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## Pakistan fully capable to respond to challenge posed by non-state actors: Kakar

PM reprimands "bizarre" justifications, narrative on killing of Gaza children by Israel

ISLAMABAD (INP): Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar has emphatically stated that Pakistan is fully capable to respond to the challenge posed by non-state actors. Speaking at Margalla Dialogue titled "Evolving World Environment Charting the Course for Our Future" in Islamabad Wednesday, he said we do not have to rely on the outside security apparatus to take on the challenge. He said Pakistan is confident and self-reliant to take on the challenge. The Prime Minister said the external aggression has gone to minimum due to our defense capabilities. On the economic front, he said the country with a huge population under the age of thirty has a great potential to be channelized and tapped. Referring to his discussions with some diplo-

matists who defended Israeli actions by citing Israeli children's deaths, he expressed his surprise at the argument. However, he reiterated that the killing of any child, regardless of faith or origin, is condemnable. "So how many Palestinian children have to be killed to appease and address the Israeli anger? One, five, ten, 500, 1000, 4,700? Can they give us a number so that we can satisfy those parents to wait as some 10,000 children needed to be killed to address the Israeli anger," he remarked. He said those claiming to be the followers of Prophet Moses, were actually following the footsteps of Pharaoh by killing the children which was "utterly unacceptable." The prime minister, who had also been the IPRI's board member, highlighted the potential for connectivity with the countries in the region including

India, and said Pakistan never shied away from establishing trade links with India but it could not beg that as trade should be for mutual benefits. However, he said before such links, it was essential to speak out on the Kashmir conflict as without addressing that issue, it was challenging to have normal relations with the current Indian regime. He told the gathering that the Kashmir issue demanded attention aligned with the aspirations of its people as despite promises and UN guarantees, the Kashmiris could not be given their right to self-determination. Postponing the issue is not a solution as the historical resilience against colonization is evident, he added. Referring to the Hindutva ideology infesting Indian society, he said such policies were a recipe for disaster.



ISLAMABAD: The Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar chairs a meeting of the Caretaker Federal Cabinet.

## Are the decisions taken before decisions: CJP

ISLAMABAD (Online): Supreme Court (SC) while allowing federal government to conduct investigation in respect of all matters under commission with reference to Faizabad Dharna has directed Attorney General of Pakistan it should be got entered in TORS that filing review petitions where an accident or were filed under some one directives. Justice Athar Minallah remarked every institution should do its work on its own. Don't get such work done from us which was done some time in the past by exercising powers of clause 184. The court dismissed the petition of Sheikh Rashid being withdrawn by him.

## High-level Kuwaiti delegation visits ANF Headquarters

RAWALPINDI (APP): A three-member high-level delegation led by Assistant Undersecretary of Kuwaiti Ministry of Interior for Criminal Security Affairs, Major General Hamed Manahi here on Wednesday visited Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) Headquarters. Director General ANF Major General Muhammad Aniq ur Rehman Malik, HI (M) welcomed the delegation. The delegation was given a detailed briefing on ANF's achievements against drug trafficking. During the meeting, emphasis was given on the need to increase intelligence sharing against drug trafficking. ANF and the delegation also discussed steps to remove barriers in international controlled delivery operations. According to spokesman, ANF Pakistan and Kuwait's Anti-Narcotics Department reiterated to increase cooperation.

## Cabinet approves levy of 40% tax on banks' windfall profit earned during 2021-22

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Federal Cabinet in its meeting chaired by Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq on Wednesday, accorded approval, upon the recommendation of Federal Board of Revenue (FBR), to impose 40 percent tax on windfall profit earned by banks on the foreign exchange transactions during the years 2021 and 2022. The Finance Act, 2023 introduced a new section 99D in the Income Tax Ordinance 2012 which would enforce the imposition of tax on windfall income profits and gains of the banks. The cabinet also approved amendments in the Hajj Policy 2024 under which the government and private unutilized sponsorship schemes quota would be returned to the Saudi Government, the PM Office Media Wing said in a press release. Besides, in accordance with the Saudi government's laws, a fool-proof monitoring system over the financial arrangements of Hajj group organizers would be enforced whereas under the new Hajj policy, children below the age of 10 years would be able to perform the religious obligation. For the pilgrims above the age of 80 years, conditions for keeping an assistant/helper would be relaxed, however, the Hajj group organizers would enter into agreements with the Hujjaj (pilgrims) in that regard.



QUETTA: Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) supermo Nawaz Sharif addressing Workers convention.

## A lot of talkers came, but practically nothing done: Nawaz Sharif

QUETTA (INP): Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) Quaid Nawaz Sharif said that a lot of talkers came, but nothing was done practically. Addressing workers in Quetta on Wednesday, he said that the people should question where the change went. "The children should be informed who did what. The society was polluted with hatred and jealousy. The people should support the good people as there is some difference between the talkers and doers," he maintained. The PML-N Quaid said that they did not want the power for themselves, but they want a prosperous Pakistan. The former premier has returned to Lahore after his two-day visit to Balochistan. Meanwhile, former prime minister Shehbaz Sharif called on Aslam Raisani and Lashkari Raisani and invited them to join the PML-N. Lashkari Raisani accepted the invitation and said that he had decided to become part of the political process. "I will announce my decision shortly."



