi bombings this Friday, many observers have been wondering why Pakistan continues to be targeted by those seeking to shed innocent blood. It would appear that violent extremism continues to find easy outlets here because it ranks so low in our state's priorities.

Consider how the state responded to the Faizabad verdict. When the court excoriated the security agencies for failing to act firmly against those openly spreading hate and advocating extremism, the administration at the time, instead of ensuring that the miscreants were dealt with resolutely, attempted to neutralise the judge who had issued the ruling. As long as terrorists know that our state will turn a blind eye to bigotry and hate, there is little hope for us to be rid of the malignancies that have become embedded in our sociopolitical fabric.

Refugee question



Huma Yusuf

It has been a bad week for refugees. A debate is brewing on whether the UN's refugee convention is still fit for purpose. A recent Financial Times poll found that 56 per cent of Americans and 60pc of Britons say immigration is too high. Closer to home, our interim government authorised the deportation of undocumented Afghan refugees.

policymakers should closely follow the evolving global rhetoric on refugees for it will inevitably affect Pakistan's global standing.

It is not surprising that refugees are back in the headlines. According to the UNHCR, the UN refugee agency, as of May this year, more than 110 million individuals were forcibly displaced due to conflict, persecution or human rights violations, of which more than 35m were categorised as refugees.

Pakistan is in a double bind. On the one hand, as the preferred destination for over 2m Afghan refugees, it faces international pressure to sign up to the UN refugee convention (Pakistan is not a signatory and thus does not have national legislation guiding refugee and asylum protocols or nonrefoulement, which is why it can deport vulnerable Afghans without breaching local or international law). On the other, as a (growing) exporter of refugees, it will face mounting pressure to stem the tide as well as aggressive containment approaches. Our economic, security and foreign policies are not ad-

equately equipped to manage the challenge. The interim set-up

for its decision to deport undocumented Afghan refugees (Pakistan hosts 1.4m documented Afghan refugees; an equal number of undocumented Afghans are also believed to reside in the country). The refugees complain of harassment and police mishandling, claiming that Pakistani authorities have been slow to approve registrations and visa exten-

Pakistan uses deportations as a way to demonstrate it is cracking down on cross-border militancy, while also hoping it serves as a pressure tactic to elicit more support from Kabul to limit this security threat. This is largely ineffective given that most Afghan refugees are legitimately fleeing hunger, conflict and women's

sion applications. The in-

ternational community is

raising its eyebrow at a

country ready to send Af-

ghans, including girls and

women, back to a country

where human rights viola-

tions are extreme.

rights violations. Pakistan should, instead, consider the benefits of welcoming Afghan refugees, as it has historically done. This would be humane and demonstrate that Pakistan does not condone the extremism and horrific misogyny of the Taliban. It would also position Pakistan well for future international negotiations in which it would want to advocate for Pakistani refugees in other countries to be treated humanely and in accordance

with international laws. As a first step, Pakistan should sign the UN refugee convention, but on the condition that its Western allies provide it with support to comply with non-refoulement requirements (the prohibition on states to return individuals to places where they would be at risk). Indeed, refugee management could become a core aspect of our

foreign policy.
Pakistan since 2021

has already faced criticism has been resisting setting up a Resettlement Support Centre to enable the US to process resettlement applications of Afghan refugees and relocate them onwards to the US. It argues that an RSC would trigger a flood of Afghan refugees. The US, meanwhile, refuses to handle resettlement cases without an RSC. This is an area for productive engagement between Pakistan and the US: Islamabad can enable

Washington to meet its

commitments in the wake

of its messy Afghanistan

exit, while receiving sup-

port to manage the influx

of refugees in exchange. Turkey is currently the world's largest refugee-hosting country, and knowledge sharing of best practices for refugee/ asylum frameworks could be a key element of the growing partner-ship between the two states. Pakistan could also serve as a valuable interlocutor with allies such as China and the GCC to encourage them to take a greater share of the global refugee population in line with their economic status, an argument that can only be made from the moral high ground, but that would help sustain the relevance of Pakistan's voice globally, and help secure fair treatment for

Pakistani refugees later.

The world is on a difficult trajectory and the number of refugees and asylum seekers will only soar. Our own worsening security and economic environment and sickening levels of religious intolerance mean that Pakistani refugees will be among that count. If we want to safeguard our compatriots, we must change our perspective on the refugee challenge. Let's not forget the age-old wisdom of doing unto others as you would have them do unto you. -- Courtesy Dawn

Southern conundrum



Mohammad Ali

Babakhel The south of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) has historically been a turbulent region. It has been a haven for freedom-loving anti-imperialists as well as those with an intense devotion to religion. It has seen long-drawn tribal feuds and major demographic transitions. All of these factors have kept the region alive in the news and in history

Of KP's total area of

101,741 square kilometres,

south KP occupies 36,655 sq km, or 36 per cent. The region is administratively divided into three divisions and 12 districts (including the recently bifurcated South Waziristan). North Waziristan's border with Afghanistan stretches over 183km, and it neighbours the Afghan provinces of Khost, Paktia and Paktika, where militants are reportedly concentrated. South Wazir-istan's border with Afghanistan stretches over 107km and, further north, Kurram shares a 192km boundary with Afghanistan, adjoining Nangarhar, Khost, and

After a spike in militancy and counterterrorism operations, certain parts of south KP experienced significant demographic changes. People from South Waziristan, North Waziristan, Kurram and Orakzai migrated to Tank, Dera Ismail Khan, Bannu, and Kohat, respectively. D.I. Khan's population grew from 852,995 in the 1998 census to 1,625,088 persons in the 2017 census. Likewise, in 1998, Tank counted 238,216 people, rising to 390,626 in 2017. In

1998, Bannu had 675,667 people, which rose to 1,167,071 in 2017. Displacement and migration simultaneously de-tribalised the local culture while burdening the urban areas of Kohat, Bannu. and D.I.

