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TASHKENT: Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar meets with the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Mr. Shavkat Mirziyoyev on the sidelines of 16th ECO Summit.

President writes to PM stressing right of all parties to contest polls

ISLAMABAD (APP): ter he received from Omar President Dr Arif Alvi, in a letter addressed to Caretaker Prime Minister Tehreek-e-Insaf. Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Wednesday, emphasized holding of free and fair elections, saying that all political parties and leaders have the right to contest

"There is a resonance in Pakistan that for free, fair and credible elections, all political parties and leaders have the right to contest and it is up to the people to decide," he wrote in the letter, according to a press release issued by the President's

Ayub Khan, General Sec- reassuring to hear your reretary of the Pakistan

President Alvi highlighted that democracy was policy that all registered the only viable way forward for the State and the equal rights and opportupeople of Pakistan, the nities to contest the forth-"essence of which lied in coming elections," he giving people the right to partake in political activi-

that it was of utmost imgovernment under the prime minister's leadership made efforts as a neutral The president, in this playing field for all politi-

"In this context, it was cent statements whereby you stated that it was the caretaker government's political parties should have

President Alvi said ties and to be able to voice that as the office of the Presitheir opinions through a dent of Pakistan represented the unity of the Republic as The president stated Head of State under Article 41 of the Constitution of portance that the caretaker Pakistan and, therefore, it was duty-bound along with the prime minister and all institutions to proentity to provide a level- tect the rights of the citizens, as enshrined in the Constitution.



ISLAMABAD: US delegates meet Mr. Justice Syed Mansoor Shah at the Federal Judicial Academy.

sel for petitioner said the

hearing of the case be ad-

journed for short period.

The CJP remarked we will

not give adjournment.

Make preparations from

raid was conducted on my

home and office under the

order of Gen (Retd) Faiz

Hameed on May 12, 2017.

Our precious goods and

record of our private hous-

ing society was stolen in the raid. The illegal action

against me was aimed at

taking control of Top one

ates were arrested after

raid and were kept in ha-

beas corpus. The CJP in-

quired from the counsel

the court should do what.

petitioner said the court

should order defence min-

istry as it is competent au-

The counsel for the

city. I and my five associ-

The petitioner said

just now.

Judge sitting in chamber is not supreme court: CJP

ISLAMABAD (Online): Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Oazi Faez Isa has observed the judge sitting in chamber is not Supreme Court (SC)

He further observed judges sitting in court are SC. The SC proceedings cannot be run while sitting in chamber. Only chamber appeals are heard in chamber. No constitution, laws and rules and regulations allow this to former CJP.

He gave these remarks while presiding of SC bench during the hearing of human rights case against Faiz Hameed on the charges of occupation of land. The case came up for hearing before SC bench presided over by CJP Qazi Faez Isa Wednesday.

The CJP while moving to the petitioner remarked there are gross allegations in your petition. The counthority to take action.

Iqbal Day to be observed today **Independent Report**

the 146th birth anniversary



SLAMABAD: The nation vill observe Igbal Day on Thursday (today) to honor of the renowned poet, Dr.



Allama Mohammad Iqbal. The government has declared a public holiday nationwide to celebrate the day. Born in Sialkot on November 9, 1877, Dr. Iqbal is fondly remembered as the "Poet of the East."

ISLAMABAD (APP): in Afghanistan in August Caretaker Prime Minister 2021, he said Pakistan witnessed an increase in terror-Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar Wednesday demanded the ist incidents by 60 percent

ghanistan to hand over the in suicide blasts. Pakistani nationals who "Pakistan in last two vere illegally residing in Afghanistan and were involved in terrorist activities against their own country. Addressing a press con-

Pak, Uzbekistan resolve for

early finalisation of Strategic

Partnership Agreement

TASHKENT (APP): Paki- and connectivity.

House, the prime minister said the government was ready to receive and accept any such illegal Pakistanis. PM Kakar also asked the Afghan government to take action against the hideouts of Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) and its training centres in Afghanistan and ensure that "they must not be used against

ference here at the PM

Pakistan". Since the interim

stan and Uzbekistan on

Wednesday reiterated the

resolve to finalize the Stra-

tegic Partnership Agree-

ment at the earliest to pro-

mote regional economic in-

discussed in a bilateral meet-

ing between Caretaker

Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar and President

Mirziyoyev, on the side-

lines of the 16th Summit of

the Economic Cooperation

Organization (ECÔ) being

heir commitment to play

an active role for the re-

views on deepening bilat-

eral cooperation in a

range of areas including

political, trade, eco-

nomic, security, defence,

stan Peoples Party (PPP)

Chairman Bilawal Bhutto-

Zardari on Wednesdav said

that his party parted ways

with the Pakistan Muslim

League-Nawaz (PML-N) af-

ter the former ruling party

compromised on the "sanc-

narrative [remained] vote

"As long as PML-N's

tity of the vote".

The leaders exchanged

gional connectivity.

Uzbekistan Shavkat

The bilateral ties were

years has lost lives of 2,867 innocent civilians, for which TTP is responsible which is operating from Afghanistan," he said. He mentioned that 15 Afghan nationals were found involved in suicide

besides a 500 percent surge

bombings in Pakistan, while 64 Afghans got killed during their fight against the Pakistani law enforcement agencies. He said Afghan authorities were cognizant of these facts as Pakistan had been sharing these details with them since February this year through the fortnightly memorandums of government took to power protest.

Expressing satisfaction

at the growing level of bi-

lateral cooperation, Prime

Minister Kakar stressed

the importance of sustain-

recent operationalization of

Preferential Trade Agree-

ment (PTA) and Transit

(UPTTA) would boost bi-

lateral trade and transit trade

in addition to streamlining

Economic Cooperation Or-

ganization Trade Agree-

completion of Uzbekistan

Afgĥanistan-Pakistan rail-

and President Mirziyoyev

discussed on the ongoing

humanitarian situation in

Gaza and other regional and

global developments.

They reaffirmed com-

Prime Minister Kakar

ment (ECOTA).

way project.

Both sides reaffirmed mitment to the early

KARACHI: Peoples Party (PPP) Chairman,

Bilawal Bhutto Zardari in meeting with Journal-

ists of national newspapers, news channels and

media houses, held at Bilawal House in Karachi.

Bilawal says

PPP 'parted ways' with

PML-N after compromise

on 'vote ko Izzat do'

KARACHI (INP): Paki- vote), we kept along but

He underlined that the

ing the momentum.

Threatening statements of Afghan leaders regrettable

Pakistan witnessed a sharp increase in

terrorism after Kabul takeover: PM

The monitoring team of the United Nations in its report released this July clearly highlighted that TTP centres based in Afghanistan were conducting terrorist operations against Pakistan.

Asked if Pakistan itself would take action against the TTP hideouts in Afghanistan, Kakar said.

'We are hopeful that they [Afghan government] will take an action themselves, which is in their own interest and also in

On the military equip-American withdrawal from Afghanistan in 2021, he said Pakistan had been repeatedly raising concerns with the United States and fully the Western countries about its implications and its sale in the black market. Also, he pointed out that there was no clue about the ammunition that was in the possession of the Afghan military comprising 150,000 personnel, and which just "disappeared" after the U.S. withdrawal.