KARACHI: Former President and Co-Chairman PPP, Asif Ali Zardari exchanging views with Hamad Obaid Ibrahim Salim Al-Zaabi, Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) during meeting.

## AJK PM links AJK's survival to Pakistan's prosperity, stability

MIRPUR (AJK) (APP): Azad Jammu and Kashmir Prime Minister Chaudhry Anwar ul Haq has said that the survival of Azad Jammu Kashmir was inescapably linked to prosperity, development and stability of Pakistan. Addressing a reception hosted in his honour by minister for Population Welfare Sardar Muhammad Hussain on Wednesday, the PM said that welfare of people was the sole mission of his life. He said that cheap electricity was the right of every citizen. "If people pay utility bills, then electricity up to 200 units could be provided free of cost. He said that it was for the first time in the AJK's history that the incumbent government suspended the notification regarding the increase in electricity prices. He said that the subsidy on wheat flour has been restored. The government, he said, has allocated rupees 5 billion endowment fund for the poor, widows, orphans, disabled, children and girls of the state. As per the scheme, he said, 20 thousand would be transferred to the each needy person on monthly basis through their easy paisa account.

## At least 30 people killed in IIOJK bus crash: Police

Monitoring Desk SRINAGAR: At least 30 people were killed in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK) on Wednesday when a passenger bus skidded off a mountainous road and plunged down a rocky slope, police said. The accident took place on a remote mountain road in the Doda area, about 200 kilometres (124 miles) southeast of the region's capital Srinagar. "Thirty passengers have died in the accident, caused by the driver's negligence by hitting the crash bar of the road," senior police officer Sunil Gupta told AFP.

## Pakistan-IMF review talks enter decisive stage

ISLAMABAD (INP): Negotiations between Pakistan and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) have now entered a crucial stage. Sources in the Finance Ministry said that today would be the last round of policy-level talks between the two sides. If the talks remained successful, they informed, Pakistan would receive the second tranche of \$70 million from the Fund. Sources said that the success of talks depended on the satisfaction of the international money lending organization, as it was the



ISLAMABAD: The IMF Mission Chief for Pakistan Mr. Nathan Porter and IMF Resident Representative for Pakistan Ms. Esther Perez Tuiz call on the Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar.

## Quality STEM education in focus as UNESCO gathers scientists in Islamabad

ISLAMABAD (APP): UNESCO organized a scientists' convention in Islamabad, underscoring the importance of quality STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math education) and emphasizing science's societal significance. The event, held in collaboration with the Pakistan Science Foundation (PSF), Commission on Science and Technology for Sustainable Development in the South (COMSATS), and ECO Science Foundation (ECOSF), aimed to encourage public engagement in discussions on contemporary scientific issues. In conjunction with

## Govt slashes petrol price by Rs2.4 per litre

Monitoring Desk ISLAMABAD: The caretaker government — in relief to the inflation-weary Pakistanis — has slashed the petrol price by Rs2.4 per litre for the next fortnight. The new prices will come into effect from November 16, at midnight and remain in place till November 30. In a statement, the Finance Division said the rates of petroleum products were slashed by up to Rs9.01 on the recommendation of the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority.

The per litre price of high-speed diesel (HSD) was slashed by Rs6.47, while the prices of kerosene oil and light diesel oil were reduced by Rs6.05 and 9.01, respectively.

## There will be no injustice with Balochistan in future: Faisal

ISLAMABAD (INP): Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) leader Faisal Karim Kundi has said that there will be no injustice with Balochistan in future. Talking to the media on Wednesday, he said that the PML-N was looking for crutches. "Nawaz Sharif has returned to the country after quitting the London narrative. Where is the narrative of 'vote ko izzat do' now?" he added. The PPP leader said that the people will not accept the selection this time. "February 8 will tell for whom the people vote. We will decide about the formation of the government after seeing the number game on February 8," he maintained.



ISLAMABAD: Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Naveed Ashraf exchanging view with Iranian Ambassador to Pakistan Reza Amiri-Moghaddam at Naval headquarter.

## Faizabad sit-in case Govt informs SC about notifying inquiry commission

ISLAMABAD (INP): The federal government on Wednesday informed the Supreme Court that it has notified the constitution of a three-member inquiry commission in the Faizabad sit-in case. The commission, headed by retired inspector general of police (IGP) Akhtar Ali Shah, also included former IGP Tahir Alam Khan and additional secretary interior Khushkhal Khan, and would submit its findings in two months. Terms of Reference (ToRs) of the commission were also listed in the notification issued by the government. It would try to ascertain who was responsible for the sit-in; what were the factors that led to it; and who were its financiers; who were the people who issued edicts and gave statements in its favour. The commission would also identify those cable operators and broadcasters who violated the PEMRA rules. Similarly, it would try to locate those people who spread hatred through mainstream media as well as social media. Later the attorney general of Pakistan (AGP), on behalf of the government, submitted the notification to the Supreme Court (SC) during the hearing of the Faizabad sit-in case.

