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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

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 selfreliant to take on the chal-

The Prime Minister said the external aggression to be the followers of has gone to minimum due Prophet Moses, were actuto our defense capabili-

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.

and the International Mon-

etary Fund (IMF) have

now entered a crucial stage.

Ministry said that today

would be the last round of

policy-level talks between

successful, they informed,

Pakistan would receive the

second tranche of \$70 mil-

success of talks depended

on the satisfaction of the

international money lending

organization, as it was the

the two sides.

Sources in the Finance

If the talks remained

Sources said that the

children's deaths, he expressed his surprise at the argument. However, he reiterated that the killing of mutual benefits. 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 ally following the footsteps children which was "utterly unacceptable."

The prime minister, who had also been the IPRI's board member, highlighted the potential for Referring to his dis- connectivity with the councussions with some diplo- tries in the region including

remained productive.

agreement.

with the IMF.

nancing gap.

In the event of success

They revealed that the

Fund had expressed reser-

plained, the IMF was afraid

the government would not

be able to meet the tax.

ions over the external fi

Furthermore, they ex-

of these talks, both sides

Pakistan-IMF review

talks enter decisive stage

ISLAMABAD (INP): Negotiations between Pakistan whether negotiations had

ISLAMABAD (INP): mats who defended Israeli India, and said Pakistan actions by citing Israeli never shied away from establishing trade links with India but it could not beg that as trade should be for

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 of Pharaoh by killing the 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

Govt slashes

petrol price by



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 were an accident or were filed under some one direc-

The Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Qazi Faez Isa remarked are the decisions taken before decisions. Who thinks courts were being controlled, this

case is its major example. He observed it was known to all who was doing this all. But no one has courage to mention name. The enemy of country is not outsider. All are enemies by themselves inside the country

Justice 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



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

SC bans use Faizabad sit-in case of word 'sahib' **Govt informs** for govt officials ISLAMABAD (INP): Chief Justice of Pakistan SC about notifying (CJP) Qazi Faez Isa on

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 gov-

casters who violated the PEMRA rules. Similarly, it would try to locate those people who

the factors that led to it;

and who were its

financers; who were the

people who issued edicts

and gave statements in its

would also identify those

cable operators and broad-

commission

The

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) dur-It would try to ascer-tain who was responsible ing the hearing of the Faizabad sit-in case.

Elections crucial for democratic continuity, stability: NA Speaker

ISLAMABAD (APP): Speaker of the National Assembly Raja Pervez 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

security 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

An intense exchange of

to hell, it added.

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.

Cabinet approves levy of 40 % tax on banks' windfall profit earned during 2021-22 ISLAMABAD (APP):The ship schemes quota would

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 20121 which would enforce the imposition of tax on windfall income profits and gains of the banks.

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.

Major General Muhammad

Aniq ur Rehman Malik, HI

(M) welcomed the delega-

tion. The delegation was

given a detailed briefing on

ANF's achievements against drug trafficking.

emphasis was given on the need to increase intelligence

sharing against drug traf-ficking. ANF and the del-

egation also discussed steps

to remove barriers in inter-

national controlled delivery

operations. According to

spokesman, ANF Pakistan

and Kuwait's Anti-Narcot

ics Department reiterated

Wednesday ordered ban-

ning the use of word sahib

for government officials

during hearing of a criminal

case. The chief justice was

heading a three-member

bench which was hearing

the bail plea of a murder

by Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

additional advocate general

(AAG) for a police officer

irked CJP Isa. When the

chief justice asked him to

give details of the case, the

AAG said the "DSP sahib

PTA faces

resource crunch

in audio leak

investigation

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pa

kistan Telecommunication

Authority (PTA) on

Wednesday affirmed its

lack of resources to trace the

individual responsible for

leaking audio recordings on

function as an investigative

agency, it said in its reply

submitted in Islamabad

High Court regarding the

audio leak case involving

Najam-ul-Saqib, the son of

SAPM explores

avenues for Paki-

stani professionals

in Saudi projects

ISLAMABAD (APP):

Special Assistant to the

Prime Minister (SAPM) on

Overseas Pakistanis and

Human Resource Develop-

ment, Jawad Sohrab Malik,

Wednesday explored av-

enues to enhance the in-

volvement of Pakistani

professionals in upcoming

projects in Saudi Arabia

during his visit to the cen-

tral office of Maharah Hu-

man Resource, the largest

human resource company

in Saudi Arabia. During the

meeting with ČEO

Abdulaziz Alkathiry, they

examined the availability of

proficient Pakistani man-

power and talked about

the potential to engage

more Pakistani profession-

als in upcoming projects in

Saudi Árabia.

the former Chief Justice.

The authority did not

social media.

can explain."

The use of word sahib

accused of Mardan.

to increase cooperation.

During the meeting,

Director General ANF

The cabinet also approved amendments in the Hajj Policy 2024 under which the government and private unutilized sponsor-

be returned to the Saudi Government, the PM Office Media Wing said in a press release.

Besides, in accordance government's laws, a foolproof 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

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

QUETTA (INP): Pakistan said that they did not want Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) Quaid Nawaz Sharif has said that a lot of ous Pakistan. talkers came, but nothing was done practically.

