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## Sarfaraz Bugti says Govt wants to solve Chaman sit-in issue through negotiations tices, he added

possible for the govern-

ment to allow foreigners to

proper procedures.

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Minister for Interior Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti on Monday said permitted to enter Paki-that the government stan through legal docuwanted to solve the ments. Chaman sit-in issue through negotiations.

Responding to concerns raised by senators regarding the sit-in staged by local residents and businessmen against the recently implemented border regulations, the minister said, "We held a detailed discussion with the representatives of the sit-in, and our preference is to resolve the issue through negotia-

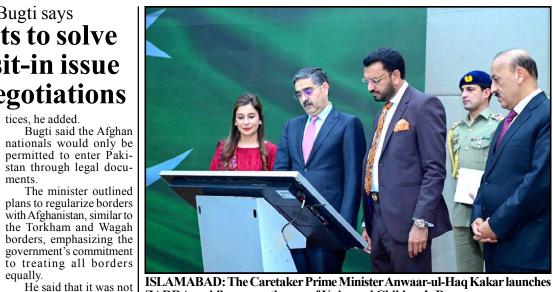
tions." The minister said that it was not possible to al-low around 40,000 people to the cross border daily without proper travel documents

The government impact on the livelihoods wanted to implement a of nearly 40,000 people unified document regime in who rely on daily border line with previous prac- crossings.



ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Federal Minister for Interior Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti chairing a meeting of ministerial committee on enforced disappearances.

U.S.Ambassador announces new Initiatives to Strengthen **Counter Terrorism Cooperation** OUETTA (Online): U.S. dedicated gender desks Ambassador to Pakistan that will provide a private Donald A. Blome unveiled space for vulnerable four important initiatives populations to report on Monday to bolster the crimes and receive special care for problems or injucapabilities of Pakistani ries resulting from those law enforcement in their crimes. efforts to safeguard local Construction of New communities. Police Stations: An addi-Anti-Terrorist Force Training Facility Expantional \$2 million will be QUETTA: A delegation led by chief of Balochistan Youth Alliance Bahadur Khan Lango meeting with Governor Balochistan Malik Abdul Wali Khan dedicated to constructing sion: A \$4 million assistance package will facili-10 new police stations to Kakar tate the expansion of improve service to women, girls, and all Pa-Balochistan Police's Anti-Women couldn't be given equal status in Terrorist Force training fakistanis Equipment Support: cility, doubling its current different sectors even today, regrets Governor Recognizing the risks capacity, and allowing sifaced by law enforcement multaneous instruction for an additional 800 trainees. officers, the United States Independent Report Upgraded Police Staannounced a \$250,000 tions: The United States equipment grant to better allocated \$2 million to reprotect enforcement officers as they undertake their pair and upgrade 10 flooddamaged police stations. duties These projects are funded and will be imple-These facilities will include modern infrastructure, such as digital record mented in collaboration management and support with the Department of for alternative dispute State's Bureau of International Narcotics and Law resolution mechanisms, Enforcement (INL). INL thereby supporting more currently provides apresponsive service to loproximately \$20 million in cal communities. The facilities will also feature assistance nationwide.



ISLAMABAD: The Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar launches ZARRA mobile app on the eve of Universal Children's Day

## PM sees killing of Palestinian children as 'holocaust'

Says govt committed to ensure children's inclusive development, safety, education & health

ISLAMABAD (INP): In- future's assets, Kakar crucial factor in future constated that the implementation of the app would play a crucial role in safe-

dren, expressing deep concern over the tragic events evolving in Gaza, particularly the "holocaust" of Palestinian children. During his address at

the launch of "Zara Alert App" in Islamabad, PM Kakar reiterated the government's commitment to safeguarding children's rights. He urged all segments of society to actively contribute to the improvement of children's well-be-

to view the situation in government's continuous efforts towards their wel-Highlighting the impor-

that the ongoing crisis in tance of children as the Palestine could become a

flicts.

APP adds: Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Monday said the government was determined to ensure inclusive development, education, healthcare, participation, dignity and security for "all our children, as envisaged in the UN Convention on the Rights of the

Child' He said the children were the most precious asset of any nation and the sole guarantee for its future prosperity.

Addressing an event in connection with the Universal Children Day, the prime **Police cop shot** minister said the govern ment was fully devoted to dead by armed the well-being and safety of men in Quetta the children.

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## US Ambassador visits CM secretariat, meets Caretaker CM: American investment in **Balochistan to help promote** mutual relations between Pak & US, says Domki

Chief Minister appreciates US cooperation in different sectors in Balochistan; Donald Blome assures US assistance for promotion of tourism and preservation of ancient civilization of Balochistan province **Independent Report** The Chief Minister

was speaking to the US QUETTA: The caretaker Chief Minister Ambassador to Pakistan, Donald Armin Blome who Balochistan, Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki has called on him along with the US Consul General stated that Balochistan is Conrad Tribble here at the a suitable region for invest-Chief Minister Secretariat ment and the American inon Monday. Earlier, the Chief Minvestment in the province would help promote mu-tual relations between Paister welcomed the US Ambassador and Consul

General upon their ar-rival at the CM's seckistan and USA. He strongly believed that both the countries retariat (Pakistan and USA) should increase volume of trade in future.

tion in different sectors and opportunities of investment in Balochistan were discussed.

Later, speaking to the US ambassador and Consul General, the Chief Minister said that there are sustainable longstanding diplomatic and defence relations between Pakistan and USA. He said that his country values these relations with USA, and appreciates During the course of USA's endeavours for es-meeting, the matters about tablishing peace in the Pak-US relations, coopera- world.



OUETTA: US Ambassador Donald A. Blome meeting with Caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki

## **Policy decisions on** major issues, mandate of an elected govt: Solangi

stable was shot dead by ISLAMABAD (APP): issue." Caretaker Minister for In- He called for a compreformation, Broadcasting hensive debate on the imand Parliamentary Affairs portant issue in the pres-Murtaza Solangi on Monence of the caretaker Fiday said that it was the nance Minister. mandate of an elected gov-

travel and establish businesses anywhere in Pakistan without following Earlier, senators had drawn attention to the sitin issue at Chaman by local residents and businessmen, expressing concerns about its potential adverse

terim Prime Minister Anwaarul Haq Kakar says

a professional army never targets civilians and chilguarding their rights. He condemned the ongoing massacre of children in Gaza, stressing that the

killing of innocent children by the Israeli army reflected

prime minister urged an immediate halt to the hocaust He stressed the need ing, emphasising the

Gaza through the lens of human rights rather than religious colours, predicting

a severe violation of international laws and human rights Expressing deep concern over the plight of Gaza's children, the interim

of the population fully. QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar has stated that women are grace and honour of society, but it is a sorrowful fact that we couldn't have given equal status to them in different sectors even today despite

they are half of our country's population. Therefore, on one hand, they are being deprived of on Monday. their due rights, while the

society is not benefiting

remain in forefront in sercumstances, there is a need vice of the ailing humanity to make comprehensive The Governor said that planning to utilise potential it is big achievement of the of the youth and women. social workers to become The Governor was

voice of the voiceless of the speaking to a delegation society and get them to who called on him under the rulers for resolving leadership of head of Balochistan Youth Alliance, He said that the impor-Mir Bahadur Khan Lango

tance of learning modern skills is increasing along The Governor on the with education. occasion said that there is a

However, we need to key role of welfare organitake concrete measures to zations in the backward make the technical and societies and the spirit of vocational institutions service of the people assofunctional, adding he ciated with them are really stressed.

#### Protest dharna ends after assurance: Sirki road firing incident to be probed, assures **Minister Information** leged police encounter or

**Independent Report** 

appreciable.

Monday

Women are grace and honour of our society:

from the potential of its half

Under the given cir-

Sirki road. QUETTA: The caretaker Provincial Minister for Information, Jan Achakzai has assured that the Sirki cent areas. road firing incident claimed

> quiry of the incident. He assured that action

evidences against the po-On assurance made by

site of dharna

unknown armed men near Nawan Killi bypass in Quetta suburb on Monday morning.

