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PM Kakar says

Pakistan committed to work with China, regional partners on goals of open global economy, connectivity

Pakistan, China agree to further strengthen high-level engagement, deepen multiple ties

BEIJING (APP): Caretaker Global Economy'. Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Wednesday said Pakistan was committed to working with China and other regional partners in achieving the ideals of an open global economy and promoting connectivity on a trans-continental scale.

'With shared responsibility and by embracing the vision of working together, we can create a brighter, peaceful, and sustainable future for ourselves and for our generations," he said in

The two-day forum, which marked the 10 years of the multi-billion dollar cross-regional Belt and Road Initiative, kicked off in China's capital Beijing with representatives from 140 countries in atten-

PM Kakar said Paki-stan endorsed China's vision of global connectivity and also looked forward to joining hands with other partners across borders and regions to materialize the

us together, rather than the forces that divide us," he

congratulated President Xi Jinping for his revolutionary idea of the Belt and Road Initiative launched 10 years ago that proved instrumental in bringing common development and

shared prosperity.

He termed enhanced connectivity a profound factor in development and progress in the modern age of globalization.

shared future for mankind

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BEIJING: Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar and Chinese Premier Li Qiang met on the sidelines of 3rd Belt and

President condemns Israel attack on Gaza hospital; calls for immediate ceasefire

ISLAMABAD (APP): President Dr Arif Alvi on Wednesday strongly condemning the brutal Israeli

attack on Al-Ahly Al-Mamadany Hospital in Gaza, called upon the international community to hold Israel accountable for its war crimes.

He also urged the world community to take urgent measures to bring an immediate halt to the Israeli bombardment and the ongoing siege of Gaza.

According to media reports, hundreds of Palestinians were killed on Tuesday when Israel carried out air strikes on a hospital and a refugee camp in Gaza, where people had sought health facilities.

Minister for Information

Jan Achakzai said on

Wednesday that Pakistan

will deport all illegal Afghan

immigrants by November

here, he shared over 1,000

Afghan families have left

Pakistan so far, and around

While talking to media

shelter to escape the relentless bombing on residential

living in the province.

Achakzai said that refu-

gees have been treated with

hospitality for the last 40

vears, and now they would

be sent back to their coun-

that no political pressure will

be tolerated in that regard

and illegal migrants will have

Ministry CoB, BUITEMS and BRSP

The Vice Chancellor

SBKWU, Professor Dr

Sajida Noreen, Dr. Ghulam

Murtaza, and other con-

cerned high ups besides the

faculty of University and

Speaking on the occasion, Zubair Jamali said that

natural disasters can't be

ended, however we have

gathered here to ponder

upon how to reduce them.

priority to take necessary

steps for provision of the

He said that it is our

Meanwhile, an aware-

Empowering Balochistan's Youth

through Digital Skills Building

to leave Pakistan

The president ex-pressed his deep shock over the tragic loss of innocent lives due to the brutal Chief and inhuman Israeli airstrike, saying that Israel has trampled all international and moral norms by killing thousands of innocent people, women and children and then bombing a hospital, where patients eral others. were seeking emergency

treatment. President Alvi voiced concern that Israel continued to commit war crimes by indiscriminately targeting civilian populations and

Refugees will be sent back to their country with dignity: Achakzai

QUETTA (APP): where illegal immigrants are Balochistan Caretaker living in the province. try with dignity. He added

process This was stated by him, during separate meetings with Pakistan Muslim League (Nawaz) leader Mussadiq Malik and Pakistan People's Party leader Syed Akhunzada Chattan.

including upcoming general elections were discussed. Murtaza Solangi said

that peaceful transfer of power was topmost priority of the caretaker dispen-

The minister assured both the leaders that caretaker government would ensure that elections were conducted in fair, transparent and impartial elections

QESCO arrears reach Rs. 578 bn against defaulters

Independent Report QUETTA: The Quetta Electric Supply Company (QESCO) has announced that the arrears of the Company against the defaulters have reached upto Rs. 578 billion in the province.

According to the QESCO spokesman, only the agriculture consumers have to pay Rs. 437 billion to QESCO.

ernment has to pay Rs. 48.63 billion on account of the agriculture subsidy.

government is required to pay Rs. 23 billion on account of the agriculture subsidy.

Rs. 2.98 billion are payable against federal govern ment departments operating in the province.

there are arrears of Rs. Balochistan government on account of the electricity utility bills.

ing against the domestic commercial and industrial consumers in the prov-

CM urges UN, int'l community to play effective role for stopping Israeli brutalities against Palestinians

Independent Report

QUETTA: The caretaker Balochistan, Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki has strongly condemned the Israeli forces airstrike on a hospital of Gaza that martyred at least 500 people and wounded sev-

In an official condemnation issued here on Wednesday, the caretaker Chief Minister said that the government of Balochistan strongly condemn the cruelties and brutality of Is-

Caretaker Govt to ensure fair elections in country: Solangi

Caretaker Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Murtaza Solangi Wednesday said that fundamental responsibility of the caretaker government was to provide a conducive environment for elections and monitor the electoral

During the meetings, issues of mutual interest

in Balochistan

The provincial gov-

Similarly, the federal

Moreover, the dues of

The QESCO said that 34.17 billion against the

According to him, Rs 32.56 billion are outstandrael against the oppressed out airstrike, Israel did ex-

Palestinians. He particularly re-Minister ferred to the Israeli air raid

that hit the yard of a hospital in central Gaza and termed it an extreme of brutalism and wildest act. The caretaker Chief Minister said that the mar-

Strongly condemns Israeli airstrike on Gaza Hospital

tyrdom of over 500 people in the Israeli attack is the biggest human tragedy. He said that the health tions can't be targeted in a

war situation under the international laws.

treme of barbarism and cruelty, Mr. Domki condemned adding that the United Nations should play its effective role to stop such extreme brutality ending mum on the Palestina situation and Israel's barbarism.

He also urged the international community to play its role to end the besiege of Israel at Gaza establishments and institu- strip. He also appealed to ensure implementation on the international laws for provision of medical emergency treatment in Gaza.



OUETTA: Caretaker Federal Minister for Education and Professional Training Madad Ali Sindhi distributing certificates in a graduation ceremony under PM's Youth Skills Development Program at University of Balochistan.

Madad Ali Sindhi says Measures being taken to improve quality of education in country, Balochistan

QUETTA: (APP)- Federal Caretaker Minister for Education Madad Ali Sindhi on Tuesday that practical measures were being taken to improve quality of education in country including Balochistan by addressing issues of education on emergency basis.

He expressed these views while addressing as chief guest at ceremony of certificates distributing among the passed out students under the Prime Minister Youth Skill DevelopQuetta organized by the National Vocational and Technical Training Commission.

In the fourth batch of the Prime Minister's Youth Skill Development Program, 3895 students from across Balochistan graduated, out of which 83 students from Quetta were awarded certificates in the

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RAWALPINDI: Pakistan conducted successful test of Ababeel Weapon System, the test flight was aimed at re-validating various design, technical parameters and performance evaluation of different subsystems of the weapon system.



projects.
"I am hopeful that tohis address at the high-level 'The BRI's concept of event of the Third Belt and Road Forum (BRF) on gether we can shape a world 'Connectivity in an Ópen with the bonds that unite

BEIJING: Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar meets Secretary General of United Nations António Guterres on the sidelines of 3rd Belt and Road Forum, Beijing.

PM urges UN Secy General to ask Israel to stop violence against Palestinians

BEIJING (APP): Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Wednesday urged the United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres to play a role in stopping Israel's violence against Palestinians.

The prime minister and the UN's top diplomat met in Beijing on the sidelines of the Third Belt and Road Forum. We demand an end to this indiscriminate targeting and urge the international community to act swiftly to stop the violence and hold those responsible accountable," the prime minister posted on social media platform X after

his meeting with Guterres. PM Kakar strongly condemned the Israeli attack on Al-Ahly Al-Mamadany Hospital in Gaza, causing immense

He termed targeting a hospital, a sanctuary for those in need, an "indefensible act of inhumanity" International humanitarian law gives protection to hospitals and medical personnel, he added.

CEC vows to utilize all resources for transparent, peaceful election

QUETTA (APP): Chief the Civil Secretariat Quetta Election Commissioner to assess the preparations Sikandar Sultan Raja on for the upcoming general Wednesday stressed the elections, Raja emphasized



importance of utilizing all available resources to conduct a transparent and peaceful election in the country.
Chairing a meeting at

the importance of close collaboration between the caretaker government and the

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Inside story of PTI leaders meeting with president: Imran ready to talk to everyone including establishment

ISLAMABAD (Online): Inside story of PTI leaders meeting with president Arif Alvi has come to open.

PTI information secretary Rauf Hassan and lawyer Umair Niazi conveyed important message of PTI chairman Imran Khan to the president. Former Prime Minister (PM) is ready to talk to everyone including

President Arif Alvi has been given the task of holding talks with political parties and establishment. Sources said chairman PTI has shown willingness to walk alongside all

Former PM wants role of president on the matter of participation of PTI in general election freely and independently.

Chairman PTI has directed President to meet and convey his message to military leadership.

Sources further said proposal was given to constitute high level team for talks under president Arif Alvi. Former PM is ready to review his stance with reference to May 9 incidents

Independent Report QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Malik Abdul

improving relations

of federation with

provinces further

Wali Khan Kakar has stated that there are pleasant relations between the federation and provinces, however, these relations are needed to be improved further.

The Governor was speaking to the Governor Punjab, Balighur Rehman whom he met in Lahore on

During the course of meeting, the matters related to the inter- provincial coordination, political situation and profitable prospects of investment were discussed. Speaking on the occasion, the Governo Kakar stressed the need to strengthen further relation between the federation and

Both the leaders were of the strong view that the bonds between the federation and provinces should be improved further.

Abdul Hameed Mengal assumes charge of

Chairman IRSA ISLAMABAD (APP): Member Balochistan Abdul Hameed Mengal assumed the charge of Chairman Indus River System Authority (IRSA) here Wednesday for period of one year. "In accordance with Chapter-II, Section 4, Clauses (2) & (3) of IRSA Act XXII of 1992, Abdul Hameed Mengal, Member IRSA (Balochistan) has assumed the charge of the office of Chairman IRSA for a period of one year with effect from October, 18 2023", said a notification

issued here.

250 families are returning to Afghanistan via the Chaman border daily,

The state has taken some principled decisions and they will strictly follow The minister also said it, he said adding that after that the government has the deadline, the illegal resicompiled complete data on dents will be sent back.

Jamali emphasizes upon adopting modern DRR methods based on local challenges facing economy

Independent Report

QUETTA: The caretaker Provincial Minister for Home, Mir Muhammad Zubair Jamali has emphasized upon adopting the modern methods of Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) based on the local challenges and requirements facing the de-

veloping economies. The Minister for Home was speaking at special ceremony organised at the Sardar Bahadur Khan Women University on

Wednesday.
The Minister Home was the chief guest at the session that marked the International Disaster Risk Reduction day

relief to masses during natural disasters.



QUETTA: Caretaker Provincial Minister for Home, Mir Muhammad Zubair Jamali and Vice Chancellor SBK Women's University Prof. Dr. Sajida Naureen leading a walk in connection with International Disaster Risk Reduction day.





BEIJING: Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar addressing the High Level Forum on Connectivity in an Open Global Economy during 3rd

Pakistan urges UN to press India to halt human rights abuses in Kashmir

(APP): Pakistan told a U.N. panel that human rights are being trampled with impunity in many places, with the "most egregious" abuses taking place in the occupied territories of Palestine and Kashmir.

'These violations of human rights are turbocharged by the rise of racism, fascism, hate speech and ethnic and religious discrimination and rising Islamophobia," Ambassador Munir Akram said in his address to the General

tee, which deals with social. humanitarian and cultural matters, on Tuesday. "It is sad that those who

are so eager to criticize human rights violations elsewhere fall silent when it comes to India", he said, underscoring that it was time for the UN to speak out and press India to halt the human rights violations in occupied Kashmir and against its minorities.

Turning to the alarming situation in Gaza, the Pakistani envov called for an unconditional ceasefire and



ISLAMABAD: Mir Changez Khan Jamali, Provincial President PPP Balochistan called on Chairman Senate Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani at Parliament House.

immediate assistance to the people of Palestine.

Participating in a debate on 'Promotion and Protection of Human Rights' Ambassador Akram said that Islamophobia was practiced in its "most pernicious form" by the Hindutva zealots ruling India. Rashtriya The

Swayamsevak Sangh's ide-ology replicates the last century's fascism in Europe, he said, spotlighting massive violations of human rights in the illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir and against India's 200 million Muslims, as well as Christians, Sikhs and the so-called lower castes – the Dalits. "Between 2014 when (Prime Minister) Mr. (Narendra) Modi assumed power – and 2018, there was a 786% increase in hate speech against minorities, especially Muslims (as noted by the UN Special Rapporteur on Minority Issues)," The Pakistani en-

sembly and 51 Provincial

Assembly seats in

Balochistan, with 5,067

polling stations to be estab-

lished. Of these, 2,038 poll-

in the province. Addition-

ally, the Chief Secretary

provided a comprehensive

overview of election prepa-

Commission's directives,

pledging to execute all or-

government is fully com-

general elections. Further-

more, he noted that the pro-

vincial government is car-

rying out personnel trans-

fers and postings in accor-

dance with the directives of

the Election Commission.

that polling stations will be

adequately equipped with

all necessary facilities. Dur-

ing the meeting, the Inspec-

tor General of Police in

Balochistan mentioned that

a security plan has been de-

vised, and the Quick Re-

sponse Force will maintain

a high level of vigilance to

address any unexpected in-

cidents, leaving no stone

unturned to ensure a peace-

ful election.

The Chief Secretary af-

ders accordingly.

sensitive.

CEC vows to utilize all....

Pakistan (ECP).

He cautioned that stringent measures will be taken against officials and staff members who demonstrate negligence in the election process. Furthermore, he emphasized that ensuring free, fair, and impartial elections is pivotal for enhanc-

ing democracy. He stated that th tion Commission is fully committed to assisting the Interim provincial government to the best of its abilities. Additionally, the Chief Election Commissioner emphasized a strict stance against any instances of political bias among government employees, ensuring swift action will be taken upon the identification of such complaints.

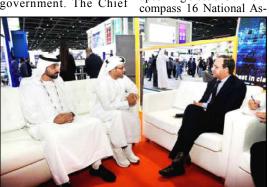
The Election Commission is dedicated to offering any necessary support to the Interim provincial government. The Chief

Continued from page 1 Election Commissioner also stressed that any instances of political favouritism among government employees will be met with zero tolerance, and swift action will be taken if such complaints are identified. During the meeting, the

Secretary of the Election Commission delivered a concise presentation on the preparations for the upcoming general elections. This included updates on the progress of the electoral roll and voter registration.

During the meeting, Sharifullah, the Provincial Election Commissioner of Balochistan, provided an overview of the preparations for the general elections and discussed the future steps. He also noted that over 5.28 million registered voters are expected to exercise their voting rights in Balochistan.

He explained that the upcoming elections will en-



DUBAI: Caretaker Federal Minister for IT and Telecommunication Dr. Umar Saif in a meeting with Dr. Mohamed Al Kuwaiti, Head of UAE Cyber Security, at GITEX Global 2023.

