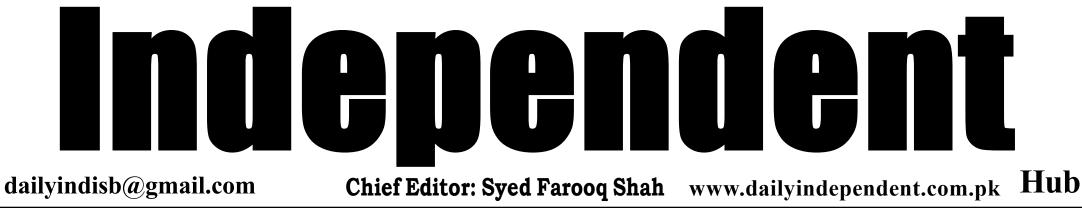


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## At ECO Summit 2023: PM calls for holding Israel accountable on its persistent fatal bombardment in Gaza

Says killers of Gaza children following Pharaoh's path; Urges all ECO member states to immediately rally behind Palestinians; Issue must be addressed via UNSC and OIC resolutions

taker Prime Minister geting the hospitals by Is-Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Thursday strongly denounced the Israeli bombardment in Gaza and drew a historical comparison, highlighting similarities between Israel's actions and those of Pharaoh in their tragic impact on children.

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

In his wide-ranging address, he raised the issue of Gaza humanitarian crisis twice and reiterated condemnation of killing of chil-

TASHKENT (APP): Care- dren and women, and tar- act calling for international dian atrocities in the Indian Haq Kakar on Thursday, condemnation. The prime minister raeli forces. "With the elimination

said the situation needed to of children, I recall in the be addressed as per the history when Pharaoh, on resolutions of Organisation the advent of the Moses' of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and United Nations birth killed children. And Security Council (UNSC). now, unfortunately, the people who claim to be the He urged the member followers of Moses, are countries to push for a following the path of Phaceasefire and support the

call for the provision of Caretaker Foreign Minhumanitarian aid, besides ister Jalil Abbas Jilani, Carerallying efforts to hold Istaker Commerce Minister rael to account. He urged the participat-Gohar Ejaz, and Caretaker Communications Minister ing countries and the inter-Shahid Ashraf Tarar accomnational community to rally panied the prime minister behind to have a humani-

in the summit held at the tarian corridor so that the Tashkent Convention Cenunfortunate and defenceless beople of Palestine could He told the ECO leadbe helped out. Prime Minister Kakar

ers that the incessant and lethal Israeli bombardment also apprised the regional on Gaza was a deplorable leaders of the unabated In-

Illegally Occupied Jammu & Kashmir, and emphasised the ECO countries to support Kashmiris in achieving their right of self-determination

He also touched upon the issues of intolerance, violence and xenophobia, and called upon the ECO members and international community to work for building legal deterrence commitments but impleagainst Islamophobia while maintaining mutual respect, and harmony and co-existence. The prime minister is on a two-day visit of Uzbekistan mainly to attend the summit, besides engaging with the leaders of different countries to discuss mutual coopera-

Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-

reiterating Pakistan's com-mitment to the ECO Vision 2025, called for collective efforts and accelerated reforms to achieve the Organisation's objectives and region's trade potential for bringing "colossal" economic and peace dividends. "Let us make ECO an organisation, not just of

words, but actions, not just mentation. It is crucial for us to work collectively and diligently to realise the goals and objectives of the Organisation... Our region, if well connected, can bring colossal economic and peace dividends for our people," the prime minister said addressing the 16th Summit of the Economic

Meanwhile Caretaker Cooperation Organisation me Minister Anwaar-ul- (ECO).

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

TASHKENT (APP): Care- (AZAL) to Pakistan, termtaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar held a meeting with President of Azerbaijan, Ilham Aliyev, on Thursday, wherein they discussed bilateral cooperation and regional issues, including the humanitarian

situation in Gaza and Indian atrocities in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu & Kash-The meeting took place

on the sidelines of the 16th Summit of the Economic Cooperation Organization being held here.

The two leaders reviewed the progress in bi-

Prime Minister Kakar

lateral relations, especially

in the domains of trade, de-

welcomed the announce-

ment of direct flight opera-

tions by Azerbaijan Airline

fense, and energy.

including Islamophobia and climate change, and the critical role of ECO to promote regional cooperation and collective prosperity.

The global and regional developments, including the dire humanitarian situation in Gaza and persis-

Prime Minister Kakar

reaffirmed Pakistan's unwa-

vering support for the sov-

ereignty and territorial in-

tegrity of Azerbaijan, espe-

cially with respect to

Karabagh.

Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar meets the President of the

Republic of Azerbaijan Mr. Ilham Aliyev on the side-

Shamshad Akhtar says

No chance of Pakistan

seeking extension of

IMF's standby agreement

sides, which have been in as well as behind closed progress since November 2, doors.

**Zhob-Dhanasar section of** 

will finish on November 15.

perts have said that the gov-

ernment may heave a sigh of relief if the interest rate

comes down, especially in

the USA, and petroleum

prices also drop in the glo-bal market. Otherwise,

they have said, foreign fi-

nancing could become a big

ister and the IMF's Mis-

sion Chief Nathan Porter

held talks this week, both

along with their delegations

Caretaker finance min

threat for Pakistan.

On the other hand, ex-

lines of 16th Summit of ECO.

ISLAMABAD (INP):

Caretaker Finance Minister

Dr Shamshad Akhtar on

Thursday categorically re-

futed reports of Pakistan requesting the Interna-

tional Monetary Fund

(IMF) to either extend

the timeframe of the

standby agreement it had

reached with it from March

to June 2024 or increase its

Talking to a private Tv

channel, she said that staff-

level talks between the two

volume from \$3 billion to

either \$3.5.

IIOJK, were also discussed.

added.



giving harsh statements. ghans 'Pakistan knows how to crush all kinds of terrorism.'

Afghanistan

TASHKENT: The Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar addresses

We have not taken responsibility of illegal residents

Govt. to send back registered

refugees after deporting illegal

migrants: Jan Achakzai

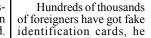
Quoting caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar, Achakzai said The minister said that that the stats from the last Pakistan's relations with two years — since the inhave terim Taliban government nosedived recently, but at took over Afghanistan the same time he noted that suggest a 500% rise in suithe deterioration in the re- cide bombings in Pakistan lationship came as the naand a 60% rise in all over



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

registered refugees as well,' Achakzai said while addressing a press conference in Karachi. The minister said that

the foreigners living in Pakistan should have the authentic documents. tent Indian atrocities in



"We have not taken the

responsibility of the illegal residents. The crackdown

on the illegal migrants will continue," Achakzai said,

while warning the govern-ment in Afghanistan against

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



the 16th ECO Summit.

### Need to create sense of ownership among youngsters: Jamal Shah

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

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

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

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

He further said that there should be respect of era form.

diversity adding that indig-enous culture narrative had ISLAMABAD (INP): Caretaker Federal Minister such mechanisms of conflict for Information and Broadresolutions which could casting Murtaza Solangi on help us in sorting out many problems.

Pakistan's position on Pal-Jamal Shah said that estine was "consistent and crystal clear". Iqbal was well aware of this land and its people. He said The minister wrote this unfortunately on the social media plat-

Pakistan's position

on Palestine

'consistent & crystal

clear': Solangi

Thursday said that

country's youth was not form sharing a video clip of empowered in a proper Prime Minister Anwaarway adding that there was ul-Haq Kakar's address a need to create sense of at the Economic Cooperaownership among young-sters and Iqbal had always tion Organization Summit in Tashkent in which he seen youngsters as future strongly denounced the Israeli bombardment of Change was possible if

Gaza we make our youngsters well informed decision PM Kakar drew a historical comparison, highmakers, he added. lighting similarity betweer

He said that develop-Israel's barbaric bombardment revolution could come ment of Gaza Strip and in country if transparency, Pharaoh's brutalities with geneuine representation children becoming their and opportunities to youth main casualty. were provided.