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QUETTA: A police con-

According to the police sources, the jawan of Police Eagle Squad, Ghulam Murtaz was on his way to duty when he was attacked issues by the armed men with fire arms. As a result, he died on the spot.

The police and rescue 5000 currency note, as a teams reached the spot and reason of inflation and corshifted the body of martyred police jawan ruption, he said: "Can the government, with limited to the Sandeman Provincial Headquarter Hospital.

He said that we are Meanwhile, the police proud of all those political officers and other person-nel reached the Sandeman and social personalities who Hospital.

Investigations have been started into the cold blooded murder of police cop

Later, the funeral prayer of Ghulam Murtaz was offered at the Police Lines Quetta the same af-

ternoon. The Inspector General of Police, Abdul Khaliq Sheikh and other senior police officers attended the funeral prayer.

> **'Campaign against** me an attack on judiciary':

Justice Mazahar

ISLAMABAD (INP): Jus-

tice Mazahar Àli Naqvi

Monday has challenged the

proceedings of the com-

plaint against the Supreme

He pleaded that dis-

"The campaign against

He said SJC sent notice

me is an attack on the judi-

ciary," Justice Mazahar

of further proceedings

without fixing the objec-

tions and SJC's October

27 press release is a vio-

lation of fundamental

Ĵudicial Council (SJĈ).

ties

Naqvi said.

rights.

The minister said Rs 5000 current notes were isernment to make policy sued in May 2006, and curdecisions on major national rently, around 905 million Responding to a motion currency notes of Rs 4525 suggesting that State Bank billion were in circulation in take steps to demonetize Rs the country. Solangi clarified that the State Bank of Pakistan issued or discontinued currency notes as per

the State Bank Act. duration and powers, He also said that durshould make policy deciing the tenure of the Pakisions? It would be approstan Tehreek-e-Insaf government, the SBP had been priate if we wait for the next parliament to decide on the granted more autonomy.



NAUSHERA: Chairman Pakistan People's Party Bilawal Bhutto Zardari addressing to workers convention in Citv.

## Teachers shortage leads to closure of 3,500 schools in Balochistan: Qadir

OUETTA (APP): Caretaker Balochistan Education Minister Abdul Qadir Bakhsh Baloch has said that some 3,500 schools in the province had been closed due to shortage of teachers during the last two months

while talking to APP.

schools to middle in the province, four each in ev-"The Provincial Eduery district. To a question, Qadir Bakhsh said due to the last cation Department has been facing acute shortage of teachers. Due to politiyear's flood, more than cal and departmental con-5.500 schools in the provstraints, the department ince were destroyed, and has not been able to only 50 of them had been recruit the teachers repaired so far.

since 2019. Moreover, over "The international or-300 teachers are retiring every month," he said ganizations have assured their all-out support to repair the damaged schools," The minister said," he added.

"Without enrolling chil-

dren in schools, it is im-

possible to increase the lit-

racy rate in the province."

government had decided to

upgrade 150 primary

He said the caretaker



**QUETTA: Provincial Secretary Information Imran Khan and Director Gen**eral Public Relations Muhammad Noor Khetran meeting with Caretaker Information Minister Jan Achakzai

#### Nawaz Sharif Jan Achakzai pledges to allowed to record fight scourge of terrorism statement in

Afghanistan.

in KP

QUETTA (INP): Balochistan's caretaker Minister for Information Jan Achakzai warns that if militant activities from Afghanistan continue, Pakistan will take action against terrorist hideouts.

He expressed concerns that despite hosting Afghan refugees for 40 years, Afghanistan is providing shelter and advanced weaponry to militants

cially Achakzai emphasised Pakistan's opposition to all forms of militancy and stated that if the situation doesn't improve, Pakistan will raid terrorist hideouts to address the issue.

He highlighted the link between the Tehreek-icies

Taliban Pakistan (TTP) and Toshakhana case Afghan commanders, citing ISLAMABAD (Online) recent terrorist incidents. The Accountability Court Pakistan has engaged with Afghanistan at the

(AC) while accepting the plea for recording Nawaz Foreign Office level and is Sharif statement in Tosha addressing repatriation Khana vehicles reference plans for illegal immigrants. has adjourned the hearing of Achakzai criticised what he the case till November30. sees as a double game by

Judge Muhammad Bashir of AC took up the The surge in terror ac-Toshakhana case against tivities in Pakistan, espe-Nawaz Sharif, Asif Ali and Zardari and others for hear-Balochistan, is attributed to ing Monday. the TTP which ended its The pleaders of Asif Ali

ceasefire in November last Zardari, Khawaja Abdul year, with the caretaker Ghani Majeed, Anwar prime minister linking re-Majeed and Yousuf Raza cent attacks to the Taliban Gillani appeared in the government in Afghanistan court.

and its deportation poli-The court marked the attendance of court.



OUETTA: Balochistan Chief Secretary Shakeel Qadir Khan presiding over a meeting regarding implementation on decisions taken in Apex Committee presided by Prime Minister

the Inspector General of life of a person would be thoroughly investigated and the responsible would taken to task. The Minister Informawould be taken on getting tion was speaking to the

participants of dharna observed at Zarghoon road on

Jan Achakzai, the protest The participants were observing dharna against ers were dispersed from the killing of a person in an al-

As a result of protest closed assets cannot be the the traffic remained block basis of action against the on Zarghoon road and adja judge and prayed there was never any notice of his as-Jan Achakzai said that sets from the tax authori-

police has given assurance to conduct transparent in

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Tuesday November 21, 2023

**Dr Noman Ahmed** 

In a recent meeting, Sindh's

caretaker chief minister ex-

pressed his resolve to

beautify' Karachi. Ad-

dressing bureaucrats, heads

of civic agencies and archi-

tects, he spoke about the

poor state of the entrance

to the city from the airport.

It is important to note that

the so-called beautifica-

tion has come about on

many occasions with al-

most negligible results.

Despite spending hun-

During

vironment. As a result,

tion of a few such as Al-

Tariq Road and Shahrah-

Farooq

OPINION

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## **Familiar message**

Only the state has a monopoly on the use of force. while armed action by non-state actors is out of the question. Moreover, intolerant behaviour against minorities and other disadvantaged groups cannot be countenanced, while religious, sectarian and linguistic differences need to be overcome. This was the gist of the message the army chief gave to an assemblage of divines who had gathered at GHQ on Friday. The COAS also reiterated the salient features of the 2018 Paigham-i-Pakistan fatwa that over 1,800 clerics belonging to all confessional backgrounds had endorsed to shun militancy and extremism. It is assumed the conclave was arranged in the context of the rising terrorist violence across Pakistan, in which large numbers of security personnel, as well as civilians, have been martyred. It is hard to disagree with the message of this meeting, and it needs to be amplified further.

However, it appears that the army chief was dreds of millions of rupreaching to the converted. Pro-state ulema are not pees, no enhancement in the problem; extremist preachers who wish to disthe aesthetics of the urmantle the state and replace it with their own polity ban built environment are the main hurdles to peace.

could be achieved. These Along with kinetic operations, it is the facilita attempts should be retors of militancy in Pakistan who must be confronted. viewed in an objective For example, amongst the sectarian groups and hardand dispassionate manner right outfits in the country, many are sympathetic before moving ahead with to the aims of terrorist groups like the TTP and ISinterventions also likely to K.

meet with failure. Yet these outfits remain active, free to organise and operate. While sectarian death squads that were Sattar's tenure as mayor, very active up till a decade ago may have been the Karachi Beautification neutralised by the state, their political and ideologi-Committee, comprising cal supporters remain free to preach their toxic municipal managers, civil views. society members and ar-

Hence the establishment's wish to deradicalise chitects, was created. One the nation will remain unfulfilled as long as these of its tasks was to conelements are operating at will. Secondly, a catharsis duct design competitions for traffic roundabouts is needed within the establishment. For decades, thematic and general the state encouraged jihadi actors, firstly in Afmonuments were to be ghanistan and then held Kashmir. crafted for an artistic en-

Changed geopolitical realities, and the fact that many of these groups went rogue and brought their dozens of structures were battle to Pakistan, forced a U-turn, first during the built, but with the excep-Musharraf era, and then again after the APS Peshawar atrocity. Therefore, the establishment lah Wali Chowrangi at the needs to acknowledge that mistakes were made when it supported jihadi actors, and learn from its errors

Yet beyond the kinetic, legal and administrawrapped in concrete and tive actions against extremism, the underlying fac-tors that fuel militancy must also be examined. While steel. A conspicuous flaw was the absence of trees there have been numerous cases of 'educated' miliand foliage. Experts say tants, it is mostly the dispossessed and the disad-Karachi was nicer without vantaged that become cannon fodder for terrorist them. In contrast, the groups. When an uncaring, distant state does simple yet pleasing New nothing for their welfare, many feel that religious M.A. Jinnah Road roundmilitancy is the only solution. Therefore, were about is worth emulating; the state to ensure rights, education, jobs and above all respect to deprived segments, it could go a long way in quelling militancy.

