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CJP says:

There are more

universities in Pakistan

than New York, London ISLAMABAD (Online): from Sarhad univer-

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grams. PMDC had

stopped issuing de-

grees in respect of

Sarhad University

through a notification in 2012.

you have neither made

Khyber University re-

spondent nor have you

attached documents

with the petition. How

many universities are

giving time to respon-

dents to file additional

documents adjourned

The court while

in the country.

The CJP remarked

Sarhad university

issue degree.

Caretaker cabinet approve funds for repatriation of illegal foreigners

KARACHI (APP): The Dr Fakhre Alam, PSCM Caretaker Sindh Chief Agha Wasif, Chairman Minister Justice (Retd.) Maqbool Bagar while presiding over a caretaker cabinet meeting, decided to allocate Rs 4.5 billion for the meeting, the cabinet repatriation of illegal immigrants, approved the retirement of 25 billion liabilities under the wheat subsidies and Rs 32,000 minimum wage and also appointed a new Executive Director of

The meeting was attended by the provincial ministers, Chief Secretary

P&D Shakil Mangejo, Secretary Finance Kazim Jatoi and others concerned. At the outset of the

nocent people in Palestine. The Israeli occupying forces targeted the civilians and even did not spare the

an immediate ceasefire.

The Israeli attacks constitute a grave crime against humanity," the cabinet said.

The Home Secretary strongly condemned the told the cabinet that the fed-Israeli's inhuman attacks on eral government has decided Gaza and the killing of in- to repatriate all illegal foreigners from November 1,

The Ministry of Interior has shared the Illegal Foreigners Repatriation The cabinet demanded Plan (IFRP) outlining necessary actions to be taken

sheer violation of internathat the federal cabinet tional humanitarian laws. whilst approving the IFRP decided that the provinces would bear the cost

of the logistics, however, the issue would still be flagged at the appropri-

The cabinet was told that an amount of Rs4.5 billion was required to carry out the repatriation of illegal foreigners from Karachi, Hyderabad, Sukkur Shaheed Benazirabad, Mirpurkhas and Larkana

Supreme Court (SĆ)

has restored PMDĆ

case during the hear-

ing of the case against

to female student of Sarhad Medical uni-

of SC presided over by

Chief Justice of Paki-

stan (CJP) Justice Qazi Faez Isa heard

the case Tuesday.
The CJP remarked

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sities in Pakistan than

New York and London.

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Aasia Tauqir did mas-

Fawad counsel for

A 3-member bench



KARACHI: Caretaker Sindh Chief Minister Justice (R) Maqbool Baqar presides over a Cabinet meet-



LAHORE: Caretaker Prime Minister, Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar addresses to media persons during press conference, at Mayo Hospital in Lahore.

SC bars accountability courts to decide NAB references

ISLAMABAD (APP): three amendments null and The Supreme Court (SC) on Tuesday barred the accountability courts from came in May, and six heartaking final decisions on ings were held after that, he NAB references and adjourned hearing of the ap- NAB amendments were digarding NAB law amendments. A five-member larger bench of the top court headed by Chief Justice of Pakistan Qazi Faez Isa and comprising Justice Aminud-Din Khan, Justice Jamal Khan Mandokhail, Justice Athar Minallah and Justice Hassan Azhar Rizvi heard the intra-court appeal against the judgment about amendments in the National Accountability Bureau

(NAB) law. During the course of marked that if the court should have declared all the rums had been changed.

The third amendment said, adding that the three noted that the Federal Government had raised a point of the 'Practice and Procedure Act' in the appeal, which if it wanted to pursue then it would be decided afresh by a 5-member larger bench, and the petitions against the NAB law amendments verdict would be considered as pending.

said that the point of 'Practice and Procedure Act' was also raised earlier. The CJP said that no one had been proceedings, the CJP re- acquitted from the NAB references as only the fo-





KARACHI: Peoples Party (PPP) Chairman, Bilawal Bhutto Zardari meets with Mayor Karachi, Barrister Murtaza Wahab during meeting held at Bilawal House in Karachi.

All set for repatriation of illegal foreigners: Repatriation to begin on Nov 1

KARACHI (APP): The tended among others by the Divisional Implementation Committee for the repatriation of illegal foreigners was briefed that arrangements for their repatriation have been finalized and the process will begin on November 1 as per directives of the federal government.

Commissioner Karachi Muhammad Salim Rajput chaired the meeting of the Divisional Implementation Committee at his office here on Tuesday and reviewed the implementation plan made by the committee. The meeting decided that all Deputy Commissioners would carry out coordinated efforts with the support of Police and Rangers for implementation.

The meeting was informed that the illegal foreigners settled in the city have been identified by the NADRA and an action plan has been finalized for their

DIG West Asim Khan, DIG South Asad Raza, all deputy commissioners, all SSP, senior officials of NADRA, Pakistan Rangers, Pakistan Railways, and other concerned departments. The DIGs, Deputy Commissioners, officials of NADRA and Pakistan Railways briefed the Commissioner about the arrangements.

The meeting was informed that two holding points have been established to gather for repatriation that are one at Haji Camp Sultanabad in district Keamari and other holding points have been established at Boys Scouts Hostel Ameen House near Haji Camp. All the deputy commissioners would ensure with the support of Police, NADRA and Pakistan Rangers to shift the illegal foreigners from their places to the holding points first after that they would be The meeting was at- sent to the Chaman borders.

Jam Kamal meets Bilawal

KARACHI (APP): The former Chief Minister Balochistan Jam Kamal Khan called on the PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari at Bilawal House

here on Tuesday. Nawabzada Amir Khan was also present on the occasion. They discussed the political situation during the call-on.

Interior Minister says: Pak attaches great importance to friendly relations with Britain

ISLAMABAD (APP) Caretaker Minister for Interior, Sarfraz Bugti on Tuesday said that Pakistan attached great importance to friendly relations with Great Britain. The minsters and British High Commissioner, Jane Marriott agreed to promote relations in various fields in a meeting held

Bugti said conducting peaceful, transparent and fair elections was the priority of caretaker government. The ministry would provide all possible support to the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) in conducting the elections. he added.

Students approach SHĈ against reconduct of MDCAT

KARACHI Medical students have approached the Sindh High Court (SHC) against the re-conduct MDCAT.

"It is not possible to retake the test in a fortnight," students said. We have prepared for the exam with hard work and dedication

throughout the year. Why are all aspirants being punished due to the mistake of some elements?" they added

Palestine issue: Solangi

ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of Saudi Arabia in Pa-

kistan H.E. Nawaf Saeed Al-Malikey called on Gov-

Entire Pakistani nation

stands united on

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Minister for Information and Broadcasting Murtaza Solangi on Tuesday said that the entire Pakistani nation stood united on the issue of Pal-

estine.
"There is no division on this (Palestine) issue. From Senator Mushtaq Ahmed to Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, we all are united. Let me reiterate here that the winding up speech will be made by the foreign minister or any other minister assigned by the prime minister," he said while taking part in the debate on Palestine issue in

The minister said the Upper House of Parliament, with its honourable members including Senator Raza Rabbani who had drafted the landmark 18th Constitutional Amendment, had raised its voice

the Senate.

its people.

Since the establishment of Pakistan, its every head of state and government - from Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah to the incumbent Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar had expressed solidarity with the Palestinian people, he added.

Solangi recalled that at the age of 22, he was for the first time arrested for standing up and collecting donations for Palestinian brethren after the massacre of Palestinian women and children in Lebanon by Israel. The minister said the Pakistani nation had unshakable faith that the struggle and voice of the Palestinian people could

never be suppressed. He said PM Kakar had telephoned Palestinian President Mahmood Abbas to express solidarity with the people of Palestine.

