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Pak, Uzbekistan resolve for early finalisation of Strategic

**Partnership Agreement** 

TASHKENT (APP): Paki-

stan and Uzbekistan on

Wednesday reiterated the

resolve to finalize the Stra-

tegic Partnership Agree-

ment at the earliest to pro-

mote regional economic in-

discussed in a bilateral meet-

ing between Caretaker

Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-

Haq Kakar and President

of Uzbekistan Shavkat

Mirziyoyev, on the side-

lines of the 16th Summit of

the Economic Cooperation

Organization (ECÔ) being

their commitment to play

an active role for the re-

Both sides reaffirmed

The bilateral ties were



TASHKENT: Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar meets with the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Mr. Shavkat Mirziyoyev on the sidelines of 16th ECO Summit.

# Threatening statements of Afghan leaders regrettable Pakistan witnessed a sharp increase in terrorism after Kabul takeover: PM Kakar

Asks Afghan interim setup to handover illegal Pakistanis linked with terrorism, act against TTP hideouts

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar Wednesday demanded the interim government of Afghanistan to hand over the Pakistani nationals who were illegally residing in Afghanistan and were involved in terrorist activities against their own country.

The leaders exchanged

Expressing satisfaction

views on deepening bilat-

eral cooperation in a range

of areas including political,

trade, economic, security,

defence, and connectivity.

at the growing level of bi-

lateral cooperation, Prime

Minister Kakar stressed

the importance of sustain-

recent operationalization of

Preferential Trade Agree-

ment (PTA) and Transit

Trade Agreement (UPTTA) would boost bi-

lateral trade and transit trade

in addition to streamlining

Economic Cooperation Or-

ganization Trade Agree-

He underlined that the

ing the momentum.

Addressing a press conference here at the PM House, the prime minister said the government was ready to receive and accept

training centres in Afghanistan and ensure that "they must not be used against Pakistan". Since the interim government took to power in Afghanistan in August 2021, he said Pakistan witnessed an increase in terrorist incidents by 60 percent besides a 500 percent surge in suicide blasts.

"Pakistan in last two years has lost lives of 2,867

Afghanistan," he said. He mentioned that 15 Afghan nationals were found involved in suicide bombings in Pakistan, while 64 Afghans got killed during their fight against the Pakistani law enforcement agencies. He said Afghan authorities were cognizant of these facts as Pakistan had been sharing these details with them since February innocent civilians, for this year through the fortwhich TTP is responsible nightly memorandums of



PM Kakar also asked the Afghan government to take action against the hideouts of Tehreek-e-Taliban



# President writes to PM stressing right of all parties to contest polls

ISLAMABAD (APP): ter he received from Omar President Dr Arif Alvi, in a Ayub Khan, General Secletter addressed to Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Wednesday, emphasized holding of free and fair elections, saying that all political parties and leaders have the right to contest

"There is a resonance in Pakistan that for free, fair and credible elections, all political parties and leaders have the right to contest and it is up to the people to decide," he wrote in the letter, according to a press release issued by the President's

The president, in this regard, also forwarded a let-

**Independent Report** 

QUETTA: The Governor

Balochistan, Malik Abdul

Wali Khan Kakar has stated

that the secret of the

progress of developed na-

tions lies in acquiring mod-

ern education and as such

we should also pay full at-

tention to impart quality

The Governor was ad-

education to the students.

dressing the meeting of sen-

ate of Mir Chakar Khan

Rind University here on

Wednesday.

retary of the Pakistan

Tehreek-e-Insaf. President Alvi highlighted that democracy was the only viable way forward for the State and the people of Pakistan, the "essence of which lied in giving people the right to partake in political activities and to be able to voice their opinions through a free media".

The president stated that it was of utmost importance that the caretaker government under the prime minister's leadership made efforts as a neutral entity to provide a level-

Governor Balochistan Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar chairing 3rd Senate

Those who were

present in the meeting were the Vice Chancellor of Mir

Chakar Khan Rind Univer-

sity, Professor Janosh

Baloch, Vice Chancellor of

Lasbela University, Dr.

Dost Muhammad Baloch,

Secretary Hafeez Jamali.

Principal Secretary to Gov-

ernor, Hashim Khan

Ghilzai, Secretary Janed

Secretary

concerned high ups.

meeting of Mir Chakar Khan Rind University Sibi

Secret of progress of nations lies in modern education:

Governor calls for paying full

focus on imparting quality

education to students

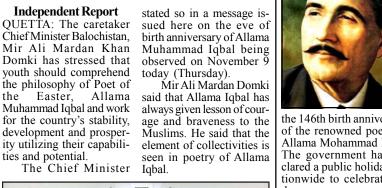
"In this context, it was reassuring to hear your recent statements whereby you stated that it was the caretaker government's policy that all registered political parties should have equal rights and opportunities to contest the forthcoming elections," he wrote.

President Alvi said that as the office of the President of Pakistan represented the unity of the Republic as Head of State under Article 41 of the Constitution of Pakistan and, therefore, it was duty-bound along with the prime minister and all institutions to protect the rights of the citizens, as enshrined in the Constitution.

#### ment (ECOTA). Youth must comprehend philosophy of self-consciousness of Allama Iqbal: CM Domki

**Independent Report** QUETTA: The caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki has stressed that vouth should comprehend the philosophy of Poet of Easter, Allama Muhammad Iqbal and work for the country's stability, development and prosper-

ties and potential.
The Chief Minister





Mansoor Shah at the Federal Judicial Academy.

#### Two more healthcare workers shifted to Karachi: Effective measures taken to stop spread of Congo virus in Balochistan

**Independent Report** QUETTA: The caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki has stated that the effective measures are being taken to stop spread of Congo virus in the province, and adding he believed that the disease would be

eradicated from the prov-The Chief Minister said that health emergency is already imposed in the province in view of Congo

virus situation. He mentioned that treatment of the Congo virus infected 13 doctors and paramedics of the Health department is continued in Karachi. In addition to this, two more healthcare workers have been shifted to Karachi by air ambu-

He said that treatment of all the affected patients is being done at a private hospital of Karachi on the government expenses.



QUETTA: Renowned cricketer Shahid Khan Afridi meeting with Chief Secretary Balochistan Shakeel Qadir Khan

# Pakistan, Saudi Arabia

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pa- Saeed Al Malki here. kistan and Saudi Arabia on Wednesday agreed to fur- of the Prime Minister for ther expand cooperation be- Interfaith Harmony Allama ween the two brotherly countries in media, drama,

and other related fields. The decision was made during a meeting between Caretaker Federal Minister for Information and Broad-

Special Representative Tahir Mahmood Ashraf was also present in the

In the meeting, it was agreed to speed up the implementation of agreements between Pakistan casting Murtaza Solangi and Saudi Arabia in the and Ambassador of Saudi field of media and commu-Arabia to Pakistan Nawaf nications.

#### Bilawal says PPP 'parted ways' with PML-N after compromise on 'vote ko Izzat do'

stan Peoples Party (PPP) Chairman Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari on Wednesday said that his party parted ways with the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) after the former ruling party compromised on the 'sanctity of the vote".

"As long as PML-N's narrative [remained] vote ko izzat do (give respect to vote), we kept along but

KARACHI (INP): Paki- when this narrative changed, staying together became difficult," the former foreign minister said while speaking to the media in Karachi's İbrahim Hyderi area.