Militancy in south historical, political and socioeconomic factors. The region lacks linguistic or ethnic homogeneity. Its effective governance req-ui-res a thorough understanding of its history, diversity, and the nature of its tribal dynamics. The Wazir, Bhittani, Mehsud, Kundi, Bangash, Paracha, Afridi, Khattak, Banuchi, Marwat, Gandapur, Miankhel, Turi, Orakzai, and Banuri are its major tribes. Pashto, Seraiki, Hindko, Brahui, and Urdu are the spoken languages. The region also has substantial sectarian diversity, including a significant Shia presence in D.I. Khan, Kurram, Kohat, and

Hangu. South KP is home to conservative tribal communities that marginalised, and which shuttle between nationalism and religiosity. Poverty, unemployment and a lack of access to education and basic services have contributed to their sense of general hopelessness, leaving the poverty-stricken youth susceptible to radicalisation and militant recruitment. External actors have exthe local ploited population's feelings of marginalisation to their

advantage. Furthermore, poor infrastructure has hampered trade and economic development. A long spell of militancy and other factors have disrupted rail and air connectivity: the railway stations in Tank, Bannu, Hangu, Usterzai, and Thal stand abandoned, while the airports in Bannu, Parachinar, and D.I. Khan are no longer operational. Newly conformer tribal areas have

however, bridged some distances and improved governance, trade, and the mobility of security

South KP gets very little time and space in Pakistani media. Keeping in view the communication barriers, radio broadcasts KP is a consequence of may prove an effective medium of communication in the region and may help counter prevailing extremist narratives. Radio Pakistan has a radio station in D.I. Khan, and FM radio stations are on air in Bannu, Hangu, Kohat, and North Waziristan. In the absence of effective communication, people rely on alternative media. external broadcasts, and social media content to get information, but these me--diums often carry provocative conte--nt that may be detrimental to ---istan's interests.

Bannu, D.I. Khan, Kohat and Kurram were notified districts during the British era, so all, except Kurram, have cantonments. These districts were established primarily on the basis of their strategic importance; the colonial rulers wanted to improve their control over the tribal areas and improve revenue collection. Because the remaining districts in south KP were established after independence, the infrastructure they inherited was weak, which impacted public service. The mere creation of any more districts will not serve the interests of the state or the public; therefore, infrastructural development, impro-ved public service delivery, and revenue collection should be the key focus areas. The dividends from the 25th Amendment for the newly merged districts have come in the form of a growing realisation and acceptance of different institutions and fundamental human rights. However, resources are limited and expectations high: how to deliver in this context restructed roads in the mains the real challenge. -Courtesv Dawn

Commerce News

Tax System and Economic Challenges in

SIALKOT: Former President Lahore Bar Association Jameel Akhtar Baig Advocate Expert Economics addressing to a seminar on Tax System and Economic Challenges in Pakistan at SCCI organized by **Government Graduate College of Commerce.**

President directs National Savings to reimburse Rs 1.2m to woman fraud victim

ISLAMABAD (APP): President Dr Arif Alvi on Monday directed the Central Directorate of National Savings (CDNS) to reimburse an amount of Rs 1.2 million with profit to a woman victim of fraud.

The money was fraudulently withdrawn from the woman's account through the issuance of a fictitious cheque book and affixing her fake signatures on the withdrawal slip. President Alvi asked CDNS to refer the matter to FIA for proper investigation so that the

delinquent officials of CDNS involved in the scam amount of Rs 1.2 million CDNS to investigate the may be brought to the book and punished.

these directions while deciding representation filed by CDNS (the Agency) against the decision of the Wafaqi Mohtasib directing CDNS to refer the matter to FIA for thorough investigation.

As per details, the complainant Abida Riffat had alleged that she was maintaining a Pensioners Benefit Account with claim. Feeling aggrieved, CDNS in Rawalpindi. She she approached the Wafaqi

had been fraudulently withdrawn from her The president issued account in 2019 through another cheque book which was never issued to her. lodged

complaint with CDNS for investigation and recovery of her defrauded amount, but the matter was investigated in a superfluous manner and she was informed that she could not produce any evidence in support of her

matter through FIA. CDNS then filed a representation with the President against the Mohtasib's decision.

President Alvi in his decision observed that 28.12.2021 had admitted that Rs 1.2 million were withdrawn from her account through the fake transaction on 23.05.2019 by affixing a fake signature on the withdrawal slip. He noted that during an internal inquiry conducted by CDNS.

CPI inflation recorded at 31.4% in September

ISLAMABAD (APP): according to the PBS data. 21.2% in September The Consumer Price Index (CPI) based inflation basis, the inflation month (MoM) basis, it increased to 31.4 percent increased to 2.0 percent increased to 1.7% in during the month of in September 2023 as September 2023 as September 2023 as compared to an increase compared to an increase compared to the same of 1.7 percent in the of 1.6% in the previous month of last year, previous month and a month and a decrease of Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) reported on Monday.

2022, previous month and

On month-on-month 2022. On month-on-

decrease of 1.2 percent in September 2022.

September 2022.

On the other hand, the On the other hand, the The urban CPI rural CPI increased to The inflation had inflation increased to 33.9% on year-on-year increased to 27.4 percent during last month (August) (YoY) basis in September 2023 as compared to an increase of whereas it was recorded at 2023 as compared to an 30.9% in the previous increase of 25.0% in the month and 26.1% in September 2022.

