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BRI to give huge leap to Pakistan's economy: PM Kakar

ISLAMABAD (INP): Pakistan's northern region of Gilgit Baltistan through roads network thus reviving the old silk route. He said Urumqi would be gateway for Pakistan with mainland China, and Pakistan anticipates a lot of trade and economic activity through this project. He said it will also usher in a new wave of tourism in the region as there are lot of historic and civilizational sites to be witnessed on the route. He said the initiatives will also transform the socio-economic lives of people of the two regions. To another question, the Prime Minister said he is highly impressed by the tremendous modernization and economic growth that China has went through. About the situation in Gaza, the Prime Minister said it is humanitarian crisis but the first and foremost thing to do is establishment of humanitarian assistance corridor to ensure supply of food, medicine and then the short.



ISLAMABAD: Defence analyst and security expert Ikram Sehgal called on caretaker Prime Minister Anwar-ul-Haq Kakar.

Illegal immigrants asked to voluntarily return to their homelands till October 31st

KARACHI (APP): Caretaker Sindh Home Minister Brigadier (Retd.) Haris Nawaz warned the illegal immigrants to ensure their return to their respective countries by October 31st, after which the government would arrest and send them to their respective countries. Addressing a news conference at the Karachi Press Club, he said all the provincial governments, following the instructions of the federal government, were taking action against illegal immigrants. The minister said illegal foreigners who were voluntarily returning to their countries were also being given all facilities. He said all arrangements have been made to send the illegal aliens back to their homelands in a good manner but after October 31st, no illegal alien will be allowed to stay in the country and their return will be ensured. Haris Nawaz warned that action will also be taken against those who give shelter to illegal foreigners. In this regard full support was being obtained from NADRA and other relevant institutions. He explained that all illegal aliens will be dealt with indiscriminately and effectively, regardless of the country they belong to, they will be sent back to their country. The home minister said the government had also decided to take strict action against the makers of fake identity cards and fake documents of illegal foreigners. In response to a question about the operation in riverine areas, Haris Nawaz said an effective operation was underway in Katcha Areas and good news.



RAWALPINDI: Chief of the Naval Staff, Admiral Naved Ashraf calls on Minister for Defence, Lt Gen Anwar Ali Hyder (Retd) in Ministry of Defence.

Secretary information Sindh emphasizes for effective promotion of public welfare projects

HYDERABAD (APP): Provincial Secretary Information Nadeem ur Rehman Memon on Thursday gave orders to all the officers to utilize the available resources to publicize the public welfare projects as well as to report the public issues and complaints reported in the media in the form of press clippings to the relevant superiors, so that people could get immediate relief. He directed the Divisional Director Hyderabad to visit the under-construction buildings of the information department in 8 districts review the complaints received regarding delays in construction and use of



RAWALPINDI: Chief of the Army Staff General Syed Asim Munir interacting with participants of National Security Workshop-25 at General Headquarters (GHQ).

Lauds role of armed forces in fighting terrorism COAS urges youth to stay aware regarding hostile propaganda against state institutions

RAWALPINDI (APP): The participants of National Security Workshop-25 visited General Headquarters (GHQ) on Thursday. The participants were briefed about regional and internal security dynamics and the national security environment, said an Inter Services Public Relations press release. Later, the participants had an interactive session with General Syed Asim Munir, Chief of Army Staff (COAS). While addressing the participants, the COAS said, "Armed Forces of Pakistan and its security and intelligence setups have fought the menace of terrorism in an exemplary manner despite sustained and varied support of inimical forces. Success will be ours Insha Allah with the continued support of the people of Pakistan". The COAS emphasized that intelligentsia and civil society had greater responsibility to ensure that our people, especially youth stay aware and steadfast against hostile propaganda onslaught being launched through soft of offensive against the state institutions of Pakistan. The forum was also apprised about a host of measures being taken to curb activities of illegal spectrum, including smuggling, power theft, narcotics prevalence, border control measures, and repatriation of illegal foreigners from Pakistan. On the subject of repatriation and deportation of illegal foreigners, the

ECP denies vote postponing possibility

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) has emphatically denied any potential delay in the election, emphasizing that the Commission has already stated its position on this issue.

In a statement on Thursday, an ECP spokesperson clarified that the impression of election postponement had been sparked by comments made by the President during an interview on a private channel last Wednesday, which hinted at the possibility of delaying the election. The spokesman stated that, as per the election action plan, all the necessary preparations by the Election Commission have been concluded, and the election schedule will be revealed after the constituencies are formally published. There is no uncertainty in this regard. The initial phase of delimitation has concluded, and the second phase involving objection submissions will finish by Friday, October 27, 2023.

76 years of Illegal occupation: Kashmiris to observe Black Day today

ISLAMABAD (APP): Kashmiris and their supporters the world over and on both sides of the Line of Control (LoC) will observe October 27 (Friday) as Black Day - the day when Indian forces illegally landed in Srinagar in 1947, marking a chapter of occupation, subjugation and oppression for the innocent people.

Black Day is observed every year to protest against the Indian illegal occupation and remind the world community of its commitments regarding the implementation of United Nations Security Council (UNSC) resolutions that advocate Kashmiris' right to plebiscite.

Call for the observance of Black Day and shutdown has been given by the All Parties Hurriyat Conference. The day will be marked by a complete shutdown by the people in Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir, reported Kashmir Media Service (KMS) adding protest marches, rallies and seminars will be held in Azad Jammu and Kashmir, Pakistan and all over the world to condemn the invasion of the territory by Indian Army on 27th October, 1947 as well as revocation of special status of occupied Kashmir by the Narendra Modi-led Hinduva Indian government on August 5, 2019.

Bilwal urges international community to resolve Kashmir issue as per aspirations of Kashmiris

ISLAMABAD (APP): Kashmiris and tortured millions to maintain its occupation, turning the paradise-like valley into the world's largest open prison," he added. Bilawal Bhutto said that the struggle and sacrifices of Kashmiris reflected the unprecedented movement of a nation dedicated to the spirit of freedom. He pointed out that freedom of Kashmir from illegal occupation of India was the mission of Shaheed Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, adding that Shaheed Mohtama Benazir Bhutto continued struggle for the cause of Kashmir through her life, while Asif Ali Zardari had been raising the slogan of "Pakistan Khatpe" as well as "Kashmir Khatpe".

In his message on the occasion of the Kashmir Black Day, he said that the illegal occupation of Jammu and Kashmir by India, against the will of the people there, had completed 76 years today. "During this long period, India has martyred thousands of



HYDERABAD: Sindh Caretaker Local Government Minister, Muhammad Mubeen Jumani along with Kashif Ali Shoro, Mayor Hyderabad addressing a press conference, at Shahbaz Hall in Hyderabad.