Pakistan persistently raising Palestine issue; demands immediate ceasefire: PM

global leaders, Chinese lead-

taker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Tuesday reiterated that Pakistan was persistently raising the Palestine issue at the global fora and recent horrible, condemnable and inappropriate aggression by Israel was leading to human catastrophe.

During an interaction with the media persons during his visit to Mayo Hospital, he said that recently Pakistan co-hosted the Organization of Islamic Cooperation Organization (OIĈ) emergency session along with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia over the issue.

The prime minister further said during his interactions with different

Blome meets

with Caretaker

Foreign

Minister Jilani

ISLAMABAD (Online): U.S. Ambassador Donald

Blome met today with Caretaker Foreign Minis-ter Jilani to discuss a

broad range of critical bi-

lateral issues, including

the safe and efficient pro-

cessing of Afghan citizens

eligible for relocation or

resettlement in the United

highlighted the two countries' mutual interest in

ensuring the safety and se-

curity of refugees and asylum seekers, and the im-

portance of putting in place

appropriate screening mechanisms so that individu-

als with legitimate claims of

credible fear are not placed

4th International

Nautical

Competition

starts at PNA

KARACHI (INP): The 4th

PN International Nautical

Competition commenced

at Pakistan Naval Academy (PNA), Karachi on

The competition is being held from October

Pakistan Naval Academy

Commandant Commodore

graced the occasion as

will witness highest level

of participation wherein

teams from Azerbaijan

China, Indonesia, Italy,

Kingdom of Saudi Arabia,

Oman, Turkiye and host

team from PNA will

contest for the coveted

swimming, lifesaving skills

and seamanship contests

which is aimed to preserve

the age old professional

skills of a sailor and

competition amongst the

seafarers of various

has been hosting International Nautical

Competition (INC) biennially since 2015. The

purpose of the competition

is to promote goodwill

among friendly countries.

The Pakistan Navy

competition

sailing,

healthy

to November 9

This year, the event

Khalid

in harm's way.

Tuesday.

Muhammad

chief guest.

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comprises

promoting

countries

Ambassador

media, he had highlighted the issue and in unequivocal terms, conveyed the sentiments and stance of the government and Pakistani nation. Pakistan would continue playing its role over the issue till its resolution, he reassured.

Considering the current crises, he said Pakistan demanded immediate ceasefire and opening up of humanitarian corridor. The caretaker prime

minister said Palestine was a historical and chronic issue but there was no reason for the inappropriate aggression exhibited by Is-

Commission of Pakistan ership and the international (ECP) was a constitutional body that would give a specific date for holding of the general elections in the coun-

He said the delimitation process was a constitutional requirement and the previous parliament had done legislation over the issue while the Constitution mandated the procedure to

be executed. The prime minister assured that the interim setup was ready to assist the ECP in the process, adding it was the fundamental mandate of the ECP to give a date but the caretaker government could not dictate it in this regard.

To a question, he reit-

Interior Minister announces crackdown on illegal foreigners from Nov 2

Orders official to be respectful with undocumented immigrants

ISLAMABAD (APP): as medical care and accom-The Caretaker Interior Minister Sarfraz Bugti announced on Tuesday that the provincial and federal authorities will begin a major crackdown on "unregistered migrants" in phases starting from November 2. He also said that the government will decide the border of deportation for these migrants. In an interview with PTV news channel, Bugti said that authorities will strictly begin tracking and arresting foreigners staying in the country without registration or documents from November 2. He added that migrants will be sent to temporary centers where they will be pro-

modation.

"he reassured. Bugti further clarified

"All basic facilities will be provided at these centers to illegal foreign nation-

that the expulsion of illegal foreign nationals will be carried out in phases, and people with no travel documents will be deported in the first phase. He stated that all provincial governments would play an active part in the operation against illegal foreigners, adding that committees have been formed at the divisional and district levels. The minister said that the government will decide the border of deportation for "undocumented migrants.'



Convener, Dr. Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui along with others exchanges views with German Ambassador Alfred Grannas during meeting held at MQM-P Bahadurabad Markazin Karachi.

Decision to increase gas tariff taken in national interest: Ali

ISLAMABAD (INP): Caretaker Minister for Power and Petroleum Muhammad Ali has stated that decision to increase gas tariff was taken in the greater national interest.

Addressing a news conference along with Minister for Information and Broadcasting Murtaza Solangi in Islamabad on Tuesday, he said the decision will not affect 57 percent of the gas consumers. He said 36 percent middle class consumers will pay the prices according to their

only 7 percent rich class will be charged with high prices.
The Minister said the government is also giving

gas consumption, while

139 billion rupees subsidy to the domestic gas sector, while 45 billion rupees subsidy is being given to Urea and fertilizer sector. He categorically stated that no increase in gas tariff has been made for Tandoors.

Muhammad Ali said there are several factors which compelled the government to increase in the gas prices



KARACHI: Commandant Pakistan Naval Academy, Commodore Muhammad Khalid addressing the participants of 4th PN International Nautical Compe-

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Global impotence

As Israel continues its extermination project in Gaza, the global community — particularly the UN, OIC and Arab League — have displayed a shocking inability to stop the slaughter. While these multilateral bodies issue statements of outrage, Israel has murdered over 8,000 Palestinians, many of them children, since the outbreak of hostilities on Oct 7.

There appears to be no one on the global stage with the moral courage to take Tel Aviv to task for its barbaric violence targeting Palestinian civilians, especially with the US and other Western states shielding it from all censure.

Within the hallowed halls of the UN, the US using its veto power, has thwarted calls for a ceasefire in the Security Council, while also voting against a Jordanian resolution in the General Assembly demanding a humanitarian truce. Meanwhile, Israeli leaders and diplomats have openly expressed disdain for the UN. With regard to the Arab/Islamic world, the paralysis is even more glaring. Apart from a few voices — Iran, Qatar, Turkiye — that have forcefully demanded an end to the slaughter in Gaza, the Arab League and OIC are barely audible. For many Arab states and Islamic countries, it is business as usual as Israel unleashes hell upon the Palestinians. A similar disinterest has been witnessed for decades as India pummelled the Kashmiris in the occupied territory. The resource-rich Arab states are not without agency. Recall the 1973 Arab-Israeli war, when Arab petroleum producers deployed the 'oil weapon' against all those states that supported Israel. Oil prices went through the roof, as many Western states realised that there were costs to pay for blindly supporting Israel. Can such an economic boycott be considered today in solidarity with Gaza's defenceless people?

With most Arab rulers supported either economically or militarily by the West, such a proposition would not be endorsed. Moreover, Muslim states that have established diplomatic ties with Tel Aviv have not even considered suspending these until the Gaza massacre stops.

When it comes to the elites in the East and the West, cruel realpolitik trumps human empathy. However, for many common people across the globe, the tragedy in Gaza is an unmitigated humanitarian disaster, and Israel is clearly the guilty party, responsible for the mass murder of Palestinian inno-

Hundreds of thousands have marched in Europe and North America demanding an end to Israel's vicious military campaign. This is despite the fact that many of these 'democratic' states have threatened to take legal action against supporters of Palestine, while witch-hunts of pro-Palestine activists have also been reported. Yet the bravery of the common citizen marching in support of justice for Palestine and demanding an end to the slaughter, needs to be saluted, while the global elite's shameful inaction on the Gazan massacre have conjured up exdeserves nothing but opprobrium.

A racist liberalism



Dr Niaz Murtaza

The post-1945 liberal world order based on human rights and democracy is unique in history given its wide coverage of key issues and global acceptance. Many philosophies had earlier given similar ideas but had left out key issues and groups, such as women and slaves, or lacked glo-

bal acceptance. The adoption of this order in the UN conventions with its near-global membership make it the first globally dominant liberal order even if not all states accept all UN tenets. Even autocratic critical for southern ones states are judged against, and have to defer partially to, them. It is intellectually simple. Unlike copious metaphysical edicts, all its detailed clauses can be derived from two moral tenets: don't harm anyone and help those in need. Given these two, a secular person like me doesn't need even a third one, let alone numerous tenets, to guide my life. Clearly, this order emerged, at least immediately, from the West though it absorbed the earlier ideas of other cultures.