## **Decorating Karachi**

landscaping.

Another attempt was made during Niamatullah Khan's term. Many municipal agencies were merged to form the now defunct City District Government Karachi. Parks and playgrounds in various localities were among CDGK's feats: some 300 parks were renovated, 24

model parks were developed in different neighbourhoods, including Gulshan-i-Iqbal, North Nazimabad, F.B. Area, Metroville-I and Nazimabad, and older large-scale parks, such as the Safari Park and Zoological Gardens, were restored considerably.

Positive land-use conversion of the old Sabzi Mandi into a park with executive assistance from military authorities was a step in the right direction. I.I. Chundrigar Road was also revamped oper by a committee led by the State Bank governor, but the move made little impact due to limited support from powerful stakeholders for this crucial artery.

More recently, in July 2023, a face-lift of Sharea Faisal was announced; with a hefty budget of Rs195.71m, the project aims to improve facilities for pedestrians, landscaping and installation of artistic works along the Metropole Hotel-Jinnah terminal corridor. A wall is being constructed at Moria Khan Goth and another Gaza-like façade is under consideration. Perhaps, the wall's purpose is to 'hide' the mundane and provide a pleasing impression to those enter- ment is proof of essening Karachi from the airport

i-Quaideen intersection, most were eyesores Meanwhile, locals are struggling to convey to city authorities that the wall will ruin business and retail activities as it will sever the visual connection between shops and customers. One hopes that good ers in the proposed sense prevails and a treelined with appropriately clad metallic fence is inspaced palm trees it's a stalled at this junction. ments can be shored up. precious piece of urban Also, numerous over- -- Courtesy Dawn

**Commerce** News

head pedestrian bridges are in a shambles and the absence of railings and balustrades makes them perilous for users. Concerned agencies must repair them before an accident occurs.

> Another variety of bizarre structures built in the name of beautification are the mighty gate complexes found at the entrances of gated com-WhatsApp, Muslim and munities, defence estab-Arab countries have taken lishments, universities a serious stance against and educational institu-Israel. In that little chamtions. Cheap copies of ber — isolated from fact, existing monuments in reason and logic — the distorted proportions emir of Qatar has threatabound; for instance, ened to cut off global LNG Bab-i-Khyber is possible supplies if the West keeps in Karachi instead of KP. supporting Israel the way A dubious real estate deit always has and likely always will.

Zarrar Khuhro

world

More recently, Turk-

ish President Erdogan

sent a medical task force,

accompanied by a special

forces unit and dared the

Israelis to shoot at them.

actually happened, or is

In the real world, Saudi

Arabia is annoved the

screams from Gaza are in-

terfering with its ongoing

the UAE — which spear-

headed normalisation

with Israel — is pretend-

ing nothing is happening.

ter, reportedly isn't happy

action on its own, and as

far as Jordan and Egypt

go, the less said the bet-

ter. That leaves Turkey

which, despite Erdogan's

rhetoric, hasn't yet taken

anything that even re-

motely resembles con-

Instead, we see that

crete action

Iran, for all its blus-

Nothing of this sort

of

the

velopment along the M-9 Motorway is mar-ked by a giant gated complex created to display the financial strength and political clout of the devel

If our chief minister cares for Karachi, he likely to happen outside the world of WhatsApp. should expedite the process of preparing the Greater Karachi Region Plan 2047. The process began during the previous government but is facing snags. It must be coming out party, while an appropriate plan that can tackle the aesthetic challenges and offer a range of solutions, incorporate the feedback of beneficiaries and affectees of all developwith Hamas taking such ment works, and be a binding statute.

An empowered and independent urban planning agency should be established to implement it as the present situation of Karachi's managetial prerequisites being a

long way away. These states further physically challenges are not insurremoved from the theatre mountable with the inof murder have shown duction of competent greater moral fibre: Belplanners, architects, engium openly condemned gineers, demographers, Israel's collective punishsociologists, cartograment of the Palestinians, phers, IT specialists. while also expressing supfield surveyors and othport for the International Criminal Court's role and agency. The capacity to its ongoing investigation take on these assigninto the Palestine crisis.

#### Norway's parliament has called on its govern-

## **South remembers**

ment to be ready to recognise a Palestinian state, and Spain's Ione Belarra, minister for social leftist Podemos party, has not only called for an end to the genocide but also for Spain to end all diplomatic ties with Israel. But the strongest re-

heels of empire, an experirights and leader of the ence that is personal for many of these leaders who have seen the US attempt to depose them and destabilise their countries - ushering in murderous

sponse so far has come from Latin and South American states: Bolivia has cut ties with Israel while Chile, Colombia and Honduras have withdrawn diplomats from Tel Aviv. Brazil's left-wing President Lula has said that Israel is "killing innothese cent people without any un---derstand the Palestincriteria"

Even Argentina, which hosts the largest Jewish community in South America, called Israel's attack a "violation of international humanitarian law". Meanwhile, US President Joe Biden carries on quoting 'evidence', that has long since been debunked, in support of Israel's barba-

rous actions. What explains the support for the Palestinian cause in so many Latin and South American countries? The Palestinian diaspora has played a part, given that some 700,000 people of Palestinian descent live in that continent — the progeny of those expelled by Israel – with the largest contingent in Chile.

This diaspora has been politically active, has deep cultural roots, and has made common cause with indigenous groups and left-leaning political groups. The links go beyond South America. In fact, one South American activist recalls that during his exile in Germany, it was a Palestinian who taught him the German word for 'refugee' Another reason is that

the Cold War and its legacy conditioned leftist leaders in the region to support the Israel than the Nazis. The Palestinian cause; Fidel world may have willingly Castro was the first Latin forgotten, but the South American leader to snap ties with Israel

Then there is the shared experience of being ground under the boot right-wing regimes — in

order to serve its imperial interests So, you may say that on one level at least it is a shared history and experience that draws them closer. Hav-ing suffered colonialism and West-backed dictatorships, the people of

ian struggle. Ideology plays a part too. In Colom-bia's case, it has been prioritised over strategic interests. By condemning Israel, Colom-bia has jeopardised its militarv deals with Tel Aviv, which suspended arms sales to Colombia.

countries

However, before the pink tide' swept these states, the right-wing governments that had taken power had tilted towards Îsrael. Jair Bolsonaro was a prominent supporter of Israel, which has always been a close friend of regressive forces in South America

Colombia's militaryoften accused of murder ---was well armed and trained by Israel, and when in Venezuela Juan Guaidó attempted to take power in a US-backed coup, Israel was one of the few countries that recognised him as a legitimate ruler. As usual, Israel is not shy to make alliances with even the most anti-Semitic of countries, such as Alfredo Stroessner's Paraguay. A sympathiser, Nazi Stroessner made Paraguay a haven for Nazi war criminals and despite this, was courted by Israel for the simple reason that the left, with its emphasis on decolonisation and rights - was a greater threat to

remembers. -- Courtesy Dawn

## **ML-I project consistently** remains on top of govt's priorities: Shahid Tarar

Pakistan, China vow to successful implementation of ML-1 project

Minister

Communications, Maritime Affairs and Railways Shahid Ashraf bilateral cooperation in the Tarar on Monday realms of transport and reiterated that the Main communication, with a Line-I (ML-I) project has particular emphasis on consistently been on top of government's I project. priorities.

