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

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

taker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Thursday strongly denounced the Israeli bombardment in Gaza and drew a historical comparison, highlighting similarities between Israel's actions and those of Pha-

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

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

TASHKENT (APP): Care- dren and women, and tar- act calling for international geting the hospitals by Is- condemnation. The prime minister raeli forces. "With the elimination said the situation needed to

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

ceasefire and support the following the path of Phacall for the provision of Caretaker Foreign Min- humanitarian aid, besides ister Jalil Abbas Jilani, Care- rallying efforts to hold Istaker Commerce Minister rael to account. Gohar Ejaz, and Caretaker He urged the participat-

ing countries and the inter-Communications Minister Shahid Ashraf Tarar accomnational community to rally panied the prime minister behind to have a humaniin the summit held at the tarian corridor so that the Tashkent Convention Cenunfortunate and defenceless people of Palestine could He told the ECO leadbe helped out.

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

dian atrocities in the Indian Haq Kakar on Thursday, Illegally Occupied Jammu & Kashmir, and emphasised the ECO countries to support Kashmiris in achieving their right of self-determination.

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

ter said addressing the 16th Summit of the Economic Cooperation Organisation (ECO). Meanwhile Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-

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

TASHKENT (APP): Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar held a meeting with President of Azerbaijan, Ilham Aliyev, on Thursday, wherein they discussed bilateral cooperation and regional issues, including the humanitarian situation in Gaza and Indian atrocities in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu & Kashmir (ÎIOJK).

The meeting took place on the sidelines of the 16th Summit of the Economic Cooperation Organization being held here.

The two leaders re-

Prime Minister Kakar welcomed the announcement of direct flight operations by Azerbaijan Airline (AZAL) to Pakistan, terming it a positive development in people-to-people exchanges and advancing two-way business and tourism. Prime Minister Kakar and President Aliyev discussed common challenges, including Islamophobia and climate change, and the

reiterating Pakistan's com-mitment to the ECO Vision

2025, called for collective

efforts and accelerated re-

forms to achieve the

Organisation's objectives

and region's trade potential

for bringing "colossal" eco-

nomic and peace dividends.

organisation, not just of

words, but actions, not just

commitments but implementation. It is crucial for

us to work collectively and

diligently to realise the goals

and objectives of the Organisation... Our region,

if well connected, can bring

colossal economic and

peace dividends for our people," the prime minis-

"Let us make ECO an

critical role of ECO to pro-PM arrives in mote regional cooperation Islamabad after and collective prosperity. The global and regional concluding developments, including the dire humanitarian situ-

ISLAMABAD (INP): Caretaker Finance Minister Pakistan. Dr Shamshad Akhtar on

ister and the IMF's Mission as behind closed doors.

timeframe of the standby agreement it had reached taker Federal Minister for with it from March to June Finance, Revenue and Eco-2024 or increase its volume nomic Affairs Dr. Shamshad from \$3 billion to either \$3.5. Akhtar said here on Thurs-Talking to a private Tv day that the Development channel, she said that stafflevel talks between the two (DFIs), having requisite exsides, which have been in pertise, efficiency and flexprogress since November 2, ibility, can be the potential will finish on November 15. drivers of growth and de-On the other hand, exvelopment of the capital perts have said that the govmarket. She was chairing a ernment may heave a sigh meeting with the Chairman of relief if the interest rate Securities and Exchange comes down, especially in Commission of Pakistan (SECP) and the heads of the USA, and petroleum prices also drop in the glo-DFIs to review the progress bal market. Otherwise, they

could become a big threat for Equity and Venture Capital (PE & VC) Fund, according to press statement issued by finance ministry.

Dr. Shamshad Akhtar said the initiative is geared towards energizing the investment landscape and extending needed resources for start-ups and SMEs to grow their businesses, harnessing the potential of capital markets to diversify sources of financing, while country's economic prospects. She emphasized that the role of DFIs was distinct from commercial banks and this needed to be reflected in their business philosophy, adding their investment policies and the manner in which these policies are regulated can have a powerful influence on the pattern of financial assets in the capital market.





TASHKENT: The Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar addresses the 16th ECO Summit.

### Shamshad Akhtar says No chance of Pakistan seeking extension of IMF's standby agreement

Caretaker finance min-Thursday categorically refuted reports of Pakistan Chief Nathan Porter held requesting the International talks this week, both along Monetary Fund (IMF) to either extend the with their delegations as well





Shah addressing during program Youm-e-Iqbal to mark the 146th birth anniversary of National Poet, Dr. Allama Muhammad Iqbal at Aiwan-e-Iqbal.

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

leaders.

makers, he added.

were provided.

He said that Saira Peter

was an opera singer and

minister recommended her

to compose Iqbal's 'Shikwa

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

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

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

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

He further said that and Jawab e Shikwa' in opthere should be respect of era form.



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

diversity adding that indig-enous culture narrative had such mechanisms of conflict for Information and Broadresolutions which could help us in sorting out many problems.

Thursday said that Pakistan's position on Pal-Jamal Shah said that estine was "consistent and Iqbal was well aware of this crystal clear" land and its people. He said

clear': Solangi

ISLAMABAD (INP):

Caretaker Federal Minister

casting Murtaza Solangi on

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

Gaza. we make our youngsters PM Kakar drew a hiswell informed decision torical comparison, highlighting similarity between He said that develop-Israel's barbaric bombardment revolution could come ment of Gaza Strip and in country if transparency, Pharaoh's brutalities with geneuine representation children becoming their and opportunities to youth main casualty.

#### **Unknown** person arrested at gate No 2 of PM

Secretariat ISLAMABAD (Online): An unknown person has been arrested at gate No 2 of Prime Minister (PM)

ecretariat. According to Police sources the accused said he has to go to PM office and he has to sit on PM chair. The accused further said he has to take oath of PM in payt morning

PM in next morning.

According to police this person looks insane apparently. His name is Imran Salim. Police have started further investigation besides shifting him to police station secretariat.

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

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

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

The NCSW chairperson said the Palestinian people were facing indescribable pain. More than 7,700 Palestinians had been killed and over 19,740 injured and that number was increasing. About 2,400 or 66 percent were the children among the total dead, she added.

Nilofar said schools and hospitals were being bombed the the blockade (of the Gaza Strip) has been tightened.