Bilawal once again reiterated his stance on the absence of equal opportunities as a political party, saying that the PPP never got a level-playing field in any election.



KARACHI: Peoples Party (PPP) Chairman, Bilawal Bhutto Zardari in meeting with Journalists of national newspapers, news channels and media houses, held at Bilawal House in Karachi.

# Judge sitting in chamber

Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Qazi Faez Isa has observed the judge sitting in chamber is not Supreme

judges sitting in court are SC The SC proceedings cannot be run while sitting in chamber. Only chamber appeals are heard in chamber. No constitution, laws and rules and regulations allow this to former CJP.

while presiding of SC bench during the hearing of human rights case against Faiz Hameed on the charges of occupation of land.

to the petitioner remarked there are gross allegations in your petition. The counsel for petitioner said the hearing of the case be adjourned for short period. The CJP remarked we will not give adjournment. Make preparations from just now. The petitioner said raid

was conducted on my home and office under the order of Gen (Retd) Faiz Hameed on May 12, 2017. Our precious goods and record of our private housing society was stolen in the raid. The illegal action against me was aimed at taking control of Top one city. I and my five associates were arrested after raid and were kept in habeas

is not supreme court: CJP ISLAMABAD (Online): The CJP while moving Court (SC) He further observed

He gave these remarks The case came up for

hearing before SC bench presided over by CJP Qazi Faez Isa Wednesday.

# OUETTA: Mr. Sami Shark presenting gift regard-

ing Right to Information to Caretaker Provincial Information Minister Jan Achakzai

#### Pakistan neither supplied arms to Ukraine nor does it intend to do so: FO

ISLAMABAD (INP): Pakistan on Wednesday said that rejecting the notions of any discussion on arms supply between defence ministers of Pakistan and Ukraine in their telephonic conversation, said the country neither supplied arms to Ukraine, nor it intended to do so.

Foreign Office spokesperson Mumtaz Zahra Baloch, in a statement clarified that as a matter of policy Pakistan did not supply arms to a region in conflict.

"This topic, therefore, was not discussed during the telephone conversation between the Ministers of Defense of Pakistan and Ukraine on 7th November 2023," she remarked. She said that as a matter of policy Pakistan did not supply arms to a region in conflict.

'It has not supplied nor does it intend to supply any arms to Ukraine," she remarked. The spokesperson said that Pakistan had stressed the need for a negotiated solution to the conflict in Ukraine.

#### **NEPRA** jacks up electricity tariff

ISLAMABAD (INP): In another shock to the already overburdened power consumers, the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) has notified a hike of Rs0.40 per unit in electricity tariff.

According to the notification issued by the power regulatory authority, NEPRA approved hike in electricity in the wake of the monthly fuel adjustment for September.
It added that electricity

Anwar Hashmi, Additional Finance, consumers would have to Mumtaz Langove and other make additional payments in November bills.

The increase in the electricity tariff will be applicable to all the consumer categories except lifeline ones and K-Electric users. Earlier in October. NEPRA approved an increase in electricity tariff by

#### Rs1.71 per unit. Two terrorist killed near Afghanistan border, ISPR

RAWALPINDI (Online) Security forces conducted an intelligence based opera-tion (IBO) in general area Ursoon near Pakistan - Afghanistan border, Chitral

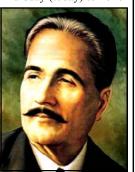
During conduct of the operation, intense fire exchange took place between troops and terrorists, resultantly two terrorists were sent to hell, while four terrorists got seriously injured. Sanitization of the surrounding areas is being carried out to neutralize any other terrorist found in the

preciated the operation by Security forces of Pakistan, who remain determined to eliminate the menace of terrorism from the country.

Locals of the area ap-

#### Nawaf Saeed Al Malki Iqbal Day to be observed agree to expand cooperation today in media, drama fields

**Independent Report** ISLAMABAD: The nation will observe Iqbal Day on Thursday (today) to honor



the 146th birth anniversary of the renowned poet, Dr. Allama Mohammad Iqbal The government has declared a public holiday nationwide to celebrate the

Born in Sialkot on November 9, 1877, Dr. Iqbal is fondly remembered as the "Poet of the East."

This special occasion promises to unite the nation in celebration, with public offices, educational institutions, and businesses shutting their doors to mark lqbal Day.

It's a day of great national enthusiasm, especially for school students who find various creative ways to pay tribute to this literary legend. From crafting Iqbal Day charts to delivering heartfelt speeches and reciting his poetry, the spirit of unity and inspiration is everywhere.

#### **Imran challenges** in SC his indictment proceedings in cipher case

ISLAMABAD (Online) PTI chairman Imran Khan has challenged in Supreme Court (SC) the indictment proceedings in cipher case. Legal team of chairman

PTI Imran Khan resorted to SC against indictment proceedings in cipher case. Chairman PTI Imran Khan filed the petition in the SC through his counsel

Hamid Khan.

The petitioner took the plea in the petition that Íslamabad High Court (IHC) October 26 order be declared null and void. The court should declare October 23 order of special court on framing indictment against law and constitution. The petitioner is one among some honest and respectable politicians. The petitioner is being subjected to political victimization. The scope of political vengeance has been extended to political party of the petitioner and its allies.

# Daily Aoice of Masse Independent

#### Congo virus outbreak

Balochistan is grappling with an outbreak of the Crimean-Congo haemorrhagic fever, commonly known as the Congo virus. Officials say 20 people have died of CCHF this year, tragically among them a doctor as he was being rushed to Karachi for treatment. Of 200 suspected patients, 73 have tested positive for the tick-borne virus. Twelve healthcare professionals are being treated in Karachi. The condition of four doctors is said to be serious. Mercifully, no case has yet been recorded in the port city. However, the rate at which the infection has spread to healthcare workers in Balochistan is alarming, raising questions about the adequacy of infection-control measures and availability of protective gear. These concerns must be swiftly addressed to protect those who are risking their lives to save others. Moreover, it is imperative that the authorities collaborate with their counterparts in Sindh to establish swift and safe transfers of patients through air ambulances.

Given the severity of CCHF — fatalities can occur in up to 40pc cases — there is an urgent need for the development of a vaccine to prevent its spread. Until then, the only recourse available is public awareness and preventative measures. Those involved in the livestock industry must be informed about the risks associated with the virus to reduce tick-to-human and animal-to-human transmissions.

They must wear protective clothing when handling animals, use approved acaricides on clothing and examine themselves for ticks regularly. Human-to-human transmission can be controlled by avoiding close contact with infected persons, enforcing hand hygiene, and using cal standards even proprotective equipment in healthcare settings. The government should act quickly to contain the virus, protect healthcare workers, and ensure public safety. It has in place and the regulaenacted some measures, including a temporary ban on the use of private slaughterhouses in populated areas. Time is of the essence, and the lives of healthcare one would have asproviders, as well as the broader community, hang in the balance.

# Food safety



Navaira Ali Bangash

Food safety and nutrition are closely linked. Just as nutrition is crucial to good health, food safety issues are critical for overall health and well-being. In short, it's all about whether or not what we chew, eat and drink is safe for our health. This refers to using ingredients and handling, preparing and storing food in a way that minimises the risk of foodborne illnesses, as biological, chemical and physical contamination can be hazardous. According to statistics, almost one in 10 people globally falls ill after eating contaminated food, while 420,000 die every year as a result of it.

Pakistan made its first food safety law back in the 1960s. Over the years, policymakers established clear standards regarding food safety and protection in the country, with the federal and provincial regulators trying to implement them.

