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Alvi assures Mahmoud of Pakistan's continued support for Palestine cause

ISLAMABAD (APP): President Dr Arif Alvi on Friday telephoned President of Palestine, Mahmoud Abbas and assured Pakistan's continued support for resolving the Palestinian dispute in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the United Nations Security Council



The president expressed his heartfelt sympathies and grief on behalf of the people and the Gov-ernment of Pakistan over the atrocities being committed by Israel against the people of Palestine.

He deplored the situation in Gaza, terming it "very painful" and said that the entire Pakistani nation was deeply saddened by the brutalities and reign of terror unleashed by the IsHe strongly con-demned the lethal bombing by Israel which even did not spare schools and hospitals.

The barbaric actions, he said, resulted in killing of thousands of Palestinians, including women and children, healthcare workers, journalists and UN aid workers.

The president said the current situation in Gaza was the reaction of decades of apartheid and unjust policies of Israel. He condemned Israel for ethnic cleansing against the Muslims and pushing them out of their territories. President Alvi regret-

ted the lack of action on part of the international community to stop Israel from its murderous campaign against the people of

He urged the international community to make efforts for urgent ceasefire, opening of an unhindered humanitarian corridor to Gaza, stopping further displacement of the Palestinians from their homeland and permanent solution to the Palestinian dispute in accordance with the UNSC



KARACHI: Caretaker Minister for Information Balochistan Jan Achakzai meeting with Caretaker Home Minister Sindh Brig (retd) Haris Nawaz

CM grieved over death; pays homage:

Another health worker from **Quetta dies of Congo** virus in Karachi

Independent Report QUETTA: Another health worker belonging to Quetta died of Congo virus in

namely Abdul Ghaffar Khan Achakzai serving in the ICU of Civil Sandeman Provincial Headquarter Hospital was shifted to Karachi for treatment the

He was undergoing treatment at the Sindh Government's Infectious Disease Center.

Previously, the Congo infected paramedics was being treated at the Fatima Jinnah Hospital Quetta.

Earlier, a doctor namely Dr. Shakrullah Jan also died

Meanwhile, the caretaker Chief Minister Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki Karachi on Friday. has expressed deep grief The spokesman of Health and sorrow over death of Department informed that the paramedics Abdul the paramedical staff Ghaffar Khan due to Congo

In a condolence statement issued here the same day, the Chief Minister paid rich tributes to the late paramedics who embraced martyrdom while fighting against Congo during duty

Mir Ali Mardan Domki said that the treatment of Congo patients is being done in Karachi on the government's expenses.

He also shared the grief of death of the paramedic with the bereaved of the Congo virus in family.



KARACHI: Peoples Party (PPP) Chairman, Bilawal Bhutto Zardari talking to media persons during his visit to Dino Safari Park in Karachi.

MQM-P-PML-N alliance will benefit PPP in general elections: Bilawal KARACHI (INP): React-

ing to the recent "electoral alliance" between Pakistan Muslim League Nawaz (PML-N) and Muttahida Qaumi Movement Pakistan (MQM-P), Peoples Party (PPP) Chairman Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari on Friday claimed that the coalition will be more beneficial for his party in the upcoming general

During an interaction with journalists in Safari Park, the PPP chairman said: "We worked hard to make him [Shehbaz Sharif]

prime minister. It was the need of the hour." He clarified that the decision was aimed at improving the situation as the country was facing a political and demo-Pakistan cratic crisis. The PPP leader said that they benefited Sindh during the PDM-led

Responding to a question, Bilawal — without naming the Istehkam-i-Pakistan Party and the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf Parliamentarians — predicted that the "king's party" would meet the same fate as that of the 2008 elections.



RIYADH: Deputy Governor Riyadh, Prince Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Abdulaziz receiving Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar upon his arrival.

PM arrives in Saudi Arabia to attend OIC's

emergency meeting on Gaza situation

RIYADH (Saudi Arabia) (APP): Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar arrived in Saud Arabia's capital Riyadh or Friday to represent Paki stan at the emergency meet ing of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) on the volatile situation in

Deputy Governor Riyadh, Prince Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Abdulaziz received the prime minister on his arrival at the King Khalid International Airport. Pakistan's ambassdor Ahmed Farooc and senior Saudi and Paki stani officials were present on the occasion.

During his three-day official visit, the prime minister will participate in the emergency meeting being held in Riyadh, which will discuss the Israeli aggres-

Balochistan to emerge as new world trade hub after completion of ongoing projects: Governor

Independent Report QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar has expressed the hope that the province would emerge as new world trade center after completion of the ongoing development projects in time to come.

Governor The Balochistan is a very important province due to its specific strategic and geographic location besides the rich mineral resources, it has. Needless to mention that the eyes of world are on this region.

He said that the national and international investors and financial institutions can benefit from the resources available and investment opportunities available in the province.

The Governor was ing Group Head of the Bank Alfalah, Ms. Mehreen

Ahmed who called on him here at the Governor House on Friday.

The Governor maintained that the banking sec tor can play important role in economic development and promotion of economic activities in the province besides providing ample opportunities of livelihood and employments through offering sort loans to the youth for small business in different sectors.

In addition to this, the banking sector can also play pivotal role in bringing investment in the prov ince, the Governor be

The Governor said that the human resource development has key status in overall process of development, but we are lagging behind than other provinces speaking to the Retail Bank- in development of our hu-



QUETTA: Caretaker Federal Minister for Human Rights Khalil George addressing a seminar regarding human and women rights Bazenjo tell senate

Rs 300m grabbed as extortion money on check posts in Balochistan

ISLAMABAD (Online): Senator Tahir Bazenjo has revealed in Senate that Rs 300 million is grabbed as extortion money on different check posts in

Balochistan. He said this while talk ing on matters of public im-

portance in Senate Friday. He said Congo virus is assuming the shape of epidemic. One young doctor has died due to this

> He regretted the health system in Balochistan is in shamble like PIA. We request the patients infected with this virus be shifted to Karachi or Islamabad. The life of doctor could have been saved had the personnel of coast guard been not there on check post of vendar. Check posts have turned into hub of extortion money. May be these personnel wanted to grab extortion money from ambulance carrying the doctor to

Justice Mazahar Nagvi raises objections over SJC

Justice Mazahar Naqvi has raised objections on Supreme Judicial Council

The objections raised by Justice Mazahar Naqvi have been filed in SJC wherein he has raised objection over presence of Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Qazi Faez Isa and justice Sardar Tariq in SJC. He has also objected over inclusion of Justice Sardar Tariq in SJC.

has sought copies of refergations against him.

ISLAMBAD (Online): ence and evidence from SJC Justice Mazahar Naqv. has taken plea SJC can initiate proceedings against any judge when the decision is unanimous. SJC does not have powers to take action against any judge through majority decision. CJP Qazi Faez Isa and justice Sardar Tariq Masood have given opinion on de-claring SJC rules unconsti-

He further said he was served show cause notice Justice Mazahar Naqvi without verifying the alle-

Necessary medicines available in Govt. hospitals of Balochistan, claims interim Minister

Independent Report

QUETTA: The caretaker Provincial Minister for Muhammad Khan Jogezai has claimed that the necessary medicines are available in the government hospitals of the province as per requirements and as such there's no issue of nonavailability of the medicines

In an official statement

issued here on Friday, the interim Minister Health said that baseless news are running on some media outlets about non-availability of the medicines.

Dr Jogezai said that there's no truth in such news about the non-availability of the medicines.

He said that such baseless news create negative impression, which is not



LAHORE: Nawabzada Haji Mir Laskhari Khan Raisani meeting with PML-N president and former Prime Minister Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif

Effects of ongoing disastrous situation in Gaza may go beyond the region: PM

Series of attack on innocent Palestinians should be stopped immediately: Anwarul Haq Kakar

ties of its impact not in the

region but also outside the

ISLAMABAD (Online): Anwar-ul-Haq Kakar has warned about spillover effects of the disastrous situation in Gaza and said that this war could also have an impact outside the region.

