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## PPP to address unemployment, price hike: Bilawal

MARDAN (APP): Chairman, of the Pakistan People's Party, Bilawal Bhutto Zardari here Friday said the welfare of the people was the cornerstone of the PPP election manifesto and his party would address all problems including unemployment, inflation and price-hike after coming into power in the general election.

He said that former President Asif Ali Zardari has restored the 1973 Constitution in its original form and granted identity to the people of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa through a constitutional amendment. He said the PPP Government had restored peace in Swat and resettled all TDPs in a record short time. Bilawal Bhutto said that the PPP was the only party that had strong roots in the masses and would form the next Government in KP.

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leaders of opposition parties, who were tested before on several occasions could not address the country's issues.

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RAWALPINDI: Chief of Army Staff (COAS), General Syed Asim Munir, NI (M), addressing the leading Islamic Scholars (Ulema o Mashaikh) of all schools of thought, interacted at GHQ.

## COAS signifies role of Ulema in harnessing youth towards understanding of Quran and Sunnah

Says no space for intolerance, extreme behaviour against anyone

RAWALPINDI (APP): Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Syed Asim Munir on Friday said there was no space for intolerance and extreme behaviour by against anyone, particularly against minorities and vulnerable segments of the society.

He made these remarks in an interaction with

leading Islamic scholars (Ulema and Mashaikh) of all schools of thought here at the General Headquarters, an Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) news release said.

The Ulema and Mashaikh unanimously condemned extremism, terrorism and sectarianism, and pledged their continued

support for the untiring efforts being made by the State and security forces for bringing tolerance, peace and stability in the country. They underscored that "Islam is a religion of peace and harmony, and its any skewed and distorted interpretations by certain entities is for their vested interests only and has nothing to do with Islamic teachings".

The COAS, while lauding the 'Paigham-e-Pakistan' decree by religious scholars to nullify misleading propaganda disseminated by extremists and terrorists, called upon the Ulema and Mashaikh for its propagation and implementation in letter and spirit, and shun internal schisms.

## President Alvi sympathizes with families of martyred Pakistan Army soldiers

ISLAMABAD (INP): President Dr Arif Alvi on Friday telephoned the families of soldiers of Pakistan Army martyred in various terrorist incidents and expressed sympathies with them.

According to details, the President interacted with the family members of the soldiers martyred in the attacks that took place on November 6, and October 18 and 29 respectively in different parts of the country.

On behalf of entire nation, he paid tributes to the martyrs who sacrificed their lives for the country.

"The whole nation owes to the families of the martyrs for sacrificing their dear ones for the homeland,"

he remarked. President Alvi phoned the family of Lt Col Muhammad Hassan Haider, who was martyred in an attack in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on November 6.

He talked to the families of Naik Khushdil Khan, Lance Naik Abdul Qadeer Khan and Rafeeq Khan.

The president also telephoned the family members of Naib Subedar Asif Imran and Sepoy Irfan Ali, who embraced martyrdom in Awaran district of Balochistan on October 29.

He also spoke to the family members of Sepoy Farman Ali, who sacrificed his life in an attack on October 18 in South Waziristan.



ISLAMABAD: A delegation of Gwadar Shipping Clearing Agents calls on Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar.

## Pak-China joint naval drill SEA GUARDIAN-2023 ends

KARACHI (APP): The closing ceremony of bilateral exercise Sea Guardian-2023 between the Pakistan Navy and the Peoples Liberation Army (Navy) of China was held at the Pakistan Navy Dockyard on Friday.

The exercise was conducted at Karachi and North Arabian Sea, in which six Chinese Navy units, including Destroyer, Frigates, Submarine, Oil Tanker and Rescue Ship along with a detachment of marines participated, a Pakistan Navy news release said.

The exercise included a wide range of operational manoeuvres encompassing major facets of Anti-Surface, Anti-Air, Mine Warfare and Special Operations in simulated multi-threat environment to provide optimum training value.

The aim of exercise was to further enhance maritime cooperation and defence relations through mutual exchange of maritime experience and interoperability between the two navies.

Concurrent to the Chinese PLA (Navy) ships' visit, Commander Qingdao Naval Base Rear Admiral Liang Yang also visited Pakistan. Besides attending the closing ceremony, the Flag Officer called on Commander Coast, Commander Pakistan Fleet and other senior PN officials. During interaction matters of bilateral naval collaboration and regional maritime security were discussed.

Exercise Sea Guardian - 23 proved mutually rewarding to hone professional skills of the two navies and a forum to learn from each other's experiences.

## Pakistan pushes for more effective UNSC, focusing on its failure to end Israel's war against Gaza

UNITED NATIONS (APP): Highlighting UN Security Council's failure to stop Palestinian's "slaughter" in the Israeli-blockaded Gaza Strip, Pakistan has underscored the need to make the 15-member body more representative, transparent and accountable to ensure world peace and security.

"For more than a month now, a brutal war has raged in Gaza, with blatant war crimes and genocide being perpetrated by Israel against innocent Palestinian women and children," Ambassador Munir Akram said in the UN General Assembly's debate on how to reform the Security Council, pointing out that inability of its permanent members to agree on decisive action is the primary reason for frequent failures to respond effectively to conflicts.

In this regard, the Pakistani envoy said that adding new permanent members in an enlarged Council would statistically multiply the prospects of its paralysis.

"The problem cannot be the solution," Ambassador Akram said. The Italy-Pakistan-led Uniting for Consensus (UIC) group, he added, remains "staunchly opposed" to any proposals for the creation of additional permanent seats in the Security Council. "Any country seeking a more frequent presence on the Security Council should do so by subjecting itself to the democratic process of periodic election by the General Assembly," the Pakistani envoy said. The Intergovernmental Negotiations (IGN) on Security Council reform, which began in February 2009 have remained stalled. The IGN process deals with five key areas—the categories of membership, the question of veto, regional representation, size of an enlarged Security Council, and working methods of the council and its relationship with the General Assembly.



MARDAN: Chairman Pakistan People's Party Bilawal Bhutto Zardari addressing to workers convention, in City.

## Sindh Govt demands share in Hajj mission deployment

KARACHI (INP): Caretaker Sindh Minister for Law and Religious Affairs Umar Soomro has written a protest letter to the Federal Ministry of Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony, urging it to include Sindh government employees in the deployment for Hajj mission services to Makkah and Madinah.

According to media reports, Soomro highlighted the discrepancy in the deployment process, emphasizing that under the Ministry of Religious Affairs scheme for welfare staff, provinces possess the authority to appoint administrative affairs for the Hajj mission. Despite the allocation of provincial quotas, the implementation appears to be lacking, as provinces are reportedly denied a share in the deployment of government employees to Saudi Arabia for the Federal Hajj Mission.

The letter pointed out that, according to the existing Hajj policy, over 300 federal employees are dispatched annually to Makkah and Madinah during the obligatory Hajj.

However, the caretaker provincial minister lamented that not a single employee from Sindh has been called upon by the federal government to serve the pilgrims. Anticipating a higher number of pilgrims for the upcoming year 2024, the minister stressed the need for an increased workforce for the Hajj mission.



ISLAMABAD: The Caretaker Minister for Planning Development & Special Initiatives, Muhammad Sami Saeed chairs the 32nd meeting of the Board of Directors of the Public Private Partnership Authority (P3A) at (P3A) Office.

## Pakistan, Russia agree to collaborate on counter-terrorism

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan and Russia have agreed to strengthen collaborative efforts to effectively combat terrorism, underscoring the mutual benefits of such cooperation, the Foreign Office said on Friday. The two sides discussed various forms of radicalization, the spread of terrorist ideologies, and the misuse of information and communication technologies for terrorist purposes, as stated by the FO in a press release.

Syed Haider Shah, Additional Foreign Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Pakistan, and Sergey Vershinin, Deputy

Foreign Minister of the Russian Federation co-chaired the 10th meeting of the Pakistan-Russia Joint Working Group on 'Combating International Terrorism and Other Challenges to Security' held here on Thursday.