Pakistan, China resolve for enhanced economic cooperation, high-quality **CPEC** development

BEIJING (APP): Pakistan and China on Wednesday cal and economic ties and expressed the collective resolve to enhance economic cooperation, with renewed focus on the centrality of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) and its high-quality develop-

The bilateral relations were discussed in a meeting between Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar and Member of the Standing Committee of Politburo of Communist Party of China Li Xi.

congratulated Li on the successful hosting of the 3rd Belt and Road Forum by China and felicitated him on his election as the member of Politburo Standing Com-

The two leaders reaffirmed the commitment of learn from the Chinese ex-Pakistan and China to perience.

cal and economic ties and their unwavering support to each other on core issues.

The two leaders also discussed measures to increase the volume of Chinese investment in Paki stan, especially in ICT, mining, infrastructure and agriculture sectors. They emphasized the

importance of expanding industrial cooperation and the development of Special Economic Zones in Paki-

ty of China Li Xi. Prime Minister Kakar The prime minister and Li exchanged views on anti-corruption and financial discipline.

The prime minister briefed the Chinese leader about measures taken by Pakistan for transparent and inclusive governance and evinced interest to

Words have fallen short to condemn the barbaric act of Zionist state, Shehbaz Sharif

Former Prime Minister, PML-N President Shehbaz Sharif has strongly condemned Israeli attack on hospitals in Gaza.

While expressing grief and sorrow over martyrdom of more than 500 Palestinians, he said that words have fallen short to condemn the barbaric action of Zionist state.

The pain and sorrow of the martyrdom of children, women and old people under treatment in the barbaric Israeli attack on hospital is indescribable.

Silence on the brutal massacre of innocent and besieged Palestinians is tantamount to encouraging a

brutal war crimes. Immediate steps should be taken to stop genocide of Pales

tinians United Nation must take action against Israel for committing war crimes.

Shehbaz Sharif said that international community, Security Council should follow the international

Israel should be stopped from killing innocent people. The violation of international law will destroy the peace of world. If the rising oppression

on land of Palestine is not stopped then its flames will engulf the whole world. Israel has repeated its brutal and reprehensible trarderous state. dition of killing humanity Israel is committing in Sabra and Shatila.

Measures being taken to.... Continued from page 1

A large number of disabled students, Women ing stations are designated Technical Training Center as highly sensitive, while (WTTC), and Technical 2,068 are categorized as Training Center Quetta (TTC)'s students attended The Chief Election the ceremony. Commissioner instructed

Addressing at the certhe Provincial Election emony, Caretaker Federal Commissioner to promptly inspect all polling stations said that measures were needed on an emergency basis to deal with the problems of education in Balochistan saying that rations and compliance without improving the qualwith the Election ity of education, the journey of development could not be set.

While appreciating of technical institutions, he firmed that the Balochistan said that it was a matter of pride to have a large nummitted to supporting the ber of women participating Election Commission in the in the skill development successful conduct of the program. I am well aware of the

educational problems of Balochistan, the improvement of government schools is one of our top priorities, He said that he was try-He additionally assured

ing to solve all related issues of education after conducting meeting with consultation of vice chancellors of universities of the country and Balochistan.

The Federal Minister said that check and balance was being ensured in education institutions with aim to achieve target of knowledge saying that technical education was essential in present era for progress of the country and the prov-

He said that billion of rupees had been spent on education sectors despite the students could not available facilities in respective schools of the The Federal Minister

also urged the people that

they would give votes those

leaders who would take measures to solve issues of education and other problems of public in the areas. Caretaker Finance Minister Balochistan Amjad Rasheed addressed the ceremony saying that reforms were being made in Balochistan regarding tech-

would bring better results. Through technical education, students can get job opportunities not only in Pakistan but also abroad, he

nical education, which

He said that there was unemployment Balochistan due to lack of factories in the province saying that in this regard, Balochistan caretaker government had made plan to provide jobs to technical educated students on requirement of foreign coun-

Federal Minister Education Madad Ali Sindhi, Amjad Rasheed also distributed certificates among passed disabled students, WTTC, TTC Quetta's students at the end of the cer-

expansion into new areas

of development - includ-

ing industrial develop

ment; livelihood projects;

ICT; mining and minerals

exploration and agriculture.

fidence that Chinese in-

vestment in Special Eco-

nomic Zones (SEZs) will

contribute in diversifica-

tion of Pakistan's export

basket and expansion of its

derlined the steady growth

Premier Li Qiang un-

industrial base.

He expressed the con-

Drugs crop covering many in Manguchar QUETTA (APP)- Grand

operation against drugs was launched in Kalat district by district administration on Wednesday and drugs crop covering several acres was eradicated in Manguchar area of Kalat. FC Kalat, Levies

Force and Anti-Narcotics Force conducted a joint operation against the drugs crop in the area.

The anti-narcotics opof bilateral cooperation and tant Manguchar Baloch. ters also witnessed the

Deputy Commissioner Kalat Hafiz Muhammad Qasim Kakar and Wing Commander FC Oalat Colonel Umar said in their ioint statement that drugs were a scourge that was destroying our young generation we have declared a war against the scourge of drugs, in this regard, a joint operation has been launched against the cultivation of drugs in Kalat.

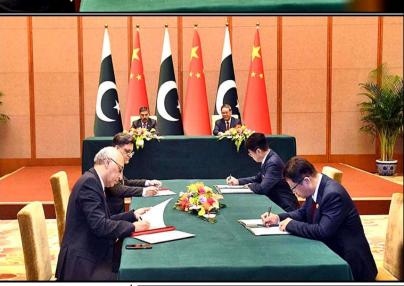
Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar and Chinese Premier Li Qiang witnessing signing of MoUs between China and Pakistan to enhance cooperation in diverse fields











acres eradicated

eration was supervised by Deputy Commissioner Kalat Hafiz Muhammad Qasim Kakar, Wing Commander FC Colonel Muhammad Umar Assis-Commissioner Barkat

CANCELLATION OF TENDER In pursuance of letter of BPPRA bearing No.BPPRA/Pr-Sp(G&S)01

01-/2023-24/338-42 dated 16th October, 2023, and in order to comply with advice of BPPRA conveyed vide letter under reference, bidding process for procurement of uniform & protective clothing having TSE 232409353981 published in daily newspapers vide PRQ No.692/30-9-2023 is hereby cancelled under Rule-38 of Balochistan Public Procurement Rules, 2014. Fresh tenders shall be floated in due course of time BALOCHISTAN LEVIES FORCE

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برائے لوکل بس کوئے شہرری روٹنگ ایر مٹس کے راستوں کے از سرنو تفویض رگاہ آپ تمام کو بذراید نوٹس اطلاع دی جاتی ہے کہ عدالت عالیہ بلوچتان کے CP.No.1951/2022

کے تھم کے مطابق ٹریفک کے مشکلات کو مذنظر رکھتے ہوئے کوئیشیر کے اکثر لوکل بسوں کے روٹس کوری روٹنگ ااز مرنوتفویض کردیا گیا ہے۔ ابدا مندرجہ ذیل یو اُنٹش ہے آ گے بسوں کے آنے پر یا بندی عائد کردی گئی ہے . روشک ا ر استوں کے از سر وقفویض کی تفصیل مندرجہ ذیل ہےا۔ ہزار تنجی سریاب براستہ بلوچستان یو نیور ٹی ہے ہوتے وے بلوچتان پل کے پنچے سے چنگی گودام زوڈ بل روڈ پل. ۲۔ ہزار گنجی قمر انی روڈ براستہ ریئسانی روڈ سے دو کانی إبا چک بلوچتان بل ہے ہوتے ہوئے چنگی گودام ڈبل روڈ بل. ۳۔ جالو باوڑی بمرکی روڈ ،کای روڈ ہے ہوتے ئے مالی باغ شہید صادق گراونڈ سے واپس ہوکر جالو باوڑی. ۴ ۔ پشتون آباد تارو چوک ، گوالمنڈ ی چوک ، سرکی وڈ، کای روڈ مالی باغ شہیدصادق چوک ہے واپس ہوکر پشتون آباد . ۵۔نوان کلی لیبر کالونی پہلا شاف، بی اے مال ز رغون روڈ ، پونون چوک سے واپس ہوکر کوئلہ بھا تک ۲ ۔ سمنگلی ائیر ٹیس، خیزی چوک ۔ سمنگلی روڈ ۔ زرغون روڈ یو نون چوک ہے واپس ہوکرکوئلہ بھا تک ۔ ۷۔ بلیلی ایئز پورٹ روڈ ۔ عالمو چوک سمنگلی روڈ ہے بونون چوک ہے ہو

لروایس کوئلہ میانک . ۹ کیلاک بلیلی ائر پورٹ ایشین شاف سے داپس کوئلہ بھانک. اس بایت آپ ک

بذر بعیرنوٹس آگاہ کیا جاتا ہے کد مندرجہ بالا روٹس ہے آگے اندروں شہر آنے پر پابندی عائد کی گئی ہے۔ بصورت دیگر

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Pakistan committed to work with China, regional.... UN Sustainable Develop-

Continued from page 1 is not about road and railway infrastructure, but also to create linkages

among civilizations and na-

tions," he said. He mentioned that the world faced a number of challenges including postpandemic effects, the divide between the developed and the impoverished, peace, and food se-

Kakar highlighted that BRI's flagship project China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) played a crucial role in generating new economic opportunities in Pakistan.

Underscoring its salience for Pakistan's robust economic development, he endorsed the Chinese proposal for developing CPEC as a corridor of growth, innovation, livelihood, green economy, openness, and inclusive-

The prime minister underlined the need for a united global response to complex address transnational challenges faced by humankind and to prevent backsliding on the gains achieved under the

ment Goals and 2030 Agenda.

He emphasised the urgency of addressing infrastructure gaps in the developing world by investing in transportation, energy, and digital economy. In Pakistan, he said

CPEC's 50 projects worth \$25 billion investment resulted in the creation of modern highways, seaports, airports, and rapid mass transit systems. He said the government

of Pakistan had taken steps to make the country a trade hub by connecting Gwadar with the landlocked countries, thus opening new vistas to the west and beyond

Kakar expressed confidence that as CPEC crossed its decade of launch, the next phase would be poised to accommodate rural farmers, students, and small tradesmen and ensure improvement in living standards, poverty alleviation, and jobs cre-

He said Pakistan's collaboration with China in the information technology sector and CPEC's green corridor would ensure people-to-people rela- noted with satisfaction its

modernization, food security, and agricultural and environmental protection. This vision promotes

cooperation, collective security, inclusive and sustainable development, and a balanced eco-system as the only way to address global challenges," he said. The BRF was opened

by Chinese President Xi Jinping this morning where he highlighted the concept of working with all participants to draw a new blueprint for high-quality Belt and Road cooperation.

Xi said China looks forward to strengthening ties, engaging in dialogues, forging new partnerships, and promoting regional connectivity for a brighter future. "The BRF is about planning together, building together, and benefiting together," he said, adding that the project had established a new framework for inter-

Meanwhile Pakistan and China on Wednesday agreed to further strengthen high-level dialogue and engagement besides deepening the political, economic, education, science & technology, cultural, and

national cooperation.

The bilateral ties were discussed in a bilateral meeting between Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Kakar and Chinese Premier Li Qiang on the sidelines of Third Belt and Road Forum (BRF). Accompanied by the

ministers and senior officials, the two leaders reaffirmed the time-tested and iron-clad friendship between Pakistan and China. Prime Minister Kakar extended felicitations to

the Chinese leadership on

the successful holding of the Third Belt and Road Forum (BRF). Noting the depth and breadth of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), the prime minister termed it as a project of immense significance for the world in

shared prosperity. The two leaders discussed bilateral collaboration in the context of CPEC and prospects of further deepening economic link-

Prime Minister Kakar underscored the importance of CPEC for Pakistan's economy and

noted the positive momentum of CPEC projects. He hoped that leadership consensus would give further boost to trade and economic relations between the two countries.

The two prime minis-

signing ceremony in which terms of connectivity and several MoUs/Agreements were signed in areas of commerce, communication and transport including MLI, connectivity food security & research, media exchanges, space cooperation, urban sustainable development, capacity building, mineral development and industrial cooperation, climate change, vaccine de

Chairman,

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tinian people.

Council here, he raised

questions about the alleged

military aggression in Syria

Iraq, Iran, and Syria, in case

of any aggression from Is-

this war continued, it would

not be confined to Egypt



ISLAMABAD: Chairman, Pakistan Ulema Council, Hafiz Muhammad Tahir Mahmood Ashrafi addressing to media during the Palestine Conference at a

President for early diagnosis, detection of breast cancer

Social stigmas in Pakistan deter women from seeking early breast cancer diagnosis: First Lady

ISLAMABAD (APP): President Dr Arif Alvi has said that since Pakistan has limited breast cancer screening and treatment facilities, they can address the grave issue by ensuring its timely detection in women and providing treatment in

early stages.
"There is a 98% possibility of a permanent cure from breast cancer, if diagnosed at early stages," he said in a message on the occasion of the International Day Against Breast Cancer, being observed on Octo-

The National Commission

(NCHR) and the Interna-

tional Organization for Mi-

gration (10M) Pakistan

have signed a Memorandum

of Understanding (MoU)

to strengthen cooperation

and collaboration on initia-

tives relating to the promo-

tion and protection of the

human rights of migrants,

especially those in vulner-

commitment of both orga-

well-being and human rights

that while migration in the

context of globalization

brings significant opportunities, it is critical to facili-

tate the safe, orderly, and regular movement of

nizations to prioritize the future.

able situations.

Human Rights

The president said today, they observed the International Day Against Breast Cancer to raise awareness about breast cancer, and promote women's access to its timely diagnosis and treat-

He said breast cancer was the most common type of cancer among women throughout the world, and most of the deaths due to the deadly disease occurred in low and middle-income

In Pakistan too, he observed that almost 100,000 breast cancer cases

research, improving aware-

ness and outreach, and pro-

viding policy advice, in line

with the priorities of the

Chairperson NCHR, high-

lighted the lack of rights for

migrants and the dangerous

journeys they undertake

migrant's boat disaster was

a heart-wrenching reminder

their desire to seek a better

terranean this year alone,

irregular migration demands our immediate attention.

Through collective efforts,

we can work towards a

safer and more compassion-

ate approach to migration,

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Rabiya Javeri Agha,

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Government of Pakistan.

NCHR, IOM Pakistan

sign MoU to protect

human rights of migrants

ISLAMABAD (APP): ties aimed at generating evi-

The MoU signifies the of the risks people take in

of migrants, recognizing 2,000 lives lost in the Medi-

occurred annually, out of which 40,000 women die. "Pakistan also has one of the highest mortality

rates due to breast cancer in Asia. This is indeed an alarming situation," he To overcome this challenge, the president said, they had been raising awareness for the past five years

form self-examination every He also appreciated that the media had played an instrumental role in educating women about the

to encourage women to per-

PIC imposes fine on SE for defying order

ISLAMABAD (APP)
The Pakistan Information Commission Wednesday issued a significant order, penalizing Superintending Engineer of Pak PWD, Pervez Khan with the deduction of onemonth salary as a fine for failing to adhere to its directives.

The Commission's order stems from a case initiated by Wahab Gul, who filed an appeal regarding non-disclosure of requested information by the public body.

held from Oct 20 to 22, 2023.

IIUI sports

gala starts

ISLAMABAD (APP)

The Sports Gala 2023 of

International Islamic Uni-

number of events such as

first-aid race, sack race,

three-leg race and a 100-

metre race were held in

which the Pakistani and in-

ternational students of

being organized by the

sports section of the Direc-

torate of Students' Affairs.

As many as 1000 students from 11 faculties of univer-

sities are participating in it that will conclude on Oc-

competitions of tug of war,

table tennis, badminton, vol-

leyball, basketball, cricket,

football, hockey, chess and

competitions of athletics.