However, in violation of the set standards, the adulteration of packaged food by adding inferior or harmful ingredients to edible products, and the trend of cutting corners and duping consumers have persisted here. Lohibit the addition of certain food colours or additives to packaged food products. With the laws tors apparently enforcing them, and a formal welldocumented food sector operating in the country, sumed that ensuring food safety would not be much of a challenge, but can include palpitations, tion. -- Courtesy Dawn

the situation is, in fact, the urticaria, abdominal pain,

The grey food trade is booming in Pakistan and formal channels suffer. Not only is the smuggling of food items detrimental to an already crippled economy it also raises grave health concerns. Cooking oils, spices and dairy products such as butter and smuggled. The recent influx of Iranian and Afghan food products through illegal trade may appear to offer respite to the food-inflation-struck masses due to cheap rates. But it's important to

note that there is absolutely no regulation of to their recall the health and safety standard of these food items — with zero tracing, tracking or testing — before they hit the market shelves A few years ago, the

SRO 237 that clearly mentioned that packaged food products should have at least 66 per cent of their shelf life left at the time of import, and added that the ingredients should be printed in both Urdu and English on the packaging, along with the authentic halal certification logo. Sadly, food items that do not conform to the standards set in SRO 237 are being smuggled through Taftan and flourish in markets in Balochistan near the border, and are even accessed by whole-

commerce ministry issued

ers in urban centres. Inaccurate expiry dates on the packaging are alarming and there is no way of verifying them. Nutrient information in a foreign language is another hindrance. It may sound relatively benign but can lead to harmful health conditions such as prolonged allergies. The use of banned food chemicals may lead to illnesses including food poisoning. The effects of harmful food additives standard food consump-

salers and high-end retail-

diarrhoea and vomiting. Some spices even become carriers for spores and can be responsible for serious outbreaks

Globally, scares are not uncommon. Pesticide residues have been previously found in imported rice batches in many countries, leading to tempocreams are commonly rary bans and stricter regulation of rice imports. The same is the case for many prohibited dyes and food colour. In 2018, Australian cantaloupes laced with Listeria caused an outbreak of listeriosis in the countries they were exported to, leading

> In Pakistan, the smuggled food products situation was improving after SRO 237 was issued in 2019, but in the past few months, these smuggled food items seem to be Porous borders and

poor enforcement of food

laws have boosted this illicit trade. Stakeholders, policymakers and the government should focus their attention on curbing the illegal inflow of these products from across the border for the sake of public health. Apart from health risks, the economy faces staggering financial losses due to these practices. Pakistan loses \$2.6 billion in tax revenues due to the smuggling of food items. Smuggled food cost is estimated at \$9bn. Uniform legislation should be in place to impose stringent measures. The Pakistan Standards and Quality Control Authority, Pakistan Customs and the Ministry of Commerce should ensure a stronger crackdown on the grey or black market and tighten border controls to protect the health of the masses. Consumers should also try to learn about product quality and the grave consequences that they are exposed to in case of sub-

## Reheated soufflé?



Mahir Ali

I was sufficiently intrigued by the preliminary hype to stay up late one night last week for a chance to listen to the latest, and supposedly last, Beatles song as soon as it was aired. Even on the first listen, it came across as underwhelming. Perhaps the time

isn't right for that kind of

frivolity. It's nigh impossible to switch one's focus away from the unfolding genocide in Gaza. A very different John Lennon song was subconsciously ringing in my ears: "We don't care what flag you're waving/ We don't even want to know your name.../ We understand your paranoia/ But we don't wanna play your game/ You think you're cool and you know what you're doing/ 666 is your name... And you still gotta swallow your pill/As you slip and you slide down the hill/ On the blood of the people you kill/ Stop the killing (free

the people now)" That's 'Bring on the Lucie (Freda Peo-ple)' from Lennon's Mind Games album, released 50 years ago. And 'Imagine', from a couple of years earlier, is perhaps even more pertinent: "Imagine there's no countries/ It isn't hard to do/ Nothing to kill or die for/ And no religion too". 'I know it's true/ It's because of you/ And if I make it through/ It's all because of you... Now and then/ I miss you' doesn't quite measure up. Lyrically, it's even less impressive than the Beatles' first single from 61 years ago, 'Love Me Do'. But, recorded by a bunch of Liverpudlians barely into

their 20s, at least that track trawled through the auboasted a freshness that cannot conceivably be replicated by a pair of octogenarians leaning on a couple of ghosts. surviving

Beatles last went down

this long and winding road in the mid-1990s, alongside the fascinating Anthology series of outtakes and unfinished songs. The archival material was embellished by two 'new' tracks, with the Threetles, as they were dubbed at the time, adding vocals and instrumentation to two Lennon songs from the late 1970s that he hadn't bothered with for either his 'comeback' album, Double Fantasy — released weeks before he was assassinated — or its posthumous sequel, Milk and Honey. Alongside the potentially inspiring 'Free as a Bird' and the relatively mundane 'Real Love' on the tape of demonstration recordings that Yoko Ono provided were another two tracks, 'Now and Then'and 'Grow Old With Me'. The latter, riffing off Robert Browning "Grow old along with me/

ish. It remained untested. They briefly had a go at 'Now and Then', but George Harrison dismissed it as "rubbish", and that was that. It remained in the vault, but Paul McCartney remained invested in the track, possibly because at the end of their last encounter in New York, Lennon had reputedly farewelled him with the words: "Think of me now and then, old friend."

The best is yet to be" -

might have been a poi-

gnant choice, given

Lennon's demise at 40, but

perhaps also a bit mawk-

It isn't clear whether Harrison — who succumbed to cancer 22 years ago — was referring to the lyrics or the quality of the recording. The latter, it turned out, could be remedied A couple of years ago, the film director Peter Jackson

diovisual footage of the Beatles recorded in 1969, and came up with the fascinating eight-hour documentary Get Back. The audio part often involved separating and enhancing the soundtrack with the aid of artificial intelli-

Jackson had already provided McCartney with Lennon's vocal from 'I've Got a Feeling' to duet with on his live outings, and just this week the director suggested there could me more where that came from. Let's hope McCartney says no.

Back in the 1970s, when all four ex-Beatles were routinely queried about the prospect of a reunion, there was plenty of ambivalence in their responses. The possibility was never quite ruled out, but on one occasion McCartney quipped, "You can't reheat a soufflé." He was right, but couldn't resist returning to the kitchen.

The unimpressive result has been greeted with plenty of gushing reviews, and Western media has been full of reports about young fans alongside the baby boomers — lapping up the idea of a "new Beatles song. That, frankly, hasn't been possible since 1980, and everyone should get over it. The original canon is enough for younger fans to marvel at the Beatles' incredibly innovative trajectory from 1963 to 1969, as reflected in both their original recordings and the more recent remixes and often redundant embellishments. The pair of 1994-95 tracks never quite ended up being counted as bona fide Beatles songs, and no one can seriously consider 'Now and Then' as worthy of inclusion in the Fab Four canon. The band's amazing saga was wrapped up nearly 55 years ago. Let's leave it

there. -- Courtesy Dawn

# Commerce News

# MoCC&EC to unveil Pakistan's first policy draft for trading in carbon markets

The Ministry of Climate Change and Environmental (MoCC&EC) is all set to roll out the first ever policy draft of the country's carbon credits trading in the international market at the highest forum of Climate Change Council headed by the Prime

Secretary Ministry of strategy for COP-28 meeting was held after

Environmental focus Coordination, Asif Hyder Shah during the meeting of Loss and Damage fund. the Senate Standing Committee on Climate Change chaired by Senator Seemee Ezdi.

secretary Climate Change's two Carbon Market Policy This was said by guidelines and Pakistan's

operationalization of the loss and Damage fund.

on this since are comments of the previous regime.