The two sides resolved to work together in combating the financing of terrorism and in other key areas of counter-terrorism. The meeting reaffirmed the commitment of both Pakistan and Russia to continue their cooperation in the fight against terrorism. The sides recognized the importance of their partnership in maintaining regional and global security.

## PM lauds govt officials as Rs 46 b recovered under anti-power theft drive

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Friday appreciated the efforts of all government officials as Rs 46 billion has so far been recovered under the anti-power theft drive.

The prime minister, in a post on X, wrote that the Power Division and the Ministry of Energy through the 53 days long anti-power theft campaign had recovered Rs 46 billion.

"We appreciate the efforts of all those government officials who worked day and night for this national cause," he remarked.

## EC decides to issue election schedule in first week of December

ISLAMABAD (Online): Election Commission (EC) has decided to issue election schedule in the first week of December.

The DROs and ROs are likely to be appointed by the end of this month. However the lists for taking DROs and ROs for judiciary have not been received so far from registrar.

According to E C sources the service record of administrative officers has been reviewed.

## Malaysian private airline begins operation in Karachi

KARACHI (Online): Malaysia's private airline has started flight operations to Karachi.

The first flight in this regard will reach Karachi tomorrow.

Batik Airline's first flight to Karachi will arrive tomorrow at 7:30 pm from Kuala Lumpur, the capital of Malaysia.

On this occasion, the aircraft will be given a water salute.

The Malaysian Consul General and civil aviation officers will welcome the passengers on the first flight of Batik Airlines.

## CJP reconstitutes NJAC to improve efficiency of judiciary

ISLAMABAD (INP): Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP), Mr. Justice Qazi Faiz Esa has reconstituted the National Judicial Automation Committee (NJAC) to improve the efficiency of the judiciary in Pakistan.

The Committee will be led by Mr. Justice Mansoor Ali Shah, a judge of the Supreme Court of Pakistan, and Mr. Justice Muhammad Ali Mazhar, another judge of the Su-

preme Court of Pakistan, will also be a member. Judges from the High Courts and the Federal Shariat Court will also be part of the committee.

The National Judicial Automation Committee (NJAC) will work towards the digitalization of the court's processes and records, introduce mobile applications for better access to justice and improve case management. The Committee aims to auto-

mate and integrate the judiciary and also introduce Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the legal processes and research. It will prepare a national plan based on technology and AI to improve the efficiency of service delivery of the judiciary.

Justice Mansoor Shah believes that the justice sector in Pakistan should take advantage of the new developments in technology.



KARACHI: Group photo of Pakistan and Chinese Navy senior officials after Closing Ceremony of bilateral exercise Sea Guardian-2023.

## Relationship with Pak is economic, not security, US Ambassador

ISLAMABAD (Online): US Ambassador to Pakistan Donald Bloom said that Pakistan-US relations have gone beyond security and are now focused on economic stability.

He expressed his views in a meeting with delegation from United States (US).

In 76 years, security has been the main focus of

the relationship between Pakistan and United States.

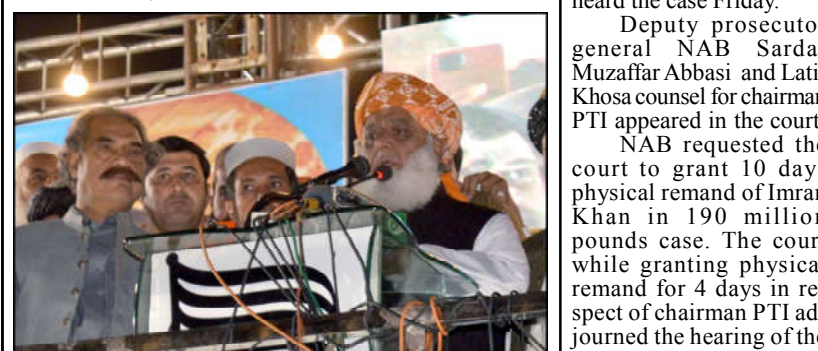
US Ambassador said during a meeting with New York's Deputy Speaker Phil Ramos and delegation of American Pakistani Public Affairs Committee in Islamabad that these relations are now focused on economic stability of Pakistan.

## JUI chief for collective efforts to form new future for country

PESHAWAR (APP): Chief of Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam, Moulana Fazl-ur-Rehman Friday said that the motherland was created by countless sacrifices of our forefathers and we should work collectively to give it a new future and identity in Islamic countries.

Addressing a public gathering in Wazir Bagh to welcome new entrants, he said that our country was carved

out by the sacrifices of our elders and we should work for its progress and prosperity. He said that the country was facing numerous problems including financial disorder, adding all the mess was the result of a conspiracy and ill planning of previous rulers. He said that institutions are being targeted for their efforts to bring improvements and added that countries that were behind were now far ahead.



PESHAWAR: Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (JUI-F) Chief, Maulana Fazal-ur-Rehman addresses during public gathering meeting held at Wazirabad in Peshawar.

## British Army Chief arrives in Pakistan on three days visit

ISLAMABAD (Online): British Chief of General Staff General Sir Patrick Sanders has arrived in Islamabad on a three-day visit.

It has been said in a statement issued by British high commission General Sir Patrick Sanders will meet army chief of Pakistan General Asim Munir.

He will watch match between polio teams of Pakistan and UK in Lahore.

## Court grants physical remand of Imran Khan for 4 days

ISLAMABAD (Online): Islamabad has granted physical remand of chairman PTI Imran Khan for four days besides extending interim bail of Bushra Bibi till November 21 in 190 million pounds scandal case. The hearing of the case was held in Adiala jail. Judge Muhammad Bashir heard the case Friday.

Deputy prosecutor general NAB Sardar Muzaffar Abbasi and Latif Khosa counsel for chairman PTI appeared in the court.

NAB requested the court to grant 10 days physical remand of Imran Khan in 190 million pounds case. The court while granting physical remand for 4 days in respect of chairman PTI adjourned the hearing of the case till November 21. The court extended interim bail of Bushra Bibi till November 21.



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### Decision of one document regime

Finally, Pakistan has started implementing single document regime i.e., passport at the international border with Afghanistan. What's important to mention is that the implementation of one document regime at the international border for across the border movement has been started despite lot of pressure exerted on the government by certain groups from within the country. In this regard, protest is also being lodged by different politico-nationalist groups and parties in the border town Chaman.

Still, the government remained firm and stick to its decision about enforcement of the single document regime that was taken at the Apex Committee chaired by the prime minister last month. As far as the facilitation of the people especially the Afghan immigrants proceeding for their homeland or the across the movement, the passport offices have been made fully functional in the two border districts of Balochistan including Killa Abdullah and Chaman.

This was mentioned by the caretaker Provincial Minister for Information, Jan Achakzai at a presser couple of days back and added that over 1000 tokens had been issued for passports under the new single document regime at the Chaman Passport Office, and approximately 200 of them delivered to the applicants.

Similarly, Kila Abdullah Passport Office is also issuing passports to the local people and around 150 passports were issued from there too. Jan Achakzai said despite all pressure the government ensured the implementation of one document regime. He expressed the government's resolve that no one would be allowed to cross the border of Pakistan without fulfilling international formalities for entering any country.

Undoubtedly, the credit for implementation of the single document regime went to Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar, Chief of Army Staff General Asim Munir and Caretaker Balochistan Chief Minister Ali Mardan Domki, as mentioned by Jan Achakzai at the presser.

Now it is crystal clear that Afghan illegal immigrants, who were being repatriated to the country, would be allowed to enter Pakistan after showing their passports. As per the decision, the cross-border movement between Pakistan and Afghanistan would be through legal procedures adopted internationally on borders.

While on the other hand, the process of repatriation of undocumented foreign immigrants is also continued uninterrupted.

Matter of fact remains that the government is continuing its zero-tolerance policy against the illegal immigrants, which speaks high about its firm commitment to deport all those staying in the country without valid legal documents including the Proof of Registration (POR) and Afghan Citizenship cards.