This order had the potential to give a just world after 1945. But it has slowly lost its appeal. Illiberal ideologies such as fundamentalism and populism are now firing the imagination globally given its failure to fulfil its promise. While the acts of autocratic states have undercut it too, a bigger cause has been its hypocritical and racist use by its Western author states such as the US. On issue after issue, they cuses for why these te- are told ad nauseam that -- Courtesy Dawn

nets can't be applied when white Western states fight other races on immigration, trade, nal view on this right global governance or in actual wars.

High racist walls are being erected around Fortresses Europe and US to exclude coloured immigrants, both documented and undocumented, on the openly racist pretext of protecting racial dominance and cultures. The logic is often couched in terms of economic burden, though studies show that immigrants of all status boost economic growth.

The plan to have

rules-based global trade via the WTO remains unfulfilled. Western states have exacted concessions from weak southern states on issues beneficial to them such as foreign investment and intellectual rights but refuse to lower barriers in areas like agriculture. Western states have stubbornly refused to democratise the IMF, World Bank and the UN. The US has shamelessly aided megalomaniac autocrats in many southern states despite the abuses its allies were inflicting locally. Even within Western states, coloured people are often treated as second-class citizens.

But this racist liberalism has unleashed its powers most destructively in wars pitting Western powers against hapless southern peoples, as in Vietnam, Iraq, Afghanistan and Palestine. Elaborate UN, and their own, laws on protecting civilians are tossed into the trash bin as the US and its Western allies pursue their military interests. The aim of eradicating terrorism has been used as free licence to inflict grievous harm on southern civilians with-

Nowhere is this done more viciously now than by Israel in Gaza. We sue a global liberalism.

Israel has the right to defend itself even though it's an occupier. A ratiowould cover Israel beefing up its air, land and sea border security, eliminating attackers from its land and strengthening its intelligence against future attacks. These steps alone can pre-empt a similar Hamas attack, which

ing Israeli civilians. But only a highly racist view would include under this indiscriminate bombing of a dense civilian area to destroy Hamas when it also kills thousands of Gaza women, kids and elderly.

too was wrong in target-

The Israeli attacks are more about revenge and repairing bruised egos. Gazans are being treated like sheep locked in a small pen, not allowed to leave while being butchered brutally by a mass murderer. Yet racist Western liberal conscience remains unmoved by the sight of such ghastly suffering. Coloured lives matter less than white ones is the clear message from the These actions of do-

mestically democratic

Western states globally mirror those of unaccountable autocrats. Liberalism, though, is not inherently racist, only so in the hands of Western elites who adopted liberalism as it aided capitalism to spread nationally. While capitalism exploits weaker classes in markets only, racism exploits weaker ethnicities in all facets of life. But the entire West is not complicit in this hypocrisy as the marches of hundreds of thousands in Western cities against Israel show. Resistance to Western racist liberalism exists among many whites too. The path forward is for southern progressives to link with Western ones to challenge racist liberalism and pur-

All hail the king



Syed Saadat

Democracy in a country with very little self-accountability and conscientiousness among the movers and shakers in government is nothing less than a curse. Our political leaders behave like kings from the Dark Ages who would assert undue power over the weak and, at the same time, show extraordinary servitude to kings more powerful than themselves.

One example of this observation involves a government servant, who once belonged to the powerful military, being given a clean chit in 'assets beyond means' allegations, after a reportedly short meeting with the then prime minister, while another government servant, a former principal secretary in the Prime Minister's Office, who belonged to the beleaguered civilian bureaucracy, spent years in

jail before being acquitted. When kings are happy, they shower their courtiers with gifts and honour as in the case of a former prime minister who decided his principal secretary was worth his weight in gold. He was granted an extension in service upon retirement and later nominated Pakistan's executive director to the World Bank for a term of four years.

Ironically, the incumbent executive director was appointed for three vears instead of four, apparently to bring the appointment period in line with the election cycle in Pakistan, which now seems an exercise in futility as the outgoing government made the appointment for the next four years as well. Who said that the retirement age is 60 years in Pakistan? Apparently, with the right connections, one can keep on serving indefinitely. According to reports,

another appointment made a day before the dissolution of the National Assembly last August was that of Pakistan's deputy permanent delegate to Unesco in Paris for three years. There was reported evidence that in making this appointment the former prime minister had used his discretion in the manner of an unprincipled king rather than a custodian of the public trust. A legal battle ensued and currently a couple of civil servants, who are both aspirants for the position, are fighting a legal battle in the Islamabad High

dividuals in these appointments are qualified and the most suitable for the role is a separate debate. Even, if some believe they are the best candidates for the job, an outgoing government has no moral justification to use its own discretion in making these appoint-

In such cases, the Pakistan Administrative Service seems to be acting like a clique in winning these positions by allegedly manipulating the PM Office. Everything cannot be proscribed by rules and procedures; there are certain things that one would expect senior bureaucrats, who are supposed to be highly educated, to stay away from on the basis of their own understanding and experience.

But such cultured behaviour remains, unfortunately, a highly utopian idea among the movers and shakers in the corridors of power Pakistan.

Hence, we need a law to do away with the discretion of the prime minister in all such appointments, especially in the matter of foreign postings, as the office has repeatedly failed to uphold merit in the face

of manipulation. Secondly, the process of selection should be transparent and public. Corrupt practices are often concealed under

the cloak of secrecy and security in this country. One would not be surprised if in a few years from now, international organisations start selecting the appropriate candidates for these positions on their own. This might be a blessing in disguise as doing away with the discretion of Pakistani governments to make these appointments would mean a triumph of talent over sycophancy.

The only reason these positions are left to the discretion of the Pakistani government is Whether or not the in- to create a sense of ownership and representation among these international institutions for all member states. Sadly, here too we come across as manipulative, opportunistic and selfish

Lastly, while we were busy making these controversial appointments, an international organisation appointed a former Nadra chairman as technical adviser; ironically it is the same individual who was forced to resign as chairman Nadra by the PDM government a few months ago. Now, a global organisation is set to benefit from his advice while we choose to ignore what he said in his resignation letter to avoid appointing a bureaucrat to the position of chairman Nadra and to choose a profes-

Maybe, the caregovernment thought that by professional he meant a professional soldier which is perhaps the reason the cabinet has recently paved the way for the appointment of a serving military officer as chairman Nadra. All hail the king. -- Courtesy Dawn

sional instead.

Commerce News



Caretaker Federal Minister for IT and Telecommunication Dr. Umar Saif addressing event titled "Internet Governance in

Pakistan's internet vision shines at regional governance conference

ISLAMABAD (APP): Information The Internet Governance Conference, a pivotal event focusing on addressing the pressing issues in Internet governance and resource Pakistan for projects in the underscored allocation within the Asia-Pacific region, was held on Tuesday. The conference was attended by industry leaders, experts, government officials, and government officials, and government officials. national and international stakeholders from the shared his insights and the need to evolve the telecommunication and vision for the future of internet architecture to information technology

Notable speakers PTA and other and enable Pakistanis to included the CEO Asia stakeholders such as become first-class

Information Centre in this domain. The Federal (APNIC) Foundation, IT Minister emphasized Sylvia Cadena; who shared the urgency of addressing particular focus on Internet Governance. He

Foundation's the challenges related to

social sector; and the importance of overcoming Telecom, Dr. Umar Saif, in Pakistan, stressing Internet governance. He align with the demands appreciated the efforts of of the contemporary era Network APNIC for contributions internet users.

