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## President directs SLICP to pay insurance claim to nominees of a deceased policyholder

ISLAMABAD (APP): President Dr Arif Alvi has directed the State Life Insurance Corporation of Pakistan (SLICP) to pay a death insurance claim worth Rs 300,000 along with a profit to the family members of a deceased policyholder, who had not been paid the claim for almost three years.

The president further asked the SLICP to form a panel of doctors to devise a policy on pre-insurance tests of proposed policyholders. The president gave these directions while rejecting a representation filed by SLICP against the order of the Wafaqi Mohtasib, the President Secretariat Press Wing said in a press release on Sunday.

Saad Taheer (the complainant) alleged that his father had purchased a life insurance policy from the

agency in 2013 for the sum assured of Rs 300,000/- with an annual premium of Rs 18,406. His father died in 2020, and he filed the death insurance claim which was repudiated by SLICP on the ground that the deceased had a pre-insurance ailment of hepatitis C, which he had deliberately hidden.

Feeling aggrieved, he approached the Wafaqi Mohtasib which asked SLICP to reconsider the matter and provide appropriate relief to the nominees of the deceased policyholder. SLICP, then, filed a representation with the President against Mohtasib's order. The president held a hearing on the matter, and after listening to both sides, gave his decision.

He pointed out that the deceased purchased the policy in 2013, whereas

SLICP had produced copies of medical reports of the year 2015 and all reports pertained to the post-insurance period and were not worth consideration.

He further noted that the confidential report of the SLICP field officer had also declared the insured as healthy at the time of issuance of the policy and had clearly stated that she knew the insured for the last two years. The president also referred to Section 80 of the Insurance Ordinance 2000, which provided that no policy of life insurance, after the expiry of two years from the date on which it was affected, shall be called into question by the insurer on the ground that a statement in the proposal for insurance or in any report of a medical officer was false or inaccurate.



HYDERABAD: Caretaker Federal Minister for Education and Professional Training, Madad Ali Sindhia inaugurating the Assessment Centre for Skill Verification Program, at Government College of Technology in Hyderabad.

## Governor, CM Sindh attend Russian Consul General's reception

KARACHI (APP): Sindh Governor Muhammad Kamran Tessori has said there are deep ties between Pakistan and the Russian Federation, and many important projects of cooperation between the two countries have been ongoing in the past.

Talking to the media at the reception hosted on the 75th diplomatic relations day, Unity Day of the Russian Federation, at the Russian Consulate by Consul General Andrey V. Fedorov.

Caretaker Chief Minister Sindh Justice (Rtd) Maqbool Baqir and Consul General Andrey V. Fedorov also addressed the ceremony. Speaker of the Sindh Assembly Agha Siraj Durani, Provincial Interior Minister Brigadier @

Haris Nawaz, politicians, foreign diplomats, and a large number of dignitaries participated in the event. On this occasion, a Russian cultural show was also presented, and the cake was cut.

The CM said in his speech that the Russian people celebrate People's Unity Day every year.

At the end of the 16th century, Russia went through a critical period in its history, Russia and its people have successfully defended their independence.

The CM said that in 1612, public volunteers liberated Moscow from the evil forces, and the Russian people formed an alliance and formed a council of so-

cial classes across Russia. The council elected a new head, Mikhail Romanov, 300 years later.

He said that Russia and Pakistan are close to each other in trade, economics, science, and strategic cooperation.

The Consul General of the Russian Federation, Andrey V. Fedorov, thanked the guests and said that Russia was passing through a period called the Time of Troubles.

It is said that all possible suffering fell deeply upon our people, but the Russian people took their destiny into their own hands, united against evil, overcame internal strife, and defended the country's sovereignty.

## General election to be held on time in fair, transparent manner

HYDERABAD (INP): Caretaker Federal Minister of Education and Professional Training, Madad Ali Sindhia, has said that the general election will be held on time in a free, fair, and transparent manner, as announced by the Election Commission of Pakistan.

He expressed these views while talking to the media after the inauguration of the Government College of Technology Hyderabad as the assessment center for the Skill Verification Program (Takamol) here on Sunday.

The Federal Minister said that Takamol was that institution in Saudi Arabia that was conducting vocational tests on students who were desirous of making a career in the vocational field and going to Karachi for

such tests. However, with the efforts of the caretaker government, Takamol Center had been established in Hyderabad, and now Takamol would take tests on students in Hyderabad.

Madad Ali Sindhia said that after assuming the portfolio of Education Minister, he was facing many challenges, like bringing reforms to the education sector, ensuring basic facilities, and bringing back 20,000,000 (20 million) out-of-school children with the coordination of four provinces. The Federal Minister said that after the 18th constitutional amendment, although the education sector was the responsibility of provincial governments, no previous government took concerted steps for the betterment of education.



KARACHI: Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Malir, Tariq Elahi Mastoi visiting polling station during the Local Body Election, at Malir area in Karachi.

## PPP leads in Sindh LG by-polls as per unofficial results

Monitoring Desk KARACHI: The Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) led in most of the constituencies as unofficial and unconfirmed results of the Local Government by-elections in 16 districts of Sindh province started coming in on Sunday evening.

Unofficial results revealed that in Karachi South's UC-13 Saddar Town, PPP candidate Murtaza Wahab secured victory with 3,967 votes, retaining his position as the Karachi mayor. His opponent, Jamaat-e-Islami's Noorul Islam, could only manage to secure 1,566 votes.

Similarly, in the Malir district's UC-7 Gaddap Town, Salman Abdullah Murad won with 10,000 votes from 27 polling stations, defeating the Jamaat-e-Islami candidate who only received 1,300 votes.

According to unofficial results, PPP's Saifullah won with 5,466 votes from the Kemari district's UC-3 Maripur.

Similarly, the PPP candidate won the general councilor position from the Malir district's UC-1 Gaddap Town with 1,596 votes.

Per unofficial results from UC-12 Sadar Town, Hameed Hussain of the PPP emerged victorious on the vice chairman's seat with 3,250 votes, while JI's Intiaz Khan could only secure 757 votes.

Similarly, on the general councilor seat for the Qadirpur UC, the PPP candidate won with 905 votes, beating JUI's candidate Barkat Bhatti, who received 412 votes.

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KARACHI: A voter casting his vote in a public station during the Local Government by-elections in the metropolis.

## Kashmiris to observe Jammu Martyrs' Day today

ISLAMABAD (INP): Kashmiris on both sides of the Line of Control and the world over will observe the Jammu Martyrs' Day, tomorrow (Monday) to reaffirm the resolve to continue the martyrs' mission till the realization of their inalienable right to self-determination.

Hundreds of thousands of Kashmiris were massacred by the forces of Maharaja Hari Singh, Indian army and Hindutva forces in different parts of Jammu region while they were migrating to Pakistan during the first week of November in 1947.

The APHC leaders and organizations in their statements in Srinagar,

while paying tributes to the Jammu martyrs, said that their blood would not go waste. They said that the martyrs of Jammu had laid down their lives for a sacred cause and their unprecedented sacrifices would not be forgotten.

The leaders and organizations said that the heartbreaking genocide of the Muslims of Jammu in 1947 was one of the biggest tragedies in the world in which lacs of Muslims were killed. They said that the best way to pay homage to the martyrs was to continue their mission till it reached its logical conclusion.