In a meeting with nese Ambassador to constructive dialogue on Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan Jiang Zaidong, the minister reiterated the current political will to translate these priorities into tangible on-ground developments.

We are determined to expedite the and participation in the implementation of ML-I ML-I project, the minister and with the political will commended in place, we are poised to collaborative

ISLAMABAD (APP): transform plans into between the two countries. Jiang Zaidong highlighted the project's for action.' The discussions focused on enhancing

foundation on mutual understanding underscored its integral role in fostering cooperation and development. advancing the crucial ML-'We are

Zaidong

and

fully

committed to working with During the meeting, the Pakistani side, and our joint efforts aim to accelerate the realization of the ML-I project," he various topics of mutual interest, affirming the added. The meeting longstanding friendship concluded with both between Pakistan and parties reaffirming their dedication to the successful implementation of the

LCCI President

appointed as

board member

of Punjab

**Council of Arts** 

LAHORE (APP): Lahore

Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI) President

Kashif Anwar has been

appointed as member

Board of Governors of

Punjab Council of Arts and an official notification has

been issued in this regard.

Director General of

companies

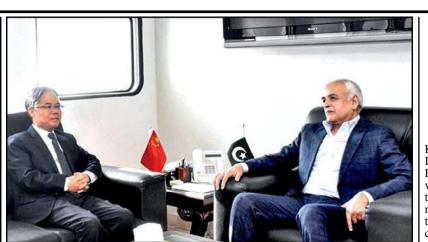
conducted

Jail locations.

The project, set to be

completed within 27

Expressing admiration for the Chinese expertise ML-I project, a symbol of the enduring friendship and strategic partnership between Pakistan and China. the efforts



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Communications, Railways & Maritime Affairs Mr. Shahid Ashraf Tarar hosting a meeting with Chinese Ambassador Mr. Jiang Zaidong at the Ministry.

## Pakistan exports textile products worth \$5.565 bln in 4 months

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Pakistan exported textile commodities products worth \$5,565.079 million during the first four months of the current financial year (2023-24), the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) reported.

The exports of the product witnessed a decline of 6.33

million to \$0.518 million, textile tents, canvas and Tarpulin that by 1.09 percent, from \$37.355 million to \$37.763 million and towels, the exports of which grew by 6.67 percent, from \$316.860 million to \$337.987 million.

The textile commodities that witnessed negative growth include cotton cloth, the exports of which declined by 13.94 percent, from \$750.115 million to \$645.535 million.

#### No change in local gold price, international rate declines by \$2 ISLAMABAD (APP):

The per tola price of 24 karat gold witnessed no change in prices on Monday and was sold at Rs.215,100.

The price of 10 grams of 24-karat gold and 10 grams of 22-karat gold remained stagnant at Rs.184,414 and Rs.169,046 respectively, the All Sindh Sarafa Jewellers Association reported. The price of per

tola and ten-gram Silver also witnessed no change and was sold at Rs.2,550 and 2,186.21 respectively.

## International trade data **FPCCI** supports transparency, security & monitoring: Irfan

**Independent Report** KARACHI: Mr. Irfan Iqbal Sheikh, President ICTTM initiative - in particular these have the scope to revolutionize and FPCCI, has said that it is influence both historical & very important to establish real-time trade data to transparency, security and monitoring mechanisms in decode world-wide trading patterns. platform will ensure the global trade. It creates transparency, security, and confidence among trading efficiency in international nations; and, ultimately enhances bilateral, regional trade operations, he added. and multilateral trade. He It is pertinent to note that Pakistan's apex body, FPCCI and ICTTM have was addressing the highprofile session of the International Centre for crossed a significant Trade Transparency & Monitoring (ICTTM) as milestone by signing a

Memorandum understanding (MoU) – Mr. Irfan Iqbal Sheikh and, this partnership pointed out that Pakistan underscores a shared commitment to enhance the needs to adopt Advanced Data Analytics & Modeling transparency and compliance in international for Foreign Trade Data trade, Mr. Sheikh added. (ADAMftd) – which is an

ADAMftd



**RAWALPINDI:** A vendor displaying peanuts to attract the customers at Rawat.

## SCCI, Iranian diplomat agree to further strengthen **Pak-Iran trade ties**

PESHAWAR (APP): Sarhad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI) President Fuad Ishaq and Consul General of Iran in Peshawar, Ali Banafsheh Khah have agreed to start a series of online meetings to bring Pakistan-Iran business community closer to each other and bringing duties/ tariffs structure equal between Pakistan and Iran. On the occasion, Fuad Ishaq emphasized the need to trade in local currency and sign free trade of the Consulate of Iran were agreements with Iran,

Afghanistan and China. Consul General of Iran in Peshawar, Ali Banafsheh Khah held a meeting with President of Sarhad Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Fuad Ishaq here at the Chamber House, said a press release issued on Monday. On this occasion, Commercial Attaché Peshawar Consulate Hossein Maliki, Senior Vice President of the SCCI Sanaullah Khan, Vice President Ijaz Khan Afridi, Secretary General

Sajjad Aziz and the translator present on this occasion.

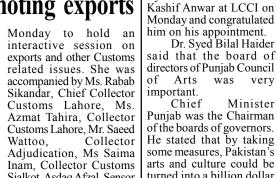
QUETTA: A school-going age boy selling eggs to support its family at a roadside near Koyla Patkha. Zeba Hai assures APTMA

#### Punjab Council of Arts, of removing all irritants of Information and Culture Department Punjab Dr. Syed Bilal Haider met **EFS** for promoting exports

China

LAHORE (APP): Federal Monday to hold an Board of Revenue (FBR) interactive session on Member (Customs) Ms. Zeba Hai Azhar has assured the APTMA of removing all irritants in Export Facilitate Scheme (EFS) and other customs procedures, formalities to facilitate exporters by helping them focus on how to boost exports. She visited APTMA

Lahore office-bearers on



Sialkot, Asdaq Afzal, Sensor Collector Faisalabad

Monday and congratulated him on his appointment. Dr. Syed Bilal Haider said that the board of directors of Punjab Council of Arts was very important. Chief Minister Punjab was the Chairman

of the boards of governors. He stated that by taking some measures, Pakistan's arts and culture could be turned into a billion dollar industry

witnessed positive growth in trade included raw cotton, the exports of which grew by 137.13 percent, from \$9.845 million last year to \$23.346 million this year. Likewise, the exports however of cotton yarn increased by

42.85 percent, from \$285.315 million last year October (2023-24) when to \$407.564 million last year compared to the exports of year, cotton carded or \$5,940.992 million during combed by 142.76 percent, from \$0.213

## July-October (2022-23). **WAPDA** launches project for 300 MW floating solar power generation

secured substantial financial boost from the World Bank (WB), with a funding allocation of \$326 million. WAPDA has taken significant measures aimed at producing 300 in advancing the initiative, megawatts of cost-effective focusing on the utilization of floating solar panels, also electricity through solar

referred to as floating solar panels Detailed briefings on the project's specifics were contracts for the project presented by the General conducted on-site inspections at the Ghazi Manager and Project Director (PD) Tarbela Dam Barotha Dam and Barotha

Expansion Project.

Zahoor Àtiq, along with Waseem Raza, Chief Engineer of the Tarbela

#### TARBELA (APP): The months, Water and Power substantia Development Authority (WAPDA) Monday has embarked on groundbreaking project

panels. A delegation from approximately 21 foreign keenlv interested in securing

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## Punjab Governor says: **Prosperous and sustainable** future depends on modern knowledge and research

Independent Report LAHORE: Governor owners, Punjab Muhammad governme Balighur Rehman today attended the closing ceremony of All Punjab Universities Innovation Expo 2023 organized by the Punjab Higher Education Commission and provincial universities as a special guest at the Expo<sup>°</sup>Center Lahore. Around 450 research projects were exhibited on this occasion.