Proposed increase in gas tariff not to affect 57% consumers, help end circular debt: Energy Minister

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister for Energy Muhammad Ali on Thursday said the proposed increase in gas tariff would not affect 57 percent of consumers across the country rather it would help control and end the ever-increasing circular debt of the petroleum sector. "It will be a big achievement," the minister said in a media briefing on the gas prices' revision along with Minister for Information and Broadcasting Murtaza Solangi. The Energy Minister said the increase in gas prices had been approved by the Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) and now would be presented before the federal cabinet for the final nod. Out of around 10 million gas consumers, he said the commodity price for 5.7 million had not been increased. "After the proposed increase, there will be no surge in the circular debt of the energy sector, which currently stood at Rs2.1 trillion in the recent past." The minister said the fixed rate (line rent) for the 5.7 million gas consumers had been increased from Rs10 to Rs400, adding the new tariff would marginally affect the protected gas consumers. He was of the view that most of the people living in rural areas had no access to gas and were using Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) and wood as sources of fuel.



KARACHI: Activates of jamat e islami woman wing hold protest rally against Israel.

OIC terms Israel's statement against UN Secy Gen an 'unacceptable political blackmail'

JEDDAH (APP): The Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) Thursday condemned in the strongest terms the unethical and illegal announcement by Israel after United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres' speech, terming it an act of political blackmail against the UN and its Secretary-General.

Israel on Wednesday announced to refuse visas to UN officials after Guterres' speech on the Gaza war. Protesting the UN chief's indirect criticism of Israel, Israel's UN envoy said 'The time has come to teach them a lesson'.

The OIC statement said it considered the Secretary-General's speech at the Security Council to be in line with his duties and responsibilities derived from international law, international humanitarian law, as well as from the charter and resolutions of the United Nations.

The OIC also expressed its profound respect to the Secretary-General for the role of the United Nations agencies and their tireless efforts at all levels to stop the war crimes being perpetrated by the Israeli occupation against the Palestinian people, their land, and holy sites.

Women being deprived of rights in unconstitutional way: CJP

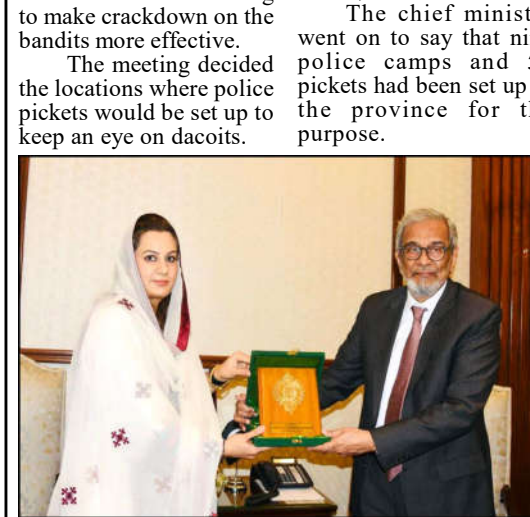
ISLAMABAD (APP): Chief Justice of Pakistan Qazi Faez Isa on Thursday observed that women were being deprived of their rights in an unconstitutional and un-Islamic manner. The CJP was heading a three-member bench which heard the case pertaining to a land dispute. The court ordered the Revenue Department of Dera Ghazi Khan to immediately hand over possession of her share of inherited land to woman Sara Akhtar after taking it from her maternal uncle Sardar Mansoor.

The court also directed the maternal uncle to pay all the expenditure his niece had incurred on litigation. During the course of hearing, the CJP remarked that the court was not giving special concession to women. The petitioner's lawyer said that the woman had sold her land in 1989 to her maternal uncle Sardar Mansoor, and reclaimed its ownership after 20 years and denied her own signature on the sale deed.

Punjab, Sindh CMs mull strategy to fight katcha dacoits

Independent Report KARACHI: Punjab Chief Minister Syed Mohsin Naqvi and Sindh Chief Minister Justice Maqbool Baqir attended a meeting at the CM House in Karachi on Thursday and reviewed the progress made in crackdown against dacoits of the katcha area launched jointly by the Punjab and Sindh police. Inspector General of Police (IGP) Sindh Rifat Mukhtar, IGP Punjab Dr. Usman Anwar, Chief Secretary Sindh Dr. Fikr Alam, Chief Secretary Punjab Zahid Akhtar Zaman and other officials were also in attendance. A strategy was chalked out at the meeting to make crackdown on the bandits more effective. The meeting decided the locations where police pickets would be set up to keep an eye on dacoits.

Briefing the meeting on the occasion, Punjab IGP said that Ghotki and Kashmir districts in Sindh and parts of Ranipur and Rahim Yar Khan in Punjab were included in the katcha area. The meeting was told that Sindh's katcha area was 176 kilometers long and 25 kilometers wide. The IGP further said there were seven islands in the Ranipur area of Punjab. Speaking on the occasion, CM Naqvi said that 56,000 to 66,500 acres of land had been retrieved from outlaws in Punjab. "There are 11 gangs of dacoits in the province, and their total number stands at 600," he informed. The chief minister went on to say that nine police camps and 53 pickets had been set up in the province for the purpose.



KARACHI: Advisor of Caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan Shaina Khan presenting a shield to Caretaker Chief Minister Sindh Justice (Retd) Maqbool Baqir.

Caretaker provincial minister emphasizes for fiscal balance to give relief to people

HYDERABAD (APP): Caretaker Provincial Minister of Local Government, Housing, Town Planning and Rehabilitation Muhammad Mubeen Jumani here on Thursday said we have to increase our income as well as create a balance in expenditure and income so that we could improve the situation and give relief to the people. He made these remarks while presiding over a meeting with Local Government Hyderabad officials at Shahbaz Hall. Jumani said that there were ghost employees in every municipal corporation, municipal committees, towns and unions and their termination was essential. He added that this issue was not limited to Hyderabad alone, it prevails across the



ISLAMABAD: Former Prime Minister, Nawaz Sharif arrives to appear before Islamabad High Court.

IGP Sindh takes initiatives for enhancing welfare of police personnel

KARACHI (APP): Inspector General of Police (IGP) Sindh Rifat Mukhtar has undertaken a series of strategic initiatives aimed at enhancing the welfare and well-being of our dedicated police personnel. These initiatives encompass a comprehensive range of programs, including healthcare provisions, educational support for the families of police personnel, Sindh Police Welfare Fund and provisions for their housing needs, the spokesman for Sindh Police told on Thursday.

The IGP is committed for ensuring that the police force is equipped with the necessary tools and resources to carry out their duties effectively. Additionally, measures have been put in place to provide counseling and mental health support, recognizing the demanding and often challenging nature of their work. Providing the best welfare and financial assistance to the police personnel is one of the top priorities of Worthy IGP Sindh since the police personnel are the real face of police department. In this regard, the Sindh Police Benevolent/Welfare Fund extends its support by offering a one-time Immediate Relief Fund to cover funeral expenses to the bereaved families of police's esteemed martyred police personnel. Adherence to this policy, Khairpur Police is honored to have presented a disbursement cheque to the widow of the recently martyred Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI).