JUI-F chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman meets Hamas leaders in Qatar.

## Fazl meets Hamas leadership in Qatar. Rehman urge to support Palestinians

ISLAMABAD (APP): Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam Fazal (JUI-F) Chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman has urged all the Muslim countries to give all kinds of support to the Palestinians.

Addressing a gathering of JUI-F workers in Qatar, he said that he was doing all out efforts to highlight the Palestine issue in Pakistan, said a press release issued here Sunday.

In this regard, meet-

ings were held in each province, which was also participated by the representative of Hamas in Pakistan. In the second phase, Muslim countries, especially the Arab countries, were making a dialogue to highlight the importance of Palestine issue.

Rehman was in Qatar as the president of Hamas in Qatar. Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam Qatar organized a program for him.

## CM Baqar directs for biometric of all employees

KARACHI (APP): The Caretaker Chief Minister Sindh Justice (Retd) Maqbool Baqir has directed the Chief Secretary Dr. Fakhar Alam, to ensure the biometrics of all employees.

He said, 'The biometrics of employees should be ensured in all departments.'

## IGP, PEC Sindh review security at polling stations

KARACHI (APP): Inspector of Police (IGP) Sindh Riffat Mukhtar along with the Provincial Election Commissioner of Sindh Ejaz Anwar Chohan visited different polling stations of the metropolis to review security arrangements during the by-elections to local government direct seats.

According to an ECP spokesperson, the polling continued peacefully in all polling stations.

## Naegleria claims another life in Karachi, tally rises to 11

KARACHI (INP): The Naegleria fowleri, brain-eating amoeba, has claimed the life of another patient in Karachi, Sindh Health Department said on Sunday.

According to the health department, a resident of Bufferzone Karachi in the metropolis died due to Naegleria.

## Govt firmly believes in freedom of press & expression: Solangi

ISLAMABAD (APP): Urdu, the minister congratulated the management and staff of the media outlet on achieving a milestone in its five-year journey. He appreciated the role of the Independent Urdu in promoting digital Urdu journalism in Pakistan, besides providing quality contents to its audience through different means.

Addressing the 5th anniversary of Independent

## NA Speaker condemns Israeli Minister's statement of using nuclear weapons on Gaza

ISLAMABAD (APP): National Assembly Speaker Raja Pervez Ashraf has strongly condemned the Israeli minister's statement about using nuclear weapons on the Gaza Strip.

The threat of using nuclear weapons on innocent Palestinians is a testament to Israeli brutality and

warmongering, said the NA Speaker in a statement on Sunday.

Ashraf said Israel, in lust for power, was bombing Gaza indiscriminately, where millions of Palestinian citizens, especially children, women, and the elderly, have become victims of its aggression.



HYDERABAD: Members of Paktoon Qabail (Tribes) Movement hold a rally against harassment from police in the shadow of Afghan Refugees.

## Minister urges students to highlight positive image of Pakistan

KARACHI (APP): The Pakistan Institute of Tourism and Hotel Management (PITHAM) hosted its sixth annual convention under the chairmanship of Arshad Wali Muhammad, the Caretaker Provincial Minister for Tourism, Environment, Climate Change, and Coastal Development.

The event took place on the premises of Peetham. The convention began with the visit of the caretaker provincial minister to Peetham, emphasizing the government's commitment to promoting excellence in the tourism and hospitality sectors, said a communiqué here on Sunday.

Director Pitham warmly welcomed the audience and gave an insight-

ful introduction to Pitham and its contribution to the tourism and hotel management industries.

Caretaker Provincial Minister Arshad Wali Muhammad highlighted the important role of the institution in shaping the future of tourism and hotel management in the region.

A commemorative shield was presented to Arshad Wali Muhammad as a mark of appreciation. In the event, 65 medals were distributed among the position holders; certificates were distributed to the hearing-impaired students of the Naval School; and certificates were distributed to the junior chefs, recognizing and encouraging their outstanding performance in various fields.

## Pakistan pays tribute to UNRWA workers serving humanity in Gaza

ISLAMABAD (INP): Pakistan has paid tribute to courageous staff members of United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) for their work in Gaza to serve Palestinians despite continued Israeli bombardment. Pakistan's Permanent Representative to the UN, Munir Akram speaking at the General Assembly's Fourth Committee, which deals with special political and decolonization issues of the agency and also renewed his call for an immediate ceasefire. He expressed great admiration for the courageous work of UNRWA

which has lost more than 70 staff members.

The Pakistani envoy called UNRWA workers "martyrs", rejecting "with contempt" the "wild" allegations earlier made by the Israeli delegate that the UN agency was providing shelter to the Hamas fighters in its facilities.

He said Pakistan will continue to support UNRWA until the Palestinian refugees are able to return to their homeland, once they establish an independent and viable contiguous state within the borders of pre-1967 June, with Al-Aqsa as its capital.

## FIA arrests two over fake travel papers at Karachi airport

KARACHI (INP): FIA immigration arrested two passengers at Karachi airport over fake travel documents on Sunday.

"The accused went Saudi Arabia for Umra pilgrimage," Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) said. "They tried to travel Bosnia on fake documents."

"Arrested men Zain ul Abideen and Mohammad Akhtar arrived in Pakistan by an international flight," FIA stated.

The accused were also involved in tampering of passports and torn passport pages stamped with fake visa, FIA sources said.

"They had got the visa from an agent based in Saudi Arabia," FIA disclosed.

"During search the FIA found two air tickets of Bosnia from mobile phones of the accused," FIA said.

## Robbers snatch Rs800,000 from motorist during broad day light

KARACHI (INP): Armed robbers deprived a car rider of Rs800,000 during broad-day light in the metropolis, police said on Sunday.

According to details, three armed robbers riding motorcycles stopped a car on main road in Gulshah-e-Hadeed area of Karachi.

The robbers within a half minute snatched Rs800,000 from the motorist and sped the scene.

The police registered a case into the incident and started an investigation.



## Daily Voice of Masses Independent

### Ongoing threat

Pakistan continues to pay a heavy price in the fight against terrorism. Three attacks were witnessed in different parts of KP and Balochistan within hours of each other on Friday, and then a fourth in Punjab in the early hours the next day.

A police convoy came under an IED attack in KP's Dera Ismail Khan, leading to the deaths of five passers-by and injury to 24 others. In another bomb attack in a border town between Tank and D.I. Khan, which targeted a convoy of police and security forces, one soldier was martyred.

In Balochistan's Gwadar, an ambush on two security vehicles martyred 14 army soldiers — the year's deadliest attack on the military. Separately, two soldiers were martyred in a military operation in Lakki Marwat. While the country was still reeling from these incidents, a training air force base in Mianwali came under attack before dawn. The military said the incursion was successfully thwarted, that nine terrorists were killed and the only damage was to a fuel tanker and three grounded aircraft. In all, 17 soldiers were lost to this most recent spate of violence.

The Mianwali airbase attack has been claimed by the TTP-linked Tehreek-i-Jihad Pakistan, which was responsible for the last high-profile attack on the military in Zhob this July. The banned TTP is most likely the culprit in D.I. Khan, having stepped up its operations against security forces since a ceasefire agreement came to an end last November.

