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Long term policies to steer country out of deep rooted economic challenges: PM

Stresses national dialogue on governance, economy & politics; Vows no fear or favor to any political party during electoral process; Urges India to keep politics away from sports; Says foreigners who had no legal documents had no legal or moral justification to live in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Monday stressed upon formulation of the long-term policies to address the deep-rooted economic challenges faced by the country.

The prime minister said that economic continuity, privatization, external debts, agriculture, services delivery, production of goods, tax net and private businesses, were some of the key issues upon which the upcoming elected government should focus.

During an interview with the anchorpersons and vloggers telecast on PTV News, the prime minister

said that the caretaker government during its short period, would set priorities and would do 'what is doable' while for the long-term policies, would be leaving behind drafts for the succeeding elected government.

He said contrary to the history of Pakistan, the US governments also took debts to the tune of billions of dollars but they had utilized them for boosting its economy and now they had an economic cycle in which their different sectors were thriving.

The caretaker prime minister said that he himself would vote for that party in the general elections that would have an

economic revival plan. To a question about Palestine issue, he reiterated that Pakistan had a consistent policy under which they always expressed solidarity with the Palestinian people.

The two-nation state plan was regarded as a solution to the issue but still Israel was denying it, he added.

The caretaker prime minister stressed for the solution of Palestine and Kashmir issues.

The prime minister further elaborated that the caretaker set up in the shortest period would be demonstrating how to per-

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ISLAMABAD: The newly-appointed Chief of Naval Staff, Admiral Naveed Ashraf, called on President Dr. Arif Alvi, at Aiwan-e-Sadr.

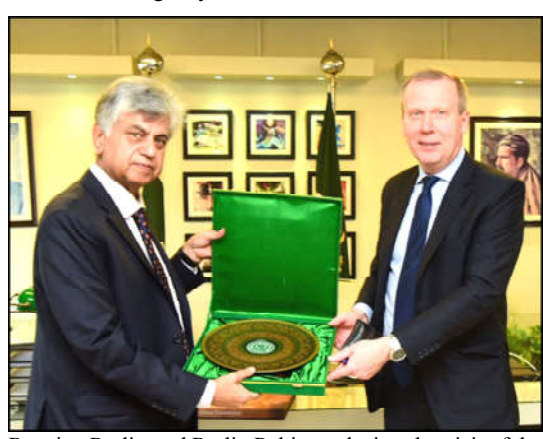
Solangi for boosting cooperation with Russia in diverse fields

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Murtaza Solangi on Monday underlined the need for boosting cooperation with Russia in various fields including media, drama, films, joint productions and training programmes.

The minister, in a meeting with Russian Ambassador to Pakistan Danila Ganich, also stressed that a formal invitation would be extended to his Russian counterpart for his visit to Pakistan.

During the meeting, cooperation between the two countries in diverse fields including media and the modalities regarding the Russian information minister's visit to Pakistan were also discussed.

Possible signing of agreements between APP and TAAS News Agency, PTV and Russian Television and



Russian Radio and Radio Pakistan during the visit of the Russian Minister also came under discussion during the meeting.

Both Solangi and the Russian Ambassador expressed the commitment of the two countries to strengthen relations in various fields including security, economy, education, culture and tourism.

Pakistan valued its relations with Russia and it was desirous to expand cooperation with Moscow in the fields of media, drama, and films, the minister said.

They also discussed matters pertaining to organizing a ceremony in Islamabad on the completion of 75 years of diplomatic relations between Pakistan and Russia.

Grant of Rs. 7 billion released for major health facility: CNICs to be used as Health Cards in Balochistan from October 25, announces CT Health Minister

Balochistan's CNICs holders to be able to get medical treatment of worth Rs. 1.2 million in 1200 hospitals all over country

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QUETTA: The caretaker Provincial Minister for Health, Dr. Amir Muhammad Khan Jozgezi has announced that Health Cards Programme is going to be effective from October 25, 2023 in the province, and those having Computerized National Identity Cards (CNICs) would be able to get the medical treatment of worth Rs. 1.2 million in as many as 1200 hospitals all over the country.

What's important is that the people would have no need to go anywhere for the Health Cards, as those holding their CNICs would

be considered as the Health Cards. The funds of Rs. 7 billion have been released for the Health Card Programme in the province.

This was announced by the Minister Health while speaking on occasion of his visit to the District Headquarter Hospital Duki on Monday morning.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Commissioner Duki, Captain (Retd) Fayyaz Ali, District Health Officer, Dr. Rafiq Baloch, Medical Superintendent of DHQ Hospital, Dr. Johar Khan Shadozai, besides other concerned officials.

The Minister Health

visited the casualty department, child ward, DHO office and other sections and inspected the facilities being extended to the patients there.

He was also briefed about the overall functioning of the DHQ Hospital and the issues being faced by it due to lack of medicines and other resources.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Jozgezi mentioned that the caretaker government has done historic works during short span of three weeks. The major work done is included issuance of Health Cards to some 2.2 million families in the province, he maintained.



ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar interacts with TV anchors and media persons

Constitution, law not subject to wishes of chief justice: CJP

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chief Justice of Pakistan Qazi Faez Isa on Monday remarked during the hearing of petitions against the Supreme Court Practice and Procedure Act 2023 that the constitution and law are not subject to the wishes of the chief justice. We are bound by the constitution and the people, he said, adding that the chief justice should not go beyond the provisions of the constitution and law.

A 15-member full court bench presided by Chief Justice Qazi Faez Isa heard the case. Additional documents were also submitted by the lawyers of the parties in the Supreme Court on the occasion.

During the course of the proceeding, President Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) Abid S. Zuberi gave arguments and said that the Parliament

was not authorized to form rules for SC.

The chief justice said that regarding the rules of the Judicial Commission and the Supreme Judicial Council, it is written in the constitution that the constitutional bodies will make the law themselves. However, when it comes to SC, Article 191 states that the rules of the SC could also be made by law, he said, adding that the point is that the legislators had themselves given the option of law.

The Chief Justice of Pakistan asked how 184/3 was used in Pakistan. Whether the human rights cell had been mentioned in the constitution or the SC rules. If a Chief Justice makes a mistake, whether the Parliament can correct it or not, he questioned.

Addressing Abid Zuberi, the CJP said that

our work will increase by getting the right to appeal. Why you are worried, he asked.

Justice Jamal Mandokhail said that if you want to see the intention of the legislators, then look at Article 175. If the framers of the Constitution had to give complete authority to the Supreme Court, they would have clearly written that any regulation that conflicts with the law or the Constitution would automatically be null and void, he added.

Justice Mazhar Ali Akbar Naqvi said that the Parliament had made a law about SC rules but why it didn't make the same thing for the high courts. Shariat Court Justice Ijaz-ul-Ahsan said that the high courts are empowered to make their own practice and procedures.



QUETTA: Governor Sindh Muhammad Kamran Khan Tessori meeting with Governor Balochistan Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar.

Meets Governor Balochistan; Governor Sindh terms development & prosperity of Balochistan essential for bright future of country & nation

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QUETTA: The Governor Sindh, Kamran Tessori has stated that the development and prosperity of Balochistan is essential for the bright future of Pakistan.

Mr. Kamran Tessori was speaking to the Governor Balochistan, Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar whom he called here at the Governor House on Monday morning.

Mr. Tessori was on his first visit to Quetta after assuming the office of Governor Sindh.

During the course of meeting, the political situa-

tion of the country as well as matters regarding acquaintance with the ever new technology and utilization of the hidden potential of youth were discussed.

While the Governor Sindh termed development and prosperity of Balochistan essential for bright future of the country and nation, the Governor Balochistan stressed the need to give priority to the collective nature interests.

He said that we all should give preference to the national interests remaining above the personal interests.

Nawaz's Oct 21 address to set direction for Pakistan: Shehbaz

LAHORE (Online): Former Prime Minister (PM) Shehbaz Sharif has said national address of Nawaz Sharif in Minare-Pakistan on October 21 will set national objective. The spirit and ideological attachment of men, women and young workers to party is exemplary, he said this in a message to party workers here Monday. Unity in Pakistan and its economic robustness is the need of hour in the emerging crisis in the region and world. Return of Nawaz Sharif on October 21 will be an important step towards unity and economic progress in Pakistan.



QUETTA: Members of Balochistan Union of Journalists (BUJ) are holding protest demonstration against the murder attack on Khuzdar Press Club Journalists Siddique Mengal and Mohammad Khan, at Quetta press club.

Govt determined to establish peace, make implementation on decisions of APEX committee: CM Domki

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QUETTA: The caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki has stated that the circumstances of Balochistan are quite different than other provinces where we are facing numerous challenges.

However, we are determined to establish peace, make implementation on the decisions of APEX committee and provide basic facilities of health, education, water to the people.

The caretaker Chief Minister was speaking to the Governor Sindh, Kamran Tessori who met him at the CM secretariat on Monday. The Governor Sindh congratulated Mir Ali Mardan Domki on assuming the office of chief Minister Balochistan.

During the course of meeting, they discussed the trade and social matters be-

sides other matters of mutual interests.

Speaking to the Governor Sindh, Chief Minister said that the provincial government is committed to hold free and fair elections in peaceful manner.

In addition to this, we also want timely completion of the ongoing development projects in the province so that general public may benefit from the fruits of development.

The Governor Sindh appreciated the priorities of the caretaker provincial government and expressed best wishes for it.

Mr. Kamran Tessori also invited the Chief Minister to visit Sindh, which he accepted.

The Chief Minister Domki presented a souvenir to the Governor Sindh while traditional gifts were presented to him by the Governor.



QUETTA: Caretaker Interior Minister Mir Sarfaraz Khan Bugti meeting with Caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki

Major among two martyred, five terrorists killed in Zhob IBO

RAWALPINDI (APP): A Pakistan Army officer among a soldier embraced martyrdom while leading an intelligence-based operation (IBO) conducted in Sambaza area of Zhob District, Balochistan that resulted in the elimination of five terrorists amid intense fire exchange.

According to the Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) on Monday, "On night [of] October 8/9, security forces conducted an intelligence based operation in general area Sambaza, Zhob District, on reported presence of terrorists."

During the conduct of operation, it said the terrorists were surrounded and after an intense exchange of fire, five terrorists were sent to hell.

The martyrs were identified as Major Syed Ali Raza Shah (Age 31 years, resident of Sargodha District), who was leading the operation from the front, and Havaladar Nisar Ahmed (Age 38 years, resident of Vehari District), having fought gallantly, paid the ultimate sacrifice and embraced, Shahadat, in ensuing exchange of fire.



QUETTA: Caretaker Minister for Excise & Taxation Prince Ahmed Ali meeting with Caretaker Information Minister Jan Achakzai

Pak condemns UP CM's statement about taking back 'Sindhu'

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan on Monday condemned the "highly irresponsible" remarks made by the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh about taking back 'Sindhu' - the region around the Indus River in Southern Pakistan, saying that the provocative remarks were inspired by the gratuitous assertion of 'Akhanda Bharat'.

"We condemn the highly irresponsible remarks made by the Chief Minister

of Uttar Pradesh, a key member of India's ruling dispensation and a follower of the bigoted Hindutva ideology, at the National Sindh Convention in Lucknow. It is equally condemnable that the so-called reclamation of the 'Ram Janmabhoomi' has been cited by the Chief Minister as a template for reclaiming the region that constitutes part of Pakistan," Foreign Office spokesperson Muntaz Zahra Baloch said in a statement.

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Abolishing the facility of free units will save more than 6 billion rupees annually. It has been recommended to give 15 thousand 858 rupees instead of 450 monthly free units to grade 17 officer,

21 thousand 996 units per month instead of 600 free units to grade 18 officers, 37 thousand 594 rupees to grade 19 officer instead of 880 free units per month, 46 thousand 992 rupees instead of 1100 free units to grade 20 officers, 55 thousand 536 rupees instead of 1300 free units to Grade 21 officers,

President calls for awareness on mental health as 24% Pakistanis under stress

ISLAMABAD (APP): President Dr Arif Alvi highlighting Pakistan's limited capacity to deal with the disease burden, called for creating awareness about mental health and well-being as most mental illnesses, which could be cured in a cost-effective manner if diagnosed and managed at an early stage. The president, in a message to the nation on World Mental Health Day annually observed on October 10, cited the National Commission of Human Rights of Pakistan saying that 24% of people in Pakistan were under stress which compounded with economic difficulties becomes an alarming situation. He said the Day was observed with an obvious theme that 'Mental health was a universal human right'. This is to raise awareness about the importance

of mental health, the effects of mental illness on the lives of the people, and the need for support within the family, then recognition of the problem, getting over social taboos to get professional help, he said. He said unfortunately, Pakistan had limited human and material resources to deal with this disease burden that affects an increasing number of adolescents, young people, and women. The president said the newspapers every day carried a few extreme stories of suicides as well as domestic violence even killings that can be traced back to the national psychiatric burden. "To overcome this challenge, we need an integrated approach to strengthen the existing infrastructure by using online mental health portals, virtual programs,

artificial intelligence, mental health chatbots, helplines, mobilizing relevant government and other stakeholders, and forging public-private partnerships," he urged. The president said Pakistan lacked trained and qualified human resources in this field, and it was highly imperative that telehealth centres to be reached out to people in need. He particularly urged the media, teachers, parents, religious scholars, celebrities, social media influencers and community leaders to understand this alarming situation, help remove social taboos that discourage discussion and getting help. "The figures about students under stress in colleges and universities is as high as 60%. Educational institutions and employers

should provide an enabling environment to students and employees by ensuring a good work-life balance," he emphasised. President Alvi also urged people to adopt healthier lifestyles, spend quality time with friends and family, and take regular exercise to reduce anxiety and stress levels. "I am hopeful that our collective efforts at the individual, institutional, and national levels would enable us to improve the overall mental health and well-being of the people," he added.



QUETTA: Chairman Senate, Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani exchanging views with Kamran Tessori, Governor Sindh during meeting held in Quetta.



ISLAMABAD: Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan Jiang Zaidong meets with Caretaker Planning Minister for Development & Special Initiatives, Muhammad Sami Saeed.