Revolutionize Agriculture Sector Unity Plantations, **Green Corporate** initiative join hands

Independent Report ARACHI: (Private)

Plantations Limited [a wholly owned subsidiary of Sunridge Foods (Private) Limited, which in turn is a wholly owned subsidiary of Unity Foods Limited, hereinafter collectively referred to as Unity Group] and Green Corporate Initiative (Private) Limited are proud announce groundbreaking Master Collaboration Agreement that is set to reshape Pakistan's agriculture and livestock sector, bolstering food security

promoting sustainable

development

Trade deficit narrows by 42% in 1st quarter

of the current fiscal year compared corresponding period of last year, the Pakistan

against the deficit of \$9.159 billion in Julyshowing negative growth

During the period

3.78 per cent to \$6.899 during the corresponding according to the latest PBS data.

On the other hand, the imports narrowed by 25.36 per cent and were recorded at \$12.188 billion compared to \$16.329 billion last year.

Meanwhile, on a yearon-year basis, the exports from the country increased by 1.15 per cent in September compared to the exports of the same month of last year.



railway track as they are holding protest demonstration for acceptance of their demands, held at Cantt Railway Station in Peshawar.

Shipping activity at **Port Qasim**

KARACHI (APP): Shipping activity was reported at the port where fourships namely, Mumbasa Express, MSC Shahar, Dignity and Doha carrying Containers, Palm oil and LNG, berthed at Container Terminal, Liquid Terminal and Elengy Engro Terminal

respectively on Sunday. Meanwhile two more ships, Amali and Kana scheduled to load/offload Cement and LPG also arrived at outer anchorage.

CDNS attains Rs 400b targets in fresh bond

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Central Directorate of National Savings (CDNS) has accomplished a target of Rs 400 billion in fresh bonds in the current fiscal year, from July 1 to 30th September. The CDNS surpassed

the annual target and achieved the target of Rs 1.6 trillion in fresh bonds in the current fiscal year, the senior official of CDNS told APP here on Monday. He said this was Rs 200

billion additional annual target than the target of Rs 1300 billion for the previous financial year 2021-22. "The CDNS has set a reviewed saving target of Rs 1.4 trillion for the current financial year (2021-22) which will promote savings culture in the country," he said.

In view of the current market trend in the country, the ambitious target had been set to further improve the savings culture, he said.

PSX marks WIW 2023 with gong ceremony ISLAMABAD (APP): consecutive year, said a

Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) along with numerous other exchanges and organisations across the world marked World Investor Week (WIW) 2023 through a gong ceremony held at PSX. The World Federation of Exchanges (WFE), of which PSX is an Affiliate Exchange, spearheads the WIW, the WIW is being held

from October 2– 8, 2023. event and organising the investor education and WIW for the third

press release issued here Monday. Present at the gong ceremony were representatives from the SÊCP, leading academic institutions, professional bodies, and securities brokers, amongst others.

week-long activities in World Investor Week are planned to promote the importance of financial literacy and to PSX is holding this raise awareness about protection

FCCI becomes "First E-Chamber" of the country

FAISALABAD (APP) Faisalabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry (FCCI) has attained a unique status of "First E-Chamber" of the country and it is a first baby step toward the complete transformation of FCCI into a dynamic and vibrant corporate entity, said Dr. Khurram Tariq President FCCI.

Addressing Annual General Meeting (AGM) on the completion of his first year.

ISLAMABAD (APP): exports decreased by contracted by 42.25 per billion compared to the cent during the first quarter exports of \$7.170 billion to the period of last year,

Bureau of Statistics (PBS) reported Monday. The Trade deficit from July-September (2023-24) was recorded at \$5.289 billion as September (2022-23),

of 42.25 per cent. under review,

lawyers, vice chancellors and principals of various

colleges were present on the

Naqvi launches special education drive, project of assistive devices distribution to special children

Naqvi officially launched the special education admission campaign and initiated the distribution of assistive devices for special children at a local

Minister Naqvi expressed gratitude towards all those involved in serving special children, emphasizing that it is both a religious and worldly obligation to care for them. He pledged unwavering commitment to the Department of Special Education, assuring prompt approval of all special education

Independent Report

LAHORE: Caretaker Chief
Minister Punjab, Mohsin

Town Chief Minister

Highlighting the Naqvi asserted responsibility
responsibility
rectifying these or rectifying the rectifying these or rectifying the rectified the r Town, Chief Minister Nagvi reaffirmed that endeavors for special children. children will be undertaken as acts of duty and visit to the Government In his address, Chief Pilot School on Wahdat secretary, and minister in situation. The school, housing 1650 students, had only 60 appointed teachers, with 35 on Election Commission duty and the rest on leave. A mere 10 to 15 teachers were left to educate the vast student population, leading to a concerning decline in

quality. Chief Minister

The Secretary, along

with the Director General

and all officers, will

actively engage in the field

to ensure transparent

Director of Operations

along with mobile lab

testing experts, provided a

briefing to the Secretary

and conducted real-time

tests on milk and water,

covering fresh milk

(chemical and composition

checks) and processed milk

quality checks.

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HYDERABAD: Pakistan Federal Union of Jour-

nalists (PFUJ) President, GM Jamali addresses

during Health Insurance Card distribution cer-

Drive against

adulteration in food,

milk planned: Maani

Food has issued directives (composition check), as

prioritize food, well as water tests.

PESHAWAR (APP): The especially milk.

Food Department Khyber

Pakhtunkhwa has planned

a comprehensive drive

against adulteration in

especially milk. Zariful

Maani, Secretary Food said

that a comprehensive drive

was planned utilizing geo-

tagging to ensure the quality

of milk and other food

consultative meetings

involving stakeholders and

officials, the Secretary of

After a series of

commodities,

emony held at Hyderabad press club.

Highlighting the Naqvi asserted that the rectifying these conditions lies administration, not the

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He called attention collective the devotion. Reflecting on his responsibility of the education department, its Road, he expressed ensuring quality personal dismay at the education and improving conditions. school Notable figures like Akhtar Rasool, Qari Sadaqat Ali, General Zaheer, General Bilal, and General Naveed Anjum had all attended the Pilot School on Wahdat Road. which, Chief Minister Naqvi lamented, had been grievously neglected.