She said the Israeli occupation meant enslaving the Palestinian people, with brutalities, illegal detentions, imprisonment and extrajudicial executions

Pakistan's position viewed the progress in bilateral relations, especially on Palestine in the domains of trade, defense, and energy. 'consistent & crystal

ation in Gaza and persistent Indian atrocities in IIOJK, were also discussed.

### **Punjab Govt partially** lift lockdown

LAHORE (INP): The Multan, Lahore Punjab government has par-Bahawalpur, Faisalabad, tially lifted the lockdown Sargodha, DG Khan, and imposed in Lahore and eight Sahiwal are among the disother districts due to severe tricts likely to be affected. smog. Markets in these ar-Citizens are advised to eas will be allowed to relimit outdoor activities,

main open on Thursday/ wear masks when going out, Friday, while educational and stay informed about institutions and offices will local air quality levels. They remain closed until Sunday. should also drink plenty of The National Disaster water to protect their respiratory systems from the Management Authority

(NDMA) has issued an adharmful effects of smog. visory warning of the pos-DIG Operations Lahore Ali Nasir Rizvi has sibility of smog levels reaching dangerous levels in directed police officers to central and southern Punjab strictly enforce the smart next week. Gujranwala, lockdown measures.



WASHINGTON DC: Ambassador Masood Khan addressing a special ceremony to commemorate Iqbal Day, during the photo exhibition.

#### Masood Khans says: 'Iqbal is our ideological compass and lodestar' WASHINGTON (APP):

Naqqash. Pakistan's Ambassador to Ĥighlighting Iqbal's life the United States, Masood Khan, led tributes to Allama Iqbal at a special meeting marking his birth anniversary, saying the national poet-philosopher was 'our ideological compass and lode star'

"Iqbal dreamed of Pakistan, and we are a manifesthe ambassador said, "His tation of his dream," the enthought has influenced the voy told the meeting held at whole of South Asia, Afthe Pakistan embassy here. ghanistan, and Iran.

In addition, a photo ex-His philosophy was hibition was also arranged not confined to the subconby the embassy in collabotinent; he looked at the uniration with the International verse and how it was evolv-Academy of Letters, USA, ing in its spiritual and physical dimensions, the Sadequain Foundation, USA, and the Sadequain lasood Khan said. Gallery of Chicago to pay "Iqbal talked about altribute to the iconic calligraliances of civilizations be-

pher, painter, and poet, fore this thought was de-Syed Sadequain Ahmed veloped in the late 20th cen-Naqvi, known as Sadequain tury or early 21st century."

two-day visit to Uzbekistan ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Thursday arrived here after completing his two-day

have said, foreign financing

official visit to Uzbekistan. During his visit, the prime minister attended the 16th Summit of the Economic Cooperation Organisation (ECO) and

held bilateral meetings with the leadership of Uzbekistan and other participating leaders.

#### **Another Congo** fever patient breathes his

last in Karachi KARACHI (INP): Another patient suffering from Crimean - Congo Haemo-rrhagic Fever, who was shifted to Karachi from Quetta, died at a private hospital on Thursday.

Thursday.

251 vehicles.

Afghanistan

travelled to Afghanistan in

As many as 16 patients have been shifted to Karachi from Quetta during the last few days and two of them including Dr Shakrullah had now died

The latest victim was immigrants returning in 30-year-old Mirwaiz Khan, droves to their home couna resident of Pishin, who try daily, authorities said. Illegal immigrants, was also brought to Karachi from Quetta in an mostly Afghans, returning via Chaman border and air ambulance. Two of the Torkham border crossings remaining Congo fever pato Afghanistan. The immitients have been discharged grants included women and from the private hospital in Karachi while 12 remaining children who were provided are still under treatment.

Meanwhile two more cases of Congo virus have been reported in the Fatima Jinnah Institute of Chest Diseases and Hospital Quetta on Thursday.

TASHKENT: The Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar meets the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan Mr. Ilham Aliyev on the sidelines of 16th Summit of ECO.

### Over two lac illegal immigrants returnto Afghanistan

ISLAMABAD (INP): The repatriation of illegal forpatriated through Angor Ada South Waziristan, eigners mostly Afghans spokesperson told the state continued to their home countries as 207,758 imminews agency. He said voluntary repatriation was begrants have returned till November 09, reported on ing encouraged.

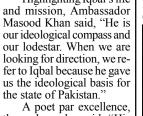
Repatriation from Punjab was also continued Wednesday 4,119 illethrough the Torkham borgal Afghan immigrants re-turned to their homes. Afder where officials of relevant departments were ghan nationals' 702 families assisting them.

Pakistan on Wednesday decided to extend the Undocumented Afghan stay of registered Afghan refugees in the country for six months.

The sources said the decision to extend the term of registered Afghan refugees in Pakistan was approved by the caretaker federal cabinet through a circulation summary.

The caretaker governfree transport service from ment of Pakistan decided to Landi Kotal holding camp extend the stay of POR up to the Torkham border (Proof of Registration) that connects Pakistan and card-holder Afghan refugees on the recommendation of Similarly, 2,975 illethe foreign office and integal immigrants were re- rior ministry, sources said.

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



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### **Political revival**

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

Over the coming weeks, the reconfiguration of the political landscape will be a topic for intense speculation and debate. It will be interesting to see what new alliances emerge from the current context.

It is amusing to observe the MQM joining hands with a new 'partner' to seek, for the umpteenth time, a charter to address the problems of urban Sindh. The party has by now built a formidable reputation for its ability to manoeuvre to the right side of every new government, but this marriage of convenience is still likely to be a hard sell for its constituencies.

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

While the former has welcomed the challenge, the PPP is growing increasingly antsy about what it sees as collusion between PML-N and the security establishment. To counter the PML-N, PPP has said it is open to a deal with the PTI in Punjab. It is doubtful if such an arrangement can materialise given how strongly the two parties have been opposed to each other. But politics, as they say, is the art of the possible, and one cannot rule out surprises as long as Mr Zardari is in the game.

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

In KP, the JUI-F has remained close to PML-N, but recent developments seem to suggest a cooling relationship.

