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President directs SLICP to pay insurance claim to nominees of a deceased policyholder

President Dr Arif Alvi has stan (SLICP) to pay a death Taheer (the complainant) al-300,000 along with a profit had not been paid the claim 300,000/- with an annual prefor almost three years.

asked the SLICP to form a the death insurance claim policy on pre-insurance SLICP on the ground that the tests of proposed policyholders. The president gave these directions while rejecting a representation filed

to the family members of a from the agency in 2013 for President mium of Rs 18,406. His fapanel of doctors to devise a which was repudiated by the deceased purchased the

> ailment of hepatitis C, which he had deliberately hidden.

ISLAMABAD (APP): of the Wafaqi Mohtasib, Mohtasib which asked not worth consideration. the President Secretariat SLICP to reconsider the directed the State Life Insur- Press Wing said in a press matter and provide approance Corporation of Paki- release on Sunday. Saad priate relief to the nominees of the deceased policyinsurance claim worth Rs leged that his father had pur- holder. SLICP, then, filed a chased a life insurance policy representation with the ance of the policy and had against deceased policyholder, who the sum assured of Rs Mohtasib's order. The president held a hearing on the matter, and after listening to The president further ther died in 2020, and he filed both sides, gave his decision. He pointed out that

policy in 2013, whereas deceased had a pre-insurance SLICP had produced copies of medical reports of the year 2015 and all reports Feeling aggrieved, he pertained to the post-inby SLICP against the order approached the Wafaqi surance period and were

He further noted that the confidential report of the SLICP field officer had also declared the insured as healthy at the time of issuclearly stated that she knew the insured for the last two years. The president also referred to Section 80 of the Insurance Ordinance 2000, which provided that no policy of life insurance, after the expiry of two years from the date on which it was affected, shall be called into question by the insurer on the ground that a statement in the proposal.



ISLAMABAD: Activists of Tehreek-e-Labbaik Pakistan (TLP) hold placards and Philistine national flags during Al-Aqsa Million March to express their solidarity with Palestinians in Federal Capital. (Inset) Chief of Tehreek-e-Labbaik Pakistan (TLP) Saad Hussain Rizvi lead by Al-Aqsa Million March.



'Muslims must unite against Israel's atrocities', Hamas chief tells Fazl

ISLAMABAD bombing of the Gaza Strip, ians. Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam-Fazl (JUI-F) chief Maulana of JUI-F workers in Qatar, lim countries, to give all Fazlur Rehman met Pales- he said that he was doing kinds of support to the Paltinian resistance group all out efforts to highlight estinians. Hamas's leader Ismail the Palestine issue in Paki-

Sunday.

stan.

Rallies held in I'abad in

solidarity with Palestinians

ISLAMABAD (INP): Protest rallies to express solidarity

with oppressed Palestinians were taken out in Islamabad

Sunday. Hundreds of people took part in the rallies and

chanted slogans against Israeli continued aggression and

able state within the borders of pre-1967, with Al-Aqsa as

Assembly's Fourth Committee meeting said first and fore-

establish TIC at

Gwadar airport

(INP): has urged all the Muslim is in Qatar. Jamiat Ulema-ISLAMABAD: With Israel countries to give all kinds e-Islam Qatar organized a continuing its relentless of support to the Palestin- program for him.

Addressing a gathering ers, Rehman urged all Mus-

Haniyeh and former chief stan, said a press release posted by the Jamiat Khaled Mashal in Qatar on issued here Sunday. Ulema-e-Islam-Fazl (JUI-In this regard, meet- F) on social media platform

Govt firmly believes in freedom of press & expression: Solangi ISLAMABAD (APP):

ney. Caretaker Minister He appreciated the role of

for Information and Broadcasting Murtaza Solangi on Sunday said the government fully and firmly believed in the freedom of press and expression that was enshrined in the

Constitution. Addressing the 5th anniversary of Independent Urdu, the minister congratulated the management and staff of the media outlet on achieving a milestone best wishes for the media outlet.

Urdu journalism in Pakistan, besides promeans. "The platform has contrib-

the Independent Urdu

in promoting digital

silient, Recovery, Rehaviding quality contents to its audience through different uted significantly to the progress of digital Urdu journalism in the country," he remarked on the occasion while expressing

struction (4RF) frame-work launched by the Ministry of Planning Development and Special Initiatives, the Central Development Working Party (CDWP) sucmitted in Geneva for sectors.

Since the launch of Re-

flood 2022.

ISLAMABAD (APP): nomic losses worth \$30 implement the 4RF billion, said a press re- framework the CWDP lease issued here on successfully approved

bilitation and Recon- Sunday. government had de- Emergency Flood Asvised a comprehensive sistance Project (EFAP) 4RF framework, which on Farm Water Manproposed effective co- agement component ordination and partici- worth \$475.00million, pation arrangements Access to Clean Encessfully approved 21 among federal and pro-development projects vincial governments, DRR project for Reha-worth \$3billion for development partners, bilitation/Reconstrucflood-affected areas of donors, international Pakistan while securing and national NGOs and Emergency Flood Asmaximum pledges com- academic and private

Flood-affected areas

Pakistan successfully secures

approximately \$3b, approves

21 development projects

Last year Pakistan year, Pakistan success- gram: faced an unprec- fully secured pledges of F edented devastation \$10 billion from donors hancement and Livelidue to torrential rains during the International

development 21 In response, the projects which include tion worth \$31.28m; sistance Project worth \$8.00m; Post-Flood 2022 In January this Reconstruction Pro-

> Resilience Enhood worth \$400,00m:

Addressing the workin its five-year jour-

According to a tweet

The JUI-F chief is in Qatar where he is expected to reach out to the Arab world leadership to find a way to provide aid to Gaza which has been facing a dire humanitarian crisis due to the ongoing Israeli bombing of the strip following the October 7 attack by Hamas Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam

Fazal (JUI-F) Chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman as the president of Hamas

atrocities being perpetrated in Gaza.

most a ceasefire is required in Gaza.

its capital

its role and stop genocide of Palestinians.

ings were held in each prov-, party chief Maulana ince, which was also par-Fazlur Rehman called on Haniyeh and Mashal in ticipated by the representative of Hamas in Paki-Doha, Qatar, and discussed with them the ongoing situation in Gaza.

In the second phase, Muslim countries, especially the Arab countries, y a delegation including Maulana Rashid Mahmood were making a dialogue to highlight the importance of Soomro and Mufti Abran Palestine issue. Ahmed, reached Qatar on

Rehman was in Qatar Saturday, JUI-F spokesperson Aslam Ghori said.

Govt decides to increase strategic

reserves of petroleum

ISLAMABAD (Online): Caretaker federal govern-They also called on international community to play ment has decided to in-At the United Nations, Pakistan has advocated the crease the strategic reserves of petroleum. right of Palestinians to establish an independent and vi-

According to media eports, the caretaker gov-Pakistan's Permanent Representative to the United ernment has decided to in-Nations in New York Munir Akram during General crease the strategic petroleum reserves due to the situation in the Middle East. the strategic petroleum re-

> serves will be kept by PSO. Report quoted petroleum division sources as saying that there is an urgent need to increase fuel storage capacity. According to the sources, petroleum companies have to store petroleum products for 21 days, the government wants the strategic petroleum reserves to be for a period of at least three months, however, the final reserves and the period can be determined only after a

MULTAN: Chairman Pakistan Ulema Council Maulana Tahir Ashrafi addressing the Solidarity careful assessment of the Palestine Conference at Masjid Shohda Al Khair. country's needs. **PTDC planning to**

Nawaz to commence PML-N poll campaign next week

ISLAMABAD (APP): TIC would not only play The Pakistan Tourism Development Corporation (PTDC) was planning to establish a modern Tourist Information Center (TIC) at New Gwadar International Airport to facilitate the foreign and local tourists about their destination.