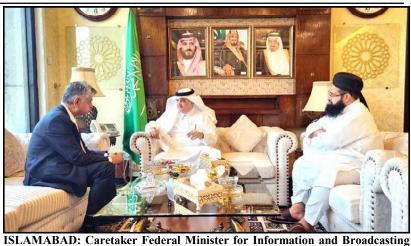
He said Pakistan had taken the right decision against illegal foreigners after the Afghan interim government showed no coop-

eration in containing the terrorists attacking Paki-

Asks Afghan interim setup to handover illegal Pakistanis linked with terrorism, act against TTP hideouts 250,000 illegal people back ment left behind since the to their country in a short span was "not an ordinary step and showed the sign that the policy would be implemented success-

> On maintaining a balance in relations with Afghanistan in the wake of actions against illegal residents, he hoped that the ties would be improved after the two sides settled their approach and expectations on various matters.

> He said the immigrant policy was not meant to target the Pakistani Pashtuns and warned that those involved in the misuse of the decision would be severely punished. Any discrimination on the basis of ethnicity would not be tolerated, he added.



Murtaza Solangi in a meeting with Ambassador of Saudi Arabia to Pakistan

Pakistan, Saudi Arabia agree to expand cooperation in media, drama fields

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan and Saudi Arabia on Wednesday agreed to further expand cooperation between the two brotherly countries in media, drama, and other related fields.

The decision was made during a meeting between Caretaker Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Murtaza Solangi and Ambassador of Saudi Arabia to Pakistan Nawaf Saeed Al Malki here.

Special Representative of the Prime Minister for Interfaith Harmony Allama Tahir Mahmood Ashrafi was also present in the meeting.

agreed to speed up the implementation of agreements between Pakistan and Saudi Arabia in the field of media and communications In the meeting, discus-

sions were also held regarding cooperation between Pakistan and Saudi Arabia in the field of communication. The minister and the ambassador also discussed the upcoming meeting of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation on November 12. Welcoming the conven-

ing of the OIC summit by Saudi Arabia, Murtaza Solangi said as a founding

In the meeting, it was tinue to play its role in the objectives of the establishment of the OIC and further strengthening of the organisation.

Murtaza Solangi appreciated the strengthening of the OIC's role in protecting the interests of the Muslim Ummah and the role of Saudi Arabia in this regard.

Besides, bilateral issues of mutual interest were also

discussed in the meeting. He expressed good wishes for Saudi King Salman bin Abdulaziz and Crown Prince Muhammad bin Salman.

President appoints Nasir Mahmood as AIOU VC

ISLAMABAD (APP): President Dr Arif Alvi on Wednesday appointed Nasir Mahmood as the Vice



Chancellor of Allama Igbal Open University. The president made the said appointment under section 11 of the Allama Iqbal Open University Act 1974, a President ko izzat do (give respect to playing field in any election. House press release said.

Pakistan neither supplied arms to Ukraine nor does it intend to do so: FO ISLAMABAD (INP): Pa- person Mumtaz Zahra

kistan on Wednesday said Baloch, in a statement that rejecting the notions clarified that as a matter of of any discussion on policy Pakistan did not arms supply between supply arms to a region in defence ministers of Pa- conflict. kistan and Ukraine in

"This topic, therefore, their telephonic conver- was not discussed during sation, said the country the telephone conversation neither supplied arms to between the Ministers of Ukraine, nor it intended to Defense of Pakistan and so. Ukraine on 7th November Foreign Office spokes- 2023," she remarked. 3

ICCPO visits Security division; orders to enhanced security measures

Independent Report

ISLAMABAD: According to the details, the Islamabad Capital City Police Officer (ICCPO) Dr Akbar Nasir Khan conducted a visit to the Diplomatic Enclave to assess security arrangements and issue directives for enhancing security measures, a public relation officer said.

He said that, the ICCPO Dr Akbar Nasir Khan interacted with officers and officials of the Islamabad Capital Police entrusted with the security of the diplomatic enclave. He issued directives to senior officers for the enhancement of security measures at the embassies.



Emphasizing the need for effective monitoring on both internal and external routes of the diplomatic enclave, the ICCPO stressed the importance of ensuring effective surveillance through the Safe City centralized camera systems

Madad Ali Sindhi says

Pakistan working diligently to ensure every child has access to quality education

Education Minister presents Pakistan's perspective at 42nd session of UNESCO General Conference and high level Ministerial Dialogue on education for peace

ISLAMABAD (PR): Federal Minister for Education and Professional Training Madad Ali Sindhi presented Pakistan's perspective at 42nd Session of UNESCO General Conference and High Level Ministerial Dialogue on Education for Peace, today. Speaking at the Session the Minister said that Pakistan is working diligently to ensure that every child, re-

background, has access to quality education. He assured Pakistan's commitment to SDG-4 (Education) as education is the corner stone to progress, and a guiding light towards a more pros-

gardless of socio economic

The Minister highlighted Pakistan's active participation in the revision process of the 1974 Recommendations where in collaboration with the Member States, proposals where framed aimed at advancing the debate on a more equitable and universal education system that is better adopted to meet the requirements of the modern world.

He also briefed that Pakistan is working with multiple partners including UNESCO for the preservation of its cultural heritage. Pakistan he said, has a treasure trove ranging from food related items



Ajrak a traditional gar- tural heritage in addition ment worn in Sindh to folk to three items already inmusic that it would like to scribed

such as Sohan Halwa to inscribe as intangible cul-

achieve SDG-11 (Sustainable Cities and Communi-While addressing the

when this narrative changed,

staying together became dif-

ficult," the former foreign

minister said while speak-

ing to the media in Karachi's

Ibrahim Hyderi area. Bilawal

once again reiterated his

stance on the absence of

equal opportunities as a

political party, saying that

the PPP never got a level-

Session, he also stressed upon the urgent need to address climate change which has become a global challenge and is now affecting developing countries including Pakistan.

The Minister said that more than ever before Pakistan remains fully committed to SDG-13 (Climate Action) and is working on safe guarding its green spaces. The inscription of two additional Biosphere

The Minister said that Reserves (i) Chitral promotion of cultural di- Bashkar Garamchashma versity is essential to and (ii) Gallies demonstrate Pakistan's seriousness to preserve environ

The Minister for Education said that in the pursuit of development goals, it is imperative to work together and forge partnerships at the regional and international levels for provision of finance, technological expertise and capacity building. It is with this intent of global cooperation that Pakistan strongly supports the SIDS Operational Strategy and Global Priority Africa under the auspices of UNESCO

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Congo virus outbreak

Balochistan is grappling with an outbreak of the Crimean-Congo haemorrhagic fever, commonly known as the Congo virus. Officials say 20 people have died of CCHF this year, tragically among them a doctor as he was being rushed to Karachi for treatment. Of 200 suspected patients, 73 have tested positive for the tick-borne virus. Twelve healthcare professionals are being treated in Karachi. The condition of four doctors is said to be serious. Mercifully, no case has yet been recorded in the port city. However, the rate at which the infection has spread to healthcare workers in Balochistan is alarming, raising questions about the adequacy of infection-control measures and availability of protective gear. These concerns must be swiftly addressed to protect those who are risking their lives to save others. Moreover, it is imperative that the authorities collaborate with their counterparts in Sindh to establish swift and safe transfers of patients through air ambulances.

Given the severity of CCHF — fatalities can occur in up to 40pc cases — there is an urgent need for the development of a vaccine to prevent its spread. Until then, the only recourse available is public awareness and preventative measures. Those involved in the livestock industry must be informed about the risks associated with the virus to reduce tick-to-human and animal-to-human transmissions.