Fears abound of the insurgents fully regrouping, emboldened by the Afghan Taliban's takeover of Kabul in 2021. Unverified photos circulating after the airbase attack show American weapons were seized, which likely fell into the TTP's hands after the US troops' Afghanistan withdrawal. Although the Taliban deny it, most official and independent assessments indicate the TTP uses Afghan soil and has the new government's backing. The Gwadar ambush was claimed by the banned Balochistan Liberation Front.

The attacks have occurred as Pakistan carries out its repatriation plan for Afghans, which has been met with anger in Kabul. Our security apparatus will need to remain extra vigilant and flush out not just the militants but also their facilitators. We must comprehensively implement the National Action Plan against militants of all stripes, and identify and cut off financial streams that support terrorists. Border security must be strengthened.

In the case of the TTP, our efforts would need to take into account the complex dynamics of the regions where it operates, as well as the broader geopolitical implications, including ties with Kabul. The state must invest in the socioeconomic development of areas that are breeding grounds for such militant groups. Until we address the root causes, militants will continue to maintain the recently witnessed momentum of their nefarious activities.



Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry

The year 1947 witnessed the emergence of two disputes — Palestine and Kashmir. Both remain unresolved. At the heart of both disputes is the unfulfilled right of two peoples to self-determination. Both are protracted cases of resistance to foreign occupation. And in the genesis of both conflicts, the underlying common factor is the British geopolitics of the time.

The Palestine dispute arose when, following the dissolution of the Ottoman Empire, Britain, which had been given the mandate to govern Palestine, announced in 1917 its intent to create a Jewish homeland in Palestine. This announcement — the Balfour Declaration — stated that the new state would not prejudice the civil and religious rights of the non-Jewish communities living in Palestine. In 1947, Britain took the matter to the UN, where the General Assembly adopted Resolution 181, which decided to partition Palestine into the independent states of Israel and Palestine with Jerusalem placed under an international regime. Israel has consistently refused to honour the commitments given under the Balfour Declaration as well as the decision of the UN resolution, and has never allowed the Palestinians to form an independent and viable state of their own.

The dispute over Jammu and Kashmir arose because the people of this state were denied an opportunity to express their desire to join Pakistan or India on the eve of partition. Under the terms of

## Two struggles

the Partition Plan of 1947, Jammu and Kashmir, being a Muslim-majority state and with borders contiguous with Pakistan, should have joined the latter. When the Hindu maharaja of Kashmir dalled, the tribals from Pakistan's frontier region rose up and liberated a segment of the state. At the maharaja's request, India landed its forces in the state on Oct 27, 1947. Lord Mountbatten, then governor general of independent India, persuaded the Indian government to refer the case to the UN, which decided that the matter would be resolved via a UN-supervised plebiscite. But the dispute remains unresolved because India has consistently refused to abide by the UN resolutions, and is not ready to accept third-party mediation or to resolve the conflict bilaterally.

The similarities between the two cases are striking because both disputes have territorial as well as religious dimensions. In both cases, the occupying powers have consistently defied the will of the international community expressed through UN resolutions. The two occupying powers also seem to learn how to sustain their illegal occupation of these territories from each other. Both enjoy firm US support. Naturally, there are also some differences. Palestine is one land which is claimed by two communities, the Palestinians and Jews. Around the creation of Israel in 1948, Jews from Europe were pulled into Palestine, and Palestinians who had lived in these lands for millennia were displaced from their homes. As for Kashmir, it was and remains a Muslim-majority Kashmiri population. However, since Aug 5, 2019, the Indian government has embarked on a project of changing the occupied territory's demographics by pulling in

non-Kashmiris from different parts of India and offering them domiciles and voting rights.

Pakistanis have always stood for the rights of Palestinians to have an independent and viable state of their own. To this date, Pakistan has not recognised Israel because of its illegal occupation of Palestine.

There have been voices in Pakistan, which believe that by not recognising Israel, we have become a target of Jewish lobbies in the US. Another argument is that the Indo-Israeli nexus is working against the interests of Pakistan and Kashmiris. However, no government in Pakistan has accepted the call for recognition of Israel, and remains firmly committed to the two-state solution and the right of Palestinians to self-determination. There is, however, an expectation in Pakistan that our strong support for the Palestinian cause should be reciprocated by Arab support to the Kashmiris, because both are cases of the struggle for the right of self-determination and both are suffering brutalities and atrocities of occupying powers. As to how the future would unfold, it is self-evident that victims of oppression cannot be subjugated forever. In both cases, wars have been fought and several peace attempts made. Both peoples have shown remarkable resolve, courage, patience and perseverance to pursue their respective cause. However, it is important for both Palestinians and Kashmiris to pursue well-considered strategies that lead to freedom and victory over oppressors. Both can take heart from countless examples in human history, where sacrifices and dreams of freedom of some valiant leaders became a reality for future generations. — Courtesy Dawn

## Voices of Compassion: Advocating for Human Rights in Pakistan

By Ayesha Rafiq

In the tapestry of our world, each thread represents a unique culture, a distinct identity, and a shared dream of a better life.

The concept of human rights is the needle that weaves these threads into a harmonious whole, ensuring that the fabric of humanity remains unbroken and unblemished.

However, in Pakistan, a nation of remarkable diversity and rich history, the tapestry of human rights often bears the stains of suffering, reminding us of the urgent need for compassion and change.

Pakistan, like many nations, has faced a myriad of challenges throughout its history, from political strife to economic disparities.

Yet, amidst its struggle for stability and prosperity, the human rights of its people have often been neglected.

It is crucial that we, as global citizens, take a moment to reflect on the plight of those who suffer and advocate for a more inclusive and compassionate world.

One of the most pressing concerns in Pakistan is the widespread issue of gender inequality.

Women and girls often face discrimination, violence, and limited access to education and healthcare.

By neglecting their rights, we not only undermine their potential but also hinder the progress of the entire nation. Pakistan has incredible

women who have achieved greatness in various fields, but they are often the exception rather than the rule.

It is time to break free from the chains of gender bias and empower every Pakistani woman to realize her full potential.

The plight of religious and ethnic minorities in Pakistan is another area that calls for our attention and compassion.

Despite being a nation known for its religious diversity, there are instances of persecution and discrimination against religious minorities.

Respect for the rights and beliefs of all citizens, regardless of their faith, is a fundamental pillar of human rights.

Tolerance and acceptance of diversity are the true hallmarks of a progressive society.

Furthermore, the education system in Pakistan faces serious challenges, leaving many children without access to quality education.

A lack of educational opportunities perpetuates cycles of poverty and inequality, depriving the nation of the talents and skills of its youth. The right to education is a cornerstone of human rights, and its realization can pave the way for a brighter future for all Pakistanis.

In addressing these issues and advocating for human rights in Pakistan, it is essential to emphasize that we do so out of a

deep sense of compassion, not criticism.

Every nation faces its unique challenges and struggles, and Pakistan is no exception.

The people of Pakistan have shown remarkable resilience and strength in the face of adversity.

As citizens, we have the responsibility to stand with those who suffer and call for positive change.

Our collective voice can be a force for transformation, a catalyst for progress, and a beacon of hope for those who have been marginalized.

Let us work hand in hand with the people of Pakistan to build a society where human rights are respected, suffering is alleviated, and compassion is the guiding principle.