He said that Israel's attacks on innocent Palestinians must stop immediately. Pakistan-Turkey bilateral relations are excellent. The decision to evacuate Afghan refugees was made late and it should have been done a long time ago. Kashmir dispute must be resolved to improve relations with India.

While giving an interview to Turkish news

Nation desires President to 'work as symbol of federation': Solangi

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Minister for Ínformation and Broadcasting Murtaza Solangi on Friday said President Dr Arif Alvi should play his role as the "symbol of federation" and fulfill his responsibilities in accordance with the Con-

"The entire nation de sires that the President fulfills his responsibilities as the symbol of the federation and does not give the impression that associates him with a certain political party," the minister said in a post on the social media platform X.

He said the statements being made by the President especially in the wake of upcoming elections seemed to be in conflict with his con-

stitutional role. He said the Election Commission was carrying out its responsibilities with extreme diligence and responsibility. The election date had been announced, and all political parties were allowed to engage in political activities within the parameters of the Constitution and the law.

Jahanzaib Nasar appointed as **Prosecutor General Balochistan**

Independent Report QUETTA: The Government of Balochistan has appointed senior lawyer Jaĥanzaib Khan Nasar as the Prosecutor General Balochistan.

This was announced in an official notification issued here on Friday.

According to the notification, the appointment of Jahanzaib Khan has been made for one year term.

Court orders to return Nawaz's confiscated assets

ISLAMABAD (APP): An Accountability Court (AC) on Friday directed the authorities to return the confiscated assets and property owned by Pakistan Muslim League Nawaz (PML-N) Quaid Muhammad Nawaz Sharif in the Toshakhana case.

AC-I Muhammad Bashir, while hearing the case, ordered the respondents to return 1,650 kanals land in Lahore, bank accounts, property and luxury vehicles, confiscated by them, to the former prime minister.

The court took the decision when it was told that Nawaz Sharif had traveled abroad for his medical treatment with the court's per-

The judge observed that non-bailable arrest warrants against Nawaz Sharif were issued by the court instead of the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) chairman.

He said that the court had already withdrawn arrest warrants after the former prime minister surrendered before it.

Agency, Anwar-ul-Haq Cooperation, the organiza-Kakar said that an endless human tragedy is being wita collective response nessed in the region and there are strong possibili-

region.
While emphasizing the need for an immediate end to the Gaza crisis, he said that a humanitarian corridor should be established for uninterrupted supply of food, medicine and other essential items to the war victims of the area. Islamabad is looking forward to attending the uption should consider the situation, and come up with

While defending Islamabad's move to deport illegal Afghan refugees, he said that we took this decision with little delay, but now we are quite determined for orderly movement across the border. No country in the world encourages illegal immigration. So why is Pakistan being treated exclusively in such a way that it should not treat Afghan citizens like this. Every country wants an orderly coming special session of movement with citizens of



RIYADH: Special Assistant to the Prime Minister for Human Rights and Women Empowerment, Ms. Mushaal Hussein Mullick calls on Dr. Mohammad bin Abdulkarim Al-Issa, Chairman of Organization of Muslim Scholars and Secretary General of the Muslim World League at his office.

Mushaal, Chairman of Muslim Scholars' organization discuss women empowerment

Rights and Women Mushaal Hussein Mullick called on Muhammad bin Abdul Karim Issa, Chairman of the Organization of Muslim Scholars and Secretary General of the Muslim World League in

Riyadh. During the meeting, they discussed several issues concerning women's empowerment within Islamic guidelines, said Mushaal Mullick in a post on the social media platform X (formerly known as Twitter).

According to the social media post, both of them shared common goals for working towards interfaith harmony, peace building, fostering unity, inclusivity, and the rights of human beings regardless of caste, colour and creed.

ISLAMABAD (APP): Muhammad Issa of her Special Assistant to the ministry's 100-day plan to Prime Minister on Human create more economic uplifting of women, trans-genders and minorities.

She appreciated Saudi Crown Prince Mohammad Bin Salman for enhancing the role of women in the field of sustained development. She appreciated the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for always standing with the plight of oppressed Kashmiris and hoped that a day would come when peace would prevail in the world.

Both of them called upon the international community to fulfill its obligations in addressing the appalling calamities unfolding in Gaza.

They strongly con-demned the remarks made by a minister of the Israeli occupation government, which included a threat to detonate a nuclear bomb in the Gaza Strip.



QUETTA: Vice Chancellor Khuzdar University Prof. Dr. Maqsood Ahmed meeting with Governor Balochistan Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar

Solangi vows to protect journalists, media workers' rights

Caretaker Minister for Information and Broadcasting Murtaza Solangi on Friday said all-out efforts would be made to protect the rights of journalists and media workers to further strengthen democracy in the country.

Addressing a seminar on "International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists", he stressed on a collaboration between the government and media organizations for evolving an emergency mechanism to respond to any untoward incident against journalists and media workers efficiently.

The caretaker government had been taking steps to prevent any crime against journalists, he said while citing different occasions when he himself took the lead to protect journalists

and media workers' rights during the last couple of months. "The journalists are supposed to report news but it is very unfortunate that sometimes they themselves become a news," he regretted. Solangi vowed to ensure

arrest of those who were involved in the killing of senior journalist Jan Mohammad Mahar. He said the government

would ensure job security of journalists and media workers at all the costs. A clear mechanism in that regard was mentioned in the PEMRA (Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority) Amendments Act. He urged the journalists to inform people about the facts and real issues so that the parties and candidates contesting elections proposed concrete steps for addressing the same.

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Pakistan's firm stand on repatriation of illegal immigrants

While the forced repatriation of the illegal and undocumented immigrants is continued uninterrupted all over the country including Balochistan, Pakistan has announced its plan to deport registered Afghan immigrants as well after their (illegal) repatriation. Voluntary repatriation of illegal Afghan nationals to their homeland continued-nine days after the expiry of the deadline for voluntary repatriation on Oct 31. According to the official data, on Thursday, 3,035 undocumented immigrants, including 785 men, 747 women, 1,468 children and 35 deportees, left the country for Afghanistan via Torkham bor-

In addition, 3,056 individuals departed for Afghanistan via Angoor Adda border crossing in South Waziristan. As many as 197,652 immigrants-14,683 families comprising 55,394 men, 42,921 women, and 98,098 children-have so far left for Afghanistan via KP borders since September 17. An official document read that 1,207 people were also deported. Meanwhile, the caretaker Minister Information Balochistan, Jan Achazkai's assertion is clear when he mentioned that the country's policy regarding repatriation of illegal and other immigrants is in reaction to militants using Afghanistan as a launching pad to foment terrorism in the country.

This is at time when JUI-F chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman demanded the formation of a commission to deal with the issue of refugees, saying "unilateral decisions do not serve Pakistan or Afghanistan". Earlier, at a press conference at Karachi Press Club, the provincial caretaker Information Minister claimed the government would start the same campaign against those living with legal documents in the country in line with the "state's decision" Though the caretakers lack the authority to make policy decisions, the Minister claimed the deportation drive would not come to a halt after the elections due in February next year. And no one should be mistaken. This is the decision of a 'sovereign state' to repatriate all illegal immigrants. So any political government comes to power after the elections, this process would continue. The new government would be bound to follow this policy.

The minister claimed terrorists were using the Afghan soil to target "our security forces and that is why we have decided to send illegal immigrants to their home countries". His claim was that six terrorists killed in Zhob last week were Afghan nationals. "With the new [Taliban] government set-up taking charge in Afghanistan two years ago, the incidents of terrorism in Pakistan have increased." During the presser, it was also mentioned by Jan Achakzai that Balochistan government has so far blocked some 100,000 fake Computerized National Identity Cards (CNICs) in two districts of the province.

Beyond riba

the cornerstone of the

community's financial

ethics. 'Al Amanah' and

'Al Masu'uliyyah' de-

fined requisite financial

behaviour, making the ab-

sence of riba a mechani-

cal tool for a healthier busi-

ness community. Riba was

declared to be a satanic in-

strument bringing misery

and cruelty while stand-

ing in the way of the well-

being of a community.