ECC approves gas price revision

Economic senior Coordination Committee (ECC) of the Cabinet here on Tuesday approved revision of the natural gas sale pricing for different categories of consumers for the fiscal year 2023-24, with effective from

November 1st, 2023. The Federal Minister for Finance, Revenue, and Economic Affairs, Dr. Shamshad Akhtar presided over the ECC meeting, which among others was attended by the Minister for Privatization, Fawad Hassan Fawad; Minister of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives, Sami Saeed; Minister for Power & Petroleum, Muhammad Ali; federal

ISLAMABAD (APP): secretaries, and other officials of the relevant ministries.

According to press statement issued by the finance ministry, the cabinet committee during its meeting considered the single item agenda regarding the revision of the natural gas sale pricing for different categories of the consumers for the FY

The ECC earlier on October 23, 2023, had considered the summary submitted Petroleum Division and approved the increase in the natural gas prices, however the Federal Cabinet in its meeting held

Dr Kausar calls for effective steps to command area expansion programme in rainy areas He said thta the Asif Kakar were also

executing the second phase regard. of the command area expansion programme and water conservation in rainy of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, prior to opting for next phase of national programme or improvement waterways in country.

He said maximum resources and effective measures should be employed to achieve the targets and goals and added there should be no delay in the timely completion of these projects.

Rs.213,000 on Tuesday

compared to its sale at

Rs.212,100 the previous

day of trading. The price

of 10 grams of 24 karat gold

also increased by Rs.771 to

Rs.182,613 from Rs.

and ten gram silver remained

constant at Rs.2,550 and

Rs.2,186.21 respectively. The

price of gold in the

international market increased

by \$3 to \$2,015 from \$2,012,

the Association reported.

The price of per tola

181,842.

Federal Minister for Food Ministry of Food Security Security and Research, Dr and Research would Highlighting the main

features, he gave a briefing on the National Programme for the Improvement of Waterways in Pakistan, Phase II, Command Area Expansion Program in rupees. Rainy Areas and Water Conservation in Rainy Areas of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on behalf of the Federal Water Management Cell.

Director General Coordinator Mohammad rupees (29 per cent).

present on the occasion. Federal Minister for

Kausar Abdullah Malik provide maximum support Food Security and Tuesday called for and assistance in this Research, Dr. Kausar Abdullah Malik, informed that the total cost of the three projects under the Federal Ministry of Food Security and Research and the provincial governments was 194.066 billion

> The federal government has Rs 61.624 billion rupees (32 per cent), all provinces except Sindh along with Azad Jammu and Kashmir and Gilgit-Baltistan have 76.227 billion rupees (39 Federal Water Management percent), while farmers have and National Project a share of 56.214 billion

Economy yielding positive results due to stabilization measures: Report

The economic indicators of first quarter of the current fiscal year (2023-24) show Pakistan's economy had set the growth momentum and was yielding positive economic data and signs of results owing to an emerging recovery, government's stabilization adding the Pakistan Stock measures, the finance ministry said in its recent report released here on Tuesday. "Hard earned gains on the fiscal and external accounts have 2017. The international started to translate into a pick-up in economic have rallied around 8% in

Finance and Revenue, Dr.

foreword of the monthly Economic Update and Outlook for October 2023.

She said, markets have rallied on positive an emerging recovery, Exchange (PSX) has rallied 11% in October and has the first time since May and domestic bond markets

International Monetary Fund (IMF) staff review in November. The rupee (PKR) recovered 9% in October due to reforms initiated on the exchange companies and crackdown against illegal transactions.

The recent release of Large Scale Manufacturing crossed the psychological barrier of 51,000 points, for positive growth of 0.5 (LSM) data showed a percent during July-August FY2024 against the contraction of 1.3 percent last year. The month-onsaid Caretaker October on expectations of month (MoM) and year-Federal Minister for ease in inflationary on-year (YoY) basis farm tractors production

expectation for the encouraging, as LSM grew by 8.4% and 2.5% in August 2023, respectively. In agriculture sector, the cotton production showing a bumper increase of 126.6 percent (estimated at 11.5 million bales) for 2023-24, compared to last year. Rice production is also showing a surge of 18.0 percent

compared to last year. The increase in these main crops is encouraging for the exports and overall economic outlook in FY2024. Moreover, input situation is positive as pressures and a positive growth trajectory is and sales show a steep

(11,586) and 64.1 percent (12,090), respectively during July-September FY2024 over the same period last year.

During Q1 FY2024, the strong revenue performance led to a primary surplus of Rs 417bn (0.4% of GDP) against the target of Rs 87bn under the IMF Standby agreement (SBA). FBR revenues clocked in at Rs 2,042bn compared to the target of Rs 1,978bn during Q1, with a strong 37% y/y increase in direct taxes.

Significant amendments to Gold rates **up by Rs.900** market treasury bills, 1998, ISLAMABAD, Oct 31 (APP): The per tola price & Ijara Sukuk Rules, 2008 of 24 karat gold increased by Rs.900 and was sold at

increasing demands of approval to new instruments, the subject a summary for the release issued here. Cabinet for amendment the Government of Pakistan

Market Treasury Bills 1998 and Government of Pakistan Ijara Sukuk Rules 2008.

ISLAMABAD (APP): decision, the Federal In response to the Cabinet has granted its the financial market in summary presented by general and Islamic the Ministry of Finance, financial institutions in leading to substantial particular for introducing amendments to the Finance Division moved instruments, said a press

existing amendments aim to enhance efficiency and provide flexibility for issuing, registering, trading and transferring Government Securities In a landmark through any institution.

T h e



Caretaker Minister for Privatisation, Fawad Hasan Fawad holds a stakeholder meeting for privatisation of HBFCL in Islamabad.

Caretaker PM gets briefing on SL-3 Lahore Ring Road

70pc construction work on Imamia Colony flyover, Shahdara completed: PM told

Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Tuesday received briefing regarding the construction of the southern portion (SL-3) of Lahore Ring Road. The prime minister was apprised that 8kms apprised that Imamia reconstruction of the long southern portion of Colony flyover was being emergency block as well as the SL-3 would be completed by January 30, 2024 which would significantly ease vehicular traffic coming from South Punjab, PM Office Media Wing said in a press

The caretaker prime minister appreciated the provincial government's December 2023, it was efforts to expedite the uplift projects.

Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq accelerating pace of the

LAHORE: Former Federal Minister Zahid Hamid

is casting the vote during the annual election of

Supreme Court Bar Election, in Provincial Capital.

Afghan family in

Jhelum approaches IHC

against eviction notice

JHELUM (INP): As the Afghan nationals have been

reached, an Afghan wife have Afghan Citizen immigrant family from Jhelum has approached the minors and studying in

school,

government's deadline for

the evacuation of illegal

Afghan immigrants has

Islamabad High Court (IHC)

against the eviction notice

issued by the institutions.

IHC Chief Justice Aamer

Farooq heard the petition of

"According to the notification of the Government

of Pakistan, only the illegal

the Afghan national.

Kakar on Tuesday was construction work on construction work on Imamia Colony flyover, Shahdara was completed. During a briefing on his visit to the site, the caretaker prime minister was here and reviewed the constructed over Lahore-Faisalabad railway line, PM minister inspected the Office Media Wing said in a press release.

project which would be consultant completed with the established cooperation of the emergency block. provincial government in six and half months till added. The prime minister lauded efforts of the Prime provincial government for

apprised that 70 percent different development Meanwhile, Caretaker

Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Tuesday visited the Mayo Hospital other facilities. The prime ongoing construction work in the hospital as well as It was a 18-month the nursing counter and room at the

> He appreciated the Punjab Government's program for reconstruction and rehabilitation of hospitals Caretaker Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi.