**Mohsin Dawar** He said that Saira Peter was an opera singer and briefly held in minister recommended her Quetta; sent to compose Iqbal's 'Shikwa and Jawab e Shikwa' in opto Islamabad **Independent Report** 

#### Jogezai visits Afghan refugee QUETTA: The leader of National Democratic camp in Degree College Pishin

country.

leaders.

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

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

Speaking on the occasion. Dr. Ameer Muhammad Khan Jogezai

had detailed interaction with the refugees present in the camp. He said that ter he arrived at the Quetta the refugees were very airport on Thursday. happy about the 40 years The police sources conhospitality.

firmed the brief custody of The refugees also the NDM's central leader thanked the government of after his arrival in Quetta, Pakistan in this regard. The however, he was sent to refugees present in the camp were also of the views that they would dav. carry the positive and

thanked the federal and provincial governments for making nice arrangements for them at the camp. Chaman.

Islamabad by a private airline's plane the same Mohsin Dawar arrived lovely message to their in the metropolis to participate in a protest dharna being staged against the In the end, they also

forced expulsion of Afghan illegal immigrants in

Highway Dahanasar section of Dera Ismail Khan- Quetta Highway (N- 50) for all kinds

fic

fected due to landslides at Dhansar. General Manager NHA Balochistan North, Agha Inavat said that N-50 Zhob - Dahnasar is now open for all kinds of traf-

N- 50 reopens for traffic after landslides cleared The NHA officers and QUETTA (APP): National Authority staff remained busy re-(NHA) on Thursday re-opened the Zhob- throughout the blockage, said a news release issued

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

QUETTA (Independent

Report/INP): Another patient suffering from C r i m e a n - C o n g o Haemo-rrhagic Fever, who was shifted to Karachi from Quetta, died at a private hospital on Thursday.

As many as 16 patients have been shifted to Karachi from Quetta during the last few days and two of them including Dr Shakrullah had now died. The latest victim was 30-year-old Mirwaiz Khan, a resident of Pishin,

who was also brought to Karachi from Ouetta in an highway with large stones. air ambulance. Two of the tion was picking up the terrorist incidents. dead bodies.

Referring to an intelligence-based operation in arms in Afghanistan's black the Sambaza area of market as a "national secu-Balochistan's Zhob district on October 31, in which six terrorists were killed, he used in the attack on the said all of them were Af- PAF base in Mianwali.

He also mentioned the trading of illegal American rity threat", saying that the same illegal arms were also

### Allama M Iqbal's message still provides guidance for unity of Muslim Ummah: Governor

#### **Independent Report**

QUETTA: The Governo.r Balochistan, Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar has stated that it is a reality that the message of Poet of the East, Allama Muhammad Iqbal still works and provides guidance for the unity of Muslim Ummah. TASHKENT: The Caretaker Prime Minister

This was stated by the Governor in an official his poetry. statement issued here on Thursday

The Governor said that no national movement can

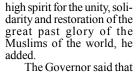
meet success without the the Muslims ummah conscience guidance. through his thoughtful poetry, he maintained.

And the target can only He also worked with be achieved only through conscience guidance and practical struggle, he main-

He said that the occasion reminds us those ideas and ideology which were advocated by Allama Muhammad Iqbal through

tained.

Allama Iqbal had also dedicated his life for the sument and development of world.



the poetry of Allama Iqbal not only awakened the Muslims of sub-continent from fast slumber, but also influenced Muslims living premacy of Islam, better- in other countries of the



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

## Another Congo fever patient breathes his last in Karachi

from the private hospital in

Karachi while 12 remaining

cases of Congo virus have

been reported in the Fatima

Jinnah Institute of Chest

are still under treatment.

remaining Congo fever paroad on Thursday morning tients have been discharged and evening respectively.

The sources said that the cases of Congro virus have increased to 48 during Meanwhile two more this season. In addition to this, 16 persons including 10 doctors, five health workers had been sent to Karachi for treatment.

Diseases and Hospital Quetta on Thursday. Ac-Two of them died durcording to the Fatima Jinnah ing treatment in Karachi Hospital sources, the fresh while even number of Congo cases of Congo have been patients were discharged. reported in the Hospital Currently, 12 Congo patients including doctors and from Quetta. The patients with symptoms of Congo health workers are under virus were brought from treatment at the Agha Khan Jinnah Town and Kasi Hospital Karachi.



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

Movement and former Member National Assembly, Mohsin Javed Dawar was briefly taken into custody by the police soon afPage 02

F.S. Aijazuddin

At the moment,

claims he has 150 cases

Both describe their perse-

victed and sentenced, and

his opponents — he

could still be re-elected as

presidential pardon once

he is in the Oval Office.

the chance.)

- much to the chagrin of

Trump could be con-

cution as 'witch hunts'.

OPINION

### Daily **Independent**



The hitherto moribund political atmosphere has picked up a pulse. With the PML-N and MQM announcing they will be joining hands, the political wheeling and dealing that precedes every election has begun in earnest.

Over the coming weeks, the reconfiguration In the forthcoming 2024 of the political landscape will be a topic for in-US presidential election, tense speculation and debate. It will be interno US voter with any esting to see what new alliances emerge from sense would vote for Joe the current context. Biden. He is a heartbeat

It is amusing to observe the MQM joining away from extinction. hands with a new 'partner' to seek, for the ump-Those who have taken teenth time, a charter to address the problems leave of their senses will of urban Sindh. The party has by now built a vote for Donald Trump. formidable reputation for its ability to manoeu-He is a judge's breath vre to the right side of every new government, away from a jail sentence. but this marriage of convenience is still likely Trump faces 91 criminal to be a hard sell for its constituencies. charges. Imran Khan

It is perhaps due to this realisation that the MQM has denied reports of an 'alliance' with arraigned against him. the PML-N and played it down as a mere 'seat adjustment'. It also seems that the long-foretold parting of ways between the PPP and PML-N is nigh. The parties have had an uneasy relationship since August, and a PML-N-led coalition seeking inroads into the PPP's turf may prove the last straw for Messrs Asif Zardari and Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari.

president. While the former has welcomed the chal-According to one US legal expert: "The conlenge, the PPP is growing increasingly antsy about what it sees as collusion between PMLstitution has very few re-N and the security establishment. To counter quirements to serve as the PML-N, PPP has said it is open to a deal president, such as being with the PTI in Punjab. It is doubtful if such an at least 35 years of age. It arrangement can materialise given how strongly does not bar anyone inthe two parties have been opposed to each dicted, or convicted, or other. But politics, as they say, is the art of the even serving jail time, from running as president and possible, and one cannot rule out surprises as winning the presidency." long as Mr Zardari is in the game. Or granting himself a

It also remains to be seen which way Jahangir Tareen's Istehkam-i-Pakistan Party is going to lean in the days ahead. The IPP has the clout and resources to make a strong showing in south Punjab, and both the PML-N and PPP would want it on their side because of their own weakened positions. Given the direction the MQM has chosen, IPP may soon follow suit. However, till that happens, the province remains wide open - especially if the PTI remains subject to the ongoing state crackdown and is forced to either sit out or fight the upcoming elections with its hands tied.

In KP, the JUI-F has remained close to Jim Jones was always a PML-N, but recent developments seem to sughard man to convince." gest a cooling relationship.

A meeting between the party's chief and could be in jail during his several PTI leaders recently sparked considelection campaign is not erable speculation. Was it a flash in the pan or an insurmountable obthe start of something unexpected? We may stacle to the presidency: not have to wait too long before we find out.

# **Bars and ballots**

hard man to convince. There is a parallel between the forthcoming elections in the US and those in Pakistan. While tions is graven in stone strated in Novem-ber 2020), the date of Pakistan's next elections

ate

has been treated as a bauble, a plaything in the hands of those who should not have trivialised their duty to the elector-

Some might see that the president, the chief election commissioner and the chief justice (CJ) of the Supreme Court all three being paid out of the same national exchequer — have been passing the cushion of responsibility regarding elections since August 2023, when the assemblies were dissolved. The CEC used the intervening time to develop a thesaurus of excuses why elections could not or should not be held within the constitutional time limit.