Chairman Punjab Higher Education Commission Dr Shahid Muneer, Chairman APSUP, Chaudhry Abdul Rahman, Vice Chancellors of Universities, Deans of various departments of the

universities, local industry projects and ideas, adding owners, officials, government policy makers, that this platform will foster new opportunities students and a large number for them. He said that the of people belonging to young population is the different walks of life were demographic dividend of present.

It is said in written

order that Punjab

government is taking steps

regarding working from

home on 2 days in the

week. The word of gym

closure is suspended in the

notification. In the written

order of the court, it is said

that the meteorological

department should take

departmental action against

organizing

exhibition

important

industrial

accordingly.

the country, and we should Addressing the ceremony, Governor Punjab Muhammad capitalise on it. He further said that Pakistani youth are very talented. Balighur Rehman said that Governor Punjab said such an that in 2013-18, the is very funding of research grants

of universities was increased. The laptop for our educational institutions to understand the modern scheme yielded good and results. contemporary needs and to This reduced the digital divide and created Edevelop the talent of their

#### employment opportunities students and guide them for the youth. He said that He said that it is very Pakistani youth have made gratifying that the students a name for themselves in have come up with new gaming apps in the world.

#### Smog in Punjab: A meeting of district voter LHC orders to keep all educational institutions closed till end of January

LAHORE (Online): Lahore High Court (LHC) has ordered to keep all educational institutions closed on Saturday till end of January due to smog. Court has directed to

issue notification to close schools, colleges and universities.

Justice Shahid Karim has issued a written order on the petitions filed for elimination of smog.



HYDERABAD: Residents of Dadu are holding protest demonstration against high handedness of police, at Hyderabad press club.

that provided to police education martyrs to be extended to the families of officers committee held or employees who LARKANA (APP): A sacrificed their lives meeting of the District Voter while serving any Education Committee government department. Kashmore-Kandhkot was held here on Monday, under the chairmanship of comparable aid package District Election Commisto injured government sioner Kashmore employees. Directing the Kandhkot Sattar Sardar, at formation of a committee the election commissioner'

office. The meeting was attended among others by the Members of the district voter's education committee. Addressing the meeting, the District Election Com-

missioner informed the the Cabinet Standing participants about the con-Committee on Finance stitutional duties and reand sponsibilities of the Elecchaired by the chief minister, addressed the tion Commission of Paki stan (ECP) in the forthcom financial assistance ing general election-2024. case for the family of He urged all the mem Excise bers present to make efforts Muhammad to highlight the importance

martyred in the line of of voting in their communiduty, and the injured Inspector Sanaullah At the end of the meeting, the participants appre-Bhatti. ciated the constitutional duties and responsibilities

Prompted by the incident, the CM of the ECP and assured their full cooperation.

**Independent Report** LAHORE: Punjab

Mohsin Naqvi, in

approval for a relief

package equivalent to

emphasized extending a

led by the Additional

Chief Secretary, Mohsin

Naqvi tasked it with

reviewing cases and formulating final recommendations.

The 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of

Development,

Inspector

(OIC) Secretary-General Hissein.

Austin, who traveled

Rafi

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granted

CM

principle,

The



LAHORE: Governor Punjab Muhammad Balighur Rehman addressing the closing ceremony of All Punjab Universities Innovation Expo 2023 organized by the Punjab Higher Education Commission and provincial universities.

## Naqvi approves package for families of martyred employees of all depts

package equivalent to Khan.

LAHORE: Punjab the police martyrs Provincial Ministers Caretaker Chief Minister package for the family of SM Tanveer, Amir Mir, **Provincial Ministers** the late Inspector and Mansoor Qadir, Muhammad Rafi and the along with Chief injured Excise Inspector Secretary, Inspector General of Police, Senior Sanaullah Bhatti. Notably, Inspector Rafi lost his life, and Revenue, Inspector Bhatti Planning Member Board of Revenue, Chairman sustained

severe Development Board, injuries and disabilities secretaries of and due to gunfire by drug relevant departments dealers in Rahim Yar attended the meeting.

## **CM**, Australian High **Commissioner discuss** bilateral cooperation Independent Report

#### LAHORE: In a meeting held at the Chief Minister's Office, Australia's High Commissioner Mr. Neil Hawkins engaged in a productive meeting with Punjab's Caretaker Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi.

The CM extended congratulations to the Australian High Commissioner and the people for Australia's 6th World Cup win. As a gesture, the High Commissioner presented a cricket ball signed by Australian captain Pat Cummins and Mark Taylor to the chief minister, said a handout issued here. During the conversation, the Australian High Commissioner commended Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi as a diligent and active leader, noting his continuous efforts, including visible work on parks and the upgradation of Lahore Zoo, Safari Park and Gardens. Expressing pleasure over Naqvi's commitment, he pledged steps to provide kangaroos to Lahore Zoo and affirmed Australia's readiness to enhance cooperation with Punjab across various fields.

CM Naqvi emphasized the implementation of measures to combat smog, making masks mandatory for ordered an immediate review, approving an aid collaborations with friendly countries.

## **KP CM emphasis** need for development of merged districts

PESHAWAR (APP): Caretaker Chief Minister of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Justice (retd) Arshad Hussain Shah here Monday said that merged districts need special attention to its development and redressal of its deprivations.

important

province, especially of the merged districts related to the federal government, and decided to take up those issues with the caretaker prime minister for redressal. Secretary

Chief Nadeem Aslam Chaudhry, He said that all-out IGP Akhtar Hayat Khan Gandapur, Additional Chief Secretary Planning efforts would be made to steer the province out of this financial crisis. and Development Syed The CM said this Imtiaz Hussain Shah, while presiding over an Additional Chief Secretary

meeting Home Muhammad Abid regarding financial issues of the province held here Majeed, Senior Member Board of Revenue at Chief Minister's House Ikramullah Khan, Secretary on Monday. Finance Aamir Sultan The meeting Tareen and other relevant discussed in detail the officials attended the

financial issues of the meeting.



PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Governor Haji Ghulam Ali administered the oath from Barrister Feroz Jamal Shah Kakakhel as caretaker Provincial Minister at Governor House.

## **CS** Punjab inaugurates e-Procurement System

Independent Report Zaman was attended by key officials and LAHORE: 'The estakeholders, including Procurement System' SMBR Nabeel Javaid, developed by the Punjab Information Technology Board (PITB) in Additional Secretary Ahmed Raza Sarwar, Planning & collaboration with the Federal and Provincial Development Secretary Public Procurement Mazhar Sial, PPRĂ Regulatory Authority (PPRA) Boards, was inaugurated by Chief Secretary Zahid Akhtar Zaman at Arfa Software

on Monday.

The

procurement process.

Punjab MD Wagar Azim, PITB Chairman Faisal Yousaf and DG e-Governance Sajid Latif. Addressing the ceremony, the chief secretary highlighted that Technology Park (ASTP) e-procurement The system has been the system was a significant introduced by the Punjab

Chief

government in departments step toward good to streamline the public governance, ensuring to streamline the public transparency, efficiency, ceremony and time-saving in presided over by Chief government Secretary Zahid Akhtar procurements.

and gunfire were evident.

The team saw a mass

grave at the entrance of the hospital and was told

that more than 80 people

were buried there," said a

WHO report released on

occurred over the previ-

ous two to three days due

to the shutdown of medi-

cal services," it said.

"Lack of infection control

measures and antibiotics

The report expressed

"Patient deaths have

## **China welcomes Arab and Muslim foreign ministers for** talks on ending the war in Gaza

Monitoring Desk BEIJING: China's top diplomat welcomed four Arab foreign ministers and the Indonesian one to Beijing on Monday, saying his country would work with "our brothers and sisters" in the Arab and Islamic world to try to end the war in Gaza as soon as possible.

The ministers from Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Jordan, the Palestinian Authority and Indonesia chose to start a tour of world capitals in Beijing, a testament to both China's growing geopolitical influence and its longstanding support

for the Palestinians. Chinese Foreign Min-

people.