Two camps established in Attock for Afghan refugees

ATTOCK (Online): The provincial government has established two repatriation camps in Attock where as deadline for illegal immigrants to leave the country sets in. These camps were established in Government College of Technology Attock and Degree College Hazro where

illegal undocumented immigrants would be kept before reinterpretation deportation. Regional PoliceOfficer Rawalpindi Syed Khurram Ali along Commissioner Rawalpindi Liaquat Ali Chattha visited these temporary camps on

Tuesday. Deputy commissioner Rao Atif Raza along with SP Investigation Javeria Muhammad Jamil separately briefed them about the boarding, lodging and security arrangements at these camps. On this occasion. RPO Syed Khurram Ali checked the security arrangements of the campus and issued appropriate orders to the concerned officers in this regard.



LAHORE: Caretaker Prime Minister, Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar receives briefing regarding the construction of the southern portion (SL-3) of Lahore Ring Road, in Lahore.

Punjab ready for deportation of Illegal foreigners: Mohsin

Independent Report Minister Mohsin Naqvi announced the completion of preparations for the deportation of Afghan nationals residing illegally

in the province. With the looming deadline of October 31, directives have been issued to the Chief Secretary and Inspector General of Police to ensure the swift evacuation of illegal foreign residents from Punjab, he

Mohsin Naqvi has said that preparations have been completed to send back the illegally residing immigrants from the province. He said that

Independent Report

LAHORE: The oath taking

ceremony of the General

Council of Pakistan Chamber of Education was

held in a private hotel in

Lahore on Tuesday.

Provincial Minister of

Livestock, Transport and

Mines and Minerals

Ibrahim Hasan Murad

specially participated in the

Pakistan Chamber of

Education Ali Raza, President Pakistan

Chamber of Education

Bashir Ahmed Hattar,

President Lahore Chamber

Chairman

ceremony.

LAHORE: Punjab Chief issued to the chief secretary and inspector general (IG) in view of the October 31 deadline given to the illegally residing

> Mohsin Naqvi emphasized that there will be no leniency granted to any foreigner staying unlawfully in Punjab. provincial

> government is unwavering in its approach, and stringent action will be taken against those found harboring illegal refugees, he said adding that no exemptions will be made. The Chief Minister

called unregistered Afghans to voluntarily depart from

and members of various

divisions also participated

Chamber of Education Ali

Raza welcomed the guests

and expressed his thoughts

about education and its

importance. Provincial

Minister Ibrahim Hasan

Murad administered the

oath to the members of the

Executive Council and

congratulated and expressed

best wishes for the future.

Addressing the ceremony on

this occasion. Provincial

Minister Ibrahim Hasan

Murad said that he welcomes

Chairman Pakistan

in the ceremony.

instructions have been Punjab, as all necessary steps have been taken to facilitate the repatriation of illegal Afghan citizens.

CM Naqvi warned of action against those who provided refuge to the illegally residing foreigners and no tolerance would be

He reiterated that the illegally residing foreigners should leave the country by themselves, otherwise the government completed arrangements for their repatriation starting from vember

CM Mohsin Naqvi said that temporary camps and holding areas have been established in different districts for the illegal immigrants

May 9: Lahore police summon **Asad Umer**

LAHORE (INP): The Joint Investigation Team on summoned Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf leader Asad Umar related to May 9 riots.

In this regard, he was asked to appear at the DIG Investigation office Lahore to record his statement in five terror cases pertaining to the May 9 mayhem.

constituted by Punjab government following the May 9 violence. Meanwhile, an anti-terrorism court on Saturday extended the judicial remand of PTI leader and

PM hails CM Naqvi's outstanding performance as a beacon for governments

Independent Report

Caretaker Prime Minister Anwar-ul-Haq Kakar lauded the Minister Mohsin Naqvi's rapid and commendable efforts led by Caretaker Chief Minister Punjab Mohsin Naqvi for the welfare of the province's residents. He emphasized the exceptional pace and high quality of Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi's initiatives, surpassing those of other provinces. The performance of the Punjab government, undoubtedly, sets a benchmark for other provincial administrations.

During a meeting with

Punjab cabinet ministers, Prime Minister Anwar-ul-Haq Kakar praised Chief swift actions in promptly passing on the benefits of reduced petroleum prices to the people of the province. He personally took to the field, providing relief to the citizens - a gesture that set a significant example.

Under leadership, Naqvi's progress is not only being made in Punjab, but it is also evidently visible. The chief minister's exceptional capacity to deliver results sets him apart at every level.



LAHORE: Caretaker Prime Minister, Anwaar-ul-Hag Kakar exchanging views with Muhammad Baleegh-Ur-Rahman, Governor Punjab during meeting held in Lahore.

Dr. Javed says: Pakistan is witnessing an alarming increase in the rate of genetic diseases

LAHORE Caretaker Provincial Health Minister Prof. Dr. Javed Akram participated as a special guest in awareness seminar about breast cancer and dengue at Fatima Jinnah Medical University. On this occasion Vice Chancellor Fatima Jinnah Medical University Prof. Dr. Khalid Masood Gondal, Prof.

Chaudhry, Majeed Principal Prof. Dr. Noreen AkmaÎ, Founder of Breast Fellowship Program Prof. Dr. Ayesha Shaukat, Prof. Andalib Khanum, Pro Vice Kamran Khalid, Prof. rate of genetic diseases.

(Online): Balqis Shabbir, a large number of faculty members and female students participated. He also led an awareness walk on the occasion.

In his address to the participants of the awareness seminar, the caretaker provincial health minister Prof. Dr. Javed Akram said that it is very important to spread awareness about breast cancer in the society. The burden of breast cancer has shifted from West to East. Pakistan is witnessing an Chancellor Prof. Dr. alarming increase in the

of Commerce Sheikh Kashif the school leaders. International News

Minister attends oath

taking ceremony of PCE

Gaza now a 'graveyard' for thousands of children: UN

asked to go back," the petitioner's lawyer said.

cards. Their three children are

added.Meanwhile, lawyers

and activists have said the

scale of the crackdown is

unprecedented, appealing for

more time for Afghans-

some of whom have lived for

decades in the country—to

be given more time.

'The petitioner and his

Monitoring Desk

UNITED NATIONS: The Gaza Strip has become a graveyard for thousands of children, the United Nations said on Tuesday, as it feared the prospect of more dying of dehydration.

Israel has heavily bombarded Gaza since Hamas fighters stormed across the border on October 7. The health ministry in the Gaza Strip said the strikes have killed more than 8,500 people, mainly civilians.

The UN children's agency Unicef said there was a risk that the number of child deaths directly from bombardment could become

about the reported numbers of children killed becoming daily output. Child deaths dozens then hundreds and ultimately thousands were to dehydration are a growrealised in just a fortnight," Unicef spokesman James Elder said in a statement.

"The numbers are appalling; reportedly more than 3,450 children killed; staggeringly this rises significantly every day."

"Gaza has become a graveyard for thousands of children. It's a living hell for everyone else." He said the more than one million children living in the Gaza Strip were also suffering from a lack of clean water.

"Gaza's water pro-"Our gravest fears duction capacity is a mere five per cent of its usual particularly infants ing threat," he said.

Unicef is calling for an immediate humanitarian ceasefire, with all access crossings into Gaza opened for safe, sustained and unimpeded access to humanitarian aid including water. food, medical supplies, and fuel. "And if there is no ceasefire, no water, no medicine, and no release of abducted children? Then we

Two killed in anti-government protest in Bangladesh

Monitoring Desk DHAKA: Two people vere killed and dozens injured in clashes in Bangladesh on Tuesday between anti-government protesters and police on the first day of a threeday protest to push for the resignation of Prime

The main opposition Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) called for the blockade of roads for three days in response to clashes between party supporters and police on Sunday in which one policeman was killed and more than 100 people

The party has been calling on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to resign to allow elections scheduled for January to be held under a neutral caretaker government. Her government has rejected the demand. A police official in the central district of Kishoreganj, where the clashes took place, said two protesters were killed and dozens of people, including 15 po-



European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, center left, reviews the honour guard with Montenegro's President Jakov Milatovic in Montenegro's capital Podgorica.