In conclusion, the suffering of people in Pakistan serves as a reminder that the struggle for human rights is ongoing and universal. Let us extend our hands in compassion, support, and advocacy, so that the people in Pakistan can experience a brighter, more equitable future.

Together, we can mend the tapestry of human rights and ensure that every thread, regardless of its color or texture, is cherished and celebrated in the global fabric of humanity. — *Writer is student of National Defense University (NDU), Pursuing a Degree in Peace and Conflict Studies, Islamabad.*

## Commerce News



PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Haji Ghulam Ali addressing the ceremony organized by Peshawar Chamber of Small Traders & Small Industries.

### PIAF chairman stress structural reforms for sustainable eco. growth

ISLAMABAD (INP): Chairman Pakistan Industrial and Traders Associations Front (PIAF) Faheemur Rehman Saigol has said the real answer to country's problems lies in the structural reforms, as there are a number of inefficiencies in tax collection, which must be removed. In a statement issued on Sunday, he observed that the tax compliance should be improved and tax base should be enhanced, which cannot be achieved with a single policy change, but through a systemic approach.

Faheemur Rehman Saigol said that businesses are already in a complicated

state-of-affairs, while anti-business actions against business community will not only add to the miseries of the business community but also promote trust deficit between the government and the business community.

He said that in the past instead of focusing on controlling under-invoicing, curbing smuggling and expanding the tax net, the FBR seems to be inclined to pressurize registered taxpayers, who are already suffering due to a high rate of sales tax, income tax, and custom duties by creating fictitious cases for recovery

of outstanding dues to meet revenue target.

The PIAF Chairman also called for building a structure in the country, which is in accordance with the requirements of time, as it is easy to weaken institutions but it takes a long time to rebuild them. Whatever appointments government makes to the heads of the institutions should be based on transparency and merit, he said. He said that the economy has just come out of the dark shadows but it is still facing the aftershocks and the businessmen are doing their best to makeup the losses incurred during that period.

### LESCO recovers over Rs 8.6m from 341 defaulters

LAHORE (APP): The Lahore Electric Supply Company (LESCO), in collaboration with Tehsildars (Recovery), has recovered Rs 8.6 million from 341 chronic defaulters in all five districts - Lahore, Sheikhupura, Nankana Sahib, Kasur and Okara - on the 53<sup>rd</sup> day of its recovery campaign.

LESCO spokesman told media the here Sunday that on the 53<sup>rd</sup> day, Chief Engineer O&M (T&G) Zafar Iqbal with the support of Tehsildar City Mujahid Zia and Tehsildar Shalimar Noreez Humayun recovered outstanding

dues of Rs 1.23 million from 44 defaulters in Northern Circle and Rs 2.17 million from 48 defaulters in Eastern Circle respectively. Similarly, LESCO Manager (Material Disposal) Engineer Anwar Watto along with Tehsildar Model Town Rana Arsal and Tehsildar Cant. Sajjad Qureshi recovered Rs 0.96 million from 27 defaulters in Central Circle and Rs 0.03 million from 02 defaulters in South Circle, while Manager (Technical) Engineer Muhammad Farooq.

## Stable monetary policy leads to sustainable growth, attracting foreign investment

ISLAMABAD (APP): Coordinator to Federal Tax Ombudsman and Chairman Kyrgyzstan Trade House Meher Kashif Younis Sunday said stability in monetary policy is a cornerstone of sustainable economic growth and an indispensable factor in attracting foreign direct investment.

Speaking at a conference on "Stability in Monetary Policy Pays Dividends" held under the aegis of Gold Ring Economic Forum, a strategic think tank, he said by maintaining a consistent and transparent monetary policy framework, nations can

create a robust economic foundation, stimulate investment, and foster innovation, ultimately leading to shared prosperity for their people, said a news release here.

He emphasized the critical role that stability in monetary policy plays in fostering economic growth and attracting foreign direct investment (FDI).

In today's interconnected global economy, maintaining a stable monetary policy framework is essential for promoting sustainable development and creating a favorable environment for both domestic and international investors, he

added. He said stability characterized by consistent interest rates, controlled inflation, and prudent fiscal management, provides a solid foundation for economic growth.

He said when foreign and local investors anticipate stable economic conditions, they are more likely to make long-term investments, expand their operations, and create job opportunities.

He said this confidence in the economic environment stimulates entrepreneurship and innovation, leading to increased productivity and overall economic prosperity.

### SCCI fundraiser for Palestine on 6<sup>th</sup>

SIKOT (APP): Sialkot Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI) President Abdul Ghafoor Malik has said that 2.2 million refugees in Gaza are suffering from severe humanitarian crisis due to the worst siege by Israel.

In a statement, Abdul Ghafoor Malik said that homeless and destitute Palestinian brothers and sisters are in a life and death struggle due to lack of basic necessities like food, water, medical aid and medicines.



ISLAMABAD: People purchasing traditional items from stalls setup during Ten-Days 'Folk Festival Lok Mela' at Lok Virsa.

### Amidst global challenges Chairman PHSA highlights urgent need for agricultural sector diversification

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chairman Pakistan Hitech Hybrid Seed Association (PHSA) Shahzad Ali Malik Sunday said in emerging global challenges, it has become increasingly evident that the diversification of our agricultural sector is the need of the hour to meet ever increasing food staple needs in the wake climate change.

Talking to a delegation of progressive farmers, he said, "The world around us is

changing rapidly and climate change, population growth, and shifting people demands are reshaping the landscape of agriculture," said a news release issued here.

He said, "As agriculturalists, we are well aware of the challenges we face, from unpredictable weather patterns to the depletion of natural resources." "Embracing diversification in our agricultural practices is not just a choice; it is a necessity," he added.

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### Türkiye aims growing EV market: Tayyip

ISTANBUL (Xinhua/APP): Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on Saturday said Türkiye was proceeding on the path of having a rapidly growing electric vehicle (EV) market after launching its first domestically produced electric car TOGG last year.

Speaking at the inauguration ceremony of a car factory in the northwestern province of Kocaeli, Erdogan suggested that there would be fierce competition between the existing EV companies and the arrival of new actors into the market.

"Our goal is to make our country one of the world's leading players in electric vehicle and battery production," he said.



## Ulema, Mushayekh express solidarity with Pak forces

LAHORE (APP): In a significant declaration, the Pakistan Ulema Council gathered over two hundred members of its Executive and Consultative Body to express solidarity with Pakistani forces in their fight against terrorism. The declaration, led by Central Chairman of the Pakistan Ulema Council Hafiz Muhammad Tahir Mahmood Ashrafi, highlighted the involvement of hostile powers, including India and its allies, in terrorist

incidents within Pakistan. The declaration called upon the international community to take immediate steps against India's continued support for terrorism and commended the Pakistani nation, army, and security agencies for their commendable response to recent terrorist incidents. Ulema, Mashayekh, and religious scholars from across the country voiced their support for Pakistan's Army and security agencies in the

battle against extremism and terrorism. The successful thwarting of a terrorist attack on the Mianwali PAF Airbase was observed as a point of pride. Furthermore, the Pakistan Ulema Council affirmed its endorsement of the Paigham-e-Pakistan narrative and decrees, and plans to hold Paigham-e-Pakistan Conventions nationwide. The declaration also emphasised that attacks on Pakistan's armed forces,

security institutions, government, and non-government installations are not permissible under any circumstances. Armed struggle by any individual, party, or group is not legally permissible in Pakistan, and the government reserves the right to take legal action against those who engage in such activities. Turning their attention to the dire situation in Palestine, the declaration expressed concern over Israel's siege of Gaza.



