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Govt. believes in freedom of media as an 'important state pillar': PM Kakar

Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Friday said the government believed in the freedom of media and considered it an 'important pillar of the He expressed these

views as Information Minister Murtaza Solangi called on him here at the PM

The meeting discussed the problems concerning the All Pakistan Newspaper Society (APNS), the Council of Pakistan Newspaper Editors (CPNE), and the media industry.

PM Kakar on the occa-n directed for resolving the recently signed accords between Pakistan and sion directed for resolving the legitimate demands of the media industry and taking necessary steps in that regard. He said he would continue his interactions with journalists and media persons. The meeting was attended by Federal Information Secretary Zahoor Ahmed, Principal Informa-

Tariq

aging Director Associated Press of Pakistan (APP) Muhammad Asim Khichi. Meanwhile Caretaker Prime Minister Anwar-ul-

Haq Kakar on Friday said

Officer

Mahmood Khan, and Man-

China would open up new opportunities of employ ment and economic development for the people of Gilgit-Baltistan. The prime minister ex-

pressed these views as Chief Minister GB Gulbar Khan called on him here at the PM House The meeting discussed

the memorandum of understanding signed during the prime minister's visit to China and other measures to further increase trade relations between GB and



ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Minister for Information and Broadcasting Murtaza Solangi said on Friday that difference of opinion was a hallmark of de-mocracy. Talking to media persons at the Parliament House after he met with the President Parliamentary Reporters Association Usman Khan and other journalists he said he belonged to the journalistic commu-

nity.
"I have always been a supporter of freedom of expression and I am still fully committed to it", he added

Stating that journalism and politics go hand in hand, he said he always had a respectful relationship with all the iournalists.



QUETTA: Balochistan Governor Abdul Wali Khan Kakar and Provincial Ministers leading a rally in connection with Kashmir Black Day.

Decision to deport 1.3m illegal immigrants to be implemented: Jan Achakzai

Balochistan Minister for Information Jan Achakzai on Friday said that the state would implement its decision to deport 1.3 million illegal immigrants with full force and no one would be allowed to enter Pakistan without valid visa.

Addressing a press conference, he said that action would be taken against those who had rented out their properties and provided shelter to illegal immigrants. Jan Achackzai ruled out the news to review the decision taken for the repatriation of undocumented immigrants and said that after the deadline, all relevant institutions will work to deport the unreg-

istered immigrants.

He said that a control center would be established, in which officials of institutions concerns would be present.

The government will set up detention centers in Haji Camp Quetta, Chaman and Pishin to accommodate foreign nationals residing in the country without identity documents before deportation to their respective countries, he said and added that the illegal immigrants would be kept at these centres with respect and provided with meals and medical facilities.

He said a part from Chaman, crossing points are being opened in Killa Saifullah and Chagai to report illegal immigrants to Afghanistan.

Governor Balochistan says:

Pakistan to continue supporting suppressed Kashmiris, Palestinians

QUETTA (APP): Governor Balochistan, Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar, reaffirmed the government's resolve to support the suppressed people of Kashmir and Palestine, urging immediate intervention by the international community and an end to gross human rights violations.

He was addressing the participants of a protest rally on Friday, which was organized to mark October 27 as the Black Day when the tyrant forces of India illegally occupied the then princely state of Kashmir in 1947.

Balochistan said the provincial government is mourning the illegal occupation of fascist India by holding rallies, protest demonstrations, and other events, while calling on the UN and other civilized countries to stop the barbarism of the illegally occupied forces in IIOJK. "We also support the just demand of the people of Palestine and urge the international community to take notice of the looming humanitarian crisis and unjust blockade causing

Reiterating Pakistan's issues of Kashmir and Pal-

more deaths in Gaza," he em-

The Governor of estine, the governor said that moral, political, and diplomatic support for the suppressed people of Kashmir and Palestine. The government of Pakistan has always raised its voice on every international forum, stressing the need for a resolution of the Kashmir issue in accordance with UNSC resolutions.

The tyranny of the occupied forces has crossed its limits, and now it is high time for the international community and champions of human rights to come forward and play their role in the permanent resolution of the issues faced by the infirm stance on the burning nocent civilians in the illegally occupied regions.

Pakistan reaffirms support for Kashmiris' right to self-determination

ISLAMABAD (INP): As and Kashmir but has also ISLAMABAD (APP): mir Black Day' today, marking the 76 years of Indian armed forces' illegal occupation in Kashmir, President of Pakistan Dr Arif Alvi and Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Hag Kakar have assured the Kashmiri people of Pakistan's unwavering support for their legitimate struggle for the right to self-determination.

According to Kashmir Media Service, President Arif Alvi in his message said that October 27 1947 was one of the darkest days in the history of Jammu and Kashmir. "Over the last seventy-six vears. India has not only reneged on its obligations

by backtracking on UNSC resolutions," he added.

ISLAMABAD: The Caretaker Federal Minister for Information and Broad-

casting Murtaza Solangi calls on the Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-

He said the people of occupied Kashmir have endured endless oppression during this period, however, India has failed to weaken their resolve to realize their inalienable right to self-determination.

Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar in his message noted that over the last 76 years, India had employed various methods to perpetuate its illegal rule over Kashmir. However, since Aug 5. 2019, there has been an intensified campaign to 'Indianise' Kashmir and disempower the Kashmiri people in their own land he lamented

PM condoles death of China's ex-PM Li Keqiang

Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Friday expressed deep sorrow and shock over the death of former Chinese Premier Li Keqiang.

"Our thoughts and sympathies are with Late Premier Li, his family and with the Chinese nation at this hour of grief," he posted on social media platform, X.

PM Kakar termed L Keqiang "a great friend of Pakistan'

"We fondly remember his visit to Pakistan ii "he said.

China's former premier, Li Keqiang died of a sudden heart attack in Shanghai in the early hours on Friday morning, according to China's Xinhua news agency. He was 68.

ECC approves Rs8bln bridge

financing for PIA ISLAMABAD (APP):The **Economic Coordination** Committee (ECC) of the Cabinet approved a Rs. 8 billion bridge financing package for Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) on Friday.

The financing will be provided through the Aviation Civil Authority's (CAA) resources to meet PIA's urgent overdue payment obligations. The ECC allowed the

Aviation Division to proceed with the bilateral arrangement between the CAA and PIA. The Caretaker Federal Minister for Finance,

Revenue, and Economic

Affairs, Dr. Shamshad Akhtar presided over the meeting, according to news statement issued by the finance ministry. The Aviation Division submitted a proposal for provision of financial support to PIACL

through the Civil Avia-

tion Authority for cer-

tain emergent needs of

the airline.

Special prosecutor Raja Rizwan Abbasi said it is

QUETTA: Balochistan Chief Secretary Shakeel Qadir Khan presiding over a meeting regarding development projects, betterment in traffic management and building code

QUETTA: Provincial Home Minister Mir Zubaid Khan Jamali presiding over

a meeting regarding law and order

Illegal, Non-registered foreign persons to go home before dead line: Bugti

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan with valid docu-Caretaker Minister for Interior Sarfraz Ahmad Bugti on Friday said that nonregistered and illegal foreign persons will have to leave Pakistan before dead

We will launch operation against the illegal foreigners including Afghan people after the dead line of Oct 31, he said while talking to a private television channel. n the second phase, he said crackdown will be made against the facilitators of illegal people in

Pakistan.

people doing business in Prime Minister to avoid this country, he said any body can do business in bis arrival to hometown.

Commenting on Afghan

Thousands participate

in dozens Kashmir Day

OUETTA (APP): Dozens of events including protest ral-

lies, seminars, speech competitions were organized across

the Balochistan province on Friday to mark Kashmir

tribute to Kashmiris against Indian atrocities.

Thousands of people participated in the events to pay

As Indian troops had invaded Jammu and Kashmir

on 27th October in 1947, the day is observed by Kashmiris

as 'Black Day' to convey a strong message to the world

that they reject the illegal occupation of Jammu and Kash

ments. The Caretaker government will facilitate all the foreign investors in Pakistan, he added. About elections, he said, it is the duty of election commission of Pakistan to announce date for general elections. He said, we will provide security to ECP for

peaceful and transparent In reply to a question people. The about facilities extended to Nawaz Sharif on arrival, he said that Caretaker government had provided maximum security to Ex

Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK).
It urged the Internaany untoward incident on events across Balochistan

Repatriation of Afghans residing

Pakistan continues ISLAMABAD (INP):

tion of illegal foreign nationals to their countries is continuing and only four days are left for undocumented foreign nationals to leave the coun-The government has

asked all undocumented foreign nationals to leave Pakistan by 31st of this month, otherwise law enforcement agencies will take action as per the law

Top US diplomat discusses Mideast conflict with Jilani

WASHINGTON (APP): A senior American diplomat Thursday spoke with Pakistani caretaker foreign Minister Jalil Abbas Jilani to discuss "critical issues" in the US-Pakistan partnership, including the Israel-Palestine conflict, according to State Department spokesperson Mathew

The Acting Deputy Secretary of State and Under Secretary for Political Affairs, Victoria Nuland, also discussed "our mutual interest in facilitating the safe and timely resettlement of eligible Afghans to the United States," Miller said in a statement.

"They also agreed on

the importance of free and fair elections that are inclusive and held in a manner consistent Pakistan's laws," the statement said.

During a discussion on the raging Israel-Palestinian conflict, the Acting Deputy Secretary highlighted the United States' call for the release of all hostages and the protection of civilians from harm, it said.

"Acting Deputy Secretary Nuland and Foreign Minister Jilani also agreed on the need for a continuous flow of humanitarian aid to civilians in Gaza and to prevent the conflict from spreading," the statement



QUETTA: Caretaker Provincial Information Minister Jan Achakzai addressing a Press conference Mahatir says:

India, Israel resorting to identical tactics to change demographic composition of Kashmir & Palestine

ISLAMABAD (APP): Former Malaysian Prime Minister Dr Mahathir Muhammad on Friday, drawing parallels between Kashmir and Palestine issues, said India was resorting to the same tactics that had been employed by Israel to suppress the voice of people of occupied areas over the decades.

He said India was now attempting to radically change the demographic composition of the occupied Jammu & Kashmir by settling non-Muslim outsides on the same pattern the Israel patronized the settlers to occupy the Palestinians' lands over the years. "India is attempting to change the demographic composition of the State of Jammu & Kashmir by settling non-Muslim outsiders in the Muslim majority areas in the same way the Israeli settlers have forcefully evicted Palestinians from their homes in the land grab activities sanctioned by the Tel Aviv regime," Dr Mahatir, in his video message played at an event organized by the Pakistan High Commission in Malaysia to mark the Kashmir Black Day 2023.

He said India's revocation of Jammu & Kashmir's autonomy unilaterally four years ago saw the deployment of hundreds of thousands of soldiers into the illegally occupied territories of Jammu and Kashmir.

"Along with that, atrocities were committed, while placing the whole population under siege.'



ISLAMABAD: Governor Sindh, Muhammad Kamran Khan Tessori, called on President Dr. Arif Alvi, at Aiwan-e-Sadr.

Bail plea of Imran Khan rejected in cipher case ISLAMABAD (Online):

(IHC) has rejected bail plea of PTI chairman Imran Khan in cipher case. Chief Justice (CJ) IHC Aamer Farooq had reserved judgment on bail plea of chairman PTI in

Cipher case on October 16

which was announced on

Islamabad High Court

During previous hearing, counsels of Imran Khan and special prosecutor of FIA had given argu-

IHC had reserved judgment after hearing the arguments.

Special prosecutor had said the counsel for the petitioner has not interpreted or defined section 5 of Official Secret Act (OSA) correctly. Chairman PTI transmitted the information about cipher to people while he was not authorized to do so.

He said this is statement of former foreign secretary, Sohail Mehmood, deputy director Imran Sajid and Haseeb bin Aziz under 161 that cipher reached assistant Noman.

He had said there is statement of Shammoon Qaisar, cipher officer in Prime Minister (PM) house, Haseeb Gauhar DSP M office, Sajid Mehmood DSP PM house and Azam Khan under 161.

They had said Azam Khan appeared before investigation officer and recorded his statement before respective magistrate. He had gone some where else for some time for peace of mind.

clear in the statement of witness this was secret classified document. There is no circulation of secret document

Senate passes resolution strongly reaffirming Pakistan's solidarity with **Kashmiris**

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Senate on Friday unanimously passed a resolution strongly reaffirming Pakistan's solidarity with the Kashmiri people in their just struggle for right to self-determination.

The resolution moved holding next elections in a by Senator Kamil Ali Agha, reiterated Pakistan's moral, diplomatic and political support to the Kashmiri resolution

strongly condemned the Indian brutalities and killing of thousands of innocent Kashmiris in the Indian

tional community for the expeditious formation of a Commission of Inquiry to investigate the gross human rights violation in IIOJK.

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South Africa push struggling Pakistan closer to World Cup exit

CHENNAI: South Africa hammered Pakistan to secure a 1-wicket victory in the World Cup on Friday in Chennai, pushing Babar Azam's men closer towards an elimination from the mega tournament.

With three matches left and four defeats, Pakistan will want all things to go their way for semis qualification — as the results of other teams and net run rate will be crucial for the Men In Green.

This was also the first time since 1999 that the Proteas defeated the Green Shirts in an ODI World

Proteas now has five wins out of six games whereas Pakistan have only two with three games remaining. Temba Bavuma and his men had a few hiccups during the chase of 271 but Aiden Markram's impressive

knock of 91 pushed them to the finish line. Earlier, Pakistan were bowled out for 270 in 46.4 overs. Tabraiz Shamsi bagged figures of 4/60 while Marco Jansen finished with figures of 3/49. Emerging pacer

Gerald Coetzee took two wickets for 2/42. Pakistan lost both their openers – Abdullah Shafique

Jansen struck twice to bring the team under pressure. Skipper Babar Azam (50) and Mohammad Rizwan tried to build a partnership in order to boost the total but Gerald Coetzee dismissed the latter for 31. The Pakistan captain was removed for 50 and Iftikhar Ahmed fell for 21 by Tabraiz Shamsi.

Saud Shakeel (52) and Shadab Khan (43) took the aggressive route and put scores on the board with fiery boundaries. After their removal, Mohammad Nawaz tried to keep up the momentum so a reasonable total could be built against the Proteas. However, he pulled poorly on Jansen's delivery and was caught on the off side.

In the chase, Quinton de Kock (28) started aggressively, however, he was caught by Wasim Jr. on the bowling of Shaheen Afridi. Skipper Temba Bavuma (24) also took the charge but Wasim removed him.

Rassie Van der Dussen and Aiden Markram steered along but two quick wickets brought Pakistan back. Markram paired with Miller to post a 70-run stand for the fifth wicket until Shaheen removed Miller (29) while Wasim Jr had the better of Jansen (20) to give some



ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Minister for Planning and Development Aami Saeed along with Caretaker Information Minister Murtaza Solangi, Governor Sindh Kamran Tessori, Ambassador of Korea to Pakistan Park Kijun and others cutting the cake on the occasion of the National Foundation Day and Armed Forces Day, at the residence of the Korean Ambassador on 26 October in Federal Capital.