South Korean military officer Kang Hopil speaks

**NATO's Stoltenberg** 

rhetoric in Bosnia

join neighbouring Serbia.

mines the stability and ham-

said, adding that all political

leaders must work to pre-

serve unity, build national in-

stitutions and achieve recon-

ciliation. Nearly three de-

cades after the war that

claimed 100,000 lives, the

deadliest of the wars that fol-

lowed the breakup of Yugo-

slavia in the 1990s

at the Defense Ministry in Seoul, South Korea.

ister Wang Yi told the for-

**Monitoring Desk** 

SARAJEVO: NATO Secre-

Stoltenberg said on Monday

the alliance was concerned

by secessionist rhetoric in

Bosnia, as well as by Rus-

sian influence in the coun-

try, after months of Serb lead-

ers increasingly saying they

1992-1995 war with a fed-

eral structure uniting a Serb-

dominated republic with a

federation of Croats and

Bosniak Muslims. The

leader of Serbian entity,

Milorad Dodik, has increas-

ingly said in recent months

that he aims to secede and

Bosnia emerged from a

want to split away.

General Jens

eign diplomats that their not criticized the initial decision to start in Beijing Hamas attack on Oct.7 shows their high level of which killed about 1,200 trust in his nation. people — while the United 'China is a good

States and others have friend and brother of Arab called it an act of terrorand Islamic countries," ism. However, China does Wang said in opening rehave growing economic ties marks at a state guest house with Israel. before their talks began. The Saudi foreign

ties

'We have always firmly minister, Prince Faisal bin safeguarded the legitimate Farhan Al Saud, called for an immediate cease-fire and rights and interests of Arab (and) Islamic counthe entry of humanitarian aid and relief to the Gaza tries and have always Strip. "There are still dan firmly supported the just cause of the Palestinian

gerous developments China has long backed ahead of us and an urgent the Palestinians and been humanitarian crisis that requick to denounce Israel quires an international over its settlements in the mobilization to deal with and counter it," he said. occupied territories. It has

#### Kremlin notes Argentina

**President-elect** Milei's comments on Russia, but hopes for good ties Monitoring Desk

MOSCOW: The Kremlin said on Monday it had taken note of

Russia from Argentina's Presidentelect Javier Milei who has said he wants to pull back from relations with Moscow, but

concerned by secessionist tain strong ties.

#### Milei, a right-wing libertarian who on Sunday won almost 56% of the vote in the election's second

said he would retreat from ties with countries including Russia, China and Brazil pers reform," Stoltenberg citing disagreement with their govern-

ments' policies. Milei has also expressed support for Ukraine in its conflict with Russia and has said he sees the United States and Israel as Argentina's main partners.

Umerov and was scheduled their backing. to meet with Chief of Staff ond trip to Kyiv, but he's

Gen. Valerii Zaluzhnyi. In Kyiv, Austin said making it under far different circumstances, as the Ukraine's effort to defeat world's attention is drawn Russia's invasion "matters to the Middle East and to the rest of the world" and that U.S. support would continue "for the long haul." Zelenskyy said Austin's visit was "a very

important signal for Ukraine. "We count on your

support," Zelenskyy said, land, met with President thanking Congress as well as the American people for

## Nearly 200 Gaza evacuees to arrive in Turkey

**Monitoring Desk** ANKARA: Nearly 200 evacuees from Gaza are set to arrive in Turkey on Monday, including dozens of patients who will receive medical treatment there, Turkey's health minister and foreign ministry evacuations was now Gazan spokesman said. Health Minister

Fahrettin Koca said 61 pa-tients, accompanied by 49 relatives, had arrived in Ankara on Monday afternoon after being brought out to Egypt on Sunday. Footage showed Koca at the Esenboga airport in Ankara greeting the people who

in storm were taken to hospital on **Monitoring Desk** ANKARA: A Turkish cargo ship and its 12 crew ambulances. "In terms of protecting human dignity, I think the steps we have are missing in a storm off taken provide a contributhe northwest coast of the country, Turkish authorition, though very small,' Koca told reporters at the ties said on Sunday. airport. The priority for The Kafkametler vessel sent out a distress sig-

children, babies, and nal at 10:29am, according wounded civilians, he added. to a subdivision of the min-Koca said last week istry of transport, which that Ankara wanted to bring back as many as possible of nearly 1,000 cancer patients from Gaza - most of whom are former patients of a Turkish-Palestinian hospital that shut down

added that it gave off its last signal off the northwestern city of Eregli. "Our efforts to contact the vessel and its crew have

been unsuccessful " the

General Directorate of due to Israeli attacks. Maritime Affairs said.

## Al Shifa Hospital a 'death zone': WHO

Sunday.

**Monitoring Desk** UNITED NATIONS: A joint UN team, led by the World Health

Organisation (WHO), discovered evident signs of shelling and gunfire at Al Shifa Hospital in Gaza, designating it a "death zone". The hospital, with 24 health workers and 291 patients, including 32 critically ill infants, is no longer operational, resulting in recent patient

has resulted in severely deaths. infected wounds, particu-Due to time limits associated with the security larly in trauma patients,' situation, the team spent it added. only an hour inside the hospital, describing it as a deep concern, urging im-"death zone", and the situmediate efforts to restore ation as "desperate". functionality to Al Shifa

"Signs of shelling and other hospitals.



U.S. Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin, right, speaks to employees of the U.S. embassy in Kyiv.

#### Seoul warns North Korea not to launch spy satellite and hints 2018 military deal could be suspended Monitoring Desk with necessary measures to

protect the lives and safety SEOUL: South Korea's military warned North Korea not to go ahead with its planned spy satellite launch, suggesting Monday that Seoul could suspend an inter-Korean agreement to reduce tensions and resume

televised statement. South Korean Defense Minister Shin Wonsik said in an interview with public broadcaster KBS on Sunday the launch was expected later this month and that South Korean and U.S. authorities were monitoring

North Korea's moves. The U.N. Security Council bans any satellite cause North Korea is receivlaunches by North Korea because it views them as a tance and that a launch could disguised test of its missile 'Our military will come up technology

of the people, if North Korea pushes ahead with a military spy satellite launch despite our warning," a senior South Korean military officer, Kang Hopil, said in a

front-line aerial surveillance in response. North Korea failed in its first two attempts to put a military spy satellite into orbit earlier this year and didn't follow through with a vow to make a third attempt in October. South Korean officials said the delay was likely be-

ing Russian technology assis-

happen in coming days.



signs of fatigue set in with the almost 21-month Russia-Ukraine war. Austin's first visit occurred in April 2022, just two months after the start

of the war. At the time, Ukraine was riding a wave of global rage at Moscow's invasion.

Turkish ship,

12 crew missing

This is Austin's sec-



## **US Defense Secretary Austin meets** with Zelenskyy in Kyiv to show steadfast support for Ukraine

**Monitoring Desk** KYIV: U.S. Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin made an unannounced visit to Kyiv on Monday in a high-profile push to keep money

and weapons flowing to Ukraine even as U.S. and international resources are stretched by the new glo-

bal risks raised by the Israel-Hamas conflict. statements about to Kyiv by train from Po-

Volodymyr Zelenskyy, Defense Minister Rustem

## still hoped the two countries could main-

We are concerned by secessionist and divisive rhetoric as well as .. foreign

interference including Rusround, has previously sia," Stoltenberg told reporters in Sarajevo, his first stop during a tour of the Western Balkans region. "This under-

## Daily **Independent**, Gwadar

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ISLAMABAD: President Dr. Arif Alvi in a group photo with a delegation of children representing four provinces, as well as, Gilgit-Baltistan and Azad Jammu and Kashmir nominated by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) at Aiwan-e-Sadr.

## **Rs 40 billion recovered** in six-week of anti-power theft campaign: Minister

ISLAMABAD (APP): riod. Caretaker Minister for Power and Petroleum, Muhammad Ali on Monday said the recovery of approximately Rs 40 billion had been actualized over the past six weeks during the current campaign against power theft.

Responding to a motion under 218 in Senate regarding the rise in the electricity and gas tariffs, he said that around Rs 40 billion had been recovered during the last one and half month directly or indirectly. The motion was initiated by JI Senator Mushtaq Ahmed.