Quetta on Wednesday, he Balochistan. said that the people should 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

the power for themselves, but they want a prosper-

The former premier has returned to Lahore af-Addressing workers in ter his two-day visit to

Meanwhile, former orime 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



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

Addressing a reception hosted in his honour by minister for Population Welfare Sardar Muĥammad Hussain on Sudhanoti town of AJK on Wednesday, the PM said that welfare of people was the sole mission of ĥis 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 pro-

vided 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 re-

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

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.

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," se-The accident took nior police officer Sunil Gupta told AFP.

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 this year's World Science Day, three interactive ses-UNESCO organized a scientists' convention in

Islamabad, underscoring the importance of quality STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math education) and emphasizing science's societal signifi-

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.

on hands-on activities such fruits, effective laboratory practices, science communication, and exploring inertia, designed to spark students' interest in STEM

stan Museum of Natural

These sessions focus as extracting DNA from

2001, World Science Day has sought to highlight science's crucial role in society and engage the broader public in discussions on

for Peace and Developmen

scheduled on November 15 and 16, 2023, at the Paki-History, Islamabad.

Rs2.4 per litre **Monitoring Desk** ISLAMABAD: The caretaker government — in relief to the inflationweary Pakistanis — has slashed the petrol price

would then sign a staff-level by Rs2.4 per litre for the The government, on next fortnight. the other hand, sources dis-The new prices will come into effect from closed, was hopeful that it would reach an agreement November 16, at mid-

night 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 Author-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, re-

spectively. There will be no injustice with Balochistan in future: Faisal

SLAMABAD (INP): Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) leader Faisal Karim Kundi has said that there will be no injustice with Balochistan in

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

for whom the people We will decide about the formation of the government after seeing the number game on February 8,'

selection this time.

"February 8 will tell



rally against Israeli cruel and inhumane acts and express unity with the innocent people of Palestine, at Mall road.

in Tank IBO

RAWALPINDI (APP): The fire took place during the forces on Wednesday killed seven terrorists in an intelligence-based operation in Kiri Machan Khel area of

operation, due to which seven terrorists were sent The terrorists' hide-

Daily doice of Masse Independent

Resurgent militancy

While Pakistan may not be witnessing the masscasualty terror attacks — particularly against civilian targets in urban centres — that the nation saw a decade ago, the militants are making their presence felt through frequent, deadly forays targeting security personnel. Two separate attacks on Monday, one in Dera Ismail Khan, the other in North Waziristan, are the latest in this series of murderous assaults. In the D.I. Khan incident, two civilians and a security man lost their lives when terrorists struck an oil firm while two soldiers were martyred in the North Waziristan gunfight.

D.I. Khan and its proximate districts — Marwat, Zhob, Mianwali — have all been seeing a spate of militant activity in the recent past, resulting in the loss of many security men, and it is this geographic area that the military and intelligence apparatus need to focus on to eradicate the resurgent militant threat. The area in question covers three provinces — KP, Balochistan and Punjab. It is also close to the Afghan border. In fact, some observers say that the southern KP districts provide 'easy' access to militants to carry out attacks in neighbouring areas of Punjab and Balochistan.

Experts have attributed the high frequency of attacks to the insufficient presence of troops in the area, while others say militant networks are quite active in this region. It is a fact that security forces are engaged on multiple fronts to counter the ter-

Moreover, southern KP is also considered a hotbed of TTP activity. The security planners need to take all these realities into account while forging a counterterrorism plan that can bring peace to the affected areas, and prevent militant activities from metastasising into another full-blown insurgency.

It should be remembered that the earlier insurgencies — which started out of Malakand and former Fata — took similar trajectories, that led to a high civilian casualty rate. It took the sacrifice of many security men to neutralise the threat through multiple military operations.

We can debate the folly of engaging the banned TTP for 'peace', and indeed, there should be accountability of all state functionaries who allowed the militants to return and establish a fresh foothold in their former stomping grounds. But the immediate need is to stop militant attacks and break up terrorist networks. Already major attacks have occurred in Karachi, Chitral Peshawar, Mianwali, Zhob and Gwadar.

Therefore, through intelligence-based operations, security forces need to pre-empt terrorists, and plug the gaps that allow militants to strike at security men and civilians.

Unless these steps are taken, Pakistan will be dragged back to its violent past when bloodthirsty outfits struck at will, and the state was reduced to fighting the fires lit by the militants. Better intelligence gathering and proactive CT strategies are urgently needed.

Increasing margins



Arooj Waheed Dar

The economic turmoil in Pakistan can be attributed to several reasons including, but not limited to, exclusive institutions and lack of equal opportunities, that have culminated in low productivity and low economic growth. Exclusivity economic coupled with lack of entrepreneurship, particularly for women, have resulted in the dearth of innovation, limiting investment by the richer segments in non-productive sectors.

Sustainable and inclusive development decrees that equal opportunities must be available for all irrespective of age, gender, religion, etc. Despite this realisation, policymakers have failed to effectively address the issue of gender disparity and financial inclusion, limiting the entrepreneurial potential of women in Pakistan. With low levels of saving and investment, the primary focus of the majority of the population in Pakistan remains centred on seeking employment rather than creating job opportunities. In terms of entrepreneurship, Pakistan presents a dismal situation for women who toil away, employing their skills and talents for meagre daily wages, or for no pay.