QUETTA: QUETTA: Commissioner Quetta Division Muhammad Hamza Shafqaat and Deputy Commissioner Lt. (Retd) Saad bin Asad meeting with Balochistan Governor Abdul Wali Kakar

Govt constitutes FFC to fix responsibility in Faizabad Dharna case

ISLAMABAD (Online): Federal government has constituted Fact Finding Committee (FFC) to fix responsibility in Faizabad Dharna case.

Áttorney General (ÁG) filed implementation report in Faizabad Dharna case in Supreme Court (SC).

The report said government has constituted fact finding committee to fix responsi

bility in Faizabad Dharna case. It has been told in the AG report fact finding committee has been constituted to

implement SC February 6, 2019 decision. This committee includes Additional secretary interior, additional secretary defence and director ISI. TORs of FFC have also been made part of implementation report. Committee wil

hold inquiry as per set TORs. FFC will collect evidences regarding Faizabad Dharna and will review all col-

lected evidence, documents and record The AG report further said FFC will record statements of witnesses besides deter mining handlers and those found responsible in Faizabad Dharna case.

The committee will determine who issued orders and sent message in Dharna case. First meeting of FFC was held on October 26 under set TORs. The committee will submit report based on proposals after investigation. The report will be filed in Defence ministry till December 01. If committee needs more time then it will approach defence



ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of Japan to Pakistan WADA Mitsuhiro conferred the Imperial decoration "The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star" on Imtiaz Ahmad, former Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to Japan On behalf of the Government of Japan following the recognition of his significant contribution towards strengthening the friendship, cultural and economic relations and mutual understanding between Japan and Pakistan, during a Conferment ceremony at the residence of the Japan Ambassador in Federal Capital.

Firdous Ashiq vows to bring out 'Digital Pakistan' from 'Naya Pakistan'

MULTAN (APP): Spokes- on map of the world. person of Istehkam - e- Pa-kistan Party (IPP) Firdous Ashiq Awan vowed on Friday to bring out 'Digital Pakistan' out of 'Naya Pakistan' with playing coherent role to meet dreams of youth by becoming their voice in the Parliament.

Addressing a press conference here at press club, she said the sloganers of 'Naya Pakistan' buried them under 9th May incidents. By now, the 'Developed Pakistan' was waiting for the youth to join IPP in order to end their decadeslong frustration created through inherent politics, she added

She called the motif behind taking Eagle (propsed electoral syombol) was the dream seen by Allama Iqbal led the Quaid-e- Azam making an Islamic republic "We're going to strenghten Iqbal's Eagles on the political horizon," she

Underlying agenda of the party, she said that they were making mothers and sisters part of Digital Paki-

There would be free of cost electricity for consumers of 300 power units, she claimed, adding cheap and subsidised fuel would be offered for the two wheelers and small vehicles.

Speaking about political activities, Firdous said, the IPP was going to stage its first powershow in Jahanian, district Khanewal tomorrow (28th Oct). The elected representatives from Multan had always played a vital role in the country's political sce-

OTTAWA: A photographic exhibition arranged at Pakistan Embassy Ottawa

in connection with the Kashmir Solidarity Day and it was attended by a large

number of Pakistani community members and Kashmiris.

principal secretary to PM accepted ISLAMABAD (Online)

Caretaker Prime Minister (PM) has accepted the resignation of his principal secretary Dr Tauqir Shah. Tauqir Shah will leave

the post of principal secretary from October 31. Period of one month notice was also abolished.

Establishment division has issued notification regarding acceptance of Dr

Fauqir Shah resignation. According to sources Dr Tauqir Shah has got job in World Bank (WB). He will move to WB next month.

Former PM Shehbaz Sharif had appointed Dr Tauqir Shah on the basis of one year contract. He is grade 22 officer of Pakistan administration service.

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Pakistan's fruit pro-

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90% of the national

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mond production,

60% of peach, pome-

granate, and apricot,

34% of apples, and a remarkable 70% of

Balochistan's fruit

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SRINAGAR (Online): In since October 27, 1947. Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir, Indian forces have killed five hundred thousand Kashmiris, including over 250,000 in Jammu region, as the occupied territory

vasion by the Indian Army on this day in 1947. A report released by Media on 27th October, Friday, which is being observed as Black Day in IIOJK, Azad Jammu and Kashmir and wherever Kashmiris live in the world, said that more than 3.5 million Kashmiris were forced to migrate to Azad Jammu and Kashmir, Pakistan and

Here is the data released by Research Section of Kashmir Media Service from January 1989 till October 27, 2023:

The report said the number of actual Indian completed 76 years of introops present in the occupied territory is 1.501.000. The research also gave a break-up of the Indian forces' personnel, according to which the number of Indian Army soldiers is 750,000, number of paramilitary forces is 535,000. the number of police personnel is 130,000. Special Police Officers 35,000 and Village Defense Committees is 50,000. It makes a grand total of 1,501,000 in the territory. other parts of the world

Pak HC to UK urges int'l action to end human rights abuses in IIOJK

sion. He brought attention

kistan High Commission in the United Kingdom on Friday observed the Jammu and Kashmir Black Day to commemorate a somber milestone in the history of the region. On this day in 1947, India forcibly occupied Jammu & Kashmir by landing its army in Srinagar against the will and wishes of the Kashmiri people.

The event featured both virtual and in-person participation by cross-party Britparliamentarians, Kashmiri leaders, members of academia and representatives of human rights organizations

The messages of the President, the Prime Minister and Foreign Minister were read out on the occa-

sion. Pakistan's High Comabuses in the Indian Illemissioner to UK Dr gally Occupied Jammu & Mohammad Faisal, in his ashmir (IÎOJK). remarks, underscored the British parliamentarsignificance of Jammu and ians and speakers expressed Kashmir Black Day, marksolidarity with the ing the day when India, 76 Kashmiris, highlighting years ago, violated internaconcerns about the humanitional law and morality by tarian crisis in the IIOJK. deploying its troops in They called on the UK Srinagar, based on a fraudu-Government to protect the lent instrument of acces-

to the ongoing oppression of innocent Kashmiri rights violations in the UK's Parliament and urged India people by the Indian occuto grant access to human pation forces, a press rerights organizations. lease issued by Pakistan High Commission said. The High Commis-

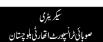
Emphasizing it as a matter of human rights and self-determination, they sioner emphasized the urcalled for international ingent need for international tervention based on UN action to end draconian Security Council resolu-

Kashmiris' rights, vowed to

continue addressing human

laws and human rights tions. نوتس برائے بین الصوبائی روتس ٹرانسپورٹرز

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Balochistan's agro-ecological zones: the fruit-bsket of Pakistan

By Mehmood Ali

Balochistan Pakistan's largest province, is a treasure trove of natural diversity, and its unique agro-ecologizones have earned it the nickname "the fruit-basket of Pakistan." This vast expanse of land, characterized by diverse climates and terrains, plays a pivotal role in the country's fruit production, contributing significantly to its agricultural wealth.

span from temperate to sub-tropical and Meanwhile, with tropical, creating four distinct agroideal conditions for ecological zones, various fruit crops. Balochistan boasts The high delta fruits, an unparalleled enincluding apple, aprivironment that accot, cherry, and peach, thrive in specommodates the cultivation of an imprescific regions, while sive array of highlow delta fruits such quality fruits. From as grape, olive, pistachio, and pomethe arid desert landscapes to the fertile granate flourish in valleys, province's varied geography is a fruit grower's dream. Balochistan takes

is known for cultivating an astounding 130 different varieties of dates annually, with Makran alone contributing around 0.5 million tons. Date varieties like Begum Jangi, Kaharaba, Mozawati, Berni, Helini, and Sabzo are highly regarded for their sweetness, richness, and nutritional value. These dates are not just a source of nourishment but a symbol of cultural

significance. Furthermore, in the town of Turbat, the date industry plays a vital role in the local economy. It provides employment opportunities and income for numerous households, thereby improving the living standards of the region. Furthermore, the date industry serves as a major export commodity, sig-

have earned international recognition for their premium qualof Pakistan's export portfolio.

prosperity, dates from Balochistan hold cultural impor-They are a symbol

of hospitality and are guests as a gesture of warm welcome. Moreover, dates play a pivotal role in religious occasions, particularly during the Islamic holy month of Ramadan. They are an essential part of iftar, the meal that breaks the day's fast, and they hold deep spiritual significance in the lives of the local population.

Balochistan's status as the "fruit-bas-ket of Pakistan" is the province's rich market.

sponsible for a sub-stantial share of production is its ings. The dates of Its diversity in fruit Pakistan's fruit pro-dates. The province Turbat and Panjgur production, from Its diversity in fruit production, from high delta to low delta crops, and the prominence of dates, ity, making them an are a source of pride essential component for the region and a vital contributor to the country's agricul-Beyond economic tural and economic prosperity. Balochistan's fruits are not just a source of sustenance; they are a symbol of cultural heritage, emoften offered to bodying the warmth and generosity of the people Balochistan.

The fruit's quality is exceptional. However, what prevents it from being recognized as an exportquality product is the "local packaging," which is not deemed up to par for the international market. These high-quality fruits require superior packaging to maintain their premium quality, making them not just a moniker; suitable for export to it's a testament to the international



mitted by Indian occupation forces was also organized at the Chancery.

Prof Malik emphasises youth's role in strengthening China-Pakistan ties

ISLAMABAD (APP): Fateh Muhammad Malik Professor Fateh Muhammad Malik on Friday emphasised the crucial role of young people in cultivating person-to-person ties in the context of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor and the Belt and Road Initiative. In a recent event convened by the renowned 'Ilmi Bethak,' which had the privilege of inviting two distinguished

guest speakers, Professor

and the senior journalist Sabookh Syed. Fateh Malik, an expert in the fields of history and international relations, provided insight to the audience regarding the enduring bilateral ties between Pakistan and China. Moreover, he under-

scored the significant contribution that the Confucius Institute in Islamabad could make in forging a more prosperous and mutual future for

Fateh Malik graciously conferred certificates of recognition upon the contributors to the aforementioned publications. The collaboration between students and faculty members at the National University of Modern Languages (NUML) resulted in the

publication of two Urdu books dedicated to the topic of China within the framework of the NUML Ilmi Bethak.

HEADQUARTERS FRONTIER CORPS BALOCHISTAN (NORTH)
TENDER NOTICE FOR PROCUREMENT OF STATIONERY STORES
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Headquarters Frontier Corps Balochistan (North) invites Sealed Bids from the Firms, Original Manufacturers as well as Contractors registered with Income Tax and Sales Tax Departments and wh are on Active Taxpayers List of Federal Board of Revenue Pakistan for supply of stationery store Bidding documents, containing detailed terms and conditions, etc are available

Specifications for each item required, will be provided with the Bidding Docu Sealed bids, prepared in accordance with the instructions in the Bidding Documents must reach at Establishment Branch Headquarters Frontier Corps Balochistan (North) Quetta by

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Lieutenant Colonel

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For Inspector General Frontier Corps (Najam Shabbir Rana)

Govt taking multifaceted measures to accelerate ICT growth: Dr Umar

KARACHI (APP): within the Pakistani tech Caretaker Federal Minister industry. which will provide the leave every traditional required benefits of ICT industry behind. Information Technology Telecommunication Dr Umar Saif distributed annual ICT Awards 2023

among IT professionals for g r o u n d b r e a k i n g achievements and visionary contributions in the technology sector.
HBL P@SHA ICT

Awards 2023 featured 34 remarkable Gold Awards and 40 Merit Awards in different categories, including Artificial Intelligence, Internet of Things, Fintech, Business and Industry, etc. with a total of 727 nominees, showcasing the remarkable growth and advancements

The 21st version of ICT Awards 2023 was jointly organized by the Pakistan Software Houses Association (P@SHA) and HBL late Thursday night.

Addressing the ceremony Dr. Umar Saif said the government was taking multifaceted measures to accelerate the growth of Information and C o m m u n i c a t i o n Technology (ICT) in Pakistan.

He said that though the tenure of interim government was short, we, in the available time, will lay the foundation of sustainable measures under the right line of action,

required benefits of ICT sector to the up-coming government"

The fast developing IT sector possessed an enormous growth potential and it could play a significant role in economic stability, he said, adding that the government was doing its part to provide facilities and the industry should play its part by increasing its capabilities.

Pakistan with its significant youth bulge, resources, skills, grit and every ancillary factor had a vast potential to grow in the ICT sector, the minister noted, adding that the ICT sector with steps in right direction could

industry behind.

It was evident from the fact that foreign investment in start-ups had crossed the \$800 million mark while a number of global companies were investing in Pakistan, he added. Terming the establishment of Special

Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC) an imperative initiative, Dr Saif said the need of a high level powerful forum was being felt for a long time that could play a central role in framing a sustainable policy and implementation, with carrying out necessary changes when required.



ISLAMABAD: Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari, President Islamabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry along with Bangladesh Deputy High Commissioner to Pakistan Ruhul Alam Siddique inaugurating Germs and Mineral exhibition at Centaurus Mall.

Vice President FPCCI and Chairman Capital Office Aminullah Baig talking with Consul General of Ghana Dr. Shahid Rasheed Butt and Vice Consul and renowned businessman Umar Shahid Butt.

Amin Ullah Baig says: Ghana is vital African country that can help Pakistan find space in the \$4 trillion African market

Independent Report ISLAMABAD: Ghana's Consul General Dr. Shahid Rasheed But and Vice Consul and well-known businessman Omar Shahid Butt met Vice President FPCCI & Chairman Capital Office, Islamabad

Mr. Amin Ullah Baig at Islamabad. In the meeting, they discussed the promotion of bilateral, nation. This should be economic, and trade relations. Mr. Amin Ullah with establishing relations Baig, Vice President of of brotherhood between FPCCI and chairman of the peoples of the two African country that can the \$4 trillion African market. Pakistan enjoys cordial relations with all the African States and is equally keen to build up

trade & economic relations with Ghana. Pakistan and Ghana are steady trading partners and over the years, the market of Ghana has proved to be a good Pakistani exports. We need least 500 million dollars. opportunities.

We can easily take the level of Pakistan exports to Ghana up to 500 million by acquiring the desired share in the market of Ghana.

Mr. Amin Ullah Baig, Vice President of FPCCI and chairman of Capital Office further said that there are huge trade opportunities between Pakistan and the African cooperate with Ghana in

Vice President of establishing close relations between the national chambers of the two countries and said that the business community of the two countries should play its role. They should actively promote trade destination, especially for relations so that the economies of the two to maintain a consistent countries could improve as rise in exports to Ghana to well as increase be able to take that to at e m p l o y m e n t

Furthermore, stated that Pakistan looks forward to promoting bilateral cooperation in trade, investment, and multilateral sectors with African countries,

including Ghana, under economic diplomacy. Pakistan's business community would extend all possible cooperation with Ghana's counselors to promote bilateral trade and investment.

Honorary Consul General of Ghana in Capital Office said that countries. Pakistan has Pakistan Dr Shahid Ghana is an important made a lot of progress in Rasheed Butt said that help Pakistan find space in IT, and agriculture, and can Ghana and Pakistan are gaining momentum as cooperation between the two countries is being FPCCI also called for extended in various fields, various Pakistani companies have started business with Ghana where investment policies are favourable and liberal just

as they are in Pakistan. Ghana is fast developing with impressive GDP growth. Therefore, Ghana is actively seeking experts in every field, which represents a golden opportunity for Pakistan, Butt stated.