With robust customer due

diligence, monitoring of

transactions, timely re-

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nisms, and obliteration of

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are made in ethically

sound businesses, Islamic

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enabling the rise of the Is-

lamic dominions. The in-

troduction of mudaraba

(profit and loss sharing)

and musharaka (partner-

ship) concepts as risk-

proved effective, as they

encouraged precise re-

porting and transparent

disclosure of financial in-

formation. All stakehold-

ers had a vested interest

in the ventures' success,

which encouraged robust

(charitable giving) and

sadaqah (voluntary giv-

ing) played a role in redis-

tributing wealth and ad-

dressing social inequali-

ties, contributing to a

more equitable and trans-

parent financial ecosys-

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this evolving landscape of

Islamic finance existed

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responsibility of each

stakeholder to uphold the

highest moral principles.

Gambling, whether qimar

or maisir, was strictly

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Saturday November 11, 2023

Muhammad Azfar Ahsan

Action will be judged the Islamic concept of accountability is at the core of the entire philosophy scaffolds the community's financial development in an Islamic state. Initially disavowed as a 'no banking system' and then labelled as too religiously confined, Islamic banking has come up astoundingly and with great flourish, suspending all arguments against

It is rapidly permeating the monopoly of conventional financial systems, gaining recognition for its resilience and robust risk management backed by collateral assets. Its inclusive nature has driven remarkable growth even in secular economies like those of the United Kingdom and Singapore. From the Islamic per-

spective, all wealth belongs to God, and man is only a trustee who should manage it accordingly to achieve worldly prosperity. The Holy Quran says in Surah Nur, Verse 33 " and give something out of the wealth that God has bestowed upon you. ... Meanwhile in Surah Baqarah, Verse 275 it is stated: "Allah hath permitted trade and forbidden usury", because wealth is a product that needs to be invested to build financial infrastructure in the community and for the community — it is not to hoard

or take interest on. The historical development of Islamic banking will help us see how the Arab concept of 'amanat' emphasised entrusting reliable and trustworthy in- of course, fell more in the tesy Dawn

dividuals with financial ambit of dishonesty and, and valuable assets. This hence, were completely trustworthiness formed out of the picture too.

History shows several success stories of the system, and today, Islamic finance again proposes robust due diligence, stringent monitoring, and timely reporting mechanisms, mitigating money laundering and non-compliance. In this technological era, the market is coming up with the tools to work against fraudulent activities, ensuring comprehensive through screening Know-Your-Customer (KYC). Combined with thorough scrutiny by Islamic scholars, the ingrained values ensure a perfect ethos.

Islamic fintech (mobile banking, online payment systems, and blockchain applications) is gaining traction and bringing the unbanked to the banking system, especially women and youth. Artificial intelligence has empowered Islamic fintech to not only detect but also predict possible behaviours with an analysis of 'weak points' of entry, but how it stands to reveal the power of 'Islamic' firewalls remains to be

We are globally looking at green Sukuks to fund environmentally friendly projects and initiatives — the integral well-being of the system combined with specially designed green initiatives stands to create a strong bond with sustainability, creating a huge appeal for socially conscientious investors across the globe.

Islamic financial instruments are poised to play a significant role with stronger resistance towards phishing cyberattacks. The ethos of well-being in Islamic banking is vital to change the game, making Islamic banking a strong and resilient or labour was not admissible. Fraud or coercion, across the globe. -- Cour-

Deprived & hateful



Aasim Sajjad Akhtar

Pakistan appears to rank among the most classed, militarised and hate-riven societies. The victimisation

working-class Pakhtuns, Hazaras, etc, under the pretext of deporting 'illegal Afghans' is the latest example of the divisions in Pakistani social formation. caretaker The

government's abrupt decision to kick out almost two million 'refugees' — the claim is that it is not exclusively Afghans being targeted — is, in essence, an attempt to scapegoat the victims of a disastrous five-decade-old policy seeking so-called strategic depth in Afghanistan. Recently, officialdom

with spymasters — celebrated the restoration of Taliban rule after the US withdrew in 2021. Two years on, religious militias again wreak havoc in Pakistan's tribal districts with the state conspicuous by its absence. Against this backdrop, the deportation initiative is a cynical distractionary tactic.

What I want to focus on here is how such announcements magnify the politics of hate that has taken root amongst working people in Pakistani society. To begin with, state policies of this nature largely affect working people who can be easily targeted by a state apparatus that is trained in antipeople colonial tradition.

The majority of people who have been protesting for days at the Chaman border, for example, are daily wagers. Meanwhile, rich and powerful interest groups, regardless of their ethnic-national background, will

continue with business as usual, especially those with close ties to the militarised state apparatus.

The British Raj pitted the subcontinent's ethnicnational and religious communities against one another. Most historical accounts of the colonial 'divide and rule' policy tend to focus on elite segments. But the lowest ranks of the civil and military services, for example, were strategically staffed in ways that stoked ethnic-national and religious tensions in various parts of British India. This has continued in the postcolonial era. Even more divisive

has been the state's imposition of a unitary model of assimilation around the ideological pillars of 'official' Islam and Urdu as the exclusive national language. The result has been politicisation of ethnic-national identity, precipitating progressive forms of resistance politics, especially in the 1960s and 1970s when a broadly antiimperialist and class political front — the National Awami Party — brought together most ethnic-national communities.

But recent decades have seen ethnic-national identity politicised in reactionary ways, especially as financialised and military capital have reared their collective heads.

Arif Hasan has showed how the country's biggest city, Karachi, has been riven by violent conflicts over land that have deliberately been ethnicised by a combination of state functionaries and economic mafias. Similar trajectories of politics have played out in Sindh's other urban cenas well as tres. Balochistan's economic and political capital

All this has happened as concerns about demographic change become increasingly urgent in both Sindh and Balochistan. Indigenous communities globally have legitimate reasons to resist reduction to a demographic minority — for instance, the native popu-

lation of North America. But here, directing such concerns towards working-class people from ethnic-national backgrounds considered to be 'non-indigenous' deflects from the far bigger role played by the state and big capitalists in depriving local communities of resources, jobs and dignity. In contrast, a progressive politics would bring together working people of all ethnic-nabackgrounds against land and other natural resource grabs by the nexus of capital and

It is, after all, this same nexus that forces working people from northern Pakistan — and in Afghanistan — to migrate, away from their historical abodes, to escape wars or survive economic hardship. Of course, developing a shared understanding is impossible in a social-mediatised political environment dominated by maximalism and hot takes. And it is not what the militarised state apparatus and right-wing reactionaries want to pro-

I have spent most of my adult life striving to bring together working people from across Pakistan's many ethnicnational communities to build a viable left alternative. This is no mean task. But politics is the art of making what seems impossible into a real possibility. In the months and years to come, we can expect the combination of rapacious capitalist profiteering and colonial divide-and-rule statecraft to reinforce the conditions in which the politics of hate takes root and thrives. The only hope of averting a rapid descent into barbarism progressives of all ethnicnational communities generate the collective will to build something different. -- Courtesy Dawn

Commerce News

SBP Dy. Governors says: Inflation to further decrease in country

FAISALABAD (APP): have a salutary impact on State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) Deputy Governor Saleem Ullah said inflation had been reined in and would further decrease while other economic indicators were also expected to improve in the coming months.

Addressing business community in the bank-related complaints Faisalabad Chamber of instantly. He said that Commerce & Industry (FCCI), he said that of importers without although inflation was transferring it to declining but it was still high and hence the policy rate has been kept

had recorded robust equipment and appliances activity which would also and said that the

The Trade Dispute Act of

provided the establishment

of a comprehensive regime

in Pakistan for the swift and

effective resolution of

disputes relating to the

exports and imports of goods and services

including e-commerce trade.