LAHORE: Punjab Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi presides over the meeting to review on window operation for facilitation of Investors and Industrialists.



LAHORE: A group photo of President Press Club Azam Chaudhry with Mayor of London Borough of Hounslow Afzal Kayani after the meeting at Press Club.

## Physiotherapy centre at Dolphin Police HQs becomes operational

LAHORE (APP): A Physiotherapy centre became operational at Dolphin Police headquarters, Walton, here on Sunday. It would provide facilitation to Dolphin personnel, a spokesperson told APP here. Centre head Physiotherapist Muhammad Irfan said that qualified physiotherapists would be present at the centre round-the-clock. He said physiotherapy would help patients get relief from pain of osteoporosis and

other body parts, and it would be possible to get rid of frozen shoulder and headache. It would provide help release tension. He said that physiotherapy treatment to Dolphin personnel would help relieve pain, including soft tissues massage and stretching to relieve tension and spasm, joint mobilisations, corrective exercise, posture awareness, and advice on how to manage or overcome pain while performing Dolphins daily duties and activities.

## Crackdown on vehicles with tampered, fake number-plates

LAHORE (APP): The Punjab Safe Cities Authority (PSCA) has launched a crackdown on vehicles with fake number-plates in the provincial metropolis, authority's spokesperson told APP on Sunday. He said that an auto-rickshaw with a fake number-plate was caught standing at Expo Chowk, with the help of Safe City cameras. He said a team issued instructions to the Nawab Town police station to impound rickshaw and arrest the driver.

## Kidneys transplanted at Jinnah Hospital by using latest procedures

LAHORE (APP): Two cases of kidney transplant were successfully completed by using the latest procedures at Jinnah Hospital. A team headed by Professor Dr Naveed Iqbal, Assistant Professor Dr Shabbir Chaudhry and Assistant Professor Dr Salman Arshad performed the task. After one-month stay at the hospital, both patients were discharged in a special ceremony here on Sunday. Punjab Human Organ Transplantation Authority (PHOTA) Director General Dr. Shehzad Anwar attended the ceremony as the guest of honour. He congratulated the doctors and paramedical staff for

opting for new procedures and said that modern innovations have made it possible to provide best treatment to patients. He said, "We are proud of our doctors and staff who work day and night to extend the latest treatment to patients. The operations will earn good name to Jinnah Hospital in medical history of the country." He stressed creating awareness among people about donating organs in the larger interest of humanity. "Transplant is a costly procedure which only rich people could afford, but now Jinnah Hospital has extended and opened the doors to the poor too, who could avail the facility at low rates.

## CM Naqvi reviews proposals regarding 'One roof one stop'

LAHORE: Punjab Caretaker Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi on Sunday presided over a special meeting at the CM Office for establishing 'One Window Operation' in which proposals regarding "One Roof, One Stop" solution for the investors and industrialists in Lahore were reviewed. The participants in the meeting were informed that Faisalabad Industrial Estate Development and Management Company (FIEDMC), Punjab Industrial Estate

Development and Management Company (PIEDMC) and Punjab Small Industries Corporation (PSIC) would provide services in 'One Window Operation' Centre. The empowered officials of Local government, Environment, Housing and other departments would also be present at the One Window Centre. LESCO and Sui Gas counters would also be set up in the One Window Centre. Facility to obtain NOCs of land transfer,

map approval and environment would be available at the One Window Centre. The officials of One Window Centre would themselves fill up the form of applicants and the operation would be completed in five phases at the One Window Centre. A red mark would appear on the dashboard of the relevant Secretary in case of noncompletion of an action within 10 days. An Operational Review Committee and Steering Committee has been constituted for the One Window Centre.

## Safety of life, property top priority: SP

SARGODHA (APP): Superintendent of Punjab Highway Patrol Police Sargodha Region Akhtar Hussain Joyia said that the safety of people's life and property is the first priority of the force. Talking to APP here on Sunday, he said that the main objective of Punjab Highway Patrol was to secure all the major highways of Punjab and provide all kinds of assistance to commuters. He said that now the responsibilities of PHP include the arrest of outlaws, operations against illegal weapons and drugs.

## KP Govt unearths misappropriations in payments to PTI U-Tubers

PESHAWAR (APP): The internet users in Pakistan swelled to a record 87.35 million in January this year, helping them to get all types of information on varieties of subjects including geopolitical development, economic, social, sports and culture besides others day-to-day happenings in and around the globe on a single click on mobile phones. In the wake of 4.4 million increases in the internet users during the last two years in the country, the number of active cellular mobile connections had

swelled to a record 191.8 million, which is equivalent to 80.5 percent of the total population of the country. Presently, the number of social media users' had registered an upward increase to record 71.50 million. The data of social media platforms have revealed that 37.30 million people were using facebook, 71.70 million YouTube, 12.95 million instagram, 16.51 million Tik Tok, 9.30 million LinkedIn, 4.65 million twitter and 25.70 million snapchat in the country.

## Preparations for General Elections in KP begins

PESHAWAR (APP): The preparation for the general election got under way all across Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, with a list of more than 5000 women teachers ready to give duty. In this connection, a letter was issued by the Education Department, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, to all the education officers to prepare the staff for the forthcoming general election to be held soon.

General elections will be held soon, the letter says. The list of teachers of the schools in the four towns of the city is ready, the letter said. The list of teachers does not include IBN and email addresses; check the list of concerned education officers and add more information, as the letter issued on November 3 says, without mentioning the date of the election.

# International News

## Palestinian president presses US to secure Gaza ceasefire

GAZA: Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas demanded an immediate Israeli ceasefire at a meeting with top US diplomat Antony Blinken on Sunday, as Gaza's health ministry said dozens died in a strike on a refugee camp overnight. Blinken, who has repeatedly dismissed the idea of a ceasefire by Israel for fear it would benefit Hamas, was making an unannounced visit to the occupied West Bank, as part of effort to try and ensure the Israel-Hamas war does not spread in the region. His visit to Ramallah took place as people sifted through rubble for victims or survivors at the Maghazi refugee camp in Gaza. "All night I and the

other men were trying to pick the dead from the rubble. We got children, dismembered, torn apart flesh," said Saeed al-Nejma, 53, adding that he had been asleep with his family in their single-storey house when the blast hit his neighbourhood. A spokesman for the health ministry in the Hamas-run Gaza Strip said earlier on Sunday that the Israeli military had struck the camp overnight, killing at least 47 people. In a separate attack, 21 Palestinians from one family, including women and children, were killed in Israeli strikes targeting Gaza overnight, the health ministry said. Reuters could not independently verify these accounts.