Pakistan should focus on Africa for business promotion: Envoy

ISLAMABAD (APP): Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari. President, Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI) hosted a farewell reception in honor of Muhammad Bello High Abiove. Commissioner of Nigeria to Pakistan at his residence here Friday.

different including Morocco, Ethiopia, Algeria, Somalia, Mauritius and Director General Foreign Affairs Shahid Ali Bhutto, Asif Luqman Qazi and many other dignitaries and notables of the city were also presented. Speaking on the

occasion Commissioner of Nigeria Muhammad Bello the trade experts and related travel.

Pakistan should focus on it to promote its trade by developing cooperation with Nigeria.

He said that direct flights between Nigeria and Pakistan had the potential to make significant increases in bilateral trade. He said that Nigeria and Pakistan can cooperate in Ambassadors of many sectors including countries transportation, tourism, Morocco, trade and commerce and industry. He said that during his tenure in Pakistan, he had taken several steps to facilitate the exchange of information, business-to-business meetings, and implement a simplified visa policy to support the entrepreneurs.
Visa applications have

been processed within 48 Abioye High said that hours over the past two Africa was being termed as years, streamlining the the continent of future by process for business-

SECP initiates consultation on voluntary ESG

ISLAMABAD (Online): The Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan(SECP) has issued disclosures for compensation, non-consultation as part of its discrimination, health and Environmental, Social and safety, board diversity, Governance(ESG) incentivized pay and

issued in June 2022. The guidelines have been prepared to encourage listed companies to enhance their ESG disclosures in a fair and transparent manner on voluntary basis. Since the guidelines are nonmandatory in nature, nonseek guidance from the draft guidelines for embarking on their journey towards adoption of ESG range of topics under the improving

PESHAWAR (APP):

President of the Sarhad

Chamber of Commerce and

Industry (SCCI), Fuad

Ishaq, called for offering

special incentives and

facilities to foreign

investors to promote

foreign investment in the

the chamber's house with

the president of the

Birmingham Chamber of

Commerce and Industry

(BCCI), Nasir Awan,

SCCI's chief stated that a

conducive environment

should be provided to both

local and foreign investors

to attract maximum foreign

investment in the country.

During a meeting at

the recommended metrics related to climate change. Green House Gases emissions, energy usage, draft guidelines on ESG gender diversity, executive the draft guidelines, the companies have the liberty to disclose their ESG performance by issuing a separate sustainability report, integrating it with the company's annual report or publishing it online on their website.

The SECP listed companies may also committed to promoting sustainable and responsible business practices in Pakistan and issuance of the draft ESG guidelines is standards. The draft a significant step forward guidelines cover a wide in this direction. By E, S and G pillars including disclosures.

economic situation.

also known as Lala, were

also present during the

meeting. The meeting

agreed to make joint efforts

to enhance bilateral trade

between Pakistan and the

United Kingdom. This

includes the exchange of

business delegations,

launching joint ventures,

implementing programs,

and benefiting from each

other's experiences for

business expansion and the

ICBC Bank here to mark the bank's designation as the RMB clearing agent in Pakistan by the People's Bank of China (PBoC), said a news release here.

ISLAMABAD (APP):

Governor State Bank of

Pakistan (SBP) Jameel

Ahmad on Friday highlighted the strong and

long-lasting economic and

financial ties between

Pakistan and China, and

said using Renminbi

(RMB) for settling cross-

border trade and

investment transactions

with China can further

addressing a ceremony on

"Promoting the use of RMB in Cross-Border

Settlement", organized by

PSX witnesses

bearish trend,

He said while

strengthen these ties.

losing 241 points ISLAMABAD (APP): The 100-index of Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) witnessed bearish trend on Friday, losing 241.44 points, a negative change of 0.47 percent, closing at 50,943.84 points against 51,185.28 points the previous day.

A total

A total of 350,834,756 shares valuing of Rs10 607 billion were traded during the day as compared to 364,039,493 shares valuing Rs.10.928 billion the previous day.

As many as 353

companies transacted their shares in the stock market: 110 of them recorded gains and 226 sustained losses, whereas the share price of 17 companies remained unchanged.

The three top-trading companies were K-Electric Ltd with 45,278,652 shares at Rs.3.24 per share, WorldCall Telecom.

trade and investment elaborated that given the importance of Pakistan's economic ties with China, the SBP has put in place the required regulatory framework that facilitates use of RMB in trade and investment transactions,

Governor SBP stresses

RMB use for Pak-China

facilities in RMB. In terms regulations in Pakistan, RMB is at par with other international currencies, such as the US Dollar, Euro and Japanese Yen, he

such as opening of L/Cs

and availing financing

Both public and private sector enterprises in Pakistan are free to choose RMB for bilateral trade and investment Central Bank's efforts to promote use of RMB in trade with China, RMB denominated imports of Pakistan from China have increased from about 2 percent in FY18 to around 18 percent in FY22.

He also discussed the benefits of local RMB clearing system and denominating trade in RMB, including fast turnaround time and reduced cost for local banking system; easy access to the RMB settlement for the local banking system; improved and more competitive pricing of bilateral trade transactions; and opening up of new markets for

Kitchen items' prices eases by 0.33 percent

ISLAMABAD (APP): The weekly inflation, measured by the Sensitive Price Indicator (SPI), witnessed decrease of 0.33 percent for the combined consumption group during the week ended on October 26, the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) reported on Friday.

under review in the abovementioned group was recorded at 277.11 points as compared to 278.04 points during the past week, according to the PBS

As compared to the corresponding week of last year, the SPI for the combined consumption group in the week under

review witnessed an increase of 29.65 percent. The weekly SPI with the base year 2015-16

items for all expenditure groups.

The SPI for the

lowest consumption group up to Rs 17,732, decreased by 0.25 percent and went down to 283.77 points from last week's 284.47 points. The

Friday. consumption groups from The SPI for the week Rs 17,732-22,888; Rs 22,889-29,517; Rs 29,518-44.175 and above Rs 44,175 declined by 0.31 percent, 0.33 percent, 0.36 percent and 0.33 percent respectively.

During the week, out of 51 items, prices of 14 (27.45%) items increased, 17 (33.33%) items decreased and 20 (39.22%) items remained stable.

The items, which recorded a decrease in their average prices on a weekon-week (WoW) included =100 covers 17 urban chicken (10.19%), onions centers and 51 essential (4.4%).

SCCI President calls for offering special incentives signing a 'charter of economy,' taking into account the prevailing Ijaz Khan Afridi, the vice president of the chamber, and senior journalist Aftab Ahmad,

LAHORE: People are buying dry fruits from shop at Akbari mandi as people like such things especially during winters in Provincial Capital.

Jazz, Careem extend partnership to enrich customers' experience

ISLAMABAD (APP): Jazz, Pakistan's largest digital operator and headquarters in Islamabad Careem, the pioneer of where they pledged to ride-hailing services in strengthen these ties and Pakistan, has extended its explore more avenues to longstanding partnership to bring unparalleled benefits utilizing the best of the and innovation to their available mutual customers. The experiences. On this collaboration, rooted in a shared commitment to empowering Pakistanis through technology, continues to strengthen, exemplifying the mutual dedication of both organizations, a press release said on Friday. To reiterate their

shared ambition to leverage technology to improve the lives of Pakistanis, the users all through their leadership of Jazz and digital interactions.

Careem recently organized got together at the Jazz digital occasion, Kazim Mujtaba, Chief Commercial Officer (CCO) of Jazz, said, "We believe in the power of partnerships for creating innovative solutions that enrich the lives of millions of Pakistanis. Such collaborations are also in line with our DO1440 strategy through which we become relevant to our

Gold rates

The per tola price of 24 karat gold decreased by Rs.50 and was sold at Rs.211,300 on Friday compared to its sale at Rs. 211,350 the previous day of trading.

The price of 10 grams of 24 karat gold also decreased by Rs.42 to Rs.181,156 from Rs. 181,198 whereas the prices of 10 gram 22 karat gold went down to Rs.166,060 from Rs. 166,098, the All Sindh Sarafa Jewellers Association reported.

The price of per tola and ten gram silver remained constant at Rs.2,550 and Rs.2,186.21 respectively.

the international market decreased by \$3 to \$2007 from Association reported.



LAHORE: Heavy machinery is being used for harvesting rice crop in the

dip by Rs.50 ISLAMABAD (APP):

The price of gold in

stressed the need for way of mutual trade. Markets diverge with **US inflation in focus**

levels.

The chamber's president removal of obstacles in the

to foreign investors

European stock markets struck a mixed note Friday after a rally in Asia in the wake of strong US tech earnings, while traders steeled themselves for key US inflation data.

The showing comes at the end of a rollercoaster week for equities, but the Middle East crisis continued to cast a shadow as Israel said ground forces had raided central Gaza for a second day.

And while figures after-hours showed the US economy enjoyed its best growth since late 2021 during the third quarter, observers said there was a belief it had peaked and the new year red.

would see a slowdown. However, questions remain over how long the Federal Reserve will keep interest rates at elevated

All three main indexes sank Thursday, with the Nasdaq again the worst performer owing to tech firms' susceptibility to higher borrowing costs.

But blockbuster earnings from Amazon and Intel after the markets closed-and a surge in tradeprovided Asian traders

with a boost. In Europe, Frankfurt and London pushed higher but Paris lapsed into the

Rupee sheds 48 paisa against Dollar

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistani Rupee on Friday witnessed a 48-paisa depreciation against US Dollar in the interbank trading and closed at Rs 280.57 against the previous day's closing of Rs 280.09.

However, according to the Forex Association of Pakistan (FAP), the buying and selling rates of the Dollar in the open market stood at Rs 280.5 and Rs 283 respectively.

The price of the Euro decreased by 65 paisa to close at Rs 296.17 against the last day's closing of Rs 295.52, according to the State Bank of Pakistan

The Japanese Yen remained unchanged to close at Rs 1.86, whereas an increase of Rs 1.22 was witnessed in the exchange rate of the British Pound, which traded at Rs 339.94 as compared to the last closing of Rs 338.72.

Rs.415.1m imposed on 3,281 electricity thieves in 49 days: FESCO

FAISALABAD (APP): Supply Company (FESCO) claimed imposed a fine of Rs.415.1 million Company on 3281 electricity thieves caught during last 49 days of anti-power-theft campaign in FESCO region.

FESCO spokesman Tahir Sheikh said here on Friday that FESCO had launched a vigorous antitheft drive on special direction of Minister of Energy (Power Division) and during 49 days of this campaign the anti-theft teams of the company caught 3281 power pilferers from its eight districts. The company had imposed a total fine of Rs.415.1 million on the pilferers under the head of detection units of 8.938 million in addition to getting Rs.237.3 million recovered from them

FESCO had also got The Faisalabad Electric cases registered against 3155 accused whereas the police had arrested 2636 electricity thieves so far, he added. Giving further details, he said that the FESCO teams continued checking of power pilferage round the clock and caught 28 electricity thieves during last 24 hours who were stealing electricity through various modes including direct supply.

The company had

imposed a fine of more than Rs.2.278 million on these electricity thieves in respect of more than 48,000 detection units.

He said that in Faisalabad district, up till now, 1071 electricity thieves were caught and handed down with a fine of more than Rs.134.4 million under 2.879 million detection units.

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Finding the 'missing'

Over the last two decades and counting — Pakistan has seen many of its citizens go 'missing', a euphemism for enforced disappearances believed 1923. Mustafa Kemal to have been carried out by the state.

Individuals have been targeted across the country, hauled away with no recourse to due process. In many cases, the Muslim world. This there is no news of their whereabouts for months, even years.

Even though the highest court of the land has criticised this despicable practice, ele- tions worldwide, most noments within the state have refused to abandon it. Those suspected of having separatist sympathies in Balochistan and Sindh, or seen as religiously inspired militants as well as po- 1923. However, the events that unfolded on that fatelitical cadres and activists, have ful Friday marked a daring all been 'disappeared'.

The latest to be added to this against President Recep list are leaders and supporters of the PTI, who have faced the state's wrath in the aftermath A.K.P. of the May 9 violence.

Many of these individuals, after being off the radar for weeks or months, have resurfaced to address press conferences or make TV appearances population adhering to the Muslim faith, carries the to denounce their erstwhile party in what can only be described as a tragicomic spec-

In this regard, lawyer Aitzaz Ahsan has filed a petition in the Supreme Court asking the latter to direct provincial governments to provide lists of missing persons, and identify those behind their disappearance.

It is hoped this effort succeeds where several past endeavours have failed, including the SC-mandated Commission of Inquiry on Enforced Disappearances.

It is crucial for the state to investigate such cases, especially as 'short-term disappearances' have picked up pace over the recent past. But it is also essential that aggrieved parties, for example the PTI, provide lists of missing supporters so that these can be tallied with official numbers and be probed.

Moreover, the missing per-sons of Balochistan, KP and of mystery that needs to be reflected upon to bet other peripheral areas should not be forgotten. The interim with faith traditions, the Kaaba; a Hindu, prime minister recently told a notion of the sacred is a foreign media outlet that there were only 50 missing people in many parts of the world. Balochistan according to UN

This is a classic example of in a sacred place may denialism that nearly all ruling even command respect set-ups have indulged in, for, according to the missing persons' commission's own figures, the number of the missing from transcends the humdrum Balochistan is over 450. It is of everyday life that typithese attitudes that must change for enforced disappearances to end.

As the petition has highlighted, some key questions obvious examples of saneed to be answered by the cred spaces). As French state: where have the missing Durkheim put it, "anybeen held? Under which law thing can be sacred (or ence in these words, rightly so. were they detained? Why were they not produced before the sacred): there is nothing courts?

It is hoped that the SC can instruct the authorities to provide satisfactory answers to these queries. Moreover, there but in some cultures, is also merit in the petition's observation that the current commission on missing persons

This argument leads one to believe that the idea of the very points of the disholder, the sense of the with legal and international standards".

An empowered commission is required that can 10- required that can 10cate the missing, and identify the status to something being similar, as well as, those involved in their illegal it venerates. Therefore, detention.

Turkey at 100:

Inspiring Progress in a Changing World

Syed Ali Nawaz Gilani

those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.' Mustafa Kemal Atatürk.

Ankara, Turkey - October 29, 2023, marks a historic date in the annals of time, commemorating the centenary celebration of the Republic of Turkey since its monumental inception in Atatürk, the visionary architect of modern Turkey, laid the cornerstone for a nation that not only shines as a beacon of hope and prosperity for its people but also resonates as an emblem of progress across momentous milestone underscores Turkey's incredible journey toward socioeconomic development and its vital role in nurturing profound bonds with natably its deep-rooted connection with Pakistan.