Zubeida Mustafa

Birthdays are heart-warming occasions for the newborn's family. But when this child's life journey spans over 100 years, the day becomes a landmark event, especially if this person has rendered yeoman's service to society. That is the case with Mrs Zubeida Dossal who celebrated her 100th birthday on Oct 15.

As is customary in Canada where Mrs Dossal has lived with her daughter Ismet since 2012, the 'birthday girl' received greeting cards from five high-ranking dignitaries, starting with the governor general. The governor general fulsomely acknowledged her contributions to wherever she lived. But the real testimony to the countless lives she has touched came in the form of crowds of her former students who flocked to her home to pay homage to their beloved teacher.

I feel privileged to have known her, for she was an inspiration given her succinct knowledge and versatile personality. Whenever we have met — in Karachi or in Canada — her unassuming demeanour and affectionate behaviour have overwhelmed me. She is also a 'fun person' entertaining her friends with her interesting conversation, her delightful Scrabble parties and the delicious eats she served.

I have conversed with her for hours on education and the books she has written for children that reflect her love for nature and the environment.

Born in Bombay in 1923, she received her school and college education there and then went on to teach in her alma mater. It was in 1952 that she migrated to Karachi to marry her childhood sweetheart, Ali Hus-sein Dossal. Since teaching has been her passion, she remained in the profession, teaching at the Marie Colaco and the SMB Fatima Jinnah schools to move on to become the founder principal of the Habib Girls' School in 1964 where she made her mark.

I was curious about her professional secrets that made Habib Girls' School one of the top-grade educational institutions in the city. That is how I came to contact Mrs Nargis Alavi, who was also the principal of the same school from 2005 to 2018. She describes Mrs Dossal as her 'mentor, guru and a good friend'. Mrs Alavi is herself an excellent educationist. She tells me that Mohammad Ali Habib, the scion of the Habib family, sent a message to Mrs Dossal inviting her to help him establish a school for girls. She turned down the offer, saying she would not like to work for a seth's school. Friends persuaded her to at least talk to Habib sahib. She finally accepted his offer on the condition that the owners would not interfere with the academics while she would stay off the finances. The arrangement worked. Thereafter, there was no looking back. She retired in 1987.

Mrs Dossal's first priority was the child, who received a lot of encouragement from her. That is why the system of recruiting teachers was so crucial to her. More than their qualifications what mattered to her were their values. She interviewed each teacher herself and judged her aptitude and temperament. The interview rather than the CV determined the fate of the teacher. Once recruited, the teachers adopted the school's values — mainly, respect for all members of the school, whether a child or an adult, a guard or a teacher. To ensure that this rule was observed she instituted a strong support system for the staff so that they could work well, without stress affecting their performance. Similarly, she engaged regularly with the parents to smooth the way for the students.

Her firm belief in equity (not equality) for all human beings ensured that no one's dignity was hurt. Thus the children of the lower staff were also admitted and treated at par with the offspring of the rich. She would explain that in this way the children who had failed to pick up cultured mannerisms at home learnt elegant behaviour at school from their better-endowed classmates. At the same time, the children of the affluent learnt to understand the hardship of their class fellows who were victims of poverty.

This is possible only if the rules that are drawn up are not cast in stone. They should serve as guidelines and should be flexible so that no principles are sacrificed.

Mrs Dossal was way ahead of her time. She did not allow any ranking of children as that has a negative impact on the child, especially those on the lower rung of the ladder. Besides, ranking encourages competitiveness that is destroying our society today. Class sizes and the number of sections were limited in order to ensure that the teachers recognised their students. She herself knew all the students in the school by name.

Small wonder she has such a vast following of former students ready to run errands for her. Mrs Alavi is right when she says that the dignitaries who sent her cards on Oct 15 themselves did not change so many lives personally as Mrs Dossal did. — Courtesy Dawn

### The other partition



Danyal Adam Khan

The Partition lives strong in public imagination. It triggered mass migrations; millions died and even more were displaced. Generations of South Asian writers have since revisited its horrors, allowing us, in so many small ways, to grieve for what was lost. What there is far less recognition for is the other partition; the one that took place along the western border of our country exactly 130 years ago this week.

The formation of the Durand Line was not nearly as violent, but it did formalise a boundary, which permanently split a group of people into two in order to create a buffer zone between the British and Russians. Like most things irredeemably wrecked by imperial interference, the Durand Line was a colonial quagmire inherited by modern-day Pakistan and Afghanistan. And its anniversary could not have come at a more grievous time for relations between the two countries.

This kneejerk policy of expulsion has been adopted by a caretaker setup that lacks the mandate for decisions of such consequence. Afghan refugees have been asked to pack up entire lifetimes in a matter of days as the state resorts to seemingly deliberate obfuscation on who is to be expelled and who is deemed legal. A door-to-door witch hunt has ensued against all Afghans being rounded up like cattle, herded into holding centres and pushed across a border — the other side of which some of them have never even seen.

Public opinion, meanwhile, has been rife with hate. The levels of empathy and nuance extended to conflicts far away disappear when the bigotry is closer to home. Some attribute it to security, others to the economy. 'Pakistan is for Pakistanis,' say the people most furious about Western countries exhibiting xenophobia. More gratitude is demanded of Afghans, with no thought given to why their country has since rendered unlivable in the first place.

We would like to think of our hospitality, not of discriminatory state policies or awkward truths such as the fact that the third generation of a family born in Pakistan is still foreign. For every Afghan who has prospered (and why should they not?), there are countless others living in squalid conditions as permanent residents of refugee camps. Sending them to an uncertain future with the Taliban does not reduce our economic burden, only our moral standing.

But what happens when Afghans are indistinguishable from us? It enables the state to, once again, extend xenophobia towards unprivileged Pakhtuns. They will be harassed, intimidated, and forced to carry documentation for fear of deportation — all with legal cover and carried out in our collective name. What happens when the state treats a certain segment of Pakhtuns as the 'other', but does not appreciate expressions of solidarity with their Afghan counterparts over the mutual devastation they have endured for decades? For the past few years, we have been too sensitive about expressions of unity; they are often seen as something more, something treasonous. Any cross-border display of familiarity or critique of our own policies seems to trigger a deep-rooted insecurity.

This is precisely why questions of language and identity cut to the heart of state formation. Can the Pakistani state only exist in negation of all other identities? Or is it possible for Pakhtuns to share a nationality with other Pakistanis and with other Afghans? Is there a mutually exclusive hierarchy of identities?

The 130th anniversary of the Durand Line is an apt moment to introspect on all these questions. The answers may very well be the missing pieces in Pakistan's existential puzzle. Acknowledging this country's reality of being a state comprising a few nationalities sets us at ease. It reminds us that the imposition of a homogenous identity on one of the most diverse populations in the world has already cost us half the country.

Expressions of empathy and shared culture and heritage between people on both sides of the border bring us closer. But blanket denial of the existence of these sentiments with threats of sedition charges only makes them resurface with a vengeance. Targeting the most vulnerable segments of society deepens wounds, whereas recognition of the impacts of this other partition will pave the way for a healing process necessary to establish lasting peace.

To achieve such a reconciliation, we must seek comfort in our discord. When a country contains multitudes, it is impossible to segregate the populace into black and white. Such a move is entirely antagonistic to its own parts. Therefore, when things don't fall into neatly packaged categories, all rage against the grey is futile. — Courtesy Dawn

## Commerce News

### ADB to help strengthen power transmission in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD (APP): Lahore city in Punjab by replacing old transmission lines." "Reliable power supply is essential to deliver reliable electricity in Pakistan by expanding and improving the power transmission network in Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) province. "ADB's Power Transmission Strengthening Project will help reinforce the stability of the national grid by increasing its transmission capacity," according to ADB press statement received here Friday.

The project will expand the high-voltage transmission network to close 500 kilovolt (kV) and 220 kV transmission lines loops and reduce transmission losses in



MULTAN: Women workers sorting potatoes at Vegetable Market.