A meeting between the party's chief and several PTI leaders recently sparked considerable speculation. Was it a flash in the pan or the start of something unexpected? We may not have to wait too long before we find out. Trump has always been a

# **Bars and ballots**

hard man to convince. There is a parallel between the forthcoming elections in the US and those in Pakistan. While the date of the US elections is graven in stone (even if their results are not, as Trump demonstrated in Novem-ber 2020), the date of Pakistan's next elections

F.S. Aijazuddin has been treated as a in the forthcoming 2024 bauble, a plaything in the US presidential election, hands of those who no US voter with any should not have trivialised sense would vote for Joe their duty to the elector-Biden. He is a heartbeat ate

away from extinction. Some might see that the president, the chief Those who have taken leave of their senses will election commissioner vote for Donald Trump. and the chief justice (CJ) He is a judge's breath of the Supreme Court away from a jail sentence. all three being paid out of At the moment, the same national exche-Trump faces 91 criminal quer - have been passcharges. Imran Khan ing the cushion of responclaims he has 150 cases sibility regarding elecarraigned against him. tions since August 2023, Both describe their persewhen the assemblies were cution as 'witch hunts'. dissolved. The CEC used Trump could be conthe intervening time to victed and sentenced, and develop a thesaurus of ex-

- much to the chagrin of cuses why elections his opponents — he could not or should not could still be re-elected as be held within the constipresident. tutional time limit.

According to one US legal expert: "The constitution has very few requirements to serve as president, such as being at least 35 years of age. It does not bar anyone indicted, or convicted, or even serving jail time, from running as president and winning the presidency.' Or granting himself a presidential pardon once he is in the Oval Office. Aiwan-i-Sadr, these two decided on yet another date — Feb 8.

(Nixon after Watergate might have done, given the chance.) Trump's tenacity re-

minds one of the opening lines of a short story by Ambrose Bierce, the 19thcentury American satirist. He began: "The fact that Jim Jones was buried was to him not incontrovertible proof that he was dead. war. In November 1864, Jim Jones was always a Abraham Lincoln (then hard man to convince.'

between conducting an The fact that Trump could be in jail during his election or postponing it. election campaign is not He decided to go an insurmountable obahead and hold them, arstacle to the presidency:

elections; and if the rebellion could force us to forgo, or postpone a national election it might fairly claim to have already conquered and ruined us." Lincoln took the risk. He could have lost. Instead, he won, both the election and in time also the war. Here in Pakistan, we

have been conquered by our own civic feebleness. We have been ruined by our political inertia. We have allowed ourselves to believe that our 50-year old Constitution is subor-

dinate to the whims of official functionaries. We can vote only when we are allo-wed to. One more step backwards and we will be told who to vote for and in what numbers, and which parties should be melded into a parliamentary majority. The year 2024 has

vet to etch its own history. The year 2019 is already a date in the almanac. On July 22 that year, two men met in the White House president Donald Trump and prime minister

Finally, after months Imran Khan. Their formal parleys gushed with of unconscionable prevarication, the CEC prounfelt bonhomie which posed Feb 11 to the CJ of overflowed into an overthe Supreme Court. His long tour by the president Lordship advised the CEC of his White House. (One to consult the president, Pakistani attendee later whom the CEC in August complained that the had refused to meet just guests tired before their for that purpose. After a host did.) Today finds Imran stylised performance of Khan in a Pakistani jail. belated amity in the

Donald Trump, if convicted, may soon find himself inside an American The CJ has often adone

vised those appearing be-Ironically, it is their fore him to avoid citing US popularity that has unjudicial precedents. He nerved their opponents might consider allowing who wish that someone, anyone, would rid them of this exception — a reference to the US presidenthese meddlesome poputial election of 1864. The lists On or after Feb 9, divided states of America 2024, Imran Khan will were in the throes of a civil know whether he will be

a free man or not. His president), had to choose captors should be careful. Like others in history, the longer he is coiled captive, the stronger and more dangerous guing: "We cannot have he becomes. -- Courtesy free government without Dawn

**Commerce** News



**Asad Rahim Khan** 

It started, as does so much colonial mass murder, with a bureaucrat from the British Empire

"In Palestine we do not propose even to go through the form of consulting the wishes of the present inhabitants of the country," wrote British foreign secretary Arthur Balfour in 1919, "... And Zionism, be it right or wrong, good or bad, is ... of far profounder import than the desires and prejudices of the 700,000 Arabs who now inhabit that ancient land.

Freedom came cheap to Balfour; he'd become prime minister in the aftermath of his generals driving thousands of Boers into concentration camps in South Africa — the barbarism of which would disgust his own voters, and be replicated with greater efficiency by Nazi Ger-many. Today, his dour face graces Israeli postage stamps, while the Balfour Declaration is hailed as the start of a 'Jewish homeland'

Even back then, Zionism fed on antisemitism as fire feeds on oxygen. "The antisemites will become our most dependable friends," founding father Theodore Herzl wrote, "the antisemitic countries our allies." Because, as both Zionists and antisemites believed, the Jews were an alien race among European nations — the latter's Nazi atrocities cushioning Zionist émigrés in Palestine with a layer of white guilt. (Herzl's Jewish critics, surprise-surprise, favoured just staying put and integrating.) feated by its own extraor-

But it was also a pass-But it was also a pass-ing of the torch, if from one Ariel Sharon enabled

# **Eretz Israel**

coloniser to another: amid the empire's dying sighs, a ferocious new ethno-state was murdering its way into existence in 1948. Calling this what it is, however a textbook bout of settlercolonialism — is still met fury. with "The decolonisation narrative has dehumanised Israelis,'

writes Simon Sebag Montefiore in the Atlantic, "to the extent that otherwise rational people excuse, deny, or support barbarity.' As a rational person

excusing, denying, or supporting barbarity, Simon downplays how the idea of Israel could only happen via the screams of the displaced: how children were shot on sight in Lydda (now the bustling Israeli city of Lod), or how entire villages were depopulated, like Saliha (now a kibbutz named Yiron). 'Many families fled their homes," writes a Gaza journalist, "in part due to their concerns over their women being raped by Zionist

forces. Yet for all of Zion's current apologists -Sunak, von der Leyen, and that vilest of neoliberal hypocrites, Barack Obama the beauty and integrity of the Jewish spirit is to be found elsewhere. As Israeli filmmaker Hadar Morag said of her grandmother, late of Auschwitz, whose entire family had been exterminated by the Holocaust, and who was allotted a nice beachhouse in Jaffa: "She saw that on the table there were still the plates of the Palestinians who had lived there, and who had been driven away. She returned to the agency and said, 'Take me back to my tent, I'll never do to someone else that which has been done to me'." Others felt differently. Over the next half-century, as the Israeli war machine gobbled up more and more land, and the Gulf sheikhdoms shook their fists at the sky, Tel Aviv was de-

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

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

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

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

Because until Palestine is free, 'never again' is now. -- Courtesy Dawn

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

are participating in the new ongoing International Import Expo (CIIE) being held from General in Shanghai. November 5 to 10 in One of the Shanghai, which has made a remarkable mark by showcasing Pakistan's largest effort ever.

been held annually in Shanghai since 2018, is a major platform for promoting international trade and cooperation. "Pakistan's participation in this prestigious event highlights adorned with vibrant commitment to strengthening economic products, have attracted ties with China, Pakistan's

area in City.