## Elections crucial for democratic continuity, stability: NA Speaker

ISLAMABAD (APP): Speaker of the National Assembly Raja Pervaiz Ashraf stated on Wednesday that elections are pivotal for the continuity and stability of democracy and for strengthening democratic norms. He emphasized that elections provide people with an opportunity to choose their true representatives. On November 16, 1988, the Pakistani nation chose the Pakistan Peoples' Party (PPP) in general elections, and Mohtarama Shaheed Benazir Bhutto was elected as the first woman Prime Minister of Pakistan, he added. He underscored, "PPP believes in the power granted by the people and always respects the people's choice."

## 7 terrorists killed in Tank IBO

RAWALPINDI (APP): The security forces on Wednesday killed seven terrorists in an intelligence-based operation in Kiri Machan Khel area of Tank District. According to the Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR), the security forces carried out the operation on the reported presence of terrorists in the general area Kiri Machan Khel on the night of November 14 and 15. An intense exchange of fire took place during the operation, due to which seven terrorists were sent to hell, it added. The terrorists' hide-outs were also busted during the operation. The forces also recovered weapons and ammunition from the killed terrorists, who remained actively involved in numerous terrorist activities, including recent target killings of policemen in Tank and surrounding areas.



LAHORE: Members of Tahafuz Namose Risalat Mahaz are holding protest rally against Israeli cruel and inhumane acts and express unity with the innocent people of Palestine, at Mall road.



## KP governor urges journalists to play role for country's development

DERA ISMAIL KHAN (APP): Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Governor Haji Ghulam Ali on Wednesday urged the journalists to play their role in the development of the country. He was speaking as the chief guest at a ceremony organized here at Dera Press Club (DPC) to celebrate its 'Golden Jubilee'. The ceremony was also attended by JUI-F Leader Maulana Ubaid ur Rehman, Commissioner Zafar ul Islam, Regional Police Officer Nasir Mehmood Satti, former provincial minister Haleem Qasuria, Gomal University

Vice Chancellor Dr Shabbirullah, and others. The governor said the journalists were 'eyes and ears' of the society, who not only highlighted the public aspirations but also play their role in forming public opinion. He said the journalists should highlight the positive image of their country through their pen. "We should stand with our state and its institutions," he said. The governor quoted examples of some other Muslim countries which faced destruction due to their weak institutions in the recent past.

He said all the citizens should have to fulfill their responsibilities for social development, peace and prosperity. The journalists should also play role to create awareness among the masses and to motivate youth for research and businesses, he added. The people had a potential and talent, however, they needed guidance so that they could work for the country's development and the media could play an important role in that regard, the governor said. Haji Ghulam Ali said after assuming the charge

of his office, he had meetings with the administrations of all universities of the province and steps were being taken to make them all self-reliance. He said the issues of Gomal University would also be resolved as it was the second largest university in the province after Peshawar University. The universities should focus on research work and equip youth with technical training so that they could become useful citizens of the society, he added. Earlier, DPC President Yasin Qureshi, in his welcome address.



LAHORE: A view of MoU signing ceremony between Punjab government and the National Highways and Motorway Police an environmentally friendly measure to combat smog by restricting the entry of vehicles without fitness certificates and route permits on motorways and highways. Caretaker Chief Minister Punjab Mohsin Naqvi is also present on the occasion.



PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Governor Haji Ghulam Ali cutting the cake at Dera Press Club (DPC) to celebrate its 'Golden Jubilee'.

## Minister urges public vigilance for healthy lungs, fight against air pollution

LAHORE (APP): Punjab's Caretaker Primary and Secondary Healthcare Minister Dr. Jamal Nasir has urged citizens to ensure the use of masks, as healthy lungs are a sign of a healthy life, and to avoid pollution from city dust, dirt, and smoke. He said that for information and guidance regarding treatment of any urban disease, citizens should contact the helpline 1033. Lungs are affected by pollution and

smoking, leading to permanent damage. He was chairing a meeting to review the measures and facilities available in the government hospitals on the occasion of World Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) Day on Wednesday. Dr. Nasir mentioned that while chronic respiratory diseases are incurable, their harmful effects can be minimised through caution and preventive measures.

## 181 new dengue cases reported on Wed

LAHORE (APP): Dengue outbreak is still active in Punjab, as 181 new cases were recorded here on Wednesday. According to the latest Health Department data, a total of 12,045 confirmed dengue cases were reported across 36 districts in Punjab this year. During the last 24 hours, Lahore reported 92 new dengue cases, Rawalpindi 08, Multan 17, Gujranwala 32, Faisalabad 09, Narowal 04, Sheikhupura 3, Attock 03, Okara 03 and Dera Ghazi Khan reported two new dengue cases.

## Caretaker CM KP inspects Ayub Teaching Hospital's progress

ABBOTTABAD (APP): Caretaker Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Justice @ Arshad Hussain Shah Wednesday paid a visit to Ayub Teaching Hospital (ATH) and inspected various facilities. Hospital Director Dr. Atif Lodhi along with other key officials were also present on the occasion and warmly welcomed him. During the visit, extensive discussions took place between the Chief

Minister and the hospital administration, primarily focusing on the ongoing upgrades and the facilities offered to the patients. The Chief Minister stressed the pivotal role of delivering high-quality medical services to the people of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and underscored the necessity of expanding the hospital's infrastructure to accommodate the increasing number of patients.