Decision taken to hold trial of Jinnah house attack case in jail

LAHORE (Online): Decision has been taken to hold trial of Jinnah House attack case in jail. Punjab government has issued notification of conducting trial of accused in Jinnah House attack case in jail. It has been said in the notification trial of all accused will be held in central jail Lahore. The trial of 368 accused including Imran Khan, Yasmin Rashid, Umar Sarfraz Cheema, Mehmood ul Rashid Cheema, Ijaz Chaudhry, Sanam Javed,

Alia Hamza and Khadija Shah will be conducted in jail on day to day basis. The trial of Askari tower and attack on Shadman police station will also be conducted in central jail Lahore. Jinnah House violence case came up for hearing in Anti Terrorism Court (ATC). Police sought arrest of Asad Umar, Aleema Khan and Uzma Khan. The investigation officer told the court the three accused have been found culprits in the investiga-

tion. JIT has mentioned all the three guilty. Police need arrest of these three persons. Aleema Khan was found on the occasion. Farrukh Habib, Hammad Azhar, Mian Aslam Iqbal and Murad Saeed were declared proclaimed offenders in Jinnah house violence case. Ali Amin Gandapur, Azam Swati, Andleeb Abbas and other accused have also been declared proclaimed offenders. Judge Abher Gul of ATC declared the accused proclaimed offenders.

Good films play crucial role in transforming society: Solangi

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Minister for Information and Broadcasting Murtaza Solangi on Monday highlighted the pivotal role played by good films in promoting tolerance and civility within the society. Addressing the audience at the "Naqash Digital Film Festival 2023", he said films had played a historical role in fostering positive values in the society including ethics, morality, empathy, and above all, a deep sense of humanity. The minister lauded the Fatima Jinnah University for organizing such a "great event" in collaboration with international partners. "Good films are like good parents that nurture you and teach you morals and ethics. They help you become good human beings

Tackling climate change requires collective effort: Sami Saeed

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Muhammad Sami Saeed on Monday called for coordinated and collective global efforts to counter the climate-change-related challenges. "The government, civil society and international partners must join hands to tackle climate crisis through collective and coordinated efforts to combat the crisis," he said while speaking at a seminar on National Resilience Day organized here by the National University of Science and Technology (NUST). Last year, Pakistan faced unprecedented devastation due to torrential rains and flooding in most parts of the country, affecting 33 million people and causing economic losses worth \$30 billion. Following this, the government prepared a 4RF framework, suggesting effective coordination and participation arrangements among the federal and provincial governments, development partners, donors, international and national NGOs, and academic and private sectors. Pakistan has been witnessing challenging impacts of climate change, ranging from devastating floods to prolonged droughts, from heatwaves to melting glaciers. "These changes pose immense threats to our environment, economy, and the well-being of our people," remarked the Planning Minister, urging the stakeholders to play their constructive role to combat the crisis. In October 2022, the Post-Damage Needs Assessment (PDNA) - conducted jointly by the government of Pakistan and its international development partners, including the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank, the European Union, and UN relief agencies estimated the aggregate cost of the calamity at \$30 billion.

Dharamsala outfield not ideal for World Cup, says Buttler

DHARAMSALA (INP) Ben Stokes is set to miss Tuesday's match against Bangladesh but England captain Jos Buttler is more concerned with the outfield in Dharamsala, which he thinks is not ideal for World Cup matches. Former England batter and Afghanistan head coach Jonathan Trott questioned the condition of the outfield after spinner Muejib Ur Rahman narrowly escaped injury after jamming his knee into the sandy surface. The International Cricket Council (ICC) has given the outfield an "average" rating, allowing it to host World Cup matches, but concerns about players' safety while fielding lingers. "It's poor in my own opinion," Buttler told reporters on Monday ahead of the match against Bangladesh. "Any time you're talking about being careful diving or sort of being careful when you're fielding, it goes against everything you want to be as a team. So that's obviously not ideal, the way the surface is, the outfield. But we won't use it as an excuse, we'll adapt to it."



KARACHI: Caretaker Minister Information Balochistan Jan Achakzai and chief of NLC-AK Kamail Haider Shah exchanging documents of MoU.

CPEC fully proves its real worth: Mushahid Sayed

BEIJING (APP): The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) as part of the Belt and Road Initiative, has helped build an enabling economic environment in Pakistan with energy, education and the economy being among its key pillars. China has invested nearly \$26 billion in direct projects in Pakistan, creating 236,000 jobs, generating 8,000 megawatts of electricity, and building 510 kilometres of highways and 886 km of the national electricity grid. Also, about 28,000 Pakistani students are studying in China and more than 20,000 Pakistanis are learning Chinese, said the Chairman of the Pakistan-China Institute, and Chairman of

the Senate Defence Committee, Mushahid Hussain Sayed in an article published in China Daily on Monday. The CPEC is not just about bricks and mortar. It is also about people-to-people exchanges, which are at the core of the strategic bond between the two "iron brothers", Pakistan and China. The CPEC was launched when Pakistan was facing immense challenges from terror groups. It was also facing instability and conflict due to the US "war on terror" in neighbouring Afghanistan. By launching the CPEC, China gave a vote of confidence to Pakistan and its people and raised Pakistani people's hope for a better future.

Abu Dhabi T10: Afridi, Hafeez, Wahab & Hassan join season 7

ABU DHABI (INP): Ahead of the much-anticipated 2023 edition of cricket's fastest format, Abu Dhabi T10, the Player's Draft has been announced with the participating eight teams, Bangla Tigers, Chennai Braves, Deccan Gladiators, Delhi Bulls, Morrisville Samp Army, New York Strikers, Northern Warriors, and Team Abu Dhabi - also announcing their list of retained players and direct signings for the season. The '23 edition of the season saw a registration of total 782 players from across

the globe, including some of the biggest names in international cricket. Former Pakistan great, Shahid Afridi is among the list of Icon Stars who will be up for grabs, along with his compatriots Mohammad Hafeez, Wahab Riaz, Bangladesh batsman Tamim Iqbal, and Sri Lanka's Dasun Shanaka. The pre-signed players by the teams feature former Indian superstars Ambati Rayudu, and Yusuf Pathan. While Bangla Tigers roped in the explosive all-rounder Pathan, Delhi Bulls have signed on the ever-dynamic batter Rayudu.

New Zealand beats Netherlands by 99 runs

HYDERABAD: New Zealand on Monday inflicted a humiliating 99-run defeat on the Netherlands in the sixth match of the ICC World Cup 2023 at the Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium, Hyderabad, India. An all-round performance by the Black Caps strengthened their position on the top after beating England in the World Cup opener, the Kiwis defeated the Dutch in a one-sided contest courtesy of Mitchell Santner's masterclass with the ball and the bat. Chasing the target of

323 runs, the Dutch were off to a bad start as their openers - Vikramjit Singh and Max O'Dowd - failed to give their side a considerable start. However, the experienced middle-order batter Colin Ackermann provided his side a much-needed breakthrough by scoring 69 off 73 but his heroics weren't enough as the Dutch kept on losing wickets at regular intervals and were soon all-out for 223 runs. Skipper Scott and wicketkeeper-batter Steve Edwards was the second top-scorer for his side contributing 30 runs.



QUETTA: Caretaker Provincial Minister for Sports and Culture Nawabzada Jamal Khan Raisani addressing a Press conference

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Continued from page 2 form and give a model to the upcoming government, adding so far about Rs18 billion recovery was made in the power sector. He said the additional cost of the power production was diverted to those consumers who were already paying bills and due to the poor administration, the lower segments always borne the brunt. The prime minister said that they made certain administrative interventions to stop the mess in different sectors and cited recent steps taken against the smuggling of different kinds of items in the country. The prime minister rebuffed that the caretaker government had raised false expectations among the masses with regard to soaring costs of energy. He said that they held meetings on energy issues and considered different factors including conditionalities of the IMF, circular debt, IPPs' role, investment, agreements, power theft and costly generation of power issues. The prime minister said that he also faced severe criticism for his views and even misleading news were disseminated about a civil war in the country due to inflated power bills. Responding to a query, he maintained that he was apolitical, however, after completion of his tenure as the caretaker prime minister and in the post-caretaker scenario, he would like to play a political role in future to shape the public

opinion which was the main responsibility of a politician. He said that he did not see any legal or constitutional impediment in the way of his political participation in future. To another question regarding the holding of elections in the country, he maintained that Maulana Fazlur Rehman did not represent the caretaker government. In this regard, the government would take measures in consultation with Election Commission of Pakistan that was mandated to announce a date for the general polls, adding the caretaker set up would assist the ECP under its constitutional mandate. Prime Minister Kakar said that two provinces including Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan had been affected by terrorism due to spillover from Afghanistan. He said despite differential challenges, Pakistan had been a success story and it was neither a failed state nor a dysfunctional one. Not a single union council territory was under the control of terrorists, he said, adding that their counter-terrorism policy yielded results. The prime minister also expressed the determination that there was no soft corner for the terrorist elements and that they would not spare anyone to carry out terrorist activities against the country and its people. With regard to a question about civilian supremacy, the prime minis-

ter opined that an elected government should exhibit its conduct, vision, integrity and service delivery which were vital for 'civilian supremacy'. Expressing his opinion, he stressed that the civil institutions should be strengthened. The caretaker prime minister said democracy was a process, and in Pakistan, they had a transitional democracy. "Pakistan is not a finished product but an evolving one," he said, adding all the stakeholders would have to contribute towards its completion. To a query, he replied that the government was trying to increase the tax net as only 10 to 11 per cent of the people were contributing. When the tax collection would be increased, the economic health of the country would also surge and for this purpose, they should have to adopt self-accountability and public vigilance, he added. About the deportation of illegal foreigners, he said they were taking action against all those illegal aliens who had neither legal documents nor part of the data system. About the return and possible arrest of PML-N leader Nawaz Sharif, he said that he would not go with the speculative theories. The prime minister clarified that during his participation in the UNGA, his aircraft en route landed for the refuelling purpose and regretted that false news was spread on social media platforms.

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President for regular senates' meetings of universities; filling of vacancies

ISLAMABAD (APP): President Dr Arif Alvi on Monday stressed upon the need of holding regular meetings of senates of universities for timely decision making.

He also directed for immediate filling of vacant posts of senate members in different universities.

The president chaired 6th meeting of Senate of the COMSATS University Islamabad, at Aiwan-e-Sadr, President Secretariat Press Wing said in a press release.

The meeting was attended by executive director COMSATS, secretaries of ministries of IT and federal education and senate members.

The president further observed that universities should also commence timely process for recruitment on teaching and administrative vacancies, besides establishing new departments while keeping in view needs of the market.

Prior to starting of teaching in new depart-

ments, an inquisitive analysis of the requirements of the markets should be made, he opined, adding that universities should impart education and skills to their students in conformity with the needs of the market.

The president reiterated that while comparing with other countries of the region, the number of students seeking admissions in universities in Pakistan was very low and emphasized upon the universities to uti-

lize online education system for increasing numbers of qualified graduates.

He also advised that universities should explore new avenues for generating their financial resources whereas for the research grants, they should seek assistance from professionals.

During the meeting, the financial, administration, educational and employees' issues of COMSATS were discussed.



ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif Alvi chairing the 6th meeting of the Senate of the COMSATS University Islamabad, at Aiwan-e-Sadr.



ISLAMABAD: Interim Federal Minister of National Heritage & Culture Jamal Shah taking round of a week-long Wildlife Art Exhibition, depicting the living jewels of Pakistan at PNCA.

Private educational institution IHC seeks answer from CDA regarding plot allotment

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Islamabad High Court (IHC) on Monday served notices to respondents in a case against allotment of 21 kanal land in sector F-11 to a private educational institution.

The court also summoned secretary Ministry of Education and Capital Development Authority (CDA)'s member estate on next hearing with the relevant record.

The court instructed the additional attorney general to raise the matter also to high forum.

Justice Miangul Hassan Aurangzeb heard the case filed by a leader of teachers' association Fazal e Mola.

At the outset of hearing, addressing additional attorney general, Justice Miangul Hassan remarked that this case should be sent to the National Accountability Bureau (NAB).

He said that the real matter was related to plot which was allotted to favor somebody.

The court sought the original file of the land on next hearing.

Mehfil-e-Milad held at Pakistan House, London

ISLAMABAD (APP): Dr. Sarah Naem, spouse of Pakistan High Commissioner, has organized Mehfil-e-Milad-un-Nabi at Pakistan House to mark the month of Rabi-ul-Awwal and celebrate birthday of Holy Prophet Muhammad (PBUH).

Attended by a diverse gathering of British Pakistani women, the event featured sacred tributes to the Holy Prophet (PBUH), highlighting his virtues of mercy, compassion, and love for humanity, through soul stirring Naat recitals, a press release on Monday said.

Govt endeavors to promote religious tourism: Aneeq

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony, Dr. Aneeq Ahmed, said on Monday that the government is committed to promoting religious tourism in the country which will ultimately improve the economy.

He highlighted the need for Track-II diplomacy to promote peaceful relations with neighbouring countries that would help promote Pakistan's regional trade and religious tourism.

He said that the Prime Minister has approved the Hajj Policy 2024 that would offer two packages

for payment of Hajj dues including payment in PKR and in US dollars and stressed that the intended members of the business community should make payment of Hajj dues in dollars to help improve the forex reserves of the country. He said that those who would make payment for Hajj in US Dollars would be sent for Hajj without any balloting.

He said that the business community is the backbone of the economy and it should play a more effective role in strengthening the economy by promoting trade and exports.

Establishment of NIU to effectively combat drug-related offenses

ISLAMABAD (APP): Islamabad police have created Narcotics Investigation Unit (NIU) with the primary goal of efficiently addressing drug-related offenses in the federal capital.

According to a police spokesperson, this dedicated unit is tasked with conducting comprehensive investigations into drug-related cases and ensuring strict compliance with the Narcotics Act of 1997.

All NIU investigation

officers will carry out their duties under the supervision of their respective District Police Officers (DPOs). Zonal Sub-Divisional Police Officers (SDPOs) will provide oversight, guiding the investigation process and verifying its integrity. The selection of officers for this unit was based on their proficiency and extensive experience. Furthermore, at least one Sub-Inspector rank officer will be stationed at each police station.



ISLAMABAD: Secretary Senate, Mohammad Qasim Samad Khan presenting a shield to Syed Javed Azhar Hasni, Sargeant-at-Arms Senate Secretariat at Parliament House.

Mushaal urges world powers to play role in settlement of Kashmir, Palestine disputes

ISLAMABAD (APP): Advisor to the Prime Minister on Human Rights, Mushaal Mullick on Sunday urged the world powers to play their role towards the long-standing Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK) and Palestine dispute.

Speaking at the annual event of Darbar Mohra Sharif, Mushaal Mullick

stated that the ongoing conflict in Palestine reflected the same adversities Kashmir faces under Indian subjugation, said a press release here on Monday.

She pointed out that the Indian government is involved in promoting extremism and terrorism in occupied Kashmir, Israel is similarly involved in serious human rights violations in Palestine.