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Deadline approaches

The deadline for 'illegal immigrants' to exit the country looms like the sword of Damocles. Although Oct 31 is set as the last day for all undocumented foreigners to leave, it seems the government's energies are focused on expelling the Afghans, whom the interior minister claims number around 1.73m.

The deadline was set earlier this month, with less than a 30-day window provided to them to leave. In this time, thousands have been rounded up, a lot of them in arbitrary crackdowns.

While the 'welfare and security' of the country were declared paramount when the decision was announced, the state must not lose sight of the fact that so many of these people are not just immigrants, but refugees, who escaped unimaginable horrors to seek shelter in a country that they felt had welcomed them for decades.

Evicting them so abruptly and so heartlessly not only puts them at risk of returning to hostile conditions, it is tantamount to washing away all the generosity shown to them in years past.

It is no wonder an Afghan cricketer in a post-match presentation dedicated his Player of the Match award to "people who were sent from Pakistan to back home [sic]". His words are very telling, of how Pakistan's actions are being viewed globally, particularly by Afghans.

Instead of a broad-brush approach during crackdowns, there must be a system in place to separate wanted individuals from ordinary people. Afghans, especially those fleeing persecution, have repeatedly raised concerns about harassment by police and officials. They bemoan their limbo: they have neither been registered in Pakistan nor had their visas renewed.

This is not to say Pakistan alone is responsible for their welfare, or failing them on that count. They have not received much international attention either. It is only now that reports have surfaced that 3,000 of those who assisted coalition troops will be relocated to UK this week.

The West, quick to mount pressure on Pakistan to not turn away refugees, would do well to remember it has a moral responsibility towards these people who are reeling from the fallout of the 2021 troops withdrawal from Afghanistan.

Although Pakistan has long struggled with a growing refugee population, one is forced to question if mass deportation is the best way to overcome the challenge. There are more compassionate approaches. For starters, the deadline must be pushed ahead to allow Afghans enough time to leave with dignity. They are owed at least that kindness. Countries that promised relocation schemes must do their part and expedite the process. Most importantly, Pakistan must consider integrating refugees into our social and economic frameworks, giving them access to education and opportunities, and ensuring their rights are protected.

A Dark Day in Kashmiri History: October 27, 1947

By Abdullah Malik

In the annals of Kashmir's turbulent history, October 27, 1947, stands as a somber and fateful day. It marks the moment when India deployed its troops to seize control of Kashmir, sparking a chain of events with deep and enduring consequences.

This delves into the historical context, the ongoing struggle for freedom in Occupied Kashmir, the evolving landscape, and the intricate international dynamics that envelop this protracted conflict. The roots of the Kashmir conflict stretch back to the period leading up to India's independence in August 1947. During this pivotal time, the Maharaja of Kashmir entered into an agreement with the Government of Pakistan, pledging that the same arrangements existing under British rule would continue with Pakistan. Regrettably, these promises were broken, setting the stage for enduring disputes.

The pursuit of Kashmiri freedom has endured for over seven decades. Despite facing decades of Indian oppression, the resilient people of Kashmir have never relinquished their aspiration for self-determination. However, as time has passed, the situation has grown increasingly intricate.

The year 2019 marked a turning point when India unilaterally altered the constitutional status of the disputed region to fortify its illegal occupation of the valley. Following this move, India issued 5.41 lakh domicile certificates, primarily to Hindus, raising concerns about demographic shifts in the region. The human rights situation in Kashmir remains dire. The presence of 900,000 Indian soldiers in the region since 1991 has led to widespread violence and repression. Recent estimates reveal a stark reality: 96,000 Kashmiris have fallen victim to extrajudicial killings, 162,000 individuals have been unlawfully detained, over 25,000 have

been wounded by pellet guns, and thousands of women have been widowed, leaving children orphaned.

The Indian government's strategy includes stifling information and communication. Since 2017, major social media platforms have banned content related to the Kashmiri freedom movement. India is a global leader in internet shutdowns, leading to significant hardships for the local population. The Kashmir conflict often receives limited international attention due to several factors.

Geopolitical tensions between major powers, especially the United States and China,

play a pivotal role. The U.S. views India as a crucial ally in countering China's ascent, resulting in diplomatic and political support for India. In the complex landscape of international relations, interests often take precedence. The Western world regards India as both an economic market and a strategic partner in countering China's growing influence.

This selective approach shapes responses to issues involving India, even when they pertain to human rights. In conclusion, the quest for Kashmiri freedom is a protracted narrative marked by hardships, sacrifices, and unwavering resolve.

While October 27, 1947, stands as a dark and enduring day in Kashmiri history, the hope for a brighter future endures. This hope is nurtured by the unyielding determination of the Kashmiri people in their ongoing struggle for self-determination and peace. As the world grapples with shifting power dynamics, the fate of Kashmir continues to hang in the balance, transcending borders and resonating with all who champion justice and human rights. The enduring struggle for Kashmiri freedom serves as a stark reminder of the enduring yearning for self-determination and justice in an ever-evolving global landscape.

Kashmir Black Day: The Ongoing Struggle for Peace and Justice

By M. Azlan Khan

On the 27th of October each year, Pakistan observes "Kashmir Black Day," to commemorate the day when India first illegally occupied the Kashmir, initiating the strife that has been hanging fire for more than seven decades. This annual observance serves as a poignant reminder of the protracted dispute over Kashmir, a region whose complex history has been marred by conflict and the suffering of its people, a region that has been at the heart of a decades-long dispute between India and Pakistan. Beyond the geopolitical complexities, at its core, the Kashmir issue is about the rights and aspirations of the people who have endured immense hardships for decades.

The Kashmir conflict started back in 1947 when the state of Jammu and Kashmir, led by Maharaj Hari Singh, was

unilaterally revoked Article 370 which gave Kashmir its special status. This curfew was implemented throughout the Indian-occupied territory of Jammu and Kashmir with the intention of averting unrest, violence, and protests.

The Kashmir issue has not only the potential to destabilize relations between Pakistan and India, but if it remains unresolved, this conflict threatens South-Asian regional peace in the long term, affecting the larger geopolitical landscape. It is a complicated issue that needs diplomatic attention and international cooperation. The world community has repeatedly urged Pakistan and India to reach a peaceful settlement via conversation and diplomacy. The United Nations, in particular, has approved resolutions calling for a plebiscite on Kashmir's

future status under the United Nations Security Council Resolution 47, adopted on April 21st 1948. This was the first of many similar resolutions which followed over the course of time.