Trade Disputes Resolution

Organization, Ministry of

Commerce, Abdul Salam

Shah on Friday told APP

that the new law for the

Director General

(TDA-2022),

TDA-2022 to establish a

comprehensive regime for

trade dispute resolution

ISLAMABAD (APP): resolution of trade disputes

categorically denied that the SBP had claimed any quota restrictions on imports. "It is the issue of banks", he said.

He further said that the SBP was launching a web portal under the title the of "Shunwai" to redress withholding the payments departments concerned was a serious issue and the SBP would look into it. He was unhappy over delay in He said that the PSX the import of IT-related

was coming in the cabinet

to define a time frame to

resolve the different

disputes of international

trade through 'The Trade

trade disputes would be

decided in a time frame for

providing 'Ease of Doing Business' to the Import

and export business, he

Faisalabad Chamber of

Commerce and Industry Dr.

President of

Under the new law,

Dispute Act 2022.

said.

Khurram Tariq.

other sectors. He encourage IT and hence the import of computers should be given priority. Responding to a question about small traders, he said that under the Prime Minister's Programme, people up to the age of 45 years could get Rs500,000 interest-free loans. He said that the

> that they could earn maximum dollars for the He further said that economic stability was directly linked with the SME sector and Rs60bn

> > sector at subsidized rates.

Rupee sheds

14 Paisa

against Dollar

ISLAMABAD (APP):

Dollar in the interbank

trading and closed at Rs

287.03 against the previous

day's closing at Rs 286.89.

However, according to the

Forex Association of

Pakistan (FAP), the buying

and selling rates of the Dollar

in the open market stood at

Rs 287 and Rs 289.5

respectively. The price of the

Euro increased by 26 paisa

to close at Rs 306.26 against

the last day's closing of Rs

306.00, according to the State

Bank of Pakistan (SBP).

bank was also trying to

facilitate the exporters so

KYRGYZSTAN: Interim Minister for Energy Muhammad Ali held a meeting with Business Forum of Kyrgyzstan.

SECP standardizes IPO approval process

had been allocated for this The Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) has notified a maximum period of 14 working days for of IPO approval process is granting regulatory approvals to a listing application Pakistani Rupee on Friday witnessed 14 paisa depreciation against US prospectus.

In this regard circular under section 172 of the Securities Act, 2015 has been issued, said a press

release issued here. The circular has also set a 15-day window for approval of Pakistan Stock applications.

ISLAMABAD (APP): Exchange Limited (PSX) to complete the entire postapproval procedures for

The standardization

aimed at promoting the Initial Public Offering (IPO) market and bringing in new listings at PSX. The timelines were

announced following extensive stakeholder consultations, leading to significant changes in procedures for filing and

Crackdown on profiteering. hoarding results in heavy fines and sealing of shops

profiteers, and hoarders, resulting in a significant financial blow to offend-

On Friday, 178 shopkeepers found guilty of exploiting prices were collectively fined a staggering amount of more than 21 million rupees. Moreover, authorities took the stern step of sealing five shops, while several others re-

ceived warning notices. The crackdown targeted various districts Malir District penalized 19 within the city, with ven-

KARACHI (APP): The dors selling essential items district administration of such as food, poultry, veg-Karachi has intensified a etables, meat, fruits, flour. crackdown on hawkers, and sugar at prices surpassing the official rates. Punitive fines were levied on those found guilty of overpricing in different districts. In Korangi district, six shopkeepers faced fines amounting to Rs 90,000, while in the South district, 20 shopkeepers were collectively fined Rs

2,86,000. The Central district saw penalties imposed on 21 shopkeepers, totalling Rs 4,40,000. Similarly, shopkeepers with fines.

Bank deposits reached an all-time high

LAHORE (APP): The State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) said in a statement on Friday that the bank deposits in Pakistan had reached the highest level in its history.

Compared to October 22, an increase of 17.80 per cent i.e. Rs 3986 billion was recorded in bank deposits on October 23.

The SBP said that in October 2023, banking deposits reached a record level of Rs 26000.398 billion.

PSX stays bullish with gain of 1,129 points

ISLAMABAD (APP): The 100-index of Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) continue with bullish trend on Friday, gaining 1,129.94 points, a positive change of 2.08 percent, closing at 55,391.37 points against 54,261.43 points the previous day.

A total of 640,836,781 shares valuing Rs21.146 billion were traded during the day as compared to 482,744,893 shares valuing Rs20.129 billion the previous day. As many as 380companies transacted their shares in the stock market; 260 of them recorded gains and 103 sustained losses, whereas the share price of 17 companies remained unchanged.

Weekly inflation goes up by 0.73 percent ISLAMABAD (APP): group in the week under

Price Indicator (SPI), witnessed an increase of the base year 2015-16 0.73 percent for the =100 covers 17 urban combined consumption centers and 51 essential group during the week ended on November 08, the groups. Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) reported on Friday.

The SPI for the week under review in the abovementioned group was recorded at 281.12 points as compared to 279.08 points during the past week, according to the PBS

As compared to the

The weekly inflation, review witnessed an measured by the Sensitive increase of 29.86 percent. The weekly SPI with

> items for all expenditure The SPI for the

> lowest consumption group up to Rs 17,732, increased by 1.05 percent and went up to 289.19 points from last week's 286.19 points.

The SPI for consumption groups from Rs 17,732-22,888; Rs 22,889-29,517; Rs 29,518-44,175 and above Rs 44,175 increased by 1.02 corresponding week of last year, the SPI for the combined consumption percent, 0.88 percent, 0.80 percent and 0.59 percent respectively.

KOIMA sign MoU with FPCCI to close relations, bilateral trade, technology

Independent Report ISLAMABAD: ISLAMABAD: A Khan Daudzai & delegation of the Korean Convenior Capital Office Importers Association (KÔIMA) visited Pakistan

past Vice President Qaisar Syed Asad Mashadi.

The to explore new avenues of objective of this MoU is bilateral trade and expand and diversify the



The Vice President of the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FPCCI) Mr. Umar Masood Ur Rehman and Mr. Kim Byung, Chairman of KOIMA signed the agreement on behalf of their

organizations. Park Ki Jun, and FPCCI's

economic cooperation between both countries and to stabilize global supply chains and strengthening partnership.
Chief Guest Senator

Zeeshan Khanzada expressed his gratitude on celebrations of 40th anniversary of Pak – Korea organizations.

The signing MOU
was witnessed by the
Chief Guest Senator
Zeeshan Khanzada,
Aminullah Baig, Vice
President of FPCCI and
chairman of Capital Office,
Korean Ambassador H.F. Korean Ambassador H.E. people-to-people contacts.

ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Minister for Privatisation, Fawad Hasan Fawad chairing meeting of Privatisation Commission Board.

UNHCR delegation calls on KP CM, discusses repatriation of illegal foreigners

United Nations High the delegates, said that the Commissioner Refugees (UNHCR) for illegal immigrants was in Pakistan Ms. Philippa Candler called on the caretaker Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Muhammad Azam Khan at Chief Minister's House here Friday and discussed with him matters related to the repatriation of illegal immigrants living in the province.

Quaid-e-Azam XI Triumphs in

Allama Iqbal Cup Basketball

Girls Exhibition Match

KARACHI (APP): The ing 9 points, followed by

Secretary Chief Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Nadeem Aslam Chaudhry and Additional Chief Home Muhammad Abid Majeed

Abdul Nasser Basketball

Court in Aram Bagh recently

hosted an exciting exhibition

match for the Allama Iqbal

Cup Basketball Girls, orga-

nized by the Karachi Bas-

(KBBA). In a closely con-

tested game, Quaid-e-Azam

XI secured a 25-20 victory

over Shaheed Millat XI. The

match, held on Iqbal Day,

featured impressive perfor-

mances from both teams.

Association

for repatriation process of progress smoothly so far adding that all possible facilities were being extended to the immigrants going back to their homeland voluntarily and the provincial government had allocated special funds for this purpose.