She reprimanded the comments of the previous regime.

Earlier, chairperson Standing Committee expressed resentment over repeated delays on briefed the committee on convening the body meeting due to the letters agenda items mainly the of postponement sent by

the ministry. She added that the

ISLAMABAD (APP): Climate Change and meeting with special three months and was the

the ministry officials for Senate sending her the letters to postpone the meeting.

mentioned that trading in carbon markets was a tricky subject evolving every year, whereas the country had no such framework in place to deal



Working Group.



Mr. Irfan Iqbal Sheikh, President FPCCI, is presenting the commemorative shield to Mr. Philip Ramos, Deputy Speaker of the New York State Assembly. Engr. M.A. Jabbar & Mr. Shaukat Omerson, VPs FPCCI and other prominent business personalities of both the countries were also present on the occasion.

### **APPAC** delegation visits FPCCI to discuss trade, investment ties

**Independent Report** KARACHI: A delegation of the American-Pakistani Public Affairs Committee (APPAC), Wednesday, paid a visit to the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) to discuss trade, investment and economic relations.

President FPCCI, Irfan Iqbal Sheikh, in a statement issued here, apprised that the visiting delegation led by Deputy Speaker of the New York State Assembly Philip Ramos also discussed potential of forging an alliance between trade and

business community. Philip Ramos, at the occasion, proposed a

alliances and matchmaking between New York businessmen and FPCCI.

number of measures to businessmen from aimed at formalizing Pakistan. Americancooperation between APPAC, NY State Assembly and FPCCI facilitate trade promotion which included the activities of FPCCI formation of two high-delegates in the U.S. powered committees to while New York Chamber explore the opportunities of Commerce will be for enhancing investment encouraged to form and economic chamber-to-chamber cooperation and B2B alliance with FPCCI, he alliance with FPCCI, he

Irfan Iqbal Sheikh stated that New York was one of the most He also assured to significant states of the lobby with New York U.S. for Pakistan's State government for business community as it humanitarian and is a financial and economic assistance to commercial center of a Pakistan, look into the country that accounts for advocacy options to 17 percent of the total facilitate the visa issuance trade of Pakistan

#### Fawad chairs first meeting of SIFC **Working Group**

Federal Minister for highlighted the major Privatisation Fawad Hasan impediments faced by Fawad on Wednesday existing ones and the chaired the first meeting of framework requirements of SIFC Working Group to discuss impediments in the development of a 'One development of special economic zones (SEZs)

Stop Shop' facilitation.

The forum discussed with the objective of fasttracking industrialization. The meeting was attended by all stakeholders in the provincial governments and authorities, an official press release said. The Additional Secretary of Board of Investment (BOI) and Director General of Special constitutional scheme.

the limitations of the concept of 'One Stop Shop' and pointed out the need of a mutual agreement between the federal and their industrial zone provincial governments for a development framework based on international best practices and standards. with a legal mandate in the

## **US** tech entrepreneurs urged to invest in upgrading Pak tourism industry

Pakistan's Ambassador to the U.S., Masood Khan, has urged Pakistani-American Tech

entrepreneurs to invest in promoting Pakistan's tourism and digitalization of its industry.

"With digitalization of necessary information, including bookings, lodging, transportation and availability of accurate tourism. Your equity information, the tourism sector of Pakistan will witness a transformative

WASHINGTON (APP): change," he said at a special session of the Annual Open Silicon Valley Forum 2023 in San Francisco, a city in the US state of California.

The subject of the conference was "Exploring Pakistan's Tourism Treasures: Mountains

Metropolises.""Our joint ventures will help tapping participation will pay you off well," Ambassador Masood Khan said

# Measures being taken to develop agri sector on modern lines

**Dy Governor SBP says:** 

FAISALABAD (APP): Deputy Governor State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) Salim Ullah has said that the agricultural sector has a key role in the economic development of the country and all possible measures are being taken to develop it on modern lines for food security and economic uplift of the farming community.

He expressed these views during a meeting with University of Agriculture Faisalabad Vice Chancellor of Prof. Dr. Iqrar Ahmad Khan. State Bank Executive Director

Syed Samar Husnain, Chief Manager SBP Waqas the Additional Director Dr. Muhammad Saleem, Officer Dr. Muhammad Jalal Arif and others attended the meeting.

developing financial inclusion through branchless banking innovations and financial

mainstay Kashif Bajwa, Additional Pakistan's economy, it is Director Faisal Ashfaq, the most important source for employment & income generation for the Principal Public Relations majority of rural population, which generates nearly one fifth of the total GDP, he added.

Deputy Governor
SBP Salim Ullah said that modern agricultural trends He said that bringing they are enabling a and research to the regulatory environment, doorsteps of farmers is the market need of the hour. He said infrastructure, promoting that UAF has a unique position and role in providing manpower and solving the problems of the farming community.

#### Chairman **TEVTA** visited SCCI

SIALKOT Chairman Technical Education and Vocational Training Authority (TEVTA) Brigadier (Retd) Authority Muhammad Sajid Khokhar visited Sialkot Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI). President Sialkot Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI) Abdul Ghafoor Malik, SVP SCCI Wahab Jahangir and VP SCCI Amer Majeed Sheikh welcomed the distinguished guests. During an important meeting held here the promotion of technical and vocational education

was discussed.

# Pak regional exports increase 3 percent in Q1

ISLAMABAD (APP): July-September (2023-24), Pakistan's exports to the State Bank of Pakistan Pakistan's exports to the seven regional countries witnessed an increase of 3 percent in the first quarter of the fiscal year (2023-24) as compared to the corresponding months of last year. The country's Maldives account for a small amount of \$981.410 million, which is 13.98

(SBP) reported.

China tops the list of countries in terms of Pakistan's exports to its neighbouring, leaving behind other countries such as Bangladesh and Afghanistan. exports to the regional Pakistan carried out its countries including Afghanistan, China, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, India, Nepal, and the Pakistan's exports to China witnessed an increase of 26.42 percent to \$633.374 million in three months of percent of Pakistan's this year from \$501.000 overall exports of million during last year while \$7018.956 million during exports to Afghanistan.

# CM Azam unveils e-office software system in KMU

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Muhammad Azam Khan on Wednesday unveiled E-office software system in Khyber Medical University (KMU).

Khyber Medical University has achieved an important technological milestone by officially launching the e-office software developed internally for its own management support that was formally unveiled by Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Muhammad Azam Khan in a meeting held at Chief Minister House.He said that the unveiling of the e-office is an important moment in the history of KMU.

Apart from VC KMU Prof Dr. Zia Ul Haq, advisor Health Prof Dr. Riaz Anwar, chief secretary KP Nadeem Aslam Chaudhary, Secretary HED

PESHAWAR (APP): Chief Muhammad Arshad Khan, and Special Secretary Health Habib Ullah were also present on this

In the meeting, the Chief Minister publicly appreciated the tireless efforts and achievements of Vice Chancellor Prof Dr. Zia ul Haq and his team.