Sports were necessary to

keep a society healthy, said

Alotaibi. He hailed the ef-

forts of the directorate of

Students Affairs adding that

after a great achievement in

international rankings now

this sports gala had por-

trayed the true international

picture of IIUI. He added

that involving youth in con-

structive activities was a

prerequisite to defeat the

negative attitudes.

Hathal Homoud

The games include

The Sports Gala is

more than 30 countries par

He called on the Orga-Tahir nization of Islamic Coop-

eration (OIC) to provide a Mahmood Ashrafi on roadmap for the Palestin-Wednesday unequivocally expressed support for Palian cause urging everyone estine and called on the gloto break their silence, warning that "if Palestinian chilbal community to acknowledge the rights of the Palesdren are targeted today, it may be children from other Addressing a conferregions tomorrow." With the Presidency of the OIC ence organized to express solidarity with Palestinian now in the hands of Saudi people under the auspi-Arabia, he expressed hope cious of Pakistan Ulema that it would take concrete

steps to support Palestine. He said this conference announced to observe and Lebanon and said Pakistan stood with Lebanon, 'Martyrs of Palestine Day' across the nation on Friday. as a mark of support for the Palestinian brethren.

He mentioned that Ashrafi hinted that if Chief of Army Staff General Syed Asim Munir reiterated Pakistan's position and Lebanon, it would ulti- in the Corps Commander

reemphasizing their unwavering support for Pales-

Ashrafi calls for global support

for Palestine, unity among Muslims

Highlighting the enduring blockade of Gaza, he said it had been a prison for sixteen years raising questions about the incident on October 7, which he attributed to the denial of Palestinian due rights.
Ashrafi called for in-

ternational human rights organizations to investigate the hospital attack in Gaza, stressing that the suffering of Muslim children remained unseen. He emphasized that

children were children, regardless of their origins expressing concerns over America's intention to cover up this disastrous in-

He acknowledged improved relations between

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pa- mately engulf the entire kistan Ulema Council world.

Conference the other day, reemphasizing their unwa- Syria and Arab nations.

He shared insights

He reaffirmed the commitment to maintaining unity within the Ummah. rejecting any sectarian di-

"We will not allow anyone to divide the Muslim Ummah based on the Shia-Sunni divide," he stated.

He emphasized the importance of global unity among Muslims and discouraged any division, highlighting the need to stand up against imperialism and extremist groups that aimed to divide and weaken the Muslim Ummah.

Ashrafi warned that colonial powers sought to establish extremist organizations to disrupt the unity of Islamic countries, refer-

into past attempts to incite religious tensions in Pakistan, noting that the national security institutions and scholars had worked together to thwart such nefarious designs

In his closing remarks, Ashrafi called for a boycott of Israeli products and expressed that Muslim nations should come together to protest the violence against Muslims in various regions including Kashmir, Palestine, and other parts of the

Palestinian Deputy Head of Mission Nader K. Alturk, expressed heartfelt gratitude towards Ashrafi and the people of Pakistan for their unwaencing bomb blasts and ter- vering support for the rorist attacks as part of this Palestinian cause.

Sanjrani strongly denounces barbaric Israeli assault on Al-Ahli hospital in Gaza

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chairman Senate of Pakístan, Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani, vehemently deplores and condemns the recent Israeli air strike on al-Ahli hospital in the

Gaza Strip. This barbaric act of spilling Palestinian blood has led to the unimaginable suffering of innocent civilians, with over 500 women and children losing their lives", said Chairman Senate.

Describing the attack as nothing short of a genocide perpetrated by the Zionist Israeli regime, Chairman Senate underscores that this incident is an absolute blot on hu-It serves as a stark

example of barbarism witnessed by the entire world, particularly with the intentional targeting of medical facilities and a UN-run school, constituting an undeniable war crime that exposes the repugnant brutality of the actions taken by the Zi-

He called upon the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) to assume a proactive role in the wake of the barbaric Israeli airstrike on a hospital in Gaza.

Emphasizing the urgency of the situation, he asserted that it is high time for the UNSC to intervene and address the Humanitarian crisis.

Furthermore, he pledged the Senate of akistan's commitment to shedding light on these heinous acts of aggression by bringing the matter to the forefront utilizing forums like Parliamentary Union of the OIC Member States (PUIC) and other international forums through parliamentary channels.

strongly condemned the biased and unfair reporting perpetuated by certain international media outlets and Western journalists, accusing them of disseminating falsehoods that seek to humanize Is-



ISLAMABAD: The Notes of the project "The Programme for Reconstruction of Educational Facilities in Flood affected Areas in Sindh" were signed and exchanged by Dr. Kazim Niaz, Secretary EAD and HWADA Mitsuhiro, Ambassador of Japan to Pakistan at EAD.

Afghan delegation calls on **Chairman HEC**

ISLAMABAD (APP): A delegation of senior officials from Afghanistan called on Chairman Higher Education Commission (HEC) Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed at HEC Secretariat here on Wednesday. The two sides discussed issues of mutual academic interest, including joint research programmes, student and faculty exchange efforts, training of Afghan faculty and civil servants, and scholarships for Afghan students to study in

was led by Dr Nazar Muhammad Irfan, Director of Foreign Affairs and Scholarships, Ministry of Higher Education of Afghanistan.

Afghan International Islamic University Kabul, Dr Rafiullah Ata, along with two Deans, Mr. Abdul Hai Kaiwaan, Faculty of Engineering and Nisar Ahmed Zahid, Faculty of Agriculture were part of the del-

EAD here. The Japan has ex-

(Approx US\$ 5.3 million) to Pakistan through JICA. This grant is aimed at addressing the educational

The notes of the project were signed and exchanged by Dr. Kazim Niaz, Secretary, of the Economic Affairs Division (EAD), and Ambassador of Japan Pakistan, WADA Mitsuhiro, on behalf of their respective govern-

in six (06) districts of the

reconstruction of damaged

buildings of schools will

help to ensure a safe and

ment for students, with a

special focus on enhancing

Under this grant, the

province.

Kinoshita, Chief Representative of Japan International Cooperation Agency

DC cracks down on overcharging vehicles

Under the MoU, one that upholds the well-

NCHR and IOM Pakistan being and dignity of those

will engage in joint activi- in search of a better future.

ISLAMABAD (APP): Deputy Commissioner Islamabad Irfan Nawaz Memon, accompanied by Secretary Transport Authority Islamabad, has been checking on the reduction of fares at various places in

In light of the notification issued reducing fares by 10 per cent, all magistrates have been inspecting various transport routes and bus stands to ensure that the reduction is being implemented in letter and spirit. The DC has directed the Secretary of Transport

Authority, all Assistant istrates to continue inspecting various routes and bus stands on a daily basis.

Since yesterday, Assistant Commissioners and Magistrates have seized and taken action against 62 vehicles for overcharging the notified rates of the District Administration, while others have been issued warnings.

This crackdown on overcharging vehicles is a welcome move by the Islamabad District Admin-



ISLAMABAD: A view of damaged bus stop shed at Islamabad Expressway needs the attention of con-

Speakers emphasize raising awareness of breast cancer in AIOU

ISLAMABAD (APP): Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU) on Wednesday organised a seminar to raise awareness about breast

Ayesha Isani Majeed, Head of the Department of Radiology at the Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS) was the keynote speaker.

During her lecture, Dr. Majeed explained the causes, symptoms, and diagnosis of breast cancer. She

emphasized that early detection is crucial as breast cancer can be treated if diagnosed on time.

Therefore, women should perform self-examination every month, and if they notice lumps or any unusual changes in their chest or its sides, they should consult a doctor immediately.

She also highlighted that maintaining a healthy diet and regular exercise can help prevent breast cancer.

Minister Shah departs to South Korea for 18th Migrant **Multicultural Festival**

versity Islamabad (IIUI) kicked-off on Wednesday at male Campus. It was inau-Caretaker Federal Minister gurated by President IIUI for National Heritage and Dr. Hathal Homoud Culture Jamal Shah departed for South Korea to In the opening cerrepresent Pakistan at the emony, students demon-18th Migrant Multicultural strated a colorful flag march Festival (MAMF), celat the hard ball cricket ebrating diverse Asian culground of the male campus. tures from October 20 to

On the occasion, a MAMF, in its 18th

year, is South Korea's largest cultural diversity festival, taking place at Changwon Yongi Cultural Park and Seogsan Art Hall. Nations from across Asia, Pakistan included, Dhamal, Luddi, and more.

ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Federal Minister for National Heritage and Cul-

ture Jamal Shah departed for Korea to represent Pakistan in MAMF to be

MAMF 2023 festival, each contributing distinct cultures, heritage, and values. Pakistan will take the

lead at MAMF 2023 under

the theme "Pakistan Zindabad," which translates to "Long Live Pakistan." The country will showcase its cultural richness and values by presenting traditional attire, accessories, Henna, and performing traditional music, including Dhol, Anthem, and Zindabad, as well as traditional dances like Bhangra,

28 outlaws including five professional beggars arrested

Independent Report ISLAMABAD: Islamabad Capital Police apprehended 28 outlaws including five professional baggers from different areas of the city during the last 24 hours and recovered liquor, drugs and weapons with ammunition from their possession, a

public relations officer said. He said that, following the special directions of Islamabad Capital City Police Officer (ICCPO) Dr. Akbar Nasir Khan, the Islamabad Capital Police has intensified crackdown against the criminal elements in order to eliminate the crime from the city.

Following these directions the Secretariat police team arrested an accused namely Anees Ali and recovered 830 gram heroin from his possession. Ramna police team arrested two accused namely Akbar Hussain and Usman Ali and recovered 150 gram hashish and one 30 bore pistol from their possession. Likewise, the Golra police team arrested an accused namely Shamshair Ahmed and recovered 540 gram heroin from his possession. Tarnol police team arrested an accused namely Adnan Sami and recovered one 9mm pis-

tol from his possession.

Japan, Pakistan sign grant agreement for flood affectees in Sindh

top universities of Pakistan. The Afghan delegation

The Chancellor of the

49 more power thieves held

ISLAMABAD (APP) Islamabad Electric Supply Company (IESCO) on Wednesday apprehended 49 more power pilferers during the ongoing antitheft and recovery cam-

The IESCO spokesperson said that the power pilferers were charged over 66,00 units besides imposing a fine of Rs 2.9 million.

The spokesperson said that a total fine of Rs 133.7 fine has been imposed on 2,145 power pilferers so far. Some 435 FIRs have been registered against the power thieves and police have arrested 358 power pilferers so far. He requested the

consumers to inform power pilferage in their respective areas at toll free number 118.

fully damaged School build-ISLAMABAD (APP): Jaings will be reconstructed

pan and Pakistan on Wednesday signed a grant agreement for reconstruction of educational facilities in the flood-affected areas A signing ceremony

for the Exchange of Notes conducive learning environand Grant Agreement between the Governments of Pakistan and Japan regard ing "The Programme for Reconstruction of Educational Facilities in Flood Affected Areas in Sindh" was held at the Economic Affairs Division, said a press release issued by

tended grant assistance worth JPY 794 million

infrastructure challenges caused by floods-2022 and heavy monsoon rains in Sindh. A total of nine (09) (JICA).

The Grant Agreement was signed by Saeed Ashraf Siddiqi, Joint Secretary EAD and Yasutimsu

ICP initiates legal proceedings against violators of traffic laws

Independent Report SLAMABAD: According

to details, under the special directives of the Islamabad Capital City Police Officer (ICCPO), Dr. Akbar Nasir Khan, Islamabad Capital Police, measures have been taken to ensure the safety of citizens from accidents and the enforcement of road safety laws, a public relations officer said.

He said that Islamabad Capital Police has intensified legal actions against those who violate traffic laws and special teams have been formed to enforce legal actions against traffic law violators including prominent government officials and federal authorities.

During the past year, 7,00,000 traffic violation a daily basis, he added.

tickets were issued including violations such as riding a motorcycle without a helmet, wrong-way driving, lane discipline violations, failure to use seat belts, speeding violations, using a mobile phone while driving, jaywalking violations, tinted glasses, and driving unregistered vehicles, among

The ICCPO has issued directives to all zone officers to make legal actions against traffic law violators more stringent and effective under their supervision.

They are also providing citizens with special awareness regarding the dangers and consequences of traffic law violations on



ISLAMABAD: The Government of Palestine announced three-day mourning after Israel bombing on a hospital more than 700 martyrs, the flag of Palestine half mast on the embassy of Palestine.

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Israel's Extreme barbarism in Gaza

The Israel's naked aggression and barbarism in form of airstrike on a hospital of Gaza is nothing but heartbreaking for the humanity especially the Muslims all over the globe. It has shaken the nerves of every one leaving them in a state of shock. The people even the conscious ones in the so-called civilized developed west are grieved over the extreme brutality demonstrated and being demonstrated by Israel's inhuman leadership towards the Palestinians for last several days. As a result of the brutality and cruelty unleashed by Israel and its forces, thousands have so been martyred and thousand others wounded.

And now what's extreme happened is the airstrike of the Israeli forces in Gaza and that targeted a hospital there martyring over 800 people and wounding several others.

The media reports suggested that the Al-Ahli Hospital located in the central Gaza Strip was bombed without any prior warning, causing severe destruction which would prevent the hospital from continuing and providing medical services for thousands of people. There are "hundreds of victims" under the rubble of a Gaza hospital compound that was hit by Israeli bombing, said the Health Ministry in the besieged coastal enclave.

The incident stands as the bloodiest single occurrence in Gaza since Israel initiated a relentless bombing campaign in retaliation for a deadly cross-border Hamas assault on southern Israeli communities earlier in October.

Needless to mention those martyred were included injured during the shelling and bombing by Israel in Gaza and other adjacent areas. What's agony and pitiful is that the martyred also include doctors and health workers serving in

Seeing the worst on-ground situation, one thing is very much clear that humanity has just ended on part of Israel. One can term the huge massacre occurred in a Gaza hospital a holocaust. It is an Israeli state-sponsored massacre of the innocent people in Gaza and other Palestinian territory.

Earlier, a UN-run school in central Gaza where 4,000 people are sheltering tainty, clear predictions are difficult. To use the weather was hit during an Israeli airstrike, killing at least six people. Entire changing weather, weather neighbourhoods have been razed and predictions are at best survivors are left with dwindling supplies murky. However, over the voters will be allowed to terms of how heavily three of food, water and fuel. "The situation is catastrophic beyond what I could have imagined," said Jamil Abdullah, A Palestinian-Swede, hoping to flee the block-aded enclave, said, "There are corpses in the streets. Buildings are crashing down on their inhabitants. Blood is everywhere. The smell of the dead is everywhere." "Enough!" cried Mohamed Abu Zaid, counting about 20 family members killed in one strike. "How long will this continue for?"

The UN agency for Palestinian refugees says more than one million Palestinians—almost half of Gaza's population of 2.4 million—have fled their homes. World Health Organization regional director Ahmed Al-Mandhari told AFP that Gaza was barrelling towards "real catastrophe". Since Israel's evacuation order in north Gaza, entire families, young children and the elderly have gathered belongings and fled to southern Gaza, bedding down in any available space. indoors and out.

In this catastrophic situation in Gaza and adjoining areas, the west media is just exposed as it is not reporting exactly what's going on in Gaza and with innocent Palestinian.

However, following the attack, Russia and the UAE requested an urgent meeting of the United Nations Security Council over the Gaza hospital strike.

Pakistan has already strongly condemned the Israeli attack on the Gaza Hospital, expressing outrage at the devastating incident that resulted in hundreds of casualties.