"The immigrants returning back to their countries are being treated humanely and the humanitarian aspect of the matter is fully taken care of whereas elderly people, women and children are

Aruba Aniq with 8 points

and Faiza Mahboob with 4

points. Yasra Khokhar led

the charge for Shaheed

Millat XI, contributing 9

points, supported by Amara Hafeez with 5

points and Falaq Irfan with

event was Assistant Com-

missioner Nida Saman, who

was later honored with the

Allama Iqbal Performance

The chief guest for the

PESHAWAR (APP): A three-member delegation led by the representative of minister, while talking to reaction the being accorded special treatment as per the traditions of the land;" he said adding that specific transit points had been set up for temporary stay of such immigrants having all the required facilities.

The chief minister

maintained that an effective grievance redressal mechanism had also been put in place to address any kind of complaints or concerns of the immigrants on immediate basis adding that all out efforts were being made to ensure that every single immigrant going back home gets proper treatment and no one is mistreated.

Training session at CPO focuses on inspection registers in police stations

KARACHI (APP): A training session emphasizing the significance and efficacy of inspection registers in police stations regarding crime prevention was conducted at the Central Police Office (CPO) in Karachi. During the session, master trainers from Punjab directly provided guidance to SSPs in Investigations, District SSPs of Karachi, as well as training branch trainers, said a news



SKARDU: Chief Minister Gilgit-Baltistan Haji Gulbar Khan chairing a



KARACHI: Federal Minister for National Heritage and Culture Syed Jamal Shah chairing meeting at Quaid-e-Azam Mazar Management Board (QMMB).

CM Punjab takes notice of markets' closure

Furthermore, the

chief minister emphasised

that addressing smog was

responsibility. "We all

must collaborate to

enhance the livability of

Lahore and other cities.

Support for the government's initiatives is

crucial, and by working

together, we can effectively combat this

environmental challenge,'

Caretaker Chief Minister

Mohsin Naqvi Friday

made his third visit to the

Rawalpindi Ring Road

project in the past 25

Meanwhile, Punjab

he concluded.

collective national

Independent Report LAHORE: Punjab

Caretaker Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi has taken notice of unwarranted closure of markets and shops in certain areas of

He clarified that as of today (Nov 10), no directive had been issued by the Punjab government to shut down markets and shops.

He said that in the

wake of worsening smog situation, a decision had been made to close shops and markets on Saturday, Nov 11. "On a personal note and on behalf of the Punjab government, I express gratitude to the business community for

Conducting an aerial fully handed over to the their cooperation in this tour of the entire 38-km

inspected the Khasala Khurd Adiala Interchange site and assessed the progress of earthwork, said a handout issued here on

Colonel Ayaz of ntier Works Frontier Organisation (FWO) provided a comprehensive briefing to CM Mohsin Naqvi, highlighting that heavy machinery for the Rawalpindi Ring Road construction had arrived, and the project was advancing at a rapid pace. The construction of subways, drainage channels, and roads section had commenced, with the allotted land for the project

Arshad emphasizes role of education in students' growth, success

Independent Report

ABBOTTABAD: The Caretaker Minister for Law, Human Rights, and Religious and Minority Affairs, Justice ® Syed Arshad Hussain Shah Friday has called on parents and teachers to actively encourage students in their educational pursuits for enhanced growth and success. He expressed these views while addressing a parents' day ceremony at a private college in Abbottabad.

Principal of the school Brig. ® Qamar Zaman also addressed the ceremony, shedding light on the institute's activities, achievements, and future olans. Caretaker Provincial Minister, underscored the collaborative efforts between the private sector and the provincial exams.

younger generation. Minister Arshad Hussain Shah mentioned the establishment of various institutions by the provincial government to bring private educational

institutions under a unified

government to enhance the

support, emphasizing that

both the public and private

sectors share the responsibility of providing

a valuable education to the

He applauded this

quality of education.

code of conduct. This initiative aligns with the agenda of a new uniform education system, focusing on the students and parents' interests.

He acknowledged the hard work and dedication of teachers and students, stating that education goes beyond textbooks and



KARACHI: Activists of Transgender" hold rally in favor of their demands.

36th International Neurosurgery Conference inaugurated at LUMHS

HYDERABAD (APP): The 36th International Neurosurgery Conference was inaugurated at Liaquat University of Medical & Health Sciences Jamshoro.

The conference has been organized by the Department of Neurosurgery LUMHS, in collaboration with the Turkish Neurosurgical Society & Emirates Society of Neurological

While addressing a large number of participants at the Inaugural Session the Vice Chancellor LUMHS, Prof. Dr. Ikram Din Ujjan expressed that it is an honour to address the inaugural session of this important international its wider surgical implica-

conference, as today this moment he is accompanying the great scholars, educationalists and renowned national and international neurosurgeons from all across the country and

He added that the philosophy and practice of minimally invasive surgery have fundamentally altered the practice of neurosurgery. The goal of minimally invasive surgery is to reduce tissue disruption and thus morbidity. The scholars attending this conference are going to review the development, applications, and benefits of minimally invasive neurosurgery, and

He further informed that minimally invasive neurosurgery is a major force in contemporary neurosurgery and many of the current neurosurgical applications will have far-reaching effects on the practice of surgery in general.

The Vice-Chancellor further expressed that awareness regarding health and prevention are essential ingredients which keep the nation healthy and we are escaping from diseases. Strong communication with the masses regarding preventive measures of health may save billions of rupees spent on diseases.

surgery Conference would be able to achieve its objective in providing an effective forum for academicians, researchers and practitioners to advance knowledge, research, and the latest surgical technology for human-The Vice Chancellor

Ujjan futher added that this

36th International Neuro-

offered his deepest gratitude to the Chairman Department of Neurosurgery Prof. Riaz Ahmad Raja and his team for organizing a vibrant scientific program and is working hard to present highly respected and internationally renowned speakers to lead it. geon and chairman Organizing Committee, Prof. Dr. Riaz Ahmad Raja expressed that this time we have organized this high-profile academic event in collaboration with the Emirates Society of Neurological Surgeons and Turkish Neurosurgical Society, as it is believed that through collaboration and exchange the field of Neurosurgery can be advanced with improved

patient care. Prof. Dr. Riaz Ahmad Raja informed that there is a packed schedule of Lectures, and satellite programs led by some of the most reputable leaders in the field of Neuro-Renowned Neurosur- logical surgery.

International News

Palestinian officials say Israeli air strikes hit Gaza hospitals

Monitoring Desk GAZA: Israeli air strikes hit Gaza's biggest hospital, the Al Shifa, on Friday, killing

one person and wounding others sheltering there, Palestinian officials said, one of several hospitals reported struck at dawn as Israel battles Hamas in the heart of the enclave.

Officials said other strikes had damaged parts of the Indonesian Hospital and hit vehicles outside the Rantissi cancer hospital in the northern part of Gaza, where Israel says Hamas militants who attacked it last month are concentrated.

Israeli tanks, which have been advancing through northern Gaza for

taken up positions around the Rantissi, Al-Quds and Nasser Children's hospitals, raising concern for patients, doctors and evacuees there, medical staff said.

'Israel is now launching a war on Gaza City hospitals, on Rantissi, Nasser hospitals and on Al Shifa,' Mohammad Abu Selmeyah, director of Gaza's main Shifa hospital, told Reuters.

Israel did not immediately comment but says it does not target civilians and goes to great lengths to avoid hitting them.