### JazzCash, Fatima Gobi Ventures team join hands to boost startups in Pak

ISLAMABAD (APP): JazzCash, Pakistan's leading Fin-Tech platform, and Pakistan's most active venture capital (VC) company, Fatima Gobi Ventures (FGV) has announced a strategic partnership that is poised to have a massive impact on advancing the growth of start-ups and budding businesses in the country. Formerly known as MobiCash, JazzCash is a mobile wallet, mobile

payments, and branch-less banking services provider. As of October 2023, the firm has a market share of 54% said a news release. FGV combines Fatima Group's on-the-ground knowledge of Pakistan's entrepreneurial ecosystem and Asia-focused VC firm, Gobi Partners' 21 years of success in building sustainable and community- uplifting companies across Asia.

capacity to deploy sufficient, reliable, clean, and cost-effective energy. Improving the management of the national transmission system of Pakistan is another key objective.

Aside from strengthening power transmission, ADB's project will also enhance the project and financial management of NTDC, as well as its capacity to incorporate climate resilience in planning and operations. "To promote gender equality and women's involvement in the energy sector, ADB will develop guidelines for mentorships, conduct awareness campaigns, establish childcare centers, and provide technical training to female staff in the NTDC."

### Rupee gains 88 paisa against Dollar

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistani Rupee on Friday gained 88 paisa against US Dollar in the interbank trading and closed at Rs 286.49 against the previous day's closing at Rs 287.37.

However, according to the Forex Association of Pakistan (FAP), the buying and selling rates of the Dollar in the open market stood at Rs 287.3 and Rs 290.2 respectively.

The price of the Euro decreased by Rs 1.36 to close at Rs 310.24 against the last day's closing of Rs 311.60, according to the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP).

The Japanese Yen went up by 01 paisa to close at Rs 1.90; whereas a decrease of Rs 1.11 was witnessed in the exchange rate of the British Pound, which traded at Rs 354.79 as compared to the last closing of Rs 355.90.

The exchange rates of the Emirates Dirham and the Saudi Riyal came down by 24 and 23 paisa to close at Rs 78 and Rs 76.39 respectively.



ISLAMABAD: Chairperson NCSW Ms. Nilofar Bakhtiar chairing planning meeting on National Women Trade Fair.

### Planning Minister chairs BoD meeting of P3A

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Muhammad Sami Saheed here on Friday chaired the 32<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Board of Directors of the Public-Private Partnership Authority (P3A).

The meeting was attended by Deputy Chairman Planning Commission, Dr Mohammad Jehanzeb Khan, Secretary Ministry of Planning Awais Manzoor Sumra, Additional Secretary Finance Division, Amjad Mahmood and private members of the board.

The meeting agenda, meticulously curated to address crucial matters

### China to become world's largest automobile exporter in 2023

ISLAMABAD (APP): China is certain to become the world's largest automobile exporter this year, as its auto exports in the first 10 months hit 3.9 million units, an official with the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade said. Wang Xia, head of the Council's automotive sub-council, made the remarks at the 21<sup>st</sup> Guangzhou International Automobile Exhibition that opened on Friday. China's automobile industry has taken a solid step toward internationalization, despite

concerning sustainable Public-Private Partnership (PPP) initiatives, was deliberated upon with precision and dedication.

The discussions encompassed a wide range of topics, reflecting the comprehensive approach adopted by the P3A in fostering collaboration between the public and private sectors for national development.

Key discussions centered on fortifying the sustainable PPP regime for driving economic growth.

The board further focused on refining project preparation, appraisal, and development guidelines to align with international standards, emphasizing transparency and efficiency.

The Environmental and Social Management Systems were highlighted as integral to PPP projects for upholding sustainability and social responsibility. A thorough examination of qualified project criteria and regulations was aimed to enhance project selection processes.

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### PSX witnesses bearish trend, loses 333 points

ISLAMABAD (APP): The 100-index of Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) witnessed bearish trend on Friday, losing 333.87 points, a negative change of 0.58 percent, closing at 57,063.16 points against 57,397.03 points the previous trading day.

A total of 901,596,869 shares valuing Rs28,861 billion were traded during the day as compared to 1,056,714,813 shares valuing Rs28.861 billion the previous day. As many as 377 companies transacted their shares in the stock market; 189 of them recorded gains.

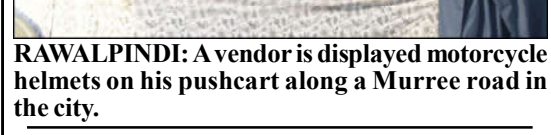
### BOI emphasis on Special Economic Zones to enhance FDI

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Board of Investment (BOI) on Friday said that Special emphasis was placed on the Special Economic Zones (SEZs) in Pakistan, with 27 zones currently notified to enhance the foreign direct investment in the country.

These zones offer lucrative incentives, including one-time customs duties exemption on the import of Capital Goods and a 10-year Income Tax exemption, making them attractive for both Zone enterprises and Zone Developers, the senior official of BOI told APP here.

In addition to these initiatives, the BOI has conducted Comprehensive Sector Studies of Priority Sectors such as Food Processing, Automotive, IT, Textiles, Logistics, and Housing and Construction. These studies provide valuable insights into opportunities, policies, and incentives offered by the Government of Pakistan, encouraging companies to explore investment prospects in these sectors, he said.

The BOI has also established an online database featuring 120+ projects, enabling international investors to target investment areas and projects. To foster international relations, Honorary Investment Counselors (HICs) have been appointed in different countries, aiming to encourage foreign investors to invest in Pakistan, he said.



RAWALPINDI: A vendor is displayed motorcycle helmets on his pushcart along a Murree road in the city.

### Governor SBP unveils 5 year strategic plan 'SBP Vision 2028'

#### Independent Report

KARACHI: Governor State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) Jameel Ahmad, Friday, launched the central bank's 5-year strategic plan, SBP Vision 2028, that consisted vision, mission, and key goals of the banking regulator to be pursued over the next five years from 2023 to 2028.

SBP Vision 2028 was launched in a ceremony held here at SBP Karachi, said a statement issued here adding that the strategic plan has been developed through a consultative and inclusive

process with key stakeholders.

It is the first plan after revision in the SBP Act last year and thus takes into account the significantly enhanced mandate, autonomy, and accountability introduced through the changes in the Act.

The Governor SBP, speaking on the occasion, highlighted that SBP Vision 2028 represents SBP's commitment to foster price and financial stability and to contribute to the sustainable economic development of the country.



## Sufferings of Palestinians heart-wrenching: Governor

**Independent Report**  
LAHORE: Country Head of Norwegian Church Aid (NCA) Ann Masterson, called on Governor Punjab Muhammad Balighur Rehman at Governor House Lahore here. Executive Director of a non governmental organization, Sabiha, working for the empowerment of youth, was also present on this occasion. During the meeting, the country head of (NCA) Ann Masterson told the Punjab Governor about humanitarian assistance to people in different parts of the world, especially in Palestine. Anne Masterson, Country Head of Norwegian Church Aid

(NCA) said that her organization is working to provide medical aid to the wounded and shelter to the displaced people in Palestine. Speaking on this occasion, Punjab Governor Muhammad Balighur Rehman said that the sufferings of Palestinians, especially innocent children in Palestine, are heart-wrenching. He said that service to humanity is a noble spirit, and the way NCA is serving the suffering humanity in Palestine is admirable. He also appreciated Norwegian Church Aid's services for women empowerment, protection of minority rights, and

poverty alleviation. Meanwhile, Governor Punjab Muhammad Balighur Rahman dispatched a truck of relief goods under the auspices of Quaid-e-Azam Trust (UK) to the flood-affected people in suburban areas of Bahawalpur Division at Governor House Lahore. Blankets and water Proof tents were included in the relief goods for the flood affected. Chairman of Quaid-e-Azam Trust (UK) Raja Muhammad Ishtiaq, members of the trust, Raja Arsalan, Rana Bakhtiar Ali, Sameer Ahmed and Chaudhry Iftikhar Ahmed were also present on this occasion.