Finally, after months of unconscionable prevarication, the CEC proposed Feb 11 to the CJ of the Supreme Court. His Lordship advised the CEC to consult the president, whom the CEC in August had refused to meet just for that purpose. After a host did.) stylised performance of belated amity in the Aiwan-i-Sadr, these two decided on yet another date — Feb 8.

(Nixon after Watergate might have done, given The CJ has often advised those appearing be-Trump's tenacity refore him to avoid citing US minds one of the opening judicial precedents. He lines of a short story by might consider allowing Ambrose Bierce, the 19ththis exception — a refercentury American satirist. ence to the US presiden-He began: "The fact that tial election of 1864. The Jim Jones was buried was divided states of America to him not incontrovertible were in the throes of a civil proof that he was dead. war. In November 1864, Abraham Lincoln (then president), had to choose between conducting an The fact that Trump election or postponing it. He decided to go

Trump has always been a free government without Dawn

**Commerce** News

elections; and if the rebellion could force us to forgo, or postpone a national election it might fairly claim to have already the date of the US elec- conquered and ruined us." Lincoln took the risk. (even if their results are He could have lost. Innot, as Trump demon- stead, he won, both the election and in time also the war. Here in Pakistan, we

have been conquered by our own civic feebleness. We have been ruined by our political inertia. We have allowed ourselves to ish Empire "In Palestine we do not propose even to go through the form of con-

foreign secretary Arthur Balfour in 1919, "... And Zionism, be it right or and we will be told who to wrong, good or bad, is ...

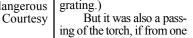
who now inhabit that ancient land.' to Balfour; he'd become prime minister in the aftermath of his generals driving thousands of Boers into concentration camps in South Africa — the barbarism of which would disoverflowed into an overgust his own voters, and long tour by the president be replicated with greater efficiency by Nazi Gerof his White House. (One many. Today, his dour face Pakistani attendee later complained that the graces Israeli postage guests tired before their stamps, while the Balfour

Today finds Imran Khan in a Pakistani jail. Donald Trump, if con-

victed, may soon find himself inside an American one Ironically, it is their

popularity that has unnerved their opponents who wish that someone, anyone, would rid them of these meddlesome populists

On or after Feb 9. 2024, Imran Khan will know whether he will be a free man or not. His captors should be careful. Like others in history, the longer he is coiled captive, the stronahead and hold them, ar-guing: "We cannot have he becomes. -- Courtesy



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# **Eretz Israel**

coloniser to another: amid the empire's dying sighs, a ferocious new ethno-state was murdering its way into existence in 1948. Calling this what it is, however ---a textbook bout of settlercolonialism — is still met fury. with "The decolonisation narrative has dehumanised Israelis,' writes Simon Sebag Montefiore in the Atlantic, "to the extent that otherwise rational people excuse, deny, or support barbarity." As a rational person excusing, denying, or supporting barbarity, Simon downplays how the idea

of Israel could only happen via the screams of the displaced: how children were shot on sight in Lydda (now the bustling Israeli city of Lod), or how entire villages were deof far profounder import populated, like Saliha (now than the desires and prejua kibbutz named Yiron). dices of the 700,000 Arabs "Many families fled their

homes," writes a Gaza journalist, "in part due to their concerns over their women being raped by Zionist forces.

Yet for all of Zion's current apologists -Sunak, von der Leyen, and that vilest of neoliberal hypocrites, Barack Obama - the beauty and integrity of the Jewish spirit is to be found elsewhere. As Israeli filmmaker Hadar Morag said of her grandmother, late of Auschwitz, Declaration is hailed as the whose entire family had start of a 'Jewish homebeen exterminated by the Holocaust, and who was Even back then, Zionallotted a nice beachism fed on antisemitism as house in Jaffa: "She saw fire feeds on oxygen. "The that on the table there antisemites will become were still the plates of the our most dependable Palestinians who had friends," founding father lived there, and who had Theodore Herzl wrote, "the been driven away. She reantisemitic countries our turned to the agency and allies." Because, as both said, 'Take me back to my Zionists and antisemites tent, I'll never do to somebelieved, the Jews were an one else that which has been done to me'." Others felt differently. Over alien race among European nations — the latter's Nazi atrocities cushioning Zionthe next half-century, as ist émigrés in Palestine the Israeli war machine with a layer of white guilt. gobbled up more and more (Herzl's Jewish critics, surland, and the Gulf sheikhprise-surprise, favoured doms shook their fists at just staying put and intethe sky, Tel Aviv was defeated by its own extraor-

genocide in Sabra and Shatila in 1982 — declared the g-word by a resolution of the UN General Assembly, no less — it was Hezbollah that was born in Beirut's ashes.

Hamas, too, was long thought a crew of useful cutthroats (before Oct 7's spree-shooting paragliders shattered that complacency for good): Netanyahu enjoyed affording them room as a spoiler for the peace process. "Those who want to thwart the establishment of a Palestinian state should support the streng-thening of Hamas,' he told his party in 2019. .. This is part of our strategy, to differentiate bet-ween the Pales-tinians Gaza and the in Pal-estinians in Judea and Samaria.'

But by spilling rivers of blood as routinised policy, the logic of Eretz Israel, a greater Israel, fails: a gross fantasy that, by definition, must be pursued by ever worse monsters. As this contributor wrote nearly a decade ago, even a butcher like Sharon considered Netanyahu an aberration: a far-right huckster who would upend the general's carefully laid plans for apartheid. As Sharon put it, "It is impossible to have a Jewish, democratic state and at the same time to control all of Eretz Israel. If we insist on fulfilling the dream in its entirety, we are liable to lose it all. Everything."

That is now happening: at no other time has the idea of Eretz Israel seemed so intellectually bankrupt and plainly murderous — a haze of bombed-out hospitals, dead children, and plans for ethnic cleansing all the way to the sands of the Sinai — backed by the slack-jawed Joe Biden and Lockheed Martin's soaring stocks. With each day that passes without a ceasefire, that idea will continue to seep poison.

Because until Palestine is free, 'never again' is dinary success: when Ariel Sharon enabled now. -- Courtesy Dawn

**Asad Rahim Khan** It started, as does so much colonial mass murder, with a bureaucrat from the Brit-

Freedom came cheap

believe that our 50-year old Constitution is subordinate to the whims of ofsulting the wishes of the ficial functionaries. We can vote only present inhabitants of the country," wrote British when we are allo-wed to. One more step backwards

vote for and in what numbers, and which parties should be melded into a parliamentary majority. The year 2024 has

yet to etch its own history. The year 2019 is already a date in the almanac. On July 22 that year, two men met in the White House president Donald Trump and prime minister Imran Khan. Their formal parleys gushed with unfelt bonhomie which

# Pakistan participates in **CIIE** with largest effort ever: Pak Consul General

BEIJING (APP): As many second largest export and visitors alike, China as 19 Pakistani exhibitors destination, and exploring are participating in the new 6<sup>th</sup> China ongoing International Import Expo (CIIE) being held from November 5 to 10 in Shanghai, which has made a remarkable mark by showcasing Pakistan's largest effort ever.

The expo, which has been held annually in Shanghai since 2018, is a major platform for promoting international trade and cooperation. "Pakistan's active participation in this prestigious event highlights its commitment to strengthening economic

ties with China, Pakistan's

collaboration," highlighted Hussain Haider, Consul General in Shanghai. One of the key highlights of Pakistan's participation in the 6th CIIE is its focus on

avenues

promoting its diverse range of export products. From leathers and surgical instruments to agricultural goods and handicrafts, Pakistan has showcased its rich cultural heritage and economic potential. Pakistan's pavilions,

adorned with vibrant displays and innovative products, have attracted the attention of exhibitors

services, have been provided to ensure a successful exhibition experience. This proactive approach by the government was widely appreciated by the Pakistani exhibitors and further enhanced Pakistan's image as an attractive



**RAWALPINDI:** A potter examine the newly made mud ovens "Tandoor" at his setup at Gowalmandi area in City.

## **Trader association asked** to submit certificate of non involvement of illegal foreigners

KARACHI Karachi Administration directed all trader associations to submit a certificate of non involvement of illegal foreigners in their respective markets.