Īt says Hamas militants have hidden command centres and tunnels beneath Al Shifa and other hospitals, allegations which

While the world sees

grounds and mosques, Hamas sees an opportunity to exploit," the Israeli military said. The month-old Israeli military campaign to wipe out Hamas, following the militants' Oct. 7 raid on southern Israel, has left Gaza's hospitals struggling to cope, as medical supplies, clean water and fuel to power generators have been running out. Israel has faced growing calls for restraint as the Palestinian death toll increases, but says Hamas will just take advantage of any



US Secretary of State Antony Blinken and South Korean Foreign Minister Park Jin hold a joint press conference at the Foreign Ministry in Seoul,

State Dept. approves \$2.5B sale of Abrams tanks to Romania

Monitoring Desk WASHINGTON: The State Department cleared an estimated \$2.53 billion foreign military sale of M1A2 Abrams Main Battle Tanks to Romania, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency said Nov. 9. DSCA notified Congress, which must ap-

prove the sale, today. Romania wants to buy 54 of the General Dynamics Land Systems-manufactured M1A2 SEPv3 Abrams tanks, 54 M1A1 structures, four M88A2 Hercules Com-

bat Recovery Vehicles, four M1110 Joint Assault Bridges, four M1150 Assault Breacher Vehicles and four Heavy Assault Scissor Bridges. The order would also include 54 M240C 7.62mm machine guns, 5,940 120mm M1147 High Explosive, Multipurpose, Tracer (HEMP-T) cartridges, 4,230 120mm M1002 Target Practice Multipurpose, Tracer (TPMP-T) cartridges and a variety of other support equipment

neighbourhoods with schools, hospitals, scout groups, children's playsignificant pause in its mili tary campaign.

Eight die in car crash as US police chase migrant smuggler

Monitoring Desk HOUSTON: Eight people, several of them from Honduras, were killed on Wednesday in a two-car collision in the southern US state of Texas involving an alleged migrant smuggler attempting to evade arrest officials said.

Police said the driver of a white Honda was transporting five undocumented migrants and fleeing sheriffs on a road about 60 miles (100 kilometres) from the Mexican border when he passed a truck and collided with another car, killing the couple inside.

Seven victims died at the scene, while an eighth died later in hospital, a spokesperson for the Texas Department of Public Safety said. Several of the migrants who were killed in the white Honda were from Honduras, according to po-

US authorities have intercepted some six million migrants at its southern border since President Joe Biden assumed office in January 2021.



Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani at al-Shati Palace.

Japan and UK ministers discuss deeper security ties on the sidelines of G7 meeting

Monitoring Desk TOKYO: Japanese and British foreign and defense ministers met Tuesday and agreed to further deepen military cooperation under a new security pact that allows their militaries to enter each other's territory for joint exercises.

Japan and Britain have expanded their cooperation in recent years as concern has grown over China's increasing influence. Japan, whose only treaty ally is the United States, has signed Reciprocal Access Agreements with Australia and the U.K., making them semi-allies.

The talks in Tokyo

Minister Yoko Kamikawa and Defense Minister Minoru Kihara and British Foreign Secretary James Cleverly and Defense Secretary Grant Shapps are the first since the RAA took effect in mid-October.

They met on the sidelines of a gathering of foreign ministers from the Group of Seven industrialized nations on Tuesday and Wednesday that is expected to focus on the Israel-Hamas war, the Russia-Ukraine war and tension in the Indo-Pacific region.

Later Tuesday, Shapps told several selected journalists, including from The Associated Press, among Japanese Foreign that the reason for their

meeting is to show in the Indo-Pacific "that despite what's going on in Europe, and despite what's going on in the Middle East, we are still here today, and that I think shows enduring strength of our relationship with Japan.'

The four ministers agreed to expand their joint exercises, including the annual Japan-UK joint exercise, Vigilant Isles 23, starting later this month, according to a joint statement issued after their talks.

They also agreed on using the RAA to realize an "even more ambitious program of more frequent and complex exercises" than

North Korea shipping arms to Russia, alleges US

Monitoring Desk SEOUL: US Secretary of State Antony Blinken on Thursday condemned Nor-th Korea for sending arms to help the Russian invasion of Ukraine, as he held meetings with top of-

ficials in key ally South

The United States, South Korea and Japan have in recent weeks repeatedly criticised Pyongyang for helping Russia pursue its military campaign in Ukraine, with Seoul saying North Korea has sent a million artillery rounds. Blinken is in Seoul fol-

lowing a G7 foreign ministers' meeting in Japan. He met with South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol in Seoul on Thursday.

They "strongly condemned the provision of military equipment and munitions by the Democra-tic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) to the Russian Federation for use in its war against Ukraine", the US State Department said in a readout of Blinken's meeting with Yoon, Earlier, Blinken met South Korean national security advisor Cho Tae-

Caretaker govt powers in New Zealand extended **Monitoring Desk**

WELLINGTON: Negotiations between three parties hoping to form the next New Zealand government are continuing, but because they are likely to stretch into next week, the powers of caretaker ministers would be extended, the current government said on Friday. The conservative National Party won the largest share of votes at last month's general election but needs the support of both right-wing ACT New Zealand

US strike on weapons facility in Syria a 'deterrent', White House says

Monitoring Desk WASHINGTON: The U.S. military strikes in Syria are aimed at destroying weaponry and deterring Iranianbacked separatist groups from targeting American personnel in the region in the wake of the Israel-Hamas conflict, the White House said on Thursday.

The United States carried out strikes on Wednesday against a weapon storage facility in eastern Syria that the Pentagon said was used by Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) and affiliated groups. President Joe Biden said the United States had to respond after U.S. troops were targeted and that the retaliatory strikes were working. Asked if the U.S. military would respond again, Biden told reporters it would if it had to. White House spokesman John Kirby separately told CNN that the U.S. strikes "had a practical impact on their ability to arm these groups, but also to send a strong signal of de-

"These groups have a choice to make: If they want to continue to attack our troops in Iraq and Syria, then they're gonna have to face the consequences for that," Kirby added.

U.S. and coalition troops have been attacked at least 40 times in Iraq and Syria by Iran-backed forces since the start of October, as tensions soar over Israel's bombardment of Gaza in retaliation for Hamas militants' Oct. 7 attack. Forty-five U.S. troops have suffered traumatic brain injuries or mi-

nor wounds. The United States has occasionally carried out retaliatory strikes against Iranian-backed forces in the region after they attack American forces, including one on Oct. 26.

Iran has denied involvement. Tehran's ambassador to the United Nations, Amir Saeid Iravani, said on Thursday separatist groups were responding to the Israeli assault that has killed more than 10,800 Palestinians in Gaza.

Taiwan, facing Chinese pressure, to stress importance of peace at APEC summit

Monitoring Desk TAIPEI: Taiwan will stress the importance of peace in the region at next week's APEC summit, President Tsai Ing-wen said on Friday, one of the few international bodies both Taiwan and China are members of and where their officials

The 21-member Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum will meet in San Francisco for the 30th APEC summit, the first hosted by the United States since 2011.

Chinese-claimed and democratically ruled Taiwan, which takes part in APEC as "Chinese Taipei" and does not send its president to summits, has faced increased military pressure from Beijing including two rounds of major war games over the past year and a half.

Tsai told reporters at the presidential office that the first message she wanted her representative to APEC, chip giant TSMC, founder Morris Chang, to send at the summit was that Taiwan was dedicated to promoting regional peace and prosper-

"At a time when the world is facing various challenges, we must work together to reduce conflicts in the region and jointly create a peaceful and stable environment for regional economic development," she said.

"Taiwan is a reliable, safe, and trustworthy partner in the international community," Tsai added.

Pak calls out 'Israel backers' to



ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Federal Minister for Finance, Revenue, and Economic Affairs, Dr. Shamshad Akhtar presides over a meeting of the Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the Cabinet.

ECC approves extension of GOP guarantee ceiling worth Rs 100 bn in favour of PSO

ISLAMABAD (APP):The of Energy (Petroleum Di-Economic Coordination vision), Ministry of Pov-Committee (ECC) approved a summary submitted by the Ministry of Energy for the extension of the GOP guarantee ceiling worth Rs100 billion in favour of PSO till December 2024, subject to the approval of terms and conditions of each financing facility by the Finance Division upon renewal.

Caretaker Minister for Finance, Revenue, and Economic Affairs, Dr Shamshad Akhtar presided over a meeting of the Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the Cabinet, said a press release issued here on Friday.