## RTI law ensures transparency, improves governance: Memon

KARACHI (APP): Sindh Information Secretary Nadeem-ur-Rahman Memon stressed the importance of the right to information law in ensuring transparency and improving governance, saying that the Constitution of Pakistan specifies access to information as a fundamental right of citizens. Memon was speaking at a training workshop held on Wednesday to sensitize information officers about the relevant laws. The workshop was organized

by the Sindh Information Commission in collaboration with Transparency International. Public information officers from various government departments as well as active human rights activists attended the workshop. Memon said that the Sindh Assembly has passed the Sindh Transparency and Right to Information Act 2016 to ensure the fundamental right of citizens.

## CM Naqvi acknowledges revolutionary steps taken for automation of transport sector

Punjab Govt implements environment-friendly steps; restricts vehicles without certificates on motorways,

LAHORE: The Punjab government has initiated an environmentally friendly measure to combat smog by restricting the entry of vehicles without fitness certificates and route permits on motorways and highways. An agreement was formalized today between the Punjab government and the National Highways and

Motorway Police during a signing ceremony at the Chief Minister's Office, attended by Caretaker Chief Minister Punjab Mohsin Naqvi as the chief guest. The enforcement of an axle load regime will ensure that overweight trawler trucks are prohibited from entering motorways and highways under any circumstances. According to the

agreement, there will be a systematic exchange of information regarding vehicle fitness and route permits between the Punjab Transport Department and the Motorway Police. Both departments will appoint focal persons to oversee the exchange of information and ensure the enforcement of rules, fostering cooperation and collaboration.

## 7 injured in road accident

FAISALABAD (APP): Seven people including a woman received injuries in a road accident in the area of Balochi police station. Rescue 1122 spokesman said here on Wednesday that a speeding passenger van going from Faisalabad to Lahore went out of control due to brake failure near Balochi Stop on Sheikhupura Road. As a result, the van hit wall of a roadside hotel and caused serious injuries to 7 passengers including Tasleem Shahid, wife of Shahid (41).

## PML-N to form government with power of vote: Muqam

PESHAWAR (APP): President of Pakistan Muslim League-N Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Engineer Amir Muqam said on Wednesday that PML-N is the only party capable of steering the country out of crises and towards progress. He made these remarks during a rally in Bisham, Shangla, where local leader Fazal Maqbool Gajar announced his decision to join PML-N

along with his family members and hundreds of followers. Amir Muqam emphasized that under the leadership of Muhammad Nawaz Sharif, PML-N will bring progress and prosperity to the country through the power of votes. He highlighted that PML-N is the only party capable of creating consensus and resolving the issues faced by the country.

# International News

## Biden, Xi meet amid disputes over military and economic issues

Monitoring Desk SAN FRANCISCO: U.S. President Joe Biden meets Chinese leader Xi Jinping for the first time in a year on Wednesday for talks that may ease friction between the two superpowers over military conflicts, drug-trafficking and artificial intelligence. However, deep progress on the vast differences separating them may have to wait for another day. Officials on both sides of the Pacific have set expectations low as Biden and Xi are set to discuss Taiwan, the South China Sea, the Israel-Hamas war, Russia's invasion of Ukraine, North Korea, and human rights - each of them areas where the leaders have been unable to resolve longstanding disagreements. Advertisement • Scroll to continue Biden and Xi arrived in San Francisco on Tuesday, where they were set to hold their meeting on the sidelines the Asia-Pacific Eco-

nomics Cooperation (APEC) summit. Leaders from the 21-country group - and hundreds of CEOs in San Francisco to court them - meet amid Chinese economic weakness, Beijing's territorial feuds with neighbors, and a Middle East conflict that is dividing the United States from allies. Efforts to carefully choreograph Xi's visit may be upended in San Francisco despite efforts to drive homeless people from the streets. The route from the airport to the conference site was lined with demonstrators for and against China's ruling Communist Party, an unusual sight for Xi, who last visited the United States in 2017. Biden has sought direct diplomacy with Xi, betting that a personal relationship he has cultivated for a dozen years with the most powerful Chinese leader since Mao Zedong might salvage ties that are increasingly turning hostile. Advertisement •

Chong Ja Ian, a political science professor at the National University of Singapore, said the two sides are engaged in what Mao referred to during the Chinese civil war as "talk and fight, fight and talk". "That

is, to talk while building up forces," Chong said. Xi and Biden are expected to meet far from the conference location at Filoli Estate, miles outside of San Francisco and carefully chosen for its security, serenity and

remoteness. "The table has been set...over the course of many weeks for what we hope will be a very productive, candid, constructive conversation," White House spokesperson John Kirby said.