Resilience Day evokes nations firm resolve against all crises, calamities: Speakers

ISLAMABAD (APP): The speakers at 'National Resilience Day 2023' seminar on Monday expressed homage and sincere prayers for survivors and martyrs of the devastating earthquake of 2005 that jolted the entire country and termed the Day reminding the nation's firm resolve against all crises and calamities.

The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) organised one-day seminar under the title Towards Disaster Resilient Pakistan here at the National University of Sciences and Technology (NUST).

The seminar commenced with the showcasing of two short documen-

taries highlighting Pakistan's disaster timeline and National Emergencies Operations Centre establishment and development of the first ever National Common Operating Picture for disaster management.

In his opening remarks, Chairman NDMA, Lieutenant General Inam Haider Malik said it was the moment to extend our heartfelt prayers and wishes to all those who braced disasters and also to the martyrs who embraced martyrdom in the disasters from 2005 onwards.

The country, he said had a long history of experiencing natural and man-made disasters, whereas the experiences from those events helped in gathering

information. He added that the country was in the middle of recovering from the devastation of the floods of 2022. The authority, he said was witnessing the erratic behavior of disasters world over and in the region.

However, keeping in view the account of destruction caused by the 2022 floods, Pakistan could not afford any more of such disasters further. The chairman highlighted the National Vision for Proactive Management for Disaster Management in Pakistan and stated that the Disaster Management System in Pakistan was currently undergoing a transformation, shifting from a reactive to a proactive approach.

Federal Board extends registration date till Oct. 13

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education (FBISE) Islamabad has extended the registration date to 13 October 2023.

According to the details, the last date for submission of registration for SSC level year 2023-2025 was today (Monday) 09 October 2023, which now has been extended by the Federal Board to Friday, October 13, 2023 with the normal fee.

The Federal Board has requested all the concerned institutions to submit the registration by the due date.

IRSA releases 141,200 cusecs water

ISLAMABAD (APP): Indus River System Authority (IRSA) on Monday released 141,200 cusecs water from various rim stations with inflow of 74,600 cusecs.

According to the data released by IRSA, water level in River Indus at Tarbela Dam was 1530.41 feet and was 1322.41 feet higher than its dead level of 1,398 feet. Water inflow and outflow in the dam was recorded as 41,800 cusecs and 75,000 cusecs respectively.

The water level in River Jhelum at Mangla Dam was 1218.19 feet, which was 168.19 feet higher than its dead level of 1,050 feet. The inflow and outflow of water was recorded 6,600 cusecs and 40,000 cusecs respectively.

NIH issues advisory on Nipah virus

ISLAMABAD (APP): The National Institute of Health (NIH) has issued an advisory on the instructions of the Federal Minister for Health in view of the reported cases of Nipah virus in the province of South India.

So far, no case of Nipah virus has been reported in Pakistan, said the spokesperson of the Ministry of Health.

He said that a low risk advisory has been issued for general public.

The spokesperson said that this virus is transmitted to humans through bats and pigs.

In the past, cases of Nipah virus have been reported in Bangladesh, Malaysia, Singapore and India, Dr. Nadeem Jan said.

He said that the Ministry of Health is continuously monitoring the situation. Dr. Nadeem Jan said that instructions have been issued to the National Health Organization and Border Health Services.



ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Minister for Privatization Fawad Hassan Fawad calls on Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar.

BC launches international awards to celebrate UK alumni achievements

ISLAMABAD (APP): The British Council (BC) has announced the tenth year of its Study UK Alumni Awards programme, celebrating the outstanding achievements of UK alumni around the world.

The award winners and finalists are leaders in their fields who have used their experience of studying at a UK university to make a positive contribution to their communities, industries, and countries said a news release.

This year's award categories included science and sustainability, business and innovation, culture and creativity and social action.

The call for applica-

tions opened 1 September and closes on 22 October 2023.

All eligible applicants will be put forward for the global Alumni Awards and national Alumni Awards which will be hosted in many countries including Pakistan.

The Deputy Director British in Council Pakistan, Maaryia Rehman, said: "I am delighted that UK alumni in Pakistan will have the opportunity to win the awards in these four exciting categories."

Previous awardees have showcased their commitment to applying the knowledge gained from their UK studies to benefit their local communities.



ISLAMABAD: A younger girl sitting on the tank of the bike cover her face with piece of cloth as she is irritating with dust rising with maneuvering of vehicles at under construction Park road.

Police apprehended wanted member of car lifter gang

ISLAMABAD: Islamabad Capital Police's Tarnol station team has arrested a member of a car lifter gang, recovering a stolen vehicle valued at Rs 2.5 million from the suspect.

Acting upon the explicit directives of Islamabad Capital City Police Officer (ICCP) Dr. Akbar Nasir Khan, law enforcement in the capital city has escalated its efforts to eradicate criminal activities within the metropolis said a public relations officer.

Following these directives, the police team leveraged both technical expertise and human resources,

ultimately resulting in the successful arrest of a high-profile car thief and the subsequent recovery of a stolen vehicle.

The suspect has been identified as Muhammad Ali. In the preliminary investigation, Ali confessed to his involvement in a multitude of car thefts spanning various areas in Islamabad, Rawalpindi, and neighbouring districts.

Efforts to detain Ali's accomplices are currently underway, as numerous cases have already been registered against the apprehended individual. A thorough investigation into the matter is ongoing.

Ceremony held for passed-out dept promotion courses officials

ISLAMABAD: A ceremony was held in honor of the first Upper Course, 11th Intermediate Course, and 20th Lower Course passed out by officials at Police Lines Headquarters Islamabad, a public relations officer said.

College, AIG Operations, SP Headquarters, DSP Capital Police College, and other staff members.

During the ceremony, the ICCPO Dr Akbar Nasir Khan distributed awards and certificates to the deserving officers and cadets who demonstrated excep-

courses successfully. He urged them to perform their duties with diligence, dedication, and a commitment to serving the community.

ICCPO expressed his delight at being part of the Islamabad Capital Police passing out ceremony and congratulated Capital Police College for providing top-notch training to officers and cadets in record time. He emphasized the significance of public service and encouraged the attendees to uphold the high values of law enforcement.

He said, "You are fortunate to have been given the opportunity by Allah to serve the community. Remember that the true honor comes from serving the people. Upholding the law, ensuring justice, and safeguarding the lives and properties of citizens are our primary responsibilities. Show respect to the public, and there will be no reason left why you should not receive respect in return," he added.



He said that, the ceremony was attended by Islamabad Capital City Police Officer (ICCP) Dr. Akbar Nasir Khan, while high-ranking officials, including the SSP/Dy. Commandant Capital Police

tional performance during the training courses.

Addressing the ceremony, ICCPO Dr Akbar Nasir Khan praised the dedication and hard work of the officers and cadets who had completed the training

Speakers for urgent reforms to tackle Pakistan's population growth

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Speakers at a seminar on the country's population growth on Monday called for urgent reforms to tackle the mounting challenge of population growth of the country showing a steady rise since independence.

The Centre for Aerospace & Security Studies (CASS), successfully concluded a seminar on 'Mitigating Pakistan's Population Challenges', a news release said.

The distinguished speakers included Senator Dr Sania Nishtar and Samia Liaquat Ali Khan, Director Impact, Tabadlab, Air Marshal @ Feroq Habib, Senior Director at CASS, de-

livered the Concluding Remarks; while Air Vice Marshal Nasser ul Haq Wyne @ moderated the proceedings. Air Marshal Farhat Hussain Khan @, Advisor on Aviation to the Caretaker Prime Minister of Pakistan and President of CASS, presented mementos to the distinguished speakers.

In his Opening Remarks, Air Vice Marshal @ Nasser ul Haq Wyne underscored the intertwined significance of Water, Education, Economy, and Population as fundamental pillars influencing the well-being and security of a nation. Drawing attention to the National Security Policy 2022, hailed as 'citizen-centric', he acknowl-

edged its emphasis on human security. However, he expressed concerns over the existing gaps between policy creation and its subsequent implementation. Reflecting on Pakistan's demographic journey, he highlighted the country's exponential population growth, from 32 million at its independence in 1947 to a staggering 250 million in the present year, marking an almost eightfold increase in 76 years.

Senator Dr Sania Nishtar, in her in-depth address on Population Dynamics and Socioeconomic Impacts, underscored the pressing challenge of population growth as a pivotal factor in Pakistan's devel-

opment trajectory, affecting vital sectors such as infrastructure, economy, and security. Highlighting the exponential growth in population, she illustrated that Pakistan had witnessed a growth rate that is notably higher than many other Asian nations. A primary concern she broached was Pakistan's Total Fertility Rate (TFR) which, alarmingly, has remained stagnant since 2005 at 3.6.

This statistic becomes especially concerning when juxtaposed with countries like Saudi Arabia, traditionally conservative societies that have nonetheless managed to significantly reduce their TFR. Dr Nishtar shared factors influencing

fertility rates, spotlighting elements like female education, participation in the workforce, and societal standing.

She fervently emphasized the urgency to engage with and address these variables to devise effective strategies against rapid population growth.

Shifting the focus to the crucial role of family planning services, she affirmed that their accessibility can greatly mitigate the challenges posed by population growth. She further championed the importance of robust family planning programmes, stressing underlining Pakistan's low Contraceptive Prevalence Rate (CPR).



ISLAMABAD: Senator Fawzia Arshad, presiding over a meeting of the Senate Standing Committee on Information and Broadcasting at Parliament House.

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Turned away

On Saturday, as UN agencies pressed Islamabad to consider the risks of forcefully repatriating Afghan refugees, a major earthquake in western Afghanistan resulted in over 2,000 deaths, according to the Taliban government, with thousands left injured and homeless. Reports of the devastation caused by the disaster served as a grim backdrop to the concerns raised by humanitarian agencies about the difficulties Pakistani authorities may condemn hundreds of thousands of Afghans to as they go ahead with a controversial plan to evict all 'illegal aliens' by the end of this month. The drive, which has been criticised for seeking to forcibly push those who had fled violence, persecution and impoverishment in Afghanistan back into that troubled country, has been pursued with unseemly eagerness by the caretaker government, with one ministry even running a countdown on X (formerly Twitter) to remind undocumented migrants about the number of days they have remaining in this country.

Meanwhile, reports abound of refugee settlements being shuttered, landlords being told to evict Afghan tenants, and Afghans — both documented and undocumented, men, women and children — being rounded up by police across the country.

The reaction from rights organisations and more hospitable Pakistanis to Islamabad suddenly turning its back on Afghan refugees has, understandably, been one of dismay and concern.

While the Pakistani authorities are well within their rights to demand that migrants and refugee seekers, especially those who are undocumented, return, is this really the right way to go about doing so?

Uprooting hundreds of thousands of human beings who have scraped together a life in Pakistan and sending them back to an uncertain future defined by terror and turmoil seems unnecessarily cold, made all the more so by the short deadline given to them to pack up and leave.

The UNHCR and the International Organisation for Migration have both come forward to advocate for the rights of Afghan refugees; they must work proactively with the Pakistani government to find a quick solution to this issue. It appears from reports that the authorities here are unprepared for the task they have taken on.

At the bare minimum, the ongoing effort to deport all foreigners not holding a valid visa and passport requires international oversight to ensure that those being returned are not deprived of what little they possess in the process.

There have been complaints of unscrupulous individuals exploiting vulnerable Afghans by demanding bribes to ensure their safety; the Pakistani authorities have a responsibility to put an immediate end to such reprehensible practices.

Ideally, the entire exercise needs to be reconsidered, but even if the decision is non-negotiable, the returning Afghans need to be treated with compassion. They are owed that.



Maleeha Lodhi

Pakistan's checkered political history holds many lessons that need to be learnt if the country is to escape from its troubled past. Some have been learnt but several of the more consequential ones haven't. These unlearnt lessons have left the country deeply fractured and in a state of chronic political instability and economic weakness, lurching from one crisis to another.

There are at least five unlearnt lessons that have been consequential to the country's fate and fortunes, although this is not an exhaustive list. The first is intensely antagonistic politics that has involved bitter feuds and unremitting confrontations between political leaders and parties. With the war paradigm guiding political conduct, opponents have been seen, not as

competitors, but as enemies to be eliminated from the political scene in a terminal conflict. This pattern of behaviour is part of an unedifying tradition, characterised by intolerance and lack of respect for democratic norms.

Those in power rarely accepted the need to engage with the opposition, while those in opposition almost always tried to actively destabilise the government of the day. These power struggles became fatal distractions from governance and meeting public needs. What were essentially intralite squabbles — over power and patronage, not policy — created the conditions for the military to intervene and return to the political stage.

The repeatedly ignored lesson was that compromise and consensus were essential to achieve civilian supremacy and strengthen democracy. Also overlooked was the risk that endless power tussles would open space for the military to ultimately seize control of the political system. There were always political parties ready to encourage military interventions to remove their opponents. The mili-

tary for its part easily found political allies to oust civilian governments and aid its takeovers of power.

This brings up unlearnt lesson two, relating to military interventions. Pakistan has spent over 30 years of its existence under direct military rule and since 2018 under hybrid 'democracy' in which the military has had an expansive role in governance.

Despite widespread public respect for the military in its professional role, its political interventions have lacked public legitimacy. The lesson from long bouts of military rule is that these constitutional transgressions neither found public acceptance nor delivered what they promised — political stability and economic progress. Instead, they produced deleterious consequences for the country and undermined the military's reputation. That is why today the military acknowledges that military rule is neither an option nor a 'solution'.

But a hybrid system is also problematic. The lesson of the hybrid experience, that further skewed the civil-military balance and involved democratic regres-

sion, is that it is inherently unable to provide coherent and effective governance.

It fragments the governance system, creates confusion about lines of authority and also distracts the military from its professional role, especially when the security situation needs its undivided attention. The hybrid experiment of 2018-2022 hardly built economic or political stability; quite the opposite in fact. Continuing this 'model' will not yield an outcome different from the past.

The third lesson is that unless the country undertakes wide-ranging reforms to address its long-standing structural economic problems it cannot escape from the trap of chronic fiscal deficits, balance-of-payments problems, high inflation and macroeconomic instability, which have necessitated repeated financial bailouts.

The reliance on outsiders — 'friendly' countries and IMF — for bailouts has been a short-term fix, not a solution. For decades, dysfunctional economic management by both civilian and military governments evaded reform and resisted mobilising adequate domes-

tic resources. Instead, resort to excessive borrowing at home and abroad mired Pakistan in unsustainable debt and perpetual financial crises. The country's foreign alignments were frequently leveraged to secure financial help — often dubbed geopolitical rent — to overcome the crisis of the day.