Pakistan has continuously backed the right of the Kashmiri people to self-determination. Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar raised the issue on multiple occasions. In his address to the 78th session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York, Prime Minister Kakar reiterated Pakistan's unshakable stance on Kashmir. He emphasized that India is entirely to be blamed for human rights violations in Indian-occupied Jammu and Kashmir. In this quest Pakistan is dynamically analyzing all possible channels which leads to the peaceful resolution of this conflict.

Kashmir is more than

just a piece of territory; it is home to millions of people who have yearned for peace, security, and the ability to shape their own fate for decades. Their voices, often unheard are an important part of the Kashmir story. People have been forced to bear the consequences of decisions made by forces beyond their control. Kashmir Black Day is not just a symbolic observance; it is a cry for recognition and compassion. It serves to express solidarity with the people of Indian-occupied Kashmir, acknowledging their suffering and their aspirations. At its core, it is a call for justice, peace, and the right to self-determination, principles enshrined in several United Nations resolutions.

In conclusion, a long-term solution to the Kashmir dispute is critical for the region's peace and stability. It is critical not just for the individu-

als directly affected, but also for the whole region and the worldwide community. Diplomacy, dialogue, and commitment must take precedence over conflict in order to chart a course ahead. The interests and ambitions of the Kashmiri people should be central to any resolution. Their voices must be heard, their rights must be upheld, and their safety must be guaranteed. The only way to achieve long-term peace is to pass a resolution that genuinely reflect their will. As the world watches, and the international community plays a vital role in fostering dialogue and understanding, the hope remains that a compassionate, equitable, and lasting resolution can be found, one that respects the rights and aspirations of the people who have endured so much in Kashmir.

Commerce News

Dr. Umar Saif says Govt. taking measures to facilitates IT industry

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Federal Minister for IT & Telecommunication Dr. Umar Saif Thursday said that the government was taking various steps to provide all possible facilities to the Information Technology and Telecom industry.

"No doubt about the potential in Pakistan's IT sector, the industry is playing a significant role in the stability of the country's economy, the government is taking steps to provide all possible facilities to the IT industry," he said, while addressing the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signing ceremony for strategic partnership between HBL and Pakistan Software Houses Association (P@SHA).

The minister said there was a need to be Brand Pakistan and marketed globally in the desired manner.

Dr. Umar Saif further said, "I am delighted to be part of the event and hope that this collaboration will play a vital role and fostering the growth and development of the IT sector domestically and internationally."

Mentioning the role of the Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC), he said that all required facilities were being provided to boost the IT & Telecom sector.

PTCL transforms its optical ultra long-haul network

ISLAMABAD (APP): PTCL Group, a leading telecommunication service provider in Pakistan, has announced its collaboration with Nokia to transform its nationwide optical ultra-long-haul network to efficiently manage nationwide transport traffic, followed by successful demonstration of 1 Tera per lambda in its Metro network.

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ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Federal Minister for Privatisation Fawad Hasan Fawad and Caretaker Federal Minister for Energy Muhammad Ali jointly chaired a meeting with representatives of IFC/World Bank regarding restructuring of DISCOs.

Beijing assists Pakistan in enhancing exports to China

BEIJING (APP): Caretaker Minister of Commerce Dr. Gohar Ejaz signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Pakistan's behalf with the Chinese Minister of Commerce Wang Wentao during his recent visit to China. Under the MoU, China will assist Pakistan in enhancing its exports to China.

The MoU will go a long way in increasing Pakistan's exports to China and will contribute to job creation, in addition to balancing bilateral trade, said the Commerce Minister who attended the Belt and Road Forum along with the Caretaker Prime Minister last week, Beijing Review reported on Thursday.

The Minister of Commerce concluded a series of highly productive meetings with prominent Chinese business leaders and investment groups on the sidelines of the Third Belt and Road Forum in Beijing. The meetings were aimed at strengthening economic ties between Pakistan and China and exploring various investment opportunities in Pakistan.

According to the Ministry's official statement, Dr. Gohar Ejaz met with Wang Zihai, Director of China-Pakistan

(Qingdao) International Cooperation Hub.

The discussions centered on investment opportunities in Pakistan, including areas such as civilian and defense equipment, EV lithium batteries, solar panels, and semiconductors.

The role of the Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC) in facilitating these opportunities was a key point of conversation.

In a meeting with Li Yiman, Chairperson of Eman Logistics, the focus was on expanding Pakistan's presence on Chinese digital platforms.

to launch "Pakistan National Pavilion" display centers in China, demonstrating a commitment to digital diplomacy.

The minister also engaged with Jin Weidong, President of Wellhope, a leading Chinese agricultural producer. The company's global leadership in smart farming and meat processing can pave the way for a mutually beneficial partnership.

The minister met with Wang Guidong of Donghua Group, emphasizing Pakistan Steel Mills' privatization and the government's dedication to the process.

Senate Committee directs MoI&P to present plans for future of PSM

ISLAMABAD: A meeting of the Senate Standing Committee on Industries and Production was convened at the Parliament House in Islamabad, with Senator Khalida Ateeb presiding as the Chair. The committee members expressed displeasure about the absence of the Minister for Industries and Production in the committee and urged the officials to ensure the minister's presence, as it would help clarify the way forward.

During the session, the Senate Committee discussed the current status of the privatization of Pakistan Steel Mills.

Jawad Paul, Secretary of the Privatisation Division, briefed the committee members on the progress. He informed them that Pakistan Steel Mills was included in the Privatisation list on June 17, 2019. Initially, four Chinese companies expressed interest in the bidding process.

However, due to the global decline in steel demand and adverse economic conditions, three of these companies withdrew their interest. Consequently, in a meeting held on October 6, 2023, the Privatisation Commission Board decided to halt the privatization process.



LAHORE: Ambassador of Poland in Pakistan Maciej Piasarski speaks during 7th Pak Water Energy Conference at Expo Center.

Kausar Abdullah vowed to utilize available resources for agric. sector development

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Minister for National Food Security and Research Dr. Kausar Abdullah Malik on Thursday vowed to utilize all available means and resources to facilitate the investment projects for the benefit of the nation and its people.

This gathering comes at a pivotal time, with Tri-Ri Asset Management committing a substantial \$100 million investment in the startup industry, while Tingo Group announced a \$10 million investment.

Rupee sheds 21 paise against Dollar

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistani Rupee on Thursday witnessed a 21-paise depreciation against US Dollar in the interbank trading and closed at Rs280.09 against the previous day's closing of Rs 279.88.

However, according to the Forex Association of Pakistan (FAP), the buying and selling rates of the Dollar in the open market stood at Rs 280.25 and Rs 282.9 respectively.

The price of the Euro decreased by Rs1.04 to close at Rs 295.52.

Turkish furniture manufacturers delegation to visit Pak

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chief Executive Officer Pakistan Furniture Council Mian Kashif Ashfaq Thursday said a high level Turkish furniture manufacturers delegation would visit Pakistan to further explore the possibilities of joint ventures and investment.

