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"We are closely moni-

toring the unfolding situa-

tion in the Middle East and

the eruption of hostilities

between Israel and Palestin-

ians. We are concerned

about the human cost of the

escalating situation," the

Israel-Palestine conflict has

Pakistan's stance on the

statement read.

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Al-Aqsa Storm:

200 Palestinians martyred in air strikes after Hamas kills 100 Israelis, abducts dozens

Palestinian gunmen enter numerous Israeli communities with heavy barrage of rockets fired from Gaza Strip

Monitoring Desk

ing rounds on social media. GAZA: The Israeli death toll has risen to 100 as Hamas's "Operation Al-Aqsa Storm" rages on, while at least 200 Palestinians have so far been martyred and 1,610 wounded in the Hamas' military operation, according to Al Arabiya Gaza Strip in Israel's retaliatory air strikes.
According to Israel's

N12 News, at least 100 Israelis have so far been killed in the attacks launched by the Hamas movement.

The Palestinian health ministry said up until 4:20 pm (1320 GMT) there were "198 martyrs and 1,610 wounded with different injuries" in the conflict.

Meanwhile, Palestinians were scene celebrating the highly coordinated assault, which totally blindsided Tel Aviv, are do-

Lior Hayat, the spokesperson of the Israeli foreign ministry, said Israel was a "nation in shock by the murders, the attacks" after civilians were targeted in

Meanwhile, Israel's army said it was fighting Gaza fighters who entered Israel by land, sea and air using paragliders after a barrage of rockets was fired at Israel from the Palestinian

"It was a combined ground raid which happened through paragliders, through the sea and through the ground," army spokes-man Richard Hecht told re-

"Right now we're fight-

ing. We're fighting in certain locations around the Gaza Strip... our forces are now fighting on the ground" in Israel, he added.

Hecht confirmed there are casualties but would not be drawn on details, nor discuss reports that multiple Israelis had been captured by Palestinian fighters. Thousands of military

reservists are set to be drawn up for Gaza, as well as northern Israel, near foes Lebanon and Syria, and the occupied West Bank. "We're looking at all

arenas... we understand this is something big, Hecht said.

'Right to defend' Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas in a statement said: "His people have the right to defend them-



Smoke and flames billow after Israeli forces struck a high-rise tower in Gaza City

selves against the "terror of settlers and occupation

Abbas said this at an emergency meeting held in Ramallah with a number of top officials from the Palestinian Authority.

Al-Aqsa Storm Earlier, Hamas commandos attacked southern Israel after firing over 5,000 rockets at the settlers from the Gaza Strip, which was later followed by heavy infiltration of armed freedom fighters into the oppressive Jewish state

The Al Jazeera's correspondent said the unprecedented attack has left Israelis in "tremendous

"I spoke by text with an acquaintance in Tel Aviv. She says she was hurrying to get into a bomb shelter. The fact that several villages including some towns were attacked and captured - this is something that has never happened before,"

Reynolds said.
"This took a lot of planning, strategising from Hamas," he noted.

Soon after the massive surprise attack, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu declared war against Palestine saying that Hamas had made a "grave mistake.

The attack marked an unprecedented infiltration by an unknown number of

scenes" in southern Israel, indicating the extent of the

to buy supplies in anticihomes and headed for shel-

Mistreatment of Afghan illegal immigrants Jan denies allegations of **Taliban Islamic Emirate**

Independent Report QUETTA: The caretaker Provincial Minister for Information and Public Relations, Jan Achakzai, vehemently denied the allegations made by the Taliban Islamic Emirate's Embassy and Consulate regarding the mistreatment of Afghan illegal immigrants.

Gaza Strip, in Ashkelon Israel

In an official statement issued here on Saturday, Jan Achakzai clarified that the police have not engaged in

any form of harassment towards Afghan illegal immigrants. However, he assured that any complaint received will be thoroughly investigated.

A man runs on a road as fire burns after rockets were launched from the

Furthermore, Achakzai emphasized that Pakistan abides by both international and domestic laws, ensuring that every action taken is in accordance with international conventions. as is the Balochistan government

operation was conducted on a tip-off. Last week, at least 10 PKMAP's public gathering in memory of Oct martyrs: terrorists were killed in an Achakzai calls for convening exchange of fire with army round table conference to steer

Saturday.

Pakhtunkhwa's Tank dis-The operation was conducted in the Pezu area of Tank after getting informa-

an exchange of fire with

tion in Balochistan's Kech

district, the Inter-Services

Public Relations said on

military's media wing said

that a heavy amount of arms

and explosive devices were

recovered from the site. The

In a statement, the

army men during an opera-

tion about the terrorists Crackdown against illegal

immigrants continue 22 more refugees

apprehended

Independent Report

sources, 22 more illegal Af-

ghan immigrants were ar

rested from different locali

ties in and around the

Quetta city on Saturday. The SSP Quetta Jawad

Tariq informed that data of some 24,000 Afghan refugees have so far been collected in Quetta.

gees have so far been ar-

rested against whom 45

cases have been registered

would be taken against the

illegal immigrants as per the

In all 116 Afghan refu-

He said that action

OUETTA: The crackdown against the illegal immigrants remained continued in the provincial metropolis and it's suburbs on third consecutive day, Saturday. According to the police

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holders may find solo to steer the country out of the

Pashtoonkhaw Milli Awami Party (PKMAP) Mehmood Khan Achakzai has pleaded to convene round table conference for resolving the prevailing crisis in the country.

He said that all stake-

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QUETTA: The Chairman

The chairman PKMAP

was addressing the public gathering held in memory of martyrs of October 1991 here at the lawn of Quetta Metropolitan corporation

Serious steps to be taken against border violations:

country out of prevailing crisis

Pak-Iran JBC decides to counter terrorist groups, miscreants and narcotics smugglers together Independent Report Khan Achakzai led the

Joint Border Committee has decided to counter the terrorist groups, miscreants and narcotics smugglers to-The Committee also

decided to take serious measures against border violations and ensure steps on border crossing meeting all legal requirements.

The meeting also decided to provide electricity to four villages of Rajay/ Taftan by Iran.

The decisions were made during a meeting of the Pak-Iran Border Committee held at Mir Java, Iran on Saturday.

The Additional Secretary Home Department, Balochistan, Abdul Salam

Khan Achakzai led the Pa-QUETTA: The Pak-Iran kistani delegation in the meeting while Iranian side was headed by Director General Security, Hussain Ali Hussaini.

The concerned higher authorities also participated in the meeting.

During the course of meeting, different important matters including prevention of smuggling, border crossing, power sup-ply, border fencing were discussed. The meeting also decided to fence the border completely and exchange information of the prison-

Moreover it was also decided that Iran would provide facilities in issuance of the visa of zavreen

Two terrorists Admiral Naveed Ashraf killed in Kech assumes command of gun battle **Pakistan Navy** QUETTA (INP): At least two terrorists were killed in



ISLAMABAD (Online): Admiral Naveed Ashraf HI(M) TBt has assumed Command of Pakistan Navy as 23rd Chief of the Naval Staff. The Change of Command was held in an impressive ceremony at PNS ZAFAR Islamabad, in which Admiral Muhammad Amjad Khan Niazi NI(M) SBt, upon completion of his tenure of Service, handed over the reins of Command to Admiral

Naveed Ashraf. In his farewell address, the outgoing Naval Chief Admiral Muhammad Amjad Khan Niazi said that today Pakistan Navy stands as a strong and vital arm of the country's Armed

Forces, capable of protecting our maritime frontiers and radiating deterrence. Referring to the enormous military buildup by the eastern neighbour, Admiral Muhammad Amjad Khan Niazi highlighted that Pakistan Navy remained fully cognizant of the challenge and continues to pursue progressive capability development through induction of state-of-the-art naval platforms and equipment to enhance its combat readiness and potential.

The outgoing Naval Chief underscored that vitalization of Blue Economy is important for the economic development of the country.

No country allows stay of illegal immigrants: Solangi ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Minister for Informa-

tion and Broadcasting Murtaza Solangi reiterated on Saturday said that no government would permit the stay of illegal immigrants in their country. Talking to a private TV channel, the minister clarified

that individuals with legal rights could only reside in Pa-

He mentioned three categories of Afghan residents residing in Pakistan currently. The first group comprised of individuals who arrived in Pakistan in 1978 and had Proof of Registration cards. While the second category included those Afghans who had been in Pakistan since 2016 and had Afghan citizen cards verified by the previous government of Afghanistan. The third group, totaling approximately 1.7 million

people, entered Pakistan after August 15, 2021, he said, adding among them, some possessed expired visas, while others had entered the country illegally. To a query, he said most of the illegal immigrants in

Pakistan were from Afghanistan



MIR JAVA: Additional Secretary Home Balochistan Abdul Salam Khan Achakzai presiding over 7th meeting of Pak-Iran Border Committee

Hamas gunmen into Israel

from Gaza and one of the

most serious escalations in

the Israeli-Palestinian con-

flict in years, Reuters re-

Israel's police chief said there were "21 active

In Gaza, people rushed pation of days of conflict ahead. Some evacuated their

Hamas military commander Mohammad Deif announced the start of the operation in a broadcast on

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Domki calls on PM

ISLAMABAD (APP): Balochistan Assembly and Provincial Minister Sardar Sarfraz Domki called on the Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar here on Saturday.

During the meeting, they discussed matters relating to Balochistan province and other affairs of mutual interests, a statement issued by the Prime Minister Office said.

96% target of polio immunization drive achieved in Balochistan

Independent Report QUETTA: At least 96 percent target of the antipolio vaccination campaign has been achieved in the Balochistan prov-

According to the sources of Emergency Operation (EOC) for polio eradication, the polio immunization campaign is going on successfully with no issue in it.

At end of the 5th day, other day, 96 percent target of vaccination was achieved, sources of EOC

During the campaign, drops of Vitamin A were also administered to the children below five years of age. It may be mentioned here that it was targeted to vaccinate over 2.4 million children during the campaign.

The immunization campaign would also remain continued today (Sunday) as well.

SC disposes of 224 cases in a week

ISLAMABAD (INP): The Supreme Court of Pakistan has disposed of 224 cases (excluding CMAs) during the period from 2nd October 2023 (Monday) to 6th October, 2023 (Friday). Meanwhile, 312 new

cases have been instituted during the period from 2nd October 2023 (Monday) to 7th October 2023 (Satur-

The Hon'ble Chief Justice of Pakistan and the Hon'ble Judges of Supreme Court remained committed to accelerate disposal of the cases and diminish the backlog.

PM underscores urgent need for addressing Palestine issue

Pakistan calls for immediate ceasefire in Israel-Palestine conflict

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq kakar has said the escalating violence in the Middle East is heart-

In his tweet on social media platform X, the Prime Minister urged restraint and protection of civilians following eruption of hostilities between Israel and Palestinians. He said enduring peace

in the Middle East lies in a two-state solution with a viable, contiguous, sover-eign State of Palestine, founded on pre-1967 borders, with Al Quds Al-Sharif at its heart.

Meanwhile Pakistan's Foreign Office has issued a statement expressing deep concern over the recent escalation of hostilities between Israel and Palestinians in the Middle East.

The statement, released on Saturday, underscores the urgent need for a ceasefire and a return to peaceful negotiations.

been consistent, advocating for a two-state solution as the key to enduring peace in the region. The foreign office emphasised the importance of a "just, comprehensive, and lasting solution to the Palestinian question anchored in international law and in line with relevant United Nations and OIC (Organisation of

Islamic Cooperation) resolutions. Pakistan's position is that a viable, sovereign, and contiguous State of Palestine should be established on the basis of pre-1967 borders, with Al Quds Al-Sharif (Jerusalem) as its



ISLAMABAD: Former member Balochistan Assembly and Provincial Minister Sardar Sarfraz Domki calls on the Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar

Everyone will be responsible if timely elections are not held, says Bilawal

JACOBABAD (INP): PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari has expressed hope that elections, which are due in Pakistan in January next year, would not be delayed, but everyone would be responsible if they were not held

not held [till January]. But Insha Allah elections will be held," he said at a press conference in Jacobabad on Saturday. Polls overseer has

"All of us will be re-

sponsible if God forbid if they [general elections] are

asked the people to pre-pare for chilly elections – Continued on page 2



JACOBABAD: Chairman Pakistan People's Party Bilawal Bhutto Zardari talking to media persons at the residence of PPP Central Executive Committee Member Mir Aijaz Hussain Jakhrani.

Durable peace requires ending occupation of Palestinian land: Shehbaz

ISLAMABAD (Online): Ending Israel's illegal occupation, settlement expansion on Palestinian land, and oppression against innocent Palestinians are key for peace, justice, and prosperity in the region. These views were expressed by former Prime Minister Shehbaz taking to social blogging website x on Sat-

today's events. What else can one expect when Israel continues to deny Palestinians their legitimate right to self-determination and statehood? What else, after daily provocations, attacks by occupation forces and settlers, and raids on Al-Aqsa Mosque and other holy sites of Christianity and Islam? said former Prime Minis-



Govt. committed to bolstering disaster management capabilities with numerous steps: PM Kakar

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar said that mindful of Pakistan's susceptibility to disasters and the grim specter of climate change, the government was resolutely committed to bolstering the disaster management capabilities, enacting requisite legislation, promoting governance that was attuned to risk, erecting resilient infrastructure, and above all, fostering adaptability.

Disaster Management System in Pakistan was witnessing a transition from a reactive to a proactive approach which signified a crucial shift in how they collectively responded to unforeseen crises, the prime minister said in a message on the occasion of "National Resilience Day", being observed on October 8.

"I believe that the National Resilience Day will inspire the people of Pakistan to not only deepen their understanding of disaster risk management but also share the vital message of readiness, resilience, fortitude, and self-sufficiency," he added.

He said previously, the focus was primarily on reacting to emergencies after they occurred, often resulting in significant loss of life and property.

However, with advancements in technology and a deeper understanding of natural phenomena, Pakistan was moving towards a proactive approach, he said, adding this involved establishment of a modern National Emergencies Operation Center (NEOC) at NDMA.

highest desert sarfaranga.

SIALKOT (INP): Senior

leader of Pakistan Muslim

League-Nawaz (PML-N)

and former defence minis-

ter Khawaja Asif was opti-

mistic of Nawaz Sharif's

becoming the prime minis-

ter of Pakistan for fourth

ference in Sialkot on Satur-

day, he said that the Nawaz

Sharif will arrive in Pakistan

on October 21 to resolve the

issues being faced by the

stated that when the PML-

N supremo left the govern-

ment in 201/, the per unit

sued a statement on the

non-issuance of visas to

Pakistan journalists and

cricket fans for the up-

coming World Cup in

India. The ICC spokes-

person acknowledged

the seriousness of the

situation and assured

that all possible efforts

are being made to re-

solve the issue immedi-

The ICC has assured

the Pakistan Cricket

Board (PCB) that they

are trying to resolve the

issue as soon as pos-

sible and will reach a

had expressed concern

over the issue of visas

for fans and journalists

while demanding ac-

tion from the ICC on the

visa policy of the World

Cup. The board said

that they are disap-

pointed that Pakistani

journalists and fans are

uncertain about ob-

taining Indian visas to

Yesterday, the PCB

conclusion soon.

Khawaja Asif further

country.

Addressing a press con-

Asif optimistic of Nawaz's

becoming PM for 4th time

Pakistan journalists

rupees per unit.

All the prevailing crises of Pakistan would be re-

solved when the Nawaz

Sharif would take oath as

prime minister for the

The former defence

The PCB also re-

minded the ICC of its

responsibilities and

members' agreement

regarding the issuance

of visas for fans and

journalists. The board

said that they have

been reminding the

ICC about this for the

last three years, but the

issue remains unre-

released any further

details on the steps they

are taking to resolve the issue. However, the

fact that they have is-

sued a statement and

assured the PCB of

their efforts suggests

that they are taking the

visas to Pakistan jour-

nalists and fans is a se-

rious issue that could

have a negative impact

on the World Cup. The

ICC needs to act

quickly and decisively

to resolve the issue and

The non-issuance of

matter seriously.