On this occasion, Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa advised that if efforts are made, this eoffice system can be adopted in other universities and other organizations of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

VC KMU Prof Dr. Zia ul Haq also gave a detailed briefing to the participants about e-office and explained the features and benefits, and how to run official affairs efficiently.

He said that the introduction of e-office its own IT resources.

Manika took the plea

Khawar Manika is charged

with occupying Auqaf

and it has never remained

with Augaf department.

The court should order to

grant bail to Khawar

The court inquired from state counsel has

The land is held by

department land.

PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Caretaker

Minister Dr. Aamir Abdullah inspecting record on

the occasion of visiting the Tribal Research Cell.

Grave yard land occupation case:

LHC summons record from

anti corruption on bail after

arrest plea of Khawar Manika

after arrest petition of Manika family since 1938

(Online):

Lahore High Court (LHĆ)

has sought record from anti

corruption on November

13 in connection with bail

Khawar Manika in grave

yard land occupation case.

Najafi took up for hearing

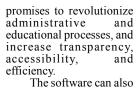
the bail after arrest plea

from Khawar Manika,

Bibi Wednesday.

former husband of Bushra

Justice Ali Bagar



be used as a comprehensive solution to manage various tasks and processes and this e-office system is expected to significantly enhance the university' capabilities.VC KMU appreciated the efforts of Mohammad Additional Director IT, Shahzad Khan Deputy Director IT and the entire IT team of KMU who played a vital role in the development of this innovative software.

The e-office software developed internally at KMU is a testament to the university's dedication, and commitment to harnessing the potential of

#### **Foolproof** security devised for 8th desert jeep rally

MUZAFFARGARH (APP): Foolproof security is devised for gala of 8th Jeep rally set to open tomorrow (Nov 9) at Thal desert here with great pump and show on Wednesday. DPO Syed Husnain

Haider said the arrangements were being Haider finalized in collaboration with district administration the tourism department.

Around 600 police officer deployed to protect the event.

About 24 pickets work setup at different roots including internal and external courses of the rally. Separate duty of traffic police was designated to control and maintain of the traffic flow. The DPO assured of allout arrangements for making the event successful. The Desert Jeep Rally is globally recognised as trademark of Wednesday. Auqaf department Counsel for Khawar notification of the said land. far-flung district of Southern Punjab.



regarding standing water in basement of Services Hospital during his visit.

## Tackle 'environmental challenges' Public awareness, technological innovations for farmers are key strategies: Minister

Independent Report Punjab Caretaker Minister for

Environment, Planning and Forests Bilal Afzal on Wednesday stressed that public awareness, comprehensive approach, technological innovations for farmers, better fuel quality and laws are needed to tackle environmental problems in the country.

Talking to a PTV

news channel about the current issue of smog in Punjab, he explained that in air pollution, adding that

Home and Tribal Affairs

requested the Ministry of

Commerce to include

Potassium Chlorate in the

import policy order, 2022

and make it import subject

Department of Explosives

and Home Departments.

NOC from the

In a lefter to the

Pakhtunkhwa

taking substantial steps to tackle pollution across the province. He said that a campaign is also being run on social media to create more awareness about the environmental damage caused by burning solid waste and the effects of crop burning.

He said that smog is

showing seriousness and

being generated in India due to the burning of waste in rice factories and increase

provincial government

informed that Potassium

manufactured in Pakistan

and is being imported from

China, India and the USA

without any Customs duty.

It said that the chemical is

being used in firecrackers,

matchsticks and fireworks,

adding that there was no

regulatory mechanism to

check the quality of

the current government is Pakistan is using its diplomatic channels and urged the Indian government to ensure that the crops Stop burning which is causing smog in the winter season

He said that both India and Pakistan should recognize the imperative nature of tackling the challenge of crop residue burning, adding that Pakistani farmers are very aware of the problem but crop burning is still alive

#### LHC allows PTI to hold corner meeting in Shahdara

(Online): LAHORE Lahore High Court (LHC) has allowed PTI to hold corner meeting in Shahdara on November 19. Justice Ali Baqar Najafi took up PTI candidate from Shahdara Akmal Khans' petition for hearing Wednesday.

The petitioner took the plea we want to hold corner meeting in Shahdara area of Lahore in connection with election.

#### **Aamer directs authorities** to preserve historical record of tribal areas

Independent Report ESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Caretaker Industries, Commerce and Technical Education, Dr. Aamer Abdullah Wednesday said that Tribal Research Cell is an important heritage for the availability of authentic records related to the historical background of the merged districts and former tribal areas of the province while directed the relevant authorities to preserve the available historical record

materials in the cell. authorities should submit a reasonable development tribal areas.

and other

scheme for approval so that to not only ensure the longterm preservation of records Minister for Newly available in the research cell, Merged Districts Affairs, rather make the availability of these historical materials and literature possible for researchers through online facilitation. He expressed these views during a visit to the historical Tribal Research Cell, established under the Home and Tribal Affairs Department in Namak Mandi here.

During the visit, the minister inspected various parts of the research cell and checked the historical records and official files of the pre-independence and He said that the post-independence periods related to the affairs of



**HANGU: Inspector General of Police Khyber** Pakhtunkhwa Akhtar Hayat Khan laying the foundation stone of the shopping center built for women police at Gandapur Police Training College Hangu.

## Peshawar's NAB alerts public to impersonation scams, urges vigilance

ISLAMABAD (APP): Cyber Crime Wing of FIA National Accountability Bureau (NAB) Peshawar has issued a warning to the public to be wary of individuals impersonating NAB officers and making fraudulent calls.

A statement from a NAB spokesperson has stressed that NAB officers do not make direct contact to suspects due to a rigorous Standard Operating Procedure for communication.

NAB has also escalated the issue to the leadership.

and other intelligence agencies to investigate the culprits.

He mentioned that multiple cases have been reported to the NAB Peshawar Office, where individuals have received calls from various numbers, purporting to be senior NAB officers.

These calls, which request money, are fraudulent and appear to be part of a coordinated effort to tarnish the reputation of the institution and its

# International News

Federal Ministry, the Potassium chlorate.

**KP** govt for inclusion

of Potassium Chlorate in

import policy order, 2022

Department, Khyber chlorate is not locally

# Putin lauds Russia's 'high-tech' military cooperation with China

**Monitoring Desk** MOSCOW: President Vladimir Putin on Wednesday lauded what he described as important "hightech" Russian military cooperation with China at a meeting in Moscow with a top Chinese general who is a close ally of President Xi Jinping. China and Russia declared a "no limits" partnership in February 2022 when Putin visited Beijing just days before he sent tens of thousands of troops into Ukraine, triggering the deadliest land war in Europe since World War Two. Receiving General Zhang Youxia, vice chairman

of China's Central Military Commission, and Russian Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu, Putin sent his best wishes to Xi, saying the two leaders had developed a good friendship and working relations. "Russia and China are not building any military alliances along the lines of the Cold War," Putin told Zhang at his Novo-Ogaryovo residence outside Moscow, adding that the Russian-Chinese relationship was a stabilising force for the world.

The United States casts China as its biggest competitor and Russia as its biggest nation-state threat while US President Joe Biden argues that this century will be defined by an existential contest between democracies and autocracies. Putin, who heads the world's biggest nuclear power, said military cooperation between Moscow and Beijing was increasing and focused on high-tech areas that would ensure strategic security.

Of course, our coop eration, our contacts in the military and military-technical sphere are also becoming increasingly important, as for military-technical cooperation, here, of course, our work in high-tech spheres comes first," Putin said.