They must wear protective clothing when handling animals, use approved acaricides on clothing and examine themselves for ticks regularly. Human-to-human transmission can be controlled by avoiding close contact with infected persons, enforcing hand hygiene, and using protective equipment in healthcare settings. The government should act quickly to contain the virus, protect healthcare workers, and ensure public safety. It has enacted some measures, including a temporary ban on the use of private slaughterhouses in populated areas. Time is of the essence, and the lives of healthcare providers, as well as the broader community, hang in the balance.

Food safety



Navaira Ali Bangash

Food safety and nutrition are closely linked. Just as nutrition is crucial to good health, food safety issues are critical for overall health and well-being. In short, it's all about whether or not what we chew, eat and drink is safe for our health. This refers to using ingredients and handling, preparing and storing food in a way that minimises the risk of foodborne illnesses, as biological, chemical and physical contamination can be hazardous. According to statistics, almost one in 10 people globally falls ill after eating contaminated food, while 420,000 die every year as a result of it.

shelves

authentic halal certifica-

tion logo. Sadly, food

salers and high-end retail-

no way of verifying them.

other hindrance. It may

sound relatively benign

nesses including food

Inaccurate expiry

ers in urban centres.

smuggled

Pakistan made its first food safety law back in the 1960s. Over the years, policymakers established clear standards regarding food safety and protection in the country, with the federal and provincial regulators trying to implement them. However, in violation

of the set standards, the adulteration of packaged food by adding inferior or harmful ingredients to edible products, and the trend of cutting corners and duping consumers have persisted here. Local standards even prohibit the addition of certain food colours or additives to packaged food products. With the laws in place and the regulators apparently enforcing them, and a formal welldocumented food sector operating in the country, one would have assumed that ensuring food safety would not be the situation is, in fact, the urticaria, abdominal pain, diarrhoea and vomiting. The grey food trade Some spices even beis booming in Pakistan come carriers for spores and can be responsible and formal channels suf-

fer. Not only is the smugfor serious outbreaks. Globally, gling of food items detrimental to an already scares are not uncomcrippled economy it also mon. Pesticide residues raises grave health conhave been previously cerns. Cooking oils, found in imported rice spices and dairy prodbatches in many counucts such as butter and tries, leading to tempocreams are commonly rary bans and stricter smuggled. The recent inregulation of rice imports. flux of Iranian and Afghan The same is the case for food products through many prohibited dyes illegal trade may appear and food colour. In 2018, to offer respite to the Australian cantaloupes food-inflation-struck laced with Listeria caused masses due to cheap an outbreak of listeriosis rates. But it's important to in the countries they note that there is absowere exported to, leading lutely no regulation of to their recall In Pakistan, the the health and safety standard of these food

smuggled food products situation was improving items — with zero tracing, tracking or testing — beafter SRO 237 was issued in 2019, but in the past few fore they hit the market months, these smuggled A few years ago, the food items seem to be commerce ministry issued SRO 237 that clearly men-Porous borders and tioned that packaged oor enforcement of food food products should laws have boosted this ilhave at least 66 per cent of their shelf life left at the

licit trade. Stakeholders. policymakers and the time of import, and added government should focus that the ingredients their attention on curbing the illegal inflow of these should be printed in both Urdu and English on the products from across the packaging, along with the border for the sake of public health. Apart from health risks, the economy items that do not conform faces staggering finanto the standards set in cial losses due to these SRO 237 are being practices. Pakistan loses through \$2.6 billion in tax revenues Taftan and flourish in due to the smuggling of markets in Balochistan food items. Smuggled near the border, and are food cost is estimated at even accessed by whole-\$9bn. Uniform legislation should be in place to impose stringent measures. The Pakistan Standards dates on the packaging and Quality Control Auare alarming and there is thority, Pakistan Customs and the Ministry of Com-Nutrient information in a merce should ensure a stronger crackdown on foreign language is anthe grey or black market and tighten border conbut can lead to harmful trols to protect the health of the masses. Consumhealth conditions such as ers should also try to prolonged allergies. The use of banned food learn about product qualchemicals may lead to illity and the grave consequences that they are expoisoning. The effects of posed to in case of subharmful food additives standard food consumpmuch of a challenge, but can include palpitations, tion. -- Courtesy Dawn

Reheated soufflé?



Mahir Ali

was sufficiently intrigued by the preliminary hype to stay up late one night last week for a chance to listen to the latest, and supposedly last, Beatles song as soon as it was aired. Even on the first listen, it came across as underwhelming. Perhaps the time

isn't right for that kind of frivolity. It's nigh impossible to switch one's focus away from the unfolding genocide in Gaza. A very different John Lennon song was subconsciously ringing in my ears: "We don't care what flag you're waving/ We don't even want to know your name.../ We understand your paranoia/ But we don't wanna play your game/ You think you're cool and you know what you're doing/ 666 is your name... And you still gotta swallow your pill/As you slip and you slide down the hill/ On the blood of the people you kill/ Stop the killing (free

the people now)". That's 'Bring on the ucie (Freda Peo-ple)' from Lennon's Mind Games album, released 50 years ago. And 'Imagine', from a couple of years earlier, is perhaps even more pertinent: "Imagine there's no countries/ It isn't hard to do/ Nothing to kill or die for/ And no religion too". 'I know it's true/ It's because of you/ And if I make it through/ It's all because of you... Now and quite measure up. Lyrically, it's even less impressive than the Beatles' first single from 61 years ago, 'Love Me Do'. But, recorded by a bunch of Liverpudlians barely into

couple of ghosts. surviving

Beatles last went down this long and winding road in the mid-1990s, alongside the fascinating Anthology series of outtakes and unfinished songs. The archival material was embellished by two 'new' tracks, with the Threetles, as they were dubbed at the time, adding vocals and instrumentation to two Lennon songs from the late 1970s that he hadn't bothered with for either his 'comeback' album, Double Fan- released weeks before he was assassi-

nated — or its posthumous sequel, Milk and Honey. Alongside the potentially inspiring 'Free as a Bird' and the relatively mundane 'Real Love' on the tape of demonstration recordings that Yoko Ono provided were another two tracks, 'Now and Then'and 'Grow Old With Me'. The latter, riffing off Robert Browning — "Grow old along with me/ The best is yet to be" might have been a poignant choice, given Lennon's demise at 40, but

They briefly had a go at 'Now and Then', but George Harrison dismissed it as "rubbish", and that was that. It remained in the vault, but Paul McCartney remained invested in the track, possibly because at the end of their last encounter in New York. Lennon had reputedly farewelled him with the words: "Think of me now and then, old friend."

perhaps also a bit mawk-

ish. It remained untested.

It isn't clear whether Harrison — who sucthen/ I miss you' doesn't cumbed to cancer 22 years ago — was referring to the lyrics or the quality of the recording. The latter, it turned out, could be remedied. A couple of years ago, the film director Peter Jackson

their 20s, at least that track trawled through the auboasted a freshness that diovisual footage of the cannot conceivably be Beatles recorded in 1969, replicated by a pair of oc- and came up with the fastogenarians leaning on a cinating eight-hour documentary Get Back. The audio part often involved separating and enhancing the soundtrack with the aid of artificial intelli-

Jackson had already provided McCartney with Lennon's vocal from 'I've Got a Feeling' to duet with on his live outings, and just this week the director suggested there could me more where that came from. Let's hope McCartney says no.

Back in the 1970s, when all four ex-Beatles were routinely queried about the prospect of a reunion, there was plenty of ambivalence in their responses. The possibility was never quite ruled out, but on one occasion McCartney quipped, "You can't reheat a soufflé." He was right, but couldn't resist returning to the kitchen.