Turkey has endured the tumultuous winds of history, facing five successful military coups since the birth of the Republic in 1923. However, the events attempt at the sixth coup, with soldiers marching Tayyip Erdogan and his ruling Justice and Development Party, known as the

Nestled within the heart of this remarkable nation is a constitutional secular state, a unique blend of history and modernity. Turkey, with more than ninety-five percent of its legacy of once being the seat of a mighty Islamic empire. Throughout its storied history, the Turkish military has often stood as a stalwart guardian, shielding the cherished principles of secularism and the Constitution, diligently preserving the vision of its founding father, Mustafa Kemal

Turkey also shares a profound connection with the Indian subcontinent which reviews the complexities of Muslim iden-

Atatürk.

dynamics of Muslim identity in India underwent significant transformations. Following the reign of Shah Alam II, a practice emerged that held deep symbolism the recitation of the name of the Ottoman caliph dur-

ing the Khutba, the Friday sermon. This seemingly subtle act signified a profound shift in perception, indicating that the mantle of safeguarding and defending the Muslim community in India had passed from the Mughal emperor to the Ottoman Caliph, the spiritual leader of the Ottoman Em-The passage of a century has borne witness to

Turkey's remarkable metamorphosis into a regional powerhouse, replete with a robust economy and a rich cultural heritage. It stands as a dynamic and influential global player. The transformation of Turkey's economic landscape across the past cen-

tury is nothing short of extraordinary. Its commitment to diversification, innovation, and visionary leadership has catapulted it and multifaceted one. into the echelons of emerging economic giants. Straddling the continents of Europe and Asia, Turkey's strategic geographical position has amplified its global significance. Embarking on ambitious endeavors such as Vision 2023, Turkey is poised to continue its journey toward becoming one of the world's leading economies by its centennial anniversary. While the path ahead is laden with challenges, it also brims with opportunities for further progress, stability, and

prosperity. Over the course of the century, Turkey has borne witness to a remarkable economic transformation. This evolution has been marked by diversification, innovation, and technological advancement across various sectors. In recent vears. Turkey has been ardently working towards establishing itself as a regional hub across a spec-

'The future belongs to tity. As time flowed on, the ing finance, manufacturing, tourism, and agriculture, to name a few. Its geographical location at the crossroads of Europe and Asia has conferred upon it a unique advantage, facilitating international trade and beckoning foreign investments. Under the sagacious leadership of President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, Turkey has embarked on a series of comprehensive reforms aimed at fortifying economic growth and stability. Initiatives like the Vision 2023 plan, unveiled in 2011, have set audacious targets, envisaging Turkey as one of the world's top ten economies by its centennial anniversary. These reforms have fostered an environment conducive to foreign direct investment, nurturing both domestic

> This journey is nothing short of miraculous. Turkey's path to progress is emblematic of relentless pursuit - of growth, modernization, and diversification. It has transitioned from a primarily agrarian economy into a dynamic

and international trade.

Diversification stands at the heart of Turkey's economic prowess. The nation has been unwavering in its promotion of innovation and technological advancement across a spectrum of industries. This strategic approach has enabled Turkey to diversify its economic foundation, transcending traditional sectors and embracing novel opportunities.

In recent times, Turkey has been zealously endeavoring to establish itself as a regional hub, spanning various sectors from finance and manufacturing to tourism and agriculture. Its geographical juncture at the intersection of Europe and Asia has played a pivotal role in its regional ascent.

Turkey's unique geographical position bestows a strategic advantage, bridging two continents and serving as an ideal conduit for international trade. This geographic centrality has enticed businesses and investors eager to leverage Turkey's role as a gateway

to both Europe and Asia. The visionary leadership of President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has been instrumental in steering Turkey's economic transformation. His administration has championed farreaching reforms aimed at enhancing economic growth and stability. The commitment to creating an environment conducive to investment and innovation remains unwavering.

Among the most notable milestones in Turkey's recent economic history is the inception of the Vision 2023 plan in 2011. This ambitious plan laid out a series of goals and targets for Turkey to attain by its centennial anniversary. These targets spanned an array of economic facets, from GDP growth to foreign trade, infrastructure development to educational and healthcare reforms. Central to Turkey's

economic transformation is its prowess in attracting foreign direct investment. The Vision 2023 plan, coupled with other reform initiatives, has nurtured an environment that is alluring to international enterprises. This has precipitated a surge in foreign investments, fueling economic growth and job creation.

Moreover, Turkey's economic evolution is underscored by a substantial increase in both domestic and international trade. The nation's enhanced infrastructure, streamlined trade regulations, and strategic geographical position have rendered it an attractive destination for businesses seeking to expand their mar-

While Turkey's economic progress is indeed commendable, it has not been devoid of challenges. Economic stability and growth have, at times, been juxtaposed with the need to address issues such as inflation, fiscal deficits, and currency fluctuations. However, the nation's leadership remains steadfast in vering dedication to socio- him

mounting these challenges and pursuing opportunities for further growth.

Pakistan, a nation intertwined with Turkey through deep-rooted historical and cultural ties, has played an integral role in this journey of progress. The bilateral relationship between these two nations has burgeoned over the years, encapsulating various sectors, including trade, defense, education, and cultural exchange.

Pakistan and Turkey have joined hands in a plethora of initiatives, forging closer economic ties. The Pakistan-Turkey Free Trade Agreement, inked in 2013, has played a pivotal role in augmenting the volume of trade between the two nations, with a shared aspiration to reach \$5 billion by 2023. Furthermore, collaborative projects such as the Istanbul-Tehran-Islamabad (ITI) train service and the Pakistan-Turkey Cultural Year have fortified people-to-people interactions and deepened cultural understanding between the two nations.

Turkish businesses have made substantial investments in Pakistan, significantly contributing to its economic development. Turkish companies have played a pivotal role in diverse sectors, including construction, energy, telecommunications, and textiles, imparting valuable expertise and creating employment opportunities for the Pakistani workforce. Furthermore, educa-

tional and cultural exchanges have cemented the bond between Turkey and Pakistan. Countless scholarships, exchange programs, and cultural festivals have offered opportunities for students and citizens from both nations to immerse themselves in each other's rich heritage, thus fostering enduring ties.

As Turkey commemorates its extraordinary centenary, we find ourselves compelled to applaud the nation's unwatheir commitment to sur- economic advancement. In syeed.gilani@gmail.com

this remarkable journey, Turkey's partnership with Pakistan emerges as a shining exemplar, epitomizing the immense power latent within robust international

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With an unshakable sense of purpose, Turkey boldly embarks on its next century, poised to achieve even greater feats. Turkey's epic journey of a century is a guiding light, not just for its people but for nations worldwide. It stands as an enduring testament to the extraordinary outcomes that arise from unwavering dedication to progress, socio-economic growth, and international cooperation. The luminous torch of inspiration ignited by Turkey's journey reaches far and wide, casting a hopeful glow on what can be achieved when vision, determination, and unity

Today, Turkey stands as a vibrant tapestry of diversity and dynamism, a bridge between two continents, effortlessly weaving together a mosaic of cultures. With a thriving economy, a youthful population, and a strategically vital geopolitical position, Turkey emerges as a pivotal force on the global stage. Its role in regional politics, acting as a vital link between Europe and Asia, remains pivotal. Turkey continues to be a key influencer in international affairs, shaping the destinies of nations while cherishing its rich heritage.

The leadership of Turkey, rooted in an unshakable belief in the enchanting power of dreams, unwavering dedication to progress, and an unyielding commitment to modernity, stands as an enduring testament to the limitless potential residing within the hearts and souls of the Turkish people and the great nation they proudly

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The sacred

trum of fields, encompass-



Jan-e-Alam Khaki

The concept of the sacred (muqaddas) means 'sanctified' due to association with holiness and religious veneration. The sacred evokes a lot concept that goes back in antiquity, found in Statues, or artefacts, though created by human hand, once placed assuming the status of ties,

the 'sacred' The word 'sacred' refers to anything which cally takes the form of collective representations which are set apart from society (spiritual places such as mosques or churches are the most sociologist rather, a society can determine that anything is an exhilarating experi- nity owns diverse symin any object or action sacred: anything can be sacred: not only churches, mosques, and religious books, trees, or even rocks may be regarded as sa-

that the idea of the sacred is not given by any authority as such, but actually it is a human that process whereby a cerif a place of worship is

cred"

give the same regard to shadow. that is "... considered worthy of spiritual reinspires awe or reverence among believers".

traditions have numerous holy personalities, sacred places and artefacts they cherish and venerate. But they are not always shared by other faiths. A Jewample, may revere the Western Wall; a Christian, the Edicule (known ter understand its mean- as the Tomb of Christ); ful' and 'relevant' to the ings. Often associated a Muslim, the Holy Varanasi; a Buddhist, Bodhgaya; a Sikh, Kartarpur Sahib.

universally accepted personalities, places or things that all revere as and veneration, often may be many personaliplaces, and artefacts that are particularly sacred to that venerated objects. community, but not

> its 'sacred' tradition by referring to stories, sacred books, and beliefs. A recent personal friend visiting some of the holy places of his faith tradition in a and I quote: "... it was

> ence. It was truly a divine experience; it is the) cultural differences

italicised words and

one particular phrase, is the 'neighbouring places' different. 'Neighbour' in Urdu has a very apt Rumi of their time. demolished, we build equivalent, ie, 'hum Courtesy Dawn

another one over it and saaya,' meaning, self-Traditions it. Sacredness is also other than our own are described as something similar in many ways and different in others. While similarities are spect or devotion; or instructive, it is often the differences that enrich us more about oth-Many world faith ers' traditions and sensitise us more deeply about our own tradition, provided these are seen positively, constructively, and empathetically.

The sacred personish believer, for ex- alities or places have a history, a tradition, a story, or even a myth, that makes it 'meaningcommunity concerned. Outsiders (of that tradition) do not necessarily have any such experience or meaning at-So, there are no tached to it; they are unable to see the same meanings in them. The value of these sacred 'sacred'. Also, within places is not so much the same faith, there in their real or oral history but it is the way the believers ascribe 'meanings' to these

Significant in this necessarily to others. regard is the fact that Each tradition justifies each sacred place or object is not an island unto itself but is interrelated. One sacred artefact is a mirror through communication with a which other histories could be related to, and learnt from. This is why Unesco regards many Emile neighbouring country historical places as 'huarticulated his experi- man heritage', and

Each faith commubols of veneration. Learning more about dithat makes it inherently difficult to describe in verse traditions helps words. ... The spiritual understand our own peace I felt ... (It was intraditions better as we, structive to experience humans, are deeply interconnected, as sacred and similarities with books, such as the (similar places of) our Holy Quran (49:13) and neighbour". The poets (such as Sheikh Saadi) tell us. If beauty sacred is in the minds Let me highlight and hearts of those who revere it. A believer's experience of a sacred person or place of a different tradition may spur transformative moments, making the person a Buddha or

UAE and Qatar.

As Palestinians are slaughtered to death by the Israeli war machine, rulers of Muslim-majority countries scramble to principled supporters of the Palestinian national movement. The posturing has included an 'extraordinary' meeting of the OIC in Jeddah last week, which concluded with an ostensibly 'powerful' condemnation of Israeli aggression.

We've seen this all before. Closer to home, a choreographed waving of the Palestinian flag was a highlight of Nawaz Sharif's trumped-up return to Pakistan on Oct 21. Meanwhile, the army chief has met the Palestinian ambassador, issued at least two statements in favour of Palestinian statehood and called for an immediate ceasefire.

Yet beyond symbolic statements and photogenic moments, the rulers of the 'ummah' are largely despised by their own people; they worship at the altar of profit and geostrategic power in world affairs. Insofar as the contemporary nation state is largely synonymous with dominant ideas of political community, there is no singular Muslim ummah. Consider the way in which the Pakistani mainstream is vilifying Afghan refugees after the government's horrific decision to deport them back to Taliban-controlled Afghanistan.

The Taliban's original patron, Saudi Arabia, has historically propagated a totalitarian worldview at home as well, although the crown prince's reign has coincided with the Saudi

monarchy's 'opening up' colonised peoples. in ways similar to the China appears rela-



Aasim Sajjad Akhtar

the virtually unrestrained support of Zion-Israel which characterises stream Western media. But on the whole, Gulf like Egypt and Jordan Palestine, as well as most depict themselves as other Muslim countries which breaks with the couldn't care less about the democratic aspirations of their people, let alone colonised Palestinians. Turkey prides itself as an exception, but Nagorno Karabakh is despicable.

On the other hand is liberal refrain that Israel is the only democracy in the region. Laughable and sickening at the broader claim of Western states that they are beathis stands exposed (yet genocidal the so-called Western world the sloganeering of the 'ummah', a majority of the world's people — including but not just America bucks the over-Muslims — are today all trend, to some extent ruled by despots, profi- at least. Cuba, Venezuteers and opportunists.

What of our immeand China, which together are home to alpeople? The former is increasingly dominated by a majoritarian and hateful political ideology whereby Muslims, oppressed castes and dissident voices are subject to increasingly violent purges. Sadly, a principled stand on the carnage in Palestine, turning its back on self-determination for all Courtesy Dawn

New world order?

Gulf kingdoms of the tively stable, has been arguably the biggest Qatar has at least beneficiary of the era of neoliberal globalisation spawned the Al Jazeera media network, which of- and is potentially the fers some respite from single-most obvious challenger to centuriesold Western hegemony. But China is not demomain- cratic, and is far less egalitarian than it was a few decades ago. Neimonarchies, countries ther is there conclusive evidence yet that it is which border historic pursuing a global worldmaking project financialised capitalist system that is dispossessing billions and exacerbating an already acute climate crisis.

Then there are dark Ankara's treatment of horses like Russia as the Kurds and role in well as another big Muslim country, Iran. The latter is close to Hezbollah, and by extenthe standard Western sion Hamas as well. There is a real possibility that the brazen support of Western powers for Israel since Oct 7 same time, it mirrors the could create the conditions for a bigger conflagration in which Iran cons of freedom. All of and Russia come together. Quite aside from again) in the face of the the clearly disastrous violence effects if there were to against Palestinians. Be- be a more substantive tween the imperialism of war in the region — and 'rules-based order' and emancipatory and propeople horizon is conspicuous by its absence

on all sides. Latin ela, Colombia and Brazil have at least pushed diate neighbours India back against the imperialist-backed ethnic cleansing of Gaza. The most three billion fact that some sane voices continue to exist in the so-called international community is no mean feat, given how hegemonic the logic of capital and authoritarian statecraft have become. There have been similarly dark interregnums New Delhi has not taken throughout the history of the modern world. Palestine represents an aspiration for something India's history as a different, and it is the leader of the Non world's ordinary people Aligned Movement and and not their rulers who supporter of national are leading the way. --

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Punjab, Sindh CMs inspects work on Rawalpindi Ring Road project

RAWALPINDI (APP): to NESPAK as soon as inspected the project site construction work on the Caretaker Punjab Chief possible. The Sinch CM with the Sindh chief project in three shifts so Minister Mohsin Naqvi along with Caretaker Sindh Chief Minister Maqbool Bagar on Friday visited the Rawalpindi Ring Road Project to review progress of the construction work. Chief Minister Naqvi

appreciated Commissioner Rawalpindi and Frontier Works Organization over their performance.

The work on the project should be completed swiftly, he said directed authorities to provide necessary project drawings vehicle himself and

appreciated the ongoing projects in Punjab, especially the construction work of Rawalpindi Ring Road.He said the problems being faced by the commuters in Karachi could be resolved through the Lyari Expressway and Karachi Circular Railway projects.

Mohsin offered full support of the Punjab government to his Sindh counterpart in the execution of different projects in the province. CM Naqvi drove the

minister.

They also reviewed the progress of the project at Union Council Trahia.