"We demand that you stop them from committing these crimes immediately," Abbas told Blinken, demanding an "immediate ceasefire" from Israel. "There are no words to describe the war of genocide and destruction to which our Palestinian people are being subjected in Gaza at the hands of the Israeli war machine, without regard to the rules of international law," Palestinian news agency Wafa quoted Abbas as telling Blinken. Foreign ministers from Qatar, Saudi, Egypt, Jordan and the United Arab Emirates met Blinken in Amman on Saturday and also pushed for Washington to convince Israel to agree to a ceasefire.



Protesters take part in a protest inside Charing Cross station following the 'London Rally For Palestine'.

## Gaza situation worsens as Israeli strike hits school

GAZA CITY: Israeli troops launched an operation in Gaza early on Saturday, including a strike on a UN-run school in which 15 people were killed, according to the Hamas-run health ministry. The strike on school was carried out by Israel even as US Secretary of State Antony Blinken faced a rising tide of anger in meetings with Arab foreign ministers. Blinken reaffirmed US support for "humanitarian pauses" in the Palestinian territory to ensure desperate civilians get help, a day after Israel's hawkish Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu gave the idea short shrift. Blinken began the day

in Amman by holding talks with Prime Minister Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani of Qatar, a mediator between Tel Aviv and the Palestinians. The talks come amid mounting Arab anger over the civilian death toll in Gaza, and increasing fears that other states would get involved. In London, Berlin and other cities around the globe, thousands of pro-Palestinian protesters gathered to call for a ceasefire in Gaza. Speaking at a news conference in Amman about sparing civilians and speeding up aid deliveries, the top US diplomat said: "The United States believes that all of these efforts will be

facilitated by humanitarian pauses." Jordanian Foreign Minister Ayman Safadi called for all sides to work together to "stop a catastrophe that will haunt the region for generations". Washington has deployed a powerful fleet to the eastern Mediterranean and hopes that it has deterred Hezbollah from a full-scale attack on Israel, but border clashes continue. A key focus of Blinken's visit to Israel on Friday was to persuade Netanyahu to enact "humanitarian pauses". Netanyahu said later, however, that he would not agree to a "temporary truce" with Hamas until it releases more than 240 prisoners in its custody since Oct 7.

## Shelling kills 15 civilians in Sudan, RSF claims gains in Darfur

WAD MADANI: At least 15 civilians in Khartoum were killed on Saturday "when shells fell on their homes", a medical source said, as paramilitary fighters battling Sudan's army claimed gains in Darfur. The victims' bodies were taken to Al-Nau hospital in Omdurman, a district of greater Khartoum, the medical source told AFP, speaking on condition of anonymity. Fighting since April between the forces of army chief Abdel Fattah el-Burhan and his former

deputy Mohamed Hamdan Daglo, who commands the Rapid Support Forces (RSF), has raged in heavily populated areas. The struggle between the rival generals has crippled essential services in Sudan and razed entire neighbourhoods of the capital and the vast western region of Darfur. In nearly seven months of war, more than 10,400 people have been killed, according to a conservative estimate from the Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project.



Debris of houses collapsed during an earthquake are pictured in Jajarkot, Nepal.

## Qatar says Gaza hostage releases need 'period of calm'

DOHA: Qatar's foreign ministry said on Sunday that without a "period of calm" in Gaza its mediators would not be able to secure the release of Israeli hostages held there. "Any hostage release has to be linked to a period of calm that allows for the release of hostages to work, which is something we have not seen for a while," Majed Al Ansari, Qatar's foreign ministry spokesperson told reporters. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Friday rejected U.S. calls for a temporary stop to Israel's offensive against Hamas to facilitate work to free more than 240 hostages seized by the Palestinian Islamist group. Israel would not pause its attacks unless the hostages held by the mili-

tants are freed first, Netanyahu said. The Gulf state of Qatar has, in coordination with the U.S., led mediation talks with Hamas and Israeli officials over the release of hostages since the militant group led a rampage into Israel on Oct. 7, killing 1,400 people and bundling more than 240 others into Gaza. Since then, Israel has steadily escalated its assault on Gaza and its 2.3 million residents and overnight on Saturday struck by air, sea, and ground. Gaza health officials said on Sunday that more than 9,700 Palestinians, including 4,800 children, have been killed in the war. Qatar's Prime Minister said on Sunday that the negotiations were at risk of failing because of Israel's attacks and misinformation circulating about the talks.

## Turkey's main opposition elects Ozel as new leader in local elections run-up

ANKARA: Turkey's main opposition Republican People's Party (CHP) on Sunday elected Ozgur Ozel as its new leader, ending a 13-year term for incumbent Kemal Kilicdaroglu, as the country gears up for local elections next March. Ozel, 49, has been serving as the CHP's deputy parliamentary group chairman since 2015 and has been a lawmaker since 2011. He announced his candidacy in September, after Kilicdaroglu and the CHP's painful defeat to President Tayyip Erdogan and his ruling political alliance in May presidential and general elections. Ozel, a pharmacist by trade, received 812 of 1,366 possible votes at a tense, hours-long party congress in Ankara that took two rounds. "This is the greatest honour of my life," Ozel said after the results were announced, while thanking Kilicdaroglu for his work at

the party. "We are embarking on the road for local election victory," he added. "We have believed in tuning hopelessness into hope, we are hopeful," Ozel said, surrounded by applauding party members and standing alongside Istanbul Mayor Ekrem Imamoglu. Imamoglu supported Ozel in a push for change at the CHP that has long been bogged down by in-fighting. After winning the 2019 municipal elections in Istanbul and ending Erdogan's years-long hold over the city, Imamoglu was seen as a potential new leader for the party and challenger for the presidency. However, Kilicdaroglu chose to run himself against Erdogan in the May elections, despite several previous losses. After the vote, he came under fire for refusing to step down as the leader of the CHP, established by modern Turkey's founder Mustafa Kemal Ataturk.

## Netanyahu suspends Israeli minister over Gaza nuclear comment

JERUSALEM: Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Sunday disciplined a junior member of his cabinet who appeared to voice openness to the idea of Israel carrying out a nuclear strike on Gaza, where the war with Hamas is inflicting a spiralling Palestinian civilian toll. Netanyahu's office issued a statement saying that the minister concerned - Heritage Minister Amihay Eliyahu, from a far-right party in the coalition government - had been suspended from cabinet meetings "until further notice". Asked in a radio interview about a hypothetical nuclear option, Eliyahu had replied: "That's one way." His remark drew swift condemnation from around the Arab world, scandalised mainstream Israeli broadcasters and was deemed "objectionable" by a U.S. official.

## Russia says it test-fired an intercontinental ballistic missile from a new nuclear submarine

MOSCOW: The Russian military on Sunday reported a successful test launch of an intercontinental ballistic missile designed to carry nuclear warheads from a new nuclear submarine. The report comes as tensions are soaring between Russia and the West over the fighting in Ukraine. Adding to those tensions, President Vladimir Putin last week signed a bill re-

voking Russia's ratification of a global nuclear test ban in a move that Moscow said was needed to establish parity with the United States. The Russian Defense Ministry said in a statement that the Emperor Alexander III strategic missile cruiser fired the Bulava missile from an underwater position in Russia's northern White Sea, and hit a target in the far-eastern region of Kamchatka.

## 4.4m people stateless worldwide, says UN

GENEVA: The UN said on Saturday that 4.4 million people worldwide were known to be stateless, though the true figure would be significantly higher due to their relative "invisibility". UNHCR, the UN refugee agency, said statelessness had a "devastating impact" on those left without a nationality, as it called for more to be done to combat such exclusion.