Pakistan's Foreign Office denounced the deliberate targeting of a hospital, where innocent civilians sought shelter and emergency care an inhumane and indefensible act.

Similarly, the Pak Army's top leadership has also fully supported the struggle of Gazans in their war against Israel as they called for the end of Tel Aviv's unlawful occupation.

The development came during the 260th Corps Commanders' Conference (CCC), chaired by Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Syed Asim Munir in of years old. Rawalpindi. The forum viewed, with concern, the developments taking place in the Gaza-Israel war and the enormous human cost being imposed on innocent civilians due to the disproportionate use of force by Tel Aviv. Undoubtedly, the attacks on civilian populations and facilities are grave violation of international the greenhouse effect, El law, raising concerns of potential war crimes. The international community especially United Nations is under obligation to stop the genocide of innocent boding over this worsening Palestinians and force Israel to vacate state of affairs that has althe Palestinian territory immediately. ready unleashed cata-

Western media and the war



Zahid Hussain

The brazen one-sided account of the conflict justifying Israeli aggression against Palestinians living in the occupied Gaza Strip has exposed the mainstream Western media's claims of objectivity in reporting. Truth has been a major casualty in the ongoıng waı

While disproportionately highlighting the Hamas assault, the destruction of Gaza and the killing of thousands of Palestinians, mostly children in Israeli airstrikes, has received little coverage in the US and other Western media.

Israel's war crimes are being justified on the pretext of the 'right to self-defence'. There is no word of protest on the killing of a dozen Arab journalists in the relentless bombing that condoned, but what is haphas turned Gaza into

rubble. The double stan- any parallel in recent hisdards of those who claim to be the champions of freedom and democracy is ap-

While scores of Western journalists are covering the war from Israel, there are few on the ground to report on the unfolding humanitarian catastrophe in Gaza. For them, there is only one side of the story and that's what they are projecting. Much of their report-

ing of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict show a dominant pattern biased in favour of the Zionist colonisers. The events of Oct 7 are reported in isolation without going into the genesis of the Palestinian struggle for freedom. Unconfirmed reports

of the beheading of Israeli children have been used to whip up sentiments in the West and to build a narrative for the annihilation of 2.2 million people living in a narrow strip of land. Israeli leaders and some Western media commentators have compared the Hamas attack to 9/11. Indeed, the killing of women and children by any side cannot be

tory. Nothing is worse than the genocide of a subjugated population by a colonising ower. In its recent report, Human Rights Watch has confirmed Israel's use of white phosphorus in military operations in Gaza and Lebanon, putting civilians at risk of serious and longterm injuries. "The use of white phosphorus in Gaza, one of the most densely populated areas in the world, magnifies the risk to civilians and violates the international humanitarian law prohibition on putting civilians at unnecessary risk," the report said.

to a Unicef report, hundreds of children have been killed and injured in the latest Israeli airstrikes: "The images and stories are clear: children with horrendous burns, mortar wounds, and lost limbs." The number of such cases is rising every minute, with overwhelmed hospitals unable to treat them. The dead and injured are not only numbers; each and every one is a human tragedy. But the ongoing trag-

edy seems to have been ignored by the Western media pening in Gaza is without that has continued to justify

the Israeli military action. Such distortion of facts has virtually turned the media into a propaganda tool for warmongers. It appears that their 'objective' journalism is meant to serve their respective governments' policy of unequivocal support for Israel. It is as if there is virtual censorship, particularly on electronic media. There is shrinking space for rational views. For instance, it has been reported that three Muslim anchors were suspended by MSNBC, a leading American TV network, for apparently trying to present the other side of the story re-Meanwhile, according garding the plight of the people in besieged Gaza. One journalist has been quoted by the Arab News as saying that "the mood is very similar to what had happened post 9/11 with the whole you are either with us or against us argu-

> This mindset is very much apparent in the way some media groups have been reporting the protests against Israeli aggression and the wholesale massacre of the Palestinian population, across the Western world. A BBC TV report described massive pro-Pal

estinian marches across Britain as "pro-Hamas". The network later confessed to misleading the public but it stopped short of apologising.

Many European countries, including France, Germany and Italy, have banned the protest rallies, but defying the restrictions, people are coming out in large numbers to express their solidarity with the Palestinian people who have been subjected to Israeli war crimes. The worsening humanitarian situation in Gaza will only intensify the public's outrage. While the severity of

the Palestinians' plight is mostly missing from Western mainstream reporting, the destruction inflicted by the Israeli bombardment has been widely relayed through social media and some media networks such as Al Jazeera. But there is now a move to block reports and commentaries on the Gaza massacre even on those forums. Azmat Khan, a Pulitzer Prize-winning investigative reporter for the New York Times and a professor at Columbia University, has reported that her account was

"shadowbanned" after she

posted an Instagram story about the war in Gaza. "It's an extraordinary threat to the flow of information and credible journalism about an unprecedented war," she posted on X (formerly

In the midst of Israel's relentless bombing of Gaza, forcing over a million people out of their homes and turning the territory into a killing field for Palestinian children, the New York Times in its editorial declared: "What Israel is fighting to defend is a society that values human life and the rule of law.'

And what rule of law is the NYT is talking about? While condemning Hamas for its Oct 7 attack and the kidnapping of Israeli women and children, the editors deliberately ignored the fact that Israel is holding some 5,000 Palestinian prisoners.

Is the use of white phosphorous on civilian populations and starving millions of people an attribute of a country that values human life? Such duplicity and support from the West have emboldened Israel and destabilised the situation further. -- Cour-

What does Election 2024



Bilal I Gilani

In its latest press release, the ECP has given a tenta-tive timeline for the general elections - January 2024. The fact that the ECP has not given an exact schedule makes many believe that elections might not happen around these dates either.

Given this uncertainty.

the election campaign and the overall election mood is yet to descend in the cities and villages of Pakistan. From pollsters' perspective as well, given this unceranalogy, given the fastpast four decades of election analysis has given us some clues about what we aims to shed light on some.

vielders in the upcoming general elections remain political and nonpolitical forces. In a usual democracy, elections would be solely decided based on popular vote and the mechanics aligned to it – for example, political parties and their internal elections.

In Pakistani-style democracy, nonpolitical actors are as important. Many have theorized about Pakistani democracy as a pretorian democracy, where nonpolitical actors jealously guard who gets to participate in the election but also what the outcome of the general election would be. The usual refrain is that the military is the main nonpolitical actor, but I believe over the recent decades the judiciary as well as civil bureaucracy are

Unfortunately, the 2024 general elections will be no different from the previous 11 elections: there is a general election in which approximately 100 million vote but their choices would personalities would domibe restricted to what the nate the politics of the nonpolitical actors would world's fifth largest councan expect, and this article allow. Many therefore try. There can be changes rightly argue the need for in terms of vote propor-First, the main power- this contest if both the pro- tions (for example, the PTI

other important and pivotal

players in this equation.

cess and the outcome are mediated if not determined by nonpolitical actors. The merits or demerits of this debate aside, as we watch the unrolling of General Election 2024, we should be clear-headed about the ritual of elections and how far or close it is to what the constitution of 1973 dic-

Second, within the political actor's space, the main contenders remain the old faces of Pakistani politics. The front-runner remains Imran Khan, followed by Nawaz Sharif, and followed by Asif Zardari. Together these three faces and the parties they represent took 31 per cent, 25 per cent and 15 per cent of the total votes cast in 2018. In other words, 71 per cent of all the votes cast belonged to these three individuals and their parties (that they either created or inherited)

to happen free and fair, we are likely to have not much of a different outcome in

can win more than 31 per cent and the PML-N can win less than 25 per cent) but the stark fact would remain: that three parties represented and encapsulated by three leaders will be the choices the electorate would have.

Third, in case – and which appears to be increasingly the situation – the PTI is denied a level playing field, then Election 2024 can throw up new actors as well as unexpected gains and losses. Again, disallowing a political party – let alone one of the largest political parties – or its leader cannot and must never be endorsed without any legal judgment and I have no intentions of doing that. However, as an analyst it's crucial to distance oneself and predict what would be the outcome if this were to happen. Within the cornering of PTI options each of the options throws up po-If Election 2024 were tentially different sce-

with Nawaz Sharif in the 2018 election) and the party is given a relatively free hand to contest election. I would this this the minusones scenario (a tried and the likelihood of the PML-

tablishment rulebook and successfully applied to the MQM and PML-N and tried multiple times on the PPP). My analysis of the previous and current public pulse suggests that this would only narrow down the gap between the PML-N and PTI, but the PTI would continue to be ahead and at best we would see a replication of the 2018 gen-

eral election results. Second, if Imran Khan is not allowed to contest and there is repression of PTI leaders and difficulty in issuing tickets, a scenario I call 'minus all', and if it is done in the same fashion as was the case in 2018 with the PML-N, this could prove to be a lethal blow to the PTI. Lastly, and I think this is less likely to happen, the option is to remove the PTI from the electoral choices altogether, a scenario I call as 'No PTI' or 'Minus PTI'. This would be very diffimacy even after being

Unlike other analysts, even if PTI voters are forced to stay home, tested formula from the es- N regaining its lost posi- tesy TheNews

tion in Puniab is implausible and simply not how the voter blocs work. The vote the PML-N lost, and which went to the PTI, is now only going to go to another resistance and anti-PMLN party – the

I would end on a more sober note. Election 2024 comes at one of the worst moments in national history. The economic collapse especially reflected in the hyperinflation and unemployment figures, the collapse of the legitimacy of authority as reflected by the May 9 incidents and repeated violation of the constitution as is with the case of adjournment of provincial assembly elections and now with National Assembly elections. Unfortunately, none of the political or nonpolitical actors in the runup to the 12th general election of Pakistan seem to realize the cult to pull off and would gravity of the situation and First, if Imran Khan is create an assembly that all sides seem to be replikept in jail (as was the case would be weak in legiti- cating what they have done for the past 11 elections. Voters in this country and the conditions of the state of Pakistan require a major change which doesn't seem to be on the horizon. -- Cour-

The heat is on



Rafia Zakaria

It was a hot one. In fact, climate scientists who study Earth's temperature have found that September 2023 was perhaps the hottest September ever recorded

According to The Washington Post, the scientists' early analysis revealed that global tempera-tures surged last month by over half a degree Celsius. While scientists have long known and forecast Earth's rising temperature, the fact that it rose so much in just one month suggests what most of us are already aware of: that the various governments and transnational organisations pretending to grapple with climate change will not be able to stop it.

Given this most recent rise, Earth is now 1.7°C to 1.8°C warmer than it was prior to the Industrial Revolution. Copernicus — the European Union's Earth Observation Programme is predicting that the average temperature this year will ultimately be 1.4°C warmer than before industrialisation, shattering records that are thousands

In addition to global warming by the rampant and unchecked use of fossil fuels, the El Niño weather system is also putting pressure on the climate. The Post points out that besides global warming induced by Niño is adding to the temperature increase

It is difficult not to feel a sense of gloom and fore-

strophic weather events all over the world. Pakistan is still reeling from the aftereffects of the floods that devastated the country last year, while other states are dealing with hurricanes, storms, and avalanches.

Major cities around the world have experienced sharp increases in temperatures, some exceeding beyond 10 per cent.

One of the highest temperature increases was seen in the Turkish capital of Ankara whose temperature was reported to have increased by 18.2 per cent since 2019. The average temperature in that city has increased from 22.4°C to 26.4°C. Temperatures in Athens and Seoul have similarly witnessed significant

The numbers overall are forbidding and frightening. Not only do they show that the climate catastrophe is truly entrenched, but they also reveal another dark truth: the fact that governments in places such Seoul or Ankara or in any of the other much hotter cities have been completely ineffectual in pushing any proposal that can receive even a basic level of global

Translated, means that the world is quite literally turning into a hot and messy hellscape and those who could stop it have utterly failed to do so. Considered against the backdrop of this situation, the entire series of COP waste of time. To the extent that countries are willing to commit to reducing emissions — in whatever way they promise — it is obviously too late and not

If temperatures continue to increase by 1°C or more above the current levels, billions of people largely in the Middle East and South Asia will find themselves living in areas where the temperature will be too high for humans to

According to a study published in the journal of the National Academy of Sciences, there is already plenty of evidence of heatwaves lasting longer, being more intense and causing difficult health conditions even among the young and healthy.

The hot September of 2023 has already produced temperatures that exceed the Paris Agreement target of keeping the increase below 1.5°C. This has much to do with emissions continuing their wild unchecked trajectory. If this goes on, the outcome will be unlivable bands of extreme heat in North and South America.

Times like these encourage dark thoughts and predictions of the end of days. The most frightening thing about these is that some of the people who peddle them seem actually invested in hastening a calamitous 'Day of Judge-

Evangelical Christians from the US have been gleefully watching the cataclysm in Gaza because they believe it to be a sign of the end times. Proponents of this idea include none other than former US vice president Mike Pence. This dangerous lot is so confident of this idea of the end times that rabid wars and the transformation of Earth into a living hell seem to them par for the course.

The sheer excess of summits seems a ridiculous the catastrophe that prevails across the world makes our present an eerie and unpredictable moment. One cannot help but stop and wonder whether our parents or grandparents ever saw such an excess of chaos and tumult.

Surely, we cannot be the first ones to stand frozen before the collapse all around us. Science seems to suggest that we very well might be the first, and by dint of that truth are, very unfortunately, cursed. Courtesy Dawn

Mahir Ali

Last Saturday, a majority of Australian voters decided to disallow the descendants of their continent's original inhabitants constitutional recognition via a 'voice to parliament'. The result of the referendum was not a sur-

Opinion polls had predicted the result, though perhaps not the proportions of the defeat of a relatively straightforward proposition. It entailed the recognition of the historical status of indigenous Australians whose ancestors had dwelt on the land for some 60,000 years before Europeans 'discovered' it and the British colonised it — and setting up a representative body to advise parliament and the executive government on matters affecting Aboriginal

Their disadvantages in metrics ranging from health and education to housing, life expectancy and juvenile incarceration rates are appalling, and usually recognised. What could be done about this remains controversial. The proposal for indigenous Australians having a say in relevant policymaking came from the 2017 Uluru Statement from the Heart, based on extended community consultations, and was initially rejected by the broader politi-

When the Labor Party embraced it ahead of last year's election and then proposed a referendum after gaining power, the majority appeared to back the idea. But the support rapidly went south once the main opposition parties launched

rejectionism of the far right and unleashed a flood of misinformation, disinformation and abuse that reflected the Brexit and Trump phenomena. Inevitably, a lot of latent racist scum surfaced during a lopsided national debate in which much of the media knowingly contributed to the con-

Indigenous Australians comprise less than four per cent of the population and their 'voice' would hardly have affected anyone else. Even this minor concession proved too hard to swallow, mainly for the older, poorer and less well-educated segments. Small wonder, then, that forces of conservatism everywhere, directly or otherwise, dismiss the concept of adequate mass education, which would deprive them of their constituency.

Given this state of the world, it's no surprise that Australia's retrogressive own goal barely registered as a blip on the international radar. But the dispossession that underlies this saga is not completely at variance with the settler-colonialism that relegates Palestinians to the status of a people who are, just about, to be tolerated provided they obediently behave themselves and turn the other cheek to every

Obviously, there are vast differences of time and scale, yet there is a common history of dispossession and extermination campaigns. Raz Segal, an Israeli and an associate professor of Holocaust and genocide studies in the US, has referred to the catastrophe unfolding in Gaza as a textbook case of "intent to commit genocide", amid "shameful use" of the grotesque history of the Holocaust that includes comparing the victims to Nazis in order to "justify, rationalise, distort [and] disavow mass violence against Palestinians".