According to the Labour Force Survey for 2020-21, only two per cent of employers in Pakistan are women, representing a mere 0.1pc of the total working female population. Eighteen per cent working women are ownaccount workers. A staggering majority of working women, around 60pc, revenues by burdening stan. -- Courtesy Dawn

workers. Not only do these statistics raise alarm regarding the lack of female entrepreneurship, they also underscore the scarcity of decent work opportunities for women in Pakistan.

However, these figures, though worrying, are not surprising, given that 70.5pc of these working women have never attended school and only 6.25pc have graduated with formal degrees. While training programnes are in place,

those which are reserved for women focus primarily on skill provision such as tailoring, cooking, beauty parlour training, and so on. No counselling is provided on entrepreneurship. Lack of access to credit and/or initial capital prevents women from pursuing and creating decent work opportunities.

Additionally, the lack of options for safe and affordable transportation inhibits the capacity of women to engage in entrepreneurial activities. In Pakistan, a large part of female mobility is controlled women need permission and an escort. While men have the cost-effective option to commute by motorbikes and bicycles, women either choose to stay at home, or remain dependent on males to accompany them due to cultural constraints. Commuting via public transport poses the risk of harassment, while travelling by rickshaws, Qingchis and cabs is becoming increas-

strained at home. The sheer magnitude of the consequences of these problems mandates serious action from policymakers. Historically, the government has exerted fruitless ef-

ingly unaffordable. All this

atrociousness of the idea

Bykea keeps women re-

coupled with

are contributing family the salaried classes beyond its capacity, but has failed to implement more sustainable and productive ways to raise revenues. What better way is there to increase the tax base than to productively engage more than half the population confined at homes due to fear of harassment, burden of household responsibilities, lack of mobility, cultural norms,

or lack of knowledge?

are not difficult to evade

These constraints

digitalisation presents

an optimum solution to the problem. With the advent of e-commerce forums, it is becoming increasingly crucial to provide digital access to women so they can engage in economic activities from the safety of their homes. To improve digital access for females, measures need to be taken to expand device ownership, internet access, as well as digital literacy. Currently, women in Pakistan remain disadvantaged across all three domains. Through digitalisation, women will have easy access to markets and better knowledge of opportunities for innovation and growth.

Enhancing the accessibility of digital financial services for women is also imperative. In 2022, only 8pc of bank account holders were female, with very few women familiar with digital payment methods. Microfinancing, while available, has only had limited impact on female entrepreneurship since women often borrow on behalf of male relatives. Hence, better of a female travelling by regulation and digital payment awareness are crucial to enhancing women's access to financial services, which can in turn lead to increased female entrepreneurship. In a nutshell, digital and financial inclusion are the cornerstones of decent work opportufort in trying to raise tax nities for women in Paki-

If not now, when?



Mahir Ali

Amid all the horrors on show as a consequence of Israel's explicit determination to pulverise the Gaza Strip, nothing is quite as soul-searing as the tiny white shrouds. In one instance, a newborn's nonexistence was acknowledged with a death certificate before a birth certificate could be processed.

The world occasionally wrings its hands and whispers banal platitudes about protecting civilian lives, but refuses to demand a ceasefire. The US and its acolvtes can barely pluck up the nerve to call for 'humanitarian pauses' - a brief and fairly meaningless hiatus before the baby killers once more flex their fingers around the triggers. Alongside

Netanyahu regime, the chief culprit is the American political, military and corporate establishment. If it so desired, the US could have restrained Israel's genocidal impulses long ago — or, at least belatedly, last month. It chose, instead, to offer additional lethal weaponry and littoral cover via aircraft carriers.

Within the US, meanwhile, pro-Palestinian protesters are routinely being branded as fans of Hamas, even if they happen to be Jewish. Donors are withdrawing their support from universities and other institutions unless they effectively criminalise any manifestations of empathy for Palestinian lives.

Dissenters against the Zionist credo are losing their jobs. The Israel lobby is determined to dislodge any legislators who diverge from its desired path of unquestionNazi-like inclinations.

Michigan congresswoman Rashida Tlaib, the only Palestinian in the House of Representatives, has been targeted. Her comrades in the Squad have stood by her, and several of them will face challenges next year American Israel Public Affairs Committee.

But Aipac and its allies such as the Anti-Defamation League are also at war against fellow Jews who don't bite the Zionist bullet, notably groups such as Jewish Voice for Peace and If Not Now, which have coordinated many of the regular demonstrations in New York and elsewhere that have challenged Israeli impu-

It's not just younger American Jews who don't feel obliged to ally themselves with a state that no longer bothers to conceal its fascist fangs. There are similar trends in Europe, where countries such as Germany and France were among the first to crack down on pro-Palestinian demonstrations, outlawing the Palestinian flag in

some instances. Suella Braverman, the British home secretary until this week, failed to do the same; although her dog-whistle to the far right to disrupt last Saturday's rally in London — after police refused to ban it - proved effective, and swelled the number of protesters.

