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TASHKENT: The Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar addresses the 16th ECO Summit.

At ECO Summit 2023: PM calls for holding Israel accountable on its persistent fatal bombardment in Gaza

Says killers of Gaza children following Pharaoh's path

TASHKENT (APP): Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Thursday strongly denounced the Israeli bombardment in Gaza and drew a historical comparison, highlighting similarities between Israel's actions and those of Pharaoh in their tragic impact on children.

The prime minister, in his address at the 16th Summit of the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO), urged the member countries to rally the efforts to hold Israel to account for its incessant and lethal bombing on the Palestinian people.

In his wide-ranging address, he raised the issue of Gaza humanitarian crisis twice and reiterated condemnation of killing of children and women, and targeting the hospitals by Israeli forces.

"With the elimination of children, I recall in the history when Pharaoh, on the advent of the Moses' birth killed children. And now, unfortunately, the people who claim to be the followers of Moses, are following the path of Pharaoh," he remarked.

Caretaker Foreign Minister Jalil Abbas Jilani, Caretaker Commerce Minister Gohar Ejaz, and Caretaker

We have not taken responsibility of illegal residents Govt. to send back registered refugees after deporting illegal migrants: Jan Achakzai

Warns Afghan govt against giving harsh statements; It is a fact that Afghan soil is being used against us; We expect Afghanistan to do same; send back illegal Pakistanis

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KARACHI: As a crackdown on illegal foreigners continues in Pakistan, the government plans to send back registered migrants as well as deporting the undocumented settlers. Balochistan's caretaker Minister for Information Jan Achakzai said on Thursday.

"So far, 80,000 immigrants from Balochistan have left Pakistan. After this, [we] will send back the registered refugees as well," Achakzai said while addressing a press conference in Karachi.

The minister said that the foreigners living in Pakistan should have the au-



thentic documents. Hundreds of thousands of foreigners have got fake identification cards, he added.

"We have not taken the responsibility of the illegal residents. The crackdown

Kakar, Aliyev discuss bilateral, regional matters including Gaza, Kashmir

TASHKENT (APP): Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar held a meeting with President of Azerbaijan, Ilham Aliyev, on Thursday, wherein they discussed bilateral cooperation and regional issues, including the humanitarian situation in Gaza and Indian atrocities in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu & Kashmir (IIOJK).

The meeting took place on the sidelines of the 16th Summit of the Economic Cooperation Organization being held here.

The two leaders reviewed the progress in bilateral relations, especially in the domains of trade, defense, and energy.

Prime Minister Kakar welcomed the announcement of direct flight operations by Azerbaijan Airline

(AZAL) to Pakistan, terming it a positive development in people-to-people exchanges and advancing two-way business and tourism.

Prime Minister Kakar and President Aliyev discussed common challenges, including Islamophobia and climate change, and the critical role of ECO to promote regional cooperation and collective prosperity.

The global and regional developments, including the dire humanitarian situation in Gaza and persistent Indian atrocities in IIOJK, were also discussed.

Prime Minister Kakar reaffirmed Pakistan's unwavering support for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Azerbaijan, especially with respect to Karabagh.



TASHKENT: The Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar meets the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan Mr. Ilham Aliyev on the sidelines of 16th Summit of ECO.

Another Congo fever patient breathes his last in Karachi

Two more cases of Congo virus reported in Quetta; Tally of patients increases to 48 this season

QUETTA (Independent Report/INP): Another patient suffering from Crimean-Congo Haemorrhagic Fever, who was shifted to Karachi from Quetta, died at a private hospital on Thursday.

As many as 16 patients have been shifted to Karachi from Quetta during the last few days and two of them including Dr Shakkullah had now died.

The latest victim was 30-year-old Mirwaiz Khan, a resident of Pishin, who was also brought to Karachi from Quetta in an air ambulance.

Two of the remaining Congo fever patients have been discharged from the private hospital in Karachi while 12 remaining are still under treatment.

Meanwhile two more cases of Congo virus have been reported in the Fatima Jinnah Institute of Chest Diseases and Hospital Quetta on Thursday.

According to the Fatima Jinnah Hospital sources, the fresh cases of Congo have been reported in the Hospital from Quetta.

The patients with symptoms of Congo virus were brought from Jinnah Town and Kasi road on Thursday morning and evening respectively.

The sources said that the cases of Congo virus have increased to 48 during this season.

In addition to this, 16 persons including 10 doctors, five health workers had been sent to Karachi for treatment.