The ICC has not yet

solved.

fourth time, he added.

was disqualified.

NEOC had the capacity to create common operating picture enabled by multiple satellite feeds, software, Artificial Intelligence tools that would strengthen digital risk assessment, early warning systems, and preparedness strategies, he observed.

The caretaker prime minister further said "Alhamdulillah, today, we have a robust institutional structure for disaster management in the form of NDMA and PDMAs. We now, need to strengthen the Disaster Management system at the district level to evolve as the actual implementing bodies of Disaster Risk Reduction

policy and plans at the local level." He said National Resilience Day was marked on 8th October as a solemn tribute to the indomitable spirit of the people of Pakistan and Azad Jammu & Kashmir, who had borne the brunt of harrowing disasters.

"It serves as a stark reminder that we reside in a region profoundly susceptible to calamities. Pakistan ranks as one of the most vulnerable countries declared by the Climate Risk Index. We have witnessed a series of natural catastrophes in the shape of earthquakes, floods, GLOF events, scorching heatwaves and forest fires - exacting a toll on the precious lives as well as billions of dollars lost infrastructure," the prime minister said.

On this day, he said, they aimed to raise awareness of the devastating impacts of climate change-induced disasters with a special focus on disaster resilience.

EXIDE H



A Palestinian man takes a selfie in front of a burning Israeli military vehicle after it was hit by Palestinian gunmen who infiltrated areas of southern Israel, at the Israeli side of Israel-Gaza border

Uplifting country's economy to be great challenge: Fazal PESHAWAR (INP): staging protests against the inflated power bills. He lashed out at the

e-Islam (JUI-F), Maulana Fazlur Rehman has said that uplifting the economy of country will be a great challenge.
While addressing a

While addressing a ceremony in Peshawar on Saturday, he did not want to see his opponents his jail and desires that every politician should be out of jail.

Referring to statement of one of the ambassadors raising con-

bassadors raising con-cerns over arrest of chairman Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), Fazlur Rehman said that he had remarked that what's your opinion about sending other leader who remained "The PML-N knows that Nawaz Sharif will return to the country." three times country's premier, behind the

He made it clear

Ulema Council Chairman, Hafiz Muhammad Tahir Mahmood Ashrafi on Satinterim government, saying, "The interim government has nothurday emphasized that the relationship between Pakistan and Afghanistan must be strengthened, and no one should be allowed to under-Meanwhile, while addressing a press con-ference in Faisalabad, mine the pursuit of peace between the two

LAHORE (INP): Pakistan

neighbouring countries. He, along with prominent religious leaders, held a press conference at Jamia Manzoor-ul-Islam, stressing the need for improved relations between Pakistan and Afghanistan and the importance of maintaining

peace in the region.
Ashrafi clarified
Pakistan's stance on Afghan nationals residing within its borders, stating, "There is not a single illegal student or teacher in any of the seminaries in Pakistan. If the police have any information, they should consult the concerned seminary and its administration."

He underscored the distinction between Afghan refugees and illegal migrants

NEW DELHI: South Africa

in a high-scoring Men's 50-

over World Cup match in

Delhi on Saturday to make

legally in Pakistan face no

Pak-Afghan improved relations

crucial for regional peace, stability

Addressing the issue of terrorism, he stressed that both countries should cooperate in preventing individuals from either side from engaging in acts of terrorism in the neighbouring country. He called for a direct channel of communication between the governments of Pakistan and Afghanistan to address concerns and resolve issues.

Ashrafi highlighted the sacrifices made by Pakistan for the cause of peace in the region, including hosting almost four million Afghan refugees. He also reminded the audience that Pakistan had supported Afghanistan against the Soviet Union and suffered significant losses during the war on terror, with over 80,000 Pakistanis

martyred. Regarding the current situation in Afghanistan, he expressed hope in the interim government and Pakistan's ongoing efforts

that Afghan nationals living between both nations in facilitating the return of illegal Afghan migrants while ensuring the protection of those living legally in Paki-

In conclusion, Ashrafi stressed the importance of collaboration between religious scholars and political leaders from both Pakistan and Afghanistan to promote regional peace. He called for open channels of communication and the removal of misunderstandings that could be exploited by outsiders to create divisions between the two

countries He also addressed the global issues of Palestine and Kashmir, emphasizing the need for unity in addressing oppression and finding peaceful solutions to these long-standing con-

flicts.

The press conference participants echoed the sentiment that regional peace was a shared goal, and both Pakistan and Afghanistan must work together to eliminate the threat of terand expressed Pakistan's commitment to ensuring to bring stability to the region. He urged cooperation in the region.

ing to do."

Fazlur Rehman said that

his party will welcome

Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N)

supremo Nawaz Sharif

on his return. He said: "We have

made no contacts on the

return of Nawaz Sharif

to the country. Nawaz

Sharif has the right to

return and do politics."
"The PML-N knows

with an organised plan, he added.

Speaking about the merger of the Federally

Administered Tribal

Areas (Fata), Rehman said: "No benefits have

been reaped for the people with the merger of Fata."

"No single candidate can run the election

campaign in Khyber

statement. We are demo-

cratic parties and want

He also answered que-

ries related to the return of

PML-N leader Khawaja

Aisf's statement on

supremo Nawaz Sharif to

Asif's media talk but with

a bit of criticism. He was of

the view that the whole

party should hold the re-

sponsibility rather than the

Sharif family pulling the

length, he added that there

Nawaz's return. He won-

were from the coalition

workers and leader] are not

always wanted Nawaz

election commissioner and

the caretaker government to

not think about any politi-

cal party but think about

the people," he said while

talking about the develop-

"We appeal to the chief

should come here."

government

On the same wave-

weight of the party.

Bilawal appreciated

timely elections."

Pakistan.

that the party was not having any personal tussle with any stakeholder. However, there are differences in ideology. The JUI-F chief be-

moaned that the traders are facing severe economic hardships, adding that the people were campaign in I Pakhtunkhwa Balochistan."



SIALKOT: PML-N Central Leader and Former Defense Minister Khawaja Muhammad Asif is addressing to media persons at his residence in Cantt

Everyone will be responsible...

over two months after the constitutionally mandated deadline of 90 days – after it completes the delimitation process.

The Election Commission of Pakistan has not announced the exact date for the elections. The schedule is expected to be released after the final notification of the delimitation exercise likely on Nov 30.

Those who are trying to run away from elections will realise in polls that their approach has cost them dearly and not turned out in their favour," Bilawal said, "as far as the election date is concerned, we think that it is the duty of ECP to announce the election

The PPP chairman reiterated that the election date announcement from the ECP would end the confu-

When asked about JUI-F chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman's statement, he said that for every democratic politician, the solution to problems was an

election He went on to add that elected representatives have the mandate and legitimacy to represent the people and solve their is-

mammoth target of 429 Chasing an imposing 429, Dasun Shanaka's side fell short as South Africa's imperious batting perfor-

mance helped them clinch victory as well as put in the highest total of the event. Small partnerships between the Sri Lankan middle order raised some hopes but the task ulti-

mately proved too much. They were all out for 326 South Africa posted the highest World Cup total on Saturday when they scored

428-5 against Sri Lanka on a record-setting day in New Delhi. The Proteas bettered

the previous World Cup best of 417 made by Australia against Afghanistan at

IPP announces worker conventions, **public gatherings** from October 13

should be more activities in ISLAMABAD (APP) Lahore and Narowal for Istehkam-i-Pakistan Party (IPP) Central Information dered where his colleagues Secretary, Dr. Firdous Ashiq Awan on Saturday announced that the party 'Sorry to say I am not will hold worker convensatisfied they [PML-N tions and public gatherings across the country from seen in their areas. If Nawaz October 13. Sharif is coming, we have

Addressing a press conference, she said, "Under the leadership of Jahangir Khan Tareen and party president Abdul Haleem Khan, IPP has decided to organize worker conventions and public gatherings from October 13 throughout the country. These public gatherings will demonstrate that IPP represents the public

runs in high scoring World Cup match with van der Dussen before being dismissed off the next

South Africa beat Sri Lanka by 102

Perth in 2015. Aiden Markram (106) beat Sri Lanka by 102 runs also made history by smashing the fastest World Cup century, reaching the milestone in just 49 balls.

a solid start in their mega Rassie van der Dussen event campaign as the Li-(108) and Quinton de Kock ons' struggled to chase a (100) also hit centuries in the first World Cup match to feature three tons in the

De Kock, who is playing in his final international tournament, hit his 18th ODI century off 83 balls with 12 fours and three sixes. De Kock put on 204

from Matheesha Pathirana to Dhananjaya de Silva at mid-on. Van der Dussen soon reached his fifth century in the format off 103 balls

ball he faced after reaching

100, top edging a delivery

with 12 fours and three De Kock and van der Dussen came together at the fall of the first wicket when skipper Temba Bavuma was trapped lbw by Dilshan Madushanka for



QUETTA: Advocate Qamer un Nisa addressing a press conference.

200 Palestinians martyred...

Continued from page 1 Hamas media, calling on Palestinians everywhere to

"This is the day of the greatest battle to end the last occupation on earth," he said, adding that 5,000 rockets had been launched.

The last major flare-up between Israel and Hamas was a 10-day war in 2021. Saturday's incident

marked an unprecedented infiltration by Hamas fighters into Israel from Gaza, and was the most serious escalation since Israel and Hamas fought a 10-day war in 2021.

Israeli media reported gunbattles between bands of Palestinian fighters and Israeli security forces in towns in southern Israel. In Gaza, people rushed to buy supplies in anticipation of days of conflict ahead.

Hamas military commander Mohammad Deif announced the start of the operation in a broadcast on Hamas media, calling on Palestinians everywhere to

"This is the day of the greatest battle to end the last occupation on earth," he said, adding that 5,000 rockets had been launched

The Lebanese group Hezbollah said the operation was a "decisive response to Israel's continued occupation and a message to those seeking normalisation with Israel"

An adviser to Iran's Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei congratulated Palestinian fighters for the attack. The Israeli military said its forces were operating inside Gaza but gave no details. Israeli Defence Minis-

ter Gallant said Hamas had 'launched a war against the State of Israel". Israeli troops are fighting against the enemy at every location", he said. "A number of terrorists

have infiltrated into Israeli territory from the Gaza Strip," the Israeli military said in a statement, adding that residents in the area surrounding the Gaza Strip had been told to stay in their homes. Israeli media claimed

that gunmen had opened fire on passers-by in the town of Sderot, in southern Israel, and footage circulating on social media appeared to show clashes in city streets as well as gunmen in jeeps roaming the countryside.

ment projects halted by the citizens with positive and interim setup in the provconstructive messages "I don't think Maulana at the grassroots level

QUETTA: Activists of Rail Mazdoor Mahaz holding a protest in front DS Office against stoppage of salaries of railway employees

Achakzai calls for convening...

cover Pakistan's opening match in the ICC journalists are able to

World Cup. This uncer- attend the tournament.

on Saturday evening. The public gathering

was arranged by PKMAP. The senior leaders of PKMAP and large number of its workers participated in the gathering. Chairman

PKMAP expressed concern about the increasing price-hike, unemployment and law and order situation in the province and so in the country.

He said that commen men are suffering due to these problems and as such steps should be taken to end

Mehmood Achakzai was also critical of the concerned high ups for allegedly decreasing population of

Continued from page 1 Pashtoons living in

He said that the population of Pashtoons was counted less than the actual in the digital population census as such it rejected

He said that it is need of the hour to raise forceful voice for the public issues and rights. He said that every na-

tionality has its own identity and as such it must be acclaimed and honored. Other leaders of the PKMAP including Abdul

Rahim Ziaratwal also ad-

dressed the gathering. They also voiced concern about the manner ongoing crackdown is being done against the Afghan refugees in the

SKARDU: A participant approaching towards his target during the "Sarfaranga Cold Desert Rally 5th Edition 2023 in qualifying round at world Dr Nadeem to represent

Pak at regional

health forum ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Federal Minister for Health Dr. Nadeem Jan will represent Pakistan at the highest regional health forum involving 22 nations.

minister was of the view that the PML-N's supremo Speaking at Islamabad International Airport, the wasn't even named in the minister mentioned that Panama Case but still he meetings with health ministers from friendly coun-He informed, the former PM would land in tries haf been scheduled.

He said that during Pakistan after visiting a these meetings, they will couple of foreign coundiscuss enhancing cooperatries.
"We saved Pakistan tion in the field of technology transfer for vaccine

production in Pakistan. electricity cost was just 11 lition government of 16 He said that efforts rupees and now it was 55 months," Asif concluded. would be made to ensure robust advocacy for **ICC** assures PCB to Pakistan's hosting of the Global Health Security resolve visa issue for Summit, which was a pres

tigious opportunity. The 70th session of the World Health Organization's (WHO) Re-LAHORE (INP): The In- tainty is causing siggional Committee for the ternational Cricket nificant pressure on Council (ICC) has is- them. Eastern Mediterranean Region is commencing in Cairo

on October 9. During this session, Dr Nadeem Jan will brief on Pakistan's initiatives and challenges and present future action plans.

Aneeg Ahmed visits historical Masjid Mahabat Khan

PESHAWAR (APP): Caretaker Federal Minister for Religious Affairs, Aneeq Ahmed, visited the historical Masjid Mahabat Khan on Saturday. Speaking to the media, Aneeq Ahmed said that we aim to promote

the message of faith. While emphasizing the importance of spreading religious teachings, the minister expressed his determination to uplift the nation from despair and uncer-

tainty We must have faith that better days are ahead, said Minister Aneeq Ahmed. He said that we should place our trust in Allah for improvement. In a message to the nation, he stated that, at this time, Pakistan's leadership will guide the nation through its challenges.

The Federal Minister for Religious Affairs, Aneeq Ahmed, said that our goa is to spread the message of religion, whether through respected religious scholars or those connected to the media, to reach our fellow Continued from page 1 Sb who led MRD and ARD movements will give such a

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ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Defence Production Lt Gen Anwar Ali Hyder (Retd), Ambassador of Egypt, Egyptian Defense Attache staff Brigadier Mohamed Saad and others standing in respect of national anthum of Pakistan and Egypt on the occasion of the Egyptian Armed Forces Day at a local hotel. premier said, "the interna-

AJK PM remembers World community's unprecedented for rehabilitation of Oct. 8

Azad Jammu and Kashmir Prime Minister Chaudhry Anwar ul Haq on Saturday said that Kashmiris would never forget the international community's unprecedented role it had played in relief, rescue and rehabilitation operations following the deadly earthquake that shook the region on October 8, 2005.

In his message issued on the 18th anniversary of the earthquake, the AJK

tions is against the interna-

tional laws and principles.

They said that the ban on

the DFP is a manifestation

of Indian cowardice. They

said India should keep in

mind that freedom move-

ments cannot be crushed by

ent organizations, Jammu

and Kashmir Democratic

Jammu and Kashmir Free-

dom Front, and Jammu and

Kashmir Employees Move-

ment in a joint statement in

Srinagar also denounced the

ban on DFP. They urged

the UN, Organization of

Islamic Cooperation and

European Union to stop

India from banning politi-

cal parties of occupied

Jammu and Kashmir striv-

ing for the resolution of the

Kashmir dispute in accordance

with the ÛN resolutions.

Meanwhile, APHC-AJK lead

ers including Muhammad

Farooq Rehmani, Ghulam

Muhammad Safi, Syed Yousuf

Naseem, Mir Tahir Masood,

Syed Faiz Naqshbandi, Altaf

Hussain Wani, Sheikh Abdul

Mateen, Imtiaz Wani, Sheikh

Muhammad Yaqub, Nisar

Mirza, Hassan Bana, Altai

Ahmad Butt, Zahid Safi,

Haji Sultan Butt, Syed

Mushtaq, Adeel Mushtaq

Wani, Abdul Majeed

Muhammad Ashraf Dar,

Sheikh Abdul Majeed, Syed

Parvez Ahmed, Mushtaq

Aijaz Rehmani, Advocate

The APHC's constitu-

Movement,

repressive tactics.