## UN Security Council is trying for a fifth time to adopt a resolution on the Israel-Hamas war

Monitoring Desk UNITED NATIONS: After four failed attempts, the U.N. Security Council is trying for a fifth time to come up with a resolution on the Israel-Hamas war, but it remains to be seen whether serious divisions can be overcome to produce a consensus on wording. The current draft under negotiation would demand "immediate extended humanitarian pauses" throughout the Gaza Strip to provide civilians with desperately needed aid. It also would demand that "all parties" comply with international humanitarian law that requires protection for civilians, calls for special protections for children.

**In Court of Abdul Baseer Judge Banking Court Hazara Division Abbottabad**

NBP College Chowk Branch Manshehra (Plaintiff)

Versus

(1) Abdul Latif S/o Abdul Wadood R/o Gardhian Tehsil & District Manshehra (2) Sajid Nawaz S/o Muhammad Sain R/o Village Lung Sharif Main Chowk College Doraha Tehsil & District Manshehra. (3) Waqar Ahmed Tanoli S/o Illahi Bux R/o Main Chowk College Doraha Tehsil & District Manshehra.

(Defendants)

Whereas the NBP College Chowk Branch Manshehra has instituted a suit for the recovery of Rs. 342554/- etc due against you under Section-9 of Financial institutions (recovery of Finances) Ordinances, 2001 and dated (04-10-2023). You are hereby summoned to obtain leave to defend the suit within 30 days of the publication of this proclamation. In default where of the plaintiff will be entitled to a degree for the said sum and cost of suit cost to funds etc from the date of institution of suit till realization of entire amount.

Next date of hearing is 30-10-2023

(sd/)

JUDGE  
Banking Court Hazara Division, Abbottabad.

**In Court of Abdul Baseer Judge Banking Court Hazara Division Abbottabad**

ZTBL Shinkiyari Branch Manshehra (Plaintiff)

Versus

(1) Muhammad Azam S/o Rafique Shah R/o Jalkot P/o Kamila Tehsil Dasso District Kohistan (2) Abdur Rehman S/o Waiz R/o Gagai Kamila Bazar Tehsil Dasso District Kohistan (3) Akbar Azam S/o Gulzar R/o Dasso Bazar Tehsil Dasso District Kohistan.

(Defendants)

Whereas the ZTBL Shinkiyari Branch Manshehra has instituted a suit for the recovery of Rs. 84844/- etc due against you under Section-9 of Financial institutions (recovery of Finances) Ordinances, 2001 and dated (11-10-2023). You are hereby summoned to obtain leave to defend the suit within 30 days of the publication of this proclamation. In default where of the plaintiff will be entitled to a degree for the said sum and cost of suit cost to funds etc from the date of institution of suit till realization of entire amount.

Next date of hearing is 07-11-2023

(sd/)

JUDGE  
Banking Court Hazara Division, Abbottabad.

**In Court of Abdul Baseer Judge Banking Court Hazara Division Abbottabad**

NBP College Chowk Branch Manshehra (Plaintiff)

Versus

(1) Ibrar Ahmed S/o Muhammad Maroof R/o Village Lung Sharif Gandhian Tehsil & District Manshehra (2) Nisar S/o Malik Aman R/o Tehsil & District Manshehra (3) Nasir Ahmed S/o Muhammad Maroof R/o Village Lung Sharif Gandhian Tehsil & District Manshehra.

(Defendants)

Whereas the NBP College Chowk Branch Manshehra has instituted a suit for the recovery of Rs. 366279/- etc due against you under Section-9 of Financial institutions (recovery of Finances) Ordinances, 2001 and dated (04-10-2023). You are hereby summoned to obtain leave to defend the suit within 30 days of the publication of this proclamation. In default where of the plaintiff will be entitled to a degree for the said sum and cost of suit cost to funds etc from the date of institution of suit till realization of entire amount.

Next date of hearing is 30-10-2023

(sd/)

JUDGE  
Banking Court Hazara Division, Abbottabad.

**In Court of Abdul Baseer Judge Banking Court Hazara Division Abbottabad**

NBP College Chowk Branch Manshehra (Plaintiff)

Versus

(1) M/s Faisal Photo Studio through its Sole proprietor Shoukat Javed S/o Muhammad Ashraf Khan opposite Irum Hotel Shinkiyari Road Tehsil & District Manshehra. (2) Shoukat Javed S/o Muhammad Ashraf Khan proprietor fo Faisal photo studio opposite Irum Hotel Shinkiyari Road Manshehra.

(Defendants)

Whereas the ZTBL Shinkiyari Branch Manshehra has instituted a suit for the recovery of Rs. 715098/- etc due against you under Section-9 of Financial institutions (recovery of Finances) Ordinances, 2001 and dated (03-10-2023). You are hereby summoned to obtain leave to defend the suit within 30 days of the publication of this proclamation. In default where of the plaintiff will be entitled to a degree for the said sum and cost of suit cost to funds etc from the date of institution of suit till realization of entire amount.

Next date of hearing is 07-11-2023

(sd/)

JUDGE  
Banking Court Hazara Division, Abbottabad.

# War not solution to resolve any conflict: President

ISLAMABAD (INP): President Dr Arif Alvi on Wednesday said with wars and conflicts resulting in the massacre of innocent people, the world needed a unified approach to saving humanity from the violence of the powerful.