Shamshad Akhtar says No chance of Pakistan seeking extension of IMF's standby agreement

ISLAMABAD (INP): Caretaker Finance Minister Dr Shamshad Akhtar on Thursday categorically refuted reports of Pakistan requesting the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to either extend the timeframe of the standby agreement it had reached with it from March to June 2024 or increase its volume from \$3 billion to either \$3.5 billion or \$4 billion.

Talking to a private TV channel, she said that staff-



LAHORE: Caretaker Federal Minister for National Heritage and Culture Jamal Shah addressing during program Youm-e-Iqbal to mark the 146th birth anniversary of National Poet, Dr. Allama Muhammad Iqbal at Aiwan-e-Iqbal.

Pakistan's position on Palestine 'consistent & crystal clear': Solangi

ISLAMABAD (INP): Caretaker Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Murtaza Solangi on Thursday said that Pakistan's position on Palestine was "consistent and crystal clear".

The minister wrote this on the social media platform sharing a video clip of Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar's address at the Economic Cooperation Organization Summit in Tashkent in which he strongly denounced the Israeli bombardment of Gaza.

IMF demands Pakistan impose tax on retail, real estate, agri sectors

ISLAMABAD (INP): The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has demanded Pakistan impose tax on retail, real estate and agriculture sectors.

This has been revealed during the ongoing technical-level talks between Pakistan's economic team and a visiting delegation of the IMF.

During the negotiations, further demands put forward by the IMF have emerged.

Need to create sense of ownership among youngsters: Jamal Shah

LAHORE (APP): Caretaker Federal Minister for National Culture and Heritage Jamal Shah said on Thursday that Dr Allama Iqbal had a great understanding of Islam and he benefited a lot from the last sermon of the Holy Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him).

Addressing a ceremony held in connection with the birth anniversary of Dr Allama Muhammad Iqbal at Aiwan-e-Iqbal here, he said that Iqbal was a true visionary and a brilliant scholar.

He said, "Allama Iqbal interprets Islam in a way that enlightens all of us." He was a distinguished poet and his poetry had a great depth and flow.

Jamal Shah said that personality of Iqbal had very rich shades and added that people who had close connection with life they do remarkable work for others and Iqbal did same.

He further said that there should be respect of diversity adding that indigenous culture narrative had such mechanisms of conflict resolutions which could help us in sorting out many problems.

Jogezai visits Afghan refugee camp in Degree College Pishin

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QUETTA: The caretaker Provincial Minister for Health, Dr. Ameer Muhammad Khan Jogezai visited the Afghan refugee camp set up at the Government Degree College Pishin on Thursday. He inspected the arrangements made for the medical camp set up by the Health department.

In addition to this, the Minister Health also inspected the data registration center established by NADRA there.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Ameer Muhammad Khan Jogezai had detailed interaction with the refugees present in the camp. He said that the refugees were very happy about the 40 years' hospitality. The refugees also thanked the government of Pakistan in this regard. The refugees present in the camp were also of the views that they would carry the positive and lovely message to their country.



PISHIN: Caretaker Health Minister Dr. Amir Muhammad Khan Jogezai visiting Afghan refugee camp set up at Degree College

Mohsin Dawar briefly held in Quetta; sent to Islamabad

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QUETTA: The leader of National Democratic Movement and former Member National Assembly, Mohsin Javed Dawar was briefly taken into custody by the police soon after he arrived at the Quetta airport on Thursday.

The police sources confirmed the brief custody of the NDM's central leader after his arrival in Quetta, however, he was sent to Islamabad by a private airline's plane the same day.

Zhob-Dhanasar section of N-50 reopens for traffic after landslides cleared

QUETTA (APP): National Highway Authority (NHA) on Thursday reopened the Zhob-Dhanasar section of Dera Ismail Khan-Quetta Highway (N-50) for all kinds of traffic which was affected due to landslides at Dhanasar.

General Manager NHA Balochistan North, Agha Inayat said that N-50 Zhob - Dhanasar is now open for all kinds of traffic.

The NHA officers and staff remained busy removing heavy landslides throughout the blockage, said a news release issued here.

The NHA crew removed the heavy landslides and reopened the blocked road. Now the national highway was open for all types of traffic. A heavy landslide occurred at the Zhob-Dhanasar section of N-50 which blocked the highway with large stones.



KARACHI: Peoples Party (PPP) Chairman, Bilawal Bhutto Zardari presides over the meeting of leadership of PPP Balochistan to discuss the public relations campaign in the context of the upcoming general elections, held at Bilawal House in Karachi.