LHC orders police to produce Sheikh within a week

RAWALPINDI (Online): Lahore High Court (LHĆ) Rawalpindi bench has ordered police to present Sheikh Rashid within a

The petition against arrest of former interior minister Sheikh Rashid came up for hearing before single bench of LHC led by Justice Sadaqat Ali Khan here Monday.

RPO Rawalpindi

Syed Khurram appeared in the court.

The court questioned from RPO Rawalpindi Sheikh Rashid and two other persons with him are where. Will you give it in writing to court or produce Sheikh Rashid.

On being inquired from court, the RPO sought 15 days time more from the court. The court remarked 15 days are too much. This is not ordinary matter. Two days time will be too much.

Justice Sadaqat Ali remarked I give 7 days time due to request of Sardar Abdul Razzaq counsel for the petitioner. If Sheikh Rashid is not produced within a week, the court will order for registration of FIR.



LAHORE: Governor Punjab Muhammad Balighur Rehman addressing Right to Information Day' function as a special guest at Governor House.

KP Universities bars from granting new affiliation to new institutions, colleges

PESHAWAR (APP): The affiliation by the Higher Department Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has barred the public sector universities of the province from granting fresh or new affiliation to any new institution, college or programme till finalization of fresh policy by Higher Education Commission

According to a letter issued to the public sector universities, the HED explained that the main reason behind was violation of HEC policy for campus.

Education universities and granting (HED) affiliation to colleges without having proper qualified teaching faculty, meeting necessary academic and physical requirements.

It said that some universities of KP were violating jurisdiction policy whereas some colleges were running BS programmes which were affiliated with such universities where the BS programme was not offered at the main

Social media campaign against **Governor KP baseless**

PESHAWAR (APP): The personal assistant (PA) to Governor and Mayor of the governor, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Maaz Fida, said on Monday that the campaign of corruption made against the governor, Haji Ghulam Ali, and the mayor of Peshawar, Haji Zubair Ali, on social media is unfounded. She added that the opponents, despite using all of their resources,

against either of the two individuals. The Governor's PA responded to several

would be unable to prove

any evidence of corruption

allegations made on social steadfast.

Peshawar had provided unparalleled services to their citizens and that any rumors spread on social media were completely

He asserted that the governor and the mayor of Peshawar deserved praise for their devoted work and approachable demeanor. The opponents tried to discredit the mayor's and governor's positions, but they countered

misinformation with their

PESHAWAR (APP) Deputy Commissioner of Peshawar, Afzal Wazir on Monday supervised the polio eradication teams in various areas while convincing reluctant parents to administer polio drops to their children. Under

DC oversees

polio eradication

campaign

supervision of the provincial government, a seven-day polio eradication campaign is underway in the district.

The Deputy Commissioner visited Naseer Bagh Road, Regi, Hayatabad, Peshatkhara and other areas to oversee the polio eradication campaign.

Rescue 1122 handles 572 emergencies in Sep

DERA ISMAIL KHAN (APP): Rescue 1122 on Monday issued a monthly performance featuring a total of 572 emergencies tackled with response time ranging within seven minutes by the district's emergency service

during the last month. Sharing the report, the spokesman of the Rescue 122 said, the service provided first medical aid to about 592 patients and subsequently shifted them to hospitals while tackling different emergencies in September under the leadership of District Emergency Officer

Governor for access to RTI thru departmental websites Qadir Shah, senior judges

Independent Report Muhammad Balighur Rehman has asked the Punjab government to speed up access to basic information under the right to information (RTI) law through websites of all provincial departments. Addressing

ceremony in connection with the 'Right to Information Day' at the Governor's House here on Monday, he said it is a good omen that Pakistan is among the 125 countries in the world where RTI has been implemented as a law.

The event was organised by Punjab Information Commission in collaboration with the Centre for Peace and Development Initiatives (CPDI). Chief Information Commissioner Mehboob

occasion. Speaking on the occasion, Governor Punjab Muhammad Balighur Rehman said the main purpose of this event is to highlight the importance of Right to Information in the development of the country, adding that in the countries where the RTI law is effectively implemented, level of corruption is low. He said RTI has a key role in eradicating

corruption in government institutions, making the work of public officials effective and in good governance, adding the RTI Act ensures Act ensures transparency in the financial administrative affairs of government institutions



HYFERABAD: Health worker administering polio vaccine drops to a child during a Polio vaccination campaign at Government Hospital at Norani basti.

7-day anti polio campaign starts in KP; 7.478mln children to be immunized

PESHAWAR (APP): The polio drops while in the seven-day anti-polio campaign started across Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on Monday wherein as many as 7.478 million children under the age of five would be vaccinated against the crippling polio disease.

According to the Emergency Operation Center (EOC), in the first phase of the polio campaign, all children under the age of five in Peshawar, Kohat, Mardan, Malakand and Hazara

second phase of the campaign, which would continue from October 9 to 13, all children up to five years of age in Bannu and DI Khan divisions would be vaccinated.

During this campaign vitamin A would also be given to children to increase their immunity, said the EOC, adding that in the first phase of the campaign, in all the districts of Peshawar, Kohat, Mardan, Malakano divisions would be given and Hazara divisions.

International News

Biden says there's 'not much time' to keep aid flowing to Ukraine and Congress must 'stop the games'

Monitoring Desk WASHINGTON: President Joe Biden said that American aid to Ukraine will keep flowing for now as he sought to reassure allies of continued U.S. financial support for the war effort. But time is running out, the president said in a warning to Congress.