Singapore defense minister calls on China to take the lead in reducing regional tensions

ing that a military conflict like the one in Ukraine or the Israel-Hamas war would be devastating for the continent and its fu-

Speaking Tuesday on ence held by China, Ng Eng Hen stressed the importance of military-tomilitary communication to manage crises, expressing hope that the United States and China would military hotline. Peace is precarious

and never a given any-where in the world, Ng said. "What has happened in Europe and the Middle East must never occur here. ... We must do all we can to avoid it.'

The Xiangshan Forum brought together de-fense officials from dozens of countries and organizations. China, which recently sacked its defense minister, was represented by Zhang Youxia, vice chairman of the Central Military Commission.

Russian Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu used the forum to highlight resume the use of their Russia's deepening ties

with China as it faces iso lation from the West over its invasion of Ukraine.

Shoigu was given a military honor guard reception before a meeting with Zhang on Monday. The Russian Tass news agency quoted Zhang as saying that China is ready to respond with Russia to security threats and challenges and "jointly maintain global strategic balance and stability." Ukraine's defense attaché took issue with the conference giving the floor to Shoigu and the defense minister of pro-Russia Belarus on Monday followed by an Iranian offi cial who defended Russia'

Kremlin keeps Putin's ambitions on presidential election

Monitoring Desk

Vladimir Putin's political ambitions, said on Tuesday that the campaign for next year's presidential election in Russia had not yet begun and that there could be a varying number of candidates in the contest. Putin, in power as either president or prime minister since 1999

Italy drafts plan for direct election of prime minister

ROME: Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni and top ministers backed a constitutional reform proposal introducing the direct election of the prime minister, in an effort to end the country's chronic political instability.

Meloni made consti-

tutional reform a key policy plank of her right-wing coalition after winning power in September last year.

Italy has had almost governments since World War Two, more than twice the number in Britain and Germany. Repeated attempts to produce a more robust system, the last in 2016, have always flourdered amid myriad, competing visions.

Government officials said that under the pro-

posed reform coalitions will have to put forward premier candidates at the election, in a bid to enhance stability by forging a stronger bond between the government and vot-

The government also intends to change the electoral law to ensure that elections produce workable majorities, avoiding the kind of hung parliaments that emerged from ballots in 2013 and 2018, two sources with knowledge of the mat-

ter said. "We have taken a big step towards the 'reform of reforms', which will give stability to the country and restore centrality to the popular vote," Reforms Minister Maria Elisabetta Alberti Casellati said in a statement.

breaking scenes when

Albanese said from the

town of Bundaberg, near

one of the large fires.

and it's going to be a dif-

neighbouring state of Victoria and New Zealand

were on their way to help,

Albanese added. The early

start to fire season comes

as Australia recorded its

driest September on record

and the weather bureau

forecast months of hot weather and below average

ares (18,500 acres) are burn-

More than 7,500 hect-

ficult summer.

rainfall ahead.

This is a difficult period

Firefighters from the

people lose their houses,

Two dead, dozens of homes destroyed as bushfires rage across eastern Australia

Monitoring Desk

SYDNEY: Two people have been killed and dozens of homes destroyed in bushfires raging across Australia's northern Queensland state, as firefighters travel from across the country and from New Zealand to try and contain the out-ofcontrol blazes.

Residents have been told to evacuate from two massive bushfires in the southeast portion of Queensland, even as dozens of fires continue to burn across the state where at least 45 homes have been destroyed and two people killed since last week.

Prime Minister Anthony Albanese called the fires "devastating" in a visit to the state on Tuesday and said the federal government would provide extra support to deal with what it estimates will be at least 42,000 claims for assistance as a result of the destruction. 'These are heart-

ing out of control in the neighbouring state of New South Wales, only 40 kms (25 miles) from one of the

Queensland Firefighters said a 100 hectare (247 acre) blaze near Ulan, roughly 200 kms (125 miles) northwest of Sydney. was "impinging" on a facility where explosives were stored and warned those nearby to leave.

A UN report urges Russia to investigate an attack on a Ukrainian village that killed 59 civilians

U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas

testifies next to FBI Director Christopher Wray and

National Counterterrorism Center Director Chris-

tine Abizaid during a Senate Homeland Security and

Governmental Affairs hearing on threats to the United

States, on Capitol Hill in Washington, U.S.

Monitoring Desk

KYIV: U.N investigators on Tuesday urged Russia to acknowledge responsibility for a missile strike on a Ukrainian village that killed 59 civilians, conduct a transparent investigation into what happened, provide reparations for victims and hold those responsible to account.

The strike on a cafe in the village of Hroza on Oct. 5 was one of the deadliest strikes since the Kremlin's forces launched a full-scale

Whole families perished while attending a wake for a local soldier who died fighting Russian troops.

women, 22 men and an 8year-old boy. Numerous bodies were found torn to pieces, and it took nearly a week to identify all the dead. The U.N. Human Rights Monitoring Mission in Ukraine said in a report published Tuesday it has reasonable grounds to believe" that a Russian

The blast killed 36 Iskander missile

hurtle towards even greater horrors afflicting innocent children," said Elder.

Minister Sheikh Hasina.

were injured. licemen, were injured.

Monitoring Desk BEIJING: Singapore's defense minister urged China as a dominant power in Asia to take the lead in reducing tensions in the region, warn-

the third and final day of an annual defense confer-

Monitoring Desk

DAKAR: Spain has deliv-

ered six new multicopter

drones to Senegal and plans

to reinforce its deployed

security personnel to help

the West African nation

tackle a migration crisis,

Spain's acting Interior Min-

ister Fernando Grande-

in Senegal where he met

his Senegalese counter-

part. Sidiki Kaba, as the

number of would-be mi-

grants from West Africa,

Grande-Marlaska is

Marlaska said.

Spain offers drones, reinforcement to help Senegal tackle migration crisis

> reach Spain's Canary Islands this year is near a record high. Grande-Marlaska said the drones delivered to the

> so that they could be intercepted. He added that Spain had also deployed a civil guard aircraft to help patrol the coasts of Senegal and Mauritania, in addition to 38 troops equipped

with four boats

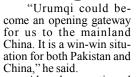
invasion on Tuesday. shrouded

MOSCOW: The Kremlin. asked about President Senegal Police are designed to detect vessel departures

PM calls CPEC 'a century's opportunity' for Pakistan with rapid economic growth in focus

Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar has termed the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor as 'once in a century-time opportunity' and said that Pakistan is focusing on the project's second phase to attain rapid economic and industrial growth. In an interview with China's Phoenix TV aired on Tuesday, the prime minister said the CPEC initiated under China's Belt and Road Initiative had helped Pakistan witness significant development in diverse sectors.

The prime minister mentioned that China's Urumqi and Pakistan's northern Gilgit-Baltistan had huge prospects for co-operation, particularly in trade and tourism. He said Pakistan was expecting big economic activity and an influx of tourists between the two countries, which he said would bring an improvement to the social and economic lives of the



Also, he mentioned the progress in Balochistan after the underdeveloped province was integrated through the CPEC projects. On the significance of BRI, Kakar said the unique opportunity and transformation would not be restricted to Pakistan but would spread to the region with the development of northsouth roads and rail and road networks.