Talking to APP, a PTDC official said the establishment of TIC would provide comprehensive information to tourists thronging to Pakistan from various countries to enjoy the beauty of recreational sites of Balochistan prov-ince. An official said that

a pivotal role in promoting tourism globally but official announcement of the also emphasize the need election date, former prime for state-of-the-art faciliminister Nawaz Sharif is ties. He highlighted the gearing up to campaign growing significance of across Pakistan, starting Gwadar as a tourist destination, attracting visitors next week. The three-time prime minister returned to from across the country and Islamabad in October after around the world. spending four years in self-He said that Caretaker mposed exile in London

Minister of State for Tourism Wasi Shah was commitpon his return, Nawaz addressed a massive crowd ted to construct Tourist Inof PML-N workers and formation Center at Gwadar airport as soon as supporters in his homepossible to provide all town, Lahore, where he reaffirmed his deep affection kinds of information and for the Pakistani people. facilities to tourists

Fazl was accompanied

HYDERABAD: Caretaker Federal Minister for Education and Professional Training, Madad Ali Sindhi talking to media persons during the PM Youth Skill Development Program held at Sindh Museum.

General Election to be held on time in a free, fair, transparent manner

HYDERABAD (APP): of Technology Hyderabad Caretaker Federal Minister as the assessment center for the Skill Verification Proof Education and Professional Training, Madad Ali gram (Takamol) here on Sindhi, has said that the Sunday.

general election will be held The Federal Minister on time in a free, fair, and said that Takomal was that transparent manner, as aninstitution in Saudi Arabia nounced by the Election that was conducting voca-Commission of Pakistan. tional tests on students who He expressed these were desirous of making a views while talking to the career in the vocational field

media after the inauguration and going to Karachi for of the Government College such tests.

vigilance against cyber security breaches

Several external fac-National Database and Regtors, such as the availabilistration Authority plays a ity of fake documents and crucial role in ensuring the lax data verification procestability and security of dures, contribute to the issuance of counterfeit identity cards. According to a report,

Pakistan has long been plagued by criminals using fake identity cards. The pri-Internal factors, like the corruption of some employees seeking financial mary purpose of creating gains, further exacerbate the counterfeit identity cards problem.

> Nadra has identified and revoked more than 18,000 illegal identity cards.

ECP summons list of private schools, teachers for General Election

sion collecting details of private schools' teachers ISLAMABAD (INP): The Election Commission of Pakistan has summoned the and buildings.

list of private schools for District election compolling in general election, missioner has written leta spokesperson of the electer to the EDO Education and demanded details.

The ECP will also The services of prisetup polling stations in private schools' buildings vate schools' teachers will be availed in case of shortfor convenience of voters age of the government ser-The election commisvants

nuclear weapons In Pakistan, a robust system implemented by

ISLAMABAD (APP): National Assembly Speaker Raja Pervez Ashraf has strongly condemned the Israeli minister's statement about using nuclear weapons on the Gaza Strip.

The threat of using nuclear weapons on innocent Palestinians is a testament to Israeli brutality and warmongering, said the NA Speaker in a statement on Sunday. Ashraf said Israel, in lust for power, was bombing Gaza indiscriminately, where millions of Palestinian citizens, especially children, women, and the elderly, have become victims of its aggression. He urged the world powers to take immediate steps to stop Israel's insanity and war frenzy.

and flooding in most Conference on "Climate Sindh irrigated Agricul-parts of the country, Resilient Pakistan", ture Productivity Enparts of the country, particularly in Balochistan and Sindh affecting 33 million Geneva. While making tive & Livable City of people resulting in eco- concerted efforts to Karachi worth \$27.00m.

jointly hosted by Paki- hancement Project stan and the UN in worth \$8.30m; Competi-



KARACHI: Convener MOM-PDr. Khalid Magbool Siddique addressing the dinner hosted in honour of MQM-P Legal Aid Committee.

LAHORE (APP): The Cen-

tral Executive and Consul-

tative Body of Pakistan

Ulema Council on Sunday

convened a significant meet-

ing, addressing the current

situation in Pakistan, Pal-

Nadeem says: **'Attacks on** Gaza's hospitals condemnable'

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Federal Minister for Health Dr Nadeem Jan on Sunday said that attacks on hospitals and healthcare workers in Gaza are highly regrettable.

In a statement, the minister said all such attacks should be stopped

immediately. He said health workers should be given access to the injured.

NA Speaker flays Israeli Minister's statement of using

estine, and the Islamic world More than two hunexecutive and consultative within Pakistan.

body participated in this gathering, presided over by Chairman Hafiz Muhammad Tahir Mahmood Ashrafi.

In a comprehensive declaration, the meeting emphasized that hostile forces, including India and its allies, are allegedly indred members of the PUC volved in acts of terrorism

First phase of Raiwand Ijtima concludes with prayers for Pak, Muslims

PUC stands united

against terrorism, calls

for ceasefire in Gaza

LAHORE (APP): The unity of the Muslim first phase of the three- world. day Tableeghi Ijtima con-

Hundreds of thoucluded in Raiwind on Sun- sands of people from day with special prayers across Pakistan and other led by Maulana countries attended the Muhammad Ibrahim for annual congregation in the prosperity and soli- Raiwind, about 36 kilomedarity of the country and ters from Lahore



LAHORE: Mayor of London Borough of Hounslow Afzal Kayani is addressing press conference at the Press Club.

and other official documents is to undermine the security and stability of the country, a concern shared by many nations.

toral body said.

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Ongoing threat

Pakistan continues to pay a heavy price in the fight against terrorism. Three attacks were witnessed in different parts of KP and Balochistan within hours of each other on Friday, and then a fourth in Punjab in the early hours the next day.

A police convoy came under an IED attack in KP's Dera Ismail Khan, leading to the deaths of five passers-by and injury to 24 others. In another bomb attack in a border town between Tank and D.I. Khan, which targeted a convoy of police and security forces, one soldier was martvred.

In Balochistan's Gwadar, an ambush on two security vehicles martyred 14 army soldiers the year's deadliest attack on the military. Separately, two soldiers were martyred in a military operation in Lakki Marwat. While the country was still reeling from these incidents, a training air force base in Mianwali came under attack before dawn. The military said the incursion was successfully thwarted, that nine terrorists were killed and the only damage was to a fuel tanker and three grounded aircraft. In all, 17 soldiers were lost to this most recent spate of violence.

The Mianwali airbase attack has been claimed by the TTP-linked Tehreek-i-Jihad Pakistan, which was responsible for the last high-profile attack on the military in Zhob this July. The banned TTP is most likely the culprit in D.I. Khan, having stepped up its operations against security forces since a ceasefire agreement came to an end last November.

Fears abound of the insurgents fully regrouping, emboldened by the Afghan Taliban's takeover of Kabul in 2021. Unverified photos circulating after the airbase attack show American weapons were seized, which likely fell into the TTP's hands after the US troops' Afghanistan withdrawal. Although the Taliban deny it, most official and independent assessments indicate the TTP uses Afghan soil and has the new government's backing. The Gwadar ambush was claimed by the banned Balochistan Liberation Front.

The attacks have occurred as Pakistan carries out its repatriation plan for Afghans, which has been met with anger in Kabul. Our security apparatus will need to remain extra vigilant and flush out not just the militants but also their facilitators. We must comprehensively implement the National Action Plan against militants of all stripes, and identify and cut off financial streams that support terrorists. Border security must be strengthened.

In the case of the TTP, our efforts would need to take into account the complex dynamics of the regions where it operates, as well as the broader geopolitical implications, including ties with Kabul. The state must invest in the socioeconomic development of areas that are breeding grounds for such militant groups. Until we address the root causes, militants will continue to maintain the recently witnessed momentum of their nefarious activities.

Two struggles ing a Muslim-majority state and with borders contiguous with Pakistan.

Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry

The year 1947 witnessed the emergence of two disputes — Palestine and Kashmir. Both remain unresolved. At the heart of both disputes is the unfulfilled right of two peoples to self-determination. Both are protracted cases of resistance to foreign occupation. And in the genesis of both conflicts, the underlying common factor is the British geopolitics of the time. The Palestine dis-

pute arose when, following the dissolution of the ally Ottoman Empire, Britain, which had been given the mandate to govern Palestine, announced in 1917 its intent to create a Jewish homeland in Palestine.

the Balfour Declaration - stated that the new state would not prejudice the civil and religious rights of the non-Jewish communities living in Palestine. In 1947, Britain took the matter to the UN, where the General Assembly adopted Resolution 181, which decided to partition Palestine into the independent states of Israel and Palestine with Jerusalem placed under an international regime. Israel has consistently refused to honour the commitments given under the Balfour Declaration as well as the decision of the UN resolution, and has never allowed the Palestinians to form an independent and

This announcement -

viable state of their own. The dispute over Jammu and Kashmir arose because the people of this state were denied an opportunity to express their desire to join Pakistan or India on the eve of partition. Under the terms of the Partition Plan of 1947, non-Kashmiris from dif-Jammu and Kashmir, be- ferent parts of India and offering them domiciles and voting rights. Pakistanis have al-

should have joined the ways stood for the rights latter. When the Hindu of Palestinians to have maharaja of Kashmir dalan independent and vilied, the tribals from able state of their own. Pakistan's frontier region To this date, Pakistan rose up and liberated a has not recognised Issegment of the state. At rael because of its illegal the maharaja's request, occupation of Palestine. India landed its forces in

There have been the state on Oct 27, 1947. voices in Pakistan, whi-ch believe that by Lord Mountbatten, then governor general of indenot recognising Israel, pendent India, persuaded we have become a target the Indian government to of Jewish lobbies in the refer the case to the UN, US. Another argument is which decided that the that the Indo-Israel nexus is working against the in-terests of Pakistan and matter would be resolved via a UN-supervised plebiscite. But the dispute Kashmiris. How-ever, no government in Pakistan remains unresolved because India has consishas accepted the call for recognition of Israel, and tently refused to abide by the UN resolutions, and is remains fir-mly commitnot ready to accept thirdted to the two-state soluparty mediation or to retion and the right of Palsolve the conflict bilaterestinians to self-determination. There is, however,

both cases, wars have Naturally, there are also been fought and several some differen-ces. Palespeace attempts made. tine is one land which is Both peoples have shown remarkable reclaimed by two communities, the Palestinians and solve, courage, patience Jews. Around the creation and perseverance to purof Israel in 1948, Jews sue their respective from Europe were pulled cause. However, it is iminto Palestine, and Palesportant for both Palestintinians who had lived in ians and Kashmiris to these lands for millennia pursue well-considered were displaced from their strategies that lead to homes. As for Kashmir, freedom and victory over it was and remains a oppressors. Both can Muslim-majority take heart from countless Kashmiri population. examples in human history, where sacrifices and However, since Aug 5, dreams of freedom of 2019, the Indian government has embarked on a some valiant leaders beproject of changing the came a reality for future

Voices of Compassion: Advocating for Human **Rights in Pakistan**

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Stable monetary policy

leads to sustainable growth,

and

By Ayesha Rafiq

In the tapestry of our world, each thread represents a unique culture, a distinct identity, rule. and a shared dream of a better life.

that weaves these threads into a harmonious whole, ensuring that the fabric of humanity remains unbroken and unblemished. However, in Paki-

stan, a nation of remarkable diversity and rich history, the tapestry of human rights often religious diversity, catalyst bears the stains of sufcompassion change.

Pakistan, like many myriad of challenges throughout its history, from political strife to economic disparities. Yet, amidst its

struggle for stability ceptance of diversity and prosperity, the hu- are the true hallmarks man rights of its of a progressive socipeople have often ety. been neglected.

those who suffer and advocate for a more inclusive and compassionate world.

One of the most pressing concerns in Pakistan is the widespread issue of gender inequality.

ited access to education and healthcare.

By neglecting all Pakistanis. their rights, we not only undermine their these issues and advo- Defense University potential but also cating for human (NDU), Pursuing a Dehinder the progress of rights in Pakistan, it is gree In Peace and the entire nation. Paki- essential to emphasize *Conflict* stan has incredible that we do so out of a Islamabad.

policy is a cornerstone of

sustainable economic

indispensable factor in

attracting foreign direct

Speaking at a conference on "Stability in

Monetary Policy Pays

Dividends" held under the

aegis of Gold Ring

Economic Forum, a

strategic think tank, he

said by maintaining a

consistent and transparent

monetary policy framework, nations can

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Palestine on 6th

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women who have deep sense of compasachieved greatness in sion, not criticism

various fields, but Every nation they are often the ex- faces its unique chalception rather than the lenges and struggles, and Pakistan is no ex-It is time to break ception.

free from the chains of The people of Pa-The concept of hu- gender bias and em- kistan have shown reman rights is the needle power every Pakistani markable resilience woman to realize her and strength in the face of adversity. The plight of reli-

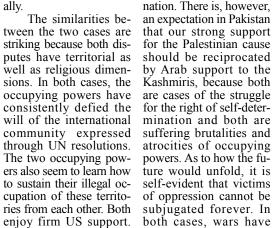
As citizens, we gious and ethnic mi- have the responsibilnorities in Pakistan is ity to stand with those another area that calls who suffer and call for for our attention and positive change.

Our collective Despite being a voice can be a force nation known for its for transformation, a for there are instances progress, and a beafering, reminding us of of persecution and con of hope for the urgent need for discrimination those who have against religious mi- been marginalized.

Let us work hand Respect for the in hand with the nations, has faced a rights and beliefs of all people of Pakistan to citizens, regardless of build a society where their faith, is a funda- human rights are remental pillar of human spected, suffering is alleviated, and com-Tolerance and ac- passion is the guiding principle.

In conclusion, the suffering of people in Pakistan serves as a Furthermore, the reminder that the It is crucial that education system in struggle for human we, as global citizens, Pakistan faces serious rights is ongoing and take a moment to re- challenges, leaving universal. Let us exflect on the plight of many children without tend our hands in access to quality edu- compassion, support, and advocacy, so that A lack of educa- the people in Pakistan tional opportunities can experience a perpetuates cycles of brighter, more equipoverty and inequal- table future.

Together, we can tion of the talents and mend the tapestry of skills of its youth. The human rights and en-Women and girls right to education is a sure that every thread, often face discrimina- cornerstone of human regardless of its color tion, violence, and lim- rights, and its realiza- or texture, is cherished tion can pave the way and celebrated in the for a brighter future for global fabric of humanity. --- Writer is addressing student of National Studies.



occupied territory's de-mographics by pulling in Dawn **Commerce** News



PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhawa Haji Ghulam Ali addressing the ceremony organized by Peshawar Chamber of Small Traders & Small Industries.

PIAF chairman stress structural reforms for sustainable eco. growth

ISLAMABAD (INP): Chairman Pakistan Industrial and Traders Associations Front (PIAF) Faheemur Rehman Saigol has said the real answer to country's problems lies in the structural reforms, as there are a number of inefficiencies in tax collection, which must be removed. In a statement issued on Sunday, he observed that the tax compliance should be improved and tax base should be enhanced, which cannot be achieved with a single policy change, but through a systemic approach. Faheemur Rehman of sales tax, income tax, and

Saigol said that businesses are already in a complicated fictitious cases for recovery

state-of-affairs, while antiof outstanding dues to meet business actions against revenue target.

The PIĂF Chairman also business community will not only add to the miseries called for building a structure in of the business community the country, which is in but also promote trust accordance with the deficit between the requirements of time, as it is government and the easy to weaken institutions but it takes a long time to rebuild He said that in the past them. Whatever appointments instead of focusing on government makes to the heads controlling under-invoicing, of the institutions should be curbing smuggling and

based on transparency and merit, he said. He said that the economy has just come out of the dark shadows but it is still facing the aftershocks and the businessmen are doing their Tehsildar best to makeup the losses Noreez incurred during that period.