# PUC stands united against terrorism, calls for ceasefire in Gaza

LAHORE (APP): The Central Executive and Consultative Body of Pakistan Ulema Council on Sunday convened a significant meeting, addressing the current situation in Pakistan, Palestine, and the Islamic world. More than two hundred members of the PUC executive and consultative body participated in this gathering, presided over by Chairman Hafiz Muhammad Tahir Mahmood Ashrafi.

In a comprehensive declaration, the meeting emphasized that hostile forces, including India and its allies, are allegedly involved in acts of terrorism within Pakistan. It called on the international community to take immediate action against India's alleged involvement in terrorism.

The meeting commended the Pakistani nation, army, and security agencies for their response to recent terrorist incidents. It highlighted the united stance of Ulema and Mashaykh and religious scholars from across the country, supporting Pakistan's efforts to combat extremism and terrorism.

The declaration also lauded the Pakistan Army and security agencies for thwarting a terrorist attack on the Mianwali PAF Airbase.

The PUC expressed its support for the Paigham-e-Pakistan narrative and announced that Paigham-e-Pakistan conventions would be held nationwide.

Furthermore, the declaration emphasized that attacks on Pakistan's armed forces, security institutions, government, non-government installations, and civilians are not permissible under any circumstances. It underscored that armed struggle by individuals, parties, or groups is not legally permissible in Pakistan, and the government has the right to take legal action against those who engage in such activities.

Turning to the situation in Palestine, the declaration expressed grave concern over the ongoing siege of Gaza by the Zionist state of Israel.

It reported the suspension of essential supplies to 2.3 million people, resulting in a dire humanitarian crisis with thousands of casualties.

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MULTAN: Chairman Pakistan Ulema Council Maulana Tahir Ashrafi addressing the Solidarity Palestine Conference at Masjid Shohda Al Khair.

## Pakistan lauds 'courageous' UN workers serving Gazans amid relentless Israeli bombing

UNITED NATIONS (APP): A top Pakistani diplomat has paid high tributes to the staff members of UNRWA, the UN agency mandated to serve Palestinian refugees, for their "courageous work" amid "Israel's brutal campaign of bombardment, air strikes, and now a ground invasion," as he renewed his call for an immediate ceasefire.

"I would like to express my great admiration for the courageous work of UNRWA and for the bold statement that was made by the Commission-Gen-

eral Philippe Lazzarini when he said that what was required first and foremost was a ceasefire." Ambassador Munir Akram told the General Assembly's Fourth Committee, which deals with special political and decolonization issues.

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contempt" the "wild" allegations earlier made by the Israeli delegate that the UN agency was providing shelter to the Hamas fighters in its facilities.

"We reject with utter contempt the wild allegations that were made here this afternoon by the representative of Israel against the UNRWA.

This is adding spice to the crime; this is disguising the crime; and it must be rejected with the contempt it deserves," Ambassador Akram said in a debate on UNRWA.

## Sacrifices of Kashmiris to not go in vain: AJK President, PM

MIRPUR (APP): Azad Jammu and Kashmir President Barrister Sultan Mahmood Chaudhry and Prime Minister Anwar ul Haq paid eulogizing tributes to martyrs of Jammu on their 76th martyrdom anniversary being observed on November 6.

In their separate statements issued on the eve of Jammu Martyrs' Day, they said that the day was being observed on both sides of the LoC with a renewed pledge to carry forward the struggle to achieve the cherished goal for which their (martyrs) laid down their precious lives.

While terming November 6 as an important milestone in Kashmiris' freedom struggle, they said that it was on this day in 1947 when hundreds and thousands of Kashmiris were brutally massacred in the Jammu region.

Recalling the horrors of the bloody massacre, the two leaders said that about a quarter million Muslims, including men, women and children were brutally murdered by the armed gangs of the RSS and other extremists who were aided and abetted by the Dogra ruler.

Lauding the spirit of brotherhood and generosity of the government and people of Pakistan, they said that it was quite heartening to note that Pakistan not only embraced these refugees but also resettled them in different parts of the country in a dignified manner.

They regrettably noted that the bloodshed of the Muslims that started in Jammu in 1947 was still going on unabated in the Indian-occupied territory of Jammu and Kashmir."



ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Federal Health Minister Dr. Nadeem Jan visiting Community Health Centre G/13.

## Attacks on Gaza's hospitals are condemnable: Nadeem

ISLAMABAD (INP): Caretaker Federal Minister for Health Dr. Nadeem Jan on Sunday said that attacks on hospitals and healthcare workers in Gaza are highly regrettable.

In a statement, the minister said all such attacks should be stopped immediately. He said health workers should be given access to the injured.

He said help should be

given to provide treatment facilities.

Dr. Nadeem Jan said, "We believe health should always be above politics and non-political in the whole world."

He said, "I have visited many international forums and made it clear from the platform of the World Health Organization even that health should be above politics."



HYDERABAD: Caretaker Federal Minister for Education and Professional Training, Madad Ali Sindhri distributes certificates among participants during the PM Youth Skill Development Program held at Sindh Museum in Hyderabad.

## All necessary facilities will be provided at polling stations before general elections: DC Sanghar

HYDERABAD (APP): The Deputy Commissioner Sanghar Imran-ul-Hasan Khawaja has said that casting vote was a national obligation and emphasized that by exercising the right to vote, individuals could select better representatives for the bright future of nation. While talking to APP here Sunday, the Deputy Commissioner highlighted that the responsibility of delimitation lies with the Election Commission, which has been completed and electoral lists will be displayed until the end of November.

He further mentioned that the government was diligently working to provide relief to the public in every possible way. Along with the ongoing development projects, new schemes

will be initiated for the welfare of the people and development of the district. He added that relief has been given in connection with development projects, funds have been released for the schemes and the rest of the schemes were banned under the orders of the Election Commission.

He said that a list of 904 polling stations has been given in Sanghar district regarding the general elections and the Election Commission officers and our Assistant Commissioners have visited there and facilities like water, washrooms, boundary or building condition were being checked and all these facilities will be provided at these polling stations before the election.

## CMO for expediting task under monitoring policy

NAWABSHAH (APP): The Chief Monitoring Officer (CMO) Shaheed Benazirabad Tariq Ali Solangi chaired a meeting of Monitoring Officers and Monitoring Assistants at his office, the other day.

CMO directed the officials that task under the Monitoring Policy should be further expedited.

He said that a report regarding closed or under construction school for long period, paucity of basic facilities and shortage of books should be submitted with CMO office at the earliest so that these reports would immediately sent to Secretary Education.

## Pakistan leapfrogging into new era of tech industry: Masood Khan

SAN FRANCISCO (INP): Ambassador of Pakistan to the United States (US), Masood Khan has said that tech entrepreneurship in Pakistan has taken off and the country was leapfrogging into a new era of tech industry.

"A number of factors have contributed to the exponential growth of tech sector of the country. One is the ecosystem; the digitization of the economy. A new class of professionals graduating from universities is participating in digitized economy and this is giving

a new direction to our economy," he said.