This, he said, would lead to the enhancement of mate change will determine China's economic and political influence in the world. PM Kakar said during his visit to China, he was "utterly and completely mesmerized" by the impressive journey of progress made by China. "This impression would transform me as the biggest ambassador of Pakistan-China friendship," he said. Asked to

ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Federal Minister for

Interior, Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti exchanging views

with Jane Marriott, British High Commissioner

Senate calls for end to

genocide of Palestinians

Urges Intl' community to act

against Israeli aggression

the Palestinian people. Re-

ferring to Israel's recent

bombardment of hospitals

in Gaza, Senator Syed con-

demned these actions as

war crimes and called for an

immediate cessation of

Pakistan's strong solidarity

with Palestine, he refer-

enced the formal invitation

extended to the Palestine

Liberation Organization

(PLO) at the 1974 OIC in

Pakistan, where Yasir

Arafat was in attendance.

democratic process in Gaza,

he underscored the legiti-

macy of the elected party.

Hamas, and its subsequent

rise to power following

what were deemed as fair

elections in the Middle

East. In 2006, he noted, the

foreign minister of the

sent to Afghanistan via

ity to accommodate

2000 persons. Medi-

cal aid, food and wa-

ter will be also pro-

vided to them. Special security arrangements

have been made in

the other side interior

department has estab-

lished control room as

well where the process

of return is being

monitored. Helpline

has also been launched

wherefrom the illegal

issued to 116418 Af-

ghans this year

temporary camps.

Temporary camp in Peshawar has capac-

Torkham.

Hamas-led Palestinian gov-

ernment visited Pakistan

KARACHI: Members of Jamiat Ittehad-e-Ulema are

holding protest demonstration against Israeli cruel

and inhumane acts and express unity with the in-

nocent people of Palestine, at Karachi press club.

More than 90000 Afghan

refugees returned

via Torkham border

Emphasizing the

He recounted the his-

such heinous acts.

during meeting held in Islamabad.

ISLAMABAD (APP):

The Senate of Pakistan con-

vened Tuesday to address

the ongoing crisis in Gaza,

denouncing the Israeli

military's relentless assault

on Palestinians. Describing

the conflict as a systematic

attempt at the genocide of

Palestinians, the Senate em-

phasized the urgency of

tions of the Geneva Con-

vention and UN Resolution

on Palestine, Senator

Mushahid Hussain Syed

highlighted Pakistan's his-

torical commitment to the

Palestinian cause. Quoting

the legacy of Pakistan's founder, Quaid-e-Azam

Muhammad Ali Jinnah,

Senator Syed underscored

the strong solidarity be-

tween Pakistan and Pales-

tine, drawing attention to

the deep-rooted historical

connections between the

two nations. Senator Syed

emphasized the importance

of recognizing legitimate

Palestinian political organi-

zation, Hamas, and its sig-

nificant role in representing

PESHAWAR (Online):

Over 90000 Afghan

refugees have returned

to home via Torkham

border following Paki-

stan government decision to send illegal for-

eign nationals back to

their respective coun-

return of Afghan refu-

gees from KP is under-

way following Paki-

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sion to send undocu-

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back to their countries.

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Home department KP has

The process of voluntary

tries.

words, he said, "Dignified, huge, and self-confident". Of the Pak-China ties, he termed them as "closest, most valuable and most desired as valued deeply by both sides"

are intertwined. Though two different countries, but one nation moving in the same direction," he said. On cooperation with China in green energy to combat climate change, he highlighted that Pakistan was one of the worst victims of natural disasters and would take it to various multilateral forums of the world and China. "Cliour policies being an exponential threat to the country and the region. We cannot

respond in isolation," he said.

About the rise of China seen as a threat by some countries, he said no power on earth could undo the emerging power. "The correct approach to handle is to cooperate with China rather than to contain it."



taker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Tuesday visited the mausoleum of Poet of the East Allama Muhammad Iqbal and paid his respects. The prime minister, who is on a two-day visit to Punjab capital, offered Fateha at the mausoleum and paid tribute to the great poet.

He said that the Musims of the subcontinent made collective efforts to realise the dream of Allama Iqbal. "However, Allama Iqbal's dream will be truly realised when we as a nation will strive for the better future of the country, he remarked.

Rwandan delegation visits PIPS

toric Lahore gathering of March 23, 1940, which saw global intervention to the passing of two seminal counter Israel's aggressive resolutions - the first emphasizing the self-determi-During the motion un-nation of Muslims in the der rule 218, focused on Is- subcontinent and the secraeli atrocities and viola- ond advocating for the rights of the Palestinian people. Highlighting

Parliamentary Services (PIPS), said a press issued by the Senate Secretariat on Tuesday. Executive Director,

welcomed the delegation and briefed the working and functions of the institute. He said that Parlia-

mentary Inter training programs should be initiated in order to skill the Parliamentary Staff for maximum assistance to parliamentar-

The delegation was offered shields and sou-



ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif Alvi viewing the handicrafts made by visually impaired persons, at Aiwan-e-Sadr.

UN should take concrete steps for lasting solution of Palestine & Kashmir issues: Sanjrani

sue is a core issue of Paki-

stan," and called for its reso-

lution in line with the UN

resolutions. He advocated

for the right to self-deter-

Nations to adopt a common

plan of action for immedi-

He urged the United

mination for Kashmiris.

ISLAMABAD (APP): Muhammad Sadiq Sajrani Tuesday called on the United Nations (UN) to take concrete steps for the lasting solution of Palestine and Kashmir issues as it was impossible to establish peace in the world without solving the two problems.

During a meeting with a parliamentary delegation, led by President of the Rwandan Senate Dr Kalinda Francois Xavier, he said, "No human being in the world can remain silent on the atrocities and human rights violations that are happening in Palestine.

ate solutions to the two problems. He expressed the The Senate chairman belief that negotiations were emphasized the universal the solution to the probnature of the issue. "The lems and urged the ÛN to

cruelty and brutality going facilitate talks for resolving on in Palestine is not related the issues. In a show of to any religion; it is cruelty Pakistan's commitment to to humanity," he said, , acinternational cooperation cording to a News release and diplomacy, he noted issued by the Senate Secre-'Wherever there is a probtariat. Sadiq Sanjrani also lem of humanity in the stressed the importance of world, Pakistan definitely the Kashmir issue, stating, raises its voice. "The occupied Kashmir is-

The Senate chairman advocated for peace and harmony through parlia-

mentary diplomacy. He stressed the importance of collective efforts in removing obstacles to development and promoting regional peace, stat-'We have to step up collective efforts to remove obstacles and promote regional peace and harmony using parlia-mentary diplomacy."

Pak-Japan **Business** Forum holds 15th AGM, annual dinner

KARACHI (INP): The Pakistan-Japan Business Forum (PJBF) Tuesday held its 15th Annual General Meeting (AGM) chaired by its Patron-in-Chief. Ambassador of Japan Mitsuhiro Wada.

appointed PJBF Chairman Murtaza Mandviwalla, his predecessor Farooqui, supported by Senior Vice Chairman Itaru Nakamura and Vice Chairman Feroz Alam Shah shared the details of this year's performance report, while the financial report was presented by Finance Director Hanif Sattar.

The Pakistan-Japan Business Forum is a leading bilateral business forum with 20 directors on its board having business interests in Japan, 10 of whom are Japanese nationals residing in Pakistan and spearheading Japanese conglomerates

The PJBF board also has observer members, Consul-General of Japan in Karachi Odagiri Toshio and Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) Country Head Kazunori Yamaguchi. The PJBF members comprise business icons from diversified fields of trade and industry sectors such

automotive, pharmaceutical, information technology, engineering, textile, fisheries petrochemicals, and steel. among others. Keeping with its tradition, the AGM of PJBF was followed by dinner and entertainment program attended by notable dignitaries, which besides the PJBF members, included

Nawaz Sharif chairs PML-N session over election, other issues

several members of the

diplomatic community

based in Karachi.

LAHORE (INP): A meeting of the PML-N has been underway at Jati Umra, attending by the party highups with Nawaz Sharif in chair.