LESCO recovers over Rs 8.6m from 341 defaulters

LAHORE (APP): The dues of Rs 1.23 million Lahore Electric Supply Company (LESCO), in from 44 defaulters in Northern Circle and Rs 2.17 million from 48 Circle respectively. Similarly, LESCO (Material Manager Disposal) Engineer Anwar Watto along with Tehsildar Model Town

Sunday that on the 53rd day, Chief Engineer O&M (T&G) Zafar Iqbal with the support of Tehsildar City Mujahid Zia and Shalimar Humayun recovered outstanding Farooq.

State Bank briefed on carpet sector's issues

LAHORE (APP): Trade D e v e l o p m e n t

Authority of Pakistan (TDAP) has

arranged a meeting between State Bank

and Pakistan (SBP)

Manufacturers and

Exporters

Carpet

Leader

and

nairman

Ashraf,

Central

A s s o c i a t i o n (PCMEA) to discuss the difficulties faced by the exporters of handmade carpets and their concerns. irman Naeem Khokhar and Vice Chairman Zafar Idris Soleja represented PCMEA, while its Senior Vice credit condition for handloom carpets as Chairman Usman well as increasing the Senior time limit for delivery

of CAD.

Abdul Latif Malik, Carpet Training Institute (CTI) Chairperson Ijazur Rehman and others attended the meeting through video link. P(MEA spokesman said here Sunday that Association's officebearers conveyed their reservation to the SBP officials such as provisions on penalties and deductions for payments made after 60 days to the state bank, and demanded restoration of special status of 270-day

SIALKOT (APP): Sialkot Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI) President Abdul Ghafoor Malik has said that 2.2 million refugees in Gaza are suffering from severe humanitarian crisis due to the worst siege by Israel. In a statement, Abdul Ghafoor Malik said that homeless and destitute

Palestinian brothers and sisters are in a life and death struggle due to lack of basic necessities like food, water, medical aid and medicines.

82 power pilferers netted across the **MEPCO** region MULTAN (APP): Multan Electric Power Company (MEPCO) teams have raided and caught 82 power pilferers during ongoing operations across the region. The task force teams have raided at various places and registered cases against 50 power pilferers, while nine power

pilferers were arrested while change stealing electricity. A Rs 5.6 million fine was imposed, and over Rs 1 million was also recovered from the power pilferers.

added. He said stability characterized consistent interest rates, leading to shared controlled inflation, and prosperity for their prudent fiscal management, people, said a news release provides a solid foundation for economic growth.

He emphasized the He said when foreign critical role that stability in and local investors monetary policy plays in anticipate stable economic fostering economic growth conditions, they are more and attracting foreign likely to make long-term direct investment (FDI). investments, expand their operations, and create job In today's interconnected global

opportunities. economy, maintaining a He said this stable monetary policy confidence in the economic framework is essential for environment stimulates promoting sustainable entrepreneurship and development and creating innovation, leading to a favorable environment increased productivity and for both domestic and overall economic international investors, he prosperity.



ISLAMABAD: People purchasing traditional items from stalls setup during Ten-Days 'Folk Festival Lok Mela' at Lok Virsa.

Amidst global challenges **Chairman PHHSA highlights** urgent need for agricultural sector diversification

ISLAMABAD (APP): changing rapidly and Chairman Pakistan Hitech Hybrid Seed growth, and shifting Association(PHHSA) people demands are Shahzad Ali Malik Sunday reshaping the landscape of said in emerging global challenges, it has become increasingly evident that the diversification of our agricultural sector is the need of the hour to meet ever increasing food staple needs in the wake climate

agriculture," said a news release issued here. He said, "As agriculturalists, we are well aware of the challenges we face, from unpredictable weather patterns to the depletion of natural resources." "Embracing

Talking to a diversification in our delegation of progressive agricultural practices is not farmers, he said, "The just a choice; it is a world around us is necessity," he added.

Poppy growth down 95% in Afghanistan since Taliban ban: UN

UNITED (INP): Poppy cultivation and opium production have plunged 95 percent in Afghanistan since Taliban has followed suit, authorities banned the plummeting from 6,200 authorities banned the crop, according to a UN report published Sunday.

Since returning to power in 2021, Taliban authorities have vowed to end illegal drug production in Afghanistan and in April 2022 banned the cultivation of the poppy plant, from "h u m a n i t a r i a n which opium and heroin are consequences for many made.

vulnerable The report by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime Afghanistan's opium (UNODC) found that economy, as growers have poppy cultivation has had to turn to far less collapsed by an estimated lucrative alternative 95 percent—from 233.000 crops.

NATIONS hectares (575,755 acres) at the end of 2022 to 10,800 in 2023. Opium production

tons last year.

The

business community.

expanding the tax net, the

FBR seems to be inclined

to pressurize registered

taxpayers, who are already

suffering due to a high rate

custom duties by creating

tons to 333 tons in 2023. first This year's estimated

Speaking at the inauguration ceremony of a car factory in the northwestern province of UNODC warned of potential Kocaeli, Erdogan suggested "humanitarian that there would be fierce competition between the existing EV companies and rura the arrival of new actors

> our country one of the world's leading players in electric vehicle and battery production," he said.

growing EV market: Tayyip ISTANBUL (Xinhua/ APP): Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on Saturday said Türkiye was proceeding on the path of having a rapidly growing electric vehicle (EV)

Türkiye aims

market after launching its domesticallyproduced electric car ГОGG last year.

into the market.

"Our goal is to make

collaboration with Tehsildars (Recovery), has recovered Rs defaulters in Eastern 8.6 million from 341 chronic defaulters in all five districts - Lahore, Sheikhupura, Nankana Sahib, Kasur and Okara - on the 53rd day of its recovery campaign. LESCO spokesman Rana Arsal and Tehsildar told media the here Cant. Sajjad Qureshi

recovered Rs 0.96 million from 27 defaulters in Central Circle and Rs 0.03 million from 02 defaulters in South Circle, while Manager (Technical) Engineer Muhammad

attracting foreign investment ISLAMABAD (APP): create a robust economic Coordinator to Federal Tax foundation, stimulate Ombudsman investment, and foster and Chairman Kyrgyzstan innovation, ultimately Trade House Meher Kashif Younis Sunday said stability in monetary

here.

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Ulema, Mushayekh express solidarity with Pak forces

Pakistan Ulema Council gathered over two hundred and Consultative Body to India's continued support express solidarity with for terrorism and Pakistani forces in their commended the Pakistani fight against terrorism. The nation, army, and security Pakistan Ulema Council declaration, led by Central Chairman of the Pakistan Ulema Council Hafiz Muhammad Tahir Mahmood Ashrafi, highlighted involvement of hostile their powers, including India and Pakistan's Army and

pride. agencies for their affirmed its endorsement of commendable response to the Paigham-e-Pakistan recent terrorist incidents.* narrative and decrees, and plans to hold Paigham-e-Ulema, Mashaykh,

and religious scholars from the across the country voiced nationwide. support for emphasised that attacks on its allies, in terrorist security agencies in the Pakistan's armed forces,

LAHORE (APP): In a incidents within Pakistan. battle against extremism security institutions, significant declaration, the The declaration called and terrorism. The government, and nonupon the international successful thwarting of a government installations community to take terrorist attack on the are not permissible under members of its Executive immediate steps against Mianwali PAF Airbase was any circumstances. Armed observed as a point of struggle by any individual, party, or group is not Furthermore, the

legally permissible in Pakistan, and the government reserves the right to take legal action against those who engage in such activities. Turning Pakistan Conventions their attention to the dire situation in Palestine, the The declaration also declaration expressed concern over Israel's siege of Gaza.

LAHORE: Punjab Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi presides over the meeting to review on window operation for facilitation of Investors and Industrialists.

Kidneys transplanted at Jinnah Hospital by using latest procedures LAHORE (APP): Two cases opting for new procedures

of kidney transplant were successfully completed by using the latest procedures at Jinnah Hospital.

A team headed by Professor Dr Naveed Iqbal, Assistant Professor Dr. Shabbir Chaudhry and Assistant Professor Dr. Salman Arshad performed the task. After one-month stay at the hospital, both patients were discharged in a special ceremony here on Sunday.