Braverman, whose extremist predilections make some of her Tory colleagues seem undeservedly moderate, was sacked on Monday. By inducting former prime minister David Cameron as the new foreign secretary, Rishi Sunak must have been hoping to distract popular attention from government's irredeem-

able disarray. before the next election, he too. -- Courtesy Dawn

ing acquiescence to the is more than likely to make Jewish state's nastiest way at Downing Street for Keir Starmer, whose stint as Labour appears to be based on taking instructions from the Israeli em-

He'll still win the next election, given the Conservative Party's evolving meltdown, but less convincingly than he would from rivals funded by the have without unequivocally latching onto the Zionist trajectory. Joe Biden is in a somewhat different

> He needs every vote he can get, and appears to have lost the reluctant backing of Arabs, Muslims and progressives amo-ng the Democrats. His likely 2024 ri--val, the appalling Donald Trump, knows that his electoral base is immune to any kind of common sense. If the multitudes disenchanted with Biden don't bother to vote, Trump will be king.

Perhaps that's what America deserves. It's on the wrong side of history as it was 52 years ago, when it collaborated with the Yahya regime on the Bangladesh issue. Back then there was little popular opposition in the West to the military massacre in the East, which was excused by reference to militant brutality against non-Bengalis. Neither Gaza nor the West Bank, though, enjoys East Pakistan's geographical advantage.

Much of the Global South has demanded a ceasefire in Gaza, but Israel can ignore that. The ummah is as impotent as the UN, although the latter is at least making the right kind of efforts. The Gaza death toll is already multiple times the level of Hamas's atrocities.

Many of the countries that did nothing to avert the Holocaust or the Nakba that followed are also doing nothing to stop what several members of Netanyahu's government have designated as the 2023 Nakba, which involves not just mass killings but the Unless he's toppled prospect of mass expulsion

Commerce News

ML-1 to become favourable transit route for region: PM

ISLAMABAD (APP): discuss ML-1 here at the Strategy for Pakistan In the first phase, a 930-Caretaker Prime Minister PM House, the prime Railways to maximize the kilometre-long rail track Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on minister said the project benefits of the ML-1. Wednesday said the Main would contribute to the Line (ML-1) railway improvement of transparency in the project under the China-communication network in implementation of ML-1, Corridor (CPEC) would said there existed huge result in the creation of prove a favourable transit potential for foreign new route for countries in the investment in Pakistan opportunities and reduced the project would also projects. improve connectivity

directed the formulation of

Economic the country. PM Kakar he said, the project would early rates. The meeting was told in its final stage of

will be laid from Karachi Emphasizing to Multan. Also, the railway infrastructure damaged by the 2022 flood will be upgraded as per international standards. In employment the next phase, the 796kilometre-long rail track region. The prime minister vowed to complete ML-1 Railways and stressed the vowed to complete ML-1 need for early rates. The meeting was told will be laid in line with the on a priority basis, saying materialization of its that the ML-1 project was requirements of the future. The meeting was attended He stressed meeting modalities and its ground- by caretaker federal between the country's the targets of the project breaking would be ministers including seaports with its economic within stipulated time and performed by early next Shamshad Akhtar and year. The project will be Sami Saeed, PM's Adviser Ahad Khan.

ISLAMABAD (APP):

The Cabinet Committee on

State-Owned Enterprises

approved the revised State-

Management) Policy 2023

and recommended it for

approval to the Federal

Cabinet. Caretaker Federal

Minister for Finance,

Revenue, and Economic

Affairs Dr Shamshad

Akhtar chaired the CCSOE

meeting, which, besides teh

committee members, was

Enterprises



Dr Kausar Abdullah stresses need **Cabinet committee**

Chairing a meeting to a comprehensive reform completed in two phases. DIALOGUE EVOLVING WORLD ENVIRONMENT Caretaker Federal Minister for Commerce and Industry, Dr. Gohar Ejaz

addressing the audience at the Margalla Dialogue 2023 in Islamabad.

issuance, registration,

trading, and transfer of

government debt securities

through PSX, as stated in a

news release. The

investor confidence and

operational challenges. It

will review and evaluate the

operational capabilities of

PSX, CDC, and NCCPL,

systems for issuing,

registering, and transferring

government debt securities.

prevailing

Expert committee formed to finalize modalities for **GDS** trading on PSX

ISLAMABAD (APP): efficiency, transparency, The Ministry of Finance and readiness for the established committee, comprising experts from the financial sector, to finalize the modalities for issuing and trading government Committee will operate in securities on the Pakistan a manner that instills Stock Exchange (PSX).

The Committee, led addresses by the Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP), Akif Saeed, is tasked with developing the overall infrastructure, infrastructure and trading including the necessary systems and processes, operational ensuring

Serene Air set to launch Karachi, Islamabad, **Beijing flight** from Nov 19 BEIJING

(APP) Serene Air, a Pakistani airline, is set to launch a new international route from Karachi to Islamabad to Beijing, starting on November

The route will operate twice a week, symbolizing strengthening of bilateral ties between China and Pakistan.

The inaugural flight is planned to depart from Karachi at 23:00 local time on November 18.