Russian President Vladimir Putin meets Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu and vice chairman of China's Central Military Commission General Zhang Youxia at the Novo-Ogaryovo state residence outside Moscow, Russia.

#### Blinken visits South Korea as North Korea, Russia deepen ties **Monitoring Desk**

SEOUL: U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken arrived in Seoul on Wednesday for talks with his South Korean counterpart, as the allies step up cooperation in the face of growing concerns over North Korea's closer military ties with Russia. The two-day visit, the first by a U.S. secretary of state in two and a half years, is part of Blinken's broader Asia trip that has included meetings with G7 counterparts and talks with Japanese officials in Tokyo, as well as a later stop in India amid the Israel-Hamas

The Seoul visit comes as the United States and agency said last week

**Monitoring Desk** 

JAKARTA: A judicial panel

dismissed Indonesia's top

judge on Tuesday after

finding him guilty of an eth-

ics violation over his role in

a ruling that allowed Presi-

dent Joko Widodo's son to

Usman, who is Widodo's

brother-in-law, was found

guilty of a "gross violation"

of the court's ethics code

for deciding with the 5-4

majority that changed the

rules around candidacy for

the presidency and vice neutrality"

Chief Justice Anwar

run for vice president.

**Indonesian chief** 

justice dismissed over

ethics breach

presidency.

Minister

Subjanto.

conflict.

South Korea, along with North Korea was in the fi-Japan, have condemned what they say is the supply of arms and military equipment by North Korea

Russia Washington and Seoul see the closer military ties between the North and Russia, which is thought to be suffering depleting stocks of munitions in its war with Ukraine, as an effort by Pyongyang to secure strategic military capabilities in return.

North Korea is preparing to launch a spy satellite after having failed twice this year to put one in orbit. South Korea's spy

months before general elec-

Raka to run for vice presi-

cuse himself from the ex-

amination and decision-

had violated the "judge's

The judicial panel

Prabowo

nal stages of preparations for the launch after apparently receiving technical assistance from Russia.

Pyongyang and Moscow have denied claims of arms deals while their leaders pledged closer military cooperation when they met in September in Russia's far

South Korea's military said on Monday it was on alert over possible North Korea provocations after Pyongyang designated Nov. 18 as "missile industry day" to commemorate the country's launch of an intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) last year.

#### Russia's Lavrov assails West over switch to green energy

**Monitoring Desk** The ruling, issued just MOSCOW: Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov tions in February, paved the accused the West on Wednesday of provoking crises on the global oil and way for Widodo's eldest son Gibran Rakabuming gas market by rushing to dent alongside Defence switch to green energy and imposing pressure on other countries to do the same. "In fact, the reasons for the found that in failing to "renegative phenomena in the energy sector were the irresponsible actions of the colmaking process," Usman lective West, when it decided to force ... the green transiethical code's principle of tion for itself and impose the same green transition.

#### fleeing combat zone in northern Gaza, UN says **Monitoring Desk** camps, are the focus of

**More Palestinians** 

NEW YORK: The pace of Palestinian civilians fleeing the combat zone in northern Gaza has picked up as Israel's air and ground campaign there intensifies. The U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs said Wednesday that about 15,000 people fled on Tuesday, compared to 5,000 on Monday and 2,000 on Sunday.

The densely populated northern area of Gaza, specifically Gaza City and adjacent crowded urban refugee and Israeli raids.

Israel's campaign to crush Hamas, the militant group that has ruled Gaza for 16 years.

The war, now in its second month, was triggered by the Oct. 7 Hamas attack on southern Israel. The number of Palestinians killed in the war passed 10,300, including more than 4,200 children, the Hamas-run Health Ministry in Gaza said Tuesday.

In the occupied

West Bank, more than 160 Palestinians have been killed in the violence



Palestinians flee their homes during Israel's ground offensive, on the edges of Beach refugee camp, in Gaza City.

#### Children's plight proves world's 'moral failure', says Red Cross

**Monitoring Desk** GENEVA: A month after the unrest erupted, the Red Cross demanded on Tuesday an end to the horrific suffering of civilians, and especially children, decrying a "moral

"One month on, civilians in Gaza and Israel are being forced to endure tremendous suffering and loss. This needs to stop," International Commit-tee of the Red Cross (ICRC) said in a statement.

"Massive bombardinfrastructure across Gaza, sowing seeds of she added.

hardship for generations to come," the ICRC statement said. The organisation's

president Mirjana Spoljaric said she had been particularly shocked to see the suffering that children have had to endure. "Children have been ripped from their families and held hostage. In Gaza, ICRC surgeons treat toddlers whose skin is charred from widespread burns," she said in the

statement. "The images of suffering, dead and wounded ments are gutting civilian children will haunt us all. This is a moral failing,'

# Worst floods in decades kill 29 in Somalia, hit towns across East Africa

**Monitoring Desk** MOGADISHŬ:

worst flooding to hit Somalia in decades has killed 29 people and forced more than 300,000 to flee their homes, the National Di-Management Agency said on Wednesday, following heavy rains that have inundated towns across East Africa.

Authorities have scrambled to rescue thousands of stranded people from the floodwater, which comes on the heels

of the region's worst drought in 40 years.

What is going on today is the worst for de-

It is worse than even the 1997 floods," said Hassan Isse, managing director of the Somali Disaster Management Agency (SOMDA).

The death toll and numbers of people dis-placed were likely to rise further, Isse said, because people were trapped by floodwaters.

#### Nigerian court grants ex-central bank head **Emefiele** bail after five months

**Monitoring Desk** ABUJA: A Nigerian court on Wednesday granted bail to former central bank governor Godwin Emefiele, who is charged with procurement fraud and has been in detention since

Emefiele appeared in court for the first time since August after Judge Olukayode Adeniyi on Monday ordered he should be released unconditionally or be brought to court.



Honorary panel members of the Constitutional Court Jimly Asshiddiqie (C). Wahiduddin Adams (L), and Bintan Saragih (R) preside over a proceeding at the Constitutional Court in Jakarta.

# President Dr. Arif Alvi says Women involvement in decision making, economy inevitable for prosperity

President Dr Arif Alvi on Wednesday emphasizing the women's active participation in all sectors, said one of the reasons behind Pakistan lacking prosperity was the non-involvement of women in decision making as well as the economic corridors of power.

The president, addressing the 12th Convocation of International Islamic University Islamabad, said the nation's investment on the women education went to waste when they sat at home without going into the practical life

Saudi Ambassador in Islamabad Nawaf bin Saeed Ahmad Al-Malkiy, Qatari Ambassador Sheikh Saoud bin Abdulrahman Al-Thani, first secretary of Thailand, IIUI Pro-Chancellor Dr Ahmed Salem Muhammad Al-Ameri, Rector Dr Samina Malik and President Dr Hathal Homoud Alotaibi also attended the convocation besides other diplomats and education-

'Education is investment of this poor nation on you. If you will sit at home, this will be the loss of the

up its practical application. (However), this is the duty of the government and the nation to provide you a harassment-free working environment," the president remarked. He also called for job structures for the women which should also facilitate them keeping in view the family-related en-

gagements of the women. Citing the example of Holy Prophet Muhammad (PBUH)'s wife Hazrat Khadija, also a working business woman, the president said Islam encouraged the women to work as it

I want you not to give was not possible to leave half of the country's population unutilised.