Talking to a delegation of furniture manufacturers led by Araib Arain here, he said series of fruitful meetings with Turkish furniture manufacturers through zoom had been arranged to invite them to Pakistan. He said both the Turkish and Pakistani furniture industries were significant players in the global market.

The chief executive said collaboration between the Turkish and Pakistani furniture industries could lead to exciting opportunities for the two countries.

Gold rates up by Rs.2,900 to Rs.211,350 per tola

ISLAMABAD (APP): The per tola price of 24 karat gold increased by Rs.2,900 and was sold at Rs.211,350 on Thursday compared to its sale at Rs.208,450 the previous day of trading. The price of 10 grams of 24 karat gold also increased by Rs.2,486 to Rs.181,198 from Rs.178,712 whereas the prices of 10 gram 22 karat gold went up to Rs.166,098 from Rs.163,820, the All Sindh Sarafa Jewellers Association reported.

KP Cabinet authorizes Rs529.118b expenditure for next four months

PESHAWAR (APP): Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Minister for Finance, Ahmad Rasool Bangash here Thursday said that Rs529.118 billion expenditure has been authorized by the provincial cabinet with Chief Minister in a chair for the second four months i.e. (1st November to 29th February 2024), showing 14pc increase as compared to Rs462.939 billion of the first four months (July to October 2023).

Addressing a press conference here, the

Minister said that the total expenditure authorized for eight months is Rs992.055 billion for the financial year 2023-24, showing 12pc increase as compared to Rs888 billion of the first eight months of the previous year's budget.

He said Rs417 billion for the current and Rs112.118 billion for development expenditures of the second four months i.e. November to February 2024 showed a 19pc increase as compared to the first four months i.e. Rs350.041 billion current

expenditure, was authorized.

The total current expenditure authorized for eight months is Rs767.040 billion in the current fiscal as compared to Rs609.200 billion for the eight months of the last financial year.

He said Rs366.298 billion current expenditure has been authorized for the second four months (Nov to Feb 2024) indicated 26pc increase compared to the first four months (July to October 2023) i.e. Rs309.498 billion for settled areas.

Formation of new merged districts transformed status of tribal people: Dr. Aamir

PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Caretaker Minister for Industries, Technical Education and Merged Districts Affairs, Dr. Aamir Abdullah has said that the status of tribal people has been changed from subjects to respectable citizens after merger of Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA) into Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province. He expressed these views in Pakhtunkhwa Radio's programme Pakhtunkhwa online here on Thursday. He said that "Now tribal people have become equal citizens and joined national mainstream of development".

He maintained that provincial government is fully implementing the ten-

year development action plan of merged districts. Dr. Aamir Abdullah said that process of balanced development has been started in all 25 tehsils of the seven tribal districts. He said that new schools and hospitals are being built and security and administrative matters are being improved in merged districts. Answering to a question, the Minister urged the youth to be attracted towards modern technical education to develop the country and nation. He said that to large industrial sector, it has been decided to establish new industrial estates at the district level in which priority will be given to industries based on local raw materials.

PHA utilizing all available resources to uplift city parks

RAWALPINDI (APP): Parks and Horticulture Authority (PHA) Rawalpindi, Ahmad Hassan Ranjha here on Thursday said that the authority was utilizing all available resources to make the city clean and green and uplift the parks.

Talking to APP he informed that the authorities concerned had been directed to complete ongoing renovation and beautification work of all the parks within the shortest possible time frame. The DG said that efforts were also being made to repair faulty lights, swings and walking tracks besides improving the security of the parks.



LAHORE: Governor Punjab Muhammad Balighur Rehman cutting cake during a ceremony held in connection with 31st Republic Day of Kazakhstan.

CM inspects Ghora Chowk flyover project

LAHORE: Caretaker Chief Minister Punjab Mohsin Naqvi visited the Ghora Chowk Defence Morr flyover project early in the morning, accompanied by Information Minister Amir Mir and IG Police Dr Usman Anwar.

KP finalizes programme for repatriation of illegal foreign nationals

PESHAWAR: Caretaker Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Muhammad Azam Khan has said that repatriation programme of foreign nationals illegally living in the province has been finalized. In a statement issued here on Thursday, the chief minister said that all illegal foreigners can go back to their homelands voluntarily till the 1st of next month; and the government will extend every possible support to them for this purpose. He said that so far, around 60,000 such foreign nationals have gone back to

ANF seizes 46 kg drugs in six operations; arrests four accused

RAWALPINDI (APP): Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) while conducting six operations across the country managed to recover over 46 kg of drugs and arrested four accused, said an ANF Headquarters spokesman here on Thursday.

He informed that 20.4 kg hashish and 3.6 kg opium were recovered from a vehicle intercepted near Mandi Rawalpindi. During the operation, an accused, was arrested. In another operation at a courier office in Rawalpindi,

Govt employees stage protest against cut in salaries, pension

PESHAWAR (APP): Khyber Pakhtunkhwa civil servants on Thursday staged a protest in front of Peshawar Press Club against pension reform and proposed cut in salaries. The protesters included employees of Education Department, Communication & Works Department (C&W) and the employees of various semi-government bodies.

Nation of Kazakhstan is a resilient and independent nation: Governor Punjab

Independent Report LAHORE: Governor Punjab Muhammad Balighur Rehman attended the 31st Republic Day of Kazakhstan function as Chief Guest at Al Hamra Hall here today. Governor Punjab extended his heartfelt felicitations to the brotherly people of the Republic of Kazakhstan on the occasion of their Republic Day. Speaking on the occasion, Punjab Governor Muhammad Balighur Rehman said that the nation of Kazakhstan is a resilient and independent nation. He referred to last year and said that the two countries celebrated the 30th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations. He said that Kazakhstan's dynamic



ABBOTTABAD: Members of Government Employees Coordination Council are holding protest demonstration against government policies, at Abbottabad press club.

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's push for smoke-free Communities

PESHAWAR (APP): In an effort to combat the pervasive challenge of tobacco use, Blue Veins organized a two-day capacity-strengthening workshop for the members of the Provincial Alliance for Sustainable Tobacco Control. Provincial Alliance for Sustainable Tobacco Control is a robust combination of civil society organizations, NGOs, trade bodies,



SWAT: Regional Police Officer Malakand Muhammad Ali Khan presiding over a meeting with police officers of Malakand division.

International News

Putin warns Israel-Hamas conflict could spread beyond Middle East, condemns Gaza bombing

Monitoring Desk MOSCOW: President Vladimir Putin warned on Wednesday that Israel's conflict with Hamas could spread well beyond the Middle East and said it was wrong that innocent women, children and old people in Gaza were being punished for other people's crimes. Putin, who made the comments in a Kremlin meeting with Russian religious leaders of different faiths, said bloodshed in the region had to stop. He said he told other world leaders in phone calls that if it did not, there was a risk of a much wider conflagration. "Our task today, our main task, is to stop the bloodshed and violence," said Putin, according to the Kremlin transcript of the meeting.