So serious is Pakistan's economic crisis today that the lesson it offers can be ignored only at great peril to the country. The old way of managing public finances is no longer tenable. There is an urgent need to deal with the structural sources of persisting financial imbalances: a narrow and inequitable tax regime, limited export base, energy sector's circular debt, bankrupt public-sector enterprises, heavy regulatory burden and low savings and investment.

The fourth lesson has to do with the failure to invest in human capital. This has left the country with deteriorating social indicators and at the bottom of global human development rankings. Under-investment has meant 40 per cent of Pakistaners are illiterate, 22 million school-age children are out of school,

poverty has risen to almost 40pc while health indicators including malnutrition levels remain grim. Pakistan cannot achieve economic growth and progress by failing to invest in its people.

Although Pakistan's security forces have since undertaken effective campaigns to defeat militancy, the need remains for a consistent and holistic strategy that doesn't just rely on kinetic actions. There is also a wider lesson from Pakistan's experience with extremism.

Too often governments sought to appease extremists or waver when faced with agitation by religious zealots. Succumbing to pressure to bring an end to the crisis of the day emboldened extremist forces, only for them to repeatedly rear their head to challenge the state.

The lessons from these different aspects of Pakistan's experience should not be hard to learn and act upon.

Doing that offers the best and perhaps only chance for the country to free itself from the dead hand of the past. -- Courtesy Dawn

Unlearnt lessons

A pre-election watch



Dr Naazir Mahmood

Since elections are likely to take place in January 2024 — at least per the announcement by the Election Commission of Pakistan — the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan (HRCP) has taken the right step of starting to monitor the pre-election situation in Pakistan. It has formed a pre-election watch group that is keeping an eye on the emerging scenario in the country.

The main thrust of this group will be on how the caretaker government, the establishment, the ECP, the judiciary, and the political parties themselves are maintaining or violating the rights of individuals, groups, and political parties in the months leading up to the next general elections. Respecting constitutional, fundamental, and political rights before the elections is as important — if not more

— as the process on Election Day. All stakeholders must abide by the written and unwritten codes of conduct that all democracies must follow.

Most elections in the history of Pakistan have remained controversial and questions have emerged about the levels of fairness and transparency not only on Election Day but during the pre- and post-election hours and days. A fair and free political environment is a prerequisite for a credible electoral exercise and that is a major reason why the HRCP has taken the initiative to issue its first report of the pre-election situation in the country. The observers are following a rights-based approach that derives its strength from international human-rights standards and operationally tries to promote and protect human rights.

The right to freedom of assembly, association, and of expression play a vital role in the pre-election environment and any violation of these rights must catch the attention of the caretaker government and the ECP. The judiciary too cannot keep aloof if a particular individual or group finds itself on the receiving

end of injustice. The polarization that certain quarters have promoted in the country during the past few years has engendered a bitter environment that the first bulletin of the HRCP has underscored. Civil society in the country must raise its voice if there are attempts to once again create hurdles in the way of Pakistan's democracy.

A watchful eye by the observers on all election-related matters can play a vital role in the creation and maintenance of a conducive atmosphere for democracy to take root — if not thrive. The first bulletin of the HRCP covers some major developments since the beginning of this year that may affect the credibility of the next elections. The current uncertainty that surrounds the elections is not a new phenomenon; it is the result of the past 20 months that have made Pakistan even more unstable — both economically and politically.

Much like the PDM was on the receiving end during the Imran Khan government, the PTI is now facing nearly the same treatment, if not worse. No individual or political party can afford to incite the dis-

pleasure of the country's powerful institutions and that appears to be a major issue in the pre-election scenario. No group can face a falling out with the establishment and apprehensions are mounting about a so-called 'level playing field'.

The role of the Supreme Court under the former chief justice of Pakistan remained questionable as some 'like-minded' judges kept delivering verdicts that left many observers perplexed. Imran Khan's role before and during the May 9 incidents and violence threw the country into chaos and the agitation worsened the political environment in the country. Punjab became a major battlefield as the caretaker provincial government tried in vain to control the situation while the PTI kept its pressure mounting. The provincial caretaker governments in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Punjab continued much beyond their constitutional mandate and took steps that caretaker governments should not be taking.

Another worrying trend observed this year was the continuation of the campaign to malign politi-

cians belonging to all sides. Audio and video leaks kept surfacing and nobody could question the origin and source of these leaks; this was gross violation of the fundamental right to privacy. Interestingly, the audio and video leaks mostly targeted civilian politicians and their family members.

This has put political individuals and families under a constant threat of being bugged and recorded wherever they happen to be. For new politicians, especially women, this is likely to serve as a disincentive to continue in politics.

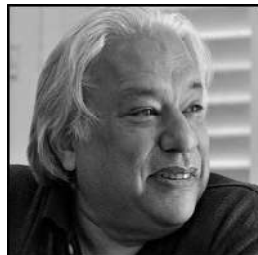
An economic meltdown kept hovering over the nation as the rupee came tumbling down for over a year touching a historic low of 300 to a dollar. The economic hardships people faced directly impacted their lives and their right to live with dignity as their financial resources contracted. Dwindling foreign exchange reserves and an overall poor economic condition of the government prompted questions about the expenses on the forthcoming elections and the government's ability to provide the required funds in time to the ECP for a

smooth and uninterrupted holding of elections.

As the last quarter of 2023 began, rumours circulated that there may be a long delay in the general elections. While the PPP demanded elections on time, the PML-N and JUI-F endorsed fresh delimitations before elections. Many PTI leaders including Imran have been accused of masterminding the May 9 violence as there appears to be some evidence of their involvement inciting their supporters to violence and vandalism. The use of social-media platforms for targeting opponents is serving as an excuse for internet shutdowns that have occurred intermittently. Restricted access to social media is not in the interest of democracy as it violates fundamental rights.

The staging of hurried press conferences in which various leaders announce their sudden change of mind is also a cause of concern as it prompts defections. These are just some of the observations made in the HRCP bulletin that all concerned must read on the HRCP website under the heading TheNews

Future in jeopardy



Arif Hasan

I have written earlier about the Pakistan Quarters when a proposal for its development was made in 2018 under very different political circumstances. At that time, the Sindh government had some control over land in the city. However, today, developers have completely taken over land-use decisions due to the policies of the previous government.

The Pakistan Quarters consist of Martin East, Martin West, and Jahangir Quarters. To avoid the misuse of land as in the case of Bahria Town and to avoid creating homelessness and misery as in the case of the KCR-related evictions and the Gujjar nullah, Orangi nullah and Mahmoodabad nullah demolitions, a rehabilitation process should be guaranteed, that will not result in homelessness and hunger or force people to live under the sky without water, electricity, schools, and employment on the rubble of their homes for years.

The Pakistan Quarters on which the government wishes to construct apartments consist of about 335 acres and have a population of around 90,000, or 13,000 households. There are five types of residents in the Quarters: i) there are the original allottees. Most of them are probably dead; ii) there are the children and grandchildren of the allottees; iii) there are those who have rented out their homes to others; iv) there are those who have not paid their dues to the state; v) there are those who have sold their houses and have left.

All these categories need to be identified, and their numbers worked out so that a just and equitable system of rehousing, relocating, or removal can be worked out. This work could be handled by a Karachi-based academic institution of architecture and planning, as it will lead to a better understanding of design and planning-related problems of rehabilitation for low-income and lower-middle-income settlements for students and their teachers.

All these categories and their needs and numbers should be identified, and their financial status and housing needs worked out so that a just, equitable, and transparent system of re-allotments or removal can be worked out. This, as a survey, is not difficult to do.

So far in Karachi, the 'rehabilitation' processes have been very poor and court judgements have supported the demolition of homes and settlements, saying that rehabilitation should be provided one year after the demolition. The problem of where the residents would live after the demolition of their homes has been ignored. Even then, after more than four years of the rehabilitation of demolished homes, there has been no programme for rehabilitation, and the courts have failed to force the government to comply with their judgements.

If a programme of such a large nature as the proposed Pakistan Quarters is undertaken, it can be an asset to the city if it is aesthetically planned and executed. For this, it is necessary that there should be no nepotism in the appointment of the architect. I would even suggest that a national or international competition for the design be held and judged by an international jury.

Martin Quarters also contains the first residential accommodation that

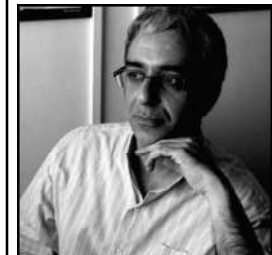
was built for the lower-income government employees in Karachi after partition; therefore, it also has historic importance. Apart from very important cultural importance for the city as a whole, it has also been a part of many political movements, often reactionary.

Knowing the nature of government administrative systems, the management and construction work for the redevelopment of the quarters will probably be given to a developer. This is the trend today. It might even be given to a foreign developer. In both cases, our experience has been terrible. So it is suggested that a committee consisting of well-known and public-spirited citizens be created to oversee the project. Such a committee would also contain a representative of the developer and technical persons appointed by the committee.

It should be understood that over the past 74 years, the residents of Pakistan Quarters have created various communities and strong identities. In the process, they have created sports clubs, religious associations (mosques and imambargahs), libraries, and protected land; for these activities. These should be identified, and spaces for them allocated next to the communities who operate and use them. Funds for their survival should also be allocated.

It is hoped that for once we will be able to build something that is of benefit to the poor and lower middle-income groups of Karachi and not create a development that is ugly, unattractive, and exploitative and which provides the market the opportunity to extract maximum value out of land at the cost of the city's built and social environment. -- Courtesy Dawn

In the middle



Zarrar Khuhro

The Indian Ocean has been a critical trade route but has arguably never been of the same strategic importance as, say, the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. The latter two have been the staging grounds for many a war and superpower rivalry and, by virtue of having the US sandwiched between them, have always loomed large in the public imagination. But the rise of China, and the ongoing efforts to contain that rise, has increasingly made the Indian Ocean a playground for regional strategic rivalries and indeed a centre of gravity in overall strategic terms.

For China, this ocean is the route that critical raw materials and energy supplies take, travelling through the chokepoint of the Malacca strait.

Another equally critical chokepoint is the Strait of Hormuz and then there's the Djibouti strait, which connects the Red Sea to the Indian Ocean. The Indian Ocean region is also home to a rising number of military and naval bases, with the US base on Diego Garcia and the Chinese presence in Djibouti being just two. And then, of course, there are the critical ports that span all the way from Myanmar's Kyaukpuy port to Sri Lanka's Hambantota to Gwadar in Pakistan, and beyond.

Truly, the developments of the past few years have proven the sagacity of Alfred Thayer Mahan who said over a century ago that "whoever controls the Indian Ocean will dominate

Asia; the destiny of the world will be decided on its water". It is in this context, and specifically in the context of the Sino-Indian tug-of-war, that the recent political developments in the Maldives — an island nation of 500,000 souls — must be viewed.

That archipelago state has seasawed between India and China for over a decade now, with former president Abdullah Yameen who ruled the Maldives from 2013 to 2018, tilting towards Beijing. Yameen's tenure saw the Maldives move closer to Beijing's orbit, with investment flowing in from China and India being kept at a relative distance. This changed dramatically when Yameen lost power to Solih in 2018 and championed an India-first policy. While China did continue to try and woo Solih, his inclination towards New Delhi — which has historically had close relations with the Maldives — was pronounced.

But now, Solih has lost to Muhammad Muizzu, a close ally of the former president Yameen, who was jailed on corruption charges late last year. The mayor of Malé, Muizzu took advantage of a split in Solih's Maldivian Democratic Party, to sweep into power and almost immediately announced that he would force all foreign military personnel to leave the Maldives.

That, of course, means India, which maintains a very small military presence on the islands. This presence is linked to the gift of a few reconnaissance aircraft and helicopters by the Indian government to the Maldives, which also included the stationing of 75 or so Indian troops purportedly to assist in the operations of the aircraft. This was admittedly turned into an election issue by Yameen's party, that launched an 'India Out' campaign, playing on nationalist feelings and the

feat of losing sovereignty to India. But while a small Indian presence may not have been enough of a rallying point, concerns were also raised about India signing a deal with the Maldives to construct and maintain a critical naval facility, a move that was hailed by then Maldivian defence minister as a 'significant milestone' in defence cooperation between the countries.

Now, with Muizzu's victory, the future of this cooperation is in doubt, but this doesn't necessarily translate into a sweeping victory for Beijing. The proximity of India, and its cultural links and diaspora in the Maldives mean that Beijing will always have trouble making inroads beyond infrastructure and possibly defence deals.

In times of crisis, the geographical proximity of India will also prove an advantage; in 2014 when a major water treatment plant in Malé caught fire, leaving the residents of Maldives capital without drinking water. While India was able to immediately ferry in fresh water, it took China two to three weeks to arrive with aid. So despite Muizzu's election rhetoric, there will be no major cooling off of relations and the Maldives will likely continue to seasaw between the two regional heavyweights.

As for the Indian Ocean, it will become increasingly militarised as India boosts its fleet in an effort to keep China out; the target is to have 175 warships by 2035 along with other military assets such as aircraft, drones and helicopters dedicated to the Indian Ocean region. The rivalry is moving beyond South Asia to Southeast Asia as well, with increased military cooperation between Vietnam and China, along with other states that have a stake in the seas surrounding China. -- Courtesy Dawn

Role of Christian community in creation of Pakistan unforgettable: Governor

Independent Report
LAHORE: Governor Punjab Muhammad Balighur Rehman attended a ceremony as a special guest today under the auspices of IMRF (Implementation of Minority Rights Forum) at Governor House Lahore regarding the "S.P Dewan Bahadur Singha Award 2023".

Addressing the ceremony, Punjab Governor Muhammad Balighur Rehman said that the role of the Christian community in the creation

of Pakistan is unforgettable. After the establishment of Pakistan, the Christian community rendered valuable services in various fields including health, education and law. He said that Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah had said that the rights of minorities will be protected in Pakistan. He further stated that the minorities have full protection and equal rights as per the vision of Quaid-e-Azam and the Constitution of Pakistan.

He said that among

the heroes who played an important role in the establishment of Pakistan, the name of SP Dewan Bahadur Singha is worth mentioning, adding he said that the government of Pakistan had also issued S.P. Dewan Bahadur Singha commemorative stamp in recognition of his services.

Governor Punjab said that minorities have equal rights and opportunities in the country, adding he said that Senator Kamran Michael was the first finance minister belonging to the minority who

presented the budget of Punjab. Governor Punjab said that the minority community played a great role in the formation of Pakistan and they are actively participating in the development and prosperity of the beloved country even today. Governor Punjab further said that we have to promote love, tolerance and brotherhood in the society. Chairman IMRF Samuel Payara, Sister Anna Bakshi and many other guests were present in the function.