Punjab Human Organ Transplantation Authority (PHOTA) Director General Dr. Shehzad Anwar attended the vehicles with ceremony as the guest of honour. He congratulated tampered, fake the doctors and paramedical staff for number-plates

across

and said that modern innovations have made it possible to provide best treatment to patients. He said, "We are proud of our doctors and staff who

work day and night to extend the latest treatment to patients. The operations will earn good name to Jinnah Hospital in medical history of the country." He stressed creating awareness among people about donating organs in the larger

interest of humanity. "Transplant is a costly procedure which only rich people could afford, but now Jinnah Hospital has extended and opened the doors to the poor too, who could avail the facility at low rates.

Preparations for General Elections in KP begins

General elections will be held soon, the letter says. The list of teachers of the schools in the four towns of the city is ready, the letter said. The list of teachers

does not include IBN and email addresses; check the list of concerned education officers and add more information, as the letter

Independent Report Punjab AHORE Caretaker Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi on Sunday presided over a special meeting at the CM Office for establishing 'One Window Operation' in which proposals regarding "One Roof, One Stop"

The participants in Industrial Estate

regarding 'One roof one stop' and map Development Management Company (PIEDMC) and Punjab Śmall Industries Corporation (PSIC) would provide services in 'One Window Operation' Centre. The empowered officials of Local government, Environment, Housing and other departments would be present at the One Window

CM Naqvi reviews proposals

LESCO and Sui Gas counters would also be set up in the One Window Centre. Facility to obtain

been constituted for the NOCs of land transfer, One Window Centre.



million, which is equivalent to 80.5 percent of the total population of the country. Resultantly, the number of social media users' had registered an upward increase to record 71.50 million.

approval

environment would be

available at the One Window

Centre. The officials of One

Window Centre would

themselves fill up the form

of applicants and the

operation would be

completed in five phases at

the One Window Centre.

appear on the dashboard

of the relevant Secretary

in case of noncompletion

of an action within 10

days. An Operational

Review Committee and

Steering Committee has

A red mark would

The data of social media platforms have revealed that 37.30 million people were using facebook, 71.70 million YouTube, 12.95 million In the wake of 4.4 instagram, 16.51 million TikTok, 9.30 million Linkedin, 4.65 million million increases in the number of active cellular twitter and 25.70 million

LAHORE: A group photo of President Press Club Azam Chaudhry with Mayor of London Borough of Hounslow Afzal Kayani after the meeting at Press Club. Crackdown on

Physiotherapy centre at Dolphin Police HQs becomes operational

LAHORE (APP): A other body parts, and it Physiotherapy centre would be possible to get rid became operational at of frozen shoulder and Dolphin headquarters, Walton, here help release tension. on Sunday.

It would provide personnel, a spokesperson told APP here.

Centre Physiotherapist Muhammad Irfan said that qualified physiotherapists

Police headache. It would provide He

physiotherapy treatment facilitation to Dolphin to Dolphin personnel would help relieve pain, including soft tissues massage and stretching to head relieve tension and spasm.

joint corrective exercise, posture would be present at the awareness, and advice on centre round-the-clock. He how to manage or said physiotherapy would overcome pain while help patients get relief from performing Dolphins daily pain of osteoporosis and duties and activities.

LAHORE (APP): The Punjab Safe Cities Authority (PSCA) has launched a crackdown on vehicles with fake numberplates in the provincial that said metropolis, authority's

spokesperson told APP on Sunday He said that an autorickshaw with a fake number-plate was caught standing at Expo Chowk, mobilisations. with the help of Safe City cameras.

He said a team issued instructions to the Nawab Town police station to impound rickshaw and arrest the driver.

PESHAWAR (APP): The preparation for the general election got under way all Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, with a list of more than 5000 women

teachers ready to give duty. In this connection, a letter was issued by the Education Department, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, to

all the education officers to prepare the staff for the issued on November 3 forthcoming general election to be held soon. says, without mentioning the date of the election. International News

solution for the investors and industrialists in Lahore were reviewed. Centre. the meeting were informed that Faisalabad Industrial Estate Development and Management Company (FIEDMC), Punjab

Safety of life, property top priority: SP

SARGODHA (APP): Superintendent of Punjab Highway Patrol Police Sargodha Region Akhtar Hussain Joyia said that the safety of people's life and property is the first priority of the force.

Talking to APP here on Sunday, he said that the main objective of Punjab Highway Patrol was to secure all the major to-day happenings in and highways of Punjab and around the globe on a single click on mobile phones. provide all kinds of assistance to commuters.

He said that now the responsibilities of PHP internet ushers during the last include the arrest of two years in the country, the outlaws, operations against illegal weapons and drugs. mobile connections had snapchat in the country.

PESHAWAR (APP): The swelled to a record 191.8 internet users in Pakistan has swelled to a record 87.35 million in January this year. helping them to get all types of information on varieties of subjects including geopolitical development, economic, social, sports and culture besides others day-

Palestinian president presses US to secure Gaza ceasefire

Monitoring Desk GAZA: Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas demanded an immediate Israeli ceasefire at a meeting with top US diplomat Antony Blinken on Sunday, as Gaza's health ministry said dozens died in a strike on a refugee camp overnight.

Blinken, who has repeatedly dismissed the idea of a ceasefire by Israel for fear it would benefit Hamas, was making an unan-nounced visit to the occupied West Bank, as part of effort to try and ensure the Israel-Hamas war does not spread in the region. His visit to Ramallah took place as people sifted through rubble for victims or survivors at the Maghazi refugee camp refugee camp in not independently verify Gaza. "All night I and the these accounts.

rubble. We got children, dismembered, torn apart flesh," said Saeed al-Nejma, 53, adding that he had been asleep with his family in their single-storey house when the blast hit his neighbourhood.

A spokesman for the health ministry in the Hamas-run Gaza Strip said earlier on Sunday that the Israeli military had struck the camp overnight, killing at least 47 people. quoted Abbas as telling In a separate attack, 21

Palestinians from one family, including women and children, were killed in Israeli strikes targeting Gaza overnight, the health ministry said. Reuters could

other men were trying to pick the dead from the stop them from committing these crimes immediately, Abbas told Blinken, demanding an "immediate ceasefire" from Israel.

"There are no words to describe the war of genocide and destruction to which our Palestinian people are being subjected in Gaza at the hands of the Israeli war machine, without regard to the rules of international law," Palestinian news agency WAFA

Blinken. Foreign ministers from Qatar, Saudi, Egypt, Jordan and the United Arab Emirates met Blinken in Amman on Saturday and also pushed for Washington to convince Israel to agree to a ceasefire.

Netanyahu

suspends Israeli

minister over

Gaza nuclear

comment

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Turkey's main opposition elects Ozel as new leader in local elections run-up

Monitoring Desk ANKARA: Turkey's main opposition Republican People's Party (CHP) on Sunday elected Ozgur Ozel as its new leader, ending a 13-year term for incumbent Kemal Kilicdaroglu, as the country gears up for local elections next March.

Ozel, 49, has been serving as the CHP's deputy parliamentary group chairman since 2015 and has been a lawmaker since 2011. He announced his candidacy in September, after Kilicdaroglu and the CHP's painful defeat to President Tayyip Erdogan and his ruling political alliance in May presidential and general elections.