KARACHI

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issued to heads of traders

and market associations

by assistant commission-

ers of Garden, Saddar and

Aram Bagh towns in sepa-

rate meetings held here on

instructions of Deputy

Commissioner Karachi

South Captain (retd) Altaf

RAWALPINDI: A potter examine the newly made

mud ovens "Tandoor" at his setup at Gowalmandi

**Trader association asked** 

to submit certificate

of non involvement of

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residing in Pakistan.

In the meetings, all

traders were asked to sub-

mit certificates of non-in-

volvement of illegal for-

eigners in the respective

markets by Friday, No-

avenues 6<sup>th</sup> China collaboration," highlighted Hussain Haider, Consul

One of the key Commerce has extended its highlights of Pakistan's full support to the participation in the 6<sup>th</sup> CIIE is its focus on promoting its diverse range The expo, which has of export products. From subsidies and facilitation leathers and surgical instruments to agricultural goods and handicrafts, rich cultural heritage and

active economic potential. Pakistan's pavilions, displays and innovative the attention of exhibitors

BEIJING (APP): As many second largest export and visitors alike, China as 19 Pakistani exhibitors destination, and exploring Economic Net (CEN) reported on Thursday.

Recognizing the significance of CIIE, the Pakistani Ministry of participating businesses. Various incentives, including financial services, have been provided to ensure a successful exhibition Pakistan has showcased its experience. This proactive approach by the government was widely appreciated by the Pakistani exhibitors and

further enhanced Pakistan's image as an attractive investment destination.

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

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

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

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

(APP): Hussain Sario, said a state-Karachi Administration di- ment issued here on ISLAMABAD (APP) Pakistan Customs in its recent drive has seized The meetings also attended by officers of po-8,157,200 sticks of cigarettes valued at Rs.156 lice, rangers and special million during the period from October 30, 2023 to branch reviewed matters The directives were relating to repatriation of foreign nationals illegally November 05, 2023. Accordingly, Pakistan

Customs had constituted special teams to launch anti-smuggling operations against foreign origin cigarettes being smuggled into the country, said a news release here on Thursday.

HYDERABAD (APP): Marri, in which officials Sindh Agriculture Univerassociated with various secsity (SAU) and the Food tors of FAO in Rome, Australia, and Pakistan and exand Agriculture Organization (FAO) have agreed to perts from Sindh Agriculjointly work to attract inture University particidustry and investors under pated 'Bananas in Pakistan's Speaking on the occa-

Bioeconomy: Transforming sion, Vice-Chancellor Dr. Waste into Textile", the Fateh Marri said that due project of Global Environto a lack of knowledge ment Facility (GEF) for the about the importance of use of banana waste for banana waste, 3.5 million tons of banana waste is making yarn, food items, burnt annually in the counand organic fertilizer, instead to burning the pretry, which has negative efcious recourse of Sindh. fects on the environment. He said that the SAU

In this regard, on Thursday a meeting was can make fiber, food items, held at the university comand liquid and composite ormittee room, presided by ganic fertilizers from banana Vice-Chancellor Dr. Fateh waste, while students have

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

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

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

**Bioeconomy: Transforming Waste project** also been involved in this said that with the finan- demand, concerns, and excial support of GEF, inpectations of the industry. stead of burning the baresearch on the quality and purity of the fiber should nana residue to combat environmental pollution, be a priority and an envi-In cooperation with SAU, we will train and support

ronment of interest of investors in banana fibre farmers and field workers, should be created. while to ensure the par-On this occasion, ticipation of farmers FAO's Bengal-born Austrathrough seminars, worklian expert Nazimuddin, Dr. shops, and training pro-Shaukat Ibrahim Abro of grams, we will work on the survey of different banana growing districts. Dr. Waqar a Communication Specialist of FAO said this project will officially launch by March 2024.

SAU gave his presentation on the domestic and industrial importance of fiber. Gĥulam Murtaza Sahito, Director BIC, Dr.

Ghulam Murtaza Jamro, and others were present. Earlier, the FAO team

also visited the Banana Project at the University.

buys such items in large number at City. SAU, FAO agreed to jointly work for Bananas,

for Indonesian Ambassador countries. Addressing the including tourism, trade, farewell dinner in his technology, energy and

agriculture through which the two countries can expand their relations and by finding new economic sectors for increasing bilateral ties.

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

94 shopkeepers fined for price gouging, two shops sealed KARACHI (APP): In re-sponse to a crackdown on 20,000 rupees imposed on

hawkers, profiteers, and hoarders in the city, 94 shopkeepers were fined a total of 933,000 on Thursday. Two shops were sealed, and numerous other shopkeepers received warnings. Across various districts of the city, heavy fines were imposed on vendors selling food items, poultry, vegetables, meat, fruits, flour, and sugar at prices higher than the official rates. according to a spokesman for Commissioner Karachi. In the Korangi district, 11 shopkeepers were fined

district imposed a substan-tial fine of 415,000 rupees on 49 shopkeepers. Commissioner Karachi Muhammad Saleem Rajput urged citizens to register complaints on Commissioner Control 1 lakh 25 thousand; in the Room No. 021-99203443 South district, 25 shopor Rescue 1299 for prompt

two shopkeepers

In the Malir district. a

fine of 23,000 rupees was

imposed on two shopkeep-

ers, while the district East

levied fines of 75,000 ru-

pees on two shopkeepers.

Additionally, the west dis-

trict fined three shopkeep-

ers a total of 21 thousand

rupees, and the Keamari

keepers were fined 154,000 rupees. The redressal.



on his road side setup as during winters bikers

#### of Pakistan to the Ambassador of Indonesia have huge potential to to Pakistan, Adam M. increase their economy and Tugio for extraordinary the role of business communities of both sides services in strengthening the bilateral economic, was significant in this trade, political and regard.

his visit of ICCI in Federal Capital.