The directives were issued to heads of traders and market associations by assistant commissioners of Garden. Saddar and Aram Bagh towns in separate meetings held here on instructions of Deputy Commissioner Karachi South Captain (retd) Altaf vember 10.

(APP): Hussain Sario, said a statement issued here on Thursday.

> The meetings also attended by officers of police, rangers and special branch reviewed matters relating to repatriation of foreign nationals illegally residing in Pakistan.

In the meetings, all traders were asked to submit certificates of non-involvement of illegal foreigners in the respective markets by Friday, No-

Economic Net (CEN) reported on Thursday.

Recognizing the significance of CIIE, the the Pakistani Ministry of Commerce has extended its full support to the participating businesses. Various incentives, including financial subsidies and facilitation

investment destination.

#### **PPP** Leader Channar seeks subsidies for

farmers BAHAWALPUR (APP) Secretary Information of the Pakistan People's Party (PPP) in Bahawalpur Division, Malik Shah Muhammad Channar, has opined that continuous provision of subsidies to farmers would help boost the agro-economy.

In a press release issued here Thursday, he said that the agro-economy considered the was backbone of the economy of any country in the world.

#### **Customs seizes** cigarettes worth **Rs156 million**

ISLAMABAD (APP) Pakistan Customs in its recent drive has seized 8,157,200 sticks of cigarettes valued at Rs.156 project of Global Environmillion during the period from October 30, 2023 to November 05, 2023.

making yarn, food items, Accordingly, Pakistan and organic fertilizer, instead to burning the pre-cious recourse of Sindh. Customs had constituted special teams to launch anti-smuggling operations against foreign origin cigarettes being smuggled

Thursday a meeting was held at the university committee room, presided by into the country, said a news release here on Thursday. Vice-Chancellor Dr. Fateh

ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of Indonesia to Pakistan Adam M Tugio receives souvenir from President Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI) during his visit of ICCI in Federal Capital.

# **ICCI** proposes highest civil award of Pakistan for Indonesian Ambassador

Islamabad Chamber of farewell dinner in his Commerce and Industry (ICCI) and Business Community proposed to give the highest civil award of Pakistan to the Ambassador of Indonesia to Pakistan, Adam M. Tugio for extraordinary services in strengthening the bilateral economic, trade, political and regard. diplomatic relations He said there are generation for which bot between both the many potential sectors nations are responsible."

Sindh Agriculture Univer-

sity (SAU) and the Food

and Agriculture Organiza-

tion (FAO) have agreed to

jointly work to attract in-

'Bananas in Pakistan's

ISLAMABAD (APP): countries. Addressing the including tourism, trade, honour hosted by the ICCI's President Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawri, the Indonesian Ambassador said Indonesia and Pakistan have huge potential to bilateral ties.

increase their economy and the role of business communities of both sides was significant in this

technology, energy and agriculture through which the two countries can expand their relations and by finding new economic sectors for increasing

He said: "Indonesia and Pakistan are connected by historical religious ties and we have to transfer this legacy to our next He said there are generation for which both

## 94 shopkeepers fined for price gouging, two shops sealed

KARACHI (APP): In re-sponse to a crackdown on 20,000 rupees imposed on two shopkeepers. hawkers, profiteers, and

In the Malir district. a hoarders in the city, 94 fine of 23,000 rupees was shopkeepers were fined a total of 933,000 on Thursimposed on two shopkeepday. Two shops were ers, while the district East sealed, and numerous other levied fines of 75,000 rupees on two shopkeepers. shopkeepers received warnings. Across various dis-Additionally, the west districts of the city, heavy trict fined three shopkeepfines were imposed on veners a total of 21 thousand dors selling food items, poulrupees, and the Keamari try, vegetables, meat, fruits, district imposed a substantial fine of 415,000 rupees flour, and sugar at prices higher than the official rates, on 49 shopkeepers.

according to a spokesman Commissioner Karachi Muhammad for Commissioner Karachi. In the Korangi district, Saleem Rajput urged citi-11 shopkeepers were fined zens to register complaints 1 lakh 25 thousand; in the on Commissioner Control South district, 25 shop-Room No. 021-99203443 or Rescue 1299 for prompt

keepers were fined 154,000 rupees. The redressal.



RAWALPINDI: A street vendor is arranging gloves on his road side setup as during winters bikers buys such items in large number at City.

# SAU, FAO agreed to jointly work for Bananas, **Bioeconomy: Transforming Waste project**

associated with various sectors of FAO in Rome, Australia, and Pakistan and experts from Sindh Agriculture University partici-

dustry and investors under pated Speaking on the occa-Bioeconomy: Transforming Vice-Chancellor Dr. sion. Waste into Textile", the Fateh Marri said that due to a lack of knowledge ment Facility (GEF) for the about the importance of use of banana waste for banana waste, 3.5 million tons of banana waste is burnt annually in the country, which has negative effects on the environment. He said that the SAU In this regard, on

can make fiber, food items, and liquid and composite organic fertilizers from banana waste, while students have

project for the expansion of research, and various farmers will be transferred with this modern technology.

Associate Professional Officer FAO, attached to the Rome Headquarters, Ms. Lindis Norluno, said that the GEF project will improve Pakistan's economy and address environmental issues by converting banana waste into textiles and hazardous chemicals through an integrated supply chain program, while GEF also focuses specifically on the fashion and construction sectors.

Ms Urie, Deputy of this project in Pakistan, Program Manager of FAO, said that according to the

launch by March 2024.

HYDERABAD (APP): Marri, in which officials also been involved in this said that with the finan- demand, concerns, and excial support of GEF, inpectations of the industry, research on the quality and stead of burning the bapurity of the fiber should nana residue to combat environmental pollution, be a priority and an envi-In cooperation with SAU, ronment of interest of investors in banana fibre we will train and support farmers and field workers, should be created.

On this occasion, while to ensure the participation of farmers FAO's Bengal-born Austrathrough seminars, worklian expert Nazimuddin, Dr. shops, and training pro-Shaukat Ibrahim Abro of grams, we will work on SAU gave his presentation the survey of different baon the domestic and industrial importance of fiber. nana growing districts. Dr.

Waqar a Communication Gĥulam Murtaza Specialist of FAO said this Sahito, Director BIC, Dr. project will officially Ghulam Murtaza Jamro, and others were present.

Fazal Deen, in charge Earlier, the FAO team also visited the Banana Project at the University.

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# National News

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# **Research based education** vital for societal progress: **Governor Punjab**

Independent Report MULTAN: Punjab Governor Muhammad Balighur Rehman underscored the paramount importance of researchbased education and training as the cornerstone for societal advancement and prosperity.

Governor The expressed these remarks in an insightful third convocation at the Muhammad Nawaz Sharif Agricultural University (MNSUA), here on

Thursday. Addressing the students, he highlighted the transformative power of individual capacity building, stressing its urged positive impact on families, the nation, and hatred. humanity.

The event witnessed students to check the conferral of numerous measures

accolades, including gold medals and 2038 degrees bestowed upon graduates. Balighur Rehman passionately advocated for a holistic approach to education, urging the fusion

students

forward.

today's world.

must examine the report of training and academic of Amnesty International. pursuits to propel students The students must engage in well-reasoned debates He highlighted the by upholding respect and significance of respecting dignity. He also championed others, polite discourse,

need for investment in the commercialization of human resources, and the research and the promotion importance of research in of a knowledge-based economy. He wished the Punjab Governor also students to critically

inaugurated a sports complex costing Rs 250 assess the accuracy of million to promote healthy information on social media before accepting it. He activities. Besides this, he also inaugurated the wheat to discourage the spread of sowing campaign in the varsity. His initiatives align Baligh stressed that with the mission to develop

the institution into a world class university. for the



Mazar e Quaid.