The West's reaction to the Middle Eastern explo-

The dispossessed a campaign against the no- sion has unqualified suption that embraced the port for the oppressor, amid sporadic attempts from Europe and the US to Australia — to shut down public expressions of support for the oppressed. It's not just appropriate but essential to condemn the atrocities that Hamas committed on Oct 7. And it's thoroughly hypocritical not to apply the same standards when Israel — which purports to be a nation-state rather than a terrorist organisation — perpetrates similar violence by some-

what different means. The US has been rushing weapons to a nucleararmed state with one of the biggest arsenals of conventional arms and supposedly the region's most efficient military force. That wasn't enough, so a couple of aircraft carriers named after expresidents Ford and Eisenhower are muddying the waters nearby to guard their biggest asset in the Middle East. And yet another old (but not ex) president, Joe Biden, will arrive in Israel today as a symbol of US support. He has lately advised Israel against pre-2005-style reoccupation of the Gaza

It's hardly a secret, though, that among its dedicated circle of friends, Israel tends to get away with murder. Even mass murder, which will no doubt intensify with the imminent ground invasion of Gaza. The rest of the world paid no attention as the "ethnic cleansing" in the West Bank intensified in the past week. Barring some of Australia's neighbours, it will also likely turn a blind eye to the deplorable but much less alarming turn of events in what has (not entirely accurately) been tagged as 'the Pacific Israel'

It must be hoped that Hezbollah and Iran don't step into the Mideast cauldron, but don't expect Israel to desist from stirring the pot. -- Courtesy Dawn

Governor Punjab says

Youth should play role in driving country to knowledge based economy

Independent Report Punjab/Chancellor Punjab University Muhammad Balighur Rehman said that the youth should play their role in driving the country to knowledge

based economy.

He stated this while addressing the laptop distribution ceremony under Prime Minister Youth Programme Scheme Phase 3 at Punjab University. Governor Punjab said that the future of Pakistan is connected merit transparency. He said that

nt Report in the modern era, those scheme was initially facts. He said that a Governor who have access to started and laptops were disappointed nation can access to technology are lagging behind.

Governor Punjab said the distribution of lap top among students would bring them at par with the modern world, adding he said that the laptops are being distributed on merit to encourage students and equip them with IT skills. He said that Punjab University is a prestigious institution, and it is a great honour to study in it.

The Governor Punjab

further stated that Pakistan was fast moving among the e-lancing countries, software exports were also increasing, and the talent of Pakistani youth in gaming was getting

recognition in the world.
Governor Punjab
Muhammad Balighur
Rahman, while stressing the importance of logic and research said that educated

technology are ahead while distributed among brilliant never develop. We must those who don't have the students on merit, it avoid those who spread access to technology are contributed towards the despair, he added. He said development of the that we have to get the country in IT sector. He nation out of despair. Therefore, the positive aspects should be highlighted. He said that respecting the opinion of others is also very important in a pluralistic society. Governor Punjab said that teachers should also focus on character building of students.

He said that our religion has taught us not to believe without verifying the facts.

children and their parents

on Wednesday visited

Governor House Peshawar

on Wednesday on the invitation of Khyber

Pakhtunkhwa Governor,

and distributed snacks and

juice among them. Talking

to the media, on the

occasion, he said that these



LAHORE: Governor Punjab Muhammad Balighur Rehman in a group photo with students during laptop distribution ceremony under Prime Minister Youth Programme Scheme Phase 3 at Punjab



PESHAWAR: Caretaker KP Health Minister Dr. Riaz Anwar addressing during High Achievers ceremony of Beaconhouse FC Campus.

Naqvi lays foundation stone of FIEDMC management office

Independent Report LAHORE: Caretaker Chief Minister Punjab Mohsin Naqvi along with the cabinet members laid the foundation stone of FIEDMC management office at Faisalabad Industrial Estate and Management Company. Acting Consul General of China Cao Ke welcomed CM Mohsin Naqvi on reaching FIEDMC. Mohsin Naqvi was given a detailed briefing about the FIEDMC management at Faisalabad Industrial

campaign. CM visited the construction hospital for ten years at FIEDMC. Mohsin Naqvi and the cabinet members also visited VIVO Mobile Factory. Provincial Ministers, Chief Secretary, IG Police, Chairman P&D, Commissioner Faisalabad and other officials were also present on the occasion.

Later, CM Mohsin Naqvi while addressing a Estate and Management He after planting a sampling formally will be established for the inaugurated the plantation Chinese friends as a gift few weeks.

working in FIEDMC Provincial Ministers, Chief Secretary and the whole members are endeavouring to set up one window operation centre. Hopefully one window operation centre will become functional by January. Chinese investors will be provided NOCs by different departments under a single roof. One window pilot project will

launched simultaneously at Lahore and FIEDMC. The under construction ten- bedded hospital in FIEDMC will be completed in coming

Independent Report PESHAWAWR: Barrister Feroze Jamal Shah Kakakhel, the Caretaker

Minister of Information and Public Relations in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, conveved his condolences on the passing of the distinguished educator and former vice chancellor of Islamia College University, Prof. Ajmal Khan. In his message of sympathy, he extended heartfelt condolences to the grieving family and prayed for their solace and patience during this difficult time. The caretaker information minister also acknowledged

late Ajmal Khan in the realm of education within the province, affirming that his services in teaching and learning will be remembered forever.

ANF recovers 466 kg drugs in four operations; arrests six

RAWALPINDI (APP) Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) while conducting four operations across the country managed to recover 466 kg of drugs and arrested six accused, said an ANF Headquarters spokesman here on

for Maldives.

Heroin was being smuggled in salt packets. À resident of Karachi was also arrested during the operation

Independent Report help owing to their sufferings. He said that these PESHAWAR: As many as fifty thalassemia-affected

Thalassemia affected

children visits

Governor House

children have confronted many difficulties in their life and we should provide them hope, assistance and kindness enabling them to overcome hardships and lead a normal life. "I am honoured to arrange a luncheon for them, and would always strive to give them happiness and hope"

he added Haji Ghulam Ali said that free education has been announced for special children in universities and steps would be taken for the facilitation of children suffering from thalassemia children deserve our and other blood-related special attention, love and disorders.

CM asks illegal immigrants to voluntarily return before October 31

PESHAWAR Caretaker Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Muhammad Azam Khan here Wednesday asked the foreign nationals illegally living in the province to

facilitations them with homelands

regard to their repatriation. In a statement issued here, the chief minister said that the district administrations and other

relevant quaters had already been directed to voluntarily return to their countries before the 31st of process within the stipulated time frame, as He added that the the government wanted a government would extend dignified repatriation of all charge Mughalkot check its all-out support and such foreigners to their post HC Muhammad Ejaz

Sindh Police says:

Rejects rumors circulating on social media no threats to law & order in Karachi

KARACHI (APP): The Sindh Police on Wednesday rejected the rumors circulating on social media regarding threats to the law and order situation in the megalopolis.

The police spokesmen termed the viral news, regarding any possible threats to law and order situation, as fake and a mere propaganda. The citizens were

appealed not to pay heed to any such fake news and also not to spread them, he

NCP items worth over Rs. 6.6 million siezed

DERA ISMAIL KHAN (APP): The district police have foiled a smuggling attempt and seized non-custom paid (NCP) items worth over Rs 6.6 million during the checking of several vehicles here in the limits of Daraban and Mughalkot Police station.

According to the police spokesman, a police team of Mughalkot Police station led by SDPO Darazanda circle Sherullah Khan along with SHO Rehmatullah Khan and ininspected various vehicles

PFA discards

220 litre fake

carbonated

drinks.

Independent Report

LAHORE: The Punjab Food Authority (PFA) has

unearthed a fake beverages

manufacturing unit producing carbonated drinks of different popular

brands on Mustafabad

Road in the provincial

discarded 220 litres of

spurious carbonated drinks; prohibited

drinks; prohibited chemicals, sweeteners and

hazardous artificial flavours. Further, PFA

confiscated 1,000 empty

bottles, 65 crates, four

cylinders, five blue non-

food grade drums, five

filling machines, labels, stoves, RO and filtration

plants. This was informed

by PFA Director General

Raja Jahangir Anwar. He said that the authority also

filed an FIR against the

factory owners on account

of adulteration and forgery.

authority

metropolis.

Earlier, a message was circulating over social media according to which there were threats to peace of the city.

further read "Some elements, people should miscreants, who never pay attention to such miscreants, who apparently are non-natives were spotted by a number of people in suspicious vehicles carrying heavy arms and ammunition and the next 72 hours were most sensitive for the city." Besides the news also mentioned the names of Karachi

message to be fake, Additional IGP Karachi Khadim Hussain Rind said the city. the message was a The said message nefarious tactic of evil rumours Police and law

However, terming the

enforcement agencies were taking all measures to maintain complete control over the law and order situation at the provincial level and especially in through cooperation and strategy.



GARHI KHUDABUX : Peoples Party (PPP) Women Wing President and Former MPA, Faryal Talpur along with PPP activists are showering rose petals and offering Fateha for the departed souls on the graves of people killed in PPP Rally Carnage-2007 on the occasion of 16th anniversary of the 2007 Karsaz carnage, in Garhi Khuda Bux.

Cabinet Committee reviews service rules for provincial **Ombudsman employees**

Independent Report PESHAWAR: The second ession of the cabinet committee tasked with assessing the service rules and terms and conditions of provincial ombudsman employees took place in the committee room of the law department. The committee was led by the caretaker provincial minister for law and human rights, Justice Retired Syed Arshad Hussain Shah. Attendees included Dr. Amir Abdullah, the caretaker provincial minister of industries and tribal affairs, the secretary of law, representatives

from the establishment and

finance departments, and

provincial ombudsman's office. During the meeting, the Provincial Ombudsman Employees Service Rules for 2023 were examined, and a comparative analysis of the service rules from the Federal Government and other provinces was also conducted. Caretaker provincial minister of law and human rights, retired Justice Sved Arshad Hussain Shah, emphasized the need to enhance the service rules further, with the goal of ensuring that the law is implemented in a manner that benefits the employees. implementation of these service rules is expected to enhance



SARGODHA: Volunteers demonstrating their rescue skills while participating in Inter Union Council Community Emergency competition organized by Rescue 1122 Sargodha held Rescue Main Office at University Road.

Commissioner launches one-stop driving license service

Independent Report MARDAN: Shaukat Ali Yousafzai, Commissioner of Mardan Division, inaugurated a one-stop operation for the issuance of driving licenses at the Motor Vehicle Examiner's office. During the briefing by Secretary Regional Transport Authority Dr. Mohsin Habib and Motor Vehicle Examiner Inayatullah, it was explained that the new system provides intending drivers with token, medical, and traffic sign test services all under one roof, a similar setup is now

Shaukat Ali Yousafzai, also directed action against vehicles emitting harmful emissions to ensure environmental cleanliness. It was mentioned that tests smoke-emitting vehicles, supervised by the transport department, are conducted at the Motor Vehicle Examiner's office. and mobile labs check vehicles for environmental

qualified government

doctor is available at the

MVE office to provide free

medical tests.

available in Swabi too. Commissioner Mardan, pollution. Moreover, a

Two killed, 3 injured over land dispute in Swat

By Haroon Siraj On Wednesday, as a SWAT: Two people were result of firing between the killed and three police two groups over the said personnel were wounded in firing between rival groups over a property dispute in Chinar Colony amankot saidu sharif area here on Wednesday.

According to police, there was a long-standing dispute over the land exchange between Muhammad Ali, Amin Khan, and Badshah Hussain resident of chinar colony and Ijaz, Akbar Khan and sabir khan resident amankot saidu

dispute, badshah Hussain and Amin Khan, from Muhammad Ali group was killed while while ijaz group suspects managed to make good their escape.. An FIR has been registered and investigation of the incident is underway. A police spokesperson said that DPO Swat Shafiullah Khan Gandapur took notice of the incident and directed to SP lower Swat and SDPO saidu sharif to arrest the accused immediately, he said.

CM visits victim girl's house near Dijkot

Independent Report
FAISALABAD: Punjab
Chief Minister Mohsin
Naqvi on Wednesday
visited the house of a sixyear-old girl who was killed
after being raped in a village after being raped in a village near Dijkot.

The CM met parents

of the victim girl and promised to provide them justice under the law. He expressed his heartfelt sympathy and

condolences with the parents of the victim girl. Expressing compassion, the CM said that it was his duty to give you immediate justice, adding that Inshallah, you would be provided justice. "I promise that no effort will be spared in providing you justice", he said and added that the accused would not escape from the grip of law. He said that whoever wronged you, will soon be brought to justice.

Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi also offered Fateha Khawani for the departed soul. Provincial

Minister for Information Amir Mir, Chief Secretary, IG Punjab, Commissioner Faisalabad Division, CPO and other officers were present on the occasion.

Earlier, the Chief Minister visited the Divisional Public School (DPS). He went to an Autism center, met with the children suffering from autism and loved them. He also met the staff.

Mohsin appreciated the efforts of Commissioner Faisalabad for setting up an autism

When the CM Mohsin Naqvi was on his way back from DPS, he stopped his car to see the children at the main gate. He went to the children and talked to them.

The children asked for a library and a computer lab in the junior school, on which the CM issued necessary directions to the Commissioner. The Chief Minister also visited the canal road

Feroze condoles death of Prof. Ajmal

the significant contributions made by the

Wednesday.

He informed that in an operation at Pakistan International Container Terminal Karachi, ANF recovered 12 kg heroin from a container booked

Social Welfare in Merged Areas is addressing child protection issues within communities, including those involving children on the move and Afghan refugees. To achieve this,

refugees.

System conducted an

orientation session for child protection focal

points from various government departments

Independent Report the department has PESHAWAR: The Case approved a PC-I for Management and Referrals establishing protection units and providing support to orphans in merged districts. Nine Child Protection Units have been set up in specific merged areas.

KARACHI: Supporters of the religious and political party Jamaat Ahle

Sunnat attend a demonstration against Israeli airstrikes on Gaza, to show

solidarity with Palestinian people, in Provincial Capital.

Orientation session

strengthens child protection

efforts in KP's merged areas

and organizations in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's During the one-day merged districts. The orientation session held on merged districts. The session aimed to equip participants with the knowledge and skills necessary to effectively coordinate and provide child protection services, including addressing the October 18, 2023, participants government departments, society organizations, media, and other sectors were including addressing the encouraged to apply unique needs of children on their newly acquired the move and Afghan knowledge and skills to protect children's rights. The Directorate of The importance of collective

action, collaboration with Child Protection Units, and building strong partnerships with parents and communities was emphasized.





PESHAWAR: Governor Khyber Pakhtoonkhwa Haji Ghulam Ali distributing food items among children suffering from thalassemia during their visit to Governor House.

PM Kakar says Pakistan as initial beneficiary appreciates, supports BRI

BEIJING (APP): Pakistan third Belt and Road departments, was eagerly has consistently expressed great appreciation and strong support for the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) proposed by Chinese embodied in the BRI, President Xi Jinping and was willing to learn from China's development experience, Caretaker Prime Minister, Anwaarto the Chinese media.

invited to attend the security,

Forum for International Cooperation in Beijing, said that the Pakistanis valued the great vision which advocated bringing peace and prosperity through development.

Pakistani ul-Haq Kakar said talking delegation, comprising top-Kakar, who was economic, industrial, and other

anticipating bilateral discussions with Chinese officials during the visit, engaging in dialogue and interaction with Chinese think tanks and media as well, he said.