Ozel, a pharmacist by trade, received 812 of 1,366 possible votes at a tense, hours-long party congress in Ankara that took two rounds. "This is the greatest honour of my life," Ozel said after the results were announced, while thanking Mustafa Kemal Ataturk. Kilicdaroglu for his work at

the party. "We are embarking on the road for local elec-JERUSALEM: Prime Mintion victory," he added. "We ister Benjamin Netanyahu have believed in turning hopeon Sunday disciplined a lessness into hope, we are junior member of his cabihopeful," Ozel said, surnet who appeared to voice rounded by applauding party openness to the idea of Ismembers and standing alongrael carrying out a nuclear side Istanbul Mayor Ekrem strike on Gaza, where the Imamoglu. Imamoglu supwar with Hamas is inflictported Ozel in a push for change at the CHP that has ing a spiralling Palestinian

for the presidency.

civilian toll. long been bogged down by Netanyahu's office isin-fighting. After winning the 2019 sued a statement saying that the minister concerned municipal elections in Istanbul and ending Heritage Minister Amihay Eliyahu, from a far-right Erdogan's years-long hold party in the coalition govover the city, Imamoglu was ernment - had been susseen as a potential new leader

pended from cabinet meetfor the party and challenger ings "until further notice" Asked in a radio inter-However view about a hypothetical Kilicdaroglu chose to run nuclear option, Eliyahu had himself against Erdogan in replied: "That's one way." the May elections, despite

His remark drew swift several previous losses. condemnation from around After the vote, he came unthe Arab world, scandalised der fire for refusing to step mainstream Israeli broaddown as the leader of the casters and was deemed CHP, established by modobjectionable" by a U.S. ern Turkey's founder official

Demonstrators take part in a protest inside Charing Cross station following the 'London Rally For Palestine'. Gaza situation worsens as

Monitoring Desk in Amman by holding talks GAZACITY: Israeli troops with Prime Minister Mohammed launched an operation in Abdulrahman Al Thani of Gaza early on Saturday, including a strike on a UNrun school in which 15 people were killed, accordians ing to the Hamas-run health

ministry.

isters

Minister

MOSCOW: The Russian

military on Sunday reported

a successful test launch of

an intercontinental ballistic

missile designed to carry

nuclear warheads from a

tensions are soaring be-

tween Russia and the West

over the fighting in Ukraine.

Adding to those tensions,

President Vladimir Putin

last week signed a bill re-

The report comes as

new nuclear submarine.

involved.

Speaking at a news

however, that he would not agree to a "temporary truce" with Hamas until it releases more than 240 prisoners in its custody since Oct 7.

4.4m people stateless worldwide, says UN

facilitated by humanitarian

pauses." Jordanian Foreign

Minister Ayman Safadi

called for all sides to work

but border clashes continue

Washington has de-

of a global nuclear test ban GENEVA: The UN said on in a move that Moscow said Saturday that 4.4 million was needed to establish people worldwide were parity with the United known to be stateless, though the true figure would The Russian Defense be significantly higher due to Ministry said in a statement their relative "invisibility"

> refugee agency, said state-lessness had a "devastating impact" on those left without a nationality, as it called for more to be done to combat such exclusion.

Shelling kills 15 civilians in Sudan, RSF claims gains in Darfur

Monitoring Desk WAD MADANI: At least 15 civilians in Khartoum were killed on Saturday when shells fell on their homes", a medical source said, as paramilitary fighters battling Sudan's army claimed gains in Darfur. The victims' bodies were taken to Al-Nau hospital in Omdurman, a district of greater Khartoum, the medical source told AFP, speaking

on condition of anonymity. Fighting since April between the forces of army chief Abdel Fattah al-Burhan and his former

deputy Mohamed Hamdan Daglo, who commands the Rapid Support Forces (RSF), has raged in heavily populated areas.

The struggle between the rival generals has crippled essential services in Sudan and razed entire neighbourhoods of the capital and the vast western region of Darfur.

In nearly seven months of war, more than 10,400 people have been killed, according to a conservative estimate from the Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project.



Debris of houses collapsed during an earthquake are pictured in Jajarkot, Nepal.

Qatar says Gaza hostage releases need 'period of calm'

Monitoring Desk DOHA: Qatar's foreign ministry said on Sunday that without a "period of calm" in Gaza its mediators would not be able to secure the release of Israeli hostages held there. "Any hostage release has to be linked to a period of calm that allows for the hostage release to work, which is something we have not seen for a while," Majed Al Ansari, Qatar's foreign ministry spokesperson told reporters.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Friday rejected U.S. calls for a temporary stop to Israel's offensive against Hamas to facilitate work to free more than 240 hostages seized by the Palestinian Islamist group. Israel would not pause its attacks unless the attacks and misinformation hostages held by the mili- circulating about the talks.

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UNHCR, the UN

tants are freed first, Netanyahu said. The Gulf state of Qatar has, in coordination with the U.S., led mediation talks with Hamas and Israeli officials over the release of hostages since the militant group led a rampage into Israel on Oct. 7, killing 1,400 people and bundling more than 240 others into Gaza. Since then, Israel has steadily escalated its assault on Gaza and its 2.3 million residents and overnight on Saturday struck by air, sea, and ground. Gaza health officials said on Sunday that more than 9,700 Palestinians, including 4,800 children have been killed in the war. Qatar's Prime Minister said on Sunday that the negotiations were at risk of failing because of Israel's

State Antony Blinken faced a rising tide of anger in meetother cities aro-und the ings with Arab foreign minglobe, thousands of pro-Blinken reaffirmed US Palestinian protesters gathered to call for a ceasefire in support for "humanitarian pauses" in the Pales-tinian Gaza territory to ensure desperconference in Amman about ate civilians get help, a day sparing civilians and speedafter Israel's hawkish Prime Benjamin

ing up aid deliveries, the top

A key focus of Blinken's visit to Israel on Friday was to persuade Netanyahu to enact "humanitarian pauses" Netanyahu said later

Netanyahu gave the idea United States believes that short shrift. all of these efforts will be Blinken began the day Russia says it test-fired an

intercontinental ballistic missile from a new nuclear submarine **Monitoring Desk**

that the Imperator Alexander

III strategic missile cruiser

fired the Bulava missile from

an underwater position in

Russia's northern White Sea,

and hit a target in the far-

eastern region of Kamchatka.

voking Russia's ratification

States.

US diplomat said: "The



bin

Qatar, a mediator between together to "stop a catastrophe that will haunt the Tel Aviv and the Palestinregion for generations" The talks come amid mounting Arab anger over ployed a powerful fleet to the civilian death toll in the eastern Mediterranean The strike on school was carried out by Israel even as US Secretary of and hopes that it has de-Gaza, and increasing fears that other states would get terred Hezbollah from a full-scale attack on Israel

In London, Berlin and

Daily Independent, Islamabad

Minister Information highlights preservation of cultural values at 'Lok Mela'

ISLAMABAD (APP): ture and Tourism Author-The Caretaker Minister of Information, Culture, and Tourism Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Barrister Pakhtunkhwa Pavilion, Feroz Jamal Shah Kakakhel, attended the annual 'Lok Mela' at Lok Virsa Islamabad.

During the event, he addressed the attendees, emphasizing the significance of the preservation of cultural values and heritage, according to a handout is-

sued here on Sunday. Accompanied by Federal Minister for National Heritage and Culture Jamal Shah and Palestine Ambassador Ahmad Jawad Rabei. Barrister Feroz Jamal Shah Kakakhel explored the various pavilions representing different provinces. Barrister Feroz Jamal Shah Kakakhel warmly welcomed the Federal Minister for National Heritage and Culture, as well as the Ambassador of Palestine to Pakistan, along with other serving cultural values. He

vilion. aspirations of society and The officials of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Cul- down to future generations.

guests through the diverse facets of the Khyber where the guests showed keen interest in the cultural exhibits, delectable culinary offerings, folk music, art, literature, traditional attire, ornaments. The event featured captivating folk mua delightful cultural experi-

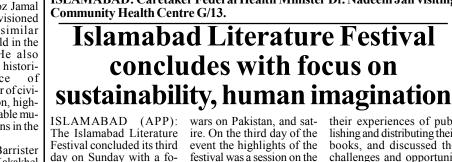
ence. In a heartwarming gesture of solidarity, Barrister Feroz Jamal Shah Kakakhel a future where similar visited the Palestine Corner, connecting with the Palestinian families present touched upon the historiand conveying a message of support on behalf of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government and its people. During his address at

the inaugural function, Barregion. rister Feroz Jamal Shah Kakakhel underscored the Feroz Jamal Shah Kakakhel importance of such events in promoting unity and preesteemed guests at the emphasized that these both the Palestinian and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Pa- events reflect the collective Kashmiri people, pledging

Speaking passionately ity cordially guided the about the Palestinian cause, Barrister Feroz Jamal Shah Kakakhel reaffirmed the unwavering support of the KP government and its people. He praised the rich Palestinian culture and heritage, characterizing it as a beacon of human civilizaembroidery, and exquisite tion and history. The caretaker minister expressed his commitment to standing sic performances, providing alongside the Palestinian people and their cause.