Political

Ban on DFP by Modi

govt in IIOJK denounced

ISLAMABAD (APP):

The All Parties Hurriyat

Conference (APHC) lead-

ers strongly denouncing the

ban imposed by the

Narendra Modi-led Indian

government on the pro-free-

dom organization Demo-

cratic Freedom Party in In-

dian Illegally Occupied

Jammu and Kashmir have

termed the move as com-

pletely unjustified and ille-

gal. According to Kashmir

Media Service, the incarcer-

ated APHC General Secre-

tary, Molvi Bashir Ahmed

Irfani, in a message from jail

and other leaders including

Fayaz Hussain Jafari, Syed

Sibte Shabbir Qummi and

Farida Bahenji in their state-

ments in Srinagar said In-

dia, the world's largest so-

called democracy, is violat-

ing democratic values and

principles in occupied

tional community recog-

nizes Jammu and Kashmir

as a disputed territory

while the UN has passed

several resolutions regard-

ing the right to self-deter-

mination of the Kashmiris.

Therefore, they said, the

Kashmiris' struggle against

the India's illegal occupa-

tion of their homeland is

completely legitimate and

India's action to suppress

the Kashmir freedom move-

ment by force and to ban

The APHC leader said

freedom-loving organiza- Ahmad Butt, Zahid Ashraf

They said the interna-

Jammu and Kashmir.

tional community played such a remarkable role that won the hearts and minds of the Pakistani and the Kashmiri nation" He said that the

people of Azad Jammu and Kashmir owe a debt of gratitude to all those countries who helped us in this

Hailing the government and people of Pakistan for their all-out support, the PM said that the spirit of generosity shown by the Pakistani nation during the deadly situation

that besides generating a wave of hope amongst the quake victims, encouraged them to overcome the diffi-

He said that it was heartening to see that the region, with the gracious support of the international community and the Pakistani nation, has been able to recover fully.

"The cities and towns that were flattened by the earthquake have been rebuilt, damaged roads have been turned into highways,

was a real morale booster buildings for educational institutions, hospitals and government offices have been reconstructed afresh with the aid and assistance of the international community", he said, adding that the construction of many such projects was still under progress.

He said that national institutions have played an exemplary role in all these construction activities.He said that modern facilities would be provided in every city and village of Azad

Pakistan, UK agree to work jointly for Pakistani women empowerment: Mushaal

ISLAMABAD (APP): male colleagues for the bet-Special Assistant to Prime Minister on Human Rights and Women Empowerment Mushaal Hussein Mullick and Afzal Khan MP Labour Party Shadow Minister UK Parliament on Saturday agreed to work together in adopting sustained

policy initiatives for Pakistani economic women empowerment and growth in the work sector. During the meeting, the SAPM on HR and Women Empowerment and MP Labour Party Shadow Minister UK Parliament discussed adopting sustained policy initiatives to empower Pakistani women in detail, said a

They both agreed that there was not only a dire need to start skill development programs for Pakistani women but also to give them funds in order to enable them so they could play their role alongside resolution of the Kashmir

vacancy allotment letter

Justice Babar Sattar of

official residence in

IHC issued detailed deci-

sion regarding dismissal of

petition against cancellation

of allotment of contract

employee Sumera Siddiqui

tained all the allotment let-

ters of subject to vacancy

will be considered revoked.

Attorney General (AG)

and ministry of housing ac-

cepted that there is no room

for it in the rules. Federal

government has been vio-

lating accommodation rules

in the allotment of official

High Court has main-

and uplift of the coun-

SAPM on HR and Women Empowerment also discussed the plight of women in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK) with Afzal Khan. Mushaal said that fascist Narendra Modi-led Indian army had been criminally involved in human rights violations as they were not only involved in gang-raping over 11000 women but also rendering

around 22,963 women wid-

ows during the last few

She informed the Shadow Minister UK Parliament that the Modi regime hatched numerous conspiracies to change the demography of the occupied valley in sheer violation of UN resolutions and international laws

Allotment of official residences:

IHC declares subject

to vacancy allotment

letter illegal

ISLAMABAD (Online): ernment employees in-

Islamabad High Court cluded in general waiting list

(IHC) has declared subject related to allotment of gov-

illegal in connection with marked data should be pre-

She reiterated that the human right violations in UK parliament.

ernment residences re-

pared with the verification

of NADRA and establish-

ment division. Availability

of waiting list and accom-

modation list on website of

ministry of housing be en-

decision establishment di-

vision, ministry of IT, Fi-

nance division and NADRA

should assist in preparation

gave undertaking that he

will get conduct survey

about those who have

rented out the residence al-

initiate proceedings as per

Housing secretary can

lotted to them.

It has been said in the

sured within 30 days.

dispute was imperative not only for durable peace in India and Pakistan, but also for the entire world because unresolved Kashmir issues

would remain a constant

threat to world peace. Mushaal asked international organizations, including the UK government to build pressure on the Indian notorious government to release the unlawfully incarcerated Kashmiri leaders including her husband Yasin Malik. She said that Yasin Malik was being im plicated in false, fabricated and politically motivated cases in a bid to silent him because he was the most powerful voice of the Kashmir peaceful struggle. The British MP on the occasion held out assurance to SAPM on HR and Women Empowerment that he would take up the issue of the Indian atrocities and

AIOU issues instructions for admission candidates

ISLAMABAD (APP) Allama Iqbal Open Univer sity (AIOU) has closed admissions for matriculation and FA programs offered in ne semester autumn 2023

According to the admissions department, students who applied manually and paid the fee but have not sent the admission form and documents to the university are instructed to send these documents by October 13, 2023.

Admission will not be granted in the said semester and the candidate will be responsible for not dispatching documents in the given time.

IRSA releases 140,900 cusecs water

ISLAMABAD (APP) Indus River System Authority (IRSA) Saturday released 140,900 cusecs of water from various rim stations with an inflow of 77,000 cusecs.

According to the data released by IRSA, the water level in the River Indus at Tarbela Dam was 1532.88 feet and was 134.88 feet higher than its dead level of 1,398 feet. Water inflow and outflow in the dam was recorded as 44,500 cusecs and 75,000

cusecs respectively. The water level in River Jhelum at Mangla Dam was 1220.80 feet, which was 170.80 feet higher than its dead level of

The inflow and out flow of water was recorded at 6,600 cusecs and 40,000 cusecs respectively.

1,050 feet.

The release of water at Kalabagh, Taunsa, Guddu and Sukkur was recorded as 72,000, 82,800, 65,300 and



ISLAMABAD: Tourists are enjoying at the historical Buddha Caves at Shah Allah Ditta area of the Federal Capital.

APHC urges UN to address long pending Kashmir dispute

nized right to self-determi-

ings, arrests and other hu-

ISLAMABAD (APP): nial measures is trying, in raids by the Indian forces The All Parties Hurriyat vain, to deter the Kashmiri people from demanding urged the United Nations to take cognizance of grim situation in Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK) and force India to peacefully resolve the Kashmir dispute without any further delay for ensuring durable peace in the re-

According to Kashmir Media Service on Saturday, the APHC spokesman in a statement issued in Srinagar said the Narendra Modi-led Indian govern-

only be resolved through ment through brutal colo-

man rights abuses by Indian troops in IIOJK as the tactics of bygone Stone Age to crush a righteous de-

He termed the kill-

He said that political disputes like Kashmir could

political means.

personnel and sleuths of dreaded investigation agenpeople from demanding their internationally-recogcies across the occupied territory to harass the Kashmiris.

He said the purpose of such repressive measures is to force the Kashmiris to give up their ongoing freedom move-

"We are facing a sorry story of death and destruction at the hands of Indian occupation forces since 1947, but we shall never



Golra Mor Underpass in Federal Capital.

BISP to evaluate performance of zones on number of complaints addressed

ISLAMABAD (APP): Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) has decided to evaluate performance of different regions and zones on the basis of number of complaints addressed by the officials in order to make the program more transparent and effec-

According to the Secretary BISP, Amer Ali Ahmed, the performance of the regional and zonal heads of BISP will be judged on the basis of complaint redressal which is a quantifiable element to re- transparency and accountflect upon their perfor- ability.

hours, a total of 819 complaints have been resolved on the spot, leading to the recovery of more than Rs. 1.1 million. BISP management has taken immediate action against the agents responsible for deductions, in

a swift response to these

matters. To date, 13 First Information Reports (FIRs) have been registered, and seven agents have been arrested, showcasing BISP unwavering commitment to

Secretary BISP in-During the past 48 formed the participants of a meeting to review complaint redress system, that he will also participate in the Live E-Katcheri as a sequence of follow up on the unresolved complaints.

This virtual engagement will take place via official Facebook account of BISP on October 10 (Tuesday) at 11:30 am.

In addition, a dedicated phone line (051-9246421) has been designated to provide a direct channel for the, beneficiaries to contact BISP with their queries and concerns.

Cleft lip, cleft palate patients receive free examination at camp

ISLAMABAD (APP): As many as 23 patients of cleft lip and cleft palate on Saturday received free examination services from expert of surgeons are working to sugeons at a medical camp.

These deserving patients mostly from far-flung areas like Malakand were short-listed for treatment and surgery.

The treatment and surgery process will soon be started at the local hospitals of Islamabad and Rawalpindi.

A team of doctors and surgeon led by Dr. Azhar Sheikh conducted the detail examinations. The camp was arranged by Islamabad Cleft Lip and Palate Association (ICLAPA)

According to the association's senior member Mrs. Farhat Akhtar Rehman, ICLAPA's team bring smiles on the faces of lip and palate patients bringing positive change in their lives.

She said that the association has been working to provide free medical facilities to the poor families since 2004 with the support of families, friends and philanthropists.She added the ICLAPA is a group of volunteers, which relied on donors to bring hope and happiness in the lives of people, for whom it was financially difficult to give treatment to their children.



ISLAMABAD: A watchmaker is repairing the wrist watch for customer at his road side setup at Sector G-11 in Federal Capital.

Missing person recovery commission deals 7714 cases by August 2023 ISLAMABAD (Online): of which 7749 cases have

The court while di- law against those who have

recting secretary housing to rented out allotted resi-

The Commission for the Recovery of Missing Persons from all over the country has released its performance report, which states that 55 cases of missing persons have been solved during September 2023, while the number of cases solved till August 2023 is

According to the report issued by the Missing Persons Commission, the number of cases till August 2023 was 9967, but in this month of September, 47 more cases have been added and thus the total number of cases has reached 10014.

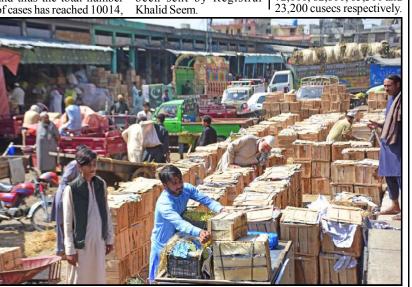
been solved so far. It is

According to the details of 55 settled cases, 32 missing persons have been traced, 26 persons have returned to their homes. Four people are in de-

tention centers One is in jail. One person has died. A copy of the report

has been sent to the concerned authorities A copy has also been submitted to the Supreme

All these details have been sent by Registrar



ISLAMABAD: Vendors are buying grapes from whole sale dealers at Fruit and Vegetables market in Federal Capital.

He condemned the bow before the Indian miliupsurge in the cordon and search operations and house pation," he maintained.

proving blood sugar control may be as easy as increasing daytime exposure to natural light, according to a new research that can help millions of people with Type 2 diabetes

The study showed that natural daylight can boost metabolism and help treat and prevent diabetes. It can also help curb other metabolic conditions, such as obesity.

'The misalignment of our internal circadian clock with the demands of a 24/7 society is associated with an increased incidence of metabolic diseases, including type 2 diabetes," said Ivo Habets, of Maastricht University, in the Nether-

"Natural daylight is

ISLAMABAD (APP): Im- the strongest zeitgeber, or environmental cue, of the circadian clock but most people are indoors during the day and so under constant artificial lighting.

'Our research shows that the type of light you are exposed to matters for your metabolism. If you work in an office with almost no exposure to natural light, it will have an impact on your metabolism and your risk or control of Type 2 diabetes, so try to get as much daylight as possible, and ideally, get outdoors when you can,"

Habets said. The findings were presented at the annual meeting of the European Association for the Study of Diabetes (EASD) in Hamburg, Germany from October 2-

Daylight exposure can improve blood sugar control in diabetics The team carried out a range of metabolic tests on 13 people with T2D when they were exposed to natural light and when they were exposed to artificial light and compared the results, Medical Daily reported.

They were exposed to two lighting conditions during office hours (8am to 5pm) in a randomised cross-over fashion: natural daylight from windows and artificial LED lighting.

There was a gap of at least four weeks between the two interventions, each of which lasted 4.5 days.

During the natural daylight intervention, the light intensity was usually highest at 12:30pm, with an average reading of 2,453 lux. The artificial light was a constant 300 lux

Evenings were spent in dim light (less than 5 lux) and the sleeping period (11

p.m. to 7 a.m.) in darkness. The results showed that blood glucose levels were within the normal range for longer during the natural daylight intervention than in the artificial light intervention (59 per cent of the 4.5 days vs. 51 per cent).

The respiratory exchange ratio (this provides an indication of whether fat or carbohydrates are being used as the source of energy) was lower during the daylight intervention than during the artificial light intervention, indicating that the participants found it easier to switch to fat as an energy source

Perl and Cryl genes that help control circadian rhythms, were more

in artificial light.

Resting energy expenditure and core body temperature followed similar 24-hour patterns in both light conditions.

active in natural light than

Serum insulin levels were similar in both light conditions but the pattern of serum glucose and plasma free acids was significantly different between

"Further research is still needed to determine the extent to which artificial light affects metabolism and the amount of time that needs to be spent in natural from using carbohydrate light or outdoors to compensate for this," Habets when exposed to natural said.

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National shame

The blight of enforced disappearances has become almost normalised in our society, with hardly any voice being raised against the unlawful detention of citizens. It seems that people have come to terms with the fact that individuals go 'missing' in Pakistan and if they're lucky, will miraculously turn up one day. However, if the victims are not so lucky, families will be called to collect a body bag.

One faint ray of hope has been the judiciary's perusal of this troubling phenomenon. In lamic and Arabic Studies. a recent hearing of the rives from his award win-Islamabad High Court, where nearly a dozen petitions related to missing persons were being heard, the IHC chief justice said that the court felt "embarrassed" that the issue was still lingering.

The bench observed that enforced disappearances stigmatised the image of Pakistan, and brought the country into disrepute. It is hard to disagree. At one time, the issue of enforced disappearances was primarily a problem in Pakistan's peripheries. Mostly, it was Baloch separatists or their sympathisers, Sindhi nationalists, suspected religious militants or MQM cadres who went 'missing'. Rights activists and journalists were also whisked away if their work validity of the internal prorubbed the powers that be the ceedings of parliament and wrong way. But in the aftermath of the May 9 events, the net to the president. These scope, and brazenness, of this deplorable practice has expanded greatly, with even members of well-connected families thereto the Federal Court, not spared. We have witnessed constitutions to frame their the bizarre spectacle of people own rules of procedure and being freed by courts hauled being and confers original, away again by 'unidentified' el- appellate and review and ements numerous times. The fact is that in the current scenario, unabashed disrespect for the law and due process has gone beyond just disappearing people; powerful, unaccountable actors have become so emboldened that they now feel confident enough to 'punish' citizens despite what the courts and the Constitution say about honouring fundamental rights. No civilised society can allow such a mockery of the law to On Sept 21, 2023, more take place.

During the aforesaid IHC hearing, the bench asked the attorney general to bring up the issue of missing persons with ter deliberating on 'delimitation', they had decided that elections would be held the caretaker prime minister.