The meeting considered the summaries submitted by various ministries, including Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Maritime Affairs, Ministry of Energy (Power Division), Ministry

erty Alleviation & Social Safety and Ministry of The ECC also dis-

cussed the summary submitted by the Ministry of Maritime Affairs regarding the "Revision of Lighthouse Dues". The ECC, after a detailed discussion, decided to revise the Lighthouse dues from Rs. 7/ NRT to Rs. 20/NRT, under Section 10(1) of the Lighthouse Act, 1927. A proposal for disbursement of Rs 20 billion credited to the Federal Government Account by the Finance Department Government of Punjab for further disbursement to Green Corporative Initiative (Pvt) for Green Pakistan Initiative was also dis-

The ECC also approved the disbursement with the observation that

Sved Jamal Shah said

that he considered culture a

blessing connecting an in-

dividual to the homeland

and no country could

progress and develop with-

out strong cultural identity.

told that there was a need

to develop more cinemas in

the country with an afford-

cilities. Production of more

opportunities and film is a

very strong medium for

projection and promotion of

our culture and to educate

held a meeting with the

Governing Body of the KPC. President KPC Saeed

Sarbazi, Secretary KPC

Shoaib Ahmed along with

the members of the KPC

Governing Body briefed

the minister regarding the

lets, white blood cells, and

are capable of increasing the

platelet count to 10,000,

while mega units can raise

Random donor units

red blood cells.

in the hospital

problems

RIYADH: Special Assistant to the Prime Minister

for Human Rights and Women Empowerment, Ms.

Mushaal Hussein Mullick calls on Dr. Mohammad

bin Abdulkarim Al-Issa, Chairman of Organiza-

tion of Muslim Scholars and Secretary General of

Steps afoot to control

Congo virus in BMC:

MS Dr Karmran

the Muslim World League at his office.

QUETTA (APP): Medical

Superintendent of Bolan

Medical Complex Hospital

Quetta Dr. Kamana Gichlki

on Friday said that 20 kits

of mega platelets epheresis

were provided to the Direc-

tor Regional Blood Center

Quetta Prof. Dr. Hanif

Mengal on the instructions

of the Balochistan Secre-

tary Health in view of the

implementation of Congo

virus emergency in

Balochistan Health Depart-

on the occasion, he said that

Apheresis separates the

blood extracted from the

body of the patient or do-

nor into its various compo-

nents with the help of kits,

containing plasma, plate-

Talking to journalists,

Earlier, the minister

people, he added.

To a questioner, he

tage and Culture Sved Jamal Shah addressing to

Jamal for preservation of

cultural heritage with coop.

of provincial governments

KARACHI (APP): Care- and was feeling the KPC

taker Federal Minister for very close to his heart.

the media persons at Mazar-e-Quaid

National Heritage and Cul-

ture Sved Jamal Shah on

Friday said that our cultural

heritage is very rich and we

intend to work for its pres-

ervation with the coopera-

tion of provincial govern-

ing to media, along with the Secretary Karachi Press

Club (KPC), Shoaib

Ahmed, prominent artist

and anchor Huma Mir and

others, during a visit to the

that the projection of our

rich heritage sites would

attract the local as well as

foreign tourists. It will also

help to create awareness

among our future genera-

tions about our rich culture

Speaking about his visit to KPC, he said that

his relationship with the Karachi Press Club was old

and heritage, he added.

Sved Jamal Shah said

Karachi Press Club here.

He said this while talk-

may directly engage with companies operating under the Green Pakistan Initiative for future disburse-

The ECC also took up a summary submitted by the Ministry of Energy regarding "Uniform Quarterly Tariff Adjustments for K-Electric Consumers at par with XWDISCOs 2nd & 3rd Quarterly FY 2023"

After detailed discussion, it was decided by the ECC that the tariff rationalization by way of adjustments for K-Electric in line with the uniform QTA application guidelines already issued to NEPRA, shall be applicable on the consumption of July, August, and September 2023 to be recovered from consumers of K-Electric in December 2023, January 2024, and February 2024, respec-

Contempt of EC, CEC cases against **Imran fixed** for hearing on November 13

ISLAMABAD (Online): Contempt of Election Commission (EC) and contempt of Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) cases against Chairman PTI Imran Khan have been fixed for hearing on November

The EC issued call up notices in connection with indictment proceedings related to Imran Khan.

Pak focused to benefit from TAPI despite India's lack of interest: PM

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar has said that despite India's lack of interest, Pakistan is focused to reap the benefits from the long-pending fournation energy corridor, About multibillion-dollar project

involving Turkmenistan, Afghanistan, Pakistan, and India (TAPI), the prime minister said the corridor could prove as a source of cheap and sustainable supply of energy for the region. "On TAPI, there is a

lot of enthusiasm from Turkmenistan, Afghanistan, and Pakistan. But if India chooses to remain out of the benefit of this whole arrangement, they still can do it," Kakar said in an interview with Turkiye's Anadolu news agency.

Kakar said, "With or gas can be exploited for the "fabulous."

economic benefit of this region, and we are very much focused on achieving that

The \$7 billion project aims to bring natural gas from the Gylkynish and adjacent gas fields in Turkmenistan to Afghanistan, Pakistan, and India, the Anadolu reported. The Asian Develop-

ment Bank is facilitating and coordinating the project, which is proposed to lay a 56-inch diameter 1,680-kilometer (1,044mile) pipeline with a design capacity of 33 billion cubic meters of natural gas per annum from Turkmenistan through Afghanistan and Pakistan up to Indo-Pak

On relations with Turkiye, the prime minister called for enhanced coordination and cooperation, without India, the Turkmen calling the bilateral relations

Murtaza Solangi says: PIA is present on privatization list

Caretaker Minister for Parliamentary Affairs Murtaza Solangi has said that PIA is present on the privatization

Responding to a calling attention notice in the Senate Friday, he said the previous government had devised a privatization plan and the caretaker government is implementing it. He mentioned that the halted flight operation of the PIA has been revived after arranging the funds.

ISLAMABAD (Online): liamentary Affairs emphasized that issues related to the PIA span over several successive governments. He suggested threadbare discussion on the national flag carrier in the presence of Ministers for Aviation and Privatization.

Taking the floor, Leader of House in the Senate Ishaq Dar expressed concerns over rise in terror incidents in the country, suggesting that the caretaker government should give an in-camera briefing to the



able tickets and better fa-QUETTA: Regional Head Federal Ombudsman Ghulam Sarwar Barohi adfilms will create more job dressing QESCO officers' meeting regarding payment of electricity bills

Pak calls for int'l cooperation for preservation of polar, glacial regions: Madad Sindhi Earth outside polar region,

here yesterday.

15,000 sq. km.

billion people.

The minister high-

lighted that HKH region

was particularly vulnerable

to climate change while

Third Pole was the world's

most substantial reservoir

and was critical for fresh-

water supply to around 2

The minister added

ecosystems,

Caretaker Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training Madad Ali Sindhi Friday said that Pakistan called for international cooperation and proactive approach for the preservation of polar and

the worlds' glacial regions. While addressing the 'One Planet - Polar Sum-

mit", he also drew attention of all the participants towards the "Third Pole" which comprises of Himalayas, Karakoram and Hindukush (HKH) region cyrospheric reserves on

'Paigham-e-Pakistan Day' celebrated across nation condemning terrorism

ISLAMABAD (APP): The 'Paigham-e-Pakistan Day' celebrations echoed nationwide as religious scholars and leaders, including prominent figures such as Pakistan Ulema Council (PUC) Chairman Hafiz Muhammad

the platelet count to 50,000 Mahmood Ashrafi, came 70,000, he explained. together to condemn terror-Dr. Kamalan Gichki ism and extremism. In unisaid platelet kits were profied sermons on Friday, vided to RBC on an emer-Ulema and Mashaykh from gency basis to treat patients diverse schools of thought infected with Congo virus. emphasized the Islamic stance He said that due to the against violence, declaring atspread of Congo virus in the tacks on the state, security province, instructions have forces and the public as been issued to all doctors, 'haram' under the Paigham-emedical staff, patients, and Pakistan and a unanimous their caregivers in Bolan fatwa (religious decree). Hafiz Medical Hospital to take Muhammad Tahir Mahmood precautionary measures Ashrafi, also the Special Repand steps had been taken resentative to the Prime Minto deal with any emergency

ister on Religious Harmony

were all under threat; and our avalanche and glacial said a press release received lake outbursts (GLOF) risk He said Pakistan alone had increased manifolds. As has over 7,000 glaciers in an example of GLOF, the HKH ranges which covers minister cited the incident an approximate area of of Shisper Glacier in 2022

> tive flooding.
>
> He said that urgent global action was needed now to mitigate climate change and protect glaciers. He ensured that Paki-

which resulted in destruc-

stan was committed to play its role in addressing critical issues affecting polar regions and climate change's implications on these vital biodiversity, food security glaciers.