'We cannot under any circumstances allow America's support for Ukraine to be interrupted," Biden said in remarks from the Roosevelt Room after Congress averted a government shutdown by passing a short-term funding package late Saturday that dropped assistance for Ukraine in the battle against Russia.

overwhelming sense of urgency," he said, noting that the funding bill lasts only until mid-November. Biden urged Congress to negotiate an aid package as soon as possible.

"The vast majority of both parties — Democrats and Republicans, Senate and House — support helping Ukraine and the brutal aggression that is being thrust upon them by Russia," Biden said. "Stop playing games, get this

But many lawmakers acknowledge that winning approval for Ukraine assistance in Congress is growing more difficult as the war grinds on. Republican resis-'We have time, not

much time, and there's an tance to the aid has been gaining momentum and the next steps are ahead, given the resistance from the hard-right flank.

While Senate Major-

ity Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., has begun a process to potentially consider legislation providing additional Ukraine aid, House Speaker Kevin McCarthy R-Calif., faces a more dif ficult task in keeping the commitment he made over the objections of nearly half of his GOP majority. He told CBS' "Face on the Nation" that he supported being able to make sure Ukraine has the weapons that they need," but that his priority was security at the U.S.-Mexico border.

Zelenskiy says cooperation with EU vital for victory, Kyiv needs defence support **Monitoring Desk**

KYIV: A Ukrainian victory in its war with Russia depends on cooperation with the European Union, President Volodymyr Zelenskiy told EU foreign ministers gathered in Kyiv on Mon-

derlined the importance of 'defence support" for Ukraine after the U.S. Congress left Ukraine war aid out of a spending bill and an election in Slovakia was won by a party whose leader said he would end military supplies from army storage to Ukraine.

meet a series of EÛ criteria for joining the bloc and has relied heavily on Western military assistance since Russia's full-scale invasion in February

Ukraine and the entire free world are capable of winning this confrontation. But our victory depends directly on our cooperation with you



Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock speak to the media before EU-Ukraine foreign ministers meeting, amid Russia's attack on Ukraine, in Kyiv, Ukraine.

After Ankara bombing, Turkiye hits back in Iraq and at home

Monitoring Desk ANKARA: Turkiye said it unleashed air strikes on militant targets in northern Iraq and detained suspects in Istanbul overnight, hours

outlawed Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) militant group claimed responsibil-

ity. The defence ministry nated said many militants were "neutralised", a term mostly used to mean killed, in air strikes that destroyed 20 targets — caves, shelters and depots used by the PKK in Iraq's Metina, Hakurk, Qandil and Gara

Turkiye has stepped up military action against the PKK in northern Iraq over the last few years in operations it says are conducted under self-defence rights arising from Article 51 of the ted Nations charter.

organisation by Turkiye, the United States and the European Union. launched an insurgency in southeast Turkiye in 1984 and more than 40,000 people have been killed in the conflict.

On Sunday, CCTV footage obtained by Reuters showed a vehicle pulling up outside the interior ministry's main gate in Ankara and one of its occupants quickly walking toward the building before being engulfed in an explosion.

Niger accepts its mediation in resolving political crisis Monitoring Desk

ALGIERS: Niger has accepted Algeria's offer of mediation to help resolve its political crisis, Algerian state TV reported on Mon-Algeria, which shares

a border with Niger, has proposed an initiative involving a six-month transition period in Niger led by a civilian.

Members of Niger' presidential guard seized power there in July and established a junta.

UAE holds major oil and gas conference just ahead of hosting UN climate talks in Dubai

Monitoring Desk ABU DHABI: The Emirati

president-designate of the upcoming United Nations COP28 climate talks urged oil and gas companies Monday to be "central to the solution" for climate change, a message delivered even as the industry boosts its production to enjoy rising global energy prices.

The appeal by Sultan al-Jaber highlights the gap between climate activists suspicious of his industry ties and his calls to drastically slash the world's emissions by nearly half in

warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius (2.7 degrees Fahrenheit) compared with preindustrial times.

While addressing a major international concern, his remarks came at a marquee oil industry event highlighting the state oil company he oversees — feeding the concerns of those already critical of his appointment while also drawing applause from the same energy firms he wants to court at the upcoming COP28 talks starting in November. "That is our North Star. It is, in fact, our only destination," al-



Firefighters try to extinguish a fire at a police headquarters in Ismailia.

Early voting begins in New Zealand's general election and in Australia for Indigenous 'Voice'

Monitoring Desk WELLINGTON: Early voting began on Monday in New Zealand for the nation's Oct. 14 general election, with conservative contender Christopher

Early voting also began in some parts of Australia in a referendum that would enshrine in Australia's constitution a mechanism for Indigenous people to advise Parliament on policies that affect their

Luxon casting his ballot.

In New Zealand, the campaign of Prime Minister Chris Hipkins faced a setback on Sunday when he tested positive for COVID-19.

He said he would isolate for five days or until he returned a negative test, but planned to continue with

some engagements over Hipkins and his liberal

Labour Party have been lagging behind the opposition National Party, led by Christopher Luxon, in opinion polls.. Luxon on Sunday re-leased a 100-day action

plan he said would deliver tax relief, rebuild the economy and restore law and order.

'New Zealanders have waited six long years for a government that focuses on what matters to them, and gets things done," Luxon

In Australia, where voting is compulsory, some 98% of eligible Australians have signed up to vote in the referendum on the Indigenous Voice to Parliament.

oil companies support 2050 net-zero goal **Monitoring Desk**

Turkish Energy Minister Alparslan Bayraktar,

right, and United Arab Emirates Energy Minister

Suhail al-Mazrouei attend the ADIPEC, Oil and

Energy exhibition and conference in Abu Dhabi,

COP28 president says

ABU DHABI: COP28 president Sultan al-Jaber said on Monday that more than 20 oil and gas companies were rallying around his calls to curb carbon emissions ahead of a United Nations summit on climate change Jaber, who is also head of United Arab Emirates oil giant ADNOC, has this year urged the energy industry to join the fight and gas conference in Abu against climate change.