LAHORE: Governor Punjab Muhammad Balighur Rehman in a group photo with participants of IMRF (Implementation of Minority Rights Forum) at Governor House regarding the "S.P Dewan Bahadur Singha Award 2023".



KARACHI: Caretaker Sindh Chief Minister, Justice (Retd) Maqbool Baqar in meeting with a delegation of Grand Democratic Alliance (GDA) led by Dr. Fahmida Mirza, held at CM House in Karachi.

Sardar Attique says Dedication to ideology is imperative to recover national strength

MIRPUR (AJK) (APP): Former Prime Minister of Azad Jammu Kashmir Sardar Attique Ahmed Khan has said the deliberate weakening of his ideological Muslim Conference party platform by some hidden hands has lent the cohesive political space of AJK to societal chaos.

It was, he reminded, the weakening of the mother party of Pakistan, the Muslim League, in 1971 that resulted in the disastrous break-up of Pakistan, a loss that cannot be recouped, he maintained in a statement issued here yesterday.

Azad Jammu Kashmir and Pakistan's strong ideological identification is a guarantee of national unity and territorial security, Attique, who also heads All Jammu Kashmir Muslim Conference, said.

Our national ideology is a formidable citadel of geographic solidarity from Gwadar to Karachi to Khyber to Kashmir. Our known enemy India is on

the lookout to vitiate the internal environment of our national society, he warned.

During his day-long visit Saturday to various rural localities of Dhirkote subdivision he cautioned that anti-inflation sentiments should in no way negatively affect the national demographic and institutional cohesion.

Muslim Conference, he said, believes in peaceful solutions to all national issues and hardships. Pakistan and Azad Kashmir by birth are ideologically one body and soul. This spirit needs to be injected into the basic functions of the public institutions to usher in an amicable environment, he stressed. He regretted that the Muslim Conference was knowingly sidetracked in political dispensation by ill-visioned groups. Now the outcome of the negative approach is visible but "we are striving hard to control the damage and to repair the socio-political damages already done in AJK."

Minister Information emphasizes equal education opportunities for children

Independent Report
PESHAWAR: Caretaker Minister of Information, Culture, and Tourism Barrister Feroze Jamal Shah Kakakhel, addressing a function organized by the Kashmir Orphan Relief Trust (KORT) in Alamabad Swabi on Monday emphasized equal education opportunities for all children for positive progress in society.

Drawing inspiration from the Holy Quran and the life of the Holy Prophet (PBUH), he highlighted the importance of caring for orphans, as exemplified by numerous Quranic verses and the compassionate orders of the Prophet (PBUH).

Minister said that after providing education and training to children, it is essential to reward their hard work and ensure they feel that they will be treated fairly in all forums, with their rights respected.

Only through such

measures can they take ownership and responsibility for the future of the country he said. He lauded the caretaker government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa for its commitment to good governance, with a focus on meritocracy and transparency.

The event, attended by a multitude of Pakistani nationals living abroad, as well as high-ranking civil and military officials, featured students from the KORT in Azad Kashmir who showcased their talents through speeches, tableau, drama, qawwali, and national songs. Minister of Information, Culture and Tourism expressed gratitude to KORT institution for the construction of the education complex in Swabi, commending the exemplary contribution of local residents who provided the land free of charge.



KARACHI: A view of the site after an explosion as at least two people were injured in an explosion at Maskan Chowranghi in Provincial Capital.

Gas cylinder explosion injures 2 in Karachi

ISLAMABAD (APP): At least two persons were critically injured when a gas cylinder exploded in a shop located in Karachi's Maskan Chowranghi on early Monday.

As per initial report, police sources said that two cylinders exploded inside a fast-food shop, which was closed. Due to the intensity of the blast, two passersby were injured.

Several vehicles, shops and motorcycles were also damaged in the blast, a private news channel reported.

The injured have been moved to the nearest hospital, the police said.

Four killed in road accident in Muzaffargarh

ISLAMABAD (APP): Four persons were killed and two others injured when two motorcycles were hit by a tractor-trolley in Shehar Sultan near Muzaffargarh in the wee hours of Monday.

A tractor-trolley coming from behind ran over the motorcyclists, killing four of them on the spot and injuring two others, private news channels reported.

Police and rescue teams reached the site and shifted the dead bodies and injured to hospital.

Court extends interim bail plea of Rasikh Elahi, Qaisra Elahi

LAHORE (Online): Anti corruption special court of Lahore has extended bail of 4 accused including Rasikh Elahi son of former Chief Minister (CM) Punjab Pervez Elahi, Qaisra Elahi till October 25.

Interim bail plea of 4 accused including Rasikh Elahi and Qaisra Elahi came up for hearing before anti corruption court Lahore Monday.

Judge Ali Raza Awan of anti corruption court heard the interim bail petition. The court extended interim bail of all the four accused till October 25.

Naqvi visits Govt Pilot School Wahdat Road, inspects condition

Independent Report
LAHORE: Punjab Caretaker Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi paid a visit to Government Pilot Higher Secondary School Wahdat Road on Monday.

During his visit, he personally inspected the classrooms and engaged with the students. He also made a significant decision, prohibiting teachers from engaging in other duties, including elections, during school hours.

CM Naqvi emphasized that teachers should solely focus on their responsibilities within school hours, ensuring that students receive uninterrupted education.

To a request from the students, the CM announced plans to

enhance the school's canteen facility. Additionally, he declared that students would be provided with discounted travel options through the Speedo Bus service.

Mohsin Naqvi issued directives for the enhancement of classroom conditions, as well as improvements to the school grounds and lawn. New appointments were made for teachers responsible for instructing students in the 11th and 12th grades, a move that was met with joy from the student body.

Furthermore, he expressed his commitment to transforming the pilot school into a model educational institution. He also took the opportunity to review the

implementation of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for managing conjunctivitis.

During his inspection, he interacted with students in various classrooms, including Class 6C, where he inquired about their studies, particularly in Islamiyat. The students shared their enthusiasm for the subject and informed him about their upcoming Islamiyat examination scheduled for October 16, which they were diligently preparing for.

Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi personally examined the students' assignments, addressing any concerns they raised. The students took the opportunity to capture moments with Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi.



LAHORE: Lady Health Workers are holding protest demonstration for acceptance of their demands, outside 7 Club located on Mall road in Lahore.

General polls to be held in mid-February, Nawaz Sharif to lead PML-N: Raja Riaz

FAISALABAD (APP): Former opposition leader in the National Assembly Raja Riaz Ahmad Khan on Monday said that Nawaz Sharif would lead the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) election campaign and the general elections would be held in mid of February.

Addressing a press conference at his "Dera" here, he said that he had joined the PML-N after thorough consideration and deliberation because Pakistan was facing multifaceted crises and only the PML-N supremo could drag the country out of prevailing situation.

He said that general elections would be held in

mid of February and the PML-N was ready to contest it. The PML-N was a pro-people party and it would emerge as victorious with thumping majority during upcoming elections, he added.

He said that Pakistan Tehreek-Insaf (PTI) had enjoyed the power for about four years but failed to deliver and if PTI government was not ousted, the country might default.

Central leader PML-N/former Deputy Speaker National Assembly Chaudhry Jaffar Iqbal also addressed the conference and congratulated Raja Riaz on joining the PML-N.



HYDERABAD: Students are performing tableau on stage during public gathering meeting arranged by Qaumi Awami Tehreek (QAT) held at Hatri Bypass in Hyderabad.

Minister for better online monitoring of staff

LAHORE (APP): Punjab Caretaker Minister for Mines and Minerals Ibrahim Murad has emphasized the importance of conducting all monitoring activities within the department online to enhance staff supervision.

Chairing a meeting of Chief Inspectorate of Mines (CIM) Punjab here on Monday, he contacted the department's Khushab Rescue Station, but received no response. In response, he promptly took action.

The minister expressed his concerns about the performance of the Mines Inspectorate and ordered to bringing improvements in emergency response times and mining monitoring. He

also highlighted the shortage of field inspection staff and stressed the need for immediate hiring in necessary areas.

Furthermore, he insisted that all imagery and video evidence from mining inspections in the operational zones be uploaded to an online portal. Murad called for increased fine collection and swift prosecution where necessary.

Murad mentioned plans to introduce a challan system along with E-inspection to modernize mining inspection procedures. He directed the supervision of mining sites and the submission of weekly reports. He emphasized the importance of collective and honest efforts.

CM Sindh directs to inspect industrial units

KARACHI (APP): Caretaker Sindh Chief Minister Justice (ret'd) Maqbool Baqar presiding over a meeting has directed the industries department to start inspection of industrial units to check safety hazards, functionalize health facilities in the industrial areas, digitalize the record of all the plots in SITE and small industrial estates and activate printing & stationary wing for the printing of textbooks.

He issued these directives while presiding over a meeting of the industries department here at CM House. The meeting was attended by Minister of Industries & Revenue Younis Dhaga, Chief Secretary Dr Fakhr Alam, Chairman P&D Shakeel Mangnejo, Secretary to

CM Raheem Shaikh, Secretary Industries Rasheed Solangi, Secretary Energy Fayaz Abbasi, Secretary Labour Shariq Ahmed, MD Sindh Solid Waste Management Intiaz Shah, MD Water Board Salahuddin and others.

Minister Industries Younis Dhaga told the CM that there were 4000 industrial units registered with the industries department. He pointed out that the Nooriabad Industrial Estate has no firefighting arrangement even it has no health facilities to carry the patients in case of any incident. At this, the CM directed the chief secretary to either connect the Rescue 1122 facility at Industrial Areas or provide them with fire tenders and establish health facilities at the industrial estates.

Dr Jamal calls for stronger ties with Saudia Arabia

Independent Report
RAWALPINDI: Punjab Minister for Primary and Secondary Healthcare, Dr. Jamal Nasir, called on the Saudi Arabian Ambassador to Pakistan Nawaf bin Saeed Al-Maliki, on Monday and discussed issues pertaining to mutual cooperation in the health sector with him.

According to a handout issued here, Dr. Jamal Nasir said that Pakistani doctors were competent and hardworking while Saudi Arabia can utilize their services to provide quality healthcare facilities to its citizens.

"Saudi Arabia could also get the benefit of services of Pakistani nurses and paramedical staff for this purpose", he

added.

Dr. Jamal informed that the Punjab Government has simplified the procedure for getting ex-Pakistan leave for senior nurses for overseas employment and now their applications for proceeding abroad for jobs are being decided within four days only.

The health minister said that the possibility of starting Arabic language courses for medical staff being employed by Arab countries could also be considered for developing their proficiency in Arabic conversation. He said that apart from Pakistani labour, Saudi Arabia could also get the services of professionals in engineering, IT and other areas.



LAHORE: SAPM on Human rights and Women empowerment Mushaal Hussain Mullick offering Fataha on the grave of National Poet of Pakistan Allama Muhammad Iqbal.

CS orders depts to depute grievance redressal commissioners

LAHORE (APP): Chief Secretary (CS) Punjab Zahid Akhtar Zaman has ordered all the departments to depute grievance redressal commissioners for timely disposal of complaints.

He issued these instructions while presiding over a meeting of the Administrative Secretaries' Committee at the Civil Secretariat here on Monday.

The Chief Secretary said that all departments should ensure early redress of grievances to avoid unnecessary litigation. He mentioned that the people would get relief from resolution of their

complaints at the departmental level.

He ordered that all departments should set up a portal to send pension cases online to the Accountant General's office, adding that there should be no delay in the issuance of pension. He said that all service records and pension papers should be completed two years before the date of retirement. He said that the use of technology is indispensable to deal with the challenges of the 21st century. He suggested that the government officials must bring innovation in the working methods to improve performance.



LAHORE: Lahore Electric Supply Company (LESCO) Meter Readers are holding protest demonstration for acceptance of their demands, outside LESCO Head Office in Lahore.

52 smoke emitting factories sealed in one month

FAISALABAD (APP): Deputy Director (DD) Environment Muhammad Nawaz Khan said that environment protection laws were fully implemented in the district to control smog and environmental pollution and an environment squad sealed 52 factories in Faisalabad on charge of emitting excessive smoke.

In a statement on Monday, he said that teams of environment protection department had inspected 305 factories during last one month and issued warning to 87 factory owners with a deadline for improving their gadgets to control discharge of excessive smoke. The environment teams also sealed premises of 52 factories during this period on charge of violating environment protection laws severely besides.

Commerce Minister, Spanish envoy discuss bilateral trade relations

ISLAMABAD (Online): Spanish Ambassador Jose A. de Ory called on the Minister for Commerce and Industry, Dr. Gohar Ejaz at the Commerce Ministry today. The meeting was convened to discuss bilateral trade and investment relations.

Minister Ejaz expressed popularity of football in Pakistan, with a particular interest in La Liga, and support for renowned clubs like Real Madrid and FC Barcelona. He emphasized Pakistan's growing sports industry and importance of Pakistani branded sports goods exports to Spain.

Minister Ejaz appreciated Spain support for EU GSP Plus.

Spanish Ambassador Jose A. de Ory stressed importance of a mindset shift to boost exports, drawing from Spain's own successful experience. He highlighted Spain's support for its businesses to expand abroad, particularly in South America, and emphasized that Pakistan needs to emulate this policy to assist businessmen in going global. Ambassador de Ory proposed facilitating trade by providing Pakistan with a list of essential Spanish imports, allowing Pakistani

businesses to focus on meeting those demands effectively. Minister Ejaz shared Pakistan's interest in collaboration with Spain to establish solar manufacturing facilities in Pakistan, given Spain's leadership in solar technology. Furthermore, the Ambassador encouraged Pakistan to explore renewable energy opportunities, citing Spain's expertise in wind power.

Spanish Ambassador invited Minister Ejaz to lead a business delegation to Spain to further strengthen bilateral trade and economic ties.



ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Federal Minister for Energy Mr. Muhammad Ali calls on the Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar.

NBG says: Electricity should be cheaper for people, industries in winter

ISLAMABAD (INP): Chairman of National Business Group Pakistan, President Pakistan Businessmen and Intellectuals Forum, and All Karachi Industrial Alliance, and former provincial minister Mian Zahid Hussain, said on Monday that the production capacity of electricity in the country is 40 thousand megawatts while consumption is only 10 to 12 thousand megawatts in winter.

People and businesses are forced to pay even though some industries are shut down in the winter and do not use electricity.