In order to speed up the work on the Ring Road, CM Naqvi directed the authorities to use additional road leveling machinery at the project site. He said the Rawalpindi Ring Road was an important project of public interest and all-out efforts should be made to complete it before the

stipulated time frame. He directed the authorities to ensure

that the targets could be achieved as soon as

The completion of

Ring Road would permanently resolve the traffic congestion problem Rawalpindi and Islamabad, Mohsin Naqvi added.Both the chief ministers also had an aerial view of the ongoing work on the entire road.

The FWO officials, during a briefing, informed the CM that six-lane Rawalpindi Ring Road would be 38.3 kilometers



LAHORE: Governor Punjab Muhammad Balighur Rehman leading a rally on eve of Kashmir Black Day organized by Information and Culture Department.

PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtoonkhwa Governor Haji Ghulam Ali and Caretaker Chief Minister Muhammad Azam Khan talking with mediamen on eve of Kashmir Black Day in front of Governor House.

KP Governor, CM led central protest rally condemning India's illegal annexation of IIOJK

PESHAWAR (APP): The caretaker ministers, central protest rally led by advisers, officials, civil KP Governor Haji Ghulam Ali and caretaker Chief Minister, Muhammad Azam Khan here on Friday strongly condemned an illegal annexation of Indian illegally Occupied Jummu and Kashmir (IIOJK) by India on October 27, 1947.

The rally attended by people from all walks of life, was started from the Chief Minister Secretariat Governor House Peshawar.

Besides others, the

1,228 road accidents in

Punjab during the last 24

hours. As many as 669

people with serious injuries were shifted to

different hospitals, while

651 with minor injuries

were treated at the incident

site by the rescue medical

teams.
The data analysis showed that 629 drivers, 41

underage drivers, 162

pedestrians, and 542

passengers were among the

victims of road crashes.

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retired Syed Arshad Hussain Shah, the caretaker

minister for Law and

Human Rights in Khyber

government's commitment

to addressing the concerns

of the legal community as

encouraged unity within

the Bar Association and

emphasized the importance

misunderstandings

between the legal bar and

Justice Shah stressed the

need to prioritize respect

for both the bar and the

bench, acknowledging the

pivotal role that lawyers

play in upholding the rule

of law and delivering

resolving any

a top priority.

Pakhtunkhwa,

reaffirmed

the judiciary.

Corporation.

society and students in

large number. The participants holding placards and banners condemned state terrorism, human rights abuses and repression at IIOJK and expressed solidarity with the oppressed Kashmiris of the held valley.

condemned the illegal culminated at revoking of the special ernor House Peshawar. status of IIOJK by the fascist Modi regime on 13 dead, 1,320 injured

placing the provincial capital at top of the list, followed by 95 in

Faisalabad with 103

victims and at third Multan

with 81 accidents and 75

According to the data, 1,043 motorbikes, 85

auto-rickshaws, 138

motorcars, 33 vans, 13

passenger buses, 21 trucks

and 111 other types of

vehicles and slow-moving

carts were involved in these

Association in Upper Dir.

Justice Retired Syed Arshad Hussain Shah

administered oaths to the

newly elected officials,

including President Sulman

Khan Advocate, General Secretary Sabz Ali Khan

Advocate, Vice President

Syed Zahid Advocate, Joint

Secretary Shafiullah Khan,

and Finance Secretary

congratulating them on their successful bar

The newly elected cabinet received a

comprehensive briefing on

the challenges faced by the

District Bar Association

and the legal community.

Justice Retired Syed

Arshad Hussain Shah, the

caretaker provincial

minister, assured them that

the government is well-

Hussain,

road accidents.

Arshad pledges support

for legal community

in Punjab road accidents

Independent Report
LAHORE: At least 13
people were killed and
people were killed and people

1,320 others injured in affected 301 people,

rights violations at the occupied territory.

The rally urged the United Nations Security Council to implement its resolutions on Kashmir and the Modi government to give the right of self-determination to Kashmiris as promised to them by UNO.

The road to peace in South Asia was passing through Kashmir and resolution of this long lingering issue was must for lasting peace in the held valley. Later, the rally was dispersed peacefully.

CS condemns

forcible Indian

occupation

Pakhtunkhwa, Nadeem

Aslam Chaudhry here on

Friday condemned forcible

Indian occupation of

of Kashmir on October 27

1947, the chief secretary

continuously inflicting

atrocities on the innocent

seven decades in Indian

Illegally Occupied Jammu

Kashmir Black

Day observed

FAISĂLABAD (APP) The Kashmir Black day

was observed across the

district here on Friday to

express solidarity with the

people of Indian Illegally

Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK).

district administration had

arranged a rally which

started from Zila Council

and the participants

holding banners and

placards marched on

various roads up to

against Indian atrocities in

Held Kashmir and vowed

to continue their support

for Kashmir independence.

Speaking on the

They chanted slogans

Kutchehry

occasion,

Commissioner

In this connection, the

and Kashmir (IIOJK).

He said the right to

Secretary

World peace hinges on **Kashmir and Palestine** resolution: Feroze Shah

Independent Report PESHAWAR: To express unwavering support and solidarity with people of Occupied Kashmir, the Chief Minister of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, the Governor of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, members of the caretaker cabinet came together to lead a solidarity rally in

Peshawar on October 27. Imtiaz Iqbal Wani, the Information Secretary of All Parties Huriyat Conference, also attended

Following the rally, Wani convened a special meeting with Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's Information Minister, Barrister Feroze Jamal

Shah Kakakhel, to extend heartfelt appreciation to the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government and its people for their resolute support of the oppressed Kashmiri population. During the meeting

Minister Kakakhel delivered a poignant message, emphasizing the profound pain felt on October 27 as he stated, "Our hearts shed tears of blood for the sufferings endured by our Kashmiri brothers and sisters. The atrocities they

face, one day, we believe that the government of India will have to reckon with them, and Kashmir will find its rightful place within Pakistan.



LAHORE: Caretaker Chief Minister Punjab Mohsni Naqvi talk to media person.

CM Naqvi visits controlled Access **Corridor project**

LAHORE of IIOJK
PESHAWAR (APP): Chief Caretaker Chief Minister Punjab Mohsin Naqvi visited under construction Controlled Access Corridor project here on Friday and reviewed progress being made on the mega project from Niazi Chowk up to Babu Sabu.

Mohsin self-determination of inspected Kashmiris could not be development work at the suppressed through use of site. The CM shook hands with the labourers working Since the occupation on the project and urged them to continue working with more hard work. The stated that India had been CM directed the contractors of both packages to speed up their Kashmiri people for over

> Mohsin Naqvi, while expressing his displeasure over the slow pace of work on the Bund Road project, directed Secretary Housing to personally oversee the

make utmost efforts to complete the Controlled Access Corridor project within stipulated time. The CM directed to work day and night for the early completion of 7.3 km long Controlled Access Corridor Bund Road project.

While talking to the

media after visiting the ongoing Controlled Access Corridor project, he apprised, "We are going to launch an operation foreigners residing illegally and 31st October is the deadline. All preparations have been completed with regard to sending foreigners to their homelands. No leniency will be meted out to any foreigner residing unlawfully. A strict crackdown will be launched against those trying to provide shelter or hiding the foreigners residing



GILGIT: IGP Gilgit-Baltistan Afzal Mehmood Butt giving away certificate to Tariq Ali and Hassan Abbas after completing the training of computer forensic and latent fingerprint from the Punjab Forensic Science Agency (PFSA).

KPCTA carries out rally to mark 27th October as Black day

PESHAWAR (Online): Tourism The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Culture and Tourism Authority (KPCTA) carried out a walk on Friday to mark October 27th as a black day when Indian forces illegally landed in Srinagar in 1947, starting a chapter of occupation, subjugation and oppression for the innocent people living in the occupied valley. The walk started from Peshawar sports complex and was participated in by a large number of people from various sections of society. Staff from the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Culture and

Tourism Police, Sports Department and students from different schools took part in the walk. Black Day is observed every year to protest against the Indian illegal occupation and to remind the world community of its commitments regarding the

implementation of United Nations Security Council (UNSC) resolutions that advocate the right to plebiscite for Kashmiris.

The participants of the walk tied black bands on their arms and carried flags of Pakistan and Azad

Governor urges world community to check atrocities against Kashmiris

Governor Muhammad Balighur Rehman has said the international community should play its role in checking Indian army's atrocities against innocent Kashmiris. Addressing

ceremony in connection with the Kashmir Black Day at Alhamra hall here on Friday, he said durable peace could not be established in the Subcontinent without resolving the Kashmir issue, urging the international community to pay attention to just solution to Kashmir and

Palestine issues so that the future of the world could be secured. The Kashmir Black Day is marked to condemn illegal occupation of Kashmir by the Indian occupying forces on October 27, 1947 and the ceremony was held under the auspices of the Punjab Information and Culture Department.

Balighur Rahman also inaugurated a photo exhibition at Alhamra Art Gallery and led a rally to mark the black day. He said today people of Pakistan and Kashmiri people living in the world are observing Kashmir Black Day against Kashmir Black Day against the peace India's invasion and Subcontinent.

Kashmir on October 27, 1947.He said the purpose of observing the day was to draw the attention of the international community to the Indian occupation and oppression of Kashmiris so that the oppressed Kashmiris get their right to self-determination. He said people across the country are protesting against the Indian armed aggression against the Kashmiris. He said the protest was a clear message to the world that India was a belligerent country that has destroyed

Rangers, police arrest target killer in Karachi

ARACHI (APP): In a joint intelligence-based operation, the Pakistan Rangers Sindh and Police arrested an accused allegedly involved in target killings, street crimes, and other robbery cases in Azizabad, Karachi.

The accused was a member of Faizan alias Bhori Group, identified as Zohan alias Sanwal. He was involved in over 800 street crimes in different areas of Karachi, including Tarig Road, Shahrah-e-Faisal, Jamshed Road, Manzoor Colony, Sindhi Muslim Society, New Karachi, Gulshan Iqbal.

Govt employees should work diligently for people welfare MANSEHRA (APP): The Water Supply and Siran

Provincial Minister for Communications, Construction, Irrigation Engineer Ahmed Jan Khan Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Friday said the government employees should work diligently and collaborate with the provincial government for

views while chairing a government. meeting with specifically ad administrative officials in Circuit House Manshera. The minister mentioned

Right Bank expansion will commence soon. During the visit, the minister was briefed about various ongoing projects, their status, challenges, and future impacts. Commissioner Hazara Division Syed Zaheer-ul-Islam encouraged government officials to the betterment and welfare improve their performance and work more efficiently He expressed these in the transitional specifically addressed the

NHA officials, urging them conditions in the Hazara that work on the Mansehra Division.



and shouting slogans during protest at Azadi Chowk to mark the Black Day against the cruelty of Indian Army on oppressed Kashmiris of IOJK.

Smuggling bid foiled, 2550 litres Iranian diesel seized DERA ISMAIL KHAN

(APP): Dera police during successful operations, foiled a smuggling attempt, resulting in the seizure of 2550 litres of Iranian diesel and arrested two accused within the jurisdiction of Kirri Khasor police station on Friday.According to the police spokesman, following the direction of District Police Officer Dera Abdul Rauf Babar Qaisrani, police station Kirri Khasor under the leadership of SDPO Paharpur Circle Kashif Sattar along with SHO Malik Imran thwarted the attempt of smuggling of NCP diesel. During the checking

UAF holds rally, seminar to mark Kashmir **Black Day**

FAISALABAD (ÅPP) University Agriculture Faisalabad (ŬAF) took out a rally and held a seminar here on Friday to mark Black Day against the illegal Indian occupation of Kashmir, and express solidarity and support with Kashmiri people in their struggle for

DG NAB announces crackdown against illegal housing societies

(APP): Lahore vigilantly listened to every complainant and Following the directions of Chairman NAB, Lt. Gen ® Nazir Ahmed, the NAB Lahore Director General (DG), Amjad Majeed Aulakh held an important open court' which was massively participated by

open hearing (Khuli Ketchary) at NAB Lahore office in which affectees of Al-Haram Khayaban-i-Amin Housing Society, Rahman Garden (Phase-4) and Lahore Condania Lahore Garden reached to submit their complaints before DG NAB. The

Garden, Director General NAB Housing Society.

issued appropriate directives to concerned investigation officers. The complainants against Al-Haram Garden stated that the society

administration sold out housing sector affectees.
As per details, the
DG NAB Lahore
conducted fifth monthly

DG NAB informed the complainants that the Bureau intends to take strict action against said society, however, the other projects i.e. Safari Garden and Hijweri Homes of said administration are also under NAB radar.

Talking Khayaban-i-Amin



HYDERABAD: Students participated in a rally on the occasion of Kashmir Black Day at Thandi



Govt taking multifaceted measures to accelerate ICT growth: Dr Umar

KARACHI (APP): within the Pakistani tech Caretaker Federal Minister industry. which will provide the leave every traditional required benefits of ICT industry behind. Information Technology Telecommunication Dr Umar Saif distributed annual ICT Awards 2023

among IT professionals for g r o u n d b r e a k i n g achievements and visionary contributions in the technology sector.
HBL P@SHA ICT

Awards 2023 featured 34 remarkable Gold Awards and 40 Merit Awards in different categories, including Artificial Intelligence, Internet of Things, Fintech, Business and Industry, etc. with a total of 727 nominees, showcasing the remarkable growth and advancements

The 21st version of ICT Awards 2023 was jointly organized by the Pakistan Software Houses Association (P@SHA) and HBL late Thursday night.

Addressing the ceremony Dr. Umar Saif said the government was taking multifaceted measures to accelerate the growth of Information and C o m m u n i c a t i o n Technology (ICT) in Pakistan.

He said that though the tenure of interim government was short, we, in the available time, will lay the foundation of sustainable measures under the right line of action,

required benefits of ICT sector to the up-coming government"

The fast developing IT sector possessed an enormous growth potential and it could play a significant role in economic stability, he said, adding that the government was doing its part to provide facilities and the industry should play its part by increasing its capabilities.

Pakistan with its significant youth bulge, resources, skills, grit and every ancillary factor had a vast potential to grow in the ICT sector, the minister noted, adding that the ICT sector with steps in right direction could

industry behind.

It was evident from the fact that foreign investment in start-ups had crossed the \$800 million mark while a number of global companies were investing in Pakistan, he added. Terming the establishment of Special

Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC) an imperative initiative, Dr Saif said the need of a high level powerful forum was being felt for a long time that could play a central role in framing a sustainable policy and implementation, with carrying out necessary changes when required.



ISLAMABAD: Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari, President Islamabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry along with Bangladesh Deputy High Commissioner to Pakistan Ruhul Alam Siddique inaugurating Germs and Mineral exhibition at Centaurus Mall.

Vice President FPCCI and Chairman Capital Office Aminullah Baig talking with Consul General of Ghana Dr. Shahid Rasheed Butt and Vice Consul and renowned businessman Umar Shahid Butt.