ISLAMABAD (APP):

Islamabad Chamber of

Commerce and Industry

(ICCI) and Business

Community proposed to

give the highest civil award

both

diplomatic

between

relations the many potential sectors nations are responsible."

ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of Indonesia to Pakistan Adam M Tugio receives

souvenir from President Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI) during

**ICCI** proposes highest

civil award of Pakistan

honour hosted by the ICCI's President Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawri, the Indonesian Ambassador said Indonesia and Pakistan

ndependent

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**KP** govt introduces

paperless file work titled

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

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

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

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

nanity. Baligh stressed that with the mission to develop The event witnessed students to check the institution into a worldhumanity. the conferral of numerous measures



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

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

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

Justice should always nowadays two or three be same for everyone. If things are happening someone is guilty then he frequently. Do you think should be punished so as that the procedure is to to identify who is the well- establish a commission on wisher of the country. WhatsApp. Anyone who Honor the vote does not wants to grow a plant of mean give me turn without May 9<sup>th</sup> is wrong.

accolades, including gold promotion of education medals and 2038 degrees and health. Funds for bestowed upon graduates. higher education were Balighur Rehman raised from 2013 to passionately advocated for 2018. Corruption is

others, polite discourse,

need for investment in

importance of research in

forward.

today's world.

a holistic approach to cancer and the students education, urging the fusion must examine the report of training and academic of Amnesty International. pursuits to propel students He highlighted the by upholding respect and

significance of respecting dignity. the commercialization of human resources, and the research and the promotion of a knowledge-based economy.

Punjab Governor also He wished the students to critically inaugurated a sports complex costing Rs 250 assess the accuracy of information on social media million to promote healthy before accepting it. He activities. Besides this, he urged students to also inaugurated the wheat discourage the spread of sowing campaign in the varsity. His initiatives align

for the



Mazar e Quaid. **'Inter University Speech Competition'** held to pay homage to Allama Iqbal

### class university. Four people shot dead in

Sargodha SARGODHA (APP): At least four people including two women were gunned down over domestic issues here at Ghalla purr under the jurisdiction of Midh Ranjha police station on Thursday.

Police said that Ahmed Shair (40) r/o Midh Ranjha had a domestic dispute with his close relatives including Faisal (30), Urfah (25), Maqsooda (60) and Sarfraz (44) over some family

them.

On

Muhammad

necessary

formalities

issues.On the day of incident, he killed all the four after opening firing at Thursday getting information,Regional Police Officer Sargodha Region (RPO) Sharuk Kamal Sidiqui, District

Police Officer (DPO) Faisa Kamran along with esteem. The real meaning Investigation team and of Iqbal's concept of selfesteem was self-reliance police reached the spot and shifted the bodies to and without it we could not be able to maintain hospital for autopsy and self-esteem, he said addlegal

KARACHI (APP): An "Intage and Pakistan Women Iqbal Lahori, people of the ter-University Speech Foundation for peace. Competition" was orga-The grand son of Dr losopher of the East while Allama Muhammad Iqbal, nized here at Mazar-e-Quaid to pay homage to the Azad Aftab Iqbal graced the national.poet of Pakistan occasion as chief guest late Allama Dr Muhammad while Justice ® Wajihuddin Ahmed presided over the

ceremony held at Audio Vi-sual Hall of QMMB. Addressing the participants of the event, Azad Iqbal said Allama Iqbal was an spiritual (QMMB), National Heri- saint, Iranians call him

Urdu speaking community call him as 'Poet of the East' Praising the speeches delivered by university students in connection with Iqbal Day, Azad Iqbal

termed Allama's philosophy, a vast ocean and said, The 'Message of Selfness' is summary of

West regard him as phi-

### likely to persist in Sindh

SUKKUR (APP): Fatima not stand before a loangiver.

was a fact that without self-reliance, maintaining

The Mayor said that Allama Iqbal had pre-

### governance by introducing paperless file work system titled KP Digital Workspace in

administrative departments of the province.

Caretaker Chief Minister Muhammad Azam khan formally launched the newly introduced system at a ceremony held here at Chief Minister's House. With this launch, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has become the first province in the country to go towards digitalization in the government departments. Besides Caretaker Cabinet Members, manner.

**"KP Digital Workspace"** PESHAWAR (Online): Additional Chief Secretary The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa P&D, administrative government has achieved secretaries of concerned another milestone towards departments, representatives of Partner Organizations, Project Team Members and government officials attended the ceremony.

the Briefing participants about newly introduced e-governance system, it was informed that initially, "Digital Workspace" is being executed in four different administrative departments including Finance, Higher Education, Science & Information Technology and Sports whereas after two months period, it would be extended to rest of the departments in a phased

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

ter-University Speech Competition<sup>\*</sup> was organised here on Thursday at Mazar-e-Quaid to pay homage to the national poet of Pakistan Allama Dr Muhammad Iqbal on 'Iqbal

speech competition jointly

organised by the Mazar-e-

Quaid Management Board

(QMMB), the National

Heritage and the Pakistan

Women Foundation for

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presided over the ceremony

held at Audio Visual Hall of

ticipants, Azad said the

Allama was a saint; Irani-

ans call him Iqbal Lahori,

people of the West regard

him as philosopher of the

East while Urdu speaking

community calls him as

'Poet of the East'.

Addressing the par-

KARACHI (INP): An "In- connection with Igbal Day, Azad termed Allama's philosophy, a vast ocean and said, "The message of 'Selfness' (khudi) is summary of his philosophy."

Azad recited some poems of his grandfather and said, "These verses are a beacon for our youth." versities participated in the

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

He said that Iqbal came into the world before Azad Aftab Iqbal, the his time and left at a time grandson of Dr Iqbal, was when he was needed the the chief guest while Jusmost

He said that Iqbal was a great thinker and he faced the opposition on the political, religious and social fronts courageously.

Azad paid his respects to Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah at his grave, visited the memorial hall of Mazar-e-Ouaid and also recorded his thoughts in visitor's diary. Later, he distributed

Praising the speeches prizes to the winners of the delivered by the students in speech competition.

of Dr Allama Iqbal Foundation Sukkur organized a dialogue to discuss and recall the services of Dr Allama Iqbal which led to the creation of a separate homeland for the Muslims

Iqbal on 'Iqbal Day'.