Mian Zahid Hussain said that instead of shutting down the electricity-generating plants during the four or five months of winter, they should be operated, and this electricity should be sold to cover operating costs only.

Speaking to the business community, the veteran business leader said that cheap electricity should be provided to the public, commercial establishments, and agricultural and industrial sectors to increase economic activity.

Providing cheap power to industries will

increase production, employment, and export earnings, improve foreign exchange reserves, and thereby provide additional resources to the government for capacity payments.

Mian Zahid Hussain said that supporting the industrial sector will increase production and reduce the price of various commodities, which will benefit the people.

The government should finalize this matter as soon as possible and get permission from the IMF so that the same can be put into practice.



KARACHI: Members of National Trade Union Federation (NTUF) are protest demonstration against massive unemployment, increasing price of daily use products and inflation price hiking, held at Korangi Industrial area in Karachi.

People happy as various items become more affordable

KARACHI (INP): FPCCI's presidential candidate, Atif Ikram Sheikh said on Monday that the efforts of the government are continuously strengthening the rupee against the dollar, which is a great achievement.

Due to the initiatives of the government, the prices of various commodities are decreasing in the market, which is giving relief to the public and the business community, he said.

Atif Ikram Sheikh, who has also served as VP FPCCI, Chairman PVMA, and President ICCL, said in a statement issued here today that while government efforts are laudable, the only way to stabilize the rupee on a permanent basis is to

increase exports and discourage unnecessary imports.

Remittances bring huge foreign exchange to the government, but they also encourage unnecessary consumption, he said.

Atif Ikram Sheikh said that consumerism has also been on the rise for decades, and investors have been attracted to non-productive sectors rather than industries where profits are high. Our economic model is disproportionately dependent on consumption. Pakistan over the last ten years has been maintaining consumption in excess of 80 percent of GDP, and more recently, its contribution to GDP has been as high as 90 percent in FY-22 and 88 percent in FY-23.

Federal Committee on Agriculture to meet on Wednesday

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Committee on Agriculture (FCA) will meet on October 11 (Wednesday) to review the output of major and minor crops during the Kharif season and fix the production targets of Rabi crops 2024 for fulfilling the local dietary requirements as well as exports.

The high-powered committee is mandated to oversee strategic measures for ensuring food safety and security in the country and will be held under the chairmanship of the Minister of National Food Security and Research Dr. Kausar Abdullah Malik, said a senior official in the Ministry of National Food Security and Research.

Talking to APP here on Monday, he said that among others, the meeting would also be attended by the senior officials of the provincial food and agriculture departments, State Bank of Pakistan, Zarie Taraqiatie Bank Limited, National Fertilizer Development Center, Pakistan Meteorological Department, Indus River System Authority and member food security and climate change of Planning Commission of Pakistan.

USAID-ERDA facilitating micro, small & medium enterprises

ISLAMABAD (APP): As part of its efforts towards private sector-led economic growth, USAID-ERDA has extended support to the Livestock and Dairy Development Department, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, and Livestock Farmers Welfare Association KP for organizing the International Livestock, Agri, Fisheries Exhibition 2023.

The exhibition provided an opportunity and platform for MSMEs from across Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and NMDs to showcase their products, meet potential customers face-to-face, and enhance their capacities in various aspects of their businesses, including product presentation, packaging, and marketing, said a press release here on Monday.

Despite multiple challenges, micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) have emerged as a critical force in the region's economic recovery and rehabilitation. Recognizing the increasing need for private sector-led economic growth in the region, the USAID's Economic Recovery and Development Activity (USAID-ERDA) is implementing several impactful interventions to strengthen and promote micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) and mobilize private sector investments in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Ghulam Akbar from Wana Wazistan exhibiting Olive Oil and other exotic products from his area, emphasized the pivotal role of MSMEs during crises and challenges.



ISLAMABAD: Spanish Ambassador H.E. Jose A. de Ory meeting with the Minister for Commerce and Industry, Dr. Gohar Ejaz at the Commerce Ministry to discuss bilateral trade.

Zong launches Z-Verse to transform enterprise communications

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan's leading telecommunication network Zong 4G has launched Z-Verse — an innovative, all-encompassing solution for enterprises to streamline customer interactions, ensure performance elevation, and conquer the market like never before.

Z-Verse offers a diverse range of solutions that seamlessly integrate all your digital platforms, including Meta and X 'Twitter', as well as emails, SMS, and more — all within a user-friendly interface. It empowers businesses to effortlessly arrange and execute instant campaigns across multiple platforms, providing customers with a cohesive and consistent brand experience, said a news release issued here on Monday.

The platform features

a state-of-the-art chatbot that accelerates lead generation, facilitates seamless information transfers between platforms, and promotes enhanced collaboration within internal teams.

On the back of cutting-edge AI-powered analytics, reporting insights, automated customer profiling and sentiment analysis, Z-Verse allows companies to devise growth strategies in order to ensure exponential progress. The official spokesperson for Zong 4G said, "Z-Verse is our commitment to providing businesses with a dynamic one-window solution that not only simplifies communication but also propels them towards a future of customer engagement, instant campaign execution, data-driven decisions to cement market leadership."

Dollar continues to fall

ISLAMABAD (Online): US dollar continued to depreciate against the Pakistani currency in the currency market.

According to currency dealers, the value of dollar in Inter Bank has further reduced to RS 9 on the first day of business week and the price of dollar has become RS 281.80 paisa.

It is pertinent to say that during the last business week, the interbank depreciation of the US dollar against the Pakistani rupee was recorded by more than 5 rupees.

The price of dollar has reduced to RS 5.5 paisa in Inter Bank during Business week. US Currency has closed to RS 281.80 paisa in Inter Bank.

The dollar has fallen to 24 rupees 41 paisa from the highest level in interbank.

NCP goods worth over Rs 30.6 m seized in DI Khan

DERA ISMAIL KHAN (APP): The district police has seized goods worth over Rs 30.6 million during the checking of several vehicles, in continuation of actions against the smuggling of non-custom paid (NCP) items here in different areas.

According to the Police spokesman, following the directions of District Police Officer Abdul Rauf Babar Qaisrani, the operations against smugglings of NCP goods were continued across the district.

A team of Darazinda police station led by SDPO Darazinda Circle Sher Ullah Khan along with SHO Din Muhammad Khan checked several vehicles and recovered NCP items including 170 sacks of dry milk, 130 tyres of different sizes 90 sacks of tea and 98 submersible pumps. While, another police team of Mughalkot police station led by SHO Rehmat Ullah Khan recovered NCP items including 11 tyres.

PSX gains 228 points

ISLAMABAD (APP): The 100-index of the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) gained 228.23 points, a positive change of 0.48 per cent on Monday, closing at 47,721.80 points against 47,493.57 points the previous day.

A total of 233,661,179 shares valuing Rs. 7.076 billion were traded during the day as compared to 246,382,303 shares valuing Rs. 7.184 billion the previous day.

As many as 332 companies transacted their shares in the stock market; 150 of them recorded gains and 166 sustained losses, whereas the share price of 16 companies remained unchanged.

SCCI urges govt to provide facilities to investors under 'one window operation'

PESHAWAR (APP): Sarhad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI) Vice President Ijaz Khan Afridi Monday said Khyber Pakhtunkhwa was a lucrative destination for local as well as foreign investment.

He, however, urged the government to provide facilities to investors under one window operation to open new avenues of investments and restore confidence of investors as well.

Ijaz Khan Afridi was talking to Chairman, Solar Energy Traders Union of Pakistan Aftab Ashraf who visited the chamber house with a traders' delegation, said in a press release here.

Secretary General SCCI, Sajjad Aziz, Nabeel and other members of the delegation were present during the meeting.

The chamber's vice president said ample opportunities existed for investment in tourism, natural resources and other important sectors in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

Aftab Ashraf on the occasion briefed the vice president Ijaz Afridi regarding upcoming 'The Solar Show of Pakistan in Peshawar, which is likely to be held in the month of December next. He invited the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa business community to participate in the show.

After successfully arranging shows in Sukkur, Lahore and other major cities of the country, Mr Ashraf said the union will hold its event in Peshawar in early December for which he sought collaboration of the Sarhad Chamber of Commerce and Industry.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Power Muhammad Ali called on Federal Minister for Privatisation Fawad Hasan Fawad.

WAPDA specifies over Rs 17 bln for carrying out CBMs schemes in Kohistan

ISLAMABAD (APP): 3 megawatts (MW) including a transmission/distribution line, one high school, vocational training centre each in three districts of Kohistan, besides re-constructing the high school in Seo, Upper Kohistan. It is pertinent to mention here that construction work continues on all key sites of the Dasu Hydropower Project, which is to be completed in two stages.

WAPDA is constructing Stage-I with installed generation capacity of 2160 MW and annual energy generation of 12 billion units. Electricity generation from the project is scheduled for 2026.

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Railways earn over Rs 6mln from saloons

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan Railways has generated revenue worth Rs 6,340,156 million through utilizing its 23 saloons and inspection coaches with different dignitaries of the country who are entitled to use these saloons when needed," an official in the Ministry of Railways told APP.

Giving the details, he said, "Two highly luxurious coaches have been allocated for the Prime Minister's

Secretariat while four coaches have been allocated for the Minister for Railways, Secretary/Chairman of Railways, and another senior official in the ministry.

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KARACHI: Electrician are busy in their work at shop at Lines area of the Provincial Capital.

Oil prices jump as Hamas attack on Israel fuels supply fears

HONG KONG (APP): Oil prices rallied while the dollar and yen advanced Monday after Hamas launched a shock attack on Israel at the weekend, sparking fresh concerns about tensions in the Middle East.

The crisis fanned concerns about supplies of crude from the region at a time when supply worries are already high owing to Saudi Arabia and Russia's output cuts.

It has also renewed fears about the impact on inflation, with energy costs a key driver of spiking prices, giving a fresh headache to central banks as they try to ease up on interest rate hikes to avoid

recessions.

The surprise attack and Israel's declaration of war in response to it have left more than 1,000 dead and raised concerns that a potential broadening of the conflict could draw in the United States and Iran.

"Key for markets is whether the conflict remains contained or spreads to involve other regions, particularly Saudi Arabia," said ANZ Group's Brian Martin and Daniel Hynes.

"Initially at least, it seems markets will assume the situation will remain limited in scope, duration, and oil-price consequences. But higher volatility can be expected."



Senator Zeeshan Khanzada, Chairman Senate Standing Committee on Commerce presiding over a meeting of the Committee at Parliament House Islamabad.

Israel imposing 'total' Gaza blockade as dozens of Palestinians killed in strikes on refugee camp

Monitoring Desk
GAZA: Israel is escalating measures against the Gaza Strip to a "total blockade" including a ban on admitting food and fuel, Defence Minister Yoav Gallant said on Monday, after Hamas stunned Israel with surprise offensive.

Gaza's health ministry said there were dozens of Palestinians killed and wounded in Israeli air strikes on the Jabalia refugee camp. Israel has launched hundreds of strikes on Gaza since Saturday, when Hamas fighters launched attacks in Israel and fired thousands of rockets at the country.

The death toll in the Gaza Strip rose to 560 on Monday, the health ministry in the Palestinian enclave said.

The Hamas-controlled ministry said "570 people were killed and another 2,900 injured" in the fighting that began on Saturday after Hamas fighters fired thousands of rockets in Israel in a surprise dawn offensive. More than 123,000 people have been displaced in the Gaza Strip since fighting began, the United Nations said. "Over 123,538 people, have been internally displaced in Gaza, mostly due to fear, protection concerns and the destruction of their homes," said the UN's humanitarian agency, OCHA.

More than 73,000 are sheltering in schools, OCHA said, some of which have been designated emergency shelters.

Adnan Abu Hasna, a spokesman for the UN agency for Palestinian refu-

gees (UNRWA), said he expected the numbers to rise further.

"There's electricity in these schools, we provide them with a meal, clean water, psychological support and medical treatment," he told AFP.

Gaza is home to 2.3 million Palestinians, who have lived under a crippling Israeli blockade imposed after Hamas took power in 2007.

At least seven Palestinians were killed in two Israeli air strikes on two houses in Gaza, according to medics. Israeli planes also carried out dozens of air strikes, many in the northern town of Beit Hanoun. The Associated Press reported that 19 members of a single family were killed in one such strike.



Palestinians search for survivors after an Israeli airstrike on buildings in the refugee camp of Jabalia in the Gaza Strip.

Indian flood toll up to 77 as waters recede

Monitoring Desk
NEW DEHLI: At least 77 people are confirmed dead in the floods that hit India's northeast, authorities said on Sunday, with destroyed roads and bridges leaving thousands more still cut off despite waters receding.

Violent torrents struck Sikkim state on Wednesday after a high-altitude glacial lake suddenly burst.

Scientists warn that similar disasters will become an increasing danger across the Himalayas as global temperatures rise and ice melts, spurred by climate change.

"A total of 29 bodies have been retrieved from different parts of Sikkim," state relief commissioner Anilraj Rai told AFP by phone. In neighbouring West Bengal state, Jalpaiguri district police told AFP that another 48 bodies had been recovered.

More than 100 people are still missing, according to official figures. Water levels along the Teesta River "returned to normal

four days after the floods hit, an official from Sikkim's state disaster control room told AFP.

The office said more than 2,500 people stranded in the floods had been rescued.

But evacuations have been complicated by the destruction of roads, bridges and telephone lines across much of Sikkim.

Another 3,000 people were still stranded in several relief camps in the state's north with airlift rescues delayed by bad weather, the office said.

More than 1,200 houses were damaged by the floods, according to the state government.

Among the dead were eight Indian army soldiers posted to Sikkim, which sits on India's remote frontiers with Nepal and China and boasts a sizeable military presence.

India's defence ministry said in a Saturday statement that the floods had washed away "firearms and explosives" from military camps.

US says nine Americans killed in Israel, others still missing

Monitoring Desk
WASHINGTON: The United States on Monday said nine Americans were killed in Israel and other U.S. citizens were missing, following Saturday's unprecedented Hamas attack that killed 700 Israelis. "At this time, we can confirm the deaths of nine US citizens," State Department spokesperson Matthew Miller said in a statement.

"We can confirm that there are unaccounted-for US citizens, and we are working with our Israeli partners to determine their whereabouts," he added. A National Security spokesperson also confirmed the death of nine American citizens. The Americans killed in the conflict that began over the weekend have yet to be identified by officials in the United States. Fighters from Islamist group Hamas killed 700 Israelis and abducted dozens more as they attacked Israeli towns on Saturday.