## **'Inter University Speech Competition'** held to pay homage to Allama Iqbal

The grand son of Dr

KARACHI (APP): An "In- tage and Pakistan Women ter-University Speech Foundation for peace. Competition" was orga-Allama Muhammad Iqbal, nized here at Mazar-e-Quaid to pay homage to the Azad Aftab Iqbal graced the national.poet of Pakistan late Allama Dr Muhammad occasion as chief guest while Justice ® Wajihuddin

Iqbal on 'Iqbal Day'. Ahmed presided over the A large number of stuceremony held at Audio Vidents from 11 universities, participated in 'Speech Competition' jointly organized by Mazar-e-Quaid Board Management (QMMB), National Heri- saint, Iranians call him

students in connection with Iqbal Day, Azad Iqbal sual Hall of QMMB. termed Allama's philoso-Addressing the parphy, a vast ocean and said, "The 'Message of Selfness' is summary of ticipants of the event, Azad Iqbal said Allama Iqbal was an spiritual his philosophy.

## Speakers recalls services of Dr Allama Iqbal

SUKKUR (APP): Fatima not stand before a loan-Foundation Sukkur orgagiver

nized a dialogue to discuss and recall the services of Dr Allama Iqbal which led to the creation of a separate homeland for the Muslims of the Subcontinent here on Thursday

Speaking on the oc-casion, Sukkur Mayor Barrister Arslan Sheikh said that the meaning of Khudi has been distorted and now it became self worship instead of selfesteem. The real meaning of Iqbal's concept of selfesteem was self-reliance and without it we could not be able to maintain

self-esteem, he said add-

Arslan said that it was a fact that without self-reliance, maintaining self-esteem was quite impossible. We only enjoy

self-esteem by acquiring Office, weather remained self-reliance. dry in the province during The Mayor said that the poetry of Iqbal was the the previous 24 hours, while the lowest temperature was poetic translation of Allah's recorded in Moen jo Daro, word and imbibed with where mercury dipped to knowledge of Holy Qur'an the 18-degree Celsius mark. and love for the Holy Prophet (PBUH).

dicted in 1920 that the Chinese would awake from their long and deep sleep and this prediction became true in 1948 after 28 years,

The minimum temperature in Mithi, Dadu and Sukkur Allama Iqbal had prewas recorded at 19 degree centigrade, Nawabshah 20

mum temperature in Karachi and Hyderabad was recorded at 22 C.

ing that a loan-taker could he added.

International News

## **KP** govt introduces paperless file work titled "KP Digital Workspace"

PESHAWAR (Online): Additional Chief Secretary The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa P&D, administrative government has achieved

e- governance by introducing paperless file work system titled KP Digital Workspace in administrative departments of the province

Cabinet

Competition<sup>\*</sup>

versities participated in the

speech competition jointly

organised by the Mazar-e-

Quaid Management Board

(QMMB), the National

Day'

peace.

QMMB.

'Poet of the East'.

three years.

Iqbal Lahori, people of the

West regard him as phi-

losopher of the East while

Urdu speaking community call him as 'Poet of the

delivered by university

**Dry weather** 

likely to persist

in Sindh

KARACHI (APP): The

Pakistan Meteorological

Department (PMD) on Thursday predicted mainly

dry weather in most dis-

tricts of Sindh province

during the next 24 hours.

C, Thatta 21 C and mini-

According to the Met

Praising the speeches

East'

P&D, administrative secretaries of concerned another milestone towards d e p a r t m e n t s, representatives of Partner Organizations, Project Team Members and government officials government attended the ceremony.

Briefing the participants about newly Caretaker Chief introduced e-governance system, it was informed that initially, "Digital Workspace" is being Minister Muhammad Azam khan formally launched the newly executed in four different introduced system at a ceremony held here at administrative Chief Minister's House. departments including With this launch, Khyber Finance, Higher Education, Pakhtunkhwa has become Science & Information the first province in the Technology and Sports country to go towards whereas after two months digitalization in the period, it would be ernment departments. Besides Caretaker departments in a phased government departments. Members, manner.

## Message of 'Selfness' is summary of Iqbal's philosophy, says grandson

KARACHI (INP): An "In- connection with Igbal Day. ter-University Speech Azad termed Allama's philosophy, a vast ocean and was organised here on Thursday said, "The message of 'Selfness' (khudi) is sumat Mazar-e-Quaid to pay mary of his philosophy." Azad recited some homage to the national poet of Pakistan Allama Dr

Muhammad Iqbal on 'Iqbal poems of his grandfather and said, "These verses are Students from 11 unia beacon for our youth."

"We are getting closer to Iqbal because what he felt through his poetic thought is still felt by us in our individual and national life," Azad said.

Heritage and the Pakistan Women Foundation for He said that Iqbal came into the world before Azad Aftab Iqbal, the his time and left at a time grandson of Dr Iqbal, was the chief guest while Juswhen he was needed the most

tice 
Wajihuddin Ahmed He said that Iqbal was a great thinker and he faced presided over the ceremony held at Audio Visual Hall of the opposition on the political, religious and social Addressing the par-ticipants, Azad said the fronts courageously.

Azad paid his re-Allama was a saint; Iranispects to Quaid-e-Azam ans call him Igbal Lahori. Mohammad Ali Jinnah at people of the West regard his grave, visited the memohim as philosopher of the rial hall of Mazar-e-Quaid East while Urdu speaking and also recorded his community calls him as thoughts in visitor's diary.

Later, he distributed Praising the speeches prizes to the winners of the delivered by the students in speech competition.

**MULTAN:** Governor of Punjab Muhammad

Baligh Ur Rehman addressing during the 3rd **Convocation of the Muhammad Nawaz Shareef** University of Agriculture.

## Nawaz Sharif and Imran should get justice before elections, Javed Latif

LAHORE (Online): PML-N Leader Javed Latif said parties should get level that Mian Nawaz Sharif and Chairman PTI Imran Khan should get justice before elections.

Justice should always be same for everyone. If someone is guilty then he should be punished so as that the procedure is to to identify who is the wellwisher of the country. Honor the vote does not mean give me turn without May  $9^{th}$  is wrong.

them. On information,Regional playing field. While addressing Police Officer Sargodha Region (RPO) Sharuk

press conference in Lahore Kamal Sidiqui, District Ĵaved Latif said that Police Officer (DPO) nowadays two or three Muhammad things are happening Kamran along with frequently. Do you think Investigation team and police reached the spot establish a commission on and shifted the bodies to WhatsApp. Anyone who hospital for autopsy and necessary formalities.

#### shot dead in Sargodha SARGODHA (APP): At east four people including two women were gunned

Four people

down over domestic issues here at Ghalla purr under the jurisdiction of Midh Ranjha police station on Thursday.

Police said that Ahmed Shair (40) r/o Midh

Ranjha had a domestic dispute with his close relatives including Faisal (30), Urfah (25), Maqsooda (60) and Sarfraz (44) over some family issues.On the day of incident, he killed all the four after opening firing at

getting

Faisa

legal

# Putin visits Kazakhstan, part of his efforts to cement ties with ex-Soviet neighbors

**Monitoring Desk** MOSCOW: Russian President Vladimir Putin visited Kazakhstan on Thursday, part of his efforts to cement ties with the ex-Soviet neighbor and major economic partner in the midst of tensions with the West over Ukraine.

Putin's talks in Kazakhstan's capital of Astana follow his trip last month to Kyrgyzstan for a summit of ex-Soviet nations and a visit to China.