**PESHAWAR: Governor KP Haji Ghulam Ali and VC SBBWU Prof. Dr. Safia Ahmed in a group photo with other officials after meeting here at Governor House.**

## Governor urges students to enter research based education, emerging tech

**PESHAWAR (APP):** Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Haji Ghulam Ali here Friday urged women to venture into emerging fields of new technologies and said that it would help enable our young generation to meet the challenges of existing scenarios. He was talking to faculty members of Shaheed Banzair Bhutto Women's University (SBBWU) and organizers of the Women Literary Festival here at Governor House. Vice Chancellor SBBWU, Dr Safia Ahmad and Organizer Women Literary Festival, Dr Hamida was also present. The governor congratulated faculty

members for holding the festival and underscored the need to provide opportunities of co-curricular activities to students. The governor stresses upon faculty members to divert the attention of students towards research and innovation to improve their capabilities. He said that students should be more practical in their lives and focus their energies on achieving their goals and life objectives. Highlighting the significance of education, he said that the promotion of education is necessary to reduce social differences in society and to lead the country on the course of progress and development.



**KARACHI: Police personnel knock at the door of Afghan refugees during a search operation to identify alleged illegal immigrants, on the outskirts of Karachi.**

## CCPO orders swift action on pending cases

**LAHORE (APP):** Capital City Police Officer (CCPO) Lahore Bilal Siddique Kamyana chaired a meeting of the Investigation Wing's top officers at his office on Friday. A comprehensive review of performance was held, focusing on pending road certificates, ongoing investigations, and elusive suspects. The CCPO expressed strong disapproval of sub-divisional police officers over their failure to submit pending road certificates, instructing them to enhance their performance and promptly resolve these matters. Directives were issued to the officers concerned to apprehend thieves, bandits, proclaimed offenders, and drug dealers, emphasizing the need for improved recovery. The CCPO stressed the urgency of addressing cases that have been pending for over a month and tightening the grip on individuals engaged in electricity theft.

Bilal Siddique Kamyana underscored the importance of avoiding wrongful arrests and urged immediate action against guilty parties to ensure their swift apprehension. The case of death of 6 persons in Lahore had resorted to LHC. The petitioner had made care taker chief minister Punjab and CCPO Lahore respondents in the petition. The accused challenged the inclusion of murder clause in the case in LHC. The accused Afnan took the plea he has no personal enmity with the victims and including murder clauses is violation of human rights. The accused is underage, therefore imposing murder clauses is illegal.

## CM orders crackdown on underage drivers

**Independent Report**  
LAHORE: Punjab Caretaker Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi has issued a directive to launch a crackdown on underage drivers operating vehicles and motorcycles without a licence throughout Punjab. Emphasising the need for swift action, he said that measures should be taken against such drivers to resolve the issue once and for all. The Inspector General of Police, CCPO Lahore, and all RPOs were given explicit instructions by CM Mohsin Naqvi to carry out the crackdown. He specified that vehicles and motorcycles driven by underage drivers should be intercepted, with a daily report of actions taken to be submitted from all regions, including Lahore. Naqvi underscored the inherent dangers posed by young drivers not only to themselves but also to others on the road. He appealed to parents, urging them not to allow young children to drive vehicles or motorcycles.

## Hearing of cipher case in Adiala jail adjourned till Nov 21

**RAWALPINDI (Online):** The hearing of cipher case in Adiala jail has been adjourned till November 21 without proceedings. The hearing of cipher case against PTI chairman Imran Khan and former foreign minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi was adjourned in the light of stay order issued by Islamabad High Court (IHC). Judge Abul Hasnani of Special court established under official secret act heard the missing cipher case against chairman PTI and Shah Mehmood Qureshi in Adiala jail Friday.



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## LHC orders to arrest those driving vehicles without license

**LAHORE (Online):** Lahore High Court (LHC) has ordered to arrest those driving vehicles without license. "Petition against inclusion of murder clauses in the incident of death of 6 persons came up for hearing in LHC Friday. Chief Traffic Officer and Senior Superintendent Police (SSP) Operations appeared in the court. Additional Advocate General Punjab Ghulam Sarwar also appeared in the court on behalf of the Punjab government. The underage accused Afnan who is nominated in

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## Latif Khosa says: If you want to make Nawaz king and remove Imran then script will be worked out

**LAHORE (Online):** Senior Lawyer Latif Khosa said that if you want to make Nawaz Sharif king and expel Chairman PTI then script will continue to be worked out. We have not learned from history. We should learn. While talking to media outside Islamabad High Court, Latif Khosa said that we expect justice from court. Constitution should be followed. People should be given fundamental rights. He said that statement of Alimah Khan can be explained by her. I have no interest. When chaos is created in our country then there is an external intervention. Look at whole Islamic world, same things happened in them. Chaos was created in Libya, Afghanistan, Egypt and Iraq and foreign in and foreign intervention destroyed the country. A jail trial is not a trial, it is secret.

## Caretaker CM visits BKMCH, Police Control Room

**SWABI (APP):** Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Caretaker Chief Minister, Justice (Retd), Syed Arshad Hussain Shah on Friday visited Bacha Khan Medical Complex Hospital (BKMCH), Shah Mansoor Swabi and Command and Control Room Swabi Police Station. Caretaker CM visited various sections of the hospital including the outpatient department, emergency, intensive care unit, laboratory and wards. He also met with patients and inquired about their problems and issues. He attended a briefing about the provision of facilities and ongoing development work in the hospital. He also directed hospital administration to further improve healthcare service delivery for enhanced facilitation of people.

## Detention order for 30 days issued in respect of Khadija

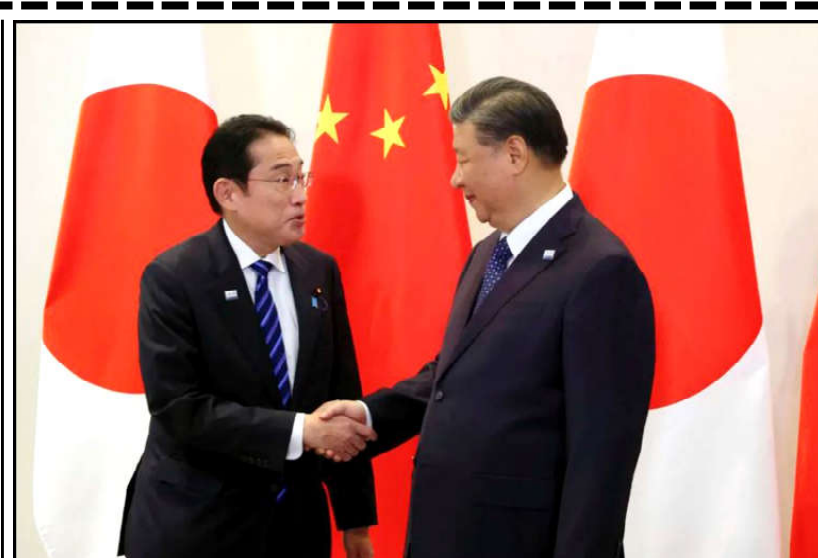
**LAHORE (Online):** Detention order for 30 days have been issued in respect of renowned fashion designer Khadija Shah. Khadija Shah was detained on the recommendation of SP Cantt and district intelligence branch. It has been said in detention notification Khadija Shah remained involved in violent activities on May 9.