With due respect to their 2024, ie, beyond the constitutionally mandated 90lordships, this issue requires day period. all power wielders in Pakistan to take a strong stand against never been a foregone conenforced disappearances, and indeed all violations of the constitutional order.

Where the missing persons' question is specifically con- is being used to dety Article 224(2) of the Consticerned, the chief justice of Pa- tution, which expressly kistan, who has been a highprofile advocate of this issue, its actual term is completed) can ask unelected forces where a general election shall be held within 90 days. they stand on this and the steady erosion of fundamental rights.

Moreover, little can be expected from the caretakers; only after the completion only an elected government can forcefully raise these issues, support of 'delimitations' and bring these deplorable to delay polis stems from political expediency and practices to an end.

But perhaps most importantly, it is the power elite that terms, inter alia, asserts can initiate change. Is the state elections be held within 90 days and its results ancomfortable with the fact that nounced within 14 days of Pakistan is seen as a lawless land, where people disappear and are arbitrarily punished? | that Pakistanis are not deprived of the opportunity

Is Pakistan unusual?



Pervez Hoodbhov

Is Pakistan unlike the world's Muslim-majority countries? In some respects, certainly, but not in others. While religious violence there is on the higher side, it shares some striking similarities with other Muslim countries.

Turkish author Ahmet

Kuru helps situate Pakistan

within a broader context of authoritarianism, underdevelopment, and ongoing conflicts in Muslim countries. Kuru is a professor of political science at San Diego State University and director of the Centre for Is-Much of what is below debook. Islam. Authoritarianism, and Underdevelopment - A Global and Historical Comparison. The rest comes from my public conversation with

him this week over Zoom ness as irreligious. before an audience in

Countries

Muslims are in the majority, says Kuru, have significantly higher levels of violence than others. Statistics tell a compelling story: twothirds (eight out of 12) of the protagonists in recent wars, and two-fifths of the sides in relatively minor conflicts (24 out of 60) were Muslim-majority states or Muslim groups. These rates are disproportionate because Muslims constitute only one-quarter of the world's population and Muslim-majority countries are only one quarter of the world's countries.

This thesis is buttressed by Pakistan's case. A steady, unchanging component of its national life is Muslim-Muslim violence. Last week, on Rabi-ul-Awwal 12, over 60 Muslims in Mastung and Hangu met a bloody end when they were suicide bombed by other Muslims. These ecstatic followers of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) were celebrating his birth, a centuries-old tradition. But their killers, no less pious, were from a sect which decries such expressions of joyous-

While particularly grotesque incidents sometimes where make it to the press, news of other brutalities generally does not. Non-Muslims are considerably worse off than Muslims. In August, 21 churches were burned down in Jaranwala by raging TLPled mobs. Temples and Ahmadi places of worship are routinely desecrated with impunity Kuru's other statistical

data covers 48 Muslim-majority countries. One can see where Pakistan fits in. On average, Muslim countries have lower GNP per capita, smaller literacy rates, fewer years of schooling, fewer examples of functioning democracy, authoritarian leadership is more common, rates of corruption are higher, and the tax-to-GDP ratio is smaller. The last fact means that governments derive their revenue mostly from rent, meaning exploitation of some naturally endowed resource such as oil or geographic location. A smaller industrial base means smaller value-added production. No Muslim country produces high-level

technology.
What explains these negative features? Kuru re-

jects suggestions that Islam is the cause, deeming this essentialist and unsupported by evidence. Indeed, violence is a general human problem and for the last two centuries Western powers, not Muslim countries, have imposed their military domination upon the world. As

for underdevelopment none could have alleged this during the Islamic Golden Age. From the ninth through the 13th centuries — a period of roughly 400 years— Muslim civilisation from Baghdad to Spain sparkled with enlightenment and learning. The causes of Muslim decline have been long debated. Mongol invasions and the advent of 18th-century European colonialism remain popular explanations. While Kuru admits their importance, he contends the true reason lies elsewhere. The Islamic Golden Age owed its vitality largely to independent scholars and Arab merchants who scoured the world for trade and brought back new ideas. Broad-minded caliphs of that era welcomed such individuals to their courts. Muslim, Christian, and Jewish scholars filled the

royal courts. But around the 11th century, rulers and usurpers discovered the usefulness of clerics in endowing legitimacy to their rule. An ulemastate alliance emerged, hugely empowering the ulema. The number of clerics surrounding the caliph shot up but that of merchants and independent scholars dwindled. By the 12th century, clerics were firmly in the saddle.

The impact on Muslim society was catastrophic. As just one example, in Turkey, influential ulema decried the printing press, invented by Gutenberg in 1436, as the devil's machine. It was finally deemed Sharia-compliant in 1727 — a whopping 293 years later! Consequently, while the literacy rate in Europe of the 1800s stood at around 31 per cent that in the Ottoman empire was a pitiful 1pc. Clerical resistance also delayed banking by about three centuries. The very first bank in a Muslim country was the Imperial Ottoman Bank (1856) followed by the Egyptian Arab Land Bank

Kuru insists that the ulema-state alliance is neither an essential part of the Ouran and hadith nor a per-

manent feature of Islamic history. He may be right -Indonesia's largest Muslim political party, the Nahdlatul Ulama with a membership of around 40 million, has a manifesto that pledges to uphold pluralistic, democratic values and seeks to "curb radicalism, extremism and terrorism"

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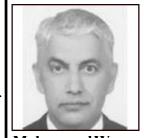
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Government attempts to have the same prayer time for all mosques in Islamabad have also foundered. Madressah reform is dead in the water. Instead, now that the Single National Curriculum is being imposed, regular schools have become like madressahs.

Religious fanaticism, like every deadly infectious disease, spreads when those in power deliberately employ faith to further their political ambitions. Pakistani politicians freely pander to hare-brained clerics and their hate-filled rants.

Among others, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, Nawaz Sharif, and Imran Khan reaped benefits from this strategy but the cost was paid by society. Consequently, more and more of Pakistan's population is ready to lynch first, ask later. Even our friends fear us. --Courtesy Dawn

right a wrong The right way to



Muhammad Waqar RanaOctober

The constitution empowers all branches of the government to frame rules for their internal business. The constitution also does not allow discussion about the conduct of judges in parliament. Similarly, courts are barred from calling into question the inquiring into the advice of the prime minister or cabilimitations in the constitution recognize the separation of powers to protect people's liberty. The Supreme Court, and prior vere empowered by our advisory jurisdiction to the Supreme Court. These rules,

following British, Indian constitutional means, saw and common law practice, provide for formation of benches, fixation of causes and period of limitation for appeals, reviews, petitions and applications. The chief justice exercises administrative powers in relation to the formation of benches and fixation of causes. Appearance of advocates and their fee(s) are also regulated under these rules. The constitution recognizes the primacy of the chief justice (Articles 10, 152, 176 and

The efficacy and legitimacy of these rules, the working of the Supreme Court and the powers of the chief justice were never questioned before. Complaints about the arbitrariness and manipulation of benches and causes by chief justices became frequent and louder after an increase in judicial overreach and controversial decisions by the court of political causes which made the office of the chief justice controversial and brought it in direct conflict with the political elite that was un- ment is meant to protect willing to abide by the rules in its fight for power. This tremendously increased after 2009 as the restored superior judiciary, which had been deposed through un-

itself as saviour of the nation – a role wholly unfit for it. Two prime ministers were dismissed and disqualified. Several members of parliament were sent packing on solicited petitions. Power shifted from parliament and the PM House to unelected judges. The sword of contempt of court

Moved by several considerations, and after an order came, asking the government to hold elections in 90 days, parliament decided to clip the administrative powers of the chief justice in relation to the constitution of benches and fixation of causes. It also 'attempted' to right decades-long judicial wrongs by providing a right of appeal against orders passed on the original side even in time-barred cases by enacting the SC Practice and Procedure Act, 2023. Form prevailed over substance. political and personal interests over trust, and legality over legitimacy.

Supremacy of parliapeoples' liberties. It is a trust that cannot be used for selfinterest and undermine iudicial independence. The list of judicial wrongs is too long. It is not limited to cases decided under Article 184 (3). It should have started from 1954 when the first judicial decision of the Federal Court put Pakistan on the wrong course

The act also controls constitutionally defined original jurisdiction of the Supreme Court and provides an appeal through ordinary legislation. These matters do not fall within the domain of practice and procedure and go way beyond it. The legislative power of parliament provided in entry 55 of the Federal Legislative List does not envisage this law. Parliament while enacting the procedure act, therefore, referred to articles 10 A and 191. This is impermissible under the constitution in the author's view.

In a federal constitution, legislative powers are distributed in the constitution with precision. Article 142 of Pakistan's constitution distributes these powers between parliament and provincial assemblies. Parliament is also empowered under some other articles (146, 176, 193, 212 and 240) to enact laws but either there is a corresponding entry in the Fourth Schedule or the said provision expressly permits it. Parliament in all

pass an 'Act of Parliament', a defined expression under Article 260. The term 'Act of Par-

liament' has been used in

more than seventeen provisions of the constitution. In the chapter on judiciary, the said expression is used in six provisions (compare Article 191 with articles 176,191 and 193). There is a reason behind this. Only parliament can enact a law in relation to the judiciary. On the contrary, the word 'law' has been used in several provisions of the constitution which means law in its generic sense and includes an act of a provincial assembly or a principle of law enunciated under Article 189. Reference to 'law' in Article 4 and in provisions relating to fundamental rights makes the point clear. The expression 'subject to the constitution and law' used in Article 191 of the constitution does not confer legislative power, like other provi-

Then comes entry 55 which provides that "jurisdiction and powers of all courts other than the Supreme Court with respect

act the SC Practice and Pro-

list....enlargement of the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court and conferring on it supplemental powers" But parliament must be empowered by the constitution in this respect. Reference may be made to the proviso of Article 212(2) of the constitution and a recent judgement of the Supreme Court

Judicial wrongs committed through judgements certainly need serious reconsideration but can be remedied only through a constitutional amendment. An ordinary law cannot override judicial power. Original jurisdiction may be done away or expanded but only in exercise of the constituent power. But only through a constituent power. Benches for important constitutional cases may be formed by amending the rules. India amended the constitution for this purpose. The chief justice's administrative powers, in sions, on parliament to en-relation to benches and causes, too can be managed cedure Act, in this author's through rules like other constitutional courts. The SC Practice and Procedure Act amounts to making inroads into the independence of the judiciary. All ills can be cured by following the constituthose cases is empowered to to any matter in this tion. -- Courtesy The News

Delayed polls



Syed Sheheryar Raza Zaidi

than a month after the dissolution of the National Assembly, the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) announced that, afin the last week of January

The holding of timely elections in Pakistan has clusion. Yet, unlike yesteryear, when dictators, showing their might, delayed elections, this time the ECP has decided to rely on 'delimitations', a ploy which is being used to defy Arprovides that where an assembly is dissolved (before

The ECP and, surprisingly, some political players argue that since the 'census' has taken place, the ECP is obligated to conduct 'delimitations', and that of the process can the polls be held. The argument in to delay polls stems from has no basis in the law. Take the example of Article 224. The latter, in no uncertain the polls. This makes it clear that the drafters of the Constitution wanted to ensure that Pakistanis are not deto be ruled by people of their choice for more than the Elections Act, 2017 That's not all. The

much-talked of word 'census', that the ECP relies on, has been used merely thrice in the Constitution — twice in Article 51 and once as part of the Fourth Schedule, ie, the Federal Legislative List. Similarly, 'delimitation' appears four times in the Constitution — twice in Article 222 and twice in the Federal Legislative List. References in the Fed-

eral Legislative List are ir-

relevant and therefore need not be considered here. Article 51 details the number of seats which shall make up the National Assembly. Sub article (5) of the same, which uses the word 'census' twice, provides that the seats in the National Assembly be allocated to each province and Islamabad on the basis of the last official census. Similarly, Article 222 of the Constitution empowers the National Assembly to make laws, inter alia, with regard to delimitations, the preparation of election rolls and other electoral matters.

A review of Article 51 makes clear that as far as the electoral significance of the census is concerned, the same is used to determine the allocation of seats in the National Assembly and for the ECP to ensure appropriate delimitations. It is a fact that Census 2023 has been approved, but did parliament proceed to amend the provisions of Article $51(\hat{1})$ to increase or decrease the number of seats allotted to each prov-

ince? The answer is no. Now, if no such amendment has been made, can the census still be used to empower the ECP to ignore the express dictates of Article 224(2) of the Constitution? This is where the ECP reliance embodying the will of the on Article 222 -— which empowers parliament to legislate, inter alia, on matters related to delimineeded prosperity.

and the powers it grants to the ECP to conduct delimitation flow from Article 222 of the Constitution itself. It not denied that

Section 17 of the Election Act empowers the ECP to conduct the delimitation of constituencies of the national and provincial assemblies. Yet, a closer reading clarifies that the ECP's powers with regard to delimitation are to be exercised "in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution". This means that for all practical and legal purposes, the ECP is mandated to conduct delimitations such that elections are conducted within 90 days as required under Article 224(2) and Article 48(5) of the Constitution.

Even otherwise arguing that an act of parliament is to stand on the same pedestal as the Constitution simply because such act flows from the Constitution is nothing but a legal fallacy.

A combined reading of the Constitution and the Election Act makes it clear that the Constitution does not allow for a delay in polls beyond 90 days, irrespective of the pretext being floated. Yet, the caretaker set-up in Punjab and KP are examples of how the Constitution can conveniently be ignored with impunity.

Despite the doom and gloom, one hopes that the general elections of 2023 (as they should constitutionally be held this year) do not meet the same fate as elections in Punjab and KP and the Constitution is followed in letter and spirit so that an elected government people of Pakistan is 'allowed' to steer this countowards muchtations — comes into the Courtesy Dawn

No credible plan



Maryam Khan

While impulsively buying clothes online, many of you must have noticed a popup informing you about the sustainability policy of the company from which you are making the purchase. That information is likely to be fabricated. According to Reuters, textile industries generate over 10 per cent of total global carbon emissions. And yet increasingly, every year, firms — and not necessarily in the apparel industry — want to broadcast their 'environmentally friendly' policies. So, how should you research your purchase? The answer is to notlisten to what the companies themselves say about their sustainability policies. There is a good chance it is an attempt at 'greenwashing', or misrep-

resenting the facts. 'Greenwashing' is a term that originated after sustainability and climate action became a Sustainable Development Goal. Ever since the Covid-19 pandemic, consumers have become more aware of their behaviour patterns, and care about the environment at large. Wanting to cater to this, companies now care about the climate too. Still, some of them take the more symbolic route that reinforces sustainability as the norm, but their words do not translate into concrete action. These firms provide only ad hoc 'winwin'actions that do not make a real difference. A classic example, which has been reported, is that of Inditex, the parent company of Zara. The company claims it is aiming for net zero emissions by

analysis by Carbon Mar- or conveniently not addto be "uncertain and unsubstantiated"

Why is the pledge not unique? MNCs are talking about climate more than ever, but a majority of such claims seems to be a questionable concept of sustainability' and 'net zero'. CDP, the Carbon Disclosure Project, asserts that some 4,000 companies claim they have "transition plans" compatible with the Paris Agreement, while only 80 appear to actually have "credible"

However, there is something in the world of financial regulation that could help. With incoming regulations, corporations will be legally required to disclose information regarding their emissions, sure a more definitive way even Scope 3 emissions, which is the technical term for supply chain emissions.

Pushing companies to release details about the climate risk posed by their operations is a relatively new concept, but it is inspired by the classic recipe of financial disclosures to curb tax evasion. The essence of emission disclosure is that in modern times, emissions have become material — and firms already producing large amounts are considered a threat. They are likely to witness duties, taxes, even lawsuits. In this context, many would be well acquainted with how Exxon's reputation suffered during the last decade. So, emission disclosure is an industrytransforming regulatory shift that will help investors assess how much climate risk a company poses. Some of these rules assert that companies need to disclose their emissions for their supply (indirect) chains. These emissions are on average 12 times higher than operational (direct) emis-

2050. However, a recent sions, and ignoring them ket Watch finds the plan ing them to disclosure reports amounts greenwashing.