Speaking at the start of his talks with Kazakhstan President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, Putin hailed "multi-faceted" ties between the coun-

tries and said they would that is party to the court is obliged to arrest him on its determine new areas of "strategic" cooperation.

soil. Kazakstan isn't part Oil-rich Kazakhstan of the agreement that creand other Central Asian naated the tribunal. Putin's tions have maintained a delitrip to Kazakhstan comes cate balancing act, preservdays after French President ing strong economic ties Emmanuel Macron visited with Moscow but refusing Astana and hailed Tokayev to recognize its annexation for withstanding geopolitiof Ukrainian regions. cal "pressures," in a hint at The Russian leader Moscow's efforts to keep

has made few foreign trips the neighbor in its orbit. since he sent troops into Relations with Kazakhstan and other Ukraine in February 2022. The International Criminal former Soviet republics in Court's move to indict Central Asia have become Putin in March for alleged increasingly important for war crimes connected to the Russia as it has sought new import routes to bypass bruising Western sanctions

## Turkiye says EU is 'unjust and biased' on membership bid

rorism

**Monitoring Desk** ANKARA: The European Commission's annual report on Turkiye longstalled EU membership bid is "unjust and biased", the Turkish foreign ministry said.

The report by the European Union's executive Wednesday arm on criticised Turkiye "serious backsliding" on democratic standards, the rule of law, human rights and judicial independence.

"We categorically re-ject unfounded claims and unjust criticisms, particularly on the political criteria and the Chapter on Judiciary and Fundamental Rights," the Turkish foreign ministry said in a statement.

The Commission also The constitutional court had ordered the resaid Turkiye did not comply with the principles of lease of Atalay last month the rule of law, human ruling that his imprisonrights and fundamental freement violated his rights to doms in its fight against tersecurity, liberty and the right to be elected.

#### over its actions in Ukraine. **Turkiye's top** courts at odds over politician's imprisonment

**Monitoring Desk** estinians were fleeing from ANKARA: Turkiye's top the embattled north to the appeals court took the unsouth along a perilous precedented step of filing a frontline path after Israel criminal complaint against told them to evacuate, resimembers of the constitudents say. tional court on Wednesday But many are staying

over a disagreement on the in the north, packed into the case of imprisoned parlia-Al Shifa Hospital and almentarian Can Atalay. Quds Hospital as ground battles rage around them and more Israeli air strikes rain down from above.

**Monitoring Desk** GAZA: Israeli forces foes have command centres fought Hamas militants embedded in the hospitals. In Paris, officials among ruined buildings in the north of the Gaza Strip from about 80 countries on Thursday, taking the and organisations were Gaza death toll to 10,812. meeting to coordinate hu-

retary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg in Kyiv, Ukraine.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, left, shakes hands with US Sec-

Aid agencies call for ceasefire as

Gaza death toll reaches 10,812

Thousands more Palmanitarian aid to Gaza and find ways to help wounded civilians escape the siege, now in its second month. Aid agencies called for an immediate ceasefire.

"We cannot wait a minute more," said Jan Egeland, Secretary General of the Norwegian Refugee Council, calling Israel's actions "collective punishment"

"Without a ceasefire, tallies

### **Belgian deputy PM** seeks sanctions on Israel

**Monitoring Desk** BRUSSELS: Belgium's deputy prime minister eration called on the Belgian government on Wednesday to

adopt sanctions against Israel and investigate the bombings of hospitals and refugee camps in Gaza.

'It is time for sanctions against Israel. The rain of bombs is inhumane," Deputy Prime Minister Petra De Sutter told Nieuwsblad newspaper. It is clear that Israel does not care about the international demands for a ceasefire, she said. De Sutter said the European Union should immediately suspend its associa-Hamas

tion agreement with Israel, which aims at better economic and political coop-She also said an im-

port ban on products from occupied Palestinian territories should be implemented and violent settlers. politicians, soldiers re-

sponsible for war crimes should be banned from entering the EU. At the same time, she

said, Belgium should increase funding for the International Criminal Court in The Hague to "investi-

gate the bombings while cutting money flows to

#### spy balloon in February. Israel says its Hamas lifting of siege and indiscriminate bombarding and warfare, the haemorrhage of human lives will continue

His calls were echoed by the United Nations and the International Red Cross, although Isarel and its main backer the United States reject a full ceasefire.

Israel unleashed its assault on Gaza in response to a cross-border Hamas raid on southern Israel on Oct. 7 in which gunmen killed 1,400 people, mostly civilians, and took about 240 hostages, according to Israeli

### MSF staffer

#### killed in Israeli strike in Gaza **Monitoring Desk**

JERUSALEM: An employee of medical charity Doctors Without Borders (MSF) has been killed in Gaza along with several family members, the group said on Tuesday.

Mohammed Al Ahel, a laboratory technician, was killed in his home in the Shati refugee camp when the area was bombed and his building collapsed, MSF said in a statement.

"Today, Doctors Without Borders/Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF) is U.K., making them semimourning the loss of one of allies our team members in Gaza

## China 'ready' to improve ties with US

Monitoring Desk Speaking at the SINGAPORE: Beijing is Bloomberg New Economy Forum in Singapore, Chiready to hold talks with the United States at "all levnese Vice President Han els", Chinese Vice President Zheng said the recent highlevel meetings between Beijing and Washington Han Zheng said on Wednesday, ahead of expected summit in San Francisco bewere sending "positive sigtween leaders Xi Jinping nals" that relations were and Joe Biden as they seek improving. "We're ready to to stabilise tense ties by strengthen communication meeting in-person for just and dialogue with the the second time in nearly United States at all levels, advance mutually benefi-The summit on the sidelines of the Asia-Pacific Eco-

cial cooperation, properly manage differences and nomic Cooperation (APEC) jointly address global chalforum follows a six-month US lenges," Han said. push to engage its geopoliti-

Relations between Washington and Beijing cal rival, including through several unreciprocated sunk to some of their deepcabinet-level visits, and reest lows in recent years cover from a diplomatic over a host of issues incrisis over the US downcluding export controls, ing of an alleged Chinese human rights and national security.



Palestinians representing civil organisations for women protest outside the UN offices in the West Bank city of Ramallah in support the people of Gaza.

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

**Monitoring Desk** 

The talks in Tokyo TOKYO: Japanese and among Japanese Foreign British foreign and defense Minister Yoko Kamikawa ministers met Tuesday and and Defense Minister agreed to further deepen Minoru Kihara and Britmilitary cooperation under ish Foreign Secretary a new security pact that al-James Cleverly and Delows their militaries to enfense Secretary Grant ter each other's territory Shapps are the first since the RAA took effect in for joint exercises. Japan and Britain have expanded mid-October. their cooperation in recent

They met on the sidelines of a gathering of foryears as concern has grown over China's increasing ineign ministers from the Group of Seven industrialfluence. Japan, whose only treaty ally is the United ized nations on Tuesday and Wednesday that is ex-States, has signed Recippected to focus on the Isrocal Access Agreements rael-Hamas war, the Ruswith Australia and the sia-Ukraine war and tension in the Indo-Pacific region.

Palestinians walk down a road as they flee Gaza City and other parts of northern Gaza towards the southern areas.

deportation of children from Ukraine has affected his travel as any country

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# Pakistan considers nuclear safety, security as 'national responsibility': Amb. Munir

UNITED (APP): Pakistan regards as a "national responsibility" the safety and security of its nuclear power programme, Ambassador Munir Akram told the UN General Assembly Wednesday, while underscoring the need to remove barriers for gaining equitable and nondiscriminatory access to civil nuclear cooperation.