Pakistan's exports to Turkiye dip 4.97% ISLAMABAD (APP): basis, the exports to Turkiye

attended by the chairman members of the committee.

okays SOE Policy

Commission of Pakistan

(SECP), federal secretaries,

and other senior officers

from the relevant

Finance Ministry press

release, as per the

directions of last CCoSOE

meeting, the State-Owned

Enterprises (Ownership

and Management) Policy,

2023, was re-submitted to

the committee for review,

after incorporation of

feedback received from the

According to a

Pakistan's export of goods and services to Turkiye witnessed a decrease of 4.97 per cent during the first three months of the current fiscal year (2023-

exports of the corresponding period of last year, State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) reported. The overall exports to

Turkiye were recorded at US \$90.272 million during July-September (2023-24) against exports of US \$94.998 million during July-September (2022-23), SBP data revealed.

On a year-to-year

also dipped by 9.70 per cent in September 2023. Meanwhile, on a month-on-24) as compared to the month basis, the exports to per cent during September in August 2023, the SBP data revealed.Overall

7.018 billion, the SBP data

from \$32.026 million in September 2022, against the exports of \$28.917 million Turkiye decreased by 3.16 2023 as compared to the exports of \$29.863 million Pakistan's exports to other countries witnessed a decrease of 4.96 per cent in the first three months, from US \$ 7.385 billion to US \$

to control environmental pollution ISLAMABAD (APP): for livelihood in

Caretaker Minister for National Food Security and Research Dr Kausar Abdullah Malik on need to take immediate measures to control environmental pollution for the conservation of natural resources and agriculture development in the country.

Addressing launching ceremony of "Ecological Baseline Survey Report Tharparkar (Sindh), he said

International Union for of private sectors in the Conservation of Nature environment said that Wednesday stressed the (IUCN) is an academic water research platform with the contaminated in some areas help of which we can solve as piles of dirt are seen in many problems related to the water, which is

Maĥmood Akhtar Cheema, ex-senator Javed Jabbar, Professor Z.B Mirza, Botanical Expert Khairpur University Dr. Muzaffar Hussain Sirohi and CEO that socio-economic (SECMS) Amir Iqbal also package is indispensable attended the ceremony.

He said that the initiatives and keen interest

the environment.

C o u n t r y

Representative IUCN affecting the environment.

All stakeholders should take serious steps to eliminate that water pollution, he added.

Malik expressed his concern about water pollution and stressed the immediate need to keep the (SECMS) Amir Iqbal also environment clean and pollution-free.

PSX gains 14 points

ISLAMABAD (APP): The 100-index of Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) on Wednesday, gained 14.14 points, a slight positive change of 0.02 percent, closing at 56,680.07 points against 56,665.93 points the previous trading day. A total of 661,624,152 shares valuing Rs24.353 billion were traded during the day as compared to 526,356,508 shares valuing Rs19.539

billion the previous day.
As many as 360 companies transacted their shares in the stock market; 196 of them recorded gains and 147 sustained losses.

Pak Pavilion inaugurated at China Outbound Travel and Tourism Market Expo

BEIJING (APP): Pakistan Pakistan and China. Ambassador to China, Khalil Hashmi on efforts of the exhibitors and Wednesday inaugurated tourism companies for the the Pakistan Pavilion at the promotion of Pakistan's China Outbound Travel tourism potential, and Tourism Market Ambassador Hashmi noted (COTTM) Expo-2023, held at the China National Agriculture Center in diverse landscapes and Beijing. The inauguration unique cuisine. of the Pavilion was part of He e at celebrating year 2023 as Exchange'

While commending the that Pakistan was bestowed with a rich cultural heritage,

encouraged a series of activities aimed Chinese tourists, academics and entrepreneurs to visit the "Year of Tourism and Pakistan and explore the between country.

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

DERA ISMAIL KHAN Vice Chancellor Dr Pakhtunkhwa Governor Haji Ghulam Ali on Wednesday urged the ears' of the society, who journalists to play their not only highlighted the 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 Oasuria, Gomal University

Shakibullah, and others.

journalists were 'eyes and 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 of his office, he had should have to fulfill their meetings with the The governor said the 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.

Earlier, Haji Ghulam Ali said President Yasin Qureshi, in after assuming the charge 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

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

information and guidance chronic regarding treatment of any urban disease, citizens should contact the minimised through helpline 1033. Lungs are caution and preventive affected by pollution and measures.

smoking, leading to permanent damage.

He was chairing a meeting to review the measures and facilities available in the government hospitals on the occasion World Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) Day on Wednesday. Dr. Nasir He said that for mentioned that while respiratory diseases are incurable, their harmful effects can be

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 Narowal

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): Minister and the hospital Caretaker Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Justice ® Arshad Hussain Shah Wednesday paid a visit to Ayub Teaching Hospital (ATH) and inspected various facilities.

become useful citizens of

the society, he added.

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 number of patients.

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 underscored the necessity of expanding the hospital's infrastructure accommodate the increasing

RTI law ensures transparency, improves governance: Memon

KARACHI (APP): Sindh by the Sindh Information 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 access specifies information 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 right of citizens.

up forces," Chong said.