The minister acknowledged the reduction in line losses and a higher recovery ratio during this pe-

costs

QUETTA: Inspector General Police Balochistan

Abdul Khaliq Sheikh meeting with Governor

Senate terms quality

education as fundamental

right of every child

to education.

through

launching comprehensive

awareness campaigns to in-

form both urban and rural

communities about the sig-

nificance of education

Balochistan Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar.

average price was Rs. 42 per Affirming higher elecunit and Rs. 14-15 per unit tricity rates than neighborfor the protected category. Addressing cumulative losses in SNGPL and ing countries, he attributed this to past contracts, line losses, and unpaid bills. SSGC, amounting to Rs Despite these challenges, he 2,100 billion with an annual emphasized the effectiveincrease of Rs. 400 billion, ness of the aggressive antithe minister explained reapower theft campaign in sons for the gas price admitigating losses. justments to eventually

The minister also discurb these losses. cussed the lack of invest-Despite gas price in ment in electricity districreases, the protected cat egory had been charged bution and transmission, less, benefiting 57 percent and the country's total transmission capacity of of consumers, he said. 26,000 MW, and the quar-He acknowledged the terly adjustments of elecchallenges faced by the ru-

tricity prices based on fuel ral population in purchasing LPG at a higher price He refuted claims of than LNG and other gases charging Rs. 90 per unit for and stressed the need to electricity, stating that the

#### provide relief to villagers. CJP writes letter to president

**HEC**, ministry of education SLAMABAD (Online) Chief Justice of Pakistar (CJP) Qazi Faez Isa has written a letter to president HEC and federal education ministry demanding investigation into administration

of International Islamic University (IIU). The CJP expressed grave concern over appoint-ment of vice president Nabi Bakhsh Jamani.

A copy of the letter has been sent to Chief Justice Shariat Court and IIU

administration.

## **UNICEF** nominated children's delegation meets Arif Alvi dren with skills will help

ISLAMABAD (Online): A delegation of Children nomithem get employment. Chilnated by UNICEF met with dren asked President various questions about climate President Arif Alvi in regard change, girl education, speof International Children's cial children and other chal-

In the meeting, the del-egation also shed light on lenges they face. Children told President about their various problems and chalexperiences in the meeting. lenges faced by children. Children emphasized President Dr. Arif Alvi the need for measures to

Dav

lar schools

said that Pakistan is deterprovide a productive envimined to take steps for the ronment to grow and flour rights and welfare of chilish in life. Later, children also atdren. Steps are being taken to equip children with edutended a hearing conducted by President in a case recation, skills and training. lated to banking sector. There is need to provide comprehensive education The children's delega-

to special children in regution was representing children from all four prov-President further said inces, Gilgit-Baltistan and that equipping special chil- Azad Jammu and Kashmir.

#### Justice (R) Hameed Baloch elected as Chairman BHC **Independent Report** Wahid Baloch, Muhammad

Hasan Kasi, Muhammad Nasim Lehri, Muhammad QUETTA: The former Judge of Balochistan High Court, Mr. Justice (Retd) Jalal Khan Mandokhail, Abdul Hameed Baloch was unanimously elected as the Chairman Balochistan Healthcare Commission here on Monday.

The election was con-Section Officer, Admin, Zahoor Khan participated in ducted in the first meeting of Balochistan Healthcare the meeting. It was mentioned in the meeting that the Commission here.

Healthcare Commission has The Secretary Health, been formed for the first time Abdullah Khan, and memin Balochistan with the basic bers of Commission including Dr. Masood Qadir aim of improving healthcare Nosherwani, Dr. Farooq services, accountability in Azam Khan, Dr. Abdul the health sector.

**QUETTA: Caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan** 

Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki presenting shield to

Govt determined to

provide best facilities to

Hajj pilgrims: Aneeeq

KARACHI (APP): Care- amount would be trans-

the minister informed.

facilitation of pilgrims.

made this year was provi-

Mina area to Pakistani

Hujaj while they would

also be provided commut-

ing facility through dedi-

The 'Road

US Consul General Karachi.

taker Federal Minister for

Religious Affairs and Inter-

faith Harmony, Aneeq

Ahmed, Monday said that

government was determined

to provide the best facili-

ties to Hajj pilgrims as fa-

cilitating citizens in per-

forming religious rituals and

worship was among the re-

sponsibilities of the state.

inaugural ceremony of

Bankers Training regarding

Hajj portal for Hajj 2024

here, said that for the first

time in the country not only

a significant decrease had

been witnessed in Hajj ex-

penses but the ministry

was striving to ensure maxi-

mum facilities to pilgrims

throughout their entire pil-

penses had declined to

Rs10,75000 this year from

Rs 1175000 of the previ-

ous year while negotiations

He said that Hajj ex-

He was addressing to

## **President for constructive role** to improve children lives in Pak

ISLAMABAD (APP): President Dr Arif Alvi on Monday called upon the relevant Government organizations, civil society, human rights groups, media, UN agencies, community, parents, teachers, Ulema and children themselves to come together and play their constructive role in the national effort to improve the lives of children in Pakistan. Children in Pakistan

are vulnerable to several challenges like stunting, malnutrition and lack of access to quality education and health facilities," the president said in a message on the occasion of Universal Children's Day.

Besides, he said chilstan also ratified Optional dren were facing various Protocols to the UNCRC protection challenges like on the sale of children, child child trafficking, child marprostitution and pornograriage, child labour, corporal phy and the involvement of children in armed conflict. punishment, child abuse, children in conflict with the As a signatory to the UNCRC, Pakistan remains law, and harmful traditional practices. Today, Universal at the forefront to advocate, Children's Day is being celprotect and promote child ebrated under the theme rights. President Alvi said "For every child, every children were the most preright" to reaffirm our comcious resource of any namitment to safeguard the tion and the sole guarantee rights and well-being of chilfor its future. Pakistan is dren. Pakistan is a signatory fully alive to its responsito seven core international bilities towards its children Human Rights Convenand is making all efforts to tions, including the United ensure children's inclusive Nations Convention on the development, birth registra-Rights of the Child tion, education, health care, (UNCRC). Besides, Pakiparticipation, dignity and

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security as envisaged in our Constitution and UNCRC.

He said Pakistan had promulgated a number of legislations including the ICT Child Protection Act, 2018, the Juvenile Justice System Act, 2018, the Zainab Alert Response and Recovery Act, 2020 and the insertion of "Child Domestic Labour" in the list of occupations of the Employment of Children's Act, 1991. Similarly, the National Commission on the Rights of Child, ICT Child Protection Institute, Zainab Alert Response and Recovery Agency (ZARRA) and ICT Child Protection Advisory Board have also been established.

ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of UAE to Pakistan Hamad Obaid Ibrahim Salem Al-Zaabi called on Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar.

**Minister Home** condemns firing incident in Nawan Killi

**Independent Report** QUETTA: caretaker Provincial Minister for Home, Captain (Retd) Mir Muhammad Zubair Jamali has strongly condemned the incident of firing that claimed life of a police jawan in Nawan Killi area of Quetta on Monday mornon strengthening cooperation in energy, trade and in-

statement issued here, the Minister Home expressed sorrow and sympathy with Agha Faisal, Justice (Retd) the bereaved family over Abdul Hameed Baloch the martyrdom of police Chief Planning Officer, Abdul Rasool Zehri, Plancop in the firing incident. He said that our police and other forces are renning Officer, Dr. Shako and dering sacrifice of their lives

> property of the masse. He prayed that may Allah Almighty rest the departed soul into Its eternal peace and and give enough strength and patience to the bereaved family to bear the

**PTA reaffirms** 

ISLAMABAD (APP): He said that Pakistan was one of the leading coun-Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on tries in climate change negotiations and the UAE was Monday expressed satisfaction at the robust and hopeful that Pakistan wide-ranging engagement between Pakistan and the

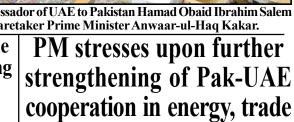
would play its part in ensuring the success of COP-28. The caretaker prime minister congratulated the UAE for hosting the important global climate change conference and assured of Pakistan's active participa-

tion in the event. Progress on bilateral cooperation was also discussed.