Europe is taking the lead in the attempt to counter greenwashing, as it makes some information mandatory and non-compensable. In finance circles, this category of disclosures is referred to as 'double materiality'. It revolves round the concept of third-party impact: for instance, while a potential investor does not care if a company is dumping waste into the river, the town located downstream does. Double materiality asse-rts that corporations have ethical responsibilities to entities that are stakeholders. It is a radical ap--p-roach adopted by the EU to engreenwashing.

Where does this leave the Global South, which is more a recipient of, and less a contributor to, global emissions? Africa's carbon market serves as a positive example, where high-income countries (they produce more emissions) are allowed to emit a certain amount of carbon. In return, they must promote sustainable development projects in Africa. Compare it to a child who is promised a reward at the end of every lesson he or she completes. The carbon offset market works in the same way. Although still relatively new, African credits have grown by 35pc over the last six years. Pakistan, too, could be a venue for the upcoming carbon market, with CPEC giving us room to expand projects encompassing the sea and land. If leveraged intelligently, it can be successful. The future is, after all, sustainable development and growth, which means countering greenwashing by all means available. --Courtesv Dawn

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Universities should focus on the character building of students: Punjab Governor

Independent Report LAHORE: Punjak Punjab Governor. Muhammad Balighur Rehman, attended the opening ceremony of the 4th International Rehabilitation Sciences Conference organized by Riphah International University here today as a special guest. Vice Chancellor of Riphah International University, Professor Dr. Anees Ahmed, deans, directors, foreign delegates, and people from academia were

Addressing the ceremony, Governor Punjab Muhammad Balighur Rehman said that Riphah International University is striving to standards in the field of research in scientific

present on this occasion.

education and research. The efforts of Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. Anees Ahmed in this regard are commendable, he added. He said that special attention is also being given to the character building of students in Riphah International University, along with modern imparting education to them.

He said that all universities should focus on the character building of students. He said that education and research are the only means to take the country on the path of prosperity in modern era. He said that such conferences provide an opportunity to learn about international the latest trends and

each experiences. He said that we should make progress in the fields of science and technology and equip our youth with the latest trends in technology. He stressed the need to develop research oriented attitudes. He said that we Punjab



Court approves

bail of Haleem,

Raja in riots case

KARACHI (Online): Bail

pleas of PTI leaders Haleem Adil Sheikh and

Raja Azhar have been

approved in riots and

riots and vandalism on

May 9 in the area of Feeroze Abad police

station came up for hearing

in Anti Terrorism Court

(ATC) Karachi Saturday.

the bail of Haleem Adil

Sheikh and Raja Azhar

against surety bonds in the

endorsing interim bail of

PTI leader Khurram Sher

Zaman adjourned the

hearing of the case till

Haleem Adil Sheikh and others are facing charges of riots, violence

in jail on judicial remand in

the case registered in police

DG reviews

LDA projects

LAHORE (APP): Lahore Development Authority (LDA) Director General Muhammad Ali

Randhawa, during a

meeting held here on

Saturday, reviewed the

development projects of LDA City, LDA Avenue

and Jubilee Town housing

pace of development work

and directed officers to

take strict measures against

land grabbers. He ordered

improving services and

facilities to the residents of

LDA Avenue-I and Jubilee

Town. He said that increase

in commercial activities in

LDA societies had created

new opportunities for

Randhawa said that the LDA would start

plantation drive in its

societies to control

environmental pollution

and minimize smog.

The DG assessed the

societies

investment

Haleem Adil Sheikh is

October 23

and vandalism.

station Town.

sum of Rs one lac each.

The case pertaining to

The court approved

The court while

vandalism case.



PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhawa Governor Haji Ghulam Ali meeting with special persons came from Mardan while sitting on stairs at Governor House.

USAID USAID-ERDA facilitating Micro, Small & Medium enterprises

PESHAWAR (APP): As a critical force in the private sector led economic growth, USAID-ERDA has extended support to the Livestock and Dairy Development Department, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, and Livestock Farmers Welfare organizing the International

Exhibition 2023 here. provided an opportunity and platform to MSMEs from across Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and NMDs to showcase their products, meet potential customers face-to-face, and enhance their capacities in various aspects of their businesses, including product presentation, packaging, and marketing.

Despite multiple

and rehabilitation.

Recognizing increasing need for private sector led economic growth in the region, the UŠAID's Economic Recovery and Development Activity (USAID-ERDA) is implementing several Livestock, Agri, Fisheries impactful interventions to strengthen and promote exhibition micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) and mobilize private sector investments in Khyber

Pakhtunkhwa. Ghulam Akbar from Wana Waziristan exhibiting Olive Oil and other exotic products from his area. emphasized the pivotal role of MSMEs during crises

and challenges. He expressed that MSMEs had shown challenges, micro, small, resilience and the potential and medium enterprises to drive economic recovery (MSMEs) have emerged as in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

Ashiana Housing scheme

AC summons lawyers go give final arguments in connection with acquittal of Shahbaz

LAHORE (Online): caused to national Accountability Court (AC) exchequer due to project. Lahore has summoned lawyers to give final arguments in connection with acquittal of Shahbaz Sharif and other accused in Ashiana Housing Scheme.

The court also reserved judgment on indicting two more new

Judge of AC Lahore took up the case for hearing Amjid Pervez counsel

for Shahbaz Sharif while giving arguments said inquiry into Ashiana Iqbal started on the complaint of an unknown person. Reference was made on the basis of tales and stories. Loss of not a single pie was

Government provided land and expenditure on construction was incurred by private companies. State land is still there and it has become more costly. He said there is charge

the cost of construction of project was increased due to delay in project. The cost has increased in respect of several projects during succeeding government stint. There should be reference too on those projects. Shahbaz Sharif Ahad Cheema and all accused are innocent. No evidence of corruption was found during NAB investigation.



KARACHI: Afghan refugees leaves the Pakistani port city as they return to Afghanistan Pakistan's government decision to expel people illegally staying in the country as thousands of Afghans living illegally in Pakistan have been given until November 1 to leave voluntarily or face deportation.

Saifullah calls on Azam, discusses empowering of local body representatives PESHAWAR (INP): representatives to serve the Former Federal Minister, nation effectively.

Salim Saifullah Khan called on Caretaker Chief Minister, Azam Khan and discussed with him matters relating to empowering bodies

representatives, securing provincial fiscal rights and water crisis in District Lakki Marwat. discussed Both current political scenario after dissolution of assemblies, said

Salim Saifullah Khan representatives and said

statement issued here

nation effectively.

He also emphasized the importance of the completion of the Kurram Tangi Dam and the release of water into Marwat

The caretaker CM assured Salim Saifullah Khan of the government's unwavering commitment to expeditiously advance the construction of Kurram Tangi Dam and ensure the release of water well ahead of the upcoming sowing season. He said, "We are committed to resolving urged the government to grant power and allocate basis and will tirelessly funds to local body engage with federal government to ensure that that the approach would the rights of the province motivate local body are upheld."

Naqvi stresses collective efforts to achieve desired results

Independent Report LAHORE: Caretaker Punjab Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi said on said that collective efforts were needed to achieve desired targets. Addressing a press conference along with Caretaker Federal Minister for Commerce Dr Gohar Ejaz here on Saturday, the CM appreciated the role of the agriculture department, APTMA and

Pak Army which provided technical support to control a whitefly attack on the cotton crop. The CM said the

cotton bales while floods in the Satluj also destroyed cotton grown over 70,000 acres of land. This year rice worth

\$2 billion will be exported," he added. Mohsin Naqvi said special attention was

being paid towards achieving maximum per acre yield of wheat this

The CM said that the provision of quality seed and fertiliser to farmers was necessary besides implementing a good strategy to obtained desired production targets. "It is the need of the hour to streamline research institutes," he added.

To a question, he said that the price of sugar had been reduced from Rs 180 to Rs 140-150. "The situation will further

whitefly attack had improve after smuggling damaged almost 1.5 million completely stops," he maintained.

He said that an all-out effort was being made to complete development work at the earliest. He also added that relevant departments were working to control smog.

LAHORE: Caretaker Chief Minister Punjab Mohsin Naqvi presides over the 29th meeting of Provincial Cabinet. KP govt crackdown against illegal housing societies for recovery

have been disconnected,

while in terms of fines/

arrears, more than Rs. 1.43

PESHAWAR (Online): In Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, it has been decided to launch strict crackdown against illegal housing societies as defaulter of billions in terms of paying of electricity bills and speed up the operation against commercial electricity consumers, including the recovery of electricity bills from the users of defaulter feeders in various districts of the province. Orders have been issued to district administrations and police officers across the province to ensure implementation of SOPs before registration of FIRs electricity against consumers. Under the supervision of KP Task Force for energy, during a short period of single month operation more than

involved in Kunda Culture

Governor

announces

jobs for three disabled persons

PESHAWAR (APP):

Demonstrated love and

Pakhtunkhwa Governor

Haji Ghulam Ali here on

Saturday met with three

disabled persons of

Mardan district upon their

requests at Governor's

house and announced Govt

jobs besides handed over

cash assistance to them.

The Governor met with

them at the staircase of the

Governor's house after

coming out of his office to

welcome them. The

governor encouraged the

special persons Saifur

Rehman, Rahamdil and Asad

Khan and assured them of

providing jobs to them after

they requested the same on

the disabled quota.

affection,

chairmanship of Additional Chief Secretary Home and Tribal Affairs Department. Mohammad Abid Majeed, the Head of Provincial Task Force for Energy, in which senior officials including Divisional Commissioners, Deputy Commissioners, District Police Officers, Representatives of Energy & Power and Industries departments and CEO 20 thousand 645 accused

heinous act.

Third

districts of the province billion amount have been jointly by PESCO, district recovered and Rs. 110 administration and police million have been recovered from the electricity in streets, neighborhoods and bazaars, where large commercial hubs and consumers involved in the important factories involved in illegal meeting of Provincial Task use of electricity were raided. More than 20 Force was held under the thousand 645 connections of Kunda mafia including consumers were cut while cases were registered against more than 7080 accused by local police, amongst them 479 accused

were also arrested. Moreover, the Chairman Task Force Muhammad Abid Majeed emphasized that strict action should be taken against such housing PESCO were also attended colonies which have been the meeting.It was told in established without government permission.

September, more than

10.406 raids were

conducted in various



Polio Drops to child at Dhoke Ratta area during Polio Vaccination campaign in City.

Nutrition Int'l delegation calls on caretaker Minister

PESHAWAR (Online): A provincial minister on the delegation led by Nutrition International's Global Director Kristen Jo AAN along with a delegation visited the caretaker Minister for Food, Agriculture, Livestock and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Asif Rafiq in the Civil Secretariat Peshawar, where discussion held regarding the nutrition situation in province and promoting awareness Pakhtunkhwa. Furthermore, high officials of Nutrition International Pakhtunkhwa also

participated were included n the delegation. The delegation gave a

ongoing balanced diet and nutrition projects of Nutrition International in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and shared their performance.

K h y b e r Pakhtunkhwa's Minister for Food, Agriculture, Livestock and Forests Asif Rafiq, while remarking that a balanced diet is the need of every individual, in this regard, more awareness should be given regarding taking care of the nutrition about it in Khyber of newborns and lactating mothers. He said that in government hospitals of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Pakistan and Khyber parents of new-born children and pregnant women are encouraged to eat a balanced diet so that a healthy society can



HYDERABAD: Visitors viewing the models made by students during the exhibition at Allied high

Awareness walk organized to get prepared for disasters

MUZAFFARABAD Chouk. (APP): A walk was organized here on Saturday to create awareness to promote preparedness to meet disasters amid the emphasizing 18th anniversary of the deadliest earthquake of October 8, 2005 under the auspicious of Pakistan Red Crescent Society (PRCS) Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) Chapter.

The event saw a significant turnout of community members, volunteers, and PRCS representatives, all coming together to highlight the importance of disaster preparedness and response. The walk commenced at upper Adda and concluded at CMH public and private schools.

During the walk, participants banners, placards, and informational materials significance preparedness for natural

disasters such earthquakes, floods, and landslides, which are prevalent in the AJK region. The event also featured speeches by PRCS and State Disaster Management Authority (SDMA) officials and local experts on disaster management and preparedness. In addition, State Management Authority,

RDA seals eight illegal commercial properties in Civil Lines area

RAWALPINDI (APP): Rawalpindi Development Authority (RDA) on the directives of the Director General (DG), Rawalpindi Development Authority (RDA), Muhammad Saif Anwar Jappa, here on Saturday carried out an operation against illegal

unauthorized commercial use of residential buildings and sealed eight properties in Civil Lines area. According to the

RDA spokesman, the

Enforcement Squad of RDA conducted the operation and took action against the rules violators. The properties constructed on plot number 8, plot number B-10 Dupilex, plot number 11, Kamal Homeo Cure Centre, plot number 39, plot number 17 and plot number 17-A Silver Oaks School, plot number 38 Sadeeqa's Learning System (SLS) School, plot number 24, plot number 25, Fauji Security Services, CIT, Civil

Lines, were sealed. He said that the Enforcement Squad including the Deputy Director of Building Control, Assistant Director

of Building Control Incharge Enforcement Building Squad, Superintendent, and Building Inspectors carried out the operation

LAHORE: Punjab Governor, Muhammad Balighur Rehman addressing the

opening ceremony of the 4th International Rehabilitation Sciences

under section 39 of the Punjab Development of Cities (PDC) Act 1976. The spokesman said

that earlier notices were also issued to the owners of these properties namely Tahir Shahzad, Sh Usman, Asad Pervaiz Qureshi, Muhammad Zaman, Talha Umar, Hamid Iqbal, Dr. Rustam and Khalid Mehmood.

He said that the owners of the sealed properties violated approved plans/maps, the PDC Act 1976 and RDA Building and Zoning Regulations 2020 and constructed illegal commercial buildings without approval and Objection Certificates.

He said that the DG had directed the Land Use and Building Control (LU&BC) Wing to take strict action against encroachments, illegal and unauthorized constructions commercial activities without any discrimination

Conference organized by Riphah International University. **Petition filed** by Bushra seeking details of her cases fixed for hearing

LAHORE (Online): Petition filed by Bushra Bibi wife of chairman PTI seeking details of her cases has been fixed for hearing in Lahore High Court

Á single bench of LHC led by Justice Alia Neelum will hear the petition on October 12.

The court has already sought reply from respondents. Bushra Bibi has resorted to LHC for seeking details of the cases registered against her after

Anti-polio drive continues in Jhang District JHANG (APP): Deputy

Commissionér (DC) Jhang Abdullah Khurram Niazi on Saturday expressed his resolve that no stone would left unturned to achieve the campaign's target in Jhang District.

In a statement issued from the DC office, it said that dedicated polio teams have been tirelessly working at all entry points as the anti-polio drive continues to gain momentum as it enters its fourth day.

OMMERCE EWS

Gohar marks World Cotton Day by announcing record cotton yield in Pakistan

for Industries and Commerce Gohar Ejaz has marked World Cotton Day by announcing that Pakistan has achieved record cotton production after a lapse of eleven

"Cotton arrivals crossing the five million bales mark on October 1, 2023, is a momentous achievement for Pakistan. This is even more than last full year's figure of 4.9 million bales, which was a 34 percent YoY (year on year) decline over the preceding year," he added. He was addressing a

press conference here at APTMA House on Saturday. Caretaker Punjab Chief Minister Syed Mohsin Naqvi, APTMA (North) Chairman Kamran Arshad, Senior Vice Chairman Asad Shafi, former Chairman APTMA Syed Ali Ahsan, Secretary General Raza Baqir and other members were also present on the occasion.