Xi and Biden are ex-

Commission collaboration 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 Transparency and Right to Information Act 2016 to ensure the fundamental

has been set...over the

course of many weeks

a very productive, can-

did, constructive conver-

sation," White House

CM Naqvi acknowledges revolutionary steps taken for automation of transport sector

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

Independent Report

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

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

Motorway Police during a 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 to the collaboration.

7 injured in road accident

FAISALABAD (APP): Seven people including a woman received injuries in a road accident in the area of Balochni police station.

Rescue spokesman said here on Wednesday that a speeding passenger van going from Faisalabad to Lahore went out of control due to brake failure near Balochni 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

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

President of Pakistan Muslim League-N Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Engineer Amir Mauqam said on Wednesday that PML-N is the only party capable of steering the country out of bring progress and 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 by the country.

(APP): along with his family followers. Amir

emphasized that under the leadership of Muhammad Nawaz Sharif, PML-N will 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

International News

Biden, Xi meet amid disputes over military and economic issues | UN Security Council is trying for a fifth time

the National University

SAN FRANCIŠCO: U.S. President Joe Biden meets Chinese leader Xi Jinping for the first time in a year on Wednesday for talks that may ease amid Chinese economic during the Chinese civil side of San Francisco friction between the two superpowers over military conflicts, drugtrafficking and artificial intelligence.

However, deep progress on the vast differences them may have to wait for another day.

Officials on both set expectations low as rael-Hamas war, Russia's invasion of and human rights - each of them areas where the leaders have been unable to resolve longstanding disagreements.

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Biden and Xi aron Tuesday, where they meeting on the sidelines ingly turning hostile. the Asia-Pacific Eco-

Tehsil & District Mansehra.

nomic Cooperation Chong Ja Ian, a politi- is, to talk while building remoteness. "The table (APEC) summit. Leaders cal science professor at from the 21-country group - and hundreds of CEOs in San Francisco to court them - meet weakness, Beijing's territorial feuds with neighbors, and a Middle East conflict that is dividing the United States from

Efforts to carefully separating choreograph Xi's visit may be upended in San Francisco despite efforts to drive homeless sides of the Pacific have people from the streets. The route from the air-Biden and Xi are set to port to the conference discuss Taiwan, the site was lined with dem-South China Sea, the Is- onstrators for and against China's ruling Communist Party, an Ukraine, North Korea, 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 rived in San Francisco leader since Mao Zedong might salvage were set to hold their ties that are increas-

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(Plaintiff)

(Defendants)

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Abbottabad

In Court of Abdul Baseer Judge Banking

Court Hazara Division Abbottabad

(1) Abdul Latif S/o Abdul Wadood R/o Gardhian Tehsil

& District Mansehra (2) Sajid Nawaz S/o Muhammad

Sain R/o Village Lung Sharif Main Chowk College

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Mansehra has instituted a suit for the recovery of Rs.

342554/- etc due against you under Section-9 of Finan-

cial 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 or

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

Whereas the NBP College Chowk Branch

Banking Court Hazara Division.

Doraha Tehsil & District Manshera. (3) Wagar Ahmed

NBP College Chowk Branch Mansehra

In Court of Abdul Baseer Judge Banking Court Hazara Division Abbottabad

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two sides are engaged the conference location

in what Mao referred to at Filoli Estate, miles out-

war as "talk and fight, and carefully chosen for

fight and talk". "That its security, serenity and

NBP College Chowk Branch Mansehra Versus

(1) Mhammad Riasat S/o Muhammad Younis R/o Village Lung Sharif Gandhian Tehsil & District Mansehra. (2) Sajid Nawaz S/o Muhammad Sain R/o Lung Sharif Gandhian Tehsil & District Mansehra. (3) Abdul Latif S/o Abdul Wadood R/o Village Lung Sharif Gandhian Tehsil & District Mansehra.

Whereas the NBP College Chowk Branch Mansehra has instituted a suit for the recovery of Rs. 402554/- 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



JUDGE Banking Court Hazara Division, Abbottabad.

In Court of Abdul Baseer Judge Banking Court Hazara Division Abbottabad

ZTBL Shinkiary Branch Mansehra

(Plaintiff) 1) Muhammad Azam S/o Rafique Shah R/o Jalkot P/o Kamila Tehsil Dassu District Kohistan (2) Abdur

Rehman S/o Waiz R/o Gagoi Kamila Bazar Tehsil Dassu

District Kohistan (3) Akbar Azam S/o Gulzaar R/o

Dassu Bazar Tehsil Dassu District Kohistan. Whereas the ZTBL Shinkiary Branch Mansehra 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



JUDGE Banking Court Hazara Division, Abbottabad.

spokesperson John Kirby said. In Court of Abdul Baseer Judge Banking Court Hazara Division Abbottabad

NBP Dghi Branch Mansehra

(Plaintiff)

(1) Muhammad Sajjad S/o Abdul Qayyum R/o Village Bitto Bandi Shergar Tehsil Dghi District Mansehra (2) Sultan Muhammad S/o Fageer Muhammad R/o Bitto Bandi Shergarh Tehsil Oghi District Mansehra (3) Khawaja Zaman S/o Sher Zaman R/o Village Naryala Shergarh Tehsil Oghi District Mansehra.