Speaking in the 193member Assembly on the annual report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), the Vienna-based UN agency, he said Pakistan is party to several leading international instruments related to nuclear safety and security,

framework that complies with the highest global standards.

bined capacity of 3,530 Earlier, IAEA Director General Rafael Mariano megawatts, as well as the Grossi presented his report country's construction of on its work, including in another nuclear power Ukraine. Iran and North plant. Chashma unit 5. with a capacity of 1200 mega-Korea, as well as an overview of the development watts. Underscoring the and transfer of nuclear techfundamental importance of nologies for peaceful appliremoving barriers for gaincations, the enhancement of ing equitable and non-disnuclear safety and security, criminatory access to civil and the strengthening of nuclear cooperation, Amnuclear verification and bassador Akram affirmed non-proliferation efforts on that all States should fully a global scale. comply with their safe-

In his remarks, the guards obligations. Pakistani envoy highlighted However, he said, "the Agency's safeguards should Pakistan's extensive experience in operating a secure not be used to serve parti-

verification regime will remain credible only if it is power plants with a comapplied on a non-discriminatory basis as stipulated in the Statute of the International Atomic Energy

Agency. "Pakistan places the highest priority on nuclear safety and security as a national responsibility," Ambassador Akram added.

In light of recent developments, he proposed convening a special session of the General Assembly to establish a new consensus on disarmament and nonproliferation that better addresses the current and emerging realities and offers equal security to all States.

Dr.

Agha Khan Hospital

inquired about the health of

the Congo virus patients

from the province being

treated at ÂKH Karachi.

During the visit, they

Also accompanied

Karachi on Thursday.

Health,



TASHKENT: Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar in a group photo with the heads of states of ECO member countries

However, the Minis-

Dr Jogezai also men-

Moreover, both the

Poliovirus

He said, "Polio-virus

Indian troops

martyr one

in Shopian

According to Kashmin

Media Service, the troops

martyred the youth identi-

fied as Maysar Ahmad Dar

during a cordon and search

operation in Kathohalan

area of the district. The

operation continued till last

Tare<u>en says:</u>

Nation paid rich

tribute to Iqbal

on his birthday

QUETTA (APP): Director

University of Balochistan

Sub-Campus Mastung

Muhammad Iqbal Tareen

on Thursday said that to-

day the entire nation paid

rich tribute to the great phi-

losopher and poet Allama

Muhammad Iqbal on his

birthday. In his a message

issued here on Thursday on

the occasion of Allama

lims of subcontinent. He

said that Iqbal was a unique

figure of our national and

national life and was the

owner of a multifaceted

reports came in.

and Kashmir.



JEDDAH: Chairperson NCSW Ms. Nilofar Bakhtiar attended 3-day International Conference on "Women in Islam: Status and Empowerment" hosted by Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC).

## History will never forget world's 'criminal silence' over Israel's Gaza genocide: Nilofar Bakhtiar

(APP): National Commisadded sion on the Status of Women (NCSW) Chairperson Nilofar Bakhtiar has said that history will never forget the criminal silence of the world's leading human rights leaders on the genocide of Palestinians in Gaza.

Addressing the International Conference on Women in Islam: Status and Empowerment' jointly organized by the OIC and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in Jeddah on Wednesday, she said Israel's ongoing attacks in on the "sleeping conthe Gaza Strip were a huge political and humanitarian disaster

son said the Palestinian not taking adequate meapeople were facing inde- sures to stop the illegal oc-

JEDDAH (Saudi Arabia) among the total dead, she sion. How could the indiscriminate bombing of the

entire population (of Gaza) Nilofar said schools and hospitals were being he called a defensive operabombed the the blockade tion with the vague aim of (of the Gaza Strip) has destroying Hamas, she been tightened. questioned She said the Israeli

The Israeli bombardoccupation meant enslav-ing the Palestinian ment in the northern part of Gaza had resulted in people, with brutalities, widespread destruction, illegal detentions, imprisshe added. onment and extrajudicial

executions She said Israel's continuous occupation of Palestinian territories and the mistreatment of Palestinians was a question mark science" of the powerful tine. people of the world.

She criticized the in-The NCSW chairper- ternational community for the oppressed people of humanitarian sympathy,"

Nilofar said the Israeli Association, Muhammad government had shown its Naeem Khilji while adfascist face to the whole dressing a press conference world, but the international at Quetta Press Club on community had failed to Thursday. provide the support Naeem Khilji said that needed to end the conflict between Israel and Palesthe Tandoor Association is forced to observe strike

"The world has missed the opportunity to support Palestine on the basis of

mainly because the Afghan refugees working on the

**Independent Report** They inquired about concerned authorities not to leave any stone unturned QUETTA: The caretaker the health of the under treat-Provincial Minister for ment Congo patients at in provision of health facili-Ameer AKH including doctors, ties to the patients. Muhammad Khan Jogezai pharmacists, staff nurse and and Secretary Health, aramedics. ter expressed satisfaction Dr Ameer Jogezai said Abdullah Khan visited the over care of the Congo af-

Dr. Jogezai visits AKH, inquires

about health of Congo patients

"Health Department fully active to control outbreak of Congo virus in Balochistan"

> fected patients by AKH in that the directives were issued to shift the Congo af-Agha Khan hospital. fected parties to Karachi from Quetta on the governtioned that the treatment of

> ment expenses. all affected patients is be-The Minister Health ing done on the government and Secretary also met the expenses doctors and paramedics minister and secretary

with them was the chief treating Congo patients in Planning officer, Ghulam the hospital. Rasool Zehri. They d Health prayed for early re-covery of the patients. They directed to the

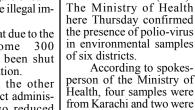
## **Tandoor association** announces strike in **Quetta from today**

**Independent Report** QUETTA: The Quetta Tandoor Association has announced to observe migrants strike of tandoors in Quetta from today (Friday).

tandoors have been shut This was announced by the Chairman Tandoor due to the situation.

tration has also reduced price of the tandoori roti in the official price list, which is unacceptable

He said that the Tandoor owners are forced to shut their tandoors due citizenship card holder to the financial hardships as well.



from Chaman. has also been found in one

sample each from Peshawar, Kohat and Nowshera. He said, "The virus belongs to the YB3A virus cluster in Afghanistan."

## **PM Kakar warns** of trans-regional spillover of Gaza war

taliation. He said the entire

Muslim nation should think

over about its contribution

in science and technology

and defence. The prime

minister also criticised gov-

ernance structures in Mus-

lim nations, saying their

challenges were deeper than

the mere quagmire of the

Palestinian situation. Meanwhile, the 16th Sum-

mit of Economic Coopera-

tion Organization (ÉCO)

was in progress in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

TASHKENT, Uzbekistan (INP): Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Thursday called for enhanced engagement with the Western capitals to make Israel realise that the Gaza war could trigger a spillover

effect beyond the region. In an interview with Arab News, the prime minister said Western capitals, particularly Washington and London needed to make realise the Israeli side that they were contributing to destabilise the region.

Caretaker Prime Minister He called for an imme-Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar was diate cessation of violence representing Pakistan in the summit. In his address, the and labeled Israel's assault on Gaza genocide, clearly. Prime Minister will reaffirm The prime minister said he Pakistan's commitment to would attend an extraordi-ECO Vision 2025 and to nary session of the Organipromotion of regional coopzation of Islamic Cooperaeration in the areas of trade, tion on Sunday in Rivadh transport, connectivity, ento discuss Israel's attacks ergy, tourism and economic on Palestine. PM Kakar said Israel

growth and productivity. Kakar will present could not just kill children Pakistan's vision for the and say that it had got the future work of the organiright to defend itself. The zation and promotion of prime minister said it was regional connectivity and the licence to barbaric re- mutual prosperity.

## We will truly bring about 'Naya Pakistan', vows Jahangir Tareen

TAXILA (INP): Jahangir relationship between the Khan Tareen, the patron-intwo was like that between chief of the Istehkam-i-Pa-"brothers"

kistan Party (IPP), on "When such friends Thursday vowed that the are with us, then the work party would truly bring we need to do to make the about 'Naya Pakistan'. Tareen made the re-

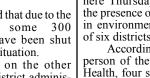
country progress, we can do that," he said. Concluding his speech, Tareen said,

#### found in environmental samples of six districts Tandoors are being both-ISLAMABAD (APP) ered under the garb of campaign against the illegal im-

He said that due to the

situation. some 300

While on the other hand, the district adminis-



killed and over 19,740 in-

scribable pain. More than cupation of Palestinian ter-7,700 Palestinians had been ritories. She also She also criticized the Western countries for their

regard. Moreover, the Sec-

taken against those companies

and transporters on non-func-

tional of the trekkers in their

buses. They said that trekkers

would also be installed in the

buses running on the inter-

provincial routes including

Ouetta-Karachi route.