# International News

## Israel resumes action at Shifa hospital despite lack of proof

**Monitoring Desk**  
GAZA: Fear grows for patients inside after Israel renewed its military operation at Gaza's largest hospital, targeting what it claimed was a Hamas command centre - hidden beneath thousands of patients, medics and displaced people - an allegation rejected by both Palestinian authorities and directors at the hospital. Israeli forces raided the Shifa medical complex "for the second time in 24 hours" using bulldozers and military vehicles, reported Wafa, the official Palestinian news agency. The Shehab news agency reported early on Thursday that Israeli tanks raided Al Shifa from the complex's southern side and that gunfire was heard in the area. The Israeli military, which had previously accused Hamas of building a network of tunnels under the hospital, made no mention of finding any tunnel entrances in Al Shifa. In addition, Human Rights Watch also noted on Thursday that Tel Aviv had shown no evidence thus far that would justify stripping Shifa hospital of its protected status. While US President Joe Biden said Hamas had

committed a war crime by housing "their headquarters, their military hidden under a hospital", he warned Israel to be "incredibly careful" of harming civilians during the operation. Israel's army claimed an initial raid in Al-Shifa had uncovered military equipment, weapons and what spokesman Daniel Hagari described as "an operational headquarters with comms equipment". A video narrated by another Israeli army spokesman showed rifles, ammunition and ammo magazines inside an area he identified as Al-Shifa's MRI scanner building.



**Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida and Chinese President Xi Jinping shake hands prior to their bilateral talk on the sidelines of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit, in San Francisco.**

## US and Philippines sign a nuclear cooperation pact allowing US investment and technologies

**Monitoring Desk**  
MANILA: The United States and the Philippines have signed a nuclear cooperation pact under which U.S. investment and technologies are to help the Southeast Asian nation transition to cleaner energy and bolster its power supply. Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. witnessed the signing of the deal by his energy secretary and U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken on Thursday on the sidelines of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation summit in San Francisco. "We see nuclear energy becoming a part of the Philippines' energy mix by 2032 and we are more than happy to pursue this path with the United States as one of our partners," Marcos said at the signing ceremony. He said the pact, known as a Section 123 agreement, would support the development of reliable, affordable and sustainable power in the Philippines. It will also open doors for U.S. companies to invest and participate in nuclear power projects, he said. Blinken said negotiations were completed within a year, the fastest for a Section 123 agreement, which is required under the U.S. Atomic Energy Act to allow the transfer of nuclear equipment and material for peaceful uses. He noted that the Philippines has set an ambitious target of cutting greenhouse gas emissions by 75% by 2030.



**Palestinians wounded in Israeli strikes lie on the floor at the Indonesian hospital after Al Shifa hospital went out of service.**

## Italy PM says deal with Albania on migrants could serve as blueprint

**Monitoring Desk**  
ZAGREB: A deal reached this month by Italy with Albania to build centres for migrants coming ashore by sea could serve as a blueprint for other EU countries, Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni said on Friday. "I think this can be an example that other countries may follow, particularly if it functions well," Meloni said through interpreter during a visit to Croatia. Earlier this month, Meloni and Albanian Prime Minister Edi Rama announced a new scheme for Italy to try to bring down migrant numbers by building two centres that would initially host some 3,000 people when they are due to open in spring 2024. The plan was immediately criticized by experts and human rights activists as being legally complicated and entailing lengthy procedures that could place unjustified burden of migrants. On Wednesday, the European Union migration Commissioner Ylva Johansson said the Italian-Albanian agreement on the reception camps did not breach EU law which was not applicable.

## Japan, China agree on a constructive relationship, but reach only vague promises in seafood dispute

**Monitoring Desk**  
TOKYO: Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida and Chinese President Xi Jinping agreed Friday to build a stable and constructive relationship but achieved only a vague agreement on easing a dispute over a Chinese ban on Japanese seafood, officials said. Kishida told reporters after a 65-minute meeting with Xi on the sidelines of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation summit in San Francisco that they agreed to "find ways to resolve the dispute through meetings and dialogue in a constructive manner" and would convene a meeting of scientific experts. He gave no details. Kishida had demanded that China immediately lift its ban on Japanese seafood, in place since the crippled Fukushima nuclear power plant began discharging treated radioactive wastewater into the sea on Aug. 24. The ban has badly hurt Japanese exporters of scallops and other seafood. Japan says the wastewater is much safer than international standards and that the International Atomic Energy Agency has concluded the environmental and health impact of its release is negligible. China calls the discharge "nuclear-contaminated water." Chinese state broadcaster CCTV said China and Japan agreed to find a way to resolve the Fukushima water issue through consultations and negotiations in a constructive manner.

## The top UN court has ordered Syria to do all it can to prevent torture

**Monitoring Desk**  
THE HAGUE: The United Nations' top court on Thursday ordered the Syrian government to "take all measures within its powers" to prevent torture, in a case in which the Netherlands and Canada accuse Damascus of a years-long campaign of torturing its own citizens. The interim order is intended to protect potential victims while the case accusing Syria of breaching the torture convention proceeds through the International Court of Justice, a process likely to take years. The court's President Joan E. Donoghue said the panel was ordering Damascus to "take all measures within its power to prevent acts of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment." The court also called on Syria to "ensure that its officials, as well as any organizations or persons, may be subject to its control, direction or influence do not commit any acts of torture or other acts of cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment." The court further ordered Damascus to "take effective measures to prevent the destruction and ensure the preservation of any evidence related to the allegations of acts within the scope" of the convention against torture, O'Donoghue said. Canada and the Netherlands last month called on the court to order the torture ban. Syria boycotted the hearing in October and it remains unclear how it will respond to the world court's orders. Syria's conflict started with peaceful protests against Assad's government in March 2011 but quickly morphed into a full-blown civil war after the government's brutal crackdown on protesters. The tide turned in Assad's favor against rebel groups in 2015, when Russia provided key military backing to Syria, as well as Iran and the Lebanese militant group Hezbollah.

## UN stops delivery of food and supplies to Gaza as communications blackout hinders aid coordination

**Monitoring Desk**  
RAFAH: The United Nations was forced to stop deliveries of food and other necessities to Gaza on Friday and warned of the growing possibility of widespread starvation after internet and telephone services collapsed in the besieged enclave because of a lack of fuel. Israel announced that it will allow for the first time "very minimal" daily shipments of fuel into Gaza for use by the U.N. and communications system. It appeared the amount would be far less than what the U.N. has said is needed to fuel water systems, hospitals and trucks to deliver aid - not counting the communications network. Israel has barred entry to fuel since the start of the war, saying it would be diverted by Hamas for military means. It has also barred food, water and other supplies except for a trickle of aid from Egypt that aid workers say falls far short of what's needed.

## Biden to wrap up four-day diplomatic summit by meeting Mexican president

**Monitoring Desk**  
SAN FRANCISCO: U.S. President Joe Biden concludes a four-day diplomatic push with China as well as other Pacific nations on Friday in a final meeting with world leaders and a visit with Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador. Biden, who met with President Xi Jinping on Wednesday and used Thursday to highlight strong economic ties between the U.S. and the other Pacific nations, will have one final large gathering of leaders on Friday where he will formally transfer the chair of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation to Peru President Dina Boluarte. He will also participate in a bilateral meeting with Obrador, where the two leaders are expected to discuss migration and ways to crack down on fentanyl trafficking. The bilateral meeting comes as the two countries are at odds over several significant trade issues, including Mexico's efforts to phase out use of genetically modified corn - a move that hurts U.S.

## New Maldives president is sworn in and vows to remove Indian troops

**Monitoring Desk**  
MALE: Mohamed Muizzu was sworn in Friday as the Maldives' fifth democratically elected president and said he will ensure there is no foreign military presence in the archipelago. Muizzu, who is seen as pro-China, campaigned on a promise to evict Indian military personnel and balance trade, which he said was heavily in favor of India under his predecessor, Ibrahim Mohamed Solih.



## Govt to modernise fisheries in Gwadar via professional training: PM Kakar

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar has said that the government was committed to pave fisheries in Gwadar on modern lines for which they were provided training to bring their working at par with international standards by utilising the modern machinery and boats equipped with engines and navigation systems.

Speaking during a meeting with a delegation of Gwadar Shipping and Clearing Agents Association, the prime minister said that the government would fully exploit the exports potential of fisheries in Gwadar.