Whereas the NBP Oghi Branch Mansehra has instituted a suit for the recovery of Rs. 518432/- 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 o suit till realization of entire amount.

Next date of hearing is 30-10-2023



Banking Court Hazara Division, Abbottabad.

In Court of Abdul Baseer Judge Banking Court Hazara Division Abbottabad

NBP College Chowk Branch Mansehra (Plaintiff)

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

Whereas the NBP College Chowk Branch Mansehra 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



(Defendants)

JUDGE Banking Court Hazara Division, Abbottabad

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

for what we hope will be 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 Mansehra (Plaintiff) Versus

(1) Sajid Nawaz S/o Muhammad Sain R/o Village Lung Sharif Gandhian Tehsil & District Mansehra (2) Sajid Ali S/o Muhammad Rafique R/o Jia Mera Tehsil & District Mansehra (3) Tahir Shahzad S/o Muhammad Siddique R/o Village Lung Sharif Gandhian Tehsil & District Mansehra.

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Whereas the NBP College Chowk Branch Mansehra has instituted a suit for the recovery of Rs. 79632/- 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

JUDGE Banking Court Hazara Division, Abbottabad.

In Court of Abdul Baseer Judge Banking Court Hazara Division Abbottabad

NBP College Chowk Branch Mansehra (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 Mansehra. 2) Shoukat Javed S/o Muhammad Ashraf Khan proprietor fo Faisal photo studio opposite lrum Hotel Shinkiyari Road Mansehra.

(Defendants)

Whereas the ZTBL Shinkiary Branch Mansehra 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



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.

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

He pointed out that

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 commu-"Power of intellect nity to act and play its role

in stopping the bloodshed. justification to eliminate Hamas was "killing the Palestinians like savages" and calling the colossal deaths as collateral damage".

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

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

Besides conflicts, he

using the right of veto said, the world faced sevagainst the cessation of war eral 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 He said Israel, in its of viable systems and also embedding ethical morality into approach," he said.

He highlighted the need for a global focus on conflict resolution, the He emphasized 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 Pales-tine who faced the barbaric



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): derstanding E-Flow re-The International Water quirements, identifying Management Institute datasets, evaluating poli-(IWMI) and the Internacies, tional Food Policy Re-search 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).

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

In response, a consultation has been initiated to address key questions for effective E-Flow assessment and management in Pakistan. This includes un-

establishing prioritization at federal and provincial levels, and fostering collaboration on projects. Dr. Mohsin Hafeez emphasizes the urgency of this effort.

the Pakistan Council of At the heart of this Research in Water Resources (PCRWR) are set to employ an environmental flow model in the Indus

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 as sessment and management



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 children's well-being and health expert on Wednes- ensure that they receive day called upon people multiple doses of the oral from different walks of polio vaccine and are up life to hold more awareness drives that can over-immunizations," he come the challenges of 'refusal of parents' during polio drives to make the country free of the polio virus.

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

and other far-flung areas derstand the huge risk po-lio poses to their volving accessibility.

polio vaccine and are up

Ulema should play a pivotal role in polio eradi-cation, while a focus on removing misconceptions Dr Iqbal Memon against the vaccine was needed, he mentioned.

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

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 ques-"Parents in Karachi tion, he said that the management of polio survivors of the country must unis not only a medical and

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

acts of Israel.

Fog/smog

likely to

develop in

plain areas of

country: PMD

ISLAMABAD (APP):

Fog/smog is likely to de-

velop in plain areas of Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in the morn-

ing hours during the next 24

hours, according to the Pa-

kistan Meteorological De-

expected in most parts of

the country, while cold and

According to the syn-optic situation, Continen-

tal air is prevailing over most parts of the country.

AIOU sets

Nov. 20

as last date

for admissions

ISLAMABAD (APP):

Allama Iqbal Open Univer-

sity (AIOU) has set No-

vember 20, as the last date

for admission in open dis-

tance learning (ODL) programmes offered in

phase 2 of Autumn semes-

AIOU, Prof. Dr. Nasir

Mahmood extended the last

date due to the numerous

applications received from

interested students. Earlier,

the last date was Novem-

ber 7, 2023, said a news re-

this phase include Associ-

ate degree in Arts (BA Gen-

eral), Associate degree in

Commerce (B.Com), Asso-

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 com-

pleted the verification of

17.695 vehicles out of the

17,718 applications re-

Markaz offers a range of

services to the citizens of

Islamabad, including the

issuance of character cer-

tificates, foreigners' reg-

istration, and the registra-

tion of tenants and do-

mestic servants, as high-

ighted by a police public

verification, applicants are required to present their original CNIC, the

original documentation of

the vehicle, and the owner's CNIC. Addition-

ally, printed images of the

vehicle's engine and chas-

sis numbers are neces-

sary for the verification

process.

To undergo vehicle

relations officer.

The Police Khidmat

ceived.

ciate degree in Education.

Programmes offered in

lease on Wednesday.

Chancellor

ter 2023.

Mainly dry weather is

partment (PMD).