Emphasizing the significant accomplishments of the China-Pakistan Economic level officials from the Corridor (CPEC), an exemplary project of the transport and industrial BRI, Kakar said the CPEC

development and bright prospects hometown of southwest Balochistan province

Launched in 2013, the CPEC was a corridor linking the Gwadar port in southwestern Pakistan with Kashgar in northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, which highlights energy,

Caretaker Prime Minister

Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on

Wednesday said that the

government was taking

business-friendly and pro-

investment initiatives to

bring about the economic

development in the

in a meeting with a delegation of East Sea

Group led by Chairman

Fang Yulong, highlighted

pro-business policies of

place on the sidelines of the

Belt and Road Forum held

Commerce and Industry

Wednesday suggested for

making a resolution for an

immediate end to the

genocide of Palestinians by

conducted a think-tank

session here at PCJCCI

Secretariat in which other

continued Israeli military

aggression on the Gaza

Strip which causes

Palestinian

The joint chamber

said, "We condemn the freedom.

President

Ghurki

said

The meeting took

the government.

He

(PCJCCI)

Moazzam

government

The prime minister,

BEIJING

PM highlights govt's

business friendly,

pro-investment initiatives

enable it play an effective

role for country's economic

prime minister that East

investments in Gwadar

Free Zone and refinery

sector and that the Chinese

firms were taking keen

interest in increasing their

investment in the country.

welcomed the East Sea

Group's interest in

investment in Pakistan and

called Gwadar a key factor

for Pakistan's economic

development and China

Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). He said that Pakistan

destruction of civilian

infrastructure. Pakistan

and China both vowed to

contribute the 'Chinese

wisdom, Chinese strength'

to resolve the long-standing

Palestinians and Israel."

conflict between the

Israeli terrorism against

innocent Palestinians and

world would have to unite

President Fang Yulong said

that when the Gaza conflict

civilian last flared up in 2021.

PCJCCI Senior Vice

Ghurki condemned

was and China were time-

encouraging the private tested friends as the latter

sector and providing a stood by the former in

PCJCCI for resolution

against genocide in Palestine

LAHORE (APP): Pakistan casualties, including

China Joint Chamber of children and women, and

office-bearers, members said that they stood with

and the people from Palestine and would

different walks of life continue to raise this issue

actively participated to at every forum. He said all

show solidarity with Muslim countries of the Palestinians. world would have to unite for the cause of Palestine

property

conducive atmosphere to every difficult time.

Prime Minister Kakar

Sea Group was making

Fang Yulong told the

development.



Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar and Caretaker Minister for Energy Muhammad Ali witnessing the signing ceremony of MoU between United Energy Group of China and Pakistan Refinery Limited for investment in the petroleum sector of Pakistan, Beijing.



DUBAI: Caretaker Federal Minister for IT and Telecommunication Dr. Umar Saif in a group photo after meeting with Regional GM of Cisco at GITEX

Direct air flights between Pakistan, Nigeria can enhance trade: High Commissioner

FAISALABAD (APP): processed within 48 hours. High Commissioner of Nigeria in Pakistan Mr. Mohammad Bello Abioye importance of Faisalabad has said that direct air and said that textile is an flights between Pakistan and Nigeria can play a key role in enhancing bilateral

Addressing business community in community and 'we are Faisalabad Chamber of exploiting this friendship Commerce & Industry (FCCI), he said that he has He also termed Nigeria as a taken various measures to land of opportunities and ensure exchange of said that the Pakistani information, B2B meetings and simple visa policy to facilitate the serious entrepreneurs. He said that visa applications are being in Nigeria and Pakistan of the Pakistan".

PESHAWAR (APP): KP

Caretaker Minister for

Food, Livestock and

Environment, Asif Rafiq

has said that the rate of the

dollar has been controlled

due to the best strategy

adopted by the

government, while prices of

petroleum products have

views while presiding over

a meeting here in the Food

Department said an official

handout issued here on

Wednesday. Besides, Secretary Food, Zarif

He expressed these

also been cut down.

He acknowledged the socio-economic iconic representation of this city at the global level. He said that he has developed friendly the relations with the business

> to promote bilateral trade business community should avail from this

minister said that steps are

being taken to pass on the

positive impacts of these

compromise on the provision of quality

edibles and zero tolerance

should also explore new opportunities investment in various sectors. He said, "Textile owners should also set up their units in Nigeria as we

have surplus cotton." Responding to a question, he said that Pakistani businessmen could also invest in the cashew-nut processing sector. Earlier President FCCI Dr. Khurram Tariq welcomed the guests and said that Faisalabad is designed on the pattern of Union Jack in 1898. "It tremendous He said that China progress and now it has during the last two years and Malaysia are investing emerged as textile capital

Govt's strategy succeeds Shipping activity in arresting dollar rate: at Port Qasim

KARACHI (APP): The movements of ships was reported at the port where fiveships namely, Maersk Santosa, MSC Maria Elena, Sea Treasure, Chem Harvest and Al-Deebal scheduled to load/offload Containers, Furnace oil, Palm oil and LNG, berthed at Container Terminal, Oil Terminal, Liquid Terminal and Gas Terminal respectively on

tonnes,

cargo carried in 5,066 Containers (3,477 TEUs

Imports and 1,589 TEUs

export) was handled at the

There are five ships at

port during last 24 hours.

Outer Anchorage of Port

Qasim, out of them three

ships, Chem Harvest, Sea

Treasure andMaersk

Sentosa& two more ships

MSC Maria Elena and Al-

Deebal Carrying Palm oil

Furnace oil, Containers and

LNG are expected to take berths at LCT, FOTCO,

QICT and PGPCL.

against hoarding and Tuesday. artificial price hikes. A total of nine ships He directed were engaged at PQA berths during the last 24 District Food Controllers to further improve their hours, out of them Neutron performance and asked the carrier concerned authorities to Zubarah'left the port on Almani, District Food address challenges and today morning, while four more ships, Maersk Santosa, MSC Maria Controllers from across resolve problems faced

the province attended the by them. PSX sheds 99 more points as profit-taking continues

KP Minister

taking continued at the pressure took the indices Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) for the second where it stayed till the end straight session on of the session. However, Wednesday, with the good corporate results of benchmark KSE-100 Index some companies eroded losing 99.54 points (-0.20 percent) to close at day.

49,431.47 points. proved short-lived and the green territory green. The benchmark index later hit the day's high and during the first half of the January 2017.

KARACHI (INP): Profit- session. However, selling

31.47 points. A sharp decline in The market opened on rupee's value for the a slight positive note but second straight day after took a dip soon. The dip making gains for 28 consecutive sessions also indices turned towards the acted as a catalyst for profit-taking. benchmark index briefly crossed the 50,000 points remained in the positive level for the first time since

Elena, Cap Andreas and Xin An Ping are expected to sail on today afternoon A cargo volume of 193,448 comprising 131,346 tonnes imports cargo and 62,102 tonnes export cargo including containerized

in the red territory again some companies eroded some of the losses of the

BEIJING: A delegation of East Sea Group led by Fang Yulong calls on Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar. China-Pak cooperation

yields benefits for growers BEIJING (APP): Two International Lab. He is high-yield wheat varieties also a top wheat scientist developed by Chinese and Pakistani scientists could

be approved for commercial production in Pakistan as early as next year, said a lead researcher of the project.

The new varieties have strong resistance against yellow rust a destructive crop disease widespread in Pakistan and are expected to boost local

at the Institute of Crop Sciences of the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences as well as the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center, a nonprofit research and training centre headquartered in El Batan, Mexico. "The crops are still being tested in experimental fields in

million during July-September (2023-24) against the exports of US \$46.355 million during Pakistan," he said, adding wheat output by a large that the team is waiting for margin, said He Zhonghu, clearance from local director of the China- authorities to mass July-September (2022-23), according to the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS).

In terms of quantity, Pakistan Joint Wheat produce the new varieties Molecular Breeding outside lab settings. the exports of cement also surged by 77.84 per cent going up from 941,529 metric tons to 1,674,418

Tractor production increase 44.98% in Jul-Sep

The production of farm tractors in the country witnessed an increase of 44.98 per cent to 11,586 units during the first three months of the financial year 2023-24, against the production of 7,991 units during the same months last year 2022-23.

During July-September, the production of trucks witnessed a decreasing trend as it went down from 946 units as compared to 391, showing a decline of 58.66 per cent,

ISLAMABAD (APP): according to the Pakistan Automobile Manufacturing Association (PAMA).

Production pickups, Commercial Vehicles (LCVs) and Jeeps also dipped by 35.80 per cent to 5,827 units during the months under review from 9,077 units during the fiscal year 2022-23.

The production of buses witnessed a decline of 60.48 per cent from 248 units to 98 units during the fiscal year 2024, the PAMA added.

Seeds of wheat, sugarcane, soya bean ready for three times increase in production; A positive economic change will Tanvir, Secretary Punjab Nadir Washington Chattha, Planning and

occur with the seed giving three times more production Agriculture UAF in collaboration with **Independent Report**

Agricultural development

is prerequisite for country's

uplift: CM Naqvi

FAISALABAD: Puniab Caretaker Chief Minister Syed Mohsin Raza Naqvi has said that agricultural development prerequisite for the country's uplift, for which agricultural scientists should develop highyielding varieties resilient

to increase productivity and ensure food security. He stated this while addressing the scientists of University Agriculture Faisalabad (UAF). Punjab

Agriculture Minister SM

Development Punjab Chairman Iftikhar Ali Sahu, IG Punjab Usman Anwar and others attended the UAF Vice Chancellor

Prof Dr. Iqrar Ahmad Khan

gave a briefing about the

to climate change in order history of the university, ongoing educational and research projects and agricultural issues.

Chief Minister Punjab Syed Mohsin Raza Naqvi while appreciating the role of UAF said that the role of UAF said that cultivation.

University, developed new high yielding varieties of wheat which are in testing phase for the second year. It is a hallmark step, he said, adding that after fulfilling the requirement, it would reach to the farmers' fields

by next year. He said that India had been producing soybean for the last fifteen years. But unfortunately no sufficient work has been done so far

Gold rates up by Rs.6,400 to Rs.206,500 per tola

ISLAMABAD (APP): The per tola price of 24 karat gold increased by Rs.6,400 and was sold at Rs. 206,500 on Wednesday compared to its sale at Rs. 200,100 the previous day of trading.

The price of 10 grams of 24 karat gold also increased by Rs.5,487 to Rs.177,040 from Rs.171,553 whereas the price of 10 gram 22 karat gold went up to Rs.162,287 from Rs. 157,257, the All Sindh Sarafa Jewellers Association reported.

The price of per tola silver increased by Rs.50 to Rs.2,550 whereas that of ten gram silver went up Rs.42.87 Rs.2.186.21.

Cement exports

increase 43.85%

to \$66.682 mln

in 3 months

ISLAMABAD (APP): The exports of cement

witnessed an increase of

43.85 per cent during the

first three months of the financial year 2023-24, as

against the exports of the

corresponding months of

from the country were recorded at US \$66.682

metric tons, according to

year basis, the exports of

cement witnessed a decrease of 7.19 per cent

during the month of September 2023 as

compared to the same

The exports of cement from the country during September 2023

were recorded at US

\$27.041 million against the exports of US \$29.137

million in September 2022. On a month-on-

month basis.

month of last year.

Meanwhile, year-on-

The cement exports

last year.

the data.



ISLAMABAD: A man is buying grocery from Utility store at Sitara Market as after the decline in dollar and fuel prices, such stuff also seems decline in prices, which a good gestures for the People in Federal Capital.

KP Govt decides to develop fruits, vegetable processing sector

Independent Report PESHAWAR: Caretaker Minister for

Industries, Commerce and Technical Education, Dr Aamir Abdullah has said that the provincial government has decided the processing of fruits, vegetables, and other agricultural products on international standards as edibles and its development as a

profitable business sector. He made this announcement while presiding over a meeting here in the Committee Room of Industries, Commerce and Technical Education Department here in the Civil Secretariat on Wednesday.

Besides, Secretary, of Institute.

Industries, Commerce and Technical Education, Syed Zulfikar Ali Shah and authorities of all subsidiary sectors, the head of Agriculture Business and Training Institute, Saleem Abne Fazil also attended the meeting.

caretaker The minister directed the concerned authorities to take practical steps to focus on these sectors. besides the traditional attractive sectors of investment, and turn them into useful for earning maximum profit for economic uplift of the province.

During the meeting, the head of the Agriculture Business and Training



ISLAMABAD: People busy in selecting and purchasing old shoes from vendors along İslamabad Expressway.

CDNS surpasses annual target by end of first quarter of FY,2023-24.

ISLAMABAD (APP): 200 billion additional The Directorate of annual target than the National Savings (CDNS) has achieved revenue exceeding its annual target by the end of the first quarter of the current year

The Central Directorate of National Savings (CDNS) has accomplished a target of Rs 430 billion in fresh bonds in the current fiscal year, from July 1st to October 15th, the senior official of CDNS told APP here on

Wednesday.

He said the CDNS surpassed the annual target and achieved the target of Rs 1.6 trillion in fresh bonds in the current fiscal year, He said this was Rs

target of Rs 1300 billion for the previous financial year "The CDNS has set

a reviewed saving target of Rs 1.4 trillion for the current financial year (2021-22) which will savings promote culture in the country, he said.

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

He said that work was being done on institutional reforms in CDNS and new reforms and innovations were being introduced.



KARACHI: Governor of Sindh Kamran Khan Tessori along with others gives awards to Zafar Abbas General Secretary of JDC Welfare organization during 17th Consumers Awards 2023 at Governor House.

UN Security Council rejects Russian resolution on Middle East

Monitoring Desk

UNITED NATIONS: The dor, Vassily Nebenzia, said UN Security Council on Monday rejected a Russian resolution condemning spiraling violence in the Middle East, with delegates refusing to back a motion that did not single out Hamas for its surprise raid on Israel.

Just four countries voted with Russia on its proposed text. Four others — including the US — voted against, while six ab-

A second text proposed by Brazil with unequivocal language condemning the group appeared to have broader support, and was expected to come to the vote on Tuesday evening, diplomats

despite the failure, the resolution had spurred the council to action.

"It has contributed to launching a substantive discussion in the Security Council on this topic. Without our encouragement, everything would probably have been limited to empty discussions," he said.

The United Kingdom, which joined the US in voting down the Russian proposal, criticised Moscow's lack of consultation, and accused Russia of not making a serious attempt to find consensus

Israel's Gilad Erdan said the Security Council, which has not adopted a resolution on the situation

Russia's UN ambassa- territories since 2016, stood at "one of its most pivotal crossroads" since its founding in the aftermath of World War II.

Palestinian ambassador Riyad Mansour said the council had a moral duty to act in a bid to restrain an Israeli assault on the Gaza Strip he said was claiming 12 lives every hour. "Don't send the signal that the Palestinian lives don't matter," he

"Don't dare say Israel is not responsible for the bombs it is dropping over their heads.

What is happening in Gaza is not a military operation. It is a full scale assault against our people. It is massacres against inno-



British Ambassador to the United Nations Barbara Woodward and US Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield vote against the resolution.

Lebanon-Israel border clashes escalate, five Hezbollah fighters killed

Monitoring Desk KIRYAT SHMONA: Israeli troops killed at least four fighters attempting to breach the border from Lebanon on Tuesday, the army said, as tensions run high on the border between

the two countries. Since Oct 8, Israel has traded fire on a near-daily basis with Hezbollah and Palestinian fighters in Lebanon. The Israeli army said its forces opened fire on accommodation. fighters when they atern border with Lebanon on Hezbollah said five of its

fighters had been killed "performing jihad". It was not clear if these were the same ones who Israel had accused of trying to infiltrate the

Later, the army said anti-tank missiles targeted Israeli forces in two locations, with Israeli tanks and artillery retaliating against southern Lebanon.