The delegation comprised President of the Association Abdur Raheem Zafar, Secretary General Hameed Baloch, and Faisal Dashti. The delegation members requested the prime minister to initially allow the import of a certain chunk of government's cargos through the Gwadar Port before making it fully operational.

Premier Anwaar-ul-

Haq Kakar directed the authorities concerned to present a comprehensive report in this regard. Calling Gwadar a future hub of sea trade, the prime minister said the government was taking measures to establish industries at the Port besides building communications infrastructure to link the industrial areas.

Provision of employment opportunities and facilities of international standards to the people of Gwadar was inevitable for the progress of the Port, he added.

The delegation members apprised the prime minister of the problems facing the shipping clearing agents as well as the fisheries.

PM Anwaar-ul-Haq assured the delegation members to resolve their issues on priority basis.

The delegation also appreciated the measures taken by the government for provision of employment and professional training to the fishermen besides addressing the overall problems of the Gwadar city.



ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif Alvi virtually addressing the 12th biennial conference of the Pakistan Society of Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgeons held in Peshawar, from Aiwan-e-Sadr.

## President emphasizes dietary, lifestyle changes to prevent cardiovascular diseases

ISLAMABAD (APP): President Dr Arif Alvi on Friday, stressing a preventive rather than curative approach, said dietary and lifestyle changes could prevent non-communicable diseases such as heart ailments and strokes.

In his video-link address to the 12th biennial conference of the Pakistan Society of Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgeons held in Peshawar, he said preventive measures not only decreased the risk of disease but also reduced the burden on the national healthcare system.

President Alvi said cardiovascular diseases (CVDs) were also being diagnosed in young people and mentioned that the lengthy treatment and surgery of cardiac diseases became unaffordable for the patients.

Therefore, he added, consuming a healthy diet, and quitting a sedentary lifestyle and smoking had positive effects on the control of cardiac diseases.

He recalled that the country made relentless and coordinated efforts to manage the COVID-19 pandemic extremely well.

He emphasized adopting similar passion and targeted action to prioritize the prevention of CVDs.

The president stressed investment in the training and professional development of healthcare practitioners specialized in cardiovascular and thoracic care.

He highlighted the importance of telemedicine and technology to facilitate remote consultations, diagnostics, and monitoring. This, he said, would be especially crucial for patients in remote and rural areas of the country who faced challenges in reaching out to healthcare facilities.

He said cases of malnutrition and obesity were being reported in the country side by side and termed it the state's responsibility to raise awareness about the intake of healthy diet instead of junk food.

Besides practicing their curative medicine, Dr Alvi urged the doctors and medical practitioners to make a service to the society by encouraging preventive care and convincing the general public to adopt the routine of walk and specific exercises.

## Shah, Iranian ambassador inaugurate Palestine-themed poster exhibition

ISLAMABAD (APP): The three-day Poster Exhibition themed "Palestine: Oppression, Resistance, Victory" was inaugurated at Lok Virsa Art Gallery by Caretaker Federal Minister for National Heritage and Culture Jamal Shah and Dr Reza Amiri Moghadam, the Ambassador of Iran in Pakistan. The exhibition was organized by the Cultural Consulate Embassy of Iran in collaboration with the National Institute of Folk and Traditional Heritage - Lok Virsa.

Ambassador of Syria to Pakistan Ramez Alraee, Ehsan Khazaei the Cultural Counselor Embassy of Iran, Adviser National Heritage and Culture Division Muhammad Kashif Irshad, Executive Director Lok Virsa Muhammad Uzair Khan were also present on the occasion.

Addressing the inauguration ceremony of the exhibition, Minister for National Heritage and Culture

Jamal Shah said the Palestinians are valiant people and they will succeed in their legitimate struggle for the right to self-determination.

He said responsibility rests with the world community and the United Nations to play their role to stop the Israeli atrocities against Palestinians.

The Minister for National Heritage regretted that the cowardly Israel has been targeting armless Palestinians and their schools and hospitals. He said Israeli forces are not even sparing the children.

He expressed his deep empathy for the pain and suffering of the Palestinian people. Additionally, he emphasized that Pakistan, in its stance, does not acknowledge the state of Israel and consistently advocates for the establishment of an independent Palestinian state according to "internationally agreed parameters."



ISLAMABAD: Care-taker Federal Minister of National Heritage and Culture Division Jamal Shah along with the Ambassador of Iran to Pakistan Dr Reza Amiri Moghadam taking interest in posters during "Poster Exhibition" to highlight the cruelty on the oppressed innocent Muslims of Palestine, As Organized by Cultural Consulate of the Islamic Republic of Iran at Lok Versa in Federal Capital.

## Several Minister Advisors remained absent from house: Senate session

ISLAMABAD (Online): During the Senate session, none of the Ministers or Advisors including leader of the house and leader of opposition were not present.

During the Senate meeting on Friday, no Federal Minister was present in the meeting.

Chairman Senate said that Federal Ministers should come to house. However, none of the Federal Ministers could reach the House.

During this time, the noise of the members continued in the House.

Military courts have been disappointed. Protest of the members in the House. The agenda should be suspended and allowed to speak on this issue.

Senator Kamran Murtaza, Senator Sadia Abbasi and Senator Mohsin Aziz demanded.

Chairman Senate has postponed the proceeding of the meeting till Monday.

The senate session was held under Chairman Senate Sadiq Sanjrani on Friday.

Senator Sadia Abbasi said that House will not be allowed to proceed until this resolution is withdrawn.



LAHORE: Federal Education and Professional Training Imdad Ali Sindhhi in a group photo with the participants of the function at Virtual University.

## Improved screening facilities vital for early detection of breast cancer: Samina Alvi

ISLAMABAD (APP): First Lady Samina Alvi on Friday called on the hospitals, non-governmental organizations, and civil society to work on improved screening facilities at medical setups to help detect breast cancer among women at early stages.

Speaking at a breast cancer awareness event, she said early diagnosis through mammogram and ultrasound could increase the survival rate of patients by 98 percent.

The event organized by Maroof International Hospital in collaboration with the National Press Club here at the Aiwan-e-Sadr highlighted the importance of a long-term and widespread campaign against breast cancer to reduce the alarming 40,000 deaths of women in the country every year.

## Dengue awareness campaign to launch in Khairpur, says DC

SUKKUR (APP): The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Khairpur, Syed Ahmed Fawad on Friday has directed the concerned department officers to launch an awareness campaign across the district about dengue awareness and to clean their water tanks as soon as possible, and to inform the students during morning assembly in schools about dengue prevent measures.

## 94 illegal profiteers fined: 10 shops sealed

KARACHI (APP): Commissioner Karachi Muhammad Saleem Rajput on Friday said that 94 shopkeepers were issued challans of Rs 719500 fine and 10 shops were sealed while many shopkeepers were warned during the ongoing crackdown against illegal profiteers and hoarders.

The crackdown against the hoarders is being carried out on the instructions of the Sindh government. The city and district administration is taking action without exception to ensure the sale of essential food items on the official price list to redress grievances and to provide relief to the citizens.

## Robbers among three held after police encounters

KARACHI (APP): Three including two injured robbers and a drug smuggler were arrested after separate incidents of exchange of fire in different localities of Karachi, police said on Friday.

According to details, an exchange of fire between robbers and police took place in Sector 12-D of New Karachi. After an encounter, a robber was injured and held with arms.

## Cardiac public awareness programme held at SZ women Hospital Larkana

LARKANA (APP): The 52nd cardiac public awareness program was held in Gynecology Ward 3 of Sheikh Zayed Women Hospital, Larkana, on Friday under the supervision of Professor Dr Shaista Hafaz Abro, in which Vice Chancellor Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto Medical University (SMBBMU), Larkana Professor Dr Nusrat Shah, Principal Chandka Medical College Professor Zameer Hussain Soomro, Chairperson Department of Cardiology Prof Rajkumar, Medical Superintendent CMCH Dr Mubasher Hussain Kolachi, Dr Saeed Sangi, university professors, experts, doctors from various fields participated in the program in a large number.