United Arab Emirates.

pick to lead COP28. which begins next month. because his country is an OPEC member and a major oil exporter.

'We need a system wide holistic transformation of entire economies economies that currently run on the equivalent of 250 million barrels of oil gas, and coal every single day," Jaber said at an oil

2022.
"I am sure that

after Kurdish militants said they orchestrated the first bomb attack in the capital Ankara in years. On Sunday morning, two attackers detonated a bomb near government buildings in Ankara, leaving them both dead and wounding two police officers. The

Zelenskiy also un-

Ukraine hopes to according to local media.

blaze, which broke out at

The PKK is desig-At least 38 injured in police station fire in Egypt's Ismailia

Monitoring Desk ISMAILIA: A huge fire broke out at a police headquarters in the Egyptian city of Ismailia on Monday, injuring at least 38 people,

No fatalities were immediately reported but the building is staffed by soldiers at all hours and hospitals were placed on alert.

Footage on local media showed smoke rising from the entirely blackened multi-storey building.

The cause of the

the headquarters of the Ismailia Security Directorate before dawn, is not yet known. Of 26 wounded who were transferred to a local hospital, 24 had suffered from "asphyxiation" and two from burns, local media reported citing the

Twelve more were treated at the scene. The health ministry deployed 50 ambulances to the scene, which were joined by military emergency services including two planes, according to state media

health ministry.

Algeria says

Solangi calls for open but civilised debate on problems being faced by Pakistan

for Information and Broadcasting Murtaza Solangi on Monday stressed the need for open but civilised debate and discussion over the problems being faced by

Delivering his speech at the launching ceremony of renowned author Dr. Farooq Adil's book ' Humne Jo Bhula Diya: Tareekh Ke Gumshuda Awraq", here he said that open but civilised discussion on national issues was prerequisite for finding a way to resolve problems being faced by the country. Such ceremonies, he opined, helped in resolving the country's problems, especially at a time when the country was going to elec-

able for open but civilised

He said that the 437-Adil had highlighted various aspects of national history.

Murtaza Solangi that was responsibility of Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) to conduct elections and the caretaker federal government was duty-bound to assist the ECP in the process.

Talking to media after attending book launching ceremony of Dr Farooq Adil's book "Humne Jo Bhula Diya: Tareekh Ke Gumshuda Awraq", he said Maulana Fazlur Rahman was leader of a large politi-

Maulana's statement about opment, not destruction, he

Radio Pakistan were avail- top hierarchy and they will

To a question, he said that Nawaz Sharif's return page book by Dr Farooq had nothing to do with care-

> Replying to a question about his recent visit to China, the minister said Pakistan enjoyed evergreen relations with Beijing and future of these ties was very bright. Congratulating Dr.

Farooq Adil, Murtaza Solangi said that the nations that did not learn from history suffered. He said that responsible journalism was need

ism was essential. The country will have that to go on the path of devel-

of the hour and determina-

tion of responsible journal-



ISLAMABAD: Chief Minister Gilgit-Baltistan Haji Gulbar Khan in a meeting with Ameer Jamaat-e-Islami former member Saint Sirajul Haq along

Fuel price adjustment case: SC issues notice to all respondents including AG

ISLAMABAD (Online): Supreme Court (SC) has adjourned the hearing till October 16 of petitions filed against declaring illegal the Fuel Price Adjustment in electricity bills.

The court has issued notice to all respondents including Attorney General of

Pakistan (CJP) Qazi Faez Isa remarked there is heap of cases in respect of price of electricity. We will decide on October 16 after advocate and he can give arhearing the arguments. guments in the case himself. Video link facility will not We will hear the case after be provided. All the respondents should come to Islamabad and give argu-

while presiding over a 3-member bench of SC Mon-

request of Attorney General (AG) for giving him

The CJP directed him to make preparation for case and give arguments within half an hour.

General (AAG) Aamir ur Rehman told the court to give some time. The CJP remarked it

you give in writing that Aamir Rehman is incapable and he cannot give arguments then it is all right There is heap upon heap of the cases related to electric-The Chief Justice of ity prices. There is no notice to AG in this case. We cannot dare to call Aamir

The court was told on resumption of hearing there is a petition of adjournment He gave these remarks in this case as well. However the companies told the court this is very serious case. The order of the court The CJP rejected the is required in this case. Because matter of billion of rupees is involved in fuel price adjustment in this case. Several works have stopped. Therefore, give any date but there should



ISLAMABAD: Laborers are busy in their work during the Construction of Margala Town Under pass, as the construction work is resume, which was halted due to improvements in the design.

IESCO plans to start installing over 1.4m AMI meters from January 2024

ISLAMABAD (APP): Islamabad Electric Supply Company (IESCO) has planned to start installing and would also address the over 1.4 million Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) meters of all tariffs in Rawalpindi circle from January 2024.

Official sources told that the project would be completed within two years. Currently data back and operation centers were of consumption and help being set up at Gujjar Khan and IESCO Headquarters and G-10 respectively besides operational laboratory. They said that initially some 512 AMI non-billing meters were installed in March 2022 as a pilot project.

AMI system will bring about a permanent elimination of power pilferage with tric Supply Company a systematic control of (IESCO) with the financial transmission through round-the-clock monitoring of the electricity meters.

This new technology, being introduced, would help reduce power sector

losses, enhance quality of billing and recoveries, control power load-shedding consumers' complaints of wrong or over-billing, they

The AMI system will end human interventions in meter reading, enhance customer support, better measurements, more accurate billing, a degree of control the persisting dilemma of power outage by enhancing ability of IESCO to reduce non-technical losses.