"Second is the enabling environment that the Government of Pakistan has created for the growth of tech and IT sector keeping in view of its immense potential not just for Pakistan, but also for the extended neighbourhood comprising Middle East, Central Africa, West Asia and other adjoining markets," Ambassador Masood continued. "So it is in this context what we call a nascent tech revolution in Pakistan," he added.

## Dr Nadeem visits Community Health Center G/13

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Federal Minister for Health Dr. Nadeem Jan on Sunday visited the Community Health Center G/13 to observe the patients' care services. During the visit, the minister reviewed the facilities provided by the Community Health Center. Dr. Nadeem Jan also inquired about health facilities being provided to women. He inspected the attendance sheet of the staff and the immunization counter. He stressed that pharmacy records should be computerized on an urgent basis.

## Bandit arrested involved in killing of five police officers

Tanveer Ahmad Soomro MIRPUR MATHELO: The notorious bandit Sanaullah alias Sanu Shar, who was involved in the

finally fell into the hands of the police, SSP Ghotki Muhammad Anwar Khetran said in a crowded press conference at his of-



martyrdom of five police officers in Ghotki district, was arrested by the police after an encounter in Rawanti. He was involved in the incident, the Sindh government was recommended to set a price of Rs. Sana Ullah Shar alias Sanu Shar

## Police recover over 6 kg hashish from 7 suspects

HYDERABAD (APP): The Hyderabad police arrested seven suspected drug peddlers in separate raids and recovered around 6.5 kilograms of hashish from their possession.

The police spokesman informed here on Sunday that the city police apprehended Shahbaz Tanoli in a raid near the Gol Building area and recovered 1.57 kg of hashish from his possession.

## IPP will take practical steps for public welfare: Firdous

SIALKOT (APP): Former Federal Minister and Istehkam-e-Pakistan Party (IPP) leader Dr. Firdous Ashiq Awan has said Allama Iqbal's Shaheen has taken flight from Sialkot with the message of practical public development and prosperity.

Addressing a consultative meeting with political associates at her Dera Kubey Chak, she said that her party was ready for general elections and it would enter the field with full preparation and the symbol of Shaheen.

"Our party will make only those promises that

can be fulfilled. The Istehkam-e-Pakistan Party (IPP) will ensure the minimum wage of Rs. 50,000 per month; We will provide free solar systems to farmers of 12.5 acres of land for tube wells, while the government will pay the electricity bill of up to 300 units of citizens," she added.

Firdous Ashiq Awan said that the country could be made prosperous by making farmers prosperous. "Similarly, the youth is our tomorrow; we will provide interest-free loans to the educated youth for their business and empower women economically."

## JUI-F to kick-start election campaign from Murree

RAWALPINDI (INP): Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam-Fazl (JUI-F) has decided to kick off its election campaign next week as the party has planned to hold its first election rally in Murree.

According to JUI-F spokesperson, Maulana Fazl-ur-Rehman will address the party's first general election 2024 gathering in Murree.

The development came after the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) notified general elections on February 8, 2024. The electoral watchdog issued a notification of the date of the general election under Section 57 of the Election Act.

## Banks to remain closed on Allama Iqbal Day

KARACHI (INP): The State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) has officially declared a bank holiday on November 9, 2023, to commemorate Allama Iqbal Day. This decision has been taken in accordance with the earlier announcement made by the Government of Pakistan.

In a circular released by the State Bank of Pakistan, it was stated, "The State Bank of Pakistan will be closed on Thursday, November 9, 2023, in observance of the public holiday marking Allama Iqbal Day, as per the Government's directive."

## Mafia involved in snatching cell phones, valuable would not be tolerated: LUMHS management

HYDERABAD (APP): This is for the information of media in particular and public in general that the administration of the Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS) is not going to tolerate any mafia involved in incidents of snatching cell phones and valuable assets of students within the campus, including extortion of money from the private transporters operating inside the campus, as ultimately the burden of that extra amount is being charged by the students residing in hostels.

Keeping in view such complaints received from the female students, the said mafia residing as illegal occupants in the residential

colony has been identified by the Administration and FIR has been registered against the culprits at the concerned police station a couple of days ago, said the management of the University in a statement issued here Sunday.

To secure the safety and well being of a large number of national and international students, especially the female students, the University authorities are not going to compromise at any cost, and such culprits shall be dealt with zero tolerance.

Such mafia is trying to defame this Institution on social media to obtain their personal beneficial goals and with the intention to blackmail the authorities.

## Supplementary election for General Councillor ends

NAWABSHAH (APP): The supplementary election for the General Councillor seat of Ward No. 8 of Town Committee Daur Tehsil Daur in District Shaheed Benazirabad concluded at 5 p.m.

The District Election Commissioner and District Returning Officer SBA Muhammad Yousuf Majeedano, Regional Election Commissioner Muhammad Yousuf Siddiqui, Deputy Commissioner Zahid Hussain Rind, and SSP Capt @, Haider Raza visited the polling station and watched the security and other arrangements and also inspected the election process.

## Kundi urged party workers to gear up election preparations

DERA ISMAIL KHAN (APP): Pakistan People's Party (PPP) central Information Secretary Faisal Karim Kundi said that the PPP would actively participate in the upcoming general elections.

Talking to media in DI Khan, he said, "Our party is fully prepared for the next general elections and urged his party workers to gear up for election preparations." He said his party would start holding political activities and would reach out to the voters.

Kundi said that the PPP would emerge victorious in the next election.

Kundi said, "We want all the political parties to agree on the Charter of Democracy for transparent

elections and stable democratic system in the country."

He added that political forces should unite and work for the supremacy of the Parliament and the Constitution.

He maintained that the PPP always demands free and fair elections on time in the country and his party considers transparent elections quite vital for the political and economic stability of the country.

He also lauded the decision of ECP to hold the elections and termed the decision as a solution to the country's problems.

He hoped that the doubts should be ended now after the announcement of elections.



KARACHI: People facing difficulties at Shafiq Moor due to delays in developing work.

## Experts recommended industrial waste water purification to resolve scarcity

HYDERABAD (APP): Mehran University of Engineering and Technology Jamshoro has organized a seminar focused on the latest research findings concerning water issues here at the water research center of the university. In which the public was informed about the results of the research projects initiated with the grant of the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan.

According to a press release issued on Sunday, representatives from various departments, including the textile industry, food industry, Sindh Agriculture Department, Sindh Environmental Protection Agency, Sindh University, and Mehran University Jamshoro, actively participated in the event. The attendees comprised research experts, young scholars, and students of environmental studies.

Prof. Dr. Rasool Bux Mehar, Prof. Dr. Kamran Ansari, and Dr. Tanveer

Gadahi shared comprehensive insights about three research projects during the seminar. Speaking to researchers and the media on this occasion, Dr. Tanveer has said that most of the water used in Pakistan's industries was wasted as waste and contamination. Mehran University's research has developed technology capable of purifying the polluted water discharged from textile and chemical industries. The seminar also explained how to run this technology through the heat released from generators, turbines, and boilers.

Another project described the process of making biogas or fertilizer by mixing waste water from various industries with manure.

In this context, detailed information was given about the methods of scientific research conducted by Mehran University and the results obtained from them.



KARACHI: Workers of political parties stands outside a polling station after polls closed during local government by-election for Chairman and vice Chairman, in Provincial Capital.