Gohar said that World Cotton Day is being celebrated in the country after eleven years when Punjab had produced eight million bales, which was set to reach five million bales during the current

He also highlighted that the province had produced 3.3 million bales besides 1.6 million bales in Sindh.He congratulated

Secretary Punjab and Secretary Agriculture Punjab for their dedicated work towards enhancing cotton production in the province. The country would save foreign exchange worth \$ 3 billion with this increase in cotton production, he stressed.

According to him Pakistan has become part of five major cotton producers in the world and all credit goes to the Punjab chief minister to achieve this stature. He also announced Rs 100 million fund for the Cotton Research Centre on behalf of APTMA, making it clear that APTMA would not fund salaries of the staff



GWADAR: A delegation of Real Estate Association meeting with Deputy Commissioner Gwadar Aurangzaib Badini.

ICCI calls for better development of Blue Area to boost trade activities

ISLAMABAD (APP): Islamabad Chamber of intends to organize a mega Commerce and Industry (ICCI) on Saturday urged the Capital Development Authority (CDA) to focus on the better development to Blue Area in order to facilitate the growth of trade activities in the federal capital.

It said that Blue Area is the largest commercial highlighted the important centre of Islamabad, which issues of traders of his plays an important role in market. the development of the

Welfare Association, that visited ICCI Ahsan Zafar Blue Area and stressed that Bakhtawari, President ICCI said that parking is the most serious issue of the Blue Area.

allow parking of vehicles He demanded that the on the green area of Fazal Haa Road till the in the Blue Area, which is construction of a parking the need of the hour for the plaza is materialized.

He said that ICCI shopping festival in the Blue Area in collaboration with TWA Blue Area to boost trade activities and enable customers to get a chance of shopping at affordable rates

Raja Hassan Akhtar, President, Traders Welfare Association Blue Area

He said that the nonavailability of parking, the While talking to a old sewage system and delegation of Traders non-functional street lights old sewage system and the CDA to address them on an urgent basis.

He stressed to set up a flower market in Blue He urged CDA to Area besides pruning trees. CDA to set up a food street traders and citizens Recovery of electricity

dues from defaulter

continues in KP

PESHAWAR (APP): consumers involved in the

Third

meeting of the Provincial

Task Force was held under

the chairmanship of

Additional Chief Secretary

Under the supervision of heinous act. Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Third

electricity

Task Force for Energy, the

recovery of electricity bills

from the users of defaulter

feeders in various districts

of the province continued.

been issued to district

administrations and police

officers across the

province to ensure the

implementation of SOPs before registration of FIRs

supervision of KP Task

Force for Energy, more

than 20645 connections

have been disconnected,

consumers.

Under

Strict directives have

scientists government.

More than 5 million bales of cotton have been obtained this year due to efforts of the agricultural and Ayub Agriculture

5m cottons

bales obtained

this year

FAISALABAD (APP)

Research Institute (AARI) Faisalabad Senior Scientist Dr Jahanzaib Farooq told a function, organised on the World Cotton Day of the World Trade Organisation (WTO), on Saturday that cotton was a precious cash compressors and 47 crop, which played a pivotal role in strengthening national was lodged against them.

underbilling cases have disconnected 44 connections on account of direct use of gas and illegal

economy and Pakistan was ranked top fifth country that was producing cotton and exporting its products. said the

government had evolved a comprehensive strategy to increase cotton production by facilitating the cotton growers at maximum extent. In this connection, the cotton growers were also provided subsidies on various appliances in addition to ensuring provision of quality seeds, pesticides.

Vice President SCCI assumes charge

PESHAWAR (APP): Sanaullah Khan formally took charge of his office as Senior Vice President of the Sarhad Chamber of Commerce and Industry, according to a press release issued here on Saturday.

Ghazanfar

heartfelt

along with other members

of their cabinet, would

play an important role in

Home and Tribal Ghazanfar Bilour Affairs Department, Mohammad Abid Majeed, former President of FPCCI, and Fuad Ishaq, the Head of Provincial President of the Sarhad Task Force for Energy. Senior officials including Divisional Chamber of Commerce and Industry, along with representatives of traders, Commissioners, Deputy attended the ceremony.

Commissioners, District Former Police Officers, Representatives of Energy president Bilour and traders' leaders & Power and Industries extended departments and the CEO felicitations to the SCCI's of PESCO also attended President Fuad Ishaq and the meeting. It was told in the Senior Vice President Sanaullah Khan Saraf and expressed hope that they,

important

involved in Kunda culture while in terms of fines and meeting that from September 5, more than arrears, more than Rs. 1.43 billion amount have been 10,406 raids were recovered and Rs. 110 conducted in various million have been recovered districts of the province jointly by PESCO



LAHORE: People are buying grocery from shops at Akbari Market as people are feels relax after decreasing of the prices of such daily usage stuff but further they are demanding decreasing of fuel prices also to manage their expenditure according to their budget, in Provincial Capital.



MULTAN: Caretaker Provincial Minister for Energy, Industries, Commerce, Investment & Skill Development SM Tanveer addressing a seminar on World Cotton Day organized by Cotton Ginners Association.

Minister reviews mass transit system

LAHORE (APP): Punjab friendly mass transit and sustainable transport Caretaker Minister for systems. and transit plan. The Transport Ibrahim Hassan During a briefing execution will be delineated Murad on Saturday visited the Central Business District

headquarters and held extensive discussions on matters related to connectivity of the Punjab mass transit system with the transit plans of Ravi Urban Development Authority (RUDA) and

He appreciated the transport and transit plans
Huge parking depo of both authorities, saying that due to price hikes, petroleum price variations and an overall dip in railway stations in the area economic activity the are one of few highlights solution to public mobility which underscore the most is affordable and people modern, public friendly

LAHORE (APP): The Sui

Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL) detected

another illegal 55

connections and imposed a fine of worth Rs 30 million

in its ongoing crackdown against gas theft.

According to a spokesman for SNGPL, a

Lahore regional team cut

off 15 connections on

illegal use of gas and

another two on use of

regional team cut off seven

compressor while another

16 for illegal use and 17

connections on use of against gas theives.

session the contours of RUDA transit plan basing on nine precincts with extensive primary, secondary and tertiary roads network with 300 feet right of way at main nodes was elaborately explained with inclusions of transport technology, transport corridors, expected corridor densities

Huge parking depots, freight terminals, intelligent transport system and

severed 11 connections on

illegal use of gas while

another 09 on compressor

use and 6 underbilling

40,000 on gas pilferers.

connection

In Sheikhupura, one

Gas theft crackdown:

55 more connections cut

off, Rs 30mln fine imposed

through employing the latest, metro, LRT, BRT and conventional systems.

On divulging upon the CBD transit system, it was reiterated that it will have the most ideal connectivity with Punjab mass transit, basing upon feeder corridor, blue line and grand communication infrastructure initiatives like Ghora Chowk flyover and revamping of Walton Road.

The minister also proposed to have renamed/ branded the kalma chowk metro station as CBD station with display panapolies.

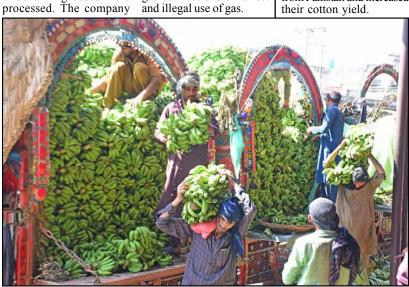
Cotton major part of Pak exports: CM

LAHORE (APP): Caretaker Punjab Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi has said that cotton is not only the important part of the country's export but a source of income for

cases have been processed in Multan. The team imposed a fine of Rs He said this in his message issued on the World Cotton Day, here on Saturday. The CM said disconnected on use of that cotton provides raw material for preparing compressor while 63 under billing cases have been various items related to processed. In Peshawar and clothes, industrial items, Karak, the company household products, etc.

Mohsin Nagyi said that the Cotton Day was

being observed to highlight In Bahawalpur, the connections. The regional the significance of cotton team also lodged two FIRs besides finding solutions to problems of the cotton industry. He said. "Many In Rawalpindi, the regional team severed six countries have taken seed underbilling cases were gas connections on direct from Pakistan and increased their cotton yield.



ISLAMABAD: Workers are unloading the bananas from trucks at Fruit and Vegetables market in Federal Capital.

LCCI chief happy with cotton sector's revival

cotton sector of Pakistan can play a critical role in economic development and poverty alleviation provided the government forms sustainable and supportive policies with the consultation of stakeholders.

In a message on World Cotton Day here Saturday, Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry said that it is a good sign sector has made a cotton sector.

LAHORE (APP): The remarkable recovery after suffering massive losses due to last year's devastating floods and around 71 percent surge has been recorded in cotton production.

He said that the credit goes to Federal Commerce Minister Gohar Ejaz, Chief Minister Punjab Mohsin Naqvi and Punjab Minister for Energy, Industries, Commerce, Investment & Kashif Anwar President Skills Development SM Tanveer for making serious that Pakistan's cotton efforts for the revival of the

Farmers advised for wheat cultivation from mid-October

FAISALABAD (APP): have advised farmers to mid-October for getting bumper yield.

A spokesman for the Agriculture (Extension) Department said here on to end-November was the most suitable time for prepare their lands and use and Aas-2011

approved wheat varieties The agricultural experts for cultivation. Among the approved varieties include prepare their lands to start Chakwal-50, NARC-wheat cultivation from 2009, PARC-2009, 2009, PARC-2009, Dharabi-2011, Pakistan-2013, Sehar-2006, Galaxy-2013, NN Gandum-I-2016, Johar-2016, Anaj-2017, Lasani-2008 Saturday that mid-October Faisalabad-2008, AARI-2011, Punjab-2011, Millat-2011, NARCwheat cultivation. 2011, Shafaq-2006, Therefore, farmers should Fareed-2006, Meraj-2008

be ensured for passengers at bus terminals SIALKOT (APP)

Facilities to

Regional Transport Authority (RTA) Secretary Muzaffar Hayat has said that steps will be taken to ensure the provision of quality facilities to passengers at van and bus stations in the district. Addressing a meeting

of transport owners and managers of bus/wagon stands at the DC office, he said, "All bus stands will be whitewashed. Facilitation desks will be set up and all public transport would be parked in an orderly manner inside the bus stand while no bus or wagon will be allowed to park on the road."

He said that fares would be displayed prominently at all stands and closed circuit cameras should be installed for security. He said that should ramps constructed for people using wheelchairs and the provision of clean drinking water and quality food should be ensured.

He said that special cleaning should be done at bus stands while regular cleaning of washrooms should be ensured.

Punjab govt to announce 10-year plan for agriculture promotion soon: SM Tanveer

Provincial Minister for Industry, Commerce and Agriculture, SM Tanveer, said on Saturday that Punjab Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi and his team have worked hard to enhance cotton cultivation and production due to which over 10 million cotton bales to be obtained this year.

He expressed these views during a ceremony organized by the Pakistan Cotton Ginners Association in connection with World Cotton Day in which SM Tanveer participated representing caretaker chief minister

The minister further said that the purpose of marking World Cotton Day was to highlight the importance of cotton not only in Pakistan but also

He informed that they would give a 10-year the revival of cotton has

agriculture in the next two months, adding that important steps are to be taken to prevent water wastage.

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The greater Thal Kanal project will be completed. 58 small dams will be made functional in

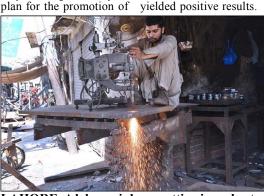
the Potohar region.

He said that cotton production has to be increased by using modern technology and the South Punjab has a unique position in terms of cotton production.

The minister said that the provision of highquality seeds and pesticides to farmers was being ensured. Secretary

Agriculture Punjab, Iftikhar Ali Sahu while addressing the ceremony, said that the economy was based on agriculture and agriculture based on cotton.

He said that the journey started in April for



LAHORE: A laborer is busy cutting iron sheet at

Development of poultry sector imperative to create jobs: Governor

PESHAWAR (APP): Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Governor, Haji Ghulam Ali here Saturday here Saturday said that employment opportunities could be created for youth by developing the poultry sector in the province.

He said efforts would be made to facilitate people associated with the poultry sector in the province.

expressed these views during a meeting with office bearers of all poultry associations led by its patron-in-chief Malook Khan here at Governor's house. The delegation appraised the Governor about their problems.

directed the concerned authorities for its speedy Governor resolutions.

NCP goods worth over Rs 11.6 m seized in DI Khan

DERA ISMAIL KHAN from a vehicle bearing (APP): The district police number (TMM-436). The have seized non custom paid (NCP) goods worth over Rs 11.6 million during checking of several vehicles here in the limits of Darazinda and Daraban police stations.

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

A team of Darazinda police station led by SDPO Darazinda Circle Sher Ullah Khan along with SHO Din Muhammad Khan and Incharge of Aman-Mela check post Rehman Ullah recovered 155 tyres of different sizes

estimated worth of the recovered tyres is Rs 9.3 million.

Similarly, Daraban police team led by SDPO Daraban Circle Malik Aneesul Hassan along with SHO Atta Ullah Khan and Daraban Check post Incharge Muhammad Imran checked different vehicles at the check post. During which, the

police team recovered NCP items including 15 rolls of cloth, one sack of tea, two sacks of Gutka, five cartons of cosmetics items. 33 tyres of different sizes, 20 sacks of plastic bags, three sacks of dry milk, two cartons of veterinary medicines, five cartons Shampoo, 70 sacks of China Salt.



turnips from their farm field.

7m cotton bales production expected in South, Punjab this year; Saqib Ali Ateel

government was taking positive measures for the revival of cotton as the crop had been cultivated on four million acres land across the region from which seven million cotton bales production expected this arrangement for irrigation, year.He expressed these views while addressing a ceremony held at Central Cotton Research Institute reasonable support price regarding the World Cotton Day here Saturday.

He further said that the Agriculture Secretariat South Punjab had turned the region into cotton

MULTAN (APP): valley in a short time Secretary Agriculture period.Now the confidence South Punjab, Saqib Ali of the farmers has to be Ateel said that the maintained by making cotton crop profitable. Provision of high

quality seeds of climate

resistant varieties. promotion of IPM technology, equal use of effective pesticides, water contact availability of agri inputs on fixed rates and are more important for cotton farmers, he said and added that cotton played very important role in the prosperity of our farmers and the stability.

'Half the village is gone':

Ukraine hamlet reels after missile strike

HROZA: In a burial plot next to a field outside the remote Ukrainian hamlet of Hroza, residents removed undergrowth and cleared away litter to make space for more graves.

Working quietly, it was something to distract them from the horror of what happened the day be-

As dozens of people gathered in the local cafe for a meal to honour a soldier who died in the war against Russia, a missile struck, killing at least 52 people.

It was one of the most deadly attacks during 20 months of fighting, and one that has devastated the tiny, tight-knit community.

Shock is giving way to grief, as well as questions

could have known about the gathering in what some Hroza residents say was a deliberate attack.

Among those killed was Olya, 36, who is survived by three children. Her husband died too.

Her father, Valeriy

Kozyr, was at the cemetery preparing to bury her and nis son-in-law. 'It would have been

better if I had died," he said quietly as he wept. "Oh God, you cannot punish me like this. To leave the father and take the children!"

Wiping tears from his face, the 61-year-old explained that he must now work out how to care for his three grand-children aged 10, 15 and 17. Kozyr single grave.

He told Reuters he

was not in the cafe on Thursday because he worked night shifts as a security guard, and so was spared.

Nearby, three brothers were readying a plot in which to bury their parents, both killed in what President Volodymr Zelenskiy has called a deliberate Russian assault on civilians.

Moscow denies targeting civilians in its fullscale invasion, a position it repeated on Friday in response to the Hroza strike. Îhousands have been killed in a bombing campaign that has hit apartment blocks and restaurants as well as power stations, bridges and

Biden-Xi meeting

in November

not finalized:

US officials

Monitoring Desk

WASHINGTON: The

White House is working to

ing between U.S. President

Joe Biden and Chinese

President Xi Jinping next

month in San Francisco.