This system has already been installed at Multan and Lahore Electric Companies (MEPCO and LESCO) but Switching over to at a very limited scale adding that the project was launched at Islamabad Elecassistance of the Asian Development Bank (ADB).

ADB had provided \$170 million for AMI project being carried out in the IESCO phase wises

Life threat to Imran: Bushra Bibi moves IHC for security,

protection SLAMABAD (Online): Bushra Bibi has resorted to Islamabad High Court (IHC) for security and protection of Imran Khan due to life threat facing chairman PTI in jail.

Bushra Bibi wife of chairman PTI has filed a petition in IHC through Latif Khosa advocate expressing the fear Imran Khan can be given poison to Imran Khan through

The petitioner has taken plea chairman PTI home made meal. In the past this facility was given to prisoners. Provision of pure food to Imran Khan be ensured through responsible medical officer. Adulterated food can be harmful for the life of her husband.

Bushra Bibi has also said in the petition that her husband is not being provided such facilities as per jail manual for which he is entitled to. Implementation of the court order for providing facilities in jail be ensured.

Polio eradication mission in ICT

AC Pothohar conducts review meeting ISLAMABAD (APP): In

order to ensure the success of the polio eradication campaign in Islamabad, Assistant Commissioner (AC) Pothohar Nahel Hafiz on Monday visited polio teams in different areas of the subdivision.

He was accompanied by the District Health Services Chief Officer (DHSCO) during a review meeting with Area Incharges and UCMOs to review the progress of the campaign on the first day, ICT spokesman Dr Abdullah Tabasum

missioner issued necessary instructions in accordance with the anti-polio campaign guidelines. He emphasized the importance of micro planning,

The Assistant Com-

target coverage, and addressing denials, N/S, and other issues. He also urged the polio

teams to work diligently and with utmost dedication to ensure that every child under the age of five is administered vaccination against the crippling disease.

Federal Minister for Education and Professional Training Madad Ali Sindhi on Monday ordered PEIRA to make 10 percent need based scholarships mandatory for yearly registration of private schools. The decision was made during a high-level

Papers" at AIOU Auditorium.

Managing Director of Pa-kistan Baitul-Mal, Malik

Amir Fida Paracha on Mon-

day revealed that over the

past year, Pakistan Bait-ul-

Mal assisted over 11.616574 million individu-

als in need, with more than

10 million finding shelter

in homes, facilitated

68,272 educational schol-

arships and provided fi-

nancial support to 250,000

individuals for medical

During an interview with "APP" he stated that

Pakistan Baitul-Mal was

offering both housing and

education to orphans through Sweet Homes.

treatment.

meeting convened between the Minister for Federal

visit to PEIRA in August where he first raised this Dr. Sayeda Zia Batool

ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Federal Minister for Information and Broadcast-

ing Murtaza Solangi addressing the launch ceremony of the famous author

Dr. Farooq Adil's book titled "We Forgot the History of Pakistan's Missing

11.62mln needy individuals

during current year: MD

are located in various re-

gions across the country,

comprising 11 in Islamabad

and Azad Kashmir Region,

Sindh, 8 in KPK, and four

complimentary services,

including standard accom-

tion, and counseling.

Minister directs

PEIRA to ensure 10%

scholarships for yearly

registration private schools

ISLAMABAD (APP): eral Minister's previous

in Balochistan.

apprised the minister that as per his direction of offering these scholarships was now a compulsory criterion for private schools in Islamabad seeking registration with PEIRA.



Education & Professional Training, Madad Ali Sindhi and the Chairperson of Private Educational Institutions Regulatory Authority (PEIRA) Dr. Šayeda Zia

The meeting focused on critical subject of needsbased scholarships for deserving students and served

as a continuation of the Fed-

plicitly indicated on the registration certificates issued to Private Educational Institutions by PEIRA. This official observa-

tion from PEIRA, addressed to the administrators of private educational institutions, references relevant regulatory guidelines and obligations that these institutions must fulfil.

DC Islamabad directs crackdown against illegal petrol filling stations ISLAMABAD (INP): tors to ensure that they are

Deputy Commissioner Islamabad Irfan Nawaz Memon directed officers crackdown against illegal petrol filling stations and to ensure the quality and quantity of petrol sold at petrol

On the instructions of the Deputy Commissioner, the Assistant Commissioner Industrial Area Awais Irshad Bhatti was also conducting inspections of petrol stations to check for the presence of duty and inspection of weights and measures as per the notified roster, ICT Spokesman

said on Monday. The petrol stations found to be violating the rules were being sealed, and strict action would be taken against illegal petrol filling

The Deputy Commissioner has warned petrol pump owners and operaselling pure and unadulterated petrol in the correct

He has also appealed to the public to report any irregularities to the authori-The Deputy

Commissioner's crackdown on petrol pumps was widely appreciated by the It will also help to curb

the illegal petrol filling station business The DC's crackdown

on petrol pumps was part of a larger campaign by the government to ensure the quality and quantity of goods and services sold to The government has

also taken steps to crack down on adulterated food and beverages, and on businesses that were using false or misleading weights and

PBM extends aid to over

Presently, there are 6,000 orphans residing in Pakistan Sweet Homes.

These Sweet Homes between the ages of 4 and

9 in Lahore, 5 in Multan, 3 in Gilgit-Baltistan, 11 in According to the Managing Director of Baitul-Mal, as of Septem-ber this year, 13.229739 In these homes, he million individuals had resaid orphaned and homeless ceived assistance from shelchildren receive a range of ter homes, while 12.2039 million had been provided with two daily meals, and modation, meals, educa-99,647 had found shelter.

tion, uniforms, books, Among the beneficia medical care, skill developries of Shelter Homes, 4.525 ment programs, laundry million are from Islamabad services, religious educa-2.3 million from Sindh 614,000 from Balochistan The sweet homes admitted orphaned children and 2.2 million from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

Chairman CII calls on PM Kakar

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chairman Council of Islamic Ideology Qibla Ayaz called on Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar here on Monday During the meeting, Qibla Ayaz paid tribute to the prime minister on successfully representing Pakistan in the United National General Assembly (UNGA).