Amin Ullah Baig says: Ghana is vital African country that can help Pakistan find space in the \$4 trillion African market

Independent Report ISLAMABAD: Ghana's Consul General Dr. Shahid Rasheed But and Vice Consul and well-known businessman Omar Shahid Butt met Vice President FPCCI & Chairman Capital Office, Islamabad

Mr. Amin Ullah Baig at Islamabad. In the meeting, they discussed the promotion of bilateral, nation. This should be economic, and trade relations. Mr. Amin Ullah with establishing relations Baig, Vice President of of brotherhood between FPCCI and chairman of the peoples of the two African country that can the \$4 trillion African market. Pakistan enjoys cordial relations with all the African States and is equally keen to build up

trade & economic relations with Ghana. Pakistan and Ghana are steady trading partners and over the years, the market of Ghana has proved to be a good Pakistani exports. We need least 500 million dollars. opportunities.

We can easily take the level of Pakistan exports to Ghana up to 500 million by acquiring the desired share in the market of Ghana.

Mr. Amin Ullah Baig, Vice President of FPCCI and chairman of Capital Office further said that there are huge trade opportunities between Pakistan and the African cooperate with Ghana in

Vice President of establishing close relations between the national chambers of the two countries and said that the business community of the two countries should play its role. They should actively promote trade destination, especially for relations so that the economies of the two to maintain a consistent countries could improve as rise in exports to Ghana to well as increase be able to take that to at e m p l o y m e n t

Furthermore, stated that Pakistan looks forward to promoting bilateral cooperation in trade, investment, and multilateral sectors with African countries,

including Ghana, under economic diplomacy. Pakistan's business community would extend all possible cooperation with Ghana's counselors to promote bilateral trade and investment.

Honorary Consul General of Ghana in Capital Office said that countries. Pakistan has Pakistan Dr Shahid Ghana is an important made a lot of progress in Rasheed Butt said that help Pakistan find space in IT, and agriculture, and can Ghana and Pakistan are gaining momentum as cooperation between the two countries is being FPCCI also called for extended in various fields, various Pakistani companies have started business with Ghana where investment policies are favourable and liberal just

as they are in Pakistan. Ghana is fast developing with impressive GDP growth. Therefore, Ghana is actively seeking experts in every field, which represents a golden opportunity for Pakistan, Butt stated.

Pakistan should focus on Africa for business promotion: Envoy

ISLAMABAD (APP): Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari. President, Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI) hosted a farewell reception in honor of Muhammad Bello High Abiove. Commissioner of Nigeria to Pakistan at his residence here Friday.

different including Morocco, Ethiopia, Algeria, Somalia, Mauritius and Director General Foreign Affairs Shahid Ali Bhutto, Asif Luqman Qazi and many other dignitaries and notables of the city were also presented. Speaking on the

occasion Commissioner of Nigeria Muhammad Bello the trade experts and related travel.

Pakistan should focus on it to promote its trade by developing cooperation with Nigeria.

He said that direct flights between Nigeria and Pakistan had the potential to make significant increases in bilateral trade. He said that Nigeria and Pakistan can cooperate in Ambassadors of many sectors including countries transportation, tourism, Morocco, trade and commerce and industry. He said that during his tenure in Pakistan, he had taken several steps to facilitate the exchange of information, business-to-business meetings, and implement a simplified visa policy to support the entrepreneurs.
Visa applications have

been processed within 48 Abioye High said that hours over the past two Africa was being termed as years, streamlining the the continent of future by process for business-

SECP initiates consultation on voluntary ESG

ISLAMABAD (Online): The Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan(SECP) has issued disclosures for compensation, non-consultation as part of its discrimination, health and Environmental, Social and safety, board diversity, Governance(ESG) incentivized pay and

issued in June 2022. The guidelines have been prepared to encourage listed companies to enhance their ESG disclosures in a fair and transparent manner on voluntary basis. Since the guidelines are nonmandatory in nature, nonseek guidance from the draft guidelines for embarking on their journey towards adoption of ESG range of topics under the improving

PESHAWAR (APP):

President of the Sarhad

Chamber of Commerce and

Industry (SCCI), Fuad

Ishaq, called for offering

special incentives and

facilities to foreign

investors to promote

foreign investment in the

the chamber's house with

the president of the

Birmingham Chamber of

Commerce and Industry

(BCCI), Nasir Awan,

SCCI's chief stated that a

conducive environment

should be provided to both

local and foreign investors

to attract maximum foreign

investment in the country.

During a meeting at

the recommended metrics related to climate change. Green House Gases emissions, energy usage, draft guidelines on ESG gender diversity, executive the draft guidelines, the companies have the liberty to disclose their ESG performance by issuing a separate sustainability report, integrating it with the company's annual report or publishing it online on their website.

The SECP listed companies may also committed to promoting sustainable and responsible business practices in Pakistan and issuance of the draft ESG guidelines is standards. The draft a significant step forward guidelines cover a wide in this direction. By E, S and G pillars including disclosures.

economic situation.

also known as Lala, were

also present during the

meeting. The meeting

agreed to make joint efforts

to enhance bilateral trade

between Pakistan and the

United Kingdom. This

includes the exchange of

business delegations,

launching joint ventures,

implementing programs,

and benefiting from each

other's experiences for

business expansion and the

ICBC Bank here to mark the bank's designation as the RMB clearing agent in Pakistan by the People's Bank of China (PBoC), said a news release here.

ISLAMABAD (APP):

Governor State Bank of

Pakistan (SBP) Jameel

Ahmad on Friday highlighted the strong and

long-lasting economic and

financial ties between

Pakistan and China, and

said using Renminbi

(RMB) for settling cross-

border trade and

investment transactions

with China can further

addressing a ceremony on

"Promoting the use of RMB in Cross-Border

Settlement", organized by

PSX witnesses

bearish trend,

He said while

strengthen these ties.

losing 241 points ISLAMABAD (APP): The 100-index of Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) witnessed bearish trend on Friday, losing 241.44 points, a negative change of 0.47 percent, closing at 50,943.84 points against 51,185.28 points the previous day.

A total

A total of 350,834,756 shares valuing of Rs10 607 billion were traded during the day as compared to 364,039,493 shares valuing Rs.10.928 billion the previous day.

As many as 353

companies transacted their shares in the stock market: 110 of them recorded gains and 226 sustained losses, whereas the share price of 17 companies remained unchanged.

The three top-trading companies were K-Electric Ltd with 45,278,652 shares at Rs.3.24 per share, WorldCall Telecom.

trade and investment elaborated that given the importance of Pakistan's economic ties with China, the SBP has put in place the required regulatory framework that facilitates use of RMB in trade and investment transactions,

Governor SBP stresses

RMB use for Pak-China

facilities in RMB. In terms regulations in Pakistan, RMB is at par with other international currencies, such as the US Dollar, Euro and Japanese Yen, he

such as opening of L/Cs

and availing financing

Both public and private sector enterprises in Pakistan are free to choose RMB for bilateral trade and investment Central Bank's efforts to promote use of RMB in trade with China, RMB denominated imports of Pakistan from China have increased from about 2 percent in FY18 to around 18 percent in FY22.

He also discussed the benefits of local RMB clearing system and denominating trade in RMB, including fast turnaround time and reduced cost for local banking system; easy access to the RMB settlement for the local banking system; improved and more competitive pricing of bilateral trade transactions; and opening up of new markets for

Kitchen items' prices eases by 0.33 percent

ISLAMABAD (APP): The weekly inflation, measured by the Sensitive Price Indicator (SPI), witnessed decrease of 0.33 percent for the combined consumption group during the week ended on October 26, the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) reported on Friday.

under review in the abovementioned group was recorded at 277.11 points as compared to 278.04 points during the past week, according to the PBS

As compared to the corresponding week of last year, the SPI for the combined consumption group in the week under

review witnessed an increase of 29.65 percent. The weekly SPI with the base year 2015-16

items for all expenditure groups.

The SPI for the

lowest consumption group up to Rs 17,732, decreased by 0.25 percent and went down to 283.77 points from last week's 284.47 points. The

Friday. consumption groups from The SPI for the week Rs 17,732-22,888; Rs 22,889-29,517; Rs 29,518-44.175 and above Rs 44,175 declined by 0.31 percent, 0.33 percent, 0.36 percent and 0.33 percent respectively.

During the week, out of 51 items, prices of 14 (27.45%) items increased, 17 (33.33%) items decreased and 20 (39.22%) items remained stable.

The items, which recorded a decrease in their average prices on a weekon-week (WoW) included =100 covers 17 urban chicken (10.19%), onions centers and 51 essential (4.4%).

SCCI President calls for offering special incentives signing a 'charter of economy,' taking into account the prevailing Ijaz Khan Afridi, the vice president of the chamber, and senior journalist Aftab Ahmad,

LAHORE: People are buying dry fruits from shop at Akbari mandi as people like such things especially during winters in Provincial Capital.

Jazz, Careem extend partnership to enrich customers' experience

ISLAMABAD (APP): Jazz, Pakistan's largest digital operator and headquarters in Islamabad Careem, the pioneer of where they pledged to ride-hailing services in strengthen these ties and Pakistan, has extended its explore more avenues to longstanding partnership to bring unparalleled benefits utilizing the best of the and innovation to their available mutual customers. The experiences. On this collaboration, rooted in a shared commitment to empowering Pakistanis through technology, continues to strengthen, exemplifying the mutual dedication of both organizations, a press release said on Friday. To reiterate their

shared ambition to leverage technology to improve the lives of Pakistanis, the users all through their leadership of Jazz and digital interactions.

Careem recently organized got together at the Jazz digital occasion, Kazim Mujtaba, Chief Commercial Officer (CCO) of Jazz, said, "We believe in the power of partnerships for creating innovative solutions that enrich the lives of millions of Pakistanis. Such collaborations are also in line with our DO1440 strategy through which we become relevant to our

Gold rates

The per tola price of 24 karat gold decreased by Rs.50 and was sold at Rs.211,300 on Friday compared to its sale at Rs. 211,350 the previous day of trading.

The price of 10 grams of 24 karat gold also decreased by Rs.42 to Rs.181,156 from Rs. 181,198 whereas the prices of 10 gram 22 karat gold went down to Rs.166,060 from Rs. 166,098, the All Sindh Sarafa Jewellers Association reported.

The price of per tola and ten gram silver remained constant at Rs.2,550 and Rs.2,186.21 respectively.

the international market decreased by \$3 to \$2007 from Association reported.



LAHORE: Heavy machinery is being used for harvesting rice crop in the

dip by Rs.50 ISLAMABAD (APP):

The price of gold in

stressed the need for way of mutual trade. Markets diverge with **US inflation in focus**

levels.

The chamber's president removal of obstacles in the

to foreign investors

European stock markets struck a mixed note Friday after a rally in Asia in the wake of strong US tech earnings, while traders steeled themselves for key US inflation data.

The showing comes at the end of a rollercoaster week for equities, but the Middle East crisis continued to cast a shadow as Israel said ground forces had raided central Gaza for a second day.

And while figures after-hours showed the US economy enjoyed its best growth since late 2021 during the third quarter, observers said there was a belief it had peaked and the new year red.

would see a slowdown. However, questions remain over how long the Federal Reserve will keep interest rates at elevated

All three main indexes sank Thursday, with the Nasdaq again the worst performer owing to tech firms' susceptibility to higher borrowing costs.

But blockbuster earnings from Amazon and Intel after the markets closed-and a surge in tradeprovided Asian traders

with a boost. In Europe, Frankfurt and London pushed higher but Paris lapsed into the

Rupee sheds 48 paisa against Dollar

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistani Rupee on Friday witnessed a 48-paisa depreciation against US Dollar in the interbank trading and closed at Rs 280.57 against the previous day's closing of Rs 280.09.

However, according to the Forex Association of Pakistan (FAP), the buying and selling rates of the Dollar in the open market stood at Rs 280.5 and Rs 283 respectively.

The price of the Euro decreased by 65 paisa to close at Rs 296.17 against the last day's closing of Rs 295.52, according to the State Bank of Pakistan

The Japanese Yen remained unchanged to close at Rs 1.86, whereas an increase of Rs 1.22 was witnessed in the exchange rate of the British Pound, which traded at Rs 339.94 as compared to the last closing of Rs 338.72.

Rs.415.1m imposed on 3,281 electricity thieves in 49 days: FESCO

FAISALABAD (APP): Supply Company (FESCO) claimed imposed a fine of Rs.415.1 million Company on 3281 electricity thieves caught during last 49 days of anti-power-theft campaign in FESCO region.

FESCO spokesman Tahir Sheikh said here on Friday that FESCO had launched a vigorous antitheft drive on special direction of Minister of Energy (Power Division) and during 49 days of this campaign the anti-theft teams of the company caught 3281 power pilferers from its eight districts. The company had imposed a total fine of Rs.415.1 million on the pilferers under the head of detection units of 8.938 million in addition to getting Rs.237.3 million recovered from them

FESCO had also got The Faisalabad Electric cases registered against 3155 accused whereas the police had arrested 2636 electricity thieves so far, he added. Giving further details, he said that the FESCO teams continued checking of power pilferage round the clock and caught 28 electricity thieves during last 24 hours who were stealing electricity through various modes including direct supply.

The company had

imposed a fine of more than Rs.2.278 million on these electricity thieves in respect of more than 48,000 detection units.

He said that in Faisalabad district, up till now, 1071 electricity thieves were caught and handed down with a fine of more than Rs.134.4 million under 2.879 million detection units.

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After finding south no safer, Gazans head back north

Monitoring Desk KHAN YUNIS: When Israel warned civilians to leave northern Gaza, Rahma Sagallah and her family fled south. But after Israeli bombs killed her husband and three of her children, she decided to head back

"Wherever we go, we will die," Saqallah said, as she prepared to leave the city of Khan Yunis, in the south of the territory to return to Gaza City with her surviving child.

She is among roughly 600,000 Palestinians who went south in response to Israel's warning to evacu-

ate "for your own safety".

But repeated deadly strikes on the south of the territory in recent days have prompted 30,000 of the displaced to head back home, according to UN fig-

Many were in any case struggling to find shelter in Khan Yunis, an al-

ready densely populated swamped by the influx of city which has been families fleeing the north.

Israel expects 'long' ground war in Gaza to destroy Hamas and its many tunnels Monitoring Desk

DEIR AL-BALAH: Israel expects to launch a long and difficult ground offensive into Gaza soon to destroy Hamas, the country's defense minister said Friday, describing a campaign that will require dismantling a vast network of tunnels used by the territory's militant

Defense Minister Yoav Gallant spoke to a small group of foreign reporters in Tel Aviv after Israeli forces backed by fighter jets and drones carried out a second, limited ground raid into Gaza in as many days, striking the outskirts of Gaza City.

Gallant said the ground invasion that follows weeks of airstrikes "will take a long time," and that it would lead to another lengthy phase of lower-intensity fighting, as Israel destroys "pockets of resistance.

In a sign of rising tensions in the region, U.S. warplanes struck targets in eastern Syria that the Pentagon said were linked to Iran's Revolutionary Guard after a string of attacks on American forces, and two mysterious objects hit towns in Egypt's Sinar



U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken meets with Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi at the State Department in Washington, U.S.

Brazil scientists developing new 'vaccine' for cocaine addiction

Monitoring Desk BELO HORIZONTE: Scientists in Brazil, the world's second-biggest consumer of cocaine, have announced the development of an innovative new treatment for addiction to the drug and its powerful derivative crack:

Dubbed "Calixcoca," the test vaccine, which has shown promising results in trials on animals, triggers an immune response that blocks cocaine and crack from reaching the brain, which researchers hope will help users break the cycle of addiction. Put simply, addicts would no longer get high from the drug.