"Power of intellect should be the world order taking precedence over the violent forces which quash the spirit of humanity and justice," he said at the Annual Margalla Dialogue 2023.

The event themed 'Evolving world environment: Charting the course of our future' gathered diplomats, thinkers, and intellectuals from various countries. President Alvi said dehumanizing people had become a norm in the world where vested interests prevailed over humanity.

War, he said, was not a solution to resolve any conflict and always resulted in a never-ending vicious cycle of violence.

He pointed out that

using the right of veto against the cessation of war questioned the ethical standards of the countries concerned. In Gaza, he said the massive killings of Palestinians committed by Israel needed urgent attention by the international community to act and play its role in stopping the bloodshed.

He said Israel, in its justification to eliminate Hamas was "killing the Palestinians like savages" and calling the colossal deaths as collateral damage.

The president mentioned that the world after several war-related deaths in Europe arrived at the culmination of peace treaties and bodies like the League of Nations and the United Nations (UN).

He emphasized the role of the UN in waging peace initiatives to prevent disputes from escalating into conflicts and an effective mechanism to stop wars.

Besides conflicts, he

said, the world faced several threats affiliated with climate change, artificial intelligence, negative social narratives, unequal wealth distribution, and dissatisfied mankind.

"The realistic solutions to these challenges need international cooperation requiring the adoption of viable systems and also embedding ethical morality into approach," he said.

President of IPRI Dr Raza Muhammad said as the world grappled with both natural and man-made disasters, it was time for a collective approach to save humanity from emanating the risks involved.

He highlighted the need for a global focus on conflict resolution, the economy, and climate change. Earlier, President Dr Arif Alvi and the guests in attendance observed a one-minute silence for the innocent people of Palestine who faced the barbaric acts of Israel.



ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif Alvi addressing the inaugural session of Margalla Dialogue.

## Minister highlights importance of education-sector reforms

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Muhammad Sami Saeed on Wednesday highlighted the importance of education reforms keeping in view the emerging challenges in this sector.

He also shared several initiatives taken by the ministry for improvement in the education sector with Bahria University Rector Vice Admiral @ Asif Khaliq, who called on him here.

During the meeting, they discussed various matters related to education, professional training and skill enhancement, a news release said.

The minister reaffirmed the government's commitment to provide full support in improving the education sector. The Rector highlighted the key initiatives and achievements of Bahria University.

It is noted that this was the first time in the country's history that the budget of the Higher Education Commission has been increased from Rs40 billion to Rs70 billion in the current fiscal year.

## Caretaker CM, CEC collaborate for impartial elections

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Chief Minister of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Justice (Retd) Syed Arshad Hussain Shah briefed Chief Election Commissioner Sikandar Sultan Raja on Wednesday about election preparations, emphasizing their joint commitment to ensuring free, fair, and impartial elections in the province.

The Chief Election Commissioner congratulated the caretaker Chief Minister on assuming office and emphasized the ongoing efforts to ensure the peaceful conduct of general elections, taking into account the current security situation in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

The Chief Minister pledged to prioritize the protection of voters as the government's foremost concern.

Sikandar Sultan Raja informed the caretaker Chief Minister that the Election Commission will visit the province shortly to assess the election preparations in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, scrutinizing all arrangements thoroughly.

## Court extends interim bail of Bushra Bibi till Nov 17

ISLAMABAD (Online): Islamabad High Court (IHC) has extended interim bail of Bushra Bibi wife of chairman PTI Imran Khan till November 17 in 190 million pounds scandal and Toshakhana case.

Judge Muhammad Bashir of AC heard the cases against Bushra Bibi Wednesday.

Bushra Bibi appeared in the court. However no lawyer appeared in the court on her behalf.

Judge Muhammad Bashir questioned to NAB prosecutors where are lawyers of Bushra Bibi.

Prosecutor told the court he does not know. Latif Khosa is counsel of Bushra Bibi in this case.

Judge remarked if no one has come then we fix the hearing on Friday.

## Pakistan showcases tourism potential at COTTM in Beijing

ISLAMABAD (APP): Under the leadership of State Minister for Tourism and SAPM on Youth Affairs Wasi Shah, the Pakistan Tourism Development Corporation (PTDC) is participating in the China Outbound Travel & Tourism Mart (COTTM) Beijing China from November 15 to 17.

Speaking at the inauguration of the Pakistan Pavilion at COTTM, Pakistan's Ambassador to China Khalid Hashmi emphasized the deep and enduring friendship between Pakistan and China, highlighting the shared values and mutual respect that underpin their diplomatic, economic, and cultural ties.

He expressed confidence that events like COTTM would foster collaboration between tour operators in both countries.

State Minister for Tourism and Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Youth Affairs Wasi Shah underscored the significance of Pakistan's participation in COTTM, stating that it would enhance tourism exchange and facilitate business partnerships between Pakistani and Chinese tour operators. He also reaffirmed Pakistan's commitment to welcoming Chinese investors with open arms. PTDC Managing Director Aftab ur Rehman Rana highlighted the importance of China as a key market for Pakistan's inbound tourism sector.