The unimpressive result has been greeted with plenty of gushing reviews, and Western media has been full of reports about young fans alongside the baby boomers — lapping up the idea of a "new Beatles song. That, frankly, hasn't been possible since 1980, and everyone should get over it. The original canon is enough for younger fans to marvel at the Beatles' incredibly innovative trajectory from 1963 to 1969, as reflected in both their original recordings and the more recent remixes and often redundant embellishments. The pair of 1994-95 tracks never quite ended up being counted as bona fide Beatles songs, and no one can seriously consider 'Now and Then' as worthy of inclusion in the Fab Four canon. The band's amazing saga was wrapped up nearly 55

years ago. Let's leave it

there. -- Courtesy Dawn

Commerce News

MoCC&EC to unveil Pakistan's first policy draft for trading in carbon markets

The Ministry of Climate Change and Environmental (MoCC&EC) is all set to roll out the first ever policy draft of the country's carbon credits trading in the international market at the highest forum of

Environmental focus Shah during the meeting of Loss and Damage fund. the Senate Standing Committee on Climate chairperson Change chaired by Senator Seemee Ezdi.

Climate Change Council Climate Change's two meeting due to the letters tricky subject evolving headed by the Prime agenda items mainly the of postponement sent by every year, whereas the Carbon Market Policy the ministry. This was said by guidelines and Pakistan's
Secretary Ministry of strategy for COP-28 meeting was held after

Coordination, Asif Hyder operationalization of the

Earlier, Standing Committee expressed resentment over secretary repeated delays on

ISLAMABAD (APP): Climate Change and meeting with special three months and was the on first since the culmination of the previous regime.

She reprimanded the the ministry officials for Senate sending her the letters to postpone the meeting.

The mentioned that trading in briefed the committee on convening the body carbon markets was a country had no such framework in place to deal



Working Group.



Mr. Irfan Iqbal Sheikh, President FPCCI, is presenting the commemorative shield to Mr. Philip Ramos, Deputy Speaker of the New York State Assembly. Engr. M.A. Jabbar & Mr. Shaukat Omerson, VPs FPCCI and other prominent business personalities of both the countries were also present on the occasion.

APPAC delegation visits FPCCI to discuss trade, investment ties

Independent Report KARACHI: A delegation Public Affairs Committee (APPAC), Wednesday, paid a visit to the Federation of Pakistan formation of two high-delegates in the U.S. Chambers of Commerce powered committees to while New York Chamber and Industry (FPCCI) to discuss trade, investment for enhancing investment encouraged to form and economic relations.

Irfan Iqbal Sheikh, in a statement issued here, apprised that the visiting delegation led by Deputy Speaker of the New York State Assembly Philip Ramos also discussed potential of forging an alliance between trade and business community.

occasion, proposed a facilitate the visa issuance trade of Pakistan.

and

President FPCCI, cooperation and B2B alliance with FPCCI, he alliances and matchmaking between and FPCCI.

number of measures to businessmen from aimed at formalizing Pakistan. Americancooperation between APPAC, NY State Assembly and FPCCI facilitate trade promotion which included the activities of FPCCI explore the opportunities of Commerce will be economic chamber-to-chamber

Irfan Iqbal Sheikh New York businessmen stated that New York was one of the most He also assured to significant states of the lobby with New York U.S. for Pakistan's State government for business community as it humanitarian and is a financial and economic assistance to commercial center of a Pakistan, look into the country that accounts for Philip Ramos, at the advocacy options to 17 percent of the total

meeting of SIFC **Working Group** ISLAMABAD (APP): Economic Zones Federal Minister for highlighted the major Privatisation Fawad Hasan impediments faced by impediments faced by existing ones and the framework requirements of

Fawad chairs first

Fawad on Wednesday chaired the first meeting of SIFC Working Group to discuss impediments in the development of special economic zones (SEZs) with the objective of fasttracking industrialization. The meeting was attended by all stakeholders in the provincial governments and their industrial zone authorities, an official press release said. The Additional Secretary of Board of Investment (BOI) and Director General of Special constitutional scheme.

future SEZs, including the development of a 'One Stop Shop' facilitation. The forum discussed the limitations of the concept of 'One Stop Shop' and pointed out the need of a mutual agreement between the federal and provincial governments for

farming community. views during a meeting with University of Agriculture Faisalabad Vice a development framework based on international best Chancellor of Prof. Dr. practices and standards. Iqrar Ahmad Khan. State with a legal mandate in the

US tech entrepreneurs urged to invest in upgrading Pak tourism industry

WASHINGTON (APP): Pakistan's Ambassador to the U.S., Masood Khan, has urged Pakistani-American Tech entrepreneurs to invest in

promoting Pakistan's tourism and digitalization of its industry.

"With digitalization of necessary information, including bookings, lodging, transportation and availability of accurate information, the tourism sector of Pakistan will witness a transformative change," he said at a special session of the Annual Open Silicon Valley Forum 2023 in San Francisco, a city in the US state of California.

The subject of the

conference was "Exploring Pakistan's Tourism Treasures: From Mountains Metropolises.""Our joint ventures will help tapping the existing potential of tourism. Your equity participation will pay you off well," Ambassador

Masood Khan said

Bank Executive Director Chairman **TEVTA**

He expressed these

visited SCCI SIALKOT Chairman Technical Education and Vocational Training Authority (TEVTA) Brigadier (Retd) Muhammad Sajid Khokhar visited Sialkot Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI). President Sialkot Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI) Abdul Ghafoor Malik, SVP SCCI Wahab Jahangir and VP SCCI Amer Majeed Sheikh welcomed the distinguished guests. During an important meeting held here guests. the promotion of technical and vocational education

was discussed.

Measures being taken to develop agri sector on modern lines Syed Samar Husnain, Chief Manager SBP Waqas the Kashif Bajwa, Additional Pakistan's economy, it is

Dy Governor SBP says:

FAISALABAD (APP): Deputy Governor State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) Salim Ullah has said that Director Faisal Ashfaq, the agricultural sector has Additional Director Dr. a key role in the economic Muhammad Saleem. Principal Public Relations development of the country and all possible measures are being taken to develop it on modern lines develop. Principal Public Relations Officer Dr. Muhammad Jalal Arif and others attended the meeting. for food security and economic uplift of the

developing infrastructure, promoting financial inclusion through branchless banking innovations and financial

mainstay the most important source for employment & income generation for the majority of rural population, which generates nearly one fifth of the total GDP, he added.

Deputy Governor
SBP Salim Ullah said that modern agricultural trends they are enabling a and research to the regulatory environment, doorsteps of farmers is the market need of the hour. He said that UAF has a unique position and role in providing manpower and solving the problems of the farming community.

Pak regional exports increase 3 percent in Q1

seven regional countries witnessed an increase of 3 percent in the first quarter of the fiscal year (2023-24) as compared to the corresponding months of last year. The country's exports to the regional countries including Afghanistan, China, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, India, Nepal, and the Maldives account for a small amount of \$981.410 million, which is 13.98 percent of Pakistan's overall exports of million during last year while \$7018.956 million during exports to Afghanistan.

ISLAMABAD (APP): July-September (2023-24), Pakistan's exports to the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) reported.

China tops the list of countries in terms of Pakistan's exports to its neighbouring, leaving behind other countries such as Bangladesh and Afghanistan. Pakistan carried out its border trade with the farther neighbour Sri Lanka, India, Nepal, and Maldives. Pakistan's exports to China witnessed an increase of 26.42 percent to \$633.374 million in three months of this year from \$501.000

CM Azam unveils e-office software system in KMU

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Muhammad unveiled E-office software system in Khyber Medical University (KMU).