"Otherwise, further escalation of the crisis is fraught with grave and extremely dangerous and destructive consequences. And not only for the Middle East region. It could spill over far beyond the borders of the Middle East." In remarks that criticised the West, he said that certain unarmed forces were seeking to provoke further escalation and to draw as many other countries and peoples into the conflict as possible. The aim, he said, was to "launch a real wave of chaos and mutual hatred not only in the Middle East but also far beyond its borders. For this purpose, among other things, they are trying to play on the national and religious feelings of millions of people."



Slovakia's newly appointed Prime Minister Robert Fico attends the new cabinet's inauguration, at the Presidential Palace in Bratislava, Slovakia.

India 'exploring all legal options' after Qatari court sentences 8 Indians to death for spying

Monitoring Desk NEW DELHI: The Indian government on Thursday vowed to explore "all legal options" after a Qatari court handed death sentences to eight Indian employees of a Qatari company on spying charges. According to Indian media reports, the eight men are retired Indian naval officers who worked for the consulting company Al Dahra, advising the Qatari government on the acquisition of submarines.

Turkish President slams EU on for failing to call cease-fire in Gaza

Monitoring Desk ANKARA: Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan slammed the European Union on Thursday for failing to call for a cease-fire in Gaza and accused the West of indifference toward the suffering of Muslims. "How many more children must die before the EU Commission calls for a cease-fire," he said in a televised speech. "How many more tons of bombs must fall on Gaza before the United Nations Security

Council can take action?" Erdogan accused the West of failing to see the violence unfolding in Gaza "because the blood being shed is Muslim blood." In his speech, Erdogan also said Turkey has so far dispatched 10 plane-loads to Egypt carrying humanitarian aid, including generators, destined for Gaza. Twenty five Turkish medical personnel have also left for Egypt, he said.



Palestinian Foreign Minister Riyad al-Maliki attends a meeting of the Security Council on the conflict between Israel and the Palestinian Islamist group Hamas at U.N. headquarters in New York, U.S.

S.Korea, Japan, US condemn North Korea's supply of arms to Russia

Monitoring Desk SEOUL: South Korea, Japan and the United States strongly condemned the supply of arms and military equipment by North Korea to Russia and said they had confirmed "several" deliveries of such weapons, a joint statement issued on Thursday said. Russia and North Korea have denied the transfer of arms from the North for use in Russia's war against Ukraine amid reports that Washington and researchers said showed movement of vessels carrying containers likely with weapons between the two countries' ports. While it was not possible to confirm the contents of the shipments, reports said containers from the North were later seen delivered to a Russian munitions storage facility near the border with Ukraine. "The Republic of Korea, United States, and Japan strongly condemn the provision of military equipment and munitions by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) to the Russian Federation for use against the government and people of Ukraine," the statement said. The Democratic People's Republic of Korea is seeking military assistance from Russia to advance its own military capabilities in return for its arms support for Moscow, it said.

Qatar court hands down death penalty verdict for eight Indians

Monitoring Desk DOHA: A Qatar court has announced the death penalty for eight Indians arrested in the country last year, the Indian government said on Thursday, adding it was "deeply shocked" by the verdict. New Delhi said in a statement that it attaches "high importance to this case" and will "take up the verdict with Qatari authorities." Local media has reported that the eight men, who worked with a private company in Qatar, were arrested for spying in August 2022, but Reuters could not independently confirm the charges. Neither the Indian government nor the Qatari authorities have made the charges against the men, who are all former Indian navy officials, public. A spokesperson for India's foreign ministry did not respond to a request seeking comment. Thursday's government statement said that it would "not be appropriate to make any further comments at this stage" due to the "confidential nature of the proceedings".

US police launch huge manhunt for shooter who killed at least 22

Monitoring Desk WASHINGTON: A massive manhunt was under way on Thursday for a gunman who a local official said killed at least 22 people and wounded "many" more in mass shootings in the US state of Maine, the deadliest such incident this year. Police said Robert Card — seen in surveillance footage pointing a semi-automatic weapon with an extended clip as he walked into a bowling alley in the town of Lewiston — "should be considered armed and dangerous". Card is a certified fire-



People arrive at a school in Khan Yunis that has been converted into a shelter for displaced families.

Moscow trains forces for 'massive' retaliatory N-strike

Monitoring Desk MOSCOW: Russia is training its forces for a "massive" nuclear strike in response to an "enemy nuclear strike", Moscow's defence minister Sergei Shoigu said on Wednesday as the country fired test ballistic missiles. According to the Russian press agency Interfax, Shoigu said they will also be practising "delivering a massive nuclear strike by strategic offensive forces in response to an enemy nuclear strike." President Vladimir Putin on Wednesday oversaw ballistic missile drills remotely, the Kremlin said, hours after Russia moved to revoke its ratification of a landmark nuclear test ban treaty. The drills came 20 months into Moscow's Ukraine offensive — which has raised some fears of nuclear war — and hours after Russia moved to revoke a key nuclear arms control treaty. "Under the leadership of the Supreme Commander-in-Chief of the Russian armed forces, Vladimir Putin, a training exercise was conducted with the forces and equipment of ground, sea, and air components of nuclear deterrent forces," the Kremlin said in a statement. "During the training, practical launches of ballistic and cruise missiles took place."

PM reaffirms Pakistan's unwavering support to oppressed Kashmiris

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar, reaffirming Pakistan's unwavering support to the oppressed Kashmiris, called for an immediate reversal of the Indian government's unilateral and illegal actions of 5th August 2019.

The prime minister, in his message in connection with the 'Kashmir Black Day' being observed on Friday, also stressed that the Indian government should stop its egregious human rights violations in the Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK), and implement the relevant United Nations Security Council resolutions. "Pakistan, as always, stands shoulder-to-shoulder with its Kashmiri brethren. It will continue to extend its full moral, diplomatic and political support to their just struggle for realization of their inalienable right to self-determination," he remarked.



ISLAMABAD: Donald Blome, Ambassador of the United States of America to Pakistan called on Caretaker Federal Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination, Dr. Nadeem Jan.

Eight Indian Navy personnel sentenced to death in Qatar for espionage

ISLAMABAD (APP): Captain Saurabh Vashisht, Commander Purenendu Tiwari, Captain Birendra Kumar Verma, Commander Sugunakar Pakala, Commander Sanjeev Gupta, Commander Amit Nagpal and Sailor Ragesh.

The eight Indian nationals worked at Qatar's Dahra Global Technologies and Consulting Services. It is a private company that offered training and various other services to the defense and security agencies of Qatar, according to the Indian media.