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stand-off between France

ture competitiveness of

their industries will be the

central point of discussion

when EU energy ministers

meet in Luxembourg on Tuesday, EU diplomats

LUXEMBOURG:

the "origins of the fire" and Hezbollah military posts.

Shots "fired from a light weapon" at several Israeli military positions near Lebanon wounded two Israeli military reservists and a civilian, it added.

Later in the day, air raid sirens sounded in the border town of Kirvat Shmona, which is nearly empty as many of the residents have fled to seek safer

The army said "two rockets were launched from Lebanon toward Israeli territory", with one "successfully intercepted" and the other hitting an open area. Hezbollah said it had

struck several Israeli military points, some with guided missiles, and targeted an Israeli army vehicle and a tank.

The military said it had targeted Hezbollah with overnight air strikes on

EU tries to unblock

UK university suspends students over Gaza rally

Monitoring Desk LONDON: Students from the Palestine Society at SOAS (School of Oriental and African Studies) on Tuesday said the university had "suspended students following a rally in solidarity with Gaza". The SOAS Palestine Society posted to

X saying, "URGENT: @SOAS University of London, renowned for its so called progressive politics, has officially begun taking steps suspending its on the improvement of the own students following a humanitarian situation and Gaza. This is a clear act of political repression. Please read on and share widely.'

The tweet said that on Oct 9, the Palestine Society and its student community held a rally in solidarity with the people of Gaza and that hundreds of students joined the demonstration. On October 13 and 14, the statement said "students were suspended and given warnings through disciplinarians by the university" and said the action by the university demonstrated "a targeted act of political repression.

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NEW DELHI: A fire broke

The incident unfolded

in the city where Pakistan

is slated to play its upcom-

ing World Cup match

against Australia. According

Google

Times of India.

reported.

Hosur Road

France, Germany spat Fire reported over industrial competition at cafe in India's to fund power projects. Bengaluru, A Berlin fears that France, with its vast nuclear fleet, 1 injured

nuclear energy fleet - then out at a cafe in India's use excess revenues generated by these contracts on Bengaluru on Wednesday causing an injury to a person who jumped from the Germany, the economic engine of Europe, is building after the blaze erupted, according to the

The European Commission proposed an overhaul of rules governing the bloc's electricity markets in March this year after Europe experienced very high energy prices in 2021 and 2022. The new rules seek to protect consumers from volatile fossil fuel markets with a shift to more longterm, fixed-price contracts.

However, its progress toward law is being held up by a disagreement centred on the contents of just one

The article spells out how state aid can be used

subsidising industries.

and Germany over the fu- will be able to offer such contracts to its existing

> on the edge of a recession after losing access to the ample supply of cheap Russian gas it enjoyed for years. Berlin expects the economy to shrink by 0.4% this year as its industrial output continues to con-

> The remaining member states are divided. Central and Eastern European countries that have nuclear expansion ambitions of their own are backing France. Belgium, Denmark, Luxembourg, Austria and others are behind Germany.





Ukrainian students, who lost relatives due to the Russia-Ukrainian war set flags in their memory on the memorial of fallen Ukrainian soldiers, while attending the reconstruction of a student-led protest campaign "Revolution on Granite" on Independence square in Kyiv, Ukraine.



People inspect the area of Al-Ahli hospital, where hundreds of Palestinians were killed in a blast that Israeli and Palestinian officials blamed on each

Russian Duma passes law to revoke ratification of nuclear test ban treaty

Monitoring Desk MOSCOW: Russia's parliament moved swiftly to fulfil the wish of President Vladimir Putin by completing the passage of a bill that shifts Moscow's legal stance on nuclear testing at a time of acute tension with the West. The lower house, the State Duma, on Wednesday passed the second and third readings of a bill that revokes Russia's ratification of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty. Both were passed unanimously by 415 votes to zero.

Putin urged the Duma on Oct. 5 to make the change in order to "mirror" the position of the United States, which has signed but never might then follow, trigger-

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TOKYO: Japanese Prime

Minister Fumio Kishida

agreed in a call with Saudi

Crown Prince Mohammed

bin Salman on Wednesday

to work together to im-

prove humanitarian condi-

tions in Gaza and help ease

tensions in the Israel-

Hamas conflict, the Japa-

curred on maintaining close

cooperation between the

two countries and working

The two leaders con-

nese government said.

Saudi Arabia, Japan

agree to cooperate to

ratified the 1996 treaty. "We understand our responsibility to our citizens, we are protecting our country. What is happening in the world today is the exclusive fault of the United States," parliament speaker Vyacheslav Volodin said. Russia says it will not resume testing unless Washington does, but arms control experts are concerned it may be inching towards a test that the West would perceive as a Russian nuclear escalation amid the Ukraine war.

They say a test by either Russia or the United States could prompt the other to do the same, and China, India and Pakistan

calming down the situation,'

a Japanese government state-

ment said on their phone call.

Japan, this year's chair of the

Group of Seven (G7) ad-

vanced economies, on Tues-

day, announced its plan to

extend \$10 million in emer-

gency humanitarian aid to

Biden arrived in Israel on

Wednesday pledging soli-

darity in its war against

Hamas and saying that a

blast that killed huge num-

bers of Palestinians at a

U.S. President Joe

Gaza residents.

Gaza hospital.

ing a new global arms race. All are currently observing test moratoriums, and only North Korea has conducted a test involving a nuclear explosion this century.

Russia originally ratified the CTBT in 2000. While it is revoking that step, it has so far said it will remain a signatory to the treaty and continue to supply data to the global monitoring system which alerts the world to any nuclear test.

But when he introduced the bill on Tuesday, parliament speaker Volodin raised the possibility Mos-cow might withdraw altogether, and said it would keep Washington guessing about its intentions.

Hamas says top commander killed in Israeli ease Middle East tensions strike

Monitoring Desk

GAZA CITY: Hamas said on Tuesday one of its top leaders was killed during an Israeli strike in the Gaza

"Ayman Nofal, 'Abu Ahmad', a member of the general military council and commander of the central command in Al-Oassam Brigades, was killed" in an Israeli strike on the central Gaza Strip, Hamas said in a statement. Confirming his killing, the Israeli military described Nofal as "one of the most dominant figures' in Hamas.



Armenia ready to sign peace deal with Azerbaijan by year-end - TASS cites PM

Monitoring Desk MOSCOW: Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan on Tuesday said Armenia was ready to sign a peace deal with Azerbaijan by the end of the year, and would guarantee the safety of all Azerbaijani citizens on its territory, Russia's TASS

Chinnaswamy Stadium, the news agency reported. designated venue for the Russian President match, is approximately an Vladimir Putin last week hour's drive from the cafe said he believed a peace deal between Armenia and

if both sides showed goodwill, playing down the difficulty of reaching an agreement on their shared bor-

Azerbaijan last month mounted a lightning offensive to seize control of the breakaway region of Nagorno-Karabakh, which had been governed by ethnic Armenians with Armenia's support for three decades.

Most of Karabakh's 120,000 or so ethnic Arme Azerbaijan was achievable nians fled to Armenia.

OPEC plans no immediate action after Iran urges Israel oil embargo, sources say

DUBAI: OPEC is not planning to hold an extraordinary

Monitoring Desk

meeting or take any immediate action after Iran's foreign minister called on members of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) to impose an oil embargo and other sanctions on Israel, four sources from the producer group told Reuters. Iranian Foreign Minis-

ter Hossein Amirabdollahian on Wednesday called on OIC members to impose an oil embargo and other sanctions on Israel and expel all Israeli ambassadors. Four sources from the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), which produces a third of the world's oil and includes several Mus- in any way possible.'

lim countries including Iran, said that no immediate action or emergency meetings were planned by the group in light of Iran's comments.

'We are not a political organisation," one of the sources said. On Tuesday, the Gulf Cooperation Council secretary-general when asked whether Arab countries should reduce oil production in retaliation for Israel's actions in Gaza, said that the GCC was committed to energy security and shouldn't use oil as a weapon. "The GCC works as a clear and honest partner as an oil exporter with the international community and we can't use that as a weapon

Canadian prime minister says blast at Gaza hospital is unacceptable Monitoring Desk

OTTAWA: Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau on Tuesday said the news of a blast at a hospital in Gaza was "horrific and absolutely unacceptable." Trudeau told reporters that "it's not acceptable to hit a hospital". HeaÎth authorities in the Hamas-run enclave said hundreds of people died in the explosion, which they blamed on Israel

France's Palace of Versailles reopens after earlier security alert **Monitoring Desk**

PARIS: France's Palace of Versailles re-opened to visitors on Tuesday afternoon after closing for a few hours for security reasons, the Chateau de Versailles said on social media network X. BFM TV, citing police sources, had said earlier that a bomb squad had been dispatched to the site. The local police body for Versailles said later that the police operation had finished and an earlier security cordon that had been put in place had now been lifted. On Oct. 14, one day after a teacher in France was killed in an Islamist attack, bomb alerts - which proved to be false - forced the evacuation of the Louvre museum, the Palace of Versailles and Paris' Gare de Lyon train station.

EU leaders vow tighter borders, more repatriations after Brussels attack **Monitoring Desk** deemed not to have the right

BRUSSELS: The leaders of Belgium and Sweden and the European Union's chief executive promised on Wednesday to tighten bor-

der security and step up repatriations after a failed asylum seeker from Tunisia shot dead two Swedish football fans in Brussels.

They spoke after pay-

ing tribute to the victims of

Monday's attack in the Belgian capital, home to the EU institutions, and condemning what they branded a brutal terrorist attack. The shooting has highlighted the EU's persistent

difficulties in managing asylum and migration, including security gaps and fail- only do that in a coordinated ures to return people way," he said.

to stay in the 27-nation bloc.

Sweden's Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson said Europe's open-border Schengen zone would not survive unless the EU's external frontiers were better protected from unwanted immigration.

"If we are not able to protect our common borders, we will not be able to uphold free movement within Europe," he said.

Belgian Prime Minister Alexander De Croo said the EU also needed a more effective system of returning unauthorised immigrants. "This is something we need to tackle and can

Russia's Lavrov arrives in North Korea as cooperation deepens

Monitoring Desk

SEOUL: Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov arrived in Pyongyang on Wednesday for meetings seen as setting the stage for a visit by President Vladimir Putin, who has stepped up cooperation with politically isolated North Korea. Lavrov's two-day

visit comes a month after North Korean leader Kim Jong Un made a rare trip to Russia, during which he invited Putin to Pyongyang and discussed military cooperation, including over North Korea's satellite program and the war in Putin's foreign minis-

ter, who last visited North Korea in 2018, will hold talks with his North Korean counterpart, according to the Interfax news agency.

Russia's TASS news agency reported that Lavrov may brief the North Koreans on the results of Putin's visit to China, as well as discussing Putin's potential visit.

Calling each other 'comrade', Putin and Kim toasted their friendship last month with Russian wine.

Courting Kim allows Putin, who says Moscow is locked in an existential battle with the West over Ukraine, to needle Washington and its Asian allies while potentially securing a deep sup-ply of artillery for the Ukraine war. U.S. Special Representative for North Korea Sung Kim on Tues-day called relations between North Korea and Russia 'worrying," after the White House said last week Pyongyang had recently supplied weapons to Russia.

Israeli anger at Netanyahu erupts at hospital bedsides

Monitoring Desk JERUSALEM: One Israeli cabinet minister was barred from a hospital visitors' entrance. Another's body-

ffee thrown by a bereaved man. A third had 'traitor" and "imbecile" shouted at her as she came to comfort families evacuated during the horror. The shock Oct. 7

massacre by Hamas gunmen has rallied Israelis to one another. But there is little love shown for a government being widely accused of dropping the country's guard and engulfing it in a Gaza war that is rattling the Whatever ensues, a

day of judgment looms for Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, after a recordlong career of political comebacks.

Public fury over some 1,300 Israeli fatalities has been further fuelled by Netanyahu's signature selfstyling as a Churchillian strategist who foresaw national-security threats.

Another backdrop is social polarisation this year over his religious-national-

ist coalition's judicial overhaul drive, which triggered walkouts by some military reservists and raised doubts - now borne out in blood, guards were drenched with some argue - about combat-

"October 2023 Debacle" read a headline in top-selling daily Yedioth Ahronoth, language meant to recall Israel's failure to anticipate a twin Egyptian and Syrian offensive in October 1973, which eventually led then-Prime Minister Golda Meir to

That ouster put paid to the hegemony of Meir's centre-left Labour party. Amotz Asa-El, research fellow at the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem, predicted a similar fate for Netanyahu and his long-dominant,

conservative Likud party.
"It doesn't matter if there's a commission of inquiry or not, or whether or not he admits fault. All that matters is what 'middle Israelis' think which is that this is a fiasco and that the prime minister is responsible, Asa-El told Reuters.

rushed air defenses and mu-

nitions to Israel, America's

closest ally in the Middle

East, but US forces have not

joined the fighting. The one-

way attack drones were in-

tercepted as they attempted

to strike Iraq's al Asad air

base, which also hosts

American troops, the US

officials said. The attack

came hours after an explo-

sion at a Gaza hospital killed

hundreds of Palestinians,

raising the stakes for U.S.

President Joe Biden as he

arrived in Israel on Wednes-

day to signal support for its

said the hospital was hit by

an Israeli air strike. Israel

denied this, blaming the

blast at Al-Ahli al-Arabi

hospital on a failed rocket

launch by the Palestinian

Islamic Jihad group, which

Palestinian officials

war against Hamas.

US says it thwarted drone attacks on troops in Iraq

Monitoring Desk

TELAVIV: The US military thwarted an attack targeting its forces in Iraq early on Wednesday, intercepting two drones before they could strike, two US officials said after the first such attack on US forces in Iraq in more than a year. The officials, who spoke to Reuters on condition of anonymity, declined to say who was suspected of the attack on the al-Asad air base. But Washington is on heightened alert for activity by Iran-backed groups amid soaring tension in the region over the Israel-Hamas war. Later on Wednesday another drone attack targeting the al-Harir air base, which houses US forces in the northern Iraqi city of Erbil, was also foiled, an Iraqi security official and a Western diplomat said.

A little known group called Tashkil al-Waritheen, or the Inheritor, claimed responsibility for the attack on al-Harir.

Last week, Iraqi armed groups aligned with Iran threatened to target US interests with missiles and drones if Washington intervened to support Israel's war with Hamas in Gaza. The Pentagon has

denied responsibility. The Palestinian Authority's health minister accused Israel of causing a "massacre". In Iraq, tension over the war in Gaza had already been high. Its top Shi'ite Muslim cleric, Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, last week condemned Israel and called on the world to stand up to the "terrible brutality" in besieged Gaza.

Pakistan calls for setting up humanitarian corridors for Gaza

urgent meeting of Organisation of Islamic Countries (OIC), Pakistan on Wednesday asserted that Israel must bring an immediate end to its campaign of terror with an immediate ceasefire, calling for establishing humanitarian corridors for relief supplies to

Caretaker Foreign Minister Jalil Abbas Jilani made these remarks, who is leading the Pakistan delegation to the urgent open-ended Ministerial Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) being held in Jeddah.

The meeting was co-convened by Pakistan and Saudi Arabia to discuss the crisis in Gaza and the humanitarian situation of the besieged civilians there.

Speaking on the occasion, Jalil Abbas Jilani denounced the Israeli aggres-

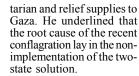
ade of Gaza that resulted in death, destruction and displacement. He also condemned Tuesday's massacre of innocent civilians in the vicious Israeli attack on a hospital in Gaza.