Minister highlights importance of educations-ector reforms

Caretaker Minister for Planning, Development and Initiatives Muhammad Sami Saeed on Wednesday highlighted the importance of education reforms keeping in view the emerging challenges in this

He also shared several initiatives taken by the ministry for improvement in commitment to provide full

ISLAMABAD (APP):

Caretaker Chief Minister of

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Jus-

tice (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 im-

partial elections in the prov-

the Election Commission

Secretariat, the Chief

Minister pledged that

the provincial govern-ment of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, working

collaboratively with the

Election Commission, is

devoted to ensuring the

elections in the province

are conducted with a

During a meeting at

Caretaker CM,

CEC collaborate for

impartial elections

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

Commissioner congratu-

lated the caretaker Chief

Minister on assuming office

and emphasized the ongo-

ing efforts to ensure the

peaceful conduct of general

elections, taking into ac-

count the current security

situation in Khyber

pledged to prioritize the

protection of voters as the

government's foremost

informed the caretaker

Chief Minister that the

Election Commission will

visit the province shortly

to assess the election

preparations in Khyber

Pakhtunkhwa, scrutinizing

The Chief Minister

Sikandar Sultan Raja

Pakhtunkhwa.

ISLAMABAD (APP): the education sector with support in improving the education sector. The Rector highlighted the key initiatives and achievement 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.

Court extends interim bail of Bushra Bibi till Nov 17

ISLAMABAD (Online): Accountability Court (AĆ) Islamabad has extended in terim bail of Bushra Bibi wife of chairman PTI Imran Khan till November 17 in 190 million pounds scanda and Toshakĥana 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 law yers 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.



Federal Minister for Education Madad Ali Sindhi attended the inter-school and inter-collegiate level sports competitions as the Chief guest organized by the Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education Isalamabad.

Violation of basic rights exposes India's facade of largest democracy: APHC

strong emphasis on free- all arrangements thor-

ISLAMABAD (APP): The All Parties Hurriyat Conference (APHC) has said that violation of Kashmiris' fundamental human rights exposed the India's facade of so-called largest democracy as it has converted the entire Indian Illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK) into the world's largest open air jail. According to Kashmir Media Service (KMS), APHC leaders including Ghulam Muhammad Khan Sopori, Abdul Ahad, Advo-Arshad Iqbal, Muhammad Saleem Zargar, Sibte Shabbir Qummi and Maulana Musaib Nadvi in their statements issued in Srinagar said, "Death of India's fake democracy is daily witnessed in the kill-

Modi-led Hindutva government is increasing number of its occupation troops on daily basis to suppress the

freedom movement." However, they added that the Kashmiris were determined to spearhead their liberation cause against all odds. Crushing with brute force the Kashmiris' right to self-determination has proved that India is a sham democracy, the leaders said and pointed out, "Deployment of around one million Indian soldiers in IIOJK was a proof that India is fighting a lost war." They said, "India's status in the territory is just of a usurper because Kashmiris have not accepted its occupation from the day one while New Delhi has converted the territory into the world's largest jail.

Islamabad police actively disseminate public awareness messages in last month

Independent Report SLAMABAD: During

ing fields of Kashmir where

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

Moreover, timely ipdates on traffic laws and road conditions are regularly communicated to citizens through FM radio channels. Dr Akbar Nasir

Khan, the Islamabad Capital City Police Of-ficer (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

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.

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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

Pakistan showcases tourism potential at **COTTM** in Beijing

State Minister for Tourism and SAPM on Youth Affairs Wasi Shah, the Pakiparticipating in the China Outbound Travel & Tourism Mart (COTTM) Beijing China from November 15 to 17.

Speaking at the inau-guration of the Pakistan Pa-vilion at COTTM, Pakistan's Ambassador to China Khalil 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 Pakistan aims to attract underscored the signifi- more Chinese tourists and cance of Pakistan's partici- strengthen its position.

ISLAMABAD (APP): pation in COTTM, stating Under the leadership of that it would enhance tourism exchange and facilitate business partnerships between Pakistani and Chistan Tourism Development nese tour operators. He Corporation (PTDC) is 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,



Admiral (retd) 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 mu-

sic industry. During the meeting, Saira Peter, accompanied by her official manager Zafar Francis and her husband Stephen Smith, an ethnomusicologist and pia-Pakistan National Council meeting.

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,

Presently, Saira Peter

of Arts (PNCA).

one of Latif's "seven hero-ines" 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 nist/harmonium player, (DG) of the Pakistan Naproposed the organization tional Council of the Arts

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

SLAMABAD (Online): meet the prior conditions of slamabad High Court jail trial. If any such docu-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 The written order was

issued by Justice Miangul Hassan Aurangzeb and Justice Saman Rafat Imtiaz. It has been said in the

ment 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 that no document has order till the next hearing of been brought on record to 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

especially the rapid on-

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

He further said rapid changes in the weather,

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

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

tors 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 ve-

set of cold weather, are hicles shut during the directly responsible for journey and clean the inside of the vehicle thoroughly, removing dust with a vacuum cleaner before embarking on the He said according to

the World Health Organisation (WHO), currently around 300m 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