The sentenced Indian Navy personnel included Captain Navtej Singh Gill,

Mushahid condemns Western double standards on Gaza Genocide

LUANDA, (Angola) (APP): Chairman Senate Committee on Defence, Senator Mushahid Hussain, Leader of Pakistan Parliamentary delegation to the annual conference of the Inter Parliamentary Union (IPU) has forcefully condemned Israeli crimes against humanity against the Palestinians and accused its Western supporters of 'hypocrisy and double standards'.

In his speech, Senator Mushahid Hussain made three fundamental points. First, that Palestinian resistance to illegal Israeli occupation was justified under international law and the UN Charter.



ISLAMABAD: A view of the banner at Faisal Avenue regarding the "Black Day of 27 October about the cruelty on oppressed Kashmir's of IIOJK".

SMIU organizes Pink Ribbon Youth Awareness Programme

KARACHI (APP): Health experts have said that millions of cases of breast cancer are reported in the media annually, but there is a lack of awareness about this disease in Pakistani society. They stressed on the importance of regular check-ups for the early diagnosis of breast cancer.

These views were expressed at the "Pink Ribbon Youth Awareness Programme" organized by the Directorate of Students Affairs of Sindh Madressatul Islam University (SMIU) on Thursday in collaboration with the Pakistan Olympic Association (POA), Women and Sports Commission, Colgate Palmolive Pakistan, and Syed Foundation.

General and Breast Surgeon at SUI Dr. Usra Pervaiz said that breast cancer can be prevented if diagnosed in the early stage. She emphasized the need for regular checkups for early diagnosis of this dangerous disease and urged male members of the family to support their female members in their regular checkups. She also shed light on various examination methods for the detection of breast cancer and highlighted present treatment methods. She said that SMIU has always played a major role in quality education and general awareness of the society.

Dr. Shahnaz Memon encouraged the young students to play their part in bringing a positive change in the society.



ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif Alvi chairing the 6th Senate Meeting of the Shaheed Zulfikar Ali Bhutto Medical University, at Aiwan-e-Sadr.

President asks medical universities to increase graduate numbers

ISLAMABAD (APP): President Dr Arif Alvi on Thursday asked the medical universities to increase graduate numbers to fulfill requirement of a large number of doctors and nurses in the country.

"To enhance accessibility to healthcare facilities for the general public, there is a need to increase the number of trained individuals in health sector," he said while presiding over 6th session of the Senate of Shaheed Zulfikar Ali Bhutto Medical University, Islamabad.

He also stressed for taking special measures to maintain the services of female doctors in the field of health adding that creating a friendly and harassment-free environment for women at their workplaces was very important.

The president also advised the universities to enhance their performance in research fields besides hiring the services of the experts to obtaining research grants from abroad.

The session of the university's senate was attended by Senator Samina Mumtaz, Vice-Chancellor Professor Tanveer Khalique of Shaheed Zulfikar Ali Bhutto Medical University and other members of Senate. During the session, a briefing was given on the university's performance and future development projects.

It was highlighted in the meeting that Shaheed Zulfikar Ali Bhutto Medical University had increased number of admissions in various fields, including nursing. The briefing also highlighted that the university had trained 429 specialists in various fields within a short period.

The university has secured significant international research grants in various fields. It has also shown remarkable performance in medical research.

The meeting was informed that in future, the university planned to initiate new PhD programs and complete the construction of its first teaching block.

PM meets security expert Iqram Sehgal

ISLAMABAD (APP): Defence analyst and security expert Iqram Sehgal called on caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar here on Thursday.

Various matters pertaining to the ongoing situation in the country came under discussion.

ECP, PEMRA submit replies in Faizabad sit-in case

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) and Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority (PEMRA) on Thursday submitted their comments to the Supreme Court in review petitions pertaining to the Faizabad sit-in case.

PEMRA stated in its reply that the Authority had implemented the court orders in letter and spirit, and directed all the TV channels to be more careful while covering the religious issues. It said that it had also forbidden the TV channels from live coverage during the operation at sit-in site, and stopped the transmission of some channels on violations of its instructions.

IHC seeks details regarding officers' transfers

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Islamabad High Court (IHC) on Thursday sought details from authorities pertaining to transfers of officers on the recommendation of Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) during caretaker set up.

Justice Miangul Hassan Aurangzeb heard the case against the transfer of member planning CDA.

The court questioned that how many federal secretaries, posted by the previous government, were working on same posts.

The court instructed the ECP to ensure implementation on its notification pertaining to the transfers without discrimination.

During the course of proceeding, DG Law ECP said that chief commissioner and chairman CDA were transferred on the recommendation of ECP.

Pakistan Literature Festival on Oct 28-29

SUKKUR (APP): Arts Council of Pakistan is going to hold the Pakistan Literature Festival at the Institute of Business Administration (IBA) Sukkur on October 28-29, this literary festival will bring together intellectuals and common people.

While addressing the Press Conference here on Thursday, the President Arts Council of Pakistan Karachi Muhammad Ahmad Shah said that the Sindh province has its own history. Special programs and sessions will be held in this regard.

He said that in the literary fair, poets and writers will share their treasures. The history of Sindh province will be highlighted.

Pakistan to boost cooperation in diverse areas in SCO region: Jilani

ISLAMABAD (APP): Addressing the meeting of SCO Council of Heads of Government (CHG) in Bishkek, the foreign minister said as the succeeding Chair of the Council, Pakistan would continue to support the existing mechanisms and welcome new initiatives.

The council is the second-highest body within the SCO and focuses on issues related to economy, finance, trade and socio-economic collaboration.

Jilani said SCO was the key platform for taking the vision of Eurasian connectivity to the next level. Pakistan's location at the crossroads of South Asia, Central Asia and the Middle East makes it an ideal trade conduit.



ISLAMABAD: Mushaal Hussein Mullick, SAPM on Human Rights and Women Empowerment along with APHC leaders speaks during a press conference at PID.

India hiding Israel-like war crimes in Kashmir through media gag: Mushaal

ISLAMABAD (APP): Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Human Rights and Women Empowerment Mushaal Hussein Mullick said on Thursday that India was committing Israel-like war crimes in Illegally Indian Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK) but it had imposed military siege of the region by blocking communication and imposed gag on the media.

Addressing a press conference along with senior All Parties Hurriyat Conference leaders here, she said that horrible videos of Israeli bombing in Palestine were available on the social media, but India had hidden its war crimes in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir which could be termed world's largest prison. "India has been using chemical weapons, lethal pellet guns in Kashmir and targeting hospitals and ambulances and medical staff," she added.

She said during Covid-19 pandemic, when the world's attention was diverted towards that crisis, India unleashed a fresh reign of terror in IIOJK to crush Kashmiris' just freedom struggle.

Mushaal Mullick said that both Israel and India were committing genocide of Palestinians and Kashmiris with complete impunity. She lamented the human rights champions in the world had done nothing practical to pressurise Israel and India to stop genocide of the hapless people of Palestine and Kashmir.