He noted the recent designation of 2023 as the Pak-China Year of Tourism Exchange and expressed optimism that the PTDC's efforts to establish business-to-business linkages would further increase tourist traffic between the two countries. The participation in COTTM aligns with Pakistan's broader strategy to promote tourism and diversify its economy. By showcasing its rich cultural heritage, diverse landscapes, and hospitality, Pakistan aims to attract more Chinese tourists and strengthen its position.



ISLAMABAD: Rector, Bahria University, Vice Admiral (ret'd) Asif Khaliq called on caretaker Federal Minister for Planning Development & Special Initiatives, Muhammad Sami Saeed.

## British-Pakistani Soprano discusses music industry matters with Minister Shah

ISLAMABAD (APP): Saira Peter, a British-Pakistani soprano and Sufi opera singer, called on Jamal Shah, Caretaker Federal Minister for National Heritage and Culture, at the Division here Wednesday to discuss mutual interest issues pertaining to the music industry.

During the meeting, Saira Peter, accompanied by her official manager Zafar Francis and her husband Stephen Smith, an ethnomusicologist and pianist/harmonium player, proposed the organization of her solo concert at the Pakistan National Council of Arts (PNCA).

Presently, Saira Peter collaborates with British artists in creating the world's inaugural full-scale "Sufi Opera," a musical stage drama centered on the narrative of Umar Marvi, one of Latif's "seven heroes" of Sindh. Upon its completion, the production is scheduled to be performed in London, with Saira Peter assuming the role of "Marvi."

Muhammad Ayub Jamali, the Director General (DG) of the Pakistan National Council of the Arts (PNCA), attended the meeting.

## IHC issues written order on staying Imran jail trial in cipher case

ISLAMABAD (Online): Islamabad High Court (IHC) has issued written order of staying PTI chairman jail trial in cipher case.

The court remarked prima facie Chairman PTI trial cannot be called open trial.

The written order was issued by Justice Miangul Hassan Aurangzeb and Justice Saman Rafat Imitiaz.

It has been said in the order that no document has been brought on record to meet the prior conditions of jail trial. If any such document is there then it should be presented in the court on next hearing.

It has been further said in the order Attorney General (AG) could not present copy of federal cabinet decision in the court. AG could not present that summary on the basis of which federal cabinet made decision. The court issues stay order till the next hearing of trial of cipher case.



ISLAMABAD: Workers of Anti-Encroachments Cell of CDA are seizing the chairs and tables of the hotels as they make their sit-ins outside their hotels on Footpath at Sector G-8 in Federal Capital.

## Media awareness drive, timely precautions advises for 'Asthma attacks' in Winter

ISLAMABAD (APP): Health expert Wednesday suggested a media awareness drive and timely precautions for 'Asthma patients' to avoid travel during thick smog at the hospital in the wake of the rising number of patients with a history of 'asthma attacks' at the peak.

A Pulmonologist and lungs Specialist Prof. Dr. Javid A. Khan talking to a private news channel said that about seven percent of Pakistan's population is suffering from asthma and there might be an increase of about 20 to 25 percent within the next few weeks.

He further said rapid changes in the weather, especially the rapid onset of cold weather, are directly responsible for decreased lung function in asthmatics.

He advised citizens to adopt a proper diet and wear face masks to reduce the risk of asthma attacks and other allergies during winter as asthmatics need to be very careful about the type of fats they are consuming.

He informed that a permanent cure for asthma is not currently available, but with proper medication usage patients can live a normal life.

Dr Javid urged doctors to educate their respective patients in order to provide maximum awareness of asthma and its management, adding that the patients to keep the windows of their vehicles shut during the journey and clean the inside of the vehicle thoroughly, removing dust with a vacuum cleaner before embarking on the journey.

He said according to the World Health Organisation (WHO), currently around 300 million people worldwide are suffering from asthma, adding, cold wind, air pollution, increase in urban population, obesity, lack of movement as some of the reasons for increasing asthma attacks.

Experts said asthma could be controlled and patients could lead a normal life by making positive lifestyle changes, taking proper precautions, and having timely treatment.



ISLAMABAD: Activists of Istehkam-e-Pakistan Party hold a protest rally against Israel attack on Ghaza, at Islamabad Highway in Federal Capital.

## IWMI, IFPRI to transform Indus Basin for sustainable development goals

ISLAMABAD (APP): The International Water Management Institute (IWMI) and the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) have joined forces to transform food, land, and water systems in the Indus Basin, aiming to enhance water productivity and advance sustainable development goals (SDGs).

At the heart of this initiative is the Environmental Flow (E-Flow) assessment of the Indus River basin, a crucial step towards ensuring sustainable water management.

Dr. Mohsin Hafeez, Director of Water, Food & Ecosystems at IWMI, underscores the inadequacy of attention to E-Flow in Pakistan, citing the absence of a dedicated department and a systematic approach to data gathering in the Indus Basin.

In response, a consultation has been initiated to address key questions for effective E-Flow assessment and management in Pakistan. This includes understanding E-Flow requirements, identifying datasets, evaluating policies, establishing prioritization at federal and provincial levels, and fostering collaboration on projects. Dr. Mohsin Hafeez emphasizes the urgency of this effort.