If the treatment gets regulatory approval, it would be the first time cocaine addiction is treated using a vaccine, said psychiatrist Frederico Garcia, coordinator of the team that the Federal University of Minas Gerais

The project won top

prize last week — 500,000 euros (\$530,000) — at the Euro Health Innovation awards for Latin American medicine, sponsored by pharmaceutical firm Eurofarma. The vaccine works by triggering patients immune systems to produce antibodies that bind to cocaine molecules in the bloodstream, making them too large to pass into the brain's mesolimbic system, or "reward center," where the drug normally stimulates high levels of pleasure-inducing

Similar studies have been carried out in the United States — the world's top cocaine consumer, according to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.

China warns against 'empty slogans' at **COP28** climate talks

Monitoring Desk refrain from "empty slogans" and adopt a pragmatic attitude to climate change that reflects concerns such as energy security, employment and growth, a Chinese climate official said on Friday ahead of COP28 climate talks next month.

The latest round of global climate negotiations is set to get underway in Dubai in late November, focusing on the gaps in the implementation of the 2015 Paris Agreement.

A "global stocktake" published by the United Nations in September said the world had fallen behind on climate targets and action was required "on all fronts" to keep temperature rises within 1.5 degrees

Richer nations should fulfil their pledge to pro-

climate finance for poorer countries, complete setting up a financial mechanism for "loss and damage" and double adaptation funds, said Xia Yingxian, head of the climate office at China's Ministry of Ecology and Environment.

'Developed countries have an unshirkable responsibility for global climate change and at the same time have the actual ability to deal with climate change," he told a briefing

More action on fossil fuels will be a major focus of attention, but China, the world's biggest coal consumer as well as the top emitter of climate-warming greenhouse gas, has been reluctant to commit to any phase-out.

Xia said the COP28 meeting needed to respect "different starting points and national conditions of each country

measures to stem illegal flow of weapons into Russia **Monitoring Desk** MOSCOW: President

Putin urges

Vladimir Putin called on Friday for measures to curb the illegal circulation of weapons and ammunition in Russia, including from

Ukraine.
"We need to think about how weapons and tory of the Russian Federation illegally... including from the territory of Ukraine," Putin told a meeting of Russia's Security Council.

'We need to look at all these channels, look at how departmental control measures are organised, and see what needs to be done additionally to strengthen the regulatory framework.

27 killed after hurricane lashes Mexico **Monitoring Desk**

ACAPULCO: Hurri–cano Otis killed at least 27 people as it lashed Mexico's beach resort city of Acapulco as a scale-topping category 5 storm, of-ficials said on Thursday, in what residents called a "to-

tal disaster." The storm crashed into Acapulco with furious winds of 165 miles (270 kilometres) per hour largely cutting off communications and road links with the region.

President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador arrived at the scene late on Wednesday, after his convoy found roads blocked by landslides and other debris, forcing top officials to abandon their vehicles and walk the final miles. The closures meant some residents slogged for hours through mud and debris in an attempt to find food and

disaster. It is not what it was before. The park was totally destroyed, the



Mexican President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador looks out of the window as the vehicle transporting him is stuck in mud during a visit to Acapulco after the passage of Hurricane Otis.



Israeli bombardment in Khan Yunis.

EU summit turns its eyes away from Ukraine despite a commitment to stay the course with Zelenskyy And it's not only geo-

Monitoring Desk BRUSSELS: It was a good thing Ukrainian Prime Minister Volodymyr Zelenskyy had his videoconference address to the European Union summit pre-slotted for the opening session.

Immediately afterward, EU leaders switched off and went to the order of the day — the Israel-Hamas war. They didn't come

back to the issue of Russia's war in Ukraine again before Friday's closing day of the

After dominating summit after summit since Moscow launched a full- that's Israel.

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BRUSSELS: EU leaders

called on Thursday for

pauses in Israeli bombing

and Hamas rocket attacks to

get humanitarian aid into

Gaza after days of wrangling

that highlighted divisions

within the bloc over the

broader Israel-Palestinian

conflict. In a declaration

agreed at a summit in Brus-

sels, the leaders of the

Union's 27 nations ex-

pressed the "gravest concern

for the deteriorating humani-

tinued, rapid, safe and un-

hindered humanitarian ac-

cess and aid to reach those

They called for "con-

tarian situation in Gaza".

pauses in Gaza

scale invasion of Ukraine on Feb. 24, 2022, the timing alone, anecdotal as it was, underscored a deeper reality: Zelenskyy will be facing tougher times to get all the attention and political, economic and military aid that Ukraine wants.

Not only in Europe too, since the new U.S. House Speaker Mike Johnson has shown little

interest in providing additional money from Congress to support Ukraine and also said that now is the moment "we must stand with our important

added: "we are ready to help, but not militarily, because I do not believe in a military solution of this conflict in Ukraine." But military victory ahead of ally in the Middle East and peace is the most precious **EU** leaders urge

bombing to get aid in **Monitoring Desk**

measures including humanitarian corridors and pauses for humanitarian needs' The summit was the leaders' first in-person meeting since the deadly Oct. 7 assault on Israel by Palestinian militant group Hamas, which prompted Israel to bombard and blockade Hamas-run cludes Russia

While EU leaders have strongly condemned Hamas' attack, they have struggled to stick to the same message beyond people rescue a survivor from the rubble of a building destroyed during Israeli bombardment in in need through all necessary Khan Yunis.

thing to Zelenskyy. China nudges Mongolia to join Eurasian security bloc

politics creeping up on Ukraine. EU politics too are no longer as kind to

Zelenskyy.

"Ukraine is one of the most corrupt countries in the world," new Slovak Prime Minister Robert Fico

said when he assessed the

summit on his Facebook

After the summit, he

page on Friday.

BEIJING: Chinese Premier Li Qiang said China will boost its cooperation with Mongolia under a Eurasian security bloc, which this year admitted its ninth member Iran, gently nudging its smaller neighbour to join a re-gional group that also in-

Mongolia has refrained from joining the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) for almost two decades, choosing to be an observer state since 2004 even as other nations such as India, Pakistan and Iran became fullfledged members.



Sembilan, Sultan Mizan Zainal Abidin of Terengganu, Malaysia's King Šultan Abdullah Sultan Ahmad Shah, Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah of Selangor, Sultan Ibrahim Iskandar of Johor and Sultan Sallehuddin Badlishah pose for pictures before the election for the next Malaysian king at the National Palace in Kuala Lumpur.

not be spared from this

fire," he told a meeting of

the 193-member General

Assembly on the Middle

wipe out Hamas, which

rules Gaza, in retaliation for

an Oct. 7 attack that killed

1,400 people and saw hun-

dreds taken hostage. Israel

air, imposed a siege and is

preparing a ground inva-

sion. Palestinian authorities

say more than 7,000 have

that it was ready to release

Hamas has told Iran

been killed.

has struck Gaza from the

Israel has vowed to

At UN, Iran warns US will 'not be spared' if war in Gaza continues

Monitoring Desk NATIONS: Iran's Foreign Minster Hossein Amirabdollahian warned at the United Nations on Thursday that if Israel's retaliation against Palestinian militants Hamas in the Gaza Strip doesn't end then the United States will "not be spared from

this fire.' "I say frankly to the American statesmen, who are now managing the genocide in Palestine, that we do not welcome (an) expansion of the war in the region. But if the genocide in Gaza continues, they will civilian hostages.

"Acapulco is a total buildings, all the streets."

EU working on proposal for frozen Russian assets - von der Leyen

Monitoring Desk BRUSSELS: The European Commission is working on a proposal to pool some of the profits derived from frozen Russian state assets to help Ukraine and its post-war reconstruction, the EU executive's president Ursula von der Leyen said on Friday.

Von der Leyen told a news conference after an EU leaders summit that the value of frozen Russian sovereign assets was 211 billion euros (\$223.15 billion) today and recalled that the bloc had decided that Russia must pay for Ukraine's

reconstruction. The European Union froze Russian sovereign assets in March 2022, following Russia's invasion of Ukraine in the previous

Von der Leyen said that finance ministers had made good progress on some basic principles during the annual meetings of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank in Marrakesh earlier this

"So the next step would be then an actual proposal," she said, adding the initial focus would be on windfall profits.

US strikes two 'Iran-linked' sites in Syria, Austin says **Monitoring Desk**

WSHINGTON: The US military struck two facilities in eastern Syria used by Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) and affiliated groups, Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin said on Thursday.

"The precision selfdefense strikes are a response to a series of ongoing and mostly unsuccessful attacks against US personnel in Iraq and Syria by Iranian-backed militia groups that began on October 17," he said in a statement.

Pope orders reopening of case of prominent priest accused of abuse

Monitoring Desk VATICAN CITY: Pope Francis has ordered a review of the Church's handling of the case of internationally known religious artist who was expelled from the Jesuit religious order after being accused of sexual, psychological and spiritual abuse of adult women.

A statement on Friday said the pope had asked the Vatican's doctrinal office to review the case of Father Marko Ivan Rupnik and had lifted any statute of limitations that would apply so that a complete process could take place.

Blinken, Wang meet as US-China gear up towards expected leaders summit Monitoring Desk Advisor Jake Sullivan lat

WASHINGTON: U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken and China's top dip-lomat Wang Yi reconvened for a second day of meetings on Friday as the two rival powers discuss how to manage differences while laying groundwork for an expected summit between President Joe Biden and his counterpart Xi Jinping. Wang arrived at the State Department late on Thursday and held a meeting with Blinken followed by a dinner. The two diplomats engaged again on Friday morning, sitting across from each other at a wide table with their senior aides before journalists were ushered out of the closed-door

the White House and meet escalation into a wider war

Advisor Jake Sullivan later on Friday. He is also expected to speak with Biden, although it is unclear how substantial their inter-

action will be. Wang's three-day visit is the latest in a flurry of diplomatic engagements between China and the U.S., and the trip primarily is to prepare for an expected Xi-Biden summit in November on the sidelines of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation leaders meeting in San Francisco. China has yet to announce whether Xi will attend. The Israel-Hamas conflict has added a fresh dynamic to the testy relationship between the superpowers, and Washington is hoping Beijing can use its influ-Wang is set to head to ence with Iran to prevent an

with U.S. National Security in the Middle East.

Palestinians plead 'stop the bombs' at UN meeting but Israel insists Hamas must be 'obliterated'

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UNITED NĂTIONS: Stop the bombs and save lives!" the Palestinian ambassador pleaded at an emotional U.N. meeting Thursday on the war in Gaza. But Israel's envoy was adamant, declaring again, "We will not rest until Hamas is obliter-

The war sparked by Gaza's Hamas rulers' surprise attacks on Israel on Oct. 7 played out in the vast hall of the 193-nation General Assembly, where Arab nations expected to adopt a resolution Friday calling for an immediate cease-fire in Gaza after the Security Council's four failed attempts to agree on any ac-

At the assembly's resumed emergency special session on Israeli actions in the Palestinian territories Thursday, speaker after speaker backed the Arab resolution's cease-fire call except for Israel's U.N. Ambassador Gilad Erdan, who told the 193-member world body, "A cease-fire civilians.

means giving Hamas time to rearm itself, so they can massacre us again.

After quoting several Hamas statements vowing to destroy Israel and the Jews, he said, "Any call for a cease-fire is not an attempt at peace. It is an attempt to tie Israel's hands, preventing us from eliminating a huge threat to our citizens.

On another key issue
— the more than 220 hostages taken from Israel — Iran's foreign minister said Hamas is ready to release civilian prisoners, and he said the international community must take responsibility for releasing 6,000 Palestinian prisoners held in Israel.

Iran "stands ready to play its part in this very important humanitarian endeavor, along with Qatar and Turkey," Hossein Amirabdollahian told the assembly.

Iran is a key backer of Hamas and Qatar has already played a key role in the release of four Israeli

US military says Chinese fighter jet came within 10 feet of B-52 bomber over South China Sea

Monitoring Desk BANGKOK: A Chinese fighter jet came within 10 feet of an American B-52 bomber flying over the South China Sea, nearly causing an accident, the U.S. military said, underscoring the potential for a mishap

as both countries vie for

influence in the region. In the night intercept, the Shenyang J-11 twin-engine fighter closed on the U.S. Air Force plane at an 'uncontrolled excessive speed, flying below, in front of, and within 10 feet of the B-52, putting both aircraft in danger of a collision," the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command said in a statement released late Thursday. "We are concerned this

pilot was unaware of how close he came to causing a collision," the military said. China's Foreign Min-

istry put the blame on the J.Š., suggesting the American aircraft was flying over the South China Sea as a deliberate provocation.

of miles to China's doorstep to flex muscle," said Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Mao Ning.

"That is the source of maritime and air security risks, and is not conducive to regional peace and stability." The U.S. military said in its statement that the aircraft was "lawfully conducting routine operations' ahead of the intercept Tuesday, but did not immediately respond to questions Friday about specifically what the B-52 was doing over the South China Sea or whether it was with a group of planes.

After a similar incident in May, the Chinese government dismissed American complaints and demanded that Washington end such flights over the South China Sea. China has been increasingly assertive in advancing its claims on most of the South China Sea as its territorial waters, a position rejected by the U.S. and other countries "The U.S. military planes traveled thousands of ocean for shipping.

US adds sanctions on Hamas, Iran's Revolutionary **Guard members**

Monitoring Desk WASHINGTON: The U.S. on Friday issued a second round of sanctions aimed at Palestinian militant group Hamas following its attack this month on Israel, including a Hamas official in Iran and members of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps.

The measures target

additional assets in a Hamas investment portfolio and people facilitating sanctions evasion by Hamasaffiliated companies, the U.S. Treasury Department said in a statement. A Gaza-based entity

that Treasury said has served as a conduit for illicit Iranian funds to Hamas and the Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ) group was also targeted, the department said. Iran backs Hamas and other militant groups in the Middle East.

"We will not hesitate to take action to further degrade Hamas's ability to commit horrific terrorist attacks by relentlessly tar-

geting its financial activities and streams of funding," Deputy Treasury Secretary Wally Adeyemo wrote, adding the sanctions aimed "to deny Hamas the ability to exploit the international financial system. Adeyemo said some

firms in the digital asset space were not doing enough to stop the flow of illicit finance. Israel has bombarded

the densely populated Gaza Strip following the Oct. 7 attack by Hamas that Israel says killed some 1,400 people. The group took more than 200 hostages, some of them infants, in the assault.

The Hamas-controlled

Gaza health ministry said on Thursday that 7,028 Palestinians had been killed in Israel's retaliatory air strikes. Reuters could not independently verify the tolls. Friday's action freezes any U.S. assets of the targeted groups and generally bars Americans

from dealing with them.