> Barrister Feroz Jama events could be held in the heart of Gaza. He also cal significance of Peshawar as a center of civilization and religion, highlighting the remarkable museums and attractions in the

reiterated the unwavering solidarity of the people of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa with Kashmiri people, pledging to stand united until lasting solutions are found for their respective issues.



human imagination.

The Quest for Peace and Security ourgers among Neighbours GGe CIA PANELLISTS NEO Ikram Sehgal, Zahid Hussain, and Victoria Schofield alid B ISLAMABAD: Historian and commentator on International Affairs Victoria

Schofield addressing during last day of 9th Islamabad Literature Festival, in Federal Capital.

Hurriyat leaders pay **DC Islamabad** orders homage to Jammu martyrs

ISLAMABAD (APP): Hurrivat leaders and organizations have paid glowing tributes to the Jammu martyrs of November 1947 and reiterated the Kashmiris' resolve that sacrifices of the martyrs will not go waste.

pose of the brutal massacre of Muslims was the first step towards changing the demography of Jammu and Kashmir and the Modi's fascist government is following this nefarious plan to convert the majority of Kashmiri Muslims into a

crackdown on sheesha cafes, two sealed ISLAMABAD (APP): On the directions of Deputy Commissioner Islamabad Irfan Nawaz Memon, the Assistant Commissioners conducted crackdown on

sheesha cafes in their re-

pective areas on Sunday

ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Federal Health Minister Dr. Nadeem Jan visiting

Islamabad Literature Festival concludes with focus on

wars on Pakistan, and satire. On the third day of the event the highlights of the festival was a session on the cus on sustainability and dark side of journalism in the unparalleled ability of Pakistan. In this session. senior journalists Sved The festival, which is Irfan Ashraf and Hamid Mir discussed the challenges faced by journalists

organized by Oxford University Press, is one of the in the country, including intimidation, harassment, largest and most prestigious literary festivals in Pakiand violence. Moreover. stan. This year's festival featured a diverse range of another notable session on the third day of the festival speakers and panelists, inwas titled "Ink and Emcluding writers, journalists, powerment: Women in Publishing." This session academics. and policymakers. Some of the key top-

ics discussed at the festival included Pakistani democracy, journalism, artificial Maniza Shamsi. intelligence, the impact of

Islamabad authorities conduct crackdown on alms seekers, netted 31

ISLAMABAD (APP): In a major crackdown on professional beggars, Islamabad authorities on Sunday arrested 31 individuals and sent minor children to the Edhi Center.

The operation was carried out under the supervision of Deputy Commissioner Islamabad Irfan Nawaz Memon, with teams of Civil Defence led by the Assistant Commissioner Secretariat Aneel Saeed and Assistant Director Civil Defence, ICT spokesman

ferent areas of Islamabad and apprehended beggars who were found soliciting money from the public. The beggars were then transferred to the police station for further processing, while the minor children were sent to the Edhi Center, a non-profit organization that provides care and support to children in need.

beggars is going on with overseeing the raids by the Assistant Commissioners Dr Abdullah Tabasum said. on daily basis.

their experiences of publishing and distributing their books, and discussed the challenges and opportunities facing women in the publishing industry in Pakistan. The third day of the festival also featured a session on the use of artificial intelligence for education and learning. In this session, Sagib Ahmed and Andrew Combe discussed the potential benefits of using AI in education, as well as the challenges that need to be addressed.

The third day of the was chaired by Meena Islamabad Literature Festi-Malik, and featured panelval was a stimulating and ists Mehwish Amin and thought-provoking event that featured a diverse range The panelists shared of topics and speakers.

AIOU commences final exams of MBA from **Nov. 18**

ISLAMABAD (APP) Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU) is conducting final examinations of 2.5 and 3.5 years MBA programs offered in the spring 2023 semester from November 18. These examinations will take place throughout the country till December 7, 2023, said a press release yesterday. The date sheet is available on the website (www.aiou.edu.pk). Roll num-

ber slips have been uploaded to students' CMS portal.

Dr Nadeem visits Community Health Center G/13

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ISLAMABAD (APP): tion of 4,000 to 5,000 can for Health Dr. Nadeem Jan on Sunday visited the Community Health Center G/13 to observe the patients' care services.

During the visit, the minister reviewed the facili-that is not all care systems Dr. Nadeem Jan said that the population of the ties provided by the Com-munity Health Center.

Dr. Nadeem Jan also inquired about health facilities being provided to women He inspected the at-

and the immunization counter

He stressed that pharmacy records should be computerized on an urgent basis. Dr. Nadeem Jan asked to ensure an uninterrupted supply of medicines to patients.

Caretaker Federal Minister benefit from the health facilities. He said that an inte-

grated strategy has been formulated to strengthen the primary health care system.

suburbs should benefit from the facilities of the primary health care system.

He said that the Community Health Center should be fully functional. "I will monitor the facilitendance sheet of the staff ties of the primary health care system myself."

He said women must get their children vaccinated.

He said the staff should create awareness about this hospital in social media so that more patients can benefit from the health facilities.

He said that a popula-



ISLAMABAD: Residents of Barkhan area of Balochistan Inam Shah and Baram Khan addressing a Press conference regarding triple murder case.

National folk festival helping in cultural tourism promotion

ISLAMABAD (APP): The National Folk Festival (Lok Mela) was helping in promoting cultural tourism as a large number of local tourists coming from various parts of the country to enjoy amazing and mega event in the capital. Talking to APP, the Pakistan Tourism Development Corporation (PTDC) official said that the biggest folk festival in the country called Lok Mela continued from November 3-12 here. It was organized by the National Heritage and Culture Division at Lok

Virsa, he added. He said the festival was attracting tour-

variety of activities such as provincial pavilions, food stalls, shopping at traditional stalls and music programmes that was reflecting and unveiling the rich cultural diversity of the country. The official said that the exceptional festival was encouraging and fascinating the folk lovers to throng the federal capital and enjoy the music, traditional dances, arts and handicraft. "The cultural nights are also part of the unique folk mela that also entraining the tourists," he added. It is pertinent to mention here, the festival was being conducting under the theme 'Peace ists massively by serving and Harmony through Culthem with cultural and tra- tural Diversity' offers an im-

The teams raided dif-The operation against

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ditional treats, featuring a mense opportunity. **Campaign for registration**

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SLAMABAD: According

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Ĉapital City Police Officer

(IĈCPO) Ďr. Akbar Nasir

Khan, the Islamabad Capi-

tal Police "Knock the Door"

campaign for the registra-

tion of employees and ten-

ants is in full swing, a pub-

this campaign various teams

of Islamabad Capital Police

and door-to-door to ensure

the registration of tenants

and domestic workers as

well as to inquire about the

problems faced by the citi-

'Hygiene conditions

He said that, during

lic relations officer said.

Media Service, hundreds of thousands of Kashmiris were martyred by the forces of Dogra Maharaja Hari Singh, Indian Army and Hindu fanatics in different parts of Jammu region while they were migrating to Pakistan during the first week of November in 1947. Every year, Kashmiris mark November 06 as the Jammu Martyrs' Day to pay tribute to the victims of the Jammu massacre

The Chairperson of Jammu and Kashmir Mass Movement Farida Behanji in a statement issued in Srinagar said that the massacre of Jammu on November 6, 1947 was the first incident of ethnic cleansing after the Second World War.