Recognizing the need for precise data, IWMI and the Pakistan Council of Research in Water Resources (PCRWR) are set to employ an environmental flow model in the Indus Basin.

Anticipated outcomes from the consultation include an improved understanding of E-Flow requirements, identification of datasets, prioritization at various levels, information sharing on projects, and exploration of measures within the Water-Energy-Food-Climate Nexus. This collaborative endeavor aims to enhance decision-making, promote collaboration, and establish a unified approach for the effective assessment and management of E-Flow in Pakistan.



ISLAMABAD: A group of the British Band are performing in Islamabad college for girls (ICG) F-6/2 in connection with King Charles birthday.

## Awareness among the parents may help to resolve refusal

ISLAMABAD (APP): A health expert on Wednesday called upon people from different walks of life to hold more awareness drives that can overcome the challenges of 'refusal of parents' during polio drives to make the country free of the polio virus.

Dr Iqbal Memon talking to a private news channel said that the polio virus has been eradicated from different countries but unfortunately, Pakistan was still fighting against it due to the refusal of guardians.

He said although there has been significant progress towards the eradication of the disease, there is a need for collaborative efforts to get rid of polio.

"Parents in Karachi and other far-flung areas of the country must understand the huge risk polio poses to their children's well-being and ensure that they receive multiple doses of the oral polio vaccine and are up to date on their routine immunizations," he added.

Ulema should play a pivotal role in polio eradication, while a focus on removing misconceptions against the vaccine was needed, he mentioned.

He also lauded the efforts of the government and appreciated the decrease in number of polio cases.

He suggested that educational institutes should be involved in arranging awareness campaigns and polio eradication policies while adding that conferences on the issue would be helpful.

Replying to a question, he said that the management of polio survivors is not only a medical and rehabilitation problem involving accessibility.

## Fog/smog likely to develop in plain areas of country: PMD

ISLAMABAD (APP): Fog/smog is likely to develop in plain areas of Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in the morning hours during the next 24 hours, according to the Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD).

Mainly dry weather is expected in most parts of the country, while cold and partly cloudy in the upper parts.

According to the synoptic situation, Continental air is prevailing over most parts of the country.

## AIOU sets Nov. 20 as last date for admissions

ISLAMABAD (APP): Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU) has set November 20, as the last date for admission in open distance learning (ODL) programmes offered in phase 2 of Autumn semester 2023.

Vice Chancellor AIOU, Prof. Dr. Nasir Mahmood extended the last date due to the numerous applications received from interested students. Earlier, the last date was November 7, 2023, said a news release on Wednesday.

Programmes offered in this phase include Associate degree in Arts (BA General), Associate degree in Commerce (B.Com), Associate degree in Education.

## Police verifies 17,695 vehicles, enhances citizen services

ISLAMABAD (APP): Police Khidmat Markaz, under the direction of Islamabad Capital City Police Officer (ICCPO) Dr. Akbar Nasir Khan, has successfully completed the verification of 17,695 vehicles out of the 17,718 applications received.

The Police Khidmat Markaz offers a range of services to the citizens of Islamabad, including the issuance of character certificates, foreigners' registration, and the registration of tenants and domestic servants, as highlighted by a police public relations officer.

To undergo vehicle verification, applicants are required to present their original CNIC, the original documentation of the vehicle, and the owner's CNIC. Additionally, printed images of the vehicle's engine and chassis numbers are necessary for the verification process.

Moreover, timely updates on traffic laws and road conditions are regularly communicated to citizens through FM radio channels.

Dr Akbar Nasir Khan, the Islamabad Capital City Police Officer (ICCPO), affirmed the police's commitment to taking all necessary measures to safeguard the lives and property of citizens.

He emphasized that there would be no tolerance for criminal elements disrupting public peace.

Citizens are encouraged to actively cooperate with the police, reporting any suspicious items or activities to their respective police stations, the emergency helpline "Pucar-15," or through the ICT-15 app.

## IHC makes it compulsory for lawyers to wear gowns

ISLAMABAD (Online): Islamabad High Court (IHC) has made it compulsory for lawyers to wear gown before appearing in the court from November 15. Chief Justice (CJ) IHC Aamer Farooq while moving to the lawyers during the hearing of the case remarked that senior lawyers and Deputy Attorney General (DAG) came into court without wearing gown. He remarked that with regret you don't know about the orders of high court. You both are senior lawyers. One is DAG too. But both are without gowns. It has been made compulsory to wear gown from November 15 while appearing in the court.

## Islamabad police actively disseminate public awareness messages in last month

ISLAMABAD: During the preceding month, the Islamabad Capital Police effectively delivered 130 awareness messages via its FM Radio 92.4, primarily focusing on enhancing awareness of traffic regulations.

The disseminated messages covered a spectrum of subjects, including pedestrian safety, zebra crossings, traffic signals, types of road signs, distinctions in lanes, and instructional videos elucidating parking laws, according to police sources.

Moreover, timely updates on traffic laws and road conditions are regularly communicated