"The meeting at Nawaz Sharif's Raiwind residence being attended by Shehbaz Sharif, Maryam Nawaz, Hamza Shehbaz, Ishaq Dar and others,' party sources said.

Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz's session considering over political situation, upcoming general elections and other matters on the agenda.

The meeting will discuss resumption of political activities of PML-N supreme leader Nawaz Sharif, launching election campaign of the party and consult over the election manifesto sources said The session will also consider over initial schedule of Nawaz Sharif's countrywide public meetings as part of the election campaign, sources further said.

President for mainstreaming visually impaired persons through skill-sets, jobs

ISLAMABAD (APP): assistive technological gad-President Dr Arif Alvi on Monday said it was the collective responsibility of the society to mainstream the visually impaired persons by providing them with vocational skill sets and specialized jobs. Addressing an event held in connection with the White Cane Safety Day, the president stressed sensitizing the so-ciety towards blind and the visually impaired by identifying their special needs and accommodating them.

Begum Samina Alvi, members of the diplomatic community, and visually impaired children attended the event meant to raise awareness about the ways to address the challenges faced by persons with such disabilities, here at the Aiwan-e-Sadr. The president said career education and vocational skills for visually impaired students should be started as early as possible in the mainstream school system. This will provide fellow students an opportunity to deal firsthand with persons with disabilities and learn to accommodate them in society, he said. President Alvi also emphasized improving the accessibility of visually impaired persons through

gets including the personal digital assistants that guide them as the sensory camera sees objects and describes them aloud. He said the white cane was the tool for the visually impaired person to be identified in public, thus easing their obility outdoors.

He said ending discrimination and helping such people to become selfreliant and useful members of society needed to be the goal of the State. Dr Alvi said the country's first visually impaired diplomat Saima Saleem made history by making a speech at the platform of the United Nations. He also mentioned Yousaf Saleem who became the country's first visually impaired judge and set a courageous example for other people with such disabili-

He lauded the efforts of the Ministry of Human Rights for providing educational opportunities to children with disabilities and addressing their specific needs. Interim Minister for Human Rights Khalil George said the ministry was raising awareness about physically challenged persons through various activities and advocacy programmes.



KARACHI: Peoples Party (PPP) Chairman, Bilawal Bhutto Zardari exchanges views with Former Chief Minister of Balochistan Jam Kamal Khan during meeting held at Bilawal House in Karachi.

Court reserves judgment on petition seeking removal of caretaker federal ministers

ISLAMABAD (Online): Additional Attorney Gen-**Election Commission** (EC) has reserved judgment on petition seeking removal of care taker federal ministers

The petition filed against isters came up for hearing Tuesday. A 5-member bench of EC

presided over by Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Sikandar Sultan Raja heard the case.

The petitioner Syed appeared before EC. The CEC inquired " you had not appeared dur-

ing previous hearing.
The petitioner replied "I had become a bit late. I regret over it. The CEC inquired who is

ernment side

spective tehsils.

representing from gov-

Aziz ud Din Kakakhel

eral (AAG) told the court " I am representing federal govern-The petitioner took the

plea Fawad Hassan . Fawad and Ahad Cheema were holding ing last government. Ahad Cheema has been made special assistant to PM on political basis. The CEC inquired what

evidence you have that their political affiliation could be proved. petitioner said Prime Minister (PM) too has political association. The care taker special assistant to PM Ahad Cheema was holding an important post during previous government. The EC reserved judgment on comple-

tion of arguments.



HYDERABAD: Mayor Hyderabad, Kashif Ali Shoro addresses during the Sanitary Equipment distribution ceremony held in Hyderabad.

DC directs to ensure quota given to dealers of district not to transfer outside district

By Tanveer Ahmed Soomro MIRPUR MÅTHELO: Deputy Commissioner Ghotki Agha Sher Zaman has said that the fertilizer received by the dealers of Ghotki district should be sold in the district itself. Assistant Commissioners will supervise their re-



He expressed these views while presiding over a meeting organized by Assistant Commissioners, Agriculture Department officers and Abadgar Board officials. are facing difficulties so all the concerned officers should review the quota given to the dealers and all the dealers should be obliged not to sell fertilizer anywhere except their registered godowns or shops otherwise their godowns will be closed. will be done.

He directed the officers of the Agriculture Department to provide a report on the stock and sales of all the dealers so that the situation can be reviewed. On this occasion, he also instructed the Assistant Commissioners to ensure that the quota given to the dealers of the district is not transferred outside the district, and legal action should be taken against those doing illegal stocking and black marketing.

ISLAMABAD (APP): A high level parliamentary delegation visited Pakistan on the invitation of Chairman Senate Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani, led by President of the Rwandan Senate, Dr Kalinda Francois

The delegation visited the Pakistan Institute for

PIPS Muhammad Anwar

Equal coverage to all political parties should be PTV's priority, directs Solangi ISLAMABAD (APP): ter said that PTV's role in

Caretaker Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Murtaza Solangi on Tuesday said providing equal coverage to all political parties should be Pakistan Television's priority. During a meeting with

PTV News Current Affairs and Social Media teams, the minister was given a briefing about PTV News and current affairs programmes. Participation of the leaders from various political parties in current affairs programmes will increase PTV's credibility, Murtaza Solangi maintained.

He said Pakistan Television being the largest meation in t try, had an important national clean, transparent and impartial elections will be unforgettable. He was informed that news coverage and its scope has grown exponentially over the past few years.

The PTV team informed the minister that an increase in the number of bulletins by PTV has helped the viewers to be aware of the latest developments. In news, on-camera reporting and reports on social issues were being given special importance, the minister was informed. There has been a change in the news section not only in terms of quantity but also the style of presentation from National other centers have changed,



Sadiq Sanjrani and Dr. Kalinda François-Xavier, President of the Senate of Republic of Rwanda signing a memorandum of understanding (MOU), at Parliament House in Islamabad.

Connectivity, an indispensable element for modern economies: Sanjrani

SLAMABAD Senate Chairman Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani on Tuesday highlighted that connectivity was an indis-pensable element for modern economies, playing a vital role in socio-economic development and the empowerment of communi-

He said this during a meeting with Chairman of the Asia Pacific Network Information (APNIC) Foundation, Danish A. Lakhani, and Director General of APNIC, Paul Wilson.

volved around critical issues pertaining to internet development and connectivity in Pakistan and the broader Asia Pacific region. The meeting served as

a platform for meaningful dialogue on the role that internet connectivity play in today's world, emphasizing the need to extend this essential service to remote areas of Pakistan, particularly in Balochistan

Sadiq Sanjrani underscored the significance of IT infrastructure development as a fundamental driver for the nation's progress, stating that it was crucial to Centre equip the youth with ITrelated skills to foster innovation and economic growth.

He commended the The discussion re-tireless efforts of APNIC in strengthening connectivity in Pakistan, recognizing the organization's commitment to bridging the digital di-

The chairman high-

vancement would contribute significantly towards generating the much-needed economic activity in Pakistan. Danish A. Lakhani and Paul Wilson expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to engage in such a constructive dialogue.

affirmed They APNIC's commitment to furthering internet development and connectivity in the Asia Pacific region and assured the chairman that APNIC would remain dedicated to working alongside the Government of Pakistan to achieve the

lighted that Pakistan was currently in the process of rolling out 5G Spec-

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KARACHI: A group photo IGP Sindh Riffat Mukhtar along with Additional IGP Karachi Khadim Hussain Rind giving CC-1 certificates and reward to SSP Korangi Hassan Sardar Khan, SHO Saudabad Muhammad Ali and team for better performance against the crime.

rary in Peshawar, Hari foreigners will be iden-Pur and district tified and guidance will Khyber for repatriation of illegal Afghan be provided in regard to other problems. The number of Afghan refurefugees. From today (Wednesday) gees residing in KP is more than 900000 illegal foreigners will be arrested and transwhile visas have been