He underscored that the Israeli occupation forces were in clear violation of international humanitarian and human rights law. Their indiscriminate and disproportionate use of force amounted to war crimes and crimes against humanity, he added.

The foreign minister called on the international community to hold Israel accountable for its crimes. Jilani emphasised that

Israel must bring an immediate end to its campaign of terror with an immediate ceasefire, and rescinding forced evacuation of Palestinians from their homes.

He also underlined the urgency of humanitarian corridors for rapid, secure



The minister reaffirmed Pakistan's solidarity and support for the Palestinian people and their right to self-determination.

establishment of a viable, secure, contiguous and sovereign state of Palestine on the basis of the pre-June 1967 borders and with Al-Quds Al-Sharif as its capi-

On the sidelines, the foreign minister also held meetings with the Foreign Ministers of Gambia, Iran, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Türkiye



ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's Ambassador-designate to Morocco, Mr Muhammad Sami-ur-Rehman, calls on President Dr Arif Alvi, at Aiwan-e-Sadr

President Alvi for enhancing trade, economic cooperation with Morocco

ISLAMABAD (APP): President Dr Arif Alvi on Wednesday called for increasing cooperation with Morocco in the fields of trade, investment and

The president, in a meeting with Pakistan's Ambassador-designate to Morocco Muhammad Sami-ur-Rehman, who called on him, asked him to work for enhancing Pakistani exports to Morocco. Talking to the ambas-

rocco were marked by common history and shared in-

He said the two sides needed to increase the exchange of high-level visits to further strengthen bilateral cooperation.

President Alvi said that the Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC) had been constituted to provide a single platform to facilitate and attract investment and Morocco could benefit of Pakistan's sador, he said that relations business friendly environ-

between Pakistan and Mo- ment. Local transporters assure to reduce transport fares for providing relief to public

Independent Report OUETTA: The local transporters have assured to reduce fare of transport in order to provide relief needed relief to the people.

The assurance was made by the representatives of different transport unions including local bus federation, Sariab local bus association, Kuchlak local bus association, All Quetta Rickshaw Union, Mazda bus association, Pishin bus association and other concerned transport unions to the Secretary Regional Transport Authority (RTA) Waheed Sharif Umrani during a meeting held here on Wednesday.

The Secretary RTA called the meeting of trans-porters in line with the orders of interim provincial government and directives of Commissioner Quetta for reduction in fare of public transport in Quetta and other parts.

The transporters on the occasion also apprised Secretary RTA about their issues and apprehensions.

The Secretary RTA assured to resolve the issues of transporters.



QUETTA: Caretaker Information Minister Jan Achakzai and DGPR Muhammad Noor Khetran in a group photo with members of Balochistan Edi-

Air Chief, Turkish Commander agree to explore bilateral cooperation avenues

mander Turkish Air dustry. The discussion Force, General Ziya also involved an ex-Wednesday called on Chief of the Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal Zaheer Ahmed Baber Sidhu where both the commanders agreed to explore further avenues of bilateral cooperation including collaboration for joint production of military hardware with special focus on un-

manned aerial platforms. The meeting covered a wide array of matters related to the geostrategic situation, the progress of current joint ventures and the introduced to the Prinexploration of further cipal Staff Officers.

ISLAMABAD (APP): A avenues of collaboradelegation led by Com- tion in the aviation in-Kadioglu change of insight from both dignitaries on the operational training of their respective air forces in the backdrop of PAF's ongoing mega aerial exercise, Indus Shield 2023 which is being witnessed by dignitaries from around the globe, a Pakistan Air Force (PAF) news release said. On his arrival, a smartly turned-out contingent of Pakistan Air Force presented guard of honour to General Ziya Cemal Kadioglu. Later,

the visiting dignitary was

He called for an early

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Executive Committee adopted a Joint Communiqué outlining the collective stance of the Muslim Ummah on the situation in Gaza.



ISLAMABAD (Online) Former Prime Minister (PM) Nawaz Sharifhas filed protective bail pleas in Íslamabad High Cour (IHC) to avoid arrest on his return to Pakistan.

bail pleas

in IHC

Stance has been taken in the petition Nawaz Sharif will reach Pakistan on October 21 by special

Nawaz Sharif wants to surrender before court and face cases against him.

He prayed the court to accept his protective bail so that he could initiate legal process in his defence and

IHC Registrar office did not raise any objection

on both of the petitions. Registrar office has al lotted number 2023/3333 and 2023/3334 to Nawaz Sharif petitions.

Ambassador Amna expresses solidarity with **Palestinians**

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan Ambassador to Belgium, Luxembourg and the European Union Amna Baloch on Wednesday met Ambassador of Palestine to Belgium and EU Abdel Rahim Al-Farra to express solidarity and offer condolences on the loss of innocent lives in Gaza.

conveyed 'She Pakistan's unwavering sup-port for the people of Pal-estine," Pakistan Embassy in Belgium posted on X.

Attends 'World Fatwa Conference' in Egypt **Aneeq Ahmed** urges unity, adaptation in

issuing Fatwas

ISLAMABAD (APP) Minister for Religious Af fairs and Interfaith Harmony, Aneeq Ahmed on Wednesday participated in 8th World Fatwa Conference being held at the Egyptian Fatwa House under the umbrella of General Secretariat of Fatwa Houses and Bodies in the world in Cairo, Egypt.

The conference, organized under the auspices of President of Egypt, Abdel Fattah El-Sisi, brought together scholars, ministers and Muftis from 100 countries, said a statement issued here. During the conference, he extended his sincere gratitude to Dr. Shawki Ibrahim Allam, the Grand Mufti of Egypt, for his warm invitation and hospi-

He emphasized the importance of discussing the topic of 'Fatwa and the Challenges of the Third Millennium' in recognizing the unique and multifaceted challenges faced by the Muslim Úmmah in this era

He said the third millennium had brought about unprecedented changes in the way people live, communicate, and navigate their



coupled with callous policy bleeding Palestinian nation

ISLAMABAD (APP): Deputy Head of Mission Embassy of Palestine, Nader Alturk Wednesday said that it is double-standards of the West, coupled with a callous policy that is bleeding a dispossessed nation in search of a homeland for the last many de-

Addressing a Distinguished Lecture Series at Islamabad Policy Research Institute (IPŘI) titled 'Situation in Palestine amidst the recent upheavals in the Middle East", the Palestinian envoy thanked for the overwhelming support from Pakistan, and hoped that social media and countries across the world should rally for a nation at the verge of obliteration.

'We are looking for to our territorial dispute Palestinian state.

with Israel which it has oc-cupied forcefully," Alturk said and added that the apartheid at work is pushing Palestinians in a death He lamented the Brit-

ish colonial power for handing over 58 percent of the Palestinian lands to the Jews, and regretted that even the remaining 43 percent too has been en croached upon. He displayed the map

of Palestine that showed stages of occupation in four stages since 1948.

He criticised former US President Donald Trump for initiating a biased diplomacy wherein Israel is being given legitimacy by the Arab states under the Abraham Accord, and no solution is being found for peace, justice and a solution the pestering dispute of

Pakistan, US extend **Science and Technology Cooperation agreement** WASHINGTON (APP): Pakistan and the United States

Tuesday signed a five-year extension of the U.S.-Pakistan Science and Technology Cooperation Agreement to expand relations between the two countries' scientific and technological communities.

The accord is also designed to promote scientific and technological cooperation for peaceful purposes. Pakistan's Ambassador to the US, Masood Khan

and Jason Donovan, Director Office of Science and Technology Cooperation in Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs (OES/STC) at the US Stat Department of State, witnessed the sign

Muhammad Saad Ahmed, on behalf of the Govern



ment of Pakistan, and Michelle Sheckells, representing the U.S. State Department, exchanged the documents. Under the terms of the agreement, the two sides wil

cooperate through the exchange of scientific and technical information; exchange of scientists and technical experts; convening of joint seminars and meetings; training of scientists and technical experts; conduct of joint research projects; educational exchanges related to science, technology and engineering; establishment of science-based public-private partnerships; and other forms of scientific and technological cooperation.

Signed on June 25, 2003, the agreement has been

extended after every five years.

Gwadar Off Road Rally in full swing

GWADAR (APP): The ing in organizing that won-derful event. ganized by Gwadar Development Authority and Balochistan Motor Sports is in full swing, motorbike race was held in the first

In the second phase, the Racer Car Show and Registration will be held tomorrow, followed by the Qualifying Round on the next

The Chairman Gwadar Port Authority Pasand Khan Buledi has inaugurated the race by raising the

flag.
The bike track is 25 km long, a challenging track passing through sand dunes and uneven surfaces that provide an opportunity to exhibit their abilities

On the occasion of the inauguration of the race,

Chairman GPA expressed his appreciation and said that Gwadar is not only economically and strategically important, but the region is also naturally and ılturally beautiful. Pasand Khan said the

arrival of thousands of fans and tourists from different parts of the country to Gwadar will boost the economic and tourism activities here, which will also enefit the local people. He said that healthy

activities like Off Road rally in Gwadar are awaited throughout the year and such events need to be organized frequently. Accord-



The final motor car race will be held on October 22. which includes international and women racers.

District administration, Gwadar Port Authority, District Police, Security Forces, including all civil and military institutions of Gwadar are fully cooperat-

ing to source, a total of 204 racers including 11 foreigners, 10 women and 80 locals will take part in the

For the first time, two separate categories of motorbike races have been added along with the Jeep Bilawal Bhutto says

Elections in Pakistan halted for 'one person's return'

stan People's Party (PPP) Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari on Wednesday asserted that the general elections in Pakistan were halted for 'one person's return' – in an apparent reference to PML-N supremo Nawaz Sharif.

"The delay in general elections is not vote ki izzat (respect of vote) but vote ki beizzati (disrespect of vote)," the PPP Chairman said while addressing a public gathering related to the 16th anniversary of Karsaz tragedy in Karachi.

Bilawal Bhutto noted that the 16-month tenure of coalition government taught that Pakistan cannot be run from London. "Today, the country's Consti-

President PPP Balochistan Chapter calls on Sanjrani

ISLAMABAĎ (APP): Provincial President of Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP), Balochistan Chapter Mir Changez Khan Jamali Wednesday called on the Chairman Senate, Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani at Parliament House.

The deliberations delved into a diverse array of vital issues that currently impact the province of Balochistan, said a news release. discussion

jects, including the prevailing political landscape, the state of law and order, and the intricate economic framework During the meeting,

touched upon pivotal sub-

Mir Changez Khan Jamali offered invaluable insights and perspectives on these multifaceted matters.

The exchange not only fostered a deeper understanding of the challenges faced by the province but also underscored the collaborative efforts between the provincial leadership and the Senate in addressing and resolving these criti-

Hanif Abbasi acquitted in enhedrine case

LAHORE (Online): Lahore High Court (LHC) has ac-quitted PML-N leader Ĥanif Abbasi in Ephedrine

Appeal against life imprisonment of Hanif Abbasi has been accepted.

LHC nullified trial court decision regarding

conviction of Hanif Abbasi A two members bench presided over by Justice Alia Neelum had reserved judgment on appeal filed by Hanif Abbasi against his conviction in 500 kilogram ephedrine case.

The state counsel took the plea ephedrine was received in the company owned by Hanif Abbassi. Nothing could become known about use of137 kilogram ephedrine and nor 137 kilogram ephedrine has

JI Emir urges for an international fund to help people of Gaza ISLAMABAD (INP):

Jamaat-e-Islami Emir Sirajul Haq has asserted that the Israeli government is engaged in war crimes, specifically targeting hospitals and schools in Gaza. Speaking at a workers'

convention on Wednesday, he emphasized that the visit of the US president to Israel, during a time when occupying forces were ruthlessly taking the lives of innocent civilians in Palestine, stood as a stark challenge to the civilized world, aiming at conveying to the Muslim nation that no one could hold Israeli accountable for her actions.

Highlighting the significance of unity within the Muslim Ummah, he emphasized its necessity in liberating the holy land from the unlawful Jewish

tution, election, and democracy were halted due to one person's return," he said.

Without naming anyone, the former foreign minister said: "We hope that his return to the country would be big, and also that ECP [Election Commission of Pakistan] would soon announce the election sched-

He expressed the urgent need for all political parties to support the demand for the immediate announcement of election schedule by election commission, saying that Pakistan can be brought back on the path of progress only

Bilawal Bhutto also said that he wants to end

the politics of divide and abuse, adding that if politicians keep fighting amongst themselves, the country

will not progress. "We have to leave politics of abuses and divide behind. We need new leadership, which is not stuck in the past but thinks about the future. We don't want 90s' Pakistan or 2017's Pakistan. We want today's

Pakistan," he added. The PPP chairman also announced that his party was kick-starting their mass contact campaign, which will demand the ECP issue election's date. "Let the people exercise their right to vote; they will have to accept the demand of the



KARACHI: Chairman Pakistan People's Party (PPP), Bilwal Bhutto Zardari and Aseefa Bhutto Zardari wave to crowds at a rally organised on the occasion of anniversary of Karsaz tragedy.

Handing over of PHE's 54 tube wells to WASA: Caretaker Minister PHE directs to implement cabinet's decision

Independent Report QUETTA: The caretaker Provincial Minister for the cabinet has already given decision to hand over 54 tube wells of PHE to WASA so it must be implemented immediately in let-

ter and spirit. He also directed to the concerned authorities to ensure that PHE may not install any tube well in

Quetta in future. In this regard, a comprehensive summary may be presented in the cabinet after it's preparation.

The Minister PHE was chairing a meeting of the department's officers here

on Wednesday. The Additional Secre-

Qadeer Khan, Additional Secretary Admin, Nadeem Ahmed, Chief Engineer Public Health Engineering North, Malik Muhammad (PHE) Sardar Ejaz Ahmed Azam and other officers Khan Jaffar has stated that were in attendance at the meeting. The meeting reviewed in detail the process on decisions made in previous meetings

Speaking on the occasion, Sardar Ejaz Ahmed Jaffar said that if the officers perform their responsibilities well and honestly then there's no reason not to resolve the issues.

He also urged the officers to resolve the issues of drinking water being faced by people in Gwadar.

In this regard, a comprehensive strategy must also be adopted together with Gwadar Development Authority so as to resolve it in permanent basis.



BEINING: Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar meets Mr. Li Xi, member of the Standing Committee of the Politburo of Communist Party of China (CPC) and Secretary of CPC's Central Commission of Discipline Inspection.

Caretaker Minister Info calls for digitalization of DGPR to meet emerging needs of digital era

Independent Report

QUETTA: The caretaker Provincial Minister for Information, Jan Achakzai has underlined the need of digitalization of the Directorate General of Public Relations (DGPR) in order to meet the emerging requirements of the digital

Jan Achakzai said that the present era is the era of globalism and communication revolutions and as such we should keep abreast with the modern techniques and innovations for dissemination of the information in an effective manner

He stressed that it is very important to take necessary measures to adopt

the digital era and use modern technology in the provtion was speaking on oc-casion of his visit to the DGPR office here on Wednesday. The secretary Information Imran Khan and Di-

rector General Public Re-

lations, Noor Khetran were

also present. The Minister and Secretary Information visited different sections of the DGPR and spoke to the

high ups present there. Jan Achakzai on the occasion stressed the need to impart training to the DGPR staff in different modern technologies and communications means.

He also highlighted the important role of DGPR in information dissemination and mass contact and mobilization. Jan Achakzai also said that his visit reflects resolve of the provincial government to accept the digital era.