Khyber Medical University has achieved an important technological milestone by officially launching the e-office software developed internally for its own management support that was formally unveiled by Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Muhammad Azam Khan in a meeting held at Chief Minister House.He said that the unveiling of the e-office is Zia ul Haq also gave a an important moment in the history of KMU.

Apart from VC KMU Prof Dr. Zia Ul Haq, advisor Health Prof Dr. Riaz Anwar, chief secretary Nadeem Aslam Chaudhary, Secretary HED

PESHAWAR (APP): Chief Muhammad Arshad Khan, promises to revolutionize and Special Secretary administrative Health Habib Ullah were educational proce Azam Khan on Wednesday also present on this increase transparency,

In the meeting, the Chief Minister publicly efforts and achievements of Vice Chancellor Prof Dr. Zia ul Haq and his team.

On this occasion, Chief Minister Khyber if efforts are made, this eoffice system can be adopted in other universities and other organizations of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

VC KMU Prof Dr. detailed briefing to the participants about e-office run official affairs efficiently.

PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Caretaker

Minister Dr. Aamir Abdullah inspecting record on

the occasion of visiting the Tribal Research Cell.

Grave yard land occupation case:

LHC summons record from

anti corruption on bail after

arrest plea of Khawar Manika

LAHORE (Online): Manika took the plea Lahore High Court (LHC) Khawar Manika is charged

after arrest petition of Manika family since 1938

Khawar Manika in grave and it has never remained

has sought record from anti

corruption on November

13 in connection with bail

yard land occupation case.

Justice Ali Baqar Najafi took up for hearing

the bail after arrest plea

former husband of Bushra

Bibi Wednesday.

from Khawar Manika,

educational processes, and accessibility, efficiency.

The software can also appreciated the tireless be used as a comprehensive solution to manage various tasks and processes and this e-office system is expected to significantly enhance the university's Pakhtunkhwa advised that capabilities. VC KMU appreciated the efforts of Mohammad Additional Director IT, Shahzad Khan Deputy Director IT and the entire IT team of KMU who played a vital role in the development of this

innovative software. The e-office software and explained the features developed internally at and benefits, and how to KMU is a testament to the university's dedication, and commitment to He said that the harnessing the potential of introduction of e-office its own IT resources.

Foolproof security devised for 8th desert jeep rally

MUZAFFARGARH (APP): Foolproof security is devised for gala of 8th Jeep rally set to open tomorrow (Nov 9) at Thal desert here with great pump and show on Wednesday. DPO Syed Husnain

Haider said the arrangements were being finalized in collaboration with district administration the tourism department.

Around 600 police officer deployed to protect the event.

About 24 pickets work setup at different roots including internal and external courses of the rally. Separate duty of traffic police was designated to control and traffic maintain of the traffic flow. The DPO assured of allout arrangements for making the event successful. The Desert The court inquired from state counsel has recognised as trademark of Wednesday. Auqaf department far-flung district Counsel for Khawar notification of the said land. Southern Punjab.



regarding standing water in basement of Services Hospital during his visit.

Tackle 'environmental challenges' Public awareness, technological innovations for farmers are key strategies: Minister

Independent Report Caretaker Minister for Environment, Planning and

Forests Bilal Afzal on Wednesday stressed that awareness, comprehensive approach, technological innovations for farmers, better fuel quality and laws are needed to tackle environmental problems in the country.

Talking to a PTV

news channel about the current issue of smog in Punjab, he explained that in air pollution, adding that

Home and Tribal Áffairs

requested the Ministry of

Commerce to include

Potassium Chlorate in the

import policy order, 2022

and make it import subject

Department of Explosives

and Home Departments.

Department,

Pakhtunkhwa

taking substantial steps to urged tackle pollution across the province. He said that a campaign is also being run on social media to create more awareness about the environmental damage caused by burning solid waste and the effects of crop burning.

He said that smog is

being generated in India due to the burning of waste in rice factories and increase

provincial government

informed that Potassium

chlorate is not locally

manufactured in Pakistan

and is being imported from

China, India and the USA

without any Customs duty.

It said that the chemical is

being used in firecrackers,

matchsticks and fireworks,

adding that there was no

regulatory mechanism to

the current government is showing seriousness and diplomatic channels and the government to ensure that the crops Stop burning which is causing smog in the winter season.

He said that both India and Pakistan should recognize the imperative nature of tackling the challenge of crop residue burning, adding that Pakistani farmers are very aware of the problem but crop burning is still alive

LHC allows PTI to hold of Potassium Chlorate in corner meeting in Shahdara

LAHORE (Online) Lahore High Court (LHĆ) has allowed PTI to hold corner meeting in Shahdara on November 19. Justice Ali Baqar Najafi took up PTI candidate from Shahdara Akmal Khans' petition for hearing Wednesday.

The petitioner took the plea we want to hold corner meeting in Shahdara area of Lahore in connection with election.

Aamer directs authorities to preserve historical record of tribal areas

Independent Report Pakhtunkhwa Caretaker Industries, Commerce and Technical Education, Dr. Abdullah Wednesday said that Tribal

Research Cell is an important heritage for the availability of authentic records related to the historical background of the merged districts and former tribal areas of the province while directed the relevant authorities to preserve the available historical record and other materials in the cell.

He said that the authorities should submit a

scheme for approval so that to not only ensure the longterm preservation of records Minister for Newly available in the research cell, Merged Districts Affairs, rather make the availability of these historical materials and literature possible for researchers through online facilitation. He expressed these views during a visit to the historical Tribal Research Cell, established under the Home and Tribal Affairs Department in Namak Mandi here.

During the visit, the minister inspected various parts of the research cell and checked the historical records and official files of the pre-independence and post-independence periods related to the affairs of



HANGU: Inspector General of Police Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Akhtar Hayat Khan laying the foundation stone of the shopping center built for women police at Gandapur Police Training College Hangu.

Peshawar's NAB alerts public to impersonation scams, urges vigilance

More Palestinians

fleeing combat zone in

northern Gaza, UN says

of Palestinian civilians crush Hamas, the mili-fleeing the combat zone tant group that has ruled

and ground campaign second month, was trigthere intensifies. The gered by the Oct. 7

ordination of Humanitar- ern Israel. The number of

in northern Gaza has Gaza for 16 years.

ISLAMABAD (APP): Cyber Crime Wing of FIA The National and other intelligence Accountability Bureau (NAB) Peshawar has issued a warning to the public to be wary of individuals impersonating NAB officers and making fraudulent calls.

A statement from a NAB spokesperson has stressed that NAB officers do not make direct contact to suspects due to a rigorous Standard Operating Procedure for communication.

Monitoring Desk

NEW YORK: The pace

picked up as Israel's air

U.N. Office for the Co-

ian Affairs said Wednes-

day that about 15,000

people fled on Tuesday, compared to 5,000 on Monday and 2,000 on

The densely popu-

Sunday

NAB has escalated the issue to the leadership.

agencies to investigate the culprits.

He mentioned that multiple cases have been reported to the NAB Peshawar Office, where individuals have received calls from various numbers, purporting to be senior NAB officers.

These calls, which request money, are fraudulent and appear to be part of a coordinated effort to tarnish the reputation of the institution and its

camps, are the focus of

Israel's campaign to

Hamas attack on south-

Palestinians killed in the

war passed 10,300, in-

cluding more than 4,200

children, the Hamas-run

Health Ministry in Gaza

said Tuesday.

In the occupied

West Bank, more than

160 Palestinians have

The war, now in its

International News

In a letter to the check the quality of

KP govt for inclusion

import policy order, 2022

Khyber

from the

Federal Ministry, the Potassium chlorate.