Besides, lady doctors of Shaikh Zaid Women's Hospital, LHV's, nurses, and community midwives were trained by expert doctors of Heart Institute Karachi. On this occasion, Vice Chancellor Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto Medical University (SMBBMU), Larkana Professor Dr Nusrat Shah said that this program aims to help pregnant women with heart disorders and pregnancy or delivery.

During this program lady professors and doctors were informed about the measures to be taken which will lead to better results in the future.

## One killed as speeding car overturns in Karachi

KARACHI (APP): One person was killed and another wounded when a speeding car turned turtle in Karachi on late Thursday night.

According to details, the accident occurred in Khayaban-e-Faisal area of Defence Phase-8 in Karachi where a car overturned due to over speeding due to which one person was killed on the spot and another was injured.

## Education minister stresses need to promote PM's Youth Skills Development Programme

LAHORE (APP): Caretaker Federal Minister for Education and Professional Training Madad Ali Sindhhi has said that there is a need to promote Prime Minister's Youth Skills Development Programme at maximum level for betterment of the country.

He said this while addressing a certificate-awarding ceremony under the PM's Youth Skills Development Programme at the University of Lahore on Friday. There was great demand of skills at global level and complete focus should be on training youngsters with different skills, he added.

The minister said that learning skills and acquiring education were only solution to all problems. He said that country was blessed with everything adding that utilization of money in appropriate manner was needed. Madad Ali Sindhhi emphasised enrollment of

out-of-school children and added that he would make all possible efforts to put his department on right track. He said he had visited Urumqi in China and there students were asked about their area of interest after they complete their 10th standard.

He said it was very unfortunate that in last twenty years no attention was paid to development of public schools and added that if schools in Islamabad were in poor condition then what would be condition of schools of other provinces. He said that efforts were being made to improve condition of schools and work in this regard had been started from Islamabad. He further said there was a dire need to improve the standard of education.

Focus should be on strengthening education as a lot of mistakes had been made in the past, he added.



HYDERABAD: Peoples Party (PPP) Senior Leader, Mola Bux Chandio cutting inaugural ribbon during inauguration of Furniture Exhibition held in Hyderabad.

## Staff-level agreement with IMF govt's remarkable achievement: Mian Zahid

KARACHI (APP): Chairman of National Business Group Pakistan, President Pakistan Businessmen and Intellectuals Forum, and All Karachi Industrial Alliance, and former provincial minister Mian Zahid Hussain has said that the staff-level agreement with the IMF was a remarkable achievement of the Caretaker Finance Minister Dr. Shamsah Akhtar and the incumbent government.

Interacting with business community on Friday, he said that tough decisions were necessary to save the country, from which the economy shrank, compounding problems for the masses and the business community.

Mian Zahid Hussain said that the condition of Pakistan's economy was now improving. Still, it needs to remain under IMF supervision for at least two years so that funds were well-spent.

The current IMF program should be completed in accordance with the professional recommendations

of the IMF, and preparation for the new program should be initiated, he added. The business leader said that the IMF will soon pay seven hundred million dollars to Pakistan after the approval of its board, which will improve the value of the rupee and increase the confidence of investors. In comparison, the other three international organisations will soon pay 950 million dollars to Pakistan, he added.

These include the World Bank, Asian Development Bank, and Asian Infrastructure Development Bank, which were awaiting the IMF's decision to disburse the loan.

Apart from this, commercial loans of three and a half billion dollars are also being arranged, which will improve the financial situation of the country.

Mian Zahid Hussain further said that the government should stop theft, default, and line losses in the electricity and gas sectors so that their prices can be reduced.



KARACHI: Transgender, Mehrab Awan addresses to media persons during press conference regarding Sindh Moorat March, at Karachi press club.

## Solangi arrives in Malé, Maldives to attend Presidential oath taking ceremony

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Minister for Information and Broadcasting Murtaza Solangi has arrived in Maldives to represent Pakistan in the oath taking ceremony of the President of Maldives, Mohamed Muizzu.

The ceremony will be held today. The Information Minister will also hold meetings with other world leaders on the occasion.

## Sindh Govt retains Sugarcane minimum price at Rs 425 per 40 kg

KARACHI (APP): Sindh Government's Agriculture, Supply & Prices Department, in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 16 (1) of The Sugar Factories Control Act, 1950 (Sindh Amendment) Act 2009, retained the minimum price of Sugarcane at Rs 425 per maund.

The decision was taken after approval of the Sindh Cabinet in its previous meeting, the notification reads.

## Children's Day awareness walk on Nov 19

KARACHI (APP): In connection with International Children's Day, Sindh Social Welfare Department in collaboration with Sindh Child Protection Authority will organize an awareness walk on November 19, 2023.

The program of the awareness walk was chalked out and arrangements have been finalized in a joint meeting of the Sindh Social Welfare Department and Sindh Child Protection Authority chaired by Secretary Social Welfare Department Sajid Jamal Abro, said a statement issued here.

## FIA arrests notorious human trafficker in Karachi

KARACHI (APP): The Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) Anti-Human Trafficking Cell on Friday arrested a human trafficker who was extorting money from citizens under the guise of employment abroad.

The FIA spokesperson said that the accused was identified as Mansoor Ali and was arrested from the PECHS area of Karachi. Several passports were recovered from the accused's possession.

## Copper coins recovered from Mohenjo Daro

MOHENJO DARO (APP): In a major discovery, a team of experts announced unearthing a pot full of copper coins from the archaeological site, Mohenjo Daro, which they saw as the first remarkable discovery of artefacts at the 5,000-year-old city remains after 93 years.

According to media reports, a group of labourers were excavating a collapsed wall when they came across a pot full of ancient copper coins in the ancient city.

## Commissioner Sukkur reviews price control

SUKKUR (APP): Divisional Commissioner Sukkur, Samiuddin Siddiqui has said that due to the effective price control mechanism and the measures taken by the government, prices of essential items have stabilized to some extent.

He said that overcharging of even a single penny will not be tolerated in the price of flour, pulses, vegetables, and other eatables.

While presiding over a meeting to review Price Control in the district, at his office here on Friday, the divisional commissioner directed that special attention be paid to maintaining a balance between supply and demand of essential items as well as stability of the prices and no effort be spared in the provision of high-quality food items to the masses at fixed rates.

He said that heads of concerned departments will also be accountable in this regard.

He said that he will personally preside over the meeting of the District Price Control Committee for monitoring the prices of essential commodities and their supply and demand on daily basis.



HYDERABAD: Workers of Nasiran-e-Palestine hold a protest rally against Israeli aggression in Palestine, and burn the portraits of Israeli and US presidents.

## HEC evaluation team visit to SU concludes

HYDERABAD (APP): The Higher Education Commission (HEC) Islamabad has concluded its three-day evaluation visit to the University of Sindh Jamshoro, employing the Institutional Performance Evaluation (IPE) and Postgraduate Programme Review (PGPR) methodologies.

The university spokesman informed here on Friday that the Quality Assurance Agency (QAA) HEC Islamabad led a comprehensive assessment of various teaching and administrative departments, expressing contentment with the achievements observed.

A seven-member team including the Vice-Chancellor, University of Turbat Prof. Dr Gul Hassan, Head of School Computing, FAST-National University Karachi Prof. Dr. Zulfiqar Ali Memon, Shahzab Afzal Kayani, Humaira Qudus, Munawar Ali, Dr. Abdul Basit Mujahid and Asif Saeed Haider participated in the evaluation.

The Registrar University of Sindh Prof. Dr. Mushtaq Ali Jariko, Director QEC Altuf Nizamani, Director Graduate Studies Prof. Dr. Saima Qayoom Memon, Dr. Muhammad Qasim Nizamani, and Dr. Gulshar Leghari were present during the visit of the evaluation team.

The objective of the evaluation team was to assess the performance of various departments and institutes within the Alma Mater, with the aim of instigating positive and impactful changes in university governance.