U.S. officials say, but they

warn that plans are still

been working for months to

try to get the two leaders

together as a centerpiece

event during the Asia Pacific

Economic Cooperation fo-

rum to be held in San Fran-

cisco from Nov. 11 to 17

But U.S. officials cautioned

that the time and location of

a meeting and items for dis-

cussion have not been nailed

down. The Washington Post

reported on Thursday that

plans for the San Francisco

summit were "pretty firm."

The Biden team has

uncertain.

arrange a face-to-face meet-



Police officers inspect the fragments of a Russian missile in the village of Hroza near Kharkiv, Ukraine.

China, Vietnam prepare for possible Xi visit to Hanoi in next month -sources

Monitoring Desk HANOI: Vietnamese and

Chinese officials are preparing for a possible visit from President Xi Jinping to Hanoi at the end of October or early November, on the heels of U.S. President Joe Biden's trip in September, four people familiar with the plans said.

The visit would underline the Southeast Asian manufacturing hub's growing strategic importance, as big powers jostle for influence in the region amid rising tensions between named because of the sen-Beijing and Washington.

Work is under way on a joint statement that would be issued during the visit, four people informed about the negotiations told Reuters.

Two of them said the parties were discussing a reference to being together in a "community of common destiny", a phrase often used by Xi that some find controversial. Viettious about adding that ref-possible visit.

erence, the two sources

A fifth Vietnamese source said the joint statement was likely to include that reference. It could be interpreted as an elevation of ties between the two countries, according to two of the sources, but it is unclear what that would entail and what concrete agreements might be an-

That person, and the four informed about the negotiations, declined to be sitivity of the matter.

The visit has not been announced and could still be called off or postponed, but logistical arrangements have been explored.

'All important diplomatic activities of Vietnam would be announced to you when appropriate,' Vietnam's foreign affairs ministry spokesperson Pham Thu Hang told a news conference on Thursnamese officials were cau- day when asked about the

Armed men kidnap 9 in Nigeria's northwest Zamfara state

Monitoring Desk nine people were kidnapped in an attack on Friday by gunmen in Nigeria's northwest Zamfara state,

residents said. Kidnapping for ransom by armed gangs is rife in northwest Nigeria due to high levels of poverty, unemployment, and the proliferation of illegal firearms.

The Zamfara police and local government did not immediately respond to Reuters requests for comment on Friday.

Residents Tsohuwar Kasuwa community in Kaura Namoda local government area of the state said the gunmen stormed their village in an early morning raid on mo-

They abducted my two children and they were nation." Rabe Sarkawa, a state, police said.

resident of the community, told Reuters by phone. "I in pain right now.'

Five members of resident Alhaji Sabitu's household were among those abducted, and his herd of cattle was taken.

"Apart from unrest from the abductions for ransom, and the loss of innocent lives, we're also not allowed to carry out our daily livelihood in peace, Sabitu said.

Attacks in the north west are part of widespread insecurity in Nigeria, with a 14-year Islamist insurgency in the northeast, and gang and separatist violence in the southeast.

Deadly clashes also frequently occur between ners and herders.

On Wednesday gunmen kidnapped five female students from a university in the neighbouring Katsina

U.S. officials see a meeting as essential to help cool a relationship that has grown testy in recent years, with tensions rising over Taiwan and a Chinese military buildup in the South China Sea.

Ex Colombia **President Uribe** savs witness tampering case to go to trial

Monitoring Desk BOGOTA: Colombia's former President Alvaro Uribe said his long-running witness tampering case will go to trial, citing a news magazine ahead of an expected formal decision from a Bogota court on Friday.

Uribe and several al lies have been investigated over allegations of witness tampering carried out in an attempt to discredit accusations he had ties to right wing paramilitaries. The former president has always maintained his innocence. Some media on Thursday reported that Uribe would face trial, citing sources. "Clearly I read this with enormous concern. I have ardently defended my reputation but I don't know anything about bribing witnesses or mis-

leading the court."



A woman poses for pictures amid tourists visiting the Badaling section of the Great Wall on the National Day holiday in Beijing, China.



Turkey steps up strikes on militants as conflict escalates in Syria

Monitoring Desk

ISTANBUL: Turkish secuforces attacked Kurdish militants in northern Syria and eastern Turkey, and Ankara said it will continue to destroy their capabilities across the region as conflict escalated nearly a week after a bomb attack in Ankara. After U.S. forces shot

down a Turkish drone in northern Syria on Thursday, Turkey confirmed the incident but assigned no blame, indicating it may want to contain any tensions with its NATO ally.

"neutralised" 26 Kurdish militants in northern Syria

overnight in retaliation for a rocket attack on a Turk-ish base, the defence ministry said. Turkey typically uses the term "neutralise" to mean kill. The rocket attack on

the base, by the Syrian Kurdish YPG militia, killed one Turkish police officer and wounded seven officers and soldiers in northwest Syria's Dabiq area on Thursday evening, Ankara Turkey also con-

ducted air strikes and destroyed 30 militant targets elsewhere in northern Syria on Thursday night, including an oil well, a storage facility and shelters, the defence ministry said. On Friday, the minis-

try said Turkey's military had conducted another round of air strikes in northern Syria and destroyed 15 other militant targets where it said militants were believed to be. It did not say where in northern Syria the strikes, carried out at 1900 GMT, had hit.

"As has been done in Iraq, all the capabilities and revenue sources de-veloped by the terrorist organisation in Syria will continue to be destroyed in a systematic way," the foreign ministry said in a statement.

Hungary, Poland rail at **EU** migration policy between member states

Monitoring Desk GRANADA: Poland accused Berlin and Brussels of imposing a migration "diktat" on the European Union and Hungary said the bloc was forcing through a deal as EU leaders gathered to tackle the growing number of immigrants from the Middle East and Africa.

The EU summit in the Spanish city of Granada is seeking ways to bring down the number of refugees and migrants arriving in Europe outside of regular border crossings, something Italy, Spain and Ger-many are especially concerned about. But the bloc remains

at odds about how to share out the task of providing for those who make the journey. A long-stalled deal ing the bloc.

came together last week despite opposition from populist governments in land and Hungary. The EU's proposed

new agreement on migration aims to ease pressure on frontline countries like Italy and Greece by moving some arrivals to other EU countries. Those opposed to hosting asylum seekers will have to pay those that do so. The top migration of-

ficial in the EU, home to 450 million people, last week said there had been 250,000 irregular arrivals so far this year — far below 2015, when more than a million people made it across the sea, overwhelm-



pelling two Russian diplomats, a retaliatory step after Moscow kicked out two Americans last month. "In response to the Russian Federation's specious expulsion of two US embassy Moscow diplomats, the State Department reciprocated by declaring persona non grata two Russian embassy officials operating in the United States," a State Department spokesperson said.

Russia said last month that it was expelling two US diplomats for liaising with Robert Shonov, a Russian citizen who had formerly worked at the US consulate in the Far Eastern city of Vladivostok.



People walk along a street as a jeep is buried in the mud due to the flood at Teesta Bazaar in Kalimpong District, West Bengal, India.

Slovakia halts military aid for Ukraine as parties that oppose it negotiate to form a new government Caputova swore it in.

Monitoring Desk BRATISLAVA: Slovakia's president has refused a plan by her country's caretaker government to send further military aid to Ukraine, saying it doesn't have the authority and parties that oppose such support are in talks to form a government following last

week's election. The presidential office said in a statement Thursday that the current government of technocrats has only limited powers because it lost a mandatory confidence vote in Parliament on June 15, a month after President Zuzana visited Kyiv twice.

The technocrat Cabinet was created with the aim of leading the country to Saturday's early election. Fico has vowed to withdraw Slovakia's military support for Ukraine, and his victory could further strain the fragile unity in the European Union and NATO. Fico needs to find coalition partners to rule with a parliamentary majority and has been negotiating

with two other parties. He has

been given two weeks. The presidential office said that Caputova, who has been a staunch supporter of Ukraine and

Foxconn founder Terry Gou says he has reached Taiwan election bid threshold

Monitoring Desk TAIPEI: Terry Gou, the billionaire founder of major Apple supplier Foxconn (2317.TW), said he had already collected enough electorate signatures to qualify to stand as an independent in January's presidential

Gou announced his bid in August, saying he wanted to unite the opposition and ensure the island did not become "the next Ukraine", blaming the ruling Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) for taking Taiwan to the brink of war by antagonising China which claims the island as its own

territory. Gou was the fourth person to throw his hat in the ring, but his poll numbers have put him at the bottom and well behind the front-runner, the ruling Democratic Progressive Party's (DPP) William Lai, who is currently vice president. Speaking to supporters at a temple in Banqiao outside of Taipei, Gou said he had already on Wednesday collected enough signatures to qualify to be on the ballot, his campaign said in

statement. 'Your signatures are a responsibility for me, and your signatures are a spur and encouragement to me.

France's Sarkozy investigated for suspected witness tampering in Libya funds case

Monitoring Desk

PARIS: Former French President Nicolas Sarkozy was placed under formal investigation for suspected witness tampering and fraud, as part of a probe into whether he received illegal Libyan funding for his successful 2007 election campaign. Sarkozy, due to go on trial in 2025 over the accusations he illegally accepted the Libyan funds. has always denied wrong doing. His lawyers could not be immediately reached for comment.

An American tourist is arrested for smashing ancient Roman statues at a museum in Israel

Monitoring Desk JERUSALEM: Israeli police have arrested an American tourist at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem after he hurled works of art to the floor, defacing two second-century Roman statues. The vandalism late Thursday raised questions about the safety of Israel's priceless collections and stirred concern about a rise in attacks on cultural heritage in Jerusalem. Police identified the suspect as a radical 40-year-old Jewish American tourist and said initial questioning suggested he smashed

the statues

US doesn't want to build new sections of border wall, Mexico says

Monitoring Desk

MEXICO CITY: The US government does not want to build new sections of wall on its border with Mexico, Mexican President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador said, expressing doubt that the planned construction would be carried

"It's pure publicity," Lopez Obrador said in a regular morning press conference, after the Biden administration announced it would build additional sections of border wall, carrying forward a signature policy of the Trump administration.

A high-ranking delegation of US officials met Thursday with their Mexi-

They don't want to (build more sections of the wall), that's what they told us," Lopez Obrador said.

US President Joe Biden said on Thursday that the funds allocated for the construction were appropriated by Congress and that he could not, by law, redirect the money.

Biden, when he took office in 2021, pledged that 'no more American taxpayer dollars be diverted to construct a border wall."

Mexico's president added that in the meetings the day before, the Mexican delegation expressed that Mexico "does not believe (additional border wall construction) to be can counterparts, among them US Secretary of State tion problem."

EU leaders back bigger union but avoid date, warn against short cuts

Monitoring Desk GRANADA: European Union leaders declared support for adding new members to the bloc but set no target date and warned candidates such as Ukraine that there would be no short cuts. At a summit in the Spanish city of Granada, leaders of the 27-nation union proclaimed that EU enlargement is an "investment in peace, security, sta-

bility and prosperity".

But they also said that both the EU and would-be members - which include Ukraine, Moldova and Western Balkan states would need to make big changes to be ready for an enlarged union.

'Aspiring members need to step up their reform efforts, notably in the area of rule of law," they said in a statement. Russia's invasion of Ukraine has propelled enlargement up the agenda of their reform efforts.

the EU. Its leaders say the conflict has shown the danger of countries being in contested "grey zones" rather than being firmly part

of the EU political camp. Even as it fights Russia's invasion, Ukraine has made EU membership talks one of its top priorities. It aims to get the green light from EU leaders at a summit in December. Countries have to meet legal, economic and democratic standards to join the EU - a process that takes years. Officials say the EU will also have to overhaul its decision-making procedures and budget rules to take in new members. Charles Michel, the president of the European Council of EU leaders, has proposed the bloc should be ready to expand by 2030, arguing setting such a target would encourage both the EU and candidate countries to step up

KFOR commander calls on Kosovo and Serbia to return to talks to prevent future violence

Monitoring Desk led peacekeeping force tile in the future," Ristuccia called on both Kosovo and Serbia to return to the negotiating table to resolve their issues to prevent violence like the recent shootout between masked Serb gunmen and Kosovo

dead and sent tensions soaring in the region. Kosovo Force commander Maj. Gen. Angelo Michele Ristuccia called on both countries to "refrain from inflammatory and counterproductive rhetoric and help to create the necessary conditions for lasting security in Kosovo and

police that left four people

across the region " Ristuccia told a news conference that KFOR fully supported European Union-facilitated dialogue to normalize their ties.

In February, the EU put forward a 10-point plan to end months of political crises. Kosovar Prime Minister Albin Kurti and Serbian President Aleksandar Vuèiæ gave their approval at the time. but with some reservations that haven't been resolved. "If the parties do not

come back to the table ... and do not find a common solution and do not negotiate for a political solution, to recognize.

I think this balance will be-PRISTINA: The NATO- come more fragile and vola-

> On Sept. 24, around 30 Serb gunmen killed a Kosovar police officer and then set up barricades in northern Kosovo before launching an hours-long gunbattle with Kosovo police. Three gunmen were

> NATO beefed up its peacekeeping presence in Kosovo by about 200 British troops after the crisis. More are expected to be deployed from Romania and other allies if the situation requires, Ristuccia said. KFOR is made up of around 4,500 troops from 27 na-

> The EU-facilitated dialogue, which began in 2011, has yielded few re-

> Serbia and Kosovo have been at odds for decades. Their 1998-1999 war, which ended after a 78day NATO bombing campaign forced Serbian forces to withdraw from Kosovo, left more than 10,000 people dead, mostly Kosovo Albanians.

Kosovo, a former province of Serbia, declared independence in 2008 — a move that Belgrade refuses

Scientists untangle mystery of universe's earliest galaxies

Monitoring Desk WASHINGTON: The James Webb Space Telescope has provided an astonishing glimpse of the early history of our universe, spotting a collection of galaxies dating to the enigmatic epoch called cosmic But the existence of

what appear to be massive and mature galaxies during the universe's infancy defied expectations.

This left scientists scrambling for an explanation, while questioning the basic tenets of cosmology, the science of the origin and development of the uni-

Now, a new study may resolve the mystery without ripping up the textbooks. Researchers used sophisticated computer simulations to model how

These indicated that star formation unfolded differently in these galaxies in ters.

the first few hundred million years after the Big Bang than it does in large galaxies like our Milky Way today.

According to the study, these galaxies may have been relatively small, as expected, but might glow just as brightly as massive galaxies giving a deceptive impression of great mass because of brilliant bursts of star formation.

"Astronomers can securely measure how bright those early galaxies are because photons (particles of light) are directly detectable and countable, whereas it is much more difficult to tell whether those galaxies are really big or massive. They appear to be big because they are observed to be bright," said Guochao Sun, a postdoctoral fellow in astronomy at North-western University in Illinois and lead author of the study

the earliest galaxies evolved. published this week in the Astrophysical Journal Let-



India's persistent repression of Kashmiris' right to freedom threatens peace: Pakistan

warned that India's continued "repression" of the eral debate, reaffirmed the UN-promised Kashmiri people's right to self-determination, in defiance of Security Council resolutions, posed a grave threat to regional and international

peace and security.
"Strategic stability is also threatened by this state (India) as it continues to receive abundant supply of conventional and non-conventional weaponry, and now new sensitive technologies and platforms," Ambassador Khalil Hashmi told the UN General Assembly's First Committee, which deals with disarmament and international security matters on Friday.

These generous supplies and its designation as a net security provider have emboldened this State to impose its hegemony and the well-advertised ambition to emerge as a dominant power in South Asia, the Indian Ocean and beyond," said Ambassador Hashmi, who is Pakistan's permanent representative

RAWALPINDI (Online):

Pakistan army launched

operation "Zarb-e-azb in

2014 to eliminate terrorism

devastate TTP and its ter-

rorists shifted to Afghani-

stan for saving and regroup-

ing them. Taliban hoisted

the flag of victory in Kabul, capital of Afghanistan in

2021 and hours after TTP

was the first faction which

celebrated the victory enthu-

siastically. In a statement

issued on August 17, 2021,

TTP dubbed Taliban occu-

pation of Kabul as great vic-

tory TTP ring leader Noor

Wali Mehsood said over vic-

tory of Taliban in Afghanistan that now TTP will

work for ensuring stability

This operation led to

from the country.