Putin lauds Russia's 'high-tech' military cooperation with China

with occupying Auqaf

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The court should order to

grant bail to Khawar Manika.

The land is held by

department land.

Monitoring Desk MOSCOW: President Vladimir Putin on Wednesday lauded what he described as important "hightech" Russian military cooperation with China at a meeting in Moscow with a top Chinese general who is a close ally of President Xi Jinping. China and Russia declared a "no limits" partnership in February 2022 when Putin visited Beijing just days before he sent tens of thousands of troops into Ukraine, triggering the deadliest land war in Europe since World War Two. Receiving General

Monitoring Desk

worst flooding to hit So-

malia in decades has killed

29 people and forced more

than 300,000 to flee their

homes, the National Di-

Agency said on Wednes-

day, following heavy rains

that have inundated towns

scrambled to rescue thou-

sands of stranded people

from the floodwater,

Authorities have

across East Africa.

Management

MOGADISHŬ:

of China's Central Military Commission, and Russian Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu, Putin sent his best wishes to Xi, saying the two leaders had developed a good friendship and working relations. "Russia and China are not building any military alliances along the lines of the Cold War," Putin told Zhang at his Novo-Ogaryovo residence outside Moscow, adding that the Russian-Chinese relationship was a stabilising force for the world.

The United States casts China as its biggest competitor and Russia as its biggest nation-state threat while US President Joe Zhang Youxia, vice chairman

of the region's worst

day is the worst for de-

It is worse than even the 1997 floods," said

Hassan Isse, managing di-

rector of the Somali Disas-

numbers of people displaced were likely to rise further, Isse said, because

many people were

trapped by floodwaters.

ter Management Agency

The death toll and

What is going on to-

The drought in 40 years.

(SOMDA)

Worst floods in decades

kill 29 in Somalia, hit

towns across East Africa

Biden argues that this century will be defined by an existential contest between democracies and autocracies. Putin, who heads the world's biggest nuclear power, said military cooperation between Moscow and Beijing was increasing and focused on high-tech areas that would ensure strategic security.

"Of course, our cooperation, our contacts in the military and military-technical sphere are also becoming increasingly important, as for military-technical cooperation, here, of course, our work in high-tech spheres comes first," Putin said.

Nigerian court

grants ex-central

bank head

Emefiele bail

after five months

Monitoring Desk

ABUJA: A Nigerian court on Wednesday granted bail to former central bank gov-

ernor Godwin Emefiele,

who is charged with pro-

curement fraud and has

been in detention since

or be brought to court.

Russian President Vladimir Putin meets Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu and vice chairman of China's Central Military Commission General Zhang Youxia at the Novo-Ogaryovo state residence outside Moscow, Russia.

Blinken visits South Korea as North Korea, Russia deepen ties

SEOUL: U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken arrived in Seoul on Wednesday for talks with his South Korean counterpart, as the allies step up cooperation in the face of growing concerns over North Korea's closer military ties with Russia. The two-day visit, the first by a U.S. secretary of state in two and a half years, is part of Blinken's broader Asia trip that has included meetings with G7 counterparts and talks with Japanese officials in Tokyo, as well as a later stop in India amid the Israel-Hamas

court for the first time since August after Judge Olukayode Adeniyi on Monday ordered he should be released unconditionally

Emefiele appeared in

Monitoring Desk what they say is the supply of arms and military equipment by North Korea Washington and Seoul

between the North and Russia, which is thought to be suffering depleting stocks of munitions in its war with Ukraine, as an effort by Pyongyang to secure strategic military capabilities in return. North Korea is pre-

paring to launch a spy satellite after having failed twice this year to put one in orbit. South Korea's spy

South Korea, along with North Korea was in the fi-Japan, have condemned nal stages of preparations for the launch after apparently receiving technical assistance from Russia.

Pyongyang and Moscow have denied claims of see the closer military ties arms deals while their leaders pledged closer military cooperation when they met in September in Russia's far

South Korea's military said on Monday it was on alert over possible North Korea provocations after Pyongyang designated Nov. 18 as "missile industry day" to commemorate the country's launch of an intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) last year.

Russia's Lavrov assails West

Monitoring Desk MOSCOW: Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov accused the West on Wednesday of provoking crises on the global oil and gas market by rushing to switch to green energy and imposing pressure on other countries to do the same. "In fact, the reasons for the negative phenomena in the energy sector were the irresponsible actions of the collective West, when it decided to force ... the green transition for itself and impose the same green transition.

lated northern area of Gaza, specifically Gaza been killed in the violence and adjacent crowded urban refugee and Israeli raids.

Palestinians flee their homes during Israel's ground offensive, on the edges of Beach refugee camp, in Gaza City.

Children's plight proves world's 'moral failure', says Red Cross

Monitoring Desk GENEVA: A month after the unrest erupted, the Red Cross demanded on Tuesday an end to the horrific suffering of civilians, and especially children, decrying a "moral

failing".

"One month on, civilians in Gaza and Israel are being forced to endure tremendous suffering and loss. This needs to stop,'

International Commit-tee of the Red Cross (ICRC) said in a statement. "Massive bombard-

ments are gutting civilian infrastructure across Gaza, sowing seeds of

hardship for generations to come," the ICRC statement said.

The organisation's president Mirjana Spoljaric said she had been particularly shocked to see the suffering that children have had to endure. "Children have been ripped from their families and held hostage. In Gaza, ICRC surgeons treat toddlers whose skin is charred from widespread burns," she said in the

statement.
"The images of suffering, dead and wounded children will haunt us all. This is a moral failing. she added.

Honorary panel members of the Constitutional Court Jimly Asshiddiqie (C), Wahiduddin Adams (L), and Bintan Saragih (R) preside over a proceeding at the Constitutional Court in Jakarta.

The Seoul visit comes as the United States and agency said last week **Indonesian chief** justice dismissed over ethics breach

Monitoring Desk AKARTA: A judicial panel

dismissed Indonesia's top judge on Tuesday after finding him guilty of an etha ruling that allowed President Joko Widodo's son to run for vice president.

Chief Justice Anwar Usman, who is Widodo's brother-in-law, was found guilty of a "gross violation" of the court's ethics code for deciding with the 5-4 majority that changed the rules around candidacy for the presidency and vice The ruling, issued just

months before general elections in February, paved the way for Widodo's eldest son Gibran Rakabuming Raka to run for vice president alongside Defence Minister Prabowo Subianto.

The judicial panel found that in failing to "recuse himself from the examination and decisionmaking process," Usman had violated the "judge's ethical code's principle of neutrality"

over switch to green energy



ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif Alvi addressing the 12th Convocation ceremony of International

President Dr. Arif Alvi says Women involvement in decision making, economy inevitable for prosperity

ISLAMABAD (APP): President Dr Arif Alvi on Wednesday emphasizing the women's active participation in all sectors, said one of the reasons behind Pakistan lacking prosperity was the non-involvement of women in decision making as well as the economic

corridors of power. The president, addressing the 12th Convocation of International Islamic University Islamabad, said the nation's investment on the women education went to waste when they sat at home without going into the practical life.

Ulema Council said Israeli

brutalities had taken the

lives of more than 11,000

people in Palestine and

sinister design of expansion

being executed to forcefully

evacuate Palestinian people

from the Gaza Strip and

translate their dream into

reality.