During discussion on the situation in Gaza. Prime Minister Kakar urged the Muslim countries to speak with a united voice to urge the international

community to end the violence and brutal murder of innocent civilians in Gaza at the hands of Israeli occu-28 meeting in Abu Dhabi. pation forces.

In a condemnation vestment. The prime minister was talking to Ambassador of UAE to Pakistan Hamad Obaid Ibrahim Salem Al-Zaabi, who called on him at the Prime Minister's House, the PM Office Media Wing said in a press release. for protection of life and The Emirati ambassador presented a formal invitation to the caretaker prime minister for attending the forthcoming COP-



United Arab Emirates, and stressed the need to focus

ISLAMABAD (INP): To promote literacy among the children in the country, the Senate on Monday cial focus on girls' educaadopted a unanimous resolution, seeking urgent steps and initiatives by the government

Moved by Senator Sana Jamali, the resolution highlighted the fundamental right of every child to access quality education, emphasizing the need for gender-neutral, geographically inclusive, and socioeconomically equitable educational opportunities.

The resolution asked the government to take effective steps to promote the literacy for children and youth in general and girls in particular across the country, and also strengthen the non-formal education (NFE) system on an urgent basis to deliver the programmes.

It further asked for promoting skills-based and innovative learning models literacy programs

It has been said in CJP's letter IIU has lost its international standing due to maladministration. The tion to facilitate life-long university has lost its Islearning. The lamic norms too due to malresolution administration continuing stressed to take steps in since years. order to promote gender

Irfan Siddiqui says equality in education and eliminate disparities by en-PML-N not suring girls' and women access to quality education, considering besides eliminating any barproposal to revisit riers, impeding their access It further called for

18th Amend. or **NFC** Award ISLAMABAD (Online) Pakistan Muslim League-

Nawaz (PML-N) Monday outreach said it was not contemplatprogrammes, workshops, ing to revisit the 18th and community events in Amendment or the National Finance Commission collaboration with the stakeholders and partners. (NFC) Award. The resolution pleaded for prioritize and We neither received any proposal nor held any

substantially increasing the deliberations to revisit the funding for education and 18th Amendment or NFC Award," said Senator Irfan Siddiuqi who heads the party's manifesto committee

**IHC extends** its order for staying trial proceeding against Imran ISLAMABAD (Online) Islamabad High Court (IHC) has extended its or-

der for staying proceedings of trial in cipher case against chairman PTI for 24 hours. The hearing will com-mence again at 11 a.m to-

day on Monday. The court has sought

were underway with airreport about security con-cerns facing chairman PTI lines for reduction in airfare. Intra court appeal by chair-

In case of cut down in cated fleet of state of the man PTI against his jail trial air ticket the corresponding art buses

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QUETTA: DG Health Muhmmad Noor Qazi briefed Provincial Ombudsman Balochistan Nazar Muhammad Baloch Advocate regarding non-functional Shaheed Benazir Hospital Ghausabad Quetta.

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commitment to ensure safety, security of children in digital realm

ISLAMABAD (APP): On the occasion of World Children's Day, the Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) has restated its unwavering commitment to ensuring the safety and security of children in the digital realm.

Acknowledging the digital impact on children, the authority is dedicated to ensuring a safer internet that meets their educational needs and promotes positive online interactions, said news issued here on Monferred into accounts of day.

Hujaj-e-Karam, he added. The PTA has collabo-Another innovative rated with Meta, TikTok, facilities being introduced the United Nations this year was launch of an Children's Fund App for Hujaj that would (UNICEF), and other provide updates to pilgrims prominent organizations to from filing of the Hajj appursue the cause of proplication to their return moting a safer online envifrom the Hijaz-e-Muqadas, ronment for the youth. Through these part-

nerships and collaborative Makkah' program, a facilefforts, the regulator is ity being offered by Saudi striving to create a digital government to Hujaj, was space where children can earlier limited to Islamabad learn, play, and connect only but this year it will be without compromising extended to Karachi airport their personal and digital as well, Aneeq Ahmed said adding that MORA was security.

#### striving to expand the facil-**Four private** ity to other major airports member bills of the country for better introduced The minster said that another positive progress

in Senate ISLAMABAD (APP): sion of tent space in Old Private member bills including the State-Owned Enterprises (Governance and Operations) (Amendment) Bill, 2023, the Criminal Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2023, the Smart Institute of Sciences and Technology (Amendment) Bill, 2023 and the Right of Access to Information (Amendment) Bill, 2023, were formally introduced in Senate on Monday. The bills were introduced by Senators Bahramand Khan Tangi, Fawzia Arshad, Dilawar Khan and Dr Zarqa Suharwardy Taimur respec-

tively, in the Upper House. ing and it was agreed to fur-Senate Chairman Senate Muhammd Sadiq the field of security. Sanjrani referred all the bills to the standing committees concerned for detailed deliberation after no objection by the government

on Monday.

## to work together to improve Quetta Independent Report

**Commissioner says:** 

All stakeholders ought

held to review the issues of QUETTA: The Commis-Quetta here on Monday. sioner Quetta Division,

The matters about Hamza beautification of Quetta city Shafqaat has emphasized and ridding it of the traffic that all institutions and problems were also discussed. Deputy Commisstakeholders would have to sioner Quetta, Lt (Retd) work together to bring im-Saad bin Asad, Administraprovement in Quetta city. tor Quetta Metropolitan In this regard, implementation would be made Corporation, Abdul Jabbar Baloch and other concerned on recommendations after

consultation, adding he high ups were also present in the meeting. The Commissioner The Commissioner

vowed to develop Quetta Quetta said that the most as beautiful city making it important issue being confronted in Quetta city is of The Commissioner traffic, as a result the people

was addressing the meeting are facing mental agony

Muhammad

stressed.

free of the issues.



**QUETTA: Members of Balochistan Union of** Journalists (BUJ) are holding protest demonstration against killing of Senior Journalist Jan Muhammad Mahar and demanding to arrest his murderers, at Quetta press club.

## **Global Security:** Pakistan ready to extend all sorts of int'l **cooperation: Bugti** ISLAMABAD (INP): tire world. He said the re-

Caretaker Interior Miniscent visit of Prime Minister Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti ter Anwar-ul-Haq Kakar to has said that Pakistan was China will further strengthen cooperation in ready to extend all sorts various fields including seof international cooperation for boosting global security

curity. This was stated by He expressed the confidence that next target was to implement the agreehim while speaking to Chiments made during the nese Ambassador to Pakistan, Jiang Zaidong, who called on him in Islamabad Prime Minister's visit. He also commended the Chinese President Xi Jinping's global security initiative.

The two sides discussed matters of mutual Sarfraz Bugti said that interest including bilateral all possible measures have been taken to ensure the security of Chinese citizens relations during the meetther enhance cooperation in in Pakistan

He said terrorism was a challenge; we have de-feated it in the past, and Sarfraz Bugti said the decades-long friendship between Pakistan and China will eradicate it completely was an example for the enin future as well

QUETTA: The Provincial Ombudsman, Nazar Baloch has noted with concern that the Shaheed Benazir Hospital constructed four years ago couldn't be made operational yet. others He directed the Direc-

tor General Health, Dr Muhammad Noor Qazi and other concerned high ups to make bound to the concerned department and contractor to complete the remaining construction and repair work and submit the report to the provincial ombudsman secretariat.

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The Provincial Ombudsman was speaking to the concerned authorities during his visit to the nonfunctional Shaheed Benazir

Director Ombudsman Saeed Ahmed Shahwani,

The Ombudsman pointed out that the provincial government had got constructed the Hospital after spending huge amount for providing free medical treatment facilities to the people, however, it's still non-functional.

man visited different parts of the Hospital and sought details of furniture, medical equipment and other goods required for the hospital

**QUETTA: Caretaker Information Minister Jan** Achakzai meeting with caretaker Provincial Health Minister Dr. Amir Muhammad Jogezai.

Provincial Ombudsman notes with concern: SBH Ghousabad couldn't be made functional even after

## 4 years of construction

Hospital Ghousabad on Monday.

Deputy Director Syed Abdul Hafeez, Protocol Officer, Aftab Ahmed and

# Later, the Ombuds-

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