The special assistant to the PM said that of Israeli Kashmiri nation was bravely facing the Indian atrocities for the past over seven decades.

She said that October 27, 1947 was the blackest day in the history of Kashmir as on this day India illegally occupied the state against the aspirations of the Kashmiri masses. She said that in the age of nuclear weapons and biological warfare a small war could result in disturbing world order.



HYDERABAD: Members of United Youth Alliance are holding protest demonstration for fake propaganda against Sindh Public Service Commission (SPSC), at Hyderabad press club.

IPP gets 'Eagle' as electoral symbol

LAHORE (APP): The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) allotted 'Eagle' as the electoral symbol to the Istehkam-e- Pakistan Party (IPP), while announcing the October-23 reserved decision on an application of the party.

The IPP had requested the ECP to allot 'Eagle' as the election symbol to the party, and the Commission finally accepted the request on Thursday. Earlier, 'eagle' election symbol was held by the All Pakistan Muslim League (APML) of the late General (retired) Pervez Musharraf. The Election Commission had withdrawn the symbol from the APML on October 13. ECP sources told APP that the commission had removed the name of the APML from the list of political parties of Pakistan.

UAE Air Force Commander calls on Air Chief Marshal

ISLAMABAD (Online): A high-level delegation, led by Major General Staff Pilot Ibrahim Nasser Mohamed Al-Alawi, Commander of the Air Force & Air Defence of the United Arab Emirates, called on Air Chief Marshal Zabeer Ahmed Baber Sidhu, Chief of the Air Staff, Pakistan Air Force at Air Headquarters, Islamabad today. The meeting covered a wide array of matters pertaining to geo-strategic environment, regional security and the aspect of exploring new avenues to enhance bilateral defence cooperation.

On his arrival at Air Headquarters, a smartly turned-out contingent of Pakistan Air Force presented guard of honour to Major General Staff Pilot Ibrahim Nasser Mohamed Al-Alawi.

EC gives clean chit to TLP

ISLAMABAD (Online): Election Commission (EC) has filed report in Supreme Court (SC) regarding implementation of decision in Faizabad Dharna case.

In this report EC has given clean chit to Tehreek-e-Labaik Pakistan (TLP) on the allegations of anti state activities and foreign funding.

In the report it has been further stated report was sought from interior ministry on the involvement of TLP in anti state activities.

As per interior ministry TLP is not involved in anti state activities. TLP funding sources were also reviewed.

Pakistan calls for immediate cessation of bombing by Israel, ending siege of Gaza

ISLAMABAD (Online): Pakistan has called for immediate cessation of bombing by Israel and ending siege of Gaza.

Pakistan stance on Palestine has never change. Pakistan wants unconditional ceasefire. Kashmir issue should be resolved as per UN resolutions. Pakistan has not supplied any arms to Ukraine, this was said by Foreign Office (FO) Spokesperson Mumtaz Zahra Baloch in weekly press briefing here Thursday.

Pakistan has hoped that the upcoming special emergency session of the UN General Assembly will play its role in bringing about an urgent and unconditional ceasefire in Gaza and condemn the plans for ethnic cleansing of the Palestinian people.

Foreign Office Spokesperson Mumtaz Zahra Baloch regretted that despite rising death toll of Palestinians and flagrant violations of international humanitarian laws, the UN Security Council failed to even call for a ceasefire and put an end to the carnage in Gaza.

Reiterating Pakistan's full and unequivocal support for the Palestinian brothers and sisters, the spokesperson urged the backers of Israel to play their role in bringing an end to the atrocities against Palestinians and take effective steps to lift the siege of Gaza.



ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Federal Minister for Interior Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti addressing a Press Conference.

No compromise on deportation of illegal immigrants after deadline: warns Interior Minister

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Federal Minister for Interior, Sarfraz Bugti on Thursday gave an unwavering message that the government would not compromise on repatriation of illegal immigrants in Pakistan after the deadline ending on October 31st.

In a stern and resolute press conference, the interior minister said that according to the repatriation plan, all provincial governments, including the government in federal capital, Gilgit Baltistan and special areas, "Holding Centers" would be established to retain illegal immigrants.

Females, children and senior citizens would be given special care in those holding centers and the government will ensure provision of food, security and medical care for all detained in those centers, said the minister.

He said that no one would be sent to jail but to their holding centers and those who have no documents to stay would be deported from the centers to their respective countries after necessary documentation.

The minister said that the illegal immigrants would only be allowed to take Rs. 50,000 cash per family with them however if they wished to take more money to their country, they would have to use banking channel.

Chinese, Pakistani firms sign MOU to establish EV charging stations across Pakistan

BEIJING (APP): A leading Chinese company TGOOD and the REC Group of Pakistan signed a memorandum of understanding in Beijing aimed at promoting environmentally friendly electric vehicles (EVs) in Pakistan.

Chairman of the Senate of Pakistan, Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani, along with a Pakistani delegation, witnessed the signing ceremony. China Economic Net (CEN) reported on Thursday.

Chairman Sanjrani said this collaboration has resulted in a strategic partnership aligned with the sustainable green development initiatives set forth by China during the 3rd Belt and Road Forum.

The partnership covers areas such as hydrogen vehicle technology, hydrogen filling station infrastructure, EV production, battery production and recycling solutions, and EV charging infrastructure development.

Transport is a major contributor to pollution in Pakistan, making a transition to alternative fuels imperative. However, Pakistan has faced a challenging dilemma, with a lack of charging stations restricting the adoption of alternative fuel vehicles, while limited investment in such infrastructure is primarily due to the scarcity of such vehicles.

The joint venture with REC Group in Pakistan signifies a significant step forward. TGOOD's commitment to expanding in Pakistan.



HYDERABAD: Civil society members holding the protest in a rally against Indian government during Kashmir black day outside press club.

SABS University Jamshoro signs MoU with IdeaGist.com

HYDERABAD (APP): recognized countries and territories. Its practical entrepreneurship training programme is taken by over 20,000 students worldwide, with over 8,000 graduated in Pakistan.

The IdeaGist will provide details of the training and practicum to the university, offer online classroom for self-paced learning to the students enrolled in the programme, provide online entrepreneurship lab to students enrolled in the programme and train instructors at the SABS university on how to monitor students' progress and provide supervised testing facility to the students.

HYDERABAD (APP): The management of Shaheed Allah Bukh Shoormo (SABS) University of Art, Design and Heritages Jamshoro and IdeaGist.com have signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to offer Entrepreneurship Training Programme to students from SABS University and other higher learning institutions of the country. The MoU ceremony took place on Thursday in the Vice Chancellor's secretariat, the university spokesman informed and added that IdeaGist Global Platform, connects innovators, entrepreneurs, investors, and students from 195 UN-