Management

A large number of stu-

Board

dents from 11 universities,

participated in 'Speech

Competition' jointly orga-

nized by Mazar-e-Quaid

of the Subcontinent here on Speaking on the occasion, Sukkur Mayor Barrister Arslan Sheikh said that the meaning of Khudi has been distorted and now it became self worship instead of self-

ing that a loan-taker could he added. International News

his philosophy. **Speakers recalls services Dry weather** 

KARACHI (APP): The Pakistan Meteorological

Arslan said that it Department (PMD) on Thursday predicted mainly dry weather in most districts of Sindh province during the next 24 hours.

According to the Met Office, weather remained dry in the province during the previous 24 hours, while the lowest temperature was recorded in Moen jo Daro, where mercury dipped to the 18-degree Celsius mark. The minimum temperature in Mithi, Dadu and Sukkur was recorded at 19 degree centigrade, Nawabshah 20 C, Thatta 21 C and minimum temperature in

#### Karachi and Hyderabad was recorded at 22 C.

self-esteem was quite impossible. We only enjoy self-esteem by acquiring self-reliance. the poetry of Iqbal was the

poetic translation of Allah's word and imbibed with knowledge of Holy Qur'an and love for the Holy Prophet (PBUH).

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

# Day Students from 11 uni-

peace.

QMMB.

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

While addressing

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

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

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

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

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

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

Turkiye's top

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

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

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

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

The Commission also said Turkiye did not comply with the principles of

courts at odds among ruined buildings in the north of the Gaza Strip over politician's on Thursday, taking the Gaza death toll to 10,812. imprisonment Thousands more Pal-Monitoring Desk estinians were fleeing from ANKARA: Turkiye's top the embattled north to the appeals court took the unsouth along a perilous frontline path after Israel

precedented step of filing a criminal complaint against told them to evacuate, resimembers of the constitudents say. tional court on Wednesday over a disagreement on the case of imprisoned parliamentarian Can Atalay. The constitutional

court had ordered the release of Atalay last month down from above.

Israel says its Hamas lifting of siege and indis-GAZA: Israeli forces foes have command centres fought Hamas militants embedded in the hospitals. In Paris, officials

Gaza death toll reaches 10,812

from about 80 countries and organisations were meeting to coordinate humanitarian aid to Gaza and find ways to help wounded civilians escape the siege, now in its second month. Aid agencies called

for an immediate ceasefire. "We cannot wait a minute more," said Jan But many are staying Egeland, Secretary General

in the north, packed into the Al Shifa Hospital and alof the Norwegian Refugee Quds Hospital as ground Council, calling Israel's acbattles rage around them and tions "collective punishmore Israeli air strikes rain ment"

"Without a ceasefire,

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

### **Monitoring Desk**

BRUSSELS: Belgium's called on the Belgian government on Wednesday to adopt sanctions against Israel and investigate the bombings of hospitals and refugee camps in Gaza.

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

tion agreement with Israel which aims at better ecodeputy prime minister nomic and political cooperation.

She also said an import ban on products from occupied Palestinian territories should be implemented and violent settlers. politicians, soldiers responsible for war crimes should be banned from en-

tering the EU. At the same time, she said, Belgium should increase funding for the International Criminal Court in The Hague to "investigate the bombings while cutting money flows to Hamas

criminate bombarding and warfare, the haemorrhage of human lives will continue

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

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

#### **MSF** staffer killed in Israeli strike in Gaza

**Monitoring Desk** 

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

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

States, has signed Recip-'Today, Doctors rocal Access Agreements Without Borders/Medecins with Australia and the Sans Frontieres (MSF) is U.K., making them semimourning the loss of one of allies our team members in Gaza.

## China 'ready' to improve ties with US

Monitoring Desk SINGAPORE: Beijing is ready to hold talks with the United States at "all levels", Chinese Vice President Han Zheng said on Wednesday, ahead of expected summit in San Francisco between leaders Xi Jinping and Joe Biden as they seek to stabilise tense ties by meeting in-person for just the second time in nearly three years.

The summit on the sidelines of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum follows a six-month US push to engage its geopolitical rival, including through several unreciprocated cabinet-level visits, and recover from a diplomatic crisis over the US downing of an alleged Chinese spy balloon in February.

Speaking at the Bloomberg New Economy Forum in Singapore, Chinese Vice President Han Zheng said the recent highlevel meetings between Beijing and Washington were sending "positive signals" that relations were improving. "We're ready to strengthen communication and dialogue with the United States at all levels, advance mutually beneficial cooperation, properly manage differences and jointly address global chal-

lenges," Han said. Relations between Washington and Beijing sunk to some of their deepest lows in recent years over a host of issues including export controls, human rights and national security.



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

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

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TOKYO: Japanese and

British foreign and defense

ministers met Tuesday and

agreed to further deepen

military cooperation under

a new security pact that al-

lows their militaries to en-

ter each other's territory

for joint exercises. Japan

and Britain have expanded

their cooperation in recent

years as concern has grown

over China's increasing in-

fluence. Japan, whose only

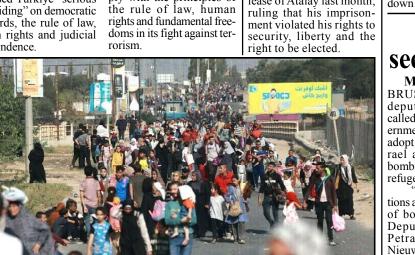
treaty ally is the United

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

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

Palestinians walk down a road as they flee Gaza City and other parts of

northern Gaza towards the southern areas





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

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

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

with a rigorously enforced and fully safeguarded san political objectives". Its framework that complies nuclear power programme, verification regime will rewith the highest global stanpointing to six nuclear dards

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

comply with their safea global scale. In his remarks, the guards obligations. Pakistani envoy highlighted Agency's safeguards should nuclear safety and security, rience in operating a secure not be used to serve parti-

main credible only if it is applied on a non-discriminatory basis as stipulated in the Statute of the International Atomic Energy Agency

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

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



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



ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar arrives after completing his two day official visit of Uzbekistan.

### **US CDC delegation** meets Health Minister

delegation from the US Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Atlanta led by Dr Richard Franka, representative of Global Immunization Division called on Minister for Health Dr Nadeem Jan.

During meeting they discussed mutual areas of interest for cooperation in COVID-19 pandemic. health sector.

The delegation also included Acting Country Director of CDC in Pakistan, Dr. Jude Tuma as well as Ms. Suzzane Powel from the US Embassy.