She said that the pur-

According to Kashmir minority. The Chairman of Pasban-e-Hurrivat Jammu and Kashmir, Uzair Ahmad Ghazali, in his statement in Muzaffarabad, paying rich tributes to the Jammu martyrs, said the brutal and murderous rulers of India started this bloody game in 1947 to strengthen their forced rule over Jammu and Kashmir, which continues in the occupied territory even after seventy six years have passed. He said India wants the Muslim majority in Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmin to be converted into a mi-

sealing several establishments in compliance with the Islamabad High Court's order. The DC said that the owners of cafes were strictly prohibited from serving sheesha to customers until the Ministry of National Health Services,

> Regulation and Coordination (NHSR&C) clarified the rules and regulations regarding the use of sheesha in public places.

IRSA releases 107,100

nority. He said the people cusecs water of the territory are waging a struggle for freedom ISLAMABAD (APP) against these heinous am-Indus River System Aubitions and conspiracies of thority (IRSA) on Sunday India. Kashmiri people are released 107,100 cusecs making sacrifices to defend water from various rim stations with inflow of 51,000

Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (Sami) Chairman Maulana Hamid-ul-Haq Haqqani cusecs. According to the data released by IRSA, wapaid homage to the remarkter level in River Indus at able services of late Maulana Sami-ul-Haq, ac-Tarbela Dam was 1520.31 feet and was 122.31 feet knowledging his contributions in national, political, higher than its dead level of 1,398 feet. Water inflow and religious, academic, and litoutflow in the dam was reerary realms. corded as 27,200 cusecs Addressing the recent prestigious and grand conand 50,000 cusecs respecference to mark the fifth tively. The water level in

River Jhelum at Mangla Dam was 1198.50 feet. 'death anniversary of Maulana Sami-ul-Haq at the Jamia Dar-ul-Uloom

ISLAMABAD (APP): Haqqania, Akora Khattak, fices for the peace and inexpressed his unwavering tegrity of Pakistan, Haqqani commitment to upholding stated, "We will not let the the religious and political blood of the scholars go in vision of late Maulana vain. That is why the im-Sami-ul-Haq. perialist forces could not Haqqani emphasized tolerate him, and late

ISLAMABAD: Participants posing for a group photograph along with Am-

bassador of Turkmenistan to Pakistan and Dean of Diplomatic Corps Atadjan

Movlamov during opening ceremony of Asean- Pakistan Fun Golf 2023 at

Homage paid to Maulana Sami's

legacy on his 5th death anniversary

Bahria Golf City in Federal Capital.

the promotion of Islam, the Maulana Sami-ul-Haq had implementation of Shariat, his chest pierced but did not and the defense of Pakistan bow down to imperialism.3 while extending support to He condemned the distressoppressed communities ing atrocities inflicted upon Palestinian Muslims, calling worldwide. He stressed that the struggle against exploitthem intolerable. Haqqani ative imperialist forces urged the Muslim Ummah to stand in solidarity and assist

would persist. Regarding the sacri-

Better hygiene at colleges still a c hallenge

the oppressed Palestinians.

arrested, 120 ISLAMABAD (APP): liters of liquor Despite a number of initiatives to ensure a healthy recovered environment at Capital Ter-**Independent Report** ritory educational institu-SLAMABAD tions, better hygiene still Islamabad capital Police remains a challenge exposing students to different Industrial Area police

team arrested a liquor kinds of ailments. Although Oral Hydealer and recovered 120 giene Program, provision of liters of liquor from his hygiene kits and steps like possession, a police pubensuring cleanliness of preic relations officer said. mises and toilettes, clean He said that, following the special directions drinking water and overall tidy environment were alof Islamabad Capital City ready underway, yet there are still challenges like pau-

city of funds and staff. Since the clean and hygienic school environment stands as a fundamental pillar for safeguarding the health and well-being of students and staff, it also serves as a powerful catalyst for nurturing a profound sense of pride and responsibility among them.

tures. Drawing inspiration from the timeless wisdom found in the Hadith of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) who imparted, ther investigation is uncleaning clothes

'Cleanliness is half of

faith." the school management can also derive a valuable lesson for the students. Therefore, the schools are not only expected to impart better education but

also better hygiene to fulfill the requirements of better health as well as a clean

and healthy environment. 'Given the size of our educational institutions, it is often a challenging task for custodial staff to manage cleaning and maintenance tasks alone," said Riffat Jabeen, Director informed

Academics, Federal Directorate of Education (FDE). "It is common that students litter the premises by throwing waste here and there even in the presence of waste bin," she re-marked. "Therefore, teachers emphasize the impor-(FDE) tance of cleanliness and

hygiene during their lec-She said the Head Teachers ensure cleaning supplies like disinfectants, toilet brushes, mops and As per the FDE guide-

lines on hygiene the stu-April 2023, as many as 100,000 kits have been disdents are kept away from hazardous chemicals, students and staff are intributed among students," Riffat Jabeen said. "Docstructed on proper use of tors are also engaged to guide students on health and hytoilets, cleaning sinks and countertop surfaces and toilet floor after use. giene issues

"Heads of Institutions claims, there are complaints are specifically directed to of missing facilities espeencourage students to actively participate in ensurcially at female schools, as poor cleanliness and subing a clean and healthy enstandard food supplied by vironment without compromising routine academic canteens inside the instituactivities," Riffat Jabeen tions and private vendors outside, was proving to be

Keeping in view the hazardous for students' importance of hygiene fahealth cilities, the Federal Govern-In many cases, there ment has started the "Oral is also a deficiency of bath-Hygiene Program" at 423 rooms as compared to the public sector schools and number of students with colleges under the Federal many needing immediate Directorate of Education repair and up-gradation as Director Monitoring FDE

Under this Program, the Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Malik Sohail assured to bridge this gap and claimed these facilities would be Training distributes 'Hyprovided sooner. giene Kits' among students are far better now than the of government educational past especially at instituinstitutions within the ICT jurisdiction. "Under the Hygiene and staff are active," he

of house servants and tenants data in full swing

ment (CTD) Islamabad has registered a data of 159 house servants of 476 houses from Bara Kahu Police Station jurisdiction

The purpose of this campaign is to avoid any untoward incident by maintaining law and order in the federal capital adding that the registration of tenants and domestic workers could not only keep a close watch on miscreants but also prevent the elements involved in any kind of sus-

are going to the streets

picious activity. He said citizens are also requested that they can ask for the identity of a person if someone dressed in civil clothes zens. In this regard, the comes to their house in or-Counter Terrorism Departder to collect the data.



warded for more sweepers and sanitary workers," he informed. "We are fully alive to better health of our children and the Association has formed a committee for identifying missing facilities at government schools and ensuring their earliest provision.

There are also scattered reports of selling unhygienic food at some of the institutions although the authorities claim on random checking of the stuff being sold out at these outlets

Similarly in numerous cases either the washrooms were worn out with broken tiles and flour or the lethargic response of sanitary staff, left these washrooms dirty and stuffy

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ISLAMABAD (APP): tors.

The Tourism Development Corporation of Punjab (TDĈP) has finalized the preparations for conducting four-day Thal Desert Jeep Rally sched-uled to be held from November 9-12.

Talking to APP, a TDCP official said that the rally would attract over 100 male and female drivers across the country.

The advisory had already been issued the drivers to facilitate them, he added.

He said the administration was utilizing all possible resources to ensure the success of the stock category race, rally, adding that all stakeholders were working to- a bike race. Cultural fair gether to make the event a and other programs memorable experience for would also be part of the participants and specta- event, he added.

would start from Changa Manga tail-head Muhammadwala and cover a distance of 200 kilometers through Layyah, Muzaffargarh, and Kot Addu. The middle section of the track is located in

He said the rally

Chobara Tehsil Layyah (South Punjab area). The official said, "A drivers/navigators confer-

ence and draws will be held on November 9. He said that the rally

would feature a qualify ing round and races in 11

Police Officer (ICCPO) Dr. Akbar Nasir Khan, the Islamabad capital police has intensified crackdown against the criminal

city.

categories, including a Kashif and recovered 120 liters of liquor from his women's categories, and possession. Case has been registered against the nabbed accused and fur-

derway