President directs varsity to accommodate student who missed degree course due to COVID-19

ISLAMABAD (APP): to deviate from the HEC's President Dr Arif Alvi on Friday asked Air University to reconsider the case of granting one additional year to its student for completing her degree which as she was unable to complete the remaining courses due to suffering from COVID-19. He expressed displeatimeline of its student. sure that the university did not timely process her case, despite the fact that Higher Education Commission (HEC)'s Policy and University Regulations provided for remedies to resolve such issues by granting ex-

He said that there was no reason for the university

Wali Khan Kakar

Pashtunkhwa Mili Awami

party in its press release,

issued from the central sec-

retariat of the party, stated that the petition filed by the

expelled members of the

party has been dismissed

by the honorable Islamabad

High Court. Earlier, the Elec-

tion Commission of Paki-

stan, Peshawar High Court,

and other civilian courts

have given decisions in fa-

vor of PkMAP. Pashtunkhwa Mili Awami

Party, under the leadership

of Mahmood Khan

Achakzai, is a registered

political party notified by

the ECP. Issuing the state-

ments of the expelled ele-

ISLAMABAD (INP):

Power distribution work

has commenced for provid-

ing 5 Mega Watts (MW) of

electricity to Gwadar Free

Zone North by erecting power polls and laying elec-

tricity wires in two phases

simultaneously. It will take

two months to complete

the work, Gwadar Pro re-

ported on Friday. In the first

phase, the Gwadar Port

Authority (GPA) has started installing power in-

frastructure from the grid

station to the perimeter

walls of Gwadar Free Zone

North. In the second phase,

local company SIGMA Engineering Ltd has started

laving the electricity distri-

bution system from the

walls of Gwadar Free Zone

to the buildings of various

Balochistan Civil Service

Officers Welfare Associa-

tion (BCSOWA) on Friday

vowed to scale up the

struggle for sustainable

progress and welfare of members of BCS (EB)

through inclusive, demo-

cratic and legal ways with

commitment and dedica-

will be made to protect the

rights of the officers of BCS

through a legal and proac-

"Strenuous efforts

industrial sites.

ments of the party as party to take legal actions.

Power distribution

work starts for Gwadar

Free Zone North

policy and recommendations, stating that instead of rectifying its maladministration, the university submitted a representation before the President without realizing its implications in respect of public exchequer and wastage of study

He advised the Air University to not let the student's devotion, hard work, and money go waste and take measures to help and guide students, especially in the case of women. The president gave

these directions while deciding upon a representation filed by Air University

QUETTA: Caretaker Provincial Ministers Amjad Rasheed, Jamal Raisani

violation of the laws and

rules of ECP. Issuing their

statements as party state-

ments on print, electronic,

and social media is a crimi-

nal act and a violation of

ethical and moral values.

Pashtunkhwa Mili Awami

Party hereby informs print

and electronic media that

after the decisions of ECP,

Peshawar High Court, Islamabad high court, and

other civilian courts they

should respect the decision

of honorable courts and do

not issue the statements of

the expelled elements as

party statements, other-

wise, Pashtunkhwa Mili

Awami Party holds the right

SIGMA Engineering

'After completion of

Ltd has been outsourced by

China Communications

Construction Company

(CCCC) Limited, a GPA

the entire project, the per

unit power tariff charged to

factories will be around Rs

57 according to the govern-

ment rate prescribed for in-

dustries. Currently, genera-

Holding (COPHC)

KABUL: Head of Mission, Ambassador, Ubaid Ur

Rehman Nizamani addressing on the occasion of

Democrats panel, vows

sustainable progress

for BCS officers

QUETTA (APP): The for the just resolution of the

issues of the Balochistan

festo of the groups, he said a Constitution, Election Act

and Rules will be framed to

ness and Cabinet Elections

in future. "Illegal induction

of AEOS and any other Ex. Cadre into BCS will

strongly be opposed, while

any attempt for making of

PMS Service on the desire

of BSS through pressure

dispose of BCSOWA busi-

Unveiling the mani-

Civil Service's officers.

Kashmir Black Day at Pakistan Embassy.

official told Gwadar Pro.

Notified by the ECP

PMAP under leadership of

Mahmood Achakzai is a

registered political party

against the order of the university to allow her for Wafaqi Mohtasib directing it to place Ms Iqra Munir's case before the University Functional Committee (UFC) and reconsider it for allowing her one more year

to complete her BS degree.
As per details, Iqra Munir (the complainant) had filed a complaint before the Wafaqi Mohtasib alleging that she was a student of Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Psychology Programme in one of the colleges affiliated with the Air University. According to her, due to Covid pan-

plete her degree in 2020. She approached the

demic, she could not com-

English Dept

pays tribute

to eminent

Balochi poet

and singer

QUETTA (APP): Department of English, University

of Turbat held a commemo-

rative literary event at the

University's multipurpose

hall to pay tribute to the eminent Balochi poets Waja

Mubarak Qazi and singer

chairman Department of

English, Dr Shah Mir Baloch commended the ef-

forts of the organizers for

their unremitting commit-

ment and extended a warm

welcome to the Dean Fac-

ulty of Literature and Languages Prof. Dr. Abdul

Saboor Baloch, university

faculty and students. The

program entertained the au-

dience with a cornucopia of

myriad performances, skits, and sketches from the par-

ticipating students along with a scintillating panel dis-

cussion on literature in the 21st century. The event

On the occasion, the

Waja Shokat Safar.

completion of her degree but she was advised to contact HEC for grant of an additional year to complete her Later, HEC advised

that the competent authority of the University to reconsider her case for extension keeping in view her medical history and the provisions already available in HEC Policy and University Regulations.

However, after a lapse of one year she was not given the extension.

Feeling aggrieved, she approached the Wafaqi Mohtasib, who passed the order in her favour.



Jammu and Kashmir and Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Cell protest demonstration outside the United Nations Military Observer Group on the occasion of October 27 Black Day.

No power on earth can crush Kashmiris struggle for freedom: Solangi

Caretaker Federal Ministér for Information and Broadcasting Murtaza Solangi said on Friday that no power on earth could crush the Kashmiris freedom movement, who were struggling for the right to self-determination promised by none other than the United Nations in its several resolutions.

Addressing the participants of a rally organized here marking October 27, the black day to pro-

princely state in 1947.

The minister said that the history of oppression of the Kashmiri people spanned over cen-

He said that on this day in 1947, India landed its troops in the valley in violation of international

He lamented the champions of human rights and democracy, who raise their voice against any injustice across the world were silent over the Kashmiri genotest against Indian illegal cide at the hands of Indian occupation of the then occupation forces.

Samina Zehri says: Indian tactics to crush Kashmiris struggle for self-determination failed

Independent Report QUETTA: Central Vice

President Balochistan Awami Party, Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri on Friday said the people of Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK) were resisting every conspiracy of India.

In a statement regarding the Black Day against the Indian occupation of IIOJK, she said Indian conspiracies and tactics to crush the struggle for selfdetermination of Kashmiris

The cases of extra-judicial killings in IIOJK have

India is plotting to change its demography.

The Kashmiris were

struggling to gain independence and were resisting every conspiracy by India. Zehri said that Paki-

stan has always exposed the Indian brutalities and atrocities, and the struggle will continue until the right to self-determination is achieved, she added

She stressed the support of the movement of the oppressed Kashmiris for the right to self-determination will be voiced in every forum. Pakistan has presented the dossier related to

AJK PM PM urges world to help resolve Kashmir issue in line with UN resolutions

(APP):Azad Jammu Kashmir Prime Minister Chaudhry Anwar ul Haq on Friday urged the international community to play its due role in helping to resolve the lingering Kashmir issue peacefully in accordance with the UN Security Council resolutions

In a statement issued on the eve of the black day observed on Friday against the Indian invasion of Kashmir on this day 76 years ago in 1947, Haq said that India has turned the held territory into a military can-tonment where people have been deprived of their ba-

sic rights.
Terming October 27 as one of the darkest chapters

Five people killed in firing incident

LAHORE (APP): Five people were killed in firing at Shahpur 'dera' in Chung area. Police said that the persons were sitting at the 'dera' of Haji Shahzad Awan when suddenly some assailants appeared there and opened fire. As a result the five persons received serious bullet injuries and died on the spot. While a five years old boy namely Abubakar was also injured in this incident. After the incident, the accused managed to escape from the scene. On information, concerned police

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of Kashmir history, Azad Kashmiris by the Indian Jammu Kashmir Prime occupation forces Minister Chaudhry Anwar ul Haq said that it was on this day in 1947 when In-

He said that the move, which was rightly condemned as an act of aggression, had pushed the entire region into the throes of instability and perpetual vio-

dia landed its troops at

Srinagar Airport and occu-

pied the state forcibly in

violation of international

He said that it was quite unfortunate that the United Nations and other international human rights organizations have failed to stop human rights violations and atrocities inflicted upon Referring to the at-

tempted annexation of the state by the Modi govern-ment, the PM said that in stark contrast to the UN resolutions on Kashmir, India's fascist regime led by Modi wrapped up the region's political system, imposed a crippling siege on the state, detained the political leadership of all buss and shades dissolved hues and shades, dissolved the state and reduced its status to a union territory.

Terming it as a glaring example of high-handedness on the part of the Indian government, he said that the move was an atrocious assault on the Kashmiris' cultural and political identity.



QUETTA: Caretaker provincial minister for information Jan Achakzai addressing on the occasion of Kashmir Black Day.

China, Pak forge strong education partnership

BEIJING (APP): The In- delivered a keynote speech ternational Industry-Education Cooperation Forum in the Context of Education Digitalization, part of the 2023 China Annual Conference & Expo for International Education (CACIE), was held on Friday at the China National Convention Center in

Beijing.

The forum brought together leaders from Chinese government departments, diplomatic envoys, and representatives from various universities and enterprises.

Pakistan Ambassador to China, Moin ul Haque,

via video. During the event, the China-Pakistan Interna-

tional Industrial Academic Integration Alliance (CPIA) released an Achievement Report and introduced affiliated committees, including the Agricultural and Forestry Industrial-Educational Cooperation Committee, Classical Medicine Industrial-Educational Cooperation Committee, and Water Resources and Hydropower Engineering Industrial-Educational Coopera-

tion Committee, CEN re-



CHAMAN: Provincial President Awami National Party Asghar Khan Achakzai addressing participants of protest sit-in

Asghar Achakzai lauds people for holding peaceful protest

By Sardar Khondai CHAMAN: Provincial President of Awami National Party Asghar Khan Achakzai has said that no hospitality should be shown to Afghans. Afghans are living with their Afghans on their own land at the expense of Afghans. Those who gave the title of Lion of Islam and Mujahideen to the Afghans who became the owners of the islands

Khan's heirs have not been a part of any Afghan hostile action, from digging trenches to laying barbed wire, from introducing the corridor system to installing gates, so people come with you and offer a few words

and huts are calling them a

burden today.

Khan Khan Achakzai Shaheed Asad Khan Achakzai was martyred in this way even today this gathering of thousands will be a witness that Awami National Party will find us side by side as long as your demands are not accepted

in front of these helpless orphans but the darkness of night in a besieged fort.

I will not participate in the negotiations and negotiations and will not be responsible for its results. congratulate all my friends, political activists and the brave people of Chaman for the peaceful conduct of Jam Ghafir demonstration.

Addressing the protest sit-in of All Parties Tajer Laghari Ittehad near the line, in which thousands of people participated, Asghar Khan Achakzai, the Provincial President of Awami National Party, directed the Dharna Committee, the leaders of the political parties, Tajer Laghri Ittehad to thousands of people in Chaman. Congratulating him for the peaceful protest, he said that if you friends maintain the same agreement and unity, the ruling elite will forget about the issuance of passports.

closed with the laudatory reached the spot and took Indian brutal actions in comments of the Dean of increased to an alarming exthe bodies into custody. Literature and Languages. tent, she deplored, adding IIOJK before the world.

QUETTA: Caretaker Provincial Finance Minister Amjad Rasheed presiding over a meeting regarding financial affairs of public sector university of Balochistan

tor-based electricity is be-IIOJK, biggest | ing provided to all operational factories in Gwadar prison in Free Zone North tempoworld: Zardari

rarily," he added.
Progress was made af-ISLAMABAD (APP) ter the successful joint fea-President Pakistan Peoples sibility study conducted by Party Parliamentarians Quetta Electric Power Sup-(PPPP) Asif Ali Zardari ply Company (QEPSC) said that the Indian Illegally and China Overseas Ports Occupied Jammu and Kash-Company mir (ÎIOJK) is the biggest prison in the world. He said this on the 76th anniversary of the Black Day of Kashmir. Asif Zardari in a statement said that the freedom from Indian occupation is the fundamental and democratic right of the people of IIOJK. It is not possible to silence the voice of the IIOJK people by force. He said that the world is now aware that India is a terrorist country.

He said that the liberation of Kashmir from Indian occupation was the mission of Shaheed Zulfikar Ali Bhutto. If Quaid-e-Awam Zulfikar Ali Bhutto had not been martyred, the Occupied Kashmir would have long been free from Indian occupation. Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto raised the voice of the people of Occupied Kashmir on every international forum. Bilawal Bhutto introduced Modi to the world as the butcher of Kashmir and India as a terrorist country. Asif Zardari vowed that the PPP will continue to raise its voice for the Kashmiri brethren and their

Anwar distributes 50 wheelchairs to persons with disabilities organizations to come for-

QUETTA (APP): Addisioner (General) Quetta, Muhammad Anwar Kakar, along with the Regional Director of Muslim Hands International Balochistan, Malik Naeem Javed, dispersons with disabilities (PWDs) on Friday.

On the occasion, Adtional Deputy Commis- ditional Deputy Commissioner General Muhammad Anwar Kakar said that the district administration, with the support of Muslim Hand International. has distributed wheeltributed 50 wheelchairs to chairs among people with disabilities.

He urged other welfare **NAB Balochistan** arranged seminar

Independent Report

OUETTA: (Balochistan), as per its mandate for Awareness Campaigns, organized a seminar on "Role of Students in Eradication of Corruption" at NUML University, Quetta. Dr. Muhammad Rashad, Direc-

tor NAB, was the speaker at the seminar. Lt. Col (Retd) Nisar Ahmed, Regional Director NUML, faculty members and students of the university participated therein. The basic objective of the seminar was to aware the students about their role in eradication of corruption. During the address to

audience, Dr. Muhammad Rashad, explained the general working, vision and mission, 3x pronged strat-

egy of NAB to fight against corruption. He elaborated ill effects of corruption in the light of Hadith and Quranic injunctions as

The youth were not only told to discourage corruption but were also emphasized to raise their voice for its eradication from society. Further, he informed that every individual has to play his role against the menace of corruption for the betterment of economy and society. At the end of seminar, there was a healthy Question/Answer session between the speaker and the students.

Conclusively, the Director NAB thanked all the students and the host for participation and organiz-

The district administration requested that wheelchairs be provided to at NUML disabled, poor, and entitled people. In the first phase, under the leadership of Additional Deputy Commis-

> phase, around 300 wheelchairs will also be provided. He said that Muslim Hand International provided 1,000 shelters during earthquake Balochistan, while they have been in the field since the first day to help the victims of last year's floods and have built houses for 100 victims in Mastung and Jaffarabad.

In more than a dozen districts of Balochistan, our organization is always playing its role to reach out and help the needy people, he added



tive approach," said Qurban tactics will also be discour-Ali Magsi, a member of the Democrat panel contesting for BCSOWA Elections The Panel, if won, he said, will work for educational scholarships for sib-Talking to media replings of officers in different resentatives, he said the cadet and Residential col-OUETTA: Director NAB (Balochistan) Dr. Muhammad Rashid addressing a seminar "Students Role in democrats panel is commitleges of Balochistan and ted to take practical steps Pakistan. Elimination of Corruption" organized by NUML Quetta

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