NATIONS to UN offices in Geneva. The Pakistani envoy, who was speaking in a genneed for equitable and balanced disarmament measures that ensure each State's right to security, with no individual State or group of States gaining advantages over others.

> Noting an unprecedented increase in military expenditures and rising great power rivalries, he characterized the global security landscape as "grim."

> Without naming India, Ambassador Hashmi said "this state" continued to pursue belligerent policies, aggressive war-fighting doctrines, and heightened readiness postures and deployments, fraught with demonstrated risks of accidental launches. Pakistan, he said, cannot remain oblivious to this evolving security dynamics "in our immediate neighbourhood", and will maintain its capability of minimum credible deterrence against all forms of

Despite continuing threats, Pakistan remained

committed to the goal of a peaceful and stable South

Over the past quarter century,he said, Pakistan proposed a number of initiatives to promote peace and security and prevent the emergence of nuclear weapons in South Asia.

Following the nuclear tests in South Asia, Pakistan proposed the establishment of a Strategic Restraint Regime (SRR) in the region, premised on three interlocking and mutually reinforcing elements of conflict resolution, nuclear and missile restraint and conventional arms balance.

"The proposal remains on the table," Ambassador Hashmi said, pointed out that Pakistan's security policy continued to be defined by restraint, responsibility and avoidance of a mutually debilitating arms race in the region.

He said that peace and stability in South Asia can

through the resumption of negotiations to resolve the outstanding India-Pakistan disputes.



Hyder (Retd) receives souvenir from Egyptian Defense Attache staff Brigadier Mohamed Saad on the occasion of the Egyptian Armed Forces Day as Ambassador of Egypt to Pakistan Tarek Dahroug were also present on the occasion on 06 October in Federal Capital.

Indian police receive threat email to blow up PM, Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad

MUMBAI (INP): The Mumbai police has received an email threat-ening to blow up the Indian prime minister and the Narendra Modi stadium in Ahmedabad, which is currently the venue for several ICC Cricket World Cup matches.

The email warned the authorities that the group that sent the email has already mobilised individuals to carry out the assaults if the Indian government does not pay 5 billion Indian rupees and release infamous gangster Lawrence Bishnoi who is currently

The threat message, which allegedly origi-nated in Europe, was sent to India's National Investigation Agency (NIA) who then informed the Mumbai police about it, the police said. We have received

the email from the NIA, which has alerted all concerned agencies in other places as well. We also got the email ID from which the NIA got the email and are trying to trace that as well and prima facie it seems that the mail has come from Lawrence Europe," a police officer is currently said. He said the message lodged in Mandoli jail, in appears to be a hoax or Delhi, Indian media re- mischief played by

someone sitting in a for-eign country, but they have still launched the manhunt for the sender, and the security of all cricket matches will be reviewed and beefed up if required.

The email sent to the NIA read: "We will blow up Narendra Modi and the Narendra Modi stadium as well if the government fails to pay us Rs 500 crore and release Lawrence Bishnoi."

"Everything sells in Hindustan, so we too have bought something. No matter how much you secure, you won't be able to remain safe from us. If you wish to talk, do so on this email," it added.

Achakzai visits Pashtoonabad, meets tribal & political elders

Independent Report QUETTA: The caretaker Provincial Minister for Information, Jan Achakzai visited Usman Killa, Pashtoonabad here on Sat-

During the visit, Jan Achakzai met Usman Khan Achakzai. Also present on the occasion were a large number of tribal and politi-The Minister Infor-

pants about the policies and steps of the caretaker provincial government. Meanwhile, the local

mation briefed the partici-

people apprised Jan Achakzai about the issues of community.

Later, Úsman Khan Achakzai also invited Jan Achakzai to meet other leaders of the community in Pashtoonabad in his next

Permission not sought for PTI's meeting in Mardan, says Solangi

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Saturday said that he was heartbroken by the escalating violence in the Middle East which underscored the urgent need to address 'the Palestine Ouestion'.

In a post on X, the prime minister said "We urge restraint and protection of civilians. Enduring peace in the Middle East lies in a two-state solution with a viable, contiguous, sovereign State of Palestine, founded on pre-1967 borders, with Al Quds Al-Sharif at its heart."

Petrol price should decrease to Rs150 per liter: JI

LAHORE (INP): Ameer Jamaat-e-Islami (JI) Sirajul-Haq said that two families have been dominating the country for a long time and are now dreaming of ruling again.

In his statement on Saturday, He said that Iamaat-e-Islami will come to power and hold those accountable who return home and build properties outside. Haq said that inflation and unemployment have increased due to the wrong decisions made in the last five years. He said that the caretaker government is sticking to the policies of the previous governments and the situation is getting worse.

He demanded that petroleum price be decreased to 150 rupees per liter, after the fall of dollar value and oil prices in the global market.

Dr. Jogezai says

Health Cards to be effective in Balochistan by end of current month

Independent Report

QUETTA: The caretaker Provincial Minister for Muhammad Jogezai has stated that the interim government has done so many things including launch of the Health Cards for the people Balochistan.

The Health Cards would be operational in the province by end of current month. For the Health

Cards, our budget is more than other provinces, and every patient holding the Card would be able to spend up to Rs. 1.2 million on one's

safarish culture in the Programme, maintained the Minister Health terim set up exists.

while speaking at the meeting with the Health department and other concerned officials in Loralai on Sat-

urday. The Frontier Corps Brigadier Abdul Razzaq especially participated

in the meeting.
Others who were in the attendance at meeting were included Deputy Commissioner Loralai, Sajjad Aslam, SSP Asif Haleem, Principal BRC, Principal Loralai Medical College and other concerned

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Jogezai said that it is the main task of caretaker government to conduct free and We have ended fair elections, but still we would pay special attention on the public issues as long as the in-



LONDON: Chief Coordinator and Senior Vice President International Affairs Barrister Amjad Malik called on Former prime minister and PML-N supremo Nawaz Sharif.

Pakistan's Namira Salim makes history with travel in space

NEW YORK (APP): SPACE.com said. Naimira Salim became the first Pakistani to reach space on Virgin Galactic's mission, called "Galactic 04," which was launched from New Mexico's Spaceport America on Friday, according to SPACE.com, an independent space news publication. Karachi-born Ms.Salim, the founder and chairperson of Space Trust, is a longtime adventurer.

2008). dard time), when Virgin
Galactic's VSS Unity space
Their flight ended at plane lifted off beneath the wings of its carrier craft

known as VMS Eve,

Eve carried Unity high into the New Mexico skies, ultimately releasing the space plane at roughly 9:24 pm (PST) at an altitude of around 45,000 feet (13,700 meters). Unity then fired up its onboard rocket motor, powering its way to suborbital space. Ms. Salim and her fel-

low space tourist custom-She's the first Pakistani to ers—British advertising visit both the North Pole executive Trevor Beattie (in April 2007) and the and American as-South Pole (in January tronomy educator Ron Rosano — then experi-On Friday, Galactic 04 enced a few minutes of mission began at about at 8:40 p.m. (Pakistan stan-

9:43 pm (PST), when Unity finally touched down at Spaceport America.



KARACHI: Turkish actor Burak Ozcivit, best known for his leading role in the renowned Turkish series 'Kurulus: Osman', addressing a press conference on launch of a new fragrance 'Ruler' by J. at a local hotel.

Ready to work in Pak entertainment industry if offered a project: Burak

KARACHI (APP): Turk- speaking on the new fraish Actor Burak Ozcivit, best known for his leading role in the renowned Turkish series 'Kurulus: Osman', has said that he will work in the Pakistani entertainment industry if offered a project.

He said that Pakistan and Turkey had similar cultures and they shared the same feelings. While addressing a

press conference regarding the launch of a new fragrance 'Ruler' by J. at a local hotel here on Saturday, the Turkish actor said that normally he had to visit Pakistan two years ago but owing to some engagements he could make it to.

Ozcivit said that he was on a two-day visit to Pakistan and intended to visit her again.

He said, 'I would like to work in Pakistan film industry if offered a project.'

a 'Ball'

Earlier, J., Managing Director, Sohail Hamid Khan said that they started their journey to fragrances with former Cricketer and King of Swing Waseem Akram and introduced a perfume with a bottle having design of

grance 'Ruler' said that he

was offered the project

three to four years ago by

J. and he accepted it. He

said that J. gave me the op-

portunity to visit Pakistan.

intended to promote tour-

series 'Kurulus: Osman'

was very much liked over

ism in Pakistan.

He said that he also

He further said that his

He said that they initiated to associate popular faces and designed perfum bottles in accordance with their style and profession. He said that they were The Turkish actor moving a next step



QUETTA: A protest demonstration being held by Haq Do Masih Mahaz in front of Quetta Press Club.

with teachers and students on eve of Digital Media Skill Training. Afghanistan plays major role in re-organizing TTP from jails. This added to its

> The TTP ring leaders who were released included Moulvi Faqir Muhammad Bajori and former spokesperson Mufti Khalid Bilti.

prowess and force.

QUETTA: Caretaker Information Minister Jan Achakzai in a group photo

Afghan Taliban leadership apparently discourages its warriors to join war against Pakistan. Certain groups consider support to TTP their religious and national obligation in ideological perspective. They have established personal relations in tribal areas of Pakistan. Consequently golden opportunities are available TTP terrorists for organizing them on Afghan territory with complete safety adjacent to Pakistan.

In video TTP terror-

of Taliban government. Noor Wali Mehsood reists can be seen cutting the barbed wire installed on newed the pledge of alleborder before their arrest in giance with Taliban Amir conducting terrorist attacks Haibat Ullah Akhunzada in Pakistan. The evidences are available on Afghan suibesides announcing to concide attackers Joining vitinue unconditional support forTaliban. cious war of TTP against The major benefit Pakistan. Certain soldiers availed by TTP due to of Afghan Taliban have gone Taliban control over Kabul to this extent in saying the was that its hundreds of next part of their Jehad is terrorists were released war against Pakistan

Returning of Afghan refugees continue thru **Torkhamborder**

PESHAWAR (APP): Afghan refugees are returning to Afghanistan through Torkham border and in the last four days around two hundred Afghan migrant families left for their country, an official of the Torkham Border said here

Saturday. Giving detail on the assurance of not to be named, the official disclosed that 198 families were transthrough 54 vehicles through Torkham border. The International Organization for Refugees (IOM) is also registering returning Afghan refugees at Torkham border he said. The official said that 9,56,720 Afghan refugees are living in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, another official of the Afghan

Commissionerate Peshawar said. He said 6,48,968 Afghan refugees are registered in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and 885,000 Afghan refugees are living



LORALAI: Caretaker Health Minister Dr. Ameer Muhammad Khan Jogezai presiding over a meeting with officers of health department and other con-

Reshuffle in senior civil bureaucracy Several administrative secretaries and senior officers transferred

Independent Report QUETTA: Several administrative secretaries of provincial government departments have been changed following reshuffle in the senior civil bureaucracy of Balochistan

According to an official notification issued here by the Services and General Administration Department the other day, the transfer and posting of the secretaries and other senior officers has been made with the approval of competent authority (Chief Minister) and permission of the Election Commission of Pakistan in view of public in-

As per the notification, special secretary Agriculture department, Abdul Wali Baraich has been transferred and posted as secretary Urban planning and development depart-

Secretary urban planning and development, Manzoor Zehri has been posted as Member Chief Minister Inspection Team. and Secretary science and Information Technology, Abdul Fateh Bhangar has been posted as Member CMIT.

Similarly, secretary Livestock department, Arshad Bugti has proceeded for National Management course. Moreover, secretary

culture Tourism and archive Manzoor Hussain has been transferred and posted as Member CMIT, secretary provincial ombudsman office, Hashim Nadeem has been transferred and posted as secretary culture and Tourism, Archive department while Chairman Balochistan Development Authority, Abdul Wali Kakar has been transferred and posted as secretary PHE department and his predecessor, Saleh Muhammad Baloch has been posted as secretary

Food department. Secretary Social welfare department, Imran Khan has been transferred and posted as secretary information department and secretary women development department, Syed Sikandar shah has posted as secretary social welfare department and Member CMIT Sardar Khan Bugti has been transferred and posted as secretary women development department.

Member CMIT Yasir Khan has been transferred and posted as secretary Transport department while secretary Minorities Affairs Noor Muhammad Jogezai has been transferred and made S&GAD /proceeded on NDU.

Similarly, special secmentary Affairs depart-

The BCS officer

retary Health Muhammad Dawood Khan Bazai has been posted as secretary Minorities Affairs and secretary Food, Mujeebur Rehman has been posted as Managing Director BPRA and Member CMIT, Kalimullah Babar has been transferred and posted as secretary Law and parlia-

awaiting posting order, Abdul Latif Kakar has been posted as Member Board of Revenue-II and Member CMIT, Abdul Khaliq Mandokhail has been transferred and posted as secretary Labour and Manpower department while Tariq Mengal, awaiting posting order has been posted as Director General Social Welfare department and DG Tourism Sher Shah Ghilzai had been posted as

move to bar aid to Pakistan WASHINGTON (APP): overwhelming rejection of the anti-Pakistan move.

lawmaker

Masood Khan met included

Senator Bill Hagerty, Sena-

tor Jon Ossoff, Congress-

man Jim Banks, Co-Chair

of he Pakistan Congres-

sional Caucus, Congress-

woman Marcy Kaptur,

Ranking Member of the

House Appropriations

Subcommittee on Energy

and Water Development

and CongressmanA Jason

Crow. The Ambassador

also thanked US Congress-

man Mike McCaul, Chair-

man of the House Foreign

Affairs Committee, Con-

gresswoman Sheila Jackson

Lee, Chairperson of the

Congressional Pakistan

TORKHAM: Afghan refugees living in Pakistan

are standing in a queue on pak Afghan Torkham

border with their families, a government decision

Masood Khan thanks

US lawmakers for foiling

to expel people illegally staying in the country.

:Pakistani Ambassador to the United States, Masood Khan, met a number of American lawmakers in the past week to thank them for rejecting a proposal aimed at cutting off funds to Pakistan on the ground that some of its policies have been contrary to U.S.

interests Apart from personally meeting Congressmen and Senators, both Democrats and Republicans, he also wrote letters to many of them expressing his appreciation for their support in defeating Tennessee Congressman Andy Ogles's amendment to the State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs (SFOPS) Act, 2024, seeking to prohibit assistance to Pakistan, according to a Pakistani embassy press release.

The final tally was 298 members voting against Ogles's amendment, while 132 cast 'yes' votes, an Pakistan.



QUETTA: Members of Milli Yakjehti Council Balochistan Maulana Abdul Haq Hashmi, Syed Habibullah Shah Chishti, Syed Allama Raza Ikhlaqi and others addressing a Press conference.

Jilani to attend ECO Council of Ministers' meeting in Azerbaijan ISLAMABAD (APP): Foreign Office Spokesper-

Caretaker Foreign Minister Jalil Abbas Jilani will undertake an official visit to Azerbaijan to attend the 27th meeting of the Council of Ministers of the Economic Cooperation Organization (EĈO) to be held from October 9 to 10 in Susha, Azerbaijan.

During his visit, the foreign minister will address the Council of Ministers (COM) and hold bilateral meetings with participating ministers of member states and other dignitaries on the sidelines of the event, according to a statement issued by the Interconnectivity

son on Saturday As the policy-making

forum of the ECO, the Council of Ministers approves the decisions and annual work plan of the Organization.

At the 27th COM, the member states will discuss the promotion of sustainable economic development of the ECO region through trade and economic cooperation and mutual assistance in social, cultural, Transition and