He urged the people to

raise their voices against

this brutal act of Israel with

all possible resources being

within the constitutional

pose the real face of those

who used to highlight the

rights of pet animals, now

they were giving logic on the massacre of innocent

He said, "We must ex-

He unveiled the Israeli

Gaza, not an issue

of Palestinians, Arabs

but humanity: Ashrafi

ISLAMABAD (APP): Special Representative to

(SAPM) on Religious Har-

mony and the Pakistani

Diaspora in Middle East

and Islamic Countries,

Hafiz Muhammad Tahir

Wednesday said Gaza was

not an issue of Palestine or

Arab nations but it was

pertaining to the entire hu-

ence on Palestine organized

by Human Rights Council

of Pakistan here at Allama

Iqbal Open University, he

asked the world what was

done by the innocent chil-

dren of Gaza as more than

3,500 children had been

murdered in Israeli aggres-

Ashrafi who is also

sion since October 7.

Addressing a confer-

Mehmood

Prime Minister

Ashrafi

Islamabad Nawaf bin Saeed Ahmad Al-Malkiy, Qatari Ambassador Sheikh Saoud bin Abdulrahman Al-Thani, first secretary of Thailand, IIUI Pro-Chancellor Dr Ahmed Salem Muhammad Al-Ameri, Rector Dr Samina Malik and President Dr Hathal Homoud Alotaibi also attended the convocation besides other diplomats and education-

"Education is investment of this poor nation on you. If you will sit at home, this will be the loss of the

up its practical application. half of the country's popu-(However), this is the duty of the government and the nation to provide you a harassment-free working environment," the president remarked. He also called for job structures for the women which should also facilitate them keeping in view the family-related engagements of the women.

Citing the example of Holy Prophet Muhammad (PBUH)'s wife Hazrat Khadija, also a working business woman, the president said Islam encouraged the women to work as it

I want you not to give was not possible to leave lation unutilised.

He, who earlier awarded PhD degrees to 138 and gold medals to 71 students, congratulated the students, their parents as well as the university and teachers for their hard work. He was appreciative that girl students consisted of over half of the total 34,000 strength of the university. He advised the new graduates to welcome the knowledge without any religious biases or selection, and always remain humble and act as a knowledge-seeker.

PM warns of transregional spillover of Gaza war; urges engagement with West

Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar has called for enhanced engagement with the Western capithat the Gaza war could have a spillover effect beyond the region.

"We need to engage with different Western capitals, particularly Washington and London, and they need to make realize the Israeli side that they are contributing to destabilize not just the region, but probably it would have a spillover effect beyond the region," the prime minister said in an interview with Arab News published on Wednesday.

When asked if the Pa-

ISLAMABAD (APP): the United States to soften Caretaker Prime Minister its stance against Israel as it continued attacks on Gaza, Kakar said, "I'm not aware of any such request tals to make Israel realise and I don't think so any government would listen to any such request which is in my opinion surreal, it's absurd to even think of requesting someone to be silent on such an account."

He called for an immediate "cessation of violence" and labeled Israel's assault on Gaza "genocide,

He told the interviewer that he would be traveling to Riyadh this weekend for an extraordinary session of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) to discuss



ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Federal Minister for National Heritage and Culture, Jamal Shah in meeting with His Excellency Mr. Jiang Zaidong, Ambassador of China, at China Embassy.

Minister for Heritage, Chinese Ambassador for further enhancing Pak-China cultural ties

ISLAMABAD (APP): they also discussed the second Chinese Ambassador Jiang Zaidong met with the Federal Minister for National Heritage and Culture Jamal Shah and discussed mutual interest issues particularly cultural relations between Pakistan and China.

In a meeting with Jiang Zaidong, Ambassador of China, Minister for National Heritage and Culture Jamal Shah discussed exchange and cooperation in Heritage, Art, Culture, Education, capacity building of our Museums and the promotion of the game of football in Pakistan particularly focus in Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

Cultural Caravan 2024 digitizing and 3D scanning of Archeological sites and artifacts, and innovation in the IT sector remained the main focus of the meeting.

The Federal Minister said that Pakistan and China should collaborate in all fields of art and cultural heritage as there lies huge scope, adding that it will further strengthen peopleto-people ties between the two friendly nations. The minister also discussed his China recent Tour and meetings with the officials of cultural departments and Museums of China.

During the meeting, Smoke emitting vehicles banned in Islamabad to combat smog

Independent Report

ISLAMABAD: In an effort to curb the detrimental effects of smog and environmental pollution, Islamabad has imposed a ban on the entry of vehicles emitting smoke within the city limits. his prohibition extends to all types of vehicles, including private, government, and commercial ones. The directive, issued by Islamabad Capital City Police Officer (ICCPO) Dr. Akbar Nasir Khan, mandates the restriction to remain in place until January. Violators of the ban will face legal consequences under the enforcement of Islamabad authorities.

"You can't just kill children and say that you have got the right to defend yourself. It's the license to barbaric retaliation."

Asked if Muslim nations were doing enough for Gaza, Prime Minister Kakar also raised questions about the role of the world's estimated 1.8 billion Muslims, who make up 24 percent of the global population, in "facing the kind of situation which we are in"

"We need to ask more deep questions from this entire [Muslim] popula-tion, that what kind of contribution globally we are having ... toward science and technology, what kind of defence capabilities these different or 50 or 57 countries are developing for themselves."

PM, ECO SG discuss Kashmir, **ME** situation

TASHKENT (APP): Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Wednesday held a meeting with Secretary General of Economic Cooperation Organization Ambassador husrav Noziri.

In the meeting on the sidelines of the 16th ECO Summit., they discussed the situation in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu & Kashmir and Middle East.

They reviewed the recent developments in the CO especially in the domains of trade, connectivity and economic coopera-

General thanked Prime Minister Kakar for Pakistan's firm support to the ECO and assured him of the commitment of the Secretariat to strengthen trade and connectivity in the region.

Six new Covid cases across country

reported
ISLAMABAD (APP):
Health officials on
Wednesday said that
six new coronavirus six new coronavirus

six new coronavirus cases were reported during the last week across the country.

As per data shared by the National Institute of Health (NIH), the case positivity ratio was 0.16 percent while no patient was in critical tient was in critical condition. No death was reported from the coronavirus while 3,674 Covid-19 tests were conducted.
Meanwhile, the official
of the Ministry for National Health Samuel tional Health Services. said that the govern-ment had strength-ened the role.

WAPDA Chairman visits **Mohmand Dam Project** LAHORE (APP): Water and concreting are being car-

Wednesday visited Mohmand Dam Project being constructed across River Swat in Mohmand District of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province. He reviewed construction activities on different sites of the project the spillway and the river diversion tunnels in particular. At present, con-

and Power Development
Authority (WAPDA)
Chairman Engr. Lt. Gen.
(Retd.) Sajjad Ghani
Wadnasday visitad during the visit according during the visit, according to WAPDA spokesman here. The meeting was attended by the GM/PD Mohmand Dam Project, senior members of his team and representatives of the Consultants and the Contractors. The Chairman was briefed about the progress achieved so far on river distruction works relating to version tunnels, spillway excavation, stabilisation excavation and concreting.



Ghani being briefed about construction projects during his visit to Mahmand Dam Project.

Health ministry takes preventive measures against Congo virus

ISLAMABAD (Online): try is in full contact with for Health Dr. Nadeem Jan on Wednesday said that the Ministry of Health is taking effective measures to prevent citizens from the

Congo virus. In a statement, the minister said that after the outbreak of Congo virus in Balochistan, the Ministry of Health is monitoring the

current health situation. Dr Nadeem Jan said that when there was an outbreak in Balochistan, the National Institute of Health (NIH) immediately sent a mission to find out the causes of the outbreak.