PPP to kick-start election campaign in Balochistan with rally

KARACHI, (INP): Pakistan People's Party (PPP) was also present in the meeting. has decided to celebrate the party's 56th Foundation Dav in Quetta as Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari has directed the party leaders to make full preparations for the grand rally on Novem-

The decision was taken in a meeting chaired by the PPP chairman at Bilawal House, Faryal Talpur, the Central President of PPP Women's Wing

It was decided in the meeting that a grand rally will be held in Quetta on

the occasion of the 56th foundation day of Pakistan People's Party on November 30. On the occasion,

Bilawal Bhutto said that Pakistan People's Party will participate fully in the general elections and will win more seats from Balochistan.

help end genocide of Palestinians kistan on Friday said the "backers of Israel" must prevail upon it to abandon the plans for settler colonialism, forced displacement and ethnic cleansing

of the Palestinian people. "As an occupying power, Israel must fulfill its obligations under the Fourth Geneva Convention and forthwith end the carnage in Gaza," the Foreign Office spokesperson said at a weekly press briefing.

Spokesperson Mumtaz Zahra Baloch said Pakistan was deeply concerned about the heinous crimes being committed against the Palestinian people as Israeli forces continued with their "campaign of terror and brutality" in She said over a month,

the people of Gaza had been subjected to the worst forms of collective punish-

SIM disowning charge apply on having less than 6 months retention period

ISLAMABAD (APP): Cellular Mobile Operators in Pakistan, Azad Jammu Kashmir and Gilgit Baltistan may levy a "SIM Disowning Charge" up to Rs. 200 on SIMs having a retention period of less than six months.

To check the status of registered SIMs, consumers can use the following methods: by visiting https:// cnic.sims.pk/ or sending an SMS with CNIC number (without dashes) to 668 charges apply).

Ahsan says: Gaza has become a graveyard for children

BEIJING (Online): PML N Secretary General and former Federal Minister for planning and development Ahsan Iqbal said that Gaza has become graveyard for children.

We pay tribute to China for raising its voice in favor of victims of genocide. Pakistan has become a regional center of economic activities with

While addressing a seminar on the outcomes Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), Ahsan Iqbal said that "Belt and Road" project has become a lifeline for Pakistan.

MPs asked to submit asset statements

by Dec end ISLAMABAD (APP): The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) has once again asked all members of parliament and provincial assemblies to submit their statements of assets and liabilities including those of their spouses and dependents by December 31. According to ECP, all parliamentarians have to submit their yearly statements of assets and liabilities including similar details of their spouses and dependent children as on the preceding June 30 on Form B for the financial year 2022-2023.

DPR officers condole death of brother of Ejaz Khan **Independent Report**

OUETTA: The President of Officers Welfare Association Directorate of Public Relations (DPR), Inayatur Rehman, General Secretary, Jaffar Shah and it's other office bearers have expressed condolence and grief over the death of brother of Bureau Chief of Geo TV, Ejaz Khan, Sajjad Anwar.

In a joint condolence statement issued here on Friday, the office bearers of DPR Officers Welfare Association prayed that may Allah Almighty rest the departed soul into Its eternal peace and give enough strength and patience to the bereaved family members to bear the tragic loss.

"Israeli forces are committing crimes against humanity with impunity as they indiscriminately massacre defenceless civilians and deliberately deprive them of food, water, shelter and medical care," she

Baloch said the use of phosphorus bombs and threats of nuclear holocaust were being made against the people under occupation who were being forcibly evicted from their land.

She said as a tragedy of epic proportions unfolds in Gaza, the United Nations Security Council must act to fulfill its responsibility to uphold peace and call for an urgent and unconditional ceasefire, lifting of the siege, and commencement of rapid, unhindered humanitarian assistance.

The spokesperson said Pakistan welcomed the forthcoming Extraordinary Islamic Summit being held

a grave threat to the civilian population and precipitated a humanitarian She said Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar will participate in the Extraordinary Islamic Summit, while Foreign Minister Jalil Abbas Jilani will join the Council of Foreign Ministers

on 11th November in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. The

OIC Summit has been con-

vened in response to the

unprecedented Israeli at-

tacks on Gaza and its en-

virons, which have posed

preceding the extraordinary session. "Pakistan will continue to play its role to advance international consensus and galvanize efforts for an urgent end to Israeli aggression against the Palestinian people and urgent provision of relief assistance to the people of Gaza," she said.



ISTANBUL: Amir Jamaat-e-Islami Sirajul Haq participating in Palestine Solidarity March

Siraj calls for Hamas' participation in **OIC** summit

(PR): Jamaat-e-Islami Emir Sirajul Haq has urged the inclusion of the Hamas leadership as representative of the people of Palestine in the upcoming OIC Summit, slated to take place in Riyadh on Sunday.

This call was made during a meeting of Islamic movement leaders in Istanbul. The JI chief who is visiting Turkiye followed a three-day tour of Iran. also engaged in discussions on the Palestine issue with Turkive's Grand National Assembly Speaker Numan Kurtulmus. He participated in a Palestine Solidarity

ISTANBUL/LAHORE rally in Istanbul, addressing the gathering outside historic Fatah Mosque. He emphasized the imperative of a diplomatic and economic boycott of Israel by Muslim nations, decrying the Israeli forces' involvement in the genocide of Palestinians despite international calls for a ceasefire.

He stressed the urgency of humanitarian aid for Gaza, proposing the construction of a mega hospital at Rafah Crossing to treat injured Palestinians "Palestinians are defenseless against the full-scale brutalities unleashed by Israeli forces on innocent civilians.

Work on construction of Syed Zahoor Shah Hashmi Road started in Gwadar city

Independent Report QUETTA: The work on construction of Syed Zahoor Shah Hashmi Road has been started in the port city of Gwadar.

According to the official sources, the work on Makki Masjid to Mulla Fazil chowk portion of the Syed Zahoor Shah Hashmi road has been started on directives of the Director General Gwadar Development Authority (GDA) Dawood Khan Khilii.

The constitution work would be completed

before the stipulated time given by the GDA.

It may be mentioned here that the construction work on the Makki masjid-Mulla Fazil chowk road has been delayed for last several years.

Meanwhile, all stakeholders and public circles have expressed satisfaction over commencement of start of work on the important highway of Gwadar city. They also stressed the

need on implementation on the project which was delayed for long.



ABBOTTABAD: An eye-catching view of a snow covered area during the heavy snowfall of winter season, which more decreases the temperature below in minus degree Celsius, at Nathiagal.

PM House still in hands of those who ruled before: Khursheed Shah

LAHORE (INP): Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) senior leader Khursheed Shah on Friday, without naming Pakistan Muslim League Nawaz's (PML-N), said that the Prime Minister's House continues to be in the hands of the same party which ruled before. The government will

not work if someone is forcefully imposed on us to rule. If the (prime minister) is selected, then the country will only suffer," said Shah while speaking to media persons in Lahore.

to PML-N's electoral alliance with Muttahida Qaumi Movement Pakistan (MQM-P), said that the PPP was contesting alone in the elections. "The people of Punjab had shown their trust in PPP in the past," said Shah, adding if there are any punctures in the elections, then there will be a lot of damage. "There is no interference during the voting process around the world,

he said while calling for the

restoration of democracy

through voting in Pakistan.