The minister was accompanied by Iftikhar Shalwani, federal Secretary Health and Dr Rana Muhammad Safdar, Strategic Adviser IGH-CDC.

Dr Nadeem Jan ship is committed to use all thanked US CDC for its strengths and resources longstanding collaboration to contain all vaccine preand technical assistance ventable diseases and fi-

ISLAMABAD (APP): A cation, capacity building of public health workforce as well strengthening of public health labs in Pakistan. The minister made

mention of the contributions of CDC trained Field Epidemiologists in disease detection and response, Polio eradication as well as the recently encountered

Rabi'i to condemn the rising hostilities and ag-Sharing his vision and gression, perpetrated by priorities of the government Israeli occupation forces to protect the health of most against innocent civilians vulnerable populations, the minister updated the delin Gaza egation about initiatives SAPM Jawad Sohrab Malik, in the meeting,

being undertaken to improve essential immunizastrongly denounced the detion coverage across Pakiliberate targeting of civilstan and plan to interrupt ian infrastructure, medical the Polio transmission the services, educational instisoonest possible.

tutions and refugees camps "The national leaderby the Israeli occupation, according to a press release.

He further stated that

tration camps'

### **PM Kakar warns** of trans-regional spillover of Gaza war TASHKENT, Uzbekistan and say that it had got the

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

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

Palestine envoy, denounces Israeli aggression ISLAMABAD (APP): Special Assistant to the

seas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development Jawad Sohrab Malik on on Palestine. Thursday called upon

Ambassador of the State of Palestine Ahmed

### Poliovirus found in environmental samples of six districts

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Ministry of Health here Thursday confirmed the presence of polio-virus in environmental samples of six districts.

According to spokesperson of the Ministry of Health, four samples were from Karachi and two were from Chaman.

He said, "Polio-virus has also been found in one sample each from Peshawar. Kohat and Nowshera. He said, "The virus belongs to the YB3A virus clus-

ter in Afghanistan.' He said, "Every child is at risk due to the presence

of the virus especially for children under five years of age

### **First Lady for improved** rehabilitation action plan inclusive of differently-abled persons

sector and helped the people

suffering from illness, acci-

dent or disability, return to

that the scope of rehabilita-

tion services should be ex-

tended to all the people, in-

She said differently-

ISLAMABAD (APP): right to defend itself. The First Lady Samina Alvi on prime minister said it was Thursday, stressing the imthe licence to barbaric reportance of rehabilitation taliation. He said the entire services, said their scope Muslim nation should think needed to be extended to over about its contribution differently-abled persons. in science and technology

She was speaking at normal lives. She mentioned the closing ceremony of the preparation of the Strategic Action Plans for the procluding the persons with dis-abilities. "These services", motion of rehabilitation services in Pakistan.

The five-year compreshe said, "include paying athensive and inclusive action tention to speech and occuplan is being developed by pational therapy, and vocathe Ministry of National Health Services Regulations and Coordination, provincial assistive technology. health departments, World Health Organization, and ReLaB-HS at the levels of to 12 percent of the federal and provincial gov- country's population and ernments, Gilgit-Baltistan, could play a positive role at the federal and provinand Azad Jammu & Kash- in the society if provided cial levels.

with assistive technology, Begum Alvi said reharehabilitation services and bilitation services played an access to mobility. important role in the health

She emphasized raising awareness in the society to mainstream the differently-abled persons and end their deprivation by providing them equal rights nd services.

Samina Alvi termed disability a global public health issue, which, she said, required a positive approach by the society to accommodate such people tional rehabilitation, includthrough skilled education ing the provision of and job opportunities.

She called for a national campaign to make abled people constituted 10 aware the differently-abled persons and their parents about the special job quota



ISLAMABAD: First Lady Begum Samina Alvi addressing the concluding

#### Jawad meets destabilise the region. He called for an immediate cessation of violence and labeled Israel's assault on Gaza genocide, clearly. The prime minister said he

would attend an extraordinary session of the Organi-Prime Minister on Overzation of Islamic Cooperation on Sunday in Rivadh to discuss Israel's attacks

promotion of regional coop-eration in the areas of trade, PM Kakar said Israel could not just kill children transport, connectivity.

Palestinian situation. Meanwhile, the 16th Summit of Economic Cooperation Organization (ÉCO) was in progress in Tashkent, Uzbekistan. Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar was representing Pakistan in the summit. In his address, the

and defence. The prime

minister also criticised gov-

ernance structures in Mus-

lim nations, saying their

challenges were deeper than

the mere quagmire of the

Prime Minister will reaffirm

Pakistan's commitment to

ECO Vision 2025 and to

provided to the country for nally confine Polio virus to immunization, Polio eradi- the history books."

### **PAF** pays tribute to national poet **Allama Iqbal**

ISLAMABAD (Online): sire to instill Shaheen's vi-The Pakistan Air Force (PAF) has paid a special tribute to the renowned national poet Allama Iqbal on his 146th birth anniversary.

PAF acknowledged the profound intellectual contributions found in Iqbal's poetry. Iqbal's writdepth of thought and vision.

The Pakistan Air ruler of vast skies and heights, Force spokesperson stated holds a unique place in the that Iqbal had a strong de- realm of the bird world.

sion, passion for action, broad perspective, and courage in the young generation.

Added, Shaheen represents a majestic bird, known for its curiosity and soaring nature, embodying the spirit of exploration and ings are known for their freedom. The spokesperson further emphasized that the Shaheen, like the

### PTI's Ali Nawaz Awan, Amir Dogar arrested in Mansehra

MANSEHRA (INP): Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leaders and former MNAs Ali Nawaz Awan and Amir Dogar have been arrested in Batal area of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's Mansehra.

As per details, the former PTI MNAs were reportedly in residence of local party leader Razaullah Khan who was also arrested along with his cousins.

The Anti-Corruption Establishment (ACE) Punjab on Friday arrested Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf

from Islamabad. According to details, the Anti-Corruption Establishment arrested the former National Assembly (NA) Speaker for his nomination in Swabi's Gaju Khan Mediture sectors.

cal College corruption case. Sources told ARY News that Asad Qaiser was being transferred to Bani Gala police station. The arrest comes as another setback for Pakistan Tehreek-e-

Insaf (PTI), which is already embroiled in legal battles as its top leadership (PTI) leader Asad Qaiser remains behind bars.