Caretaker Federal Minister the provincial governments and continuously monitoring the situation. He made it clear that

there is no vaccine to prevent Congo fever.

Dr Nadeem Jan asked the citizens to follow the guidelines of the National Institute of Health.

'Therefore, this disease can be avoided by following preventive measures," he added. "The virus is mostly found in the hair follicles of sheep, goats, cows, buffaloes and other livestock." "When this tick bites a cattle or human, the virus becomes active in it,'

occupation, Azerbaijani cit-

ies and villages were razed

to the ground and all cul-

tural and religious monu-

ments were destroyed,

mosques were desecrated

and looted. Armenians

turned mosques into pig-

sties during the occupation,

TASHKENT: The Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar meets with the Secretary General of ECO Mr. Khusray Noziri on the sidelines of

Martyrs' families plead for speedy

justice through military courts ISLAMABAD (APP): Jamshed and others were delivering verdicts through The families of Shuhda-e-Pakistan (Martyrs of Pakistan) on Wednesday urged They said that the the quarters concerned to military courts were all the restore the military courts

added to their pain. Addressing a presser-cum-protest at the National Press Club, the martyrs' families appealed to the Supreme Court to review its decision against the mili-

to ensure speedy justice to

the victims of terrorism as

their abolition had further

tary courts. Nawabzada Jamal Raisani, Haji Sanaullah Khan, Rahimullah, Wazir Farman Elahi, Anwar Zeib,

among the heirs of martyrs, who addressed the presser.

more important to provide justice to the victims of terrorism and rioting as, otherwise, it might lead to higher terror incidents. It might also embolden enemy misadventure Kulbhushan Yadav.

The families said: The martyrs are the nation's pride and the apex court is requested to have a thorough review of underlying factors in order to efmilitary courts."

They indicated that they would formally file a petition in that regard in the apex court on Monday (November 13).

The martyrs heirs said that they had gathered at this point to demonstrate their unity to carry forward secret agency to go for any a movement for the restoration of military courts.

They said that they were just trying to uphold the sanctity of the martyrs' blood and added that the military courts would surely take the elements involved in terrorist activifectively curb anti-state ac- ties to task and give solace

IWMI, USAID focused on converting "Hill Torrent Risks into Opportunities"

ISLAMABAD (APP): IWMI Pakistan's commit-The International Water ment to sustainable water sultation, our aim is to fos-ter collaboration and enported by USAID funding, organized a significant consultation workshop centered on the critical theme of "Hill Torrents: Turning

Risk into Opportunities. The workshop underscored the pivotal role of community engagement, cross-sector collaboration, and expert guidance in harnessing the potential for transformative change in these challenging environ-

The event reaffirmed

AIOU extends admissions deadline for

ODL programsISLAMABAD (APP):
Vice Chancellor, Allama Iqbal Open University, Prof. Dr Nasir Mahmood, has approved the extension in admission date till November 20 with late fee charges for open distance learning (ODL) programs offered in phase 2 of the autumn semester 2023 due to the hundredsofapplications received from interested students.

Institute management practices that (IWMI) Pakistan, sup- empower communities and enhance productiv-ity in hill torrent-affected areas.

"This workshop was marked by engaging discussions, collaborative presentations, and expert insights, as community members and stakeholders gathered to address watersolutions in the challenging context of hill torrents, said Dr. Sarfraz Munir, Researcher, IWMI Pakistan. "Through this con-

gagement with relevant government departments, policymakers, the private sector, academia, and most importantly the local communities. We are committed to listening to and learning from your firsthand experiences, as we collectively work towards addressing and mitigating the chalrelated issues and explore solutions in the challeng-rainfall patterns and the increasing threat of floods" said Muhammad Nawaz, Development Specialist, USAID/Pakistan.



ISLAMABAD: Australian High Commissioner to Pakistan Neil Hawkins posing for a photo graph wearing traditional " Chitrali Cap" in KPK Pavilion during annual 10 days Lok Mela 2023 at Lok Versa in Federal Capital.

Delegation of QAU students visits Safe City Command and Control Center

Independent Report ISLAMABAD: According to the details, following the

special directives of the Islamabad Capital City Po-lice Officer (ICCPO) Dr. Akbar Nasir Khan, the SSP Safe City welcomed the Delegation of Quaid-e-Azam University students, a public relations officer

He said that the delegation visits the command and control center, the data hub unit, modern technologyequipped cameras, and the Police operations center hall. They were fully briefed about the procedures and advantages of

Furthermore, the delegation was informed that Safe City Islamabad is playing a significant role in various departments through modern techniques, including the Police Operations Center, Emergency Control Center, Data Hub Unit, Dispatch Control Center,



E-Challan System, and the 'Pucar-15" helpline. The delegation was

also apprised of the functionality and benefits of the Safe City cameras in the city. The modern cameras of Safe City are playing a crucial role in ensuring the safety of the city and preventing crimes and safeguarding the lives and property of citizens. 42% of crimes are resolved through the Safe City Command and Control Center.

Face recognition cam-

eras have been installed at the entry and exit points of the city which are playing an important role in identifying suspicious elements, he maintained.

The delegation also met with CPOSafe City/Traffic. The delegation acknowledged the modern technical system of the Islamabad Capital Police and its benefits. The delegation expressed special gratitude to ICCPO Dr Akbar Nasir Khan and his team for this successful visit.

Azerbaijan Embassy celebrates "Victory Day"

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Azerbaijan Embassy in Pakistan held a special event to commemorate "Victory Day," marking the successful liberation of Azerbaijani territories from unlawful Armenian occupation. The event, held on November 8th, symbolized the triumphant return of Azerbaijan's territorial integrity after a long struggle against illegal occupation.

Addressing the participants, the Ambassador of Azerbaijan to Pakistan, Khazar Farhadov, paid tribute to the martyrs who sacrificed their lives for the independence, sovereignty, and territorial integrity of Azerbaijan. While sharing the background, the Ambassdor said, Armenia kept 20% of Azerbaijani territories under occupation for almost 30 years. Almost Armenia committed war crimes in the occupied ter-



He said, Armenia committed the Khojaly Genocide in 1992, killing 613 innocent civilians, including 106 women and 63 children. They carried out ethnic cleansing against the Azerbaijani population in the occupied territories. All expelled from occupied territories. In 1993, he said, the United Nations Secu-

lutions demanding immediate and unconditional withdrawal of Armenian troops from the territory of Azerbaijan. "Other international organizations, such as the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, Non-Alignment Movement, Azerbaijanis were forcibly OSCE, Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, and the European Parliament adopted similar rity Council adopted 4 reso- decisions and resolutions.

UNSC and other international organizations" he added. The ambassador said, Azerbaijan tried to resolve the Karabakh conflict through negotiations but Armenia always ignored it and tried to keep the status quo and Armenia even regularly committed military provocations during the occupation times. In 2020, he said, Azerbaijan launched a counter-offensive in response to Armenia's yet another large-scale military attack on Azerbaijani Army positions and civilian settlements. The envy said, "At the end of the 44-day, under the leadership of President Ilham Aliyev, the Armed Forces Azerbaijan liberated its ter-

ritories from Armenian occu-

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hundreds of thousands of mines and booby traps have been planted across Azerbaijan's territory" he He said, in response to aggression, Azerbaijan has never targeted any civilian people and civilian infrastructures during the Patriotic War and local antiterrorism measures. The ambassador further said, even after the war, Armenia did not stop its heinous mili-

this project. tary provocations that caused the loss of civilians and military personnel in the liberated territories of

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