He, who earlier awarded PhD degrees to 138 and gold medals to 71 students, congratulated the students, their parents as well as the university and teachers for their hard work. He was appreciative that girl students consisted of over half of the total 34,000 strength of the university. He advised the new graduates to welcome the knowledge without any religious biases or selection, and always remain humble and act as a knowledge-seeker.



Islamic University Islamabad

TASHKENT: The Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar meets with the Secretary General of ECO Mr. Khusrav Noziri on the sidelines of

# Gaza, not an issue of Palestinians, Arabs but humanity: Ashrafi

remote areas: Dashti

he added.

**QUETTA: Members of Voice for Baloch Missing** 

Persons are holding protest demonstration for

recovery of their loved one, at Quetta press club.

Smina Mumtaz Zehri says

**BAP** will be more active

under leadership of

Khalid Magsi

Independent Report

QUETTA: Balochistan

Awami Party believes in

democratic values. Khalid

Magsi's success is a

democracy's success.

These views were ex-

pressed by Central Vice

President Balochistan

Awami Party Senator

Samina Mumtaz Zehri in a

congratulatory statement

while congratulating the

newly elected President of

Balochistan Awami Party

Khalid Magsi on his suc-

tion of Khalid Magsi as the

party president is in the

wider interests of the party

and the province. She also

said that with the new lead-

ership of Balochistan

Awami Party, the party

She said that the elec-

key role in the politics and

Balochistan and will lead

Balochistan on a new path

of development by winning

the upcoming elections

with a huge majority. She

said that the political situa-

tion in Balochistan was de-

teriorating for a long time,

but the manner in which the

BAP leadership and col-

leagues handled the crisis is

commendable and this is

Mumtaz Zehri further said

that the newly elected party

president is the pride and

assets of Balochistan

Awami Party and under his

leadership, the party will play its best and key role

in the development and

prosperity of Balochistan

province.

Samina

the beauty of democracy.

Senator

development

lodge complaints.

Special Representative to the Prime Minister (SAPM) on Religious Harmony and the Pakistani Diaspora in Middle East and Islamic Countries, Hafiz Muhammad Tahir Mehmood Ashrafi Wednesday said Gaza was not an issue of Palestine or Arab nations but it was pertaining to the entire hu-

Addressing a conference on Palestine organized by Human Rights Council of Pakistan here at Allama Iqbal Open University, he asked the world what was done by the innocent children of Gaza as more than 3,500 children had been murdered in Israeli aggression since October 7.

**Independent Report** QUETTA: The Secretary

Communication and Works

(C&W), Qambar Dashti has

stated that the provincial

government is paying spe-

cial attention on construc-

tion of roads in the remote

areas. He was speaking on

occasion of the briefing con-

ducted on different projects

of roads at the Commis-

sioner office Loralai on

said that the purpose of his

visit is to personally review

the projects and expedite

their pace to complete the

same at the earliest.

The Secretary C&W

Wednesday.

ISLAMABAD (APP): the chairman of Pakistan Ulema Council said Israeli brutalities had taken the lives of more than 11,000 people in Palestine and

> He unveiled the Israeli sinister design of expansion being executed to forcefully evacuate Palestinian people from the Gaza Strip and translate their dream into

> He urged the people to raise their voices against this brutal act of Israel with all possible resources being within the constitutional

He said, "We must expose the real face of those who used to highlight the rights of pet animals, now they were giving logic on the massacre of innocent Ashrafi who is also children. Govt paying special attention on construction of roads in

He said that it is also

#### PM, ECO SG discuss Kashmir, **ME** situation

TASHKENT (APP): Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Wednesday held a meeting with Secretary General of Economic Cooperation Organization Ambassador Khusrav Noziri.

In the meeting on the sidelines of the 16th ECO Summit., they discussed the situation in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu & Kashmir and Middle East.

They reviewed the recent developments in the ECO, especially in the domains of trade, connectivity and economic coopera

The ECO Secretary General thanked Prime Minister Kakar for Pakistan's firm support to the ECO and assured him of the commitment of the Secretariat to strengthen trade and connectivity in the region.

#### Pak ranks 45th in world internet development index: Blue paper

the government's priority to resume work on the BEIJING (APP):Pakistan ranks 45th out of 52 counroads projects where it was tries in the world internet closed due to any reason. development index with a Moreover, the buildscore of 41.82, as per the ings, which are completed, World Internet Developwould be handed over to ment Report 2023 launched the concerned departments. on Wednesday at the 2023 World Internet Conference He on the occasion diin Wuzhen, Zhejiang provrected to establish a com-plaint cell in all districts

The world internet dewhere general public may velopment index consists of six metrics: information He also directed the technology infrastructure, superintending engineers of digital technology and inno-CW& department to visit vation capability, digital the projects and ensure economy, digital governsmooth work on them. ment, cyber security, and cyberspace international management. Pakistan ranks 47th, 43th, 42th, 45th, 45th, and 40th in these six indicators respectively. This is the first time that Pakistan has been included in the evaluation for the internet development

# to study Allama Iqbal's philosophy (APP): as a true Muslim, conveyed

Jamali urges nation

Balochistan Caretaker Minister for Home and Tribal Affairs Muhammad Zubair Khan Jamali has urged the nation to delve into the poetry, philosophy, political wisdom, enlightenment, and social struggles of Dr. Allama Muhammad Iqbal.

In a message related to Iqbal Day, Jamali said that the nation is proud of its hero who gave a new direction to the continuous struggle of the Muslims of the subcontinent for their rights and awakened them against oppression.

Allama Muhammad Iqbal, ment.

the correct assessment and message of Islam to the corners of the world through his poetry.

He added that Iqbal's inspiring thoughts and poetry awakened the Muslims of the subcontinent for political and social rights and their freedom.

Jamali also noted that Allama Muhammad Iqbal presented the concept of a separate homeland for the Muslims of the subcontinent in 1930. His poetry, Jamali said, taught Muslims about unity, harmony, and compassion, breathing a Jamali said that new spirit into the move-

# Iqbal's doctrine of self reliance, self determination for progress: Speaker NA

ISLAMABAD (APP): Speaker National Assembly, Raja Pervez Ashraf Wednesday said that Pakistan can achieve sustainable progress by embracing Dr. Allama Muhammad Iqbal's doctrine of self-reliance and self-determination. He said this while paying deep respect to Dr. Allama Muhammad Iqbal on the

eve of his 146th birth anniversary through a message. The Speaker noted that Iqbal not only envisioned a separate homeland for the Muslims of the subcontinent but also provided a blueprint for the nation's enduring growth and development through his philosophy of "Self" (khudi). He was a visionary

leader with the ability to see beyond surface-level phenomena and discern underlying events as they unfolded. Raja Pervez also recalled Iqbal's staunch support for the Palestinian cause. He vigorously rejected Zionist claims to Palestinian territory and emphatically opposed the establishment of a



Jewish homeland.

QUETTA: Principal Bolan Medical College Dr. Raz Muhammad Kakar and Incharge Health Card Asad Khan Kakar meeting with Caretaker Health Minister Dr. Amir Muhammad Khan Jogezai.