Record-breaking China brings curtain down on biggest Asian Games

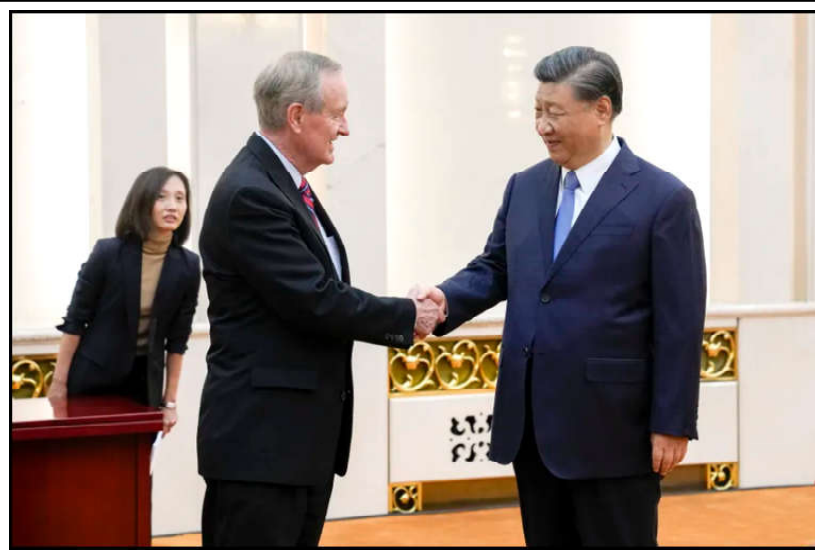
Monitoring Desk
HANGZHOU: Hosts Chi-na racked up a record 201 gold medals before the curtain came down on two weeks of tears and triumphs at the Asian Games in Hangzhou on Sunday.

The 19th and biggest Asi-ad concluded at the 80,000-capacity Olympic stadium with China handing over to Japan for 2026 at a celebratory closing ceremony.

Dancers holding lit-up pro-ops fanned out towards the audience in a performance evoking ocean waves while the words "love Asia" were projected on a big screen. The Games are normally every four years but Nagoya-Aichi has a shorter run-up because Hangzhou was postponed by a year due to China's now-abandoned zero-Covid measures.



Performers take part in the closing ceremony of the 2022 Asian Games at the Hangzhou Olympic Sports Centre Stadium in Hangzhou in China's eastern Zhejiang province.



U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo, R-Idaho is greeted by Chinese President Xi Jinping before their bilateral meeting at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing.

US Senate Majority Leader Schumer meets Xi and welcomes stronger Chinese statement on Hamas attack

Monitoring Desk
BEIJING: U.S. Senate Majority Leader Schumer said Monday he was grateful for a strengthened statement from China condemning the killing and kidnapping of Israeli and foreign civilians by Hamas, issued during a bipartisan congressional visit to Beijing that included a lengthy meeting with President Xi Jinping.

Schumer led a delegation of six senators to China for talks aimed at stabilizing ties following a sharp deterioration in recent years

over trade, U.S. support for self-governing Taiwan, human rights and other issues. The delegation, which included three Democrats and three Republicans, was the first visit by U.S. lawmakers since 2019 and came at a time of growing attacks on China in Congress as America contends with Beijing's rise as a global power. Schumer told Foreign Minister Wang Yi earlier in the day that he had been very disappointed by China's failure to strongly condemn the attack on Is-

rael and show sympathy for the country and its people.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Mao Ning said later Monday that China is "deeply saddened by the civilian casualties caused by the conflict between Palestine and Israel."

"China opposes and condemns acts that harm civilians," along with actions that "expand conflict and undermine regional stability," Mao said, going beyond an initial Foreign Ministry statement on Sunday.

UK's opposition Labour on course for landslide election victory, poll predicts

Monitoring Desk
LONDON: Britain's opposition Labour Party is on course to win a landslide victory at a national election expected next year, according to an opinion poll published on Saturday.

Most polls put Labour, which gathers in northern England this weekend for its annual conference, about 20 points ahead of Prime Minister Rishi Sunak's governing Conservatives, although commentators say the lead is potentially fragile.

The Survation poll, carried out for campaign group 38 Degrees and pub-

lished by the Observer newspaper, questioned more than 11,000 voters between Sept. 11-25 and then used a model to generate constituency-by-constituency results.

Its central projection was that Labour would win 420 seats, the Conservatives 149 seats and the Liberal Democrats 23, leaving Labour, who have been out of power since 2010, with a 190-seat majority in parliament's lower House of Commons.

It predicted a range of 402-437 seats for Labour, and 132-169 seats for the Conservatives. At the last

Major airlines suspend flights to Israel after heavy fighting

Monitoring Desk
NEW YORK: Major airlines have suspended flights to Israel after the nation declared war following a massive attack by Hamas.

American Airlines, United Airlines and Delta Air Lines suspended service as the U.S. State Department issued travel advisories for the region citing potential for terrorism and civil unrest.

American suspended service to Tel Aviv through Friday. The airline said that it has issued a travel alert providing additional flexibility for customers whose travel plans are impacted.



A woman and a child struggle with strong winds as Hong Kong issued its second-highest storm warning signal.

43 Malaysians caught in phone scam operation in Peru, rescued from human traffickers

Monitoring Desk
KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysia said Monday that 43 citizens have been rescued by police in Peru after they fell victim to a human trafficking syndicate operating a telecommunication fraud.

They Malaysians were involved in the so-called "Macau scam" that reportedly originates from crime syndicates in Taiwan and China, in which scammers impersonate banks or a public official to trick a person into disclosing their personal banking details or transfer money into a third-party account.

The Foreign Ministry said in a statement that Peruvian police found the 43 Malaysians after raiding a house in La Molina in the capital Lima on Oct. 7. It said the Malaysian Embassy in Lima had visited them and found them in good condition.

"All victims have also undergone an investigation process and will be repatriated to Malaysia" soon, it said. No further details were provided on how the Malaysians were ensnared by the syndicate or how they ended up in Peru.

China warns of big waves as typhoon approaches

Monitoring Desk
SHANGHAI: China warned on Saturday of big waves, heavy rain and strong wind as Typhoon Koinu approaches the southern province of Guangdong and Hainan island.

Waves of up to nine metres were expected in the South China Sea under the impact of the storm on Saturday and Sunday, the State Oceanic Administration said as it issued an orange alert, the second highest in a four-coloured warning system.

Traffic resumes at Germany's Hamburg airport after Iran plane threat

Monitoring Desk
BERLIN: Air traffic has resumed at Germany's Hamburg airport, a spokesperson told Reuters on Monday, after a police operation in response to a threat against a plane from Tehran prompted all landings and take-offs to be halted.

A federal police spokesperson earlier said officers, acting on a threat of an attack sent via email, searched a plane with 198 passengers from Tehran that had landed in the northern German city.

The German air force said on its X social media account that it escorted the

plane after it entered German airspace east of Berlin due to a bomb threat.

Police interviewed passengers, which is normal procedure when a threat is classified as serious, the police spokesperson told Reuters. No takeoffs or landings were possible because the airport fire brigade was involved with the search, the spokesperson added.

The news came on the first day of a special meeting of the German and French governments in Hamburg, with Chancellor Olaf Scholz and President Emmanuel Macron both attending.

A surge in rail traffic on North Korea-Russia border suggests arms supply to Russia, think tank says

Monitoring Desk
SEOUL: Recent satellite photos show a sharp increase in rail traffic along the North Korea-Russia border, indicating the North is supplying munitions to Russia, according to a U.S. think tank. Speculation about a possible North Korean plan to refill Russia's munition stores drained in its protracted war with Ukraine flared last month, when North Korean leader Kim Jong Un traveled to Russia to meet President Vladimir Putin and visit key military sites.

Iran's UN mission says Tehran not involved in Hamas attacks

Monitoring Desk
NEW YORK: Iran's mission to the United Nations said on Sunday that Tehran was not involved in one of the bloodiest attacks in Israel's history when Islamist group Hamas killed 700 Israelis and abducted dozens more.

"The resolute measures taken by Palestine constitute a wholly legitimate defense against seven decades of oppressive occupation and heinous crimes committed by the illegitimate Zionist regime," Iran's U.N. mission said in a statement.

Iran has made no secret of its backing for Hamas, funding and arming the group and another Palestinian militant organisation Islamic Jihad. The Hamas assault on

Saturday, the biggest incursion into Israel in decades, coincided with U.S.-backed moves to push Saudi Arabia towards normalising ties with Israel in return for a defence deal between Washington and Riyadh, a move that would slam the brakes on the kingdom's rapprochement with Tehran.

"We emphatically stand in unflinching support of Palestine; however, we are not involved in Palestine's response, as it is taken solely by Palestine itself," Iran's U.N. mission said. Hamas fighters' rampage through Israeli towns on Saturday was the deadliest such incursion since Egypt and Syria's attacks in the Yom Kippur war 50 years ago and has threatened to ignite another conflagration in the long-running conflict.

Israeli and Palestinian supporters rally across U.S. as Israel declares war after Hamas attack

Monitoring Desk
NEW YORK: Supporters of Israel and backers of the Palestinian cause held competing rallies in several American cities Sunday over the conflict that has killed hundreds and wounded thousands in the Middle East.

In New York City, a skirmish broke out between opposing demonstrators near the United Nations compound after a large group of Palestinian supporters rallied in Times Square. Palestinian Americans protested outside the Israeli consulates in Atlanta and Chicago.

Former House Speaker Nancy Pelosi led a Jewish community gathering to support Israel at a synagogue in San Francisco.

The demonstrations and involvement of American political leaders show the far-reaching ramifications of a conflict that has already prompted the U.S. to order naval forces deployed to the Eastern Mediterranean, ready to assist Israel. Here's what reaction around the country has looked like:

In New York City, police ringed the United Nations compound as scores of pro-Palestinian protesters gathered a block away, chanting and waving flags. Metal barricades kept them on sidewalks as officers worked to separate them from an opposing group across the street, some waving Israeli flags.

UK inquiry starts hearings into Afghan extra-judicial killings' claims

Monitoring Desk
LONDON: An inquiry investigating allegations that British special forces carried out dozens of extra-judicial killings in Afghanistan a decade ago will begin hearing evidence in public on Monday.

The independent inquiry was ordered by Britain's defence ministry last December after a BBC TV documentary reported that soldiers from the elite Special Air Service (SAS) had killed 54 people in suspicious circumstances.

It also came after two families, who accuse the SAS of killing their relatives in 2011 and 2012, began legal action to demand judicial reviews of their cases.

"Our clients hope that the opening of this inquiry marks the end of 'the wall of silence' and obstruction that has confronted them over the last decade," said Tessa Gregory from law firm Leigh Day which is representing families of 29 people who were killed.

"The bereaved families look to the inquiry to fearlessly uncover the truth of the deaths of their loved ones and to ensure that

those responsible are held to account."

The chair Charles Haddon-Cave has said the inquiry would examine whether there was unlawful activity by British military personnel between mid-2010 and mid-2013 during "deliberate detention operations", and whether there was credible information of extra-judicial killings.

It will also look at whether investigations by the military police were properly conducted, and if any unlawful killings were covered up to prevent them "ever coming to light".

Haddon-Cave said the allegations were "extremely serious". British military police have previously conducted several inquiries into allegations of misconduct by forces in Afghanistan, including those made against the SAS, but the Ministry of Defence has said that none found enough evidence for prosecutions.

While the hearings will begin in public, some of the evidence relating to special forces will be restricted on national security grounds.

Opec leaders make case for fossil fuels at climate event

Monitoring Desk
RIYADH: Opec heavyweights said on Sunday oil and gas should not be stigmatised in the climate debate and that the industry had a role to play in an orderly energy transition.

Energy ministers from Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Iraq, the three largest members of the Opec, have gathered in the Saudi capital Riyadh for the UN MENA climate week.

"The three of us here as major hydrocarbon producers also have a responsibility to the world to provide the transition with enough hydrocarbon resources to make sure we are transitioning at a responsibly priced manner," UAE Energy Minister Suhail al-Mazrouei said on a panel.

The UAE will host the COP28 climate summit scheduled to take place in Dubai between Nov 30 and Dec 12.

Reports so far show countries are off track to meet a UN target to keep the rise in global tempera-

tures below two degrees Celsius (3.6 degrees Fahrenheit) above pre-industrial levels and pursue efforts to limit it to 1.5C.

"COP28 will deliver transformational outcomes for this region, and for the world," Sultan al-Jaber, COP28 president, said in his remarks on Sunday.

The choice of Jaber to lead the summit has drawn criticism from environmental campaigners because his country is an Opec member and a major oil exporter, and he is the boss of state oil giant ADNOC.

"We have had 27 COPs, and you might be surprised to learn that 17 of them have been hosted in fossil fuel-producing nations," Jaber said. "The fact is, energy is fundamental to everyone, everywhere."

Saudi Energy Minister Prince Abdulaziz bin Sal-man also said the industry should not be stigmatised and the world still needed hydrocarbons.

Saudi Health Minister assures full support towards new health initiatives in Pakistan

CAIRO (Online): Federal Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination Dr. Nadeem Jan held a meeting with Minister of Health Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Fahad bin Abdulrahman Al-Jalalajel on the sidelines of 70th Session of the WHO's Regional Committee of the Eastern Mediterranean in Cairo today. Senior officials from Saudi Ministry of Health were present during the meeting.

The Federal Minister stated that the Government and people of Pakistan hold the Custodian of the two Holy Mosques in high esteem. Bilateral fraternal relations between Pakistan and KSA are based on common faith and aspirations, the Minister added.

The Minister for Health Kingdom of Saudi Arabia noted with appreciation that relations with Pakistan in the field of health have touched new level. Dr. Nadeem Jan dis-

cussed the possibility of mutual collaboration in the vaccine production capacity. The Saudi Health Minister offered to provide assistance and support in developing vaccine production capacity in Pakistan. Both the Ministers agreed for exchange of expertise through a team of health experts to formalise the transfer of technology.

Federal Minister Dr. Nadeem Jan expressed gratitude for accommodating Pakistani Doctors in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. He discussed the possibility of exchange of knowledge and expertise especially in the field of Nursing and Paramedics. The Saudi Health Minister agreed to send a high level team from Saudi Health Ministry to deliberate on this proposal and formalise an MoU soon.