The chairman of the Council informed the prime minister about the current status of religious harmony in the country.

He also invited PM Kakar to attend the general meeting of the Council of Islamic Ideology.

The prime minister said the Islamic Ideology Council had been playing active role in maintaining law and order and religious harmony in the country.

Gilani blames PTI govt's poor policies of recent wave of terrorism

MULTAN (APP): Former Prime Minister, Senator Syed Yusuf Raza Gilani, on Monday, blamed the poor policies of the former government of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) for the recent string of terrorism in the country. Gillani during his visit to a private university told reporters that level playing should be given to all political parties except those who were involved in the May 9 attacks. All political forces had agreed to frame a National Action Plan (NAP) when they were left with no option.

Khokhar indicates to announce new party this month

IŜLAMABAD (Online) Former PPP leader and former senator Mustafa Nawaz Khokhar has given indication for announcing new political party in this month.

Talking to a private TV channel here he said this is a proposal that new party be an-nounced after election. But to my view the announcement should be made before election. We will announce party in October.

He said whispers are in the air about the changes in Senate.

Aneeq Ahmed says: Solution to all contemporary issues lies in Seerat-un-Nabi

ISLAMABAD (APP): the Holy Ouran, which is Caretaker Minister for Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony, Aneeq Ahmed on Monday said that the solution to all contemporary issues lied in the Secrat of Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him). Addressing as chief

guest, he expressed his ap-

preciation for the first-ever Seerat Conference organized within the Federal Tax Ombudsman Secretariat, emphasizing that Allah Almighty had exalted the mention of His beloved Prophet, which would endure until the Day of Judgment. He said, "The excellent moral values exemplified by the Prophet (Peace Be Upon Him) are the same values that guide us today." The minister said the revered Prophet's exemplary ethics remained the standard for humanity. He said contributions.

the first book on the Secrat of Prophet (Peace Be Upon Him) should serve as a mirror for both individuals and

He said the Holy Quran sternly warns those who did not implement its system on Allah Almighty's land. Federal Tax Ombudsman, Dr. Asif Mahmood Jah organized the Seerat Conference themed 'Solving Contemporary Issues in the Light of the Prophet's Secrat within his department.

The conference brought together tax officials and employees for a competition of Naats and speeches on the Seerat.

The winners of the Naat and speech contests were awarded certificates and cash prizes as recognition for their outstanding



ISLAMABAD: Chairman Council of Islamic Ideology Qible Ayaz called on Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar.

ICP's crackdown against illegally residing foreign nationals continues

ISLAMABAD (APP): unlawful establishment of Acting on the instructions of ICCPO Dr Akber Nasir Khan the Islamabad Capital Police (ICP) has initiated robust measures against illegally residing foreign nationals within the

federal capital. A public relations officer on Monday said that, during the ongoing year, 65 cases have been registered in Islamabad against the illegally residing foreign nationals, while a total of 451 illegal immigrants have been apprehended, and facing legal procedures before relevant courts.

Akbar Nasir Khan empha- mented foreign nationals by sized that the purpose of dialing the "Pucar-15" these actions is to deter the helpline.

residency by foreign nationals within the federal capital jurisdiction.

He stressed that the presence of these illegal foreign nationals in Pakistan is only permissible in accordance with national laws and regulations.

He also highlighted that Islamabad Capital Police is actively pursuing legal measures against individuals who aid and abet illegal residency or employment of foreign nationals. The citizens are urged to uphold Pakistani laws and report any Islamabad Capital City
Police Officer (ICCPO) Dr.

Ristain laws and report any suspicious individuals or activities related to undocu-

Jamal deposits valuable gift in Toshakhana

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Federal Minister for National Heritage and Culture Jamal Shah has deposited a valuable gift in Toshakhana which was received by him during his recent visit to Qatar. The gift was a valuable bronzes sculpture of falcon, said a press release here on Monday.

The gift was given by the Minister of Culture State of Qatar Sheikh Abdulrahman bin Hamad bin Jassim Ål Thani as a gesture of goodwill. Jamal Shah emphasized that this gift rightfully

belongs to the nation, which is why he chose to place it in Toshakhana. He clarified that he has no intention of keeping any gift items presented to him during meetings with diplomats or on future foreign visits.



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ANF crackdown against drug smuggling continues ISLAMABAD (INP): reached Lahore from Mus-

(ANF) continues its opera- 230. tions against drug trafficking and recovers more further said that 4 suspects than 139 kg of drugs in 7 operations different operations while arresting 8 accused. According to the

spokesperson of ANF on Tuesday, 45 kg 600 grams of hashish and 12 kg of opium were recovered from vehicle Motorway Toll Plaza Khanewal on. Meanwhile a resident

of Islamabad was smuggling drugs by hiding them in the trunk of a car but was apprehended by the

During operation at Allama Iqbal International with cocaine were recovered from the stomach of a passenger. The accused had the bus.

Anti-Narcotics Force cat via flight number PK-The spokesperson

> arrested in a joint operation with Pakistan Rangers Punjab in Kasur and 7 kg of heroin was recovered from their possession. At Sialkot Interna-

tional Airport, 50 ice and 50 hashish filled capsules were recovered from the passenger's stomach. The accused was a resident of Pakpattan and leaving for Doha via flight number OR-631 Meanwhile 9 kg hash-

ish was recovered from a local resident near Ghazar Taos Bala Bazaar in a joint operation with FC Balochistan at Luck Pass Airport, 53 capsules filled Check Post, During the operation, 40 kg of ice was recovered from 5 parcels in