<u>Contract signed</u>

iven the sheet nu s this virus can make them disabled for life. people i.e., around 2.2 mil-Caretaker Minister for Health Dr Nadeem Jan said, lion and the indefinite lon-

There is no cure for polio, and only vaccines protect gevity, 75 years, "Gaza is children.

He said, "I request parents to welcome polio workthe mother of all conceners coming to their homes.

We will truly bring

about 'Naya Pakistan',

successful.'

"brothers"

Commenting

Sarwar's decision to join the

party, Tareen said that the

relationship between the

two was like that between

we need to do to make the

country progress, we can do

that," he said. Concluding

on



ISLAMABAD: Tehreek-e-Insaf lawyer Sher Afzal Marwat and others addressing a press conference at the National Press Club

#### IMF demands Pakistan impose tax on retail, real estate, agri sectors

#### vows Jahangir Tareen ISLAMABAD (INP): The TAXILA (INP): Jahangir Khan Tareen, the patron-in-we do that, then we will be International Monetary Khan Tareen, the patron-in-chief of the Istehkam-i-Pa-kistan Party (IPP), on Fund (IMF) has demanded Pakistan impose tax on retail, real estate and agricul-Thursday vowed that the party would truly bring This has been revealed during the ongoing techni-

about 'Naya Pakistan'. Tareen made the recal-level talks between marks at the tail-end of his Pakistan's economic team speech while addressing a and a visiting delegation of workers' convention in the IMF. During the negotiations, further demands Taxila, where former PTI put forward by the IMF leader and federal minister Ghulam Sarwar Khan for-

mally joined the party. his speech, Tareen said, "Together, we will truly make a 'Naya Pakistan', God willing!" During his speech today, Tareen said, What do we want to do? We want to take Pakistan beyond its potential," he said as he lamented the lack of progress made in the country in the past 75 whether we succeed

"Forget the past and look forward [...] this country has everything. If there is anything lacking, it is that or not, only God knows. we [political parties] are al-But we will work with ways fighting with one angood intentions and will other.

### **Zhob-Dhanasar section of** N- 50 reopens for traffic after landslides cleared

QUETTA (APP): National Zhob - Dahnasar is now open for all kinds of traf-Authority

The NHA officers and staff remained busy re-Ismail Khan- Ouetta High- moving heavy landslides throughout the blockage, said a news release issued here The NHA crew re-

General Manager NHA moved the heavy land-Balochistan North, Agha slides and reopened the Inayat said that N-50 blocked road

session of a consultative meeting on the Formulation of Federal and Provin cial Rehabilitation and Assistive Technology Strategic Action Plan.

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

Expressing his com-

the appeal of the Pakistan Religious Harmony and the Ulema Council (PUC) and Pakistani Diaspora in its allied parties, Ulema and Middle East and Islamic Mashaykh are set to deliver Countries, urged Ulema and impactful Friday Sermons Mashaykh to articulate a under the banner of unified message against ex-Paigham-e-Pakistan. tremism and terrorism, is-

PUC Chairman Hafiz suing a collective statement Muhammad Tahir and presenting consensus Mahmood Ashrafi, along religious decrees (Fatwas) with prominent figures during their Friday Ser-Allama Ziaullah Shah mons. He also encouraged educating the general pub-Bukhari, Pir Naqib-urlic about the importance Rahman, Maulana Muhammad Khan Laghari, and benefits of this united Allama Aarif Wahidi, and stance others, had called upon re-

ligious scholars and leaders mitment to societal reform from all schools of thought and the eradication of terto vehemently condemn rorism, he asked the reliextremism and terrorism in gious scholars and leaders their Friday Sermons. to play a substantial role

Ashrafi who is also the Special Representative

11 outlaws arrested; drugs and weapons with ammunition recovered

#### 'When such friends **Independent Report** are with us, then the work

ISLAMABAD: Islamabad Capital Police apprehended 11 outlaws from different areas of the city during the last 24 hours and recovered liquor, drugs and weapons with ammunition from their possession, a public relations officer said.

He said that, following the special directions of Islamabad Capital City Police Officer (ICCPO) Dr. Akbar Nasir Khan, the Islamabad Capital Police has intensified crackdown against the criminal elements in order to eliminate the crime from the city.

Following these directions the Secretariat police team arrested an accused namely Muhammad Naeem involved in illegally selling petrol. The Margalla police team arrested an accused namely Rahimdad and recovered 155 gram hashish from his possession

of Islamabad Capital Police Likewise, the Karachi are going to the streets and company police team ardoor-to-door to ensure the rested an accused namely registration of tenants and Ahmed Khan and recovered domestic workers as well as one 30 bore pistol from his to inquire about the probpossession

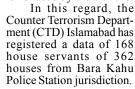
ISLAMABAD (INP): On to the Prime Minister on mosques. He vowed to collaborate closely with state institutions to achieve the common goal of putting an end to extremism and terrorism.

Rejecting any tolerance for terrorism within Islam, Ashrafi emphasized "Those who attack the state of Pakistan, its armed forces, security institutions, and the general public are acting against Islamic teachings and are considered enemies of the country.

He asserted that the state and the Pakistan Army had the right to take action against elements posing a threat to the stability and security of the from the pulpit and arch country and targeting its of their respective people and institutions.

### Campaign for registration of house servants and tenants data in full swing lems faced by the citizens

Independent Report SLAMABAD: According to details, following the special orders of Islamabad Capital City Police Officer (ICCPO) Dr. Akbar Nasir Khan, the Islamabad Capi-tal Police "Knock the Door"





The purpose of this campaign for the registracampaign is to avoid any tion of employees and tenuntoward incident by mainants is in full swing, a public relations officer said. He said that, during this campaign various teams

taining 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 suspicious activity.

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Government of Japan extended a grant of US\$ 59,304 to Participatory Research and Development Organization (PRADO) for "The Project for Expanding Sachal Educational Academy in Shora Village, Jamshoro District, Sindh" under the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human

Security Projects (GGP). The grant contract was signed between the Consul-General of Japan, Mr. ODAGIRI Toshio and President of PRADO, Mr. Abdul Wahid.

The specific grant will be primarily utilized the PRADO will furnish for expanding the school the necessary equipment building in a remote for the school.



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(NHA) on Thursday reopened the Zhob-Dahanasar section of Dera way (N- 50) for all kinds of traffic which was affected due to landslides at