She regretted that jured and that number was increasing. About 2,400 or 66 percent were the children support for Is-justify the Israeli aggres-abuses.

## Seven bus companies sealed on non-installation & functional of trekkers

**Independent Report** QUETTA: In all seven bus companies were sealed on the charges of non-functional and non-installation of the trekkers in the passenger buses in Quetta.

According to the official sources, the team comprising the staff of Provincial Transport Authority and Regional Transport Authority raided the buses offices under supervision of PTA Secretary, Ali Ahmed Kakar.

Needless to mention here that the High Court had ordered to take action in this



OUETTA: President PFUJ Afzal Butt giving away Journalist of the Year award to journalists Arshad Ansari, Saleem Shahid and others.

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Multiple theft, fraud charges against Fawad

case comes to light LAHORE (INP): In a re-

retary Transport, Yasir Khan kakar and Commiscent development, a case of theft of fertilizer sacks, sioner Quetta, Muhammad Hamza Shafqaat also issued cots, and a sofa against directives in this regard. former federal minister According to the high Fawad Chaudhry has come ups, trekkers would be into light. According to me-dia reports, an FIR has stalled in the buses of all long routes. They also warned that action would be

been registered in Police Station Pind Dadankhan of Jhelum District, alleging that Fawad Chaudhry, along with his associates, forcibly entered the camp of Shahid Asif, the brother of Chaudhry Nauman Asif, on November 30, 2020. They allegedly stole six sacks of

urea, six sacks of DAP, beds, and a sofa set before handing over the posses-sion of the house to Juma Khan Baloch. here. Separately, Islamabad

Session Court has sent former Federal Minister Fawad Chaudhry to jail on judicial remand in connection with a fraud case against him. During the hearing, Fawad Chaudhry's wife, Haba Chaudhry, was present in the courtroom.

and poet, Syed Sadequain Ahmed Naqvi, known as Sadequain Naqqash.

life and mission, Ambassa-



OUETTA: Caretaker Provincial Minister for PHE and Population Welfare Sardar Ejaz Ahmed Khan Jaffar being briefed during his visit to Saiban Trust Hospital.

### **Masood Khans says:** 'Iqbal is our ideological compass and lodestar'

WASHINGTON (APP): dor Masood Khan said, Pakistan's Ambassador to "He is our ideological comthe United States, Masood pass and our lodestar. When Khan, led tributes to we are looking for direction we refer to Iqbal because he Allama Iqbal at a special meeting marking his birth gave us the ideological baanniversary, saying the nasis for the state of Pakitional poet-philosopher stan." A poet par excellence was 'our ideological comthe ambassador said, "His pass and lode star'. thought has influenced the "Iqbal dreamed of Pawhole of South Asia, Af-

kistan, and we are a manighanistan, and Iran. festation of his dream," the His philosophy was envoy told the meeting held not confined to the subconat the Pakistan embassy tinent; he looked at the universe and how it was evolv-In addition, a photo ing in its spiritual and

exhibition was also arranged physical dimensions. lasood Khan said. by the embassy in collaboration with the International Academy of Letters, USA, the Sadequain Foundation, USA, and the Sadequain Gallery of Chicago to pay tribute to the iconic calligrapher, painter,

Iqbal's birthday, he said that Allama Iqbal would always 'Iqbal talked about albe remembered for present liances of civilizations being the concept of a sepafore this thought was derate homeland for the Mus-

veloped in the late 20th century or early 21st century." Masood Khan said that Allama Iqbal was one of the most authentic interpreters of the Quran and

personality saying that the Islam. "If we want to unpoet Mashriq always ad-Ĥighlighting Iqbal's derstand the Quran in the vised the Muslims to unite. contemporary context.

marks at the tail-end of his "Together, we will truly make a 'Naya Pakistan', God willing!" During his speech today, Tareen said, speech while addressing a workers' convention in Taxila, where former PTI leader and federal minister "Forget the past and look forward [...] this country Ghulam Sarwar Khan formally joined the party.

has everything. If there is anything lacking, it is that What do we want to do? We want to take Pakistan beyond its potential," we [political parties] are alhe said as he lamented the ways fighting with one anlack of progress made in the other. country in the past 75

"Such parties can't do politics. They have gotten into the habit of fighting vears. "Whether we succeed or not, only God knows. But we will work with with each other [...]. Be competitive all you want but don't fight. Don't ruin the country," he added. Tareen said that the good intentions and will think of the people first. If we do that, then we will be successful."

IPP would try to set new Commenting traditions, fulfil its objecon Sarwar's decision to join the tives and work for the benparty, Tareen said that the efit of the people.



QUETTA: Members of different student organizations are holding protest demonstration against forced deportation of Afghan Refugees, at Quetta press club.

## So called narrative of **Imran Khan integrity** stands exposed

ISLAMABAD (Online): crease in her declared assets The horrific revelations of story of mega corruption during 3 years rule of PTI has come to fore amid the reports that assets of Farah Gogi, front person of Imran Khan have increased mani-

fold. According to govern-ment sources 102 bank ac-counts of Farah Gogi, Ahsan Jamil Gujjar and their partners have been detected across the country. Over 14 billion rupees

are lying in these bank ac-counts. Declared and non declared assets of Farhat Shahzadi alias Farah Gogi have increased by 4520 million rupees from 2017 to 2020. Farah Gogi herself admits she owned assets worth Rs 950 million in 2020. Her declared assets rupees. 420 percent in-

was witnessed during three years while her non declared assets rose 15300 percent. According to sources these assets are personal property of Farah Goggi. The assets of Jamil Gujjar, remaining relatives and partners are in addition to the assets of Farah Goggi. As per SECP record Farah Goggi, front person of chairman PTI is share holder of several compa-

nies These companies are Ghousia builders (SMC Private limited), Alburaq housing private limited, Alburaq foods private limited, Almuiz Dairy and foods private limited, Dian properties private limited, Doctors clinical care private limited, sanitoria hosare valued Rs 3825 million pital management company private limited

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## **PUC** spearheads anti-terrorism campaign through unified 'Friday Sermons'

their Friday Sermons.

ISLAMABAD (INP): On the appeal of the Pakistan Ulema Council (PUC) and its allied parties, Ulema and Mashavkh are set to deliver impactful Friday Sermons under the banner of Paigham-e-Pakistan.

PUC Chairman Hafiz Muhammad Tahir Mahmood Ashrafi, along with prominent figures Allama Ziaullah Shah Bukhari, Pir Naqib-ur-Maulana Rahman. Muhammad Khan Laghari, Allama Aarif Wahidi, and others, had called upon religious scholars and leaders. from all schools of thought to vehemently condemn extremism and terrorism in

Ashrafi who is also the Special Representative rorism, he asked the relito the Prime Minister on gious scholars and leaders Religious Harmony and the Pakistani Diaspora in from the pulpit and arch of their respective mosques. He vowed to col-Middle East and Islamic Countries, urged Ulema and Mashaykh to articulate a unified message against ex-

institutions to achieve the tremism and terrorism, iscommon goal of putting an suing a collective statement end to extremism and terand presenting consensus rorism. Rejecting any tolreligious decrees (Fatwas) erance f or terrorism within during their Friday Ser-Islam, Ashrafi emphasized Those who attack the state

He also encouraged of Pakistan, its armed educating the general pubforces, security institulic about the importance tions, and the general puband benefits of this united lic are acting against Islamic teachings and are considered Expressing his comenemies of the country.



KARACHI: Released Indian fishermen arrive at a railway station to leave for their homeland, as Pakistani officials said they will release the first batch of 80 Indian prisoners detained for fishing illegally in the country's territorial waters in the Arabian sea.