#### WAPDA Chairman visits **Mohmand Dam Project**

Chairman Engr. Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Sajjad Ghani Wednesday visited Mohmand Dam Project bevisited ing constructed across River Swat in Mohmand District of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province. He reviewed construction activities on different sites of the project the spillway and the river diversion tunnels in par-

LAHORE (APP): Water and concreting are being carand Power Development ried out simultaneously on Authority (WAPDA) these sites. The Chairman also presided over a progress review meeting during the visit, according to WAPDA spokesman here. The meeting was attended by the GM/PD Mohmand Dam Project, senior members of his team and representatives of the Consultants and the Contractors. The Chairman was briefed about the progress ticular. At present, con- achieved so far on river distruction works relating to version tunnels, spillway excavation, stabilisation excavation and concreting.

# Martyrs' families plead for speedy justice through military courts

ISLAMABAD (APP): Jamshed and others were delivering verdicts through The families of Shuhda-e-Pakistan (Martyrs of Pakistan) on Wednesday urged the quarters concerned to restore the military courts to ensure speedy justice to the victims of terrorism as their abolition had further added to their pain.

Addressing a pressercum-protest at the National Press Club, the martyrs' families appealed to the Supreme Court to review its decision against the military courts.

Nawabzada Jamal Raisani, Haji Sanaullah Khan, Rahimullah, Wazir Farman Elahi, Anwar Zeib, Muhammad

among the heirs of martyrs, who addressed the presser. They said that the military courts were all the

more important to provide justice to the victims of terrorism and rioting as, otherwise, it might lead to higher terror incidents. It might also embolden enemy secret agency to go for any misadventure Kulbhushan Yadav.

The families said: 'The martyrs are the nation's pride and the apex court is requested to have a thorough review of underlying factors in order to effectively curb anti-state activities and terror acts while

military courts." They indicated that they would formally file a petition in that regard in the apex court on Monday (No-

vember 13). The martyrs heirs said that they had gathered at this point to demonstrate their unity to carry forward a movement for the restolike ration of military courts.

They said that they were just trying to uphold the sanctity of the martyrs' blood and added that the military courts would surely take the elements involved in terrorist activities to task and give solace to their heirs.



sides over the meeting to review overall situation and arrangements for antipolio campaign.

# PM warns of transregional spillover of Gaza war; urges engagement with West

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar has called for enhanced engagement with the Western capitals to make Israel realise that the Gaza war could have a spillover effect beyond the region.

"We need to engage with different Western capitals, particularly Washington and London, and they need to make realize the Israeli side that they are contributing to destabilize not just the region, but probably it would have a spillover effect beyond the region," the prime minister said in an interview with Arab News published on Wednesday.

When asked if the Pakistan government had received any requests from

#### SHC rejects police, JITs report, orders to trace missing persons from every angle

KARACHI (Online): Sindh High Court (SHC) while rejecting Police and JITs report regarding missing persons has ordered to trace missing persons from every

The petitions filed regarding missing persons came up for hearing before Justice Naimatullah Phulpoto Wednesday.

The court while expressing resentment over JIT authorities for not tracing missing persons has summoned JIT head and provincial task force head.

The court remarked if the missing persons can not be traced out in JIT then this proceeding is useless. They only embarrass people and nothing is done. If the missing persons have not been traced after 26 meetings of JIT then it

is all useless. SHC rejected police report during the hearing of

The court ordered to issue JITs report after 3

#### days of meeting. **PTI demands** of EC to issue written decision in intra party election matter

PTI has demanded of Election Commission (EC) to issue written decision regarding intra party election.
PTI legal team met
with Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Sikandar Sultan Raja. Barrister Gauhar and Babar Awan were also present in the

ISLAMABAD (Online):

meeting. General election and other important matters were discussed in the meet-

PTI delegation demanded of EC to issue decision of intra party election matter in writing.

PTI also informed CE about the hindrances in election campaign.

#### Sheikh granted bail till Nov 18 in May 9 incidents

RAWALPINDI (Online): Anti Terrorism Court (ATC) has granted bail to former interior minister Sheikh Rashid till November 18. Sheikh Rashid appeared in the ATC along with his counsel Sardar Abdul Razzaq Wednesday.
According to report

Sheikh Rashid appeared in the court to sign his surety bonds. Cases against Sheikh Rashid came up for hearing before judge Ijaz Asif of ATC. Counsel Sardar Abdul Razzaq said bail was granted to Sheikh Rashid against surety bond.

# the United States to soften its stance against Israel as it continued attacks on

Gaza, Kakar said, "I'm not aware of any such request and I don't think so any government would listen to any such request which is in my opinion surreal, it's absurd to even think of requesting someone to be silent on such an account."

He called for an immediate "cessation of violence" and labeled Israel's assault on Gaza "genocide, He told the inter-

viewer that he would be traveling to Riyadh this weekend for an extraordinary session of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) to discuss Israel's attacks on Pales-

"You can't just kill children and say that you have got the right to defend yourself. It's the license to barbaric retaliation."

Asked if Muslim nations were doing enough for Gaza, Prime Minister Kakar also raised questions about the role of the world's estimated 1.8 billion Muslims, who make up 24 percent of the global population, in "facing the kind of situation which we are in".

"We need to ask more deep questions from this entire [Muslim] population, that what kind of contribution globally we are having ... toward science and technology, what kind of defence capabilities these different or 50 or 57 countries are developing for



QUETTA: Vice Chancellor BUITEMS Prof. Dr. Khaliq Hafeez meeting with Governor Balochistan Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar.

# Amjad Rasheed says Govt working on provision of suitable facilities for promotion

of investment in Balochistan **Independent Report** QUETTA: The caretaker Provincial Minister for Finance, Amjad Rasheed has

stated that the government is working on provision of suitable facilities alongside making policy for promotion of the investment in the province. He mentioned that the

same is being done on special directives of the caretaker Prime Minister Anwaarul Haq Kakar and Chief Minister Mir Ali Mardan Domki.

The Minister Finance stated so while speaking to a delegation comprising the high ups of Bank Alfalah who called on him here on Wednesday.

The Group Head Retailers Banking Mehreen Ahmed and Head of Branch Banking Imran Asad Khan led the delegation.

They discussed the matters about banking based on government and private cooperation. The delegation ap-

prised the Minister Finance about the jurisdiction of their banking institution as well as services and future course of action.

Speaking to the delegation, Minister Finance said that the overall economic, trade and industrial activities would be boosted following the initiatives being taken by the govern-



Chairman WAPDA Lt. General (Retd) Sajjad Ghani being briefed about construction projects during his visit to Mahmand Dam Project.

### Efforts afoot to bring down sugar prices to Rs 140 in Ouetta: Commissioner

QUETTA (APP): The testing against the miscon-Quetta administration has resolved the sugar shortage issue in the city, following successful negotiations with sugar dealers. The price of sugar, which had soared to over Rs 200 per kilogram due to the shortage, is expected to drop back to Rs 140 per kilogram.

Commissioner Quetta Hamza Shafqaat announced at a press conference on Wednesday that the supply of sugar from other provinces has been computerized in collaboration with the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) and the Industries Department. This will ensure a smooth supply of sugar to Quetta, preventing further shortages.

The sugar shortage was caused by a strike by sugar dealers who were pro- ment.

duct of Sindh and Balochistan Customs staff. Shafqaat assured the dealers that the administra-

tion will provide them protection from miscunduct. He also directed the anti-smuggling agencies to not interfere with the trade of legal sugar The sugar dealers have agreed to end their strike

and resume the supply of sugar to Quetta. They welcomed the measures taken by the administration to address their concerns. On the occasion, the

President of Central Anjuman Balochistan Abdul Rahim Kakar said that they held talks with Commissioner Quetta and Special Secretary of Industries Depart-