Dr. Nadeem Jan also explained his innovative idea of establishing "Pharma Park" in Pakistan

to manufacture the basic ingredients of medicines. The Health Minister of Saudi Arabia appreciated the idea and expressed his willingness to support Pakistan in the establishment of the proposed Pharma Park. Federal Minister for Health informed the Saudi Minister about the steps for polio eradication in Pakistan. He highlighted the newly revamped communication strategy and the localised operational hub for stopping the wild poliovirus circulation in high risk zones. The Saudi Health Minister lauded the strategy for eradication of polio from Pakistan. The Federal Minister informed that Pakistan is sending a team of doctors and paramedics, with a 30 bedded field hospital equipped with all the diagnostic and life saving emergency interventions from Pak Army to Afghanistan for provision of health emergency cover to the victims of earthquake in Herat.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Health Minister Dr. Nadeem Jan meeting with Saudi Arabia Health Minister Fahad bin Abdul Rehman Aljalalajel in Cairo on sidelines of 70th WHO Regional Committee Meeting.

Domki, Jan grieve over martyrdom of two jawans in Zhob operation

Independent Report
QUETTA: The caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki has expressed deep grief and sorrow over the martyrdom of two jawans during the operation of security forces in Zhob.

In an official statement issued here on Monday, the Chief Minister paid homage to the security personnel who embraced martyrdom during the endeavors of restoration of peace in the province.

He said that the security forces have competed the miscreants bravely for establishing law and order all over the country including Balochistan.

They have ensured protection of life and property of the people by rendering sacrifice of their lives, he commended.

The Chief Minister also praised the brave and courageous role of security forces on successful operation against miscreants in Zhob.

He also prayed for the departed souls of martyrs.

Meanwhile the caretaker Provincial Minister for Information, Jan Achakzai has expressed grief over the martyrdom of two jawans of Pak Army during operation of the security forces in Zhob district on Monday.

In an official state-

ment issued here on Monday, the Minister Information said that a Major and a Havaldar have been martyred in exchange of fire with the terrorists.

He mentioned that the security forces killed five terrorists while carrying out operation in Zhob.

He said that blood of our jawans would not go wasted and we pay tributes to their unwavering resolve. He prayed for the departed souls of martyrs and patience for their bereaved families. The Minister Information expressed sympathy and condolence of the families of martyrs. He said that the martyrs are pride of the martyrs.



QUETTA: President Isthekam Pakistan Party Abdul Aleem Khan meeting with Chairman Senate Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani

HEC launches Scholarship Prog for students from Gwadar

GWADAR (INP): The Higher Education Commission (HEC) of Pakistan has launched an initiative aimed at empowering the youth of Gwadar with contemporary education and essential skills.

This program is designed to support exceptional students from Gwadar who aspire to pursue undergraduate studies (BS-4/5 years Program) at HEC-recognized public sector universities and degree-awarding institutions (DAIs) located in the provinces of Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, and Sindh.

This scholarship program is a government initiative designed to empower students from Gwadar with contemporary skills, enabling them to secure employment opportunities within the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) projects and other labor markets.

Scholarships are being offered for the academic year up to Fall 2023, covering a wide range of academic disciplines, under the project titled "Scholarship

Program for Students from Gwadar."

The above-mentioned scholarship is specifically designed for the students holding residence or domicile certificates of the district of Gwadar and who have completed their 12-year education including FA/FSS/ICS, ICom, and DAE or equivalent, Gwadar Pro reported on Monday.

Students from Gwadar currently enrolled in 4-year BS programs at any public sector university in Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP), and Sindh, with a minimum of three years left in their academic session, are also eligible to apply for this scholarship.

Selection of students will be solely based on merit, determined by their performance in an aptitude test administered by ETC-HEC and their academic records in SSC and HSSC.

The scholarship will cover tuition fees, hostel fees, and other charges of the selected students.

73 more illegal immigrants arrested under Foreign Act in Quetta

Independent Report
QUETTA: At least 73 illegal immigrants belonging to Afghanistan were arrested during the vital campaign against crippling disease in the provincial metropolis on Monday.

According to the police sources, the arrests of the illegal and undocumented immigrants were made under Foreign Act from different localities of Quetta city and its adjoining areas.

During the crackdown, the illegal immigrants are being checked in the Quetta city.

The necessary data of the undocumented immigrants is also being collected, the police sources informed.

JJ to observe solidarity week with Palestine

LAHORE (Online): Solidarity week with Palestine will be observed all over the country from 15 to the appeal of JJ Amir Siraj ul Haq.

Protest rallies and demonstrations will be held at all level in the country.

250 million Pakistanis stand shoulder to shoulder with their brothers in Palestine.

We will continue moral, diplomatic and political support, this was said by Amir JJ Punjab central Muhammad Javed Kasuri while addressing different ceremonies here Monday.



HYDERABAD: Palestine students holding the protest against Israel outside press club.

UNICEF representative calls on Minister: Interim Govt eying on issues of education deeply: Qadir Baloch

Independent Report

QUETTA: The caretaker Provincial Minister for Education, Dr. Qadir Baloch has stated that the interim government is eying deeply on the issues of education in the province. Our endeavors are continued to bring improvement in education sector from the day first.

This was stated by the Minister Education, Dr. Qadir Baloch while speaking to a delegation of Unicef, who called on him under leadership of its representative in Pakistan, Abdullah here on Monday.

During the course of meeting, the Minister was briefed about different on-going projects of Unicef in education sector in the province.

Speaking to the delegation, Minister Education applauded the efforts of Unicef for bringing improvement in education

sector in the province.

He said that the collaborative efforts of the provincial government and Unicef helped resolve education related issues to great extent in the province.

According to report of Unicef, there are 4,000 schools in the province which have no washrooms facility.

Similarly, 6,700 schools are operating with only one teacher. This poor state of education affairs are casting negative impacts.

The Minister Education said that Unicef is an important donor agent, which is contributing a lot in the education sector.

The Unicef is looking after 2,400 schools in the province, he noted.

The Unicef representative on the occasion assured that more steps would be taken to bring further improvement in education sector by the Unicef.



QUETTA: Governor Sindh Muhammad Kamran Khan Tessori meeting with Caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki

Campaign to remain continued in Mastung: 98 percent target of polio immunization campaign achieved in Balochistan

Independent Report
QUETTA: At least 98 percent target of polio immunization campaign was achieved in the Balochistan province.

According to the sources of Emergency Operation Center (EOC) for Polio Eradication Balochistan, 98 percent children below five years of age have been vaccinated during the vital campaign against crippling disease in the province.

However, it has been decided to continue the

campaign in Mastung district for two more days i.e., Monday and Tuesday.

This means, the anti-polio campaign would also remain continued in Mastung on Tuesday (today) where it was affected somehow due to the carnage of 6th October.

It may be mentioned here that over 2.4 million children were due to be vaccinated against polio during the seven-day campaign.

For the purpose, around 11,000 polio teams had been constituted all over the province.



QUETTA: A delegation of Balochistan Editors Council led by Major (Retd) Nazir meeting with Director General Public Relations Muhammad Noor Khetran

Breaching legal restrictions case: IHC issues notice to Bajwa, Faiz Hameed, journalist Javed Ch

ISLAMABAD (Online): Islamabad High Court (IHC) has issued notice to FIA, former army chief General (Retd) Qamar Javed Bajwa and former JAG ISI Gen (Retd) Faiz Hameed for breaching legal restrictions and stating different events in wrong and fabricated way.

The case came up for hearing before IHC led by Chief Justice (CH) IHC Aamir Farooq Monday.

CJ IHC issued written order of hearing the petition filed by a citizen Atif Ali from Rawalpindi.

It has been said in the order according to petitioner FIR was requested repeatedly after filing application for registration of case. PEMRA was also re-

quested, but no action was taken.

The counsel for the petitioner requested the court to order FIA to register case against former army chief Gen (Retd) Qamar Javed Bajwa, Gen (Retd) Faiz Hameed, journalists Javed Chaudhry and Shahid Mailla and initiate proceedings against them.

The citizen took the plea in its petition that Gen (Retd) Bajwa and Gen (Retd) Faiz Hameed crossed the existing legal restrictions in showing different events in wrong and fabricated way after retirement. Therefore, they committed heinous crime. Criminal act was committed due to Qamar Javed Bajwa-Faiz Hameed nexus.

PM saddened by devastating earthquake in Afghanistan

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Monday expressed deep sorrow over the loss of lives and property in the devastating earthquake in Herat, Afghanistan.

"Our hearts go out to the affected communities. We stand in solidarity with the Afghans during this difficult time. I have instructed the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) to send maximum support to the affected," he said in a post on X.

He said the Afghanistan government had specifically asked for sending a medical team, a field hospital, 50 tents and 500 blankets.

"On my instructions, in addition to the relief goods, all the requested items are being dispatched in the afternoon today, with more relief goods to follow," he added.

Chairman PTI's life is in danger, slow poison is being given, lawyer Latif Khosa

ISLAMABAD (Online): Chairman PTI Lawyer Latif Khosa said that Chairman PTI's life is in danger. We have serious concerns regarding his health.

He added Chairman PTI is being given slow poison. While talking to media in Islamabad Latif Khosa said that I have asked the Chief Justice that the life guarantee of Chairman PTI should be given to us before you.

The Chief Justice of Islamabad High Court has called for records from all in this regard.

Latif Khosa said it is matter of the honor of 25 crore people. Prime Minister (PM) of the country was made to go on one threat of Donald Lu. What will they indict? What crime he has committed? Is this a violation of Official Secret Act? These acts were created by British Crown to keep slaves. Do we have to get out of slavery of Great Britain and go to lap of US?

PUC announces to observe Oct 13 as 'Palestine Solidarity Day'

ISLAMABAD (INP): Pakistan Ulema Council (PUC) Islamabad Chapter on Monday announced to observe October 13 (Friday) as 'Palestine Solidarity Day' and to host a 'Palestine Solidarity Conference' on October 17 to express unwavering support to the Palestinians.

Chairman PUC, Hafiz Muhammad Tahir Mahmood Ashrafi said that he had made a telephonic contact with the Chief Justice of Palestine, Mahmoud Al-Habbash, and discussed the current situation in Palestine.

He said, "Pakistan stands in solidarity with its Palestinian brethren in the face of recent events, for which Israel bears responsibility." The world was not oblivious to the Israeli forces' continuous desecration of Al-Aqsa Mosque and the injustices inflicted upon Palestinians, he added. Ashrafi called for an independent Palestinian state with its capital in Jerusalem, a demand echoed by Pakistan and the Islamic world.

Chinese envoy, Planning minister discuss CPEC projects

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan Jiang Zaidong Monday called on Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Muhammad Sami Saeed and discussed projects being executed under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

During the meeting, the two sides discussed the ongoing CPEC projects especially related to energy, infrastructure, industrial zones; agriculture and information technology, a news release said.

Secretary Ministry of Planning Awais Manzur Sumra also attended the meeting.

The minister apprised the visiting envoy, who assumed the office charge last month, that the caretaker government was fully committed to completing the CPEC projects on a fast-track basis.

Sami Saeed said the Planning Ministry reviewed progress on ongoing projects regularly and Special Economic Zones' work was in full swing.

He said the government was taking all possible measures to further improve the security of the staff working on the projects, being executed under CPEC.

The Chinese envoy appreciated the efforts of the Planning Ministry for its active role in carrying forward CPEC projects.

Jiang Zaidong said the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) was an extremely important forum where Pakistan's participation carried great significance.

He invited the caretaker minister to attend the BRI Forum-2023, scheduled for 17-18th of the current month in Beijing, the capital city of China.



ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Prime Minister, Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar exchanging views with Admiral Naveed Ashraf, newly-appointed Chief of Naval Staff during meeting.

PM for provision of best, inexpensive facilities to Hujjaj

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Monday directed that the best and inexpensive facilities should be ensured for the pilgrims without compromising on Hajj arrangements.

Chairing a meeting with regard to the Ministry of Religious Affairs, he observed that for the performance of important religious ritual of Hajj, all steps should be taken to facilitate pilgrims.

The prime minister was apprised of performance of the ministry, steps taken for Hajj and

preparation for the Hajj policy 2024, PM Office Media Wing said in a press release.

The meeting was attended by Caretaker Minister for Religious Affairs Aneeq Ahmed and other officials of the ministry.

Addressing the participants, the prime minister directed keeping strict vigilance on private Hajj companies so that pilgrims proceeding through private schemes should not face any difficulty.

He also asked for the submission of Hajj policy for approval of the federal cabinet.



MUSLIM BAGH: Caretaker Health Minister Dr. Ameer Muhammad Khan Jogeza listening problems of patients during his visit to Civil Hospital

Asghar slams CM remarks: Protest to be lodged on certain issues on Oct. 12 in Chaman

Independent Report
QUETTA: The Provincial President of Awami National Party (ANP) Asghar Khan Achakzai has strongly condemned the remarks about the Afghan kidnap by the caretaker Chief Minister during his visit to Chaman.

In a statement issued here on Monday, the ANP leader said that millions of refugees from different other nationalities besides Afghans are living in the country, rather some are also posted on the higher posts.

He also termed the so-called three party alliance's agreeing to the government in Chaman as anti-Pashtoon act.

He said strong protest would be lodged against the delay in issuance of the computerized national identity cards, inflation, unemployment, heavy fine by WAPDA, terrorism and extremism, closure of border, anti-Afghan attitude of the three-party alliance on October 12 in Chaman city.

Other parties would also be participating in the protest, he added.

Step afoot to provide health facilities to patients in hospitals: Asfandyar

QUETTA (APP): Balochistan Health Secretary Asfandyar Khan Kakar on Monday said that measures were being taken to provide quality health facilities to patients in hospitals of the province.

He expressed these views while addressing a ceremony of the inaugural Accident and Emergency Department at Civil Hospital Quetta.

Earlier, an elderly patient inaugurated the Accident and Emergency Department at Civil Hospital Quetta under the supervision of the Secretary of Health.

Balochistan Health Secretary Asfandyar Khan Kakar said that we all have to work in the spirit of human service to make better use of the same available resources.

people of Balochistan will see a clear change in the provision of health facilities across the province, he said.

On this occasion, DG Health Dr. Noor Muhammad Qazi, Principal Bolan Medical College Professor Dr. Raza Muhammad Kakar, MS Civil Hospital Quetta Dr. Ishaq Panizai, Professor Dr. Shoaib Ahmad Qureshi, Director Accident and Emergency Department Dr. Hafeezur Rehman, Surgeon Iqbal Jafar and other concerned doctors were present.

Secretary Health Balochistan Asfandyar Khan Kakar gave orders to build the reception area for the accident and emergency department and provide free medicines to the patients admitted to the accident and emergency department.

In the coming days, the



QUETTA: A delegation of UNICEF led by its representative in Pakistan, Abdullah Fasil meeting with caretaker Education Minister Prof. Dr. Qadir Baloch