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ISLAMABAD: President, Dr. Arif Alvi exchanging views with Sikandar Sultan Raja, Chief Election Commissioner of Pakistan along with the Mansoor Usman Awan, Attorney General for Pakistan and four members of the Election Commission of Pakistan during meeting held at Aiwan-e-Sadr.

Process of repatriation of illegal immigrants being managed well, says caretaker CM

Mir Ali Mardan Domki assures to provide necessary resources to put Balochistan police force on modern lines

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QUETTA: The caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki has stated that the process of repatriation of the illegal immigrants to their countries is being managed in the bordering areas well.

He said that all necessary arrangements have been made for the respectful expulsion of the immigrants at the border.

He was speaking on occasion of his visit to the data command and control center established in the Central Police Office here on Thursday.

He was accompanied by the caretaker Provincial Minister Home, Mir Muhammad Zubair Jamali, Additional Chief Secretary Home besides other concerned high ups.

The Inspector General of Police, Abdul Khaliq Sheikh and other police high ups were present on the occasion.

The Chief Minister also visited the monument of police martyrs and laid floral wreath there.

The smartly turned out continent of the Balochistan police presented salute to the Chief Minister.

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QUETTA: Caretaker Chief Minister Mir Ali Mardan Domki being briefed about law and order situation by Inspector General Police Balochistan Abdul Khaliq Sheikh during at CPO Office. Caretaker Provincial Home Minister Mir Zubair Ahmed Jalai and Additional Chief Secretary Home Zahid Saleem and other high ups are also present.

Ayaz Sadiq formally invites Lashkari Raisani to join PML-N

Nawabzada Lashkari says he would make decision about joining PML-N after consultation with companions

Independent Report
QUETTA: The senior leader of Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N), Sardar Ayaz Sadiq formally invited the prominent political and tribal leader and former Senator Nawabzada

PML-N during his meeting with the later as he visited the Sarawan House on Thursday.

Also accompanied with him were the provincial leadership of PML-N Sheikh Jaffar Mandokhail,

Soon after the meeting, Sardar Ayaz Sadiq addressed a joint press conference along with Lashkari Raisani.

On the occasion, Ayaz Sadiq said that he has come to see Nawabzada Lashkari Raisani and invited him to join the party on directives of the central leader of party, Mian Muhammad Nawaz Sharif and Ms. Maryam Nawaz.

He said that during meeting with Lashkari Raisani, there was discussion on the issues of Balochistan and its people.

He said that PML-N leaders Mian Muhammad Nawaz Sharif and Shahbaz Sharif have long association with Nawabzada Lashkari Raisani and his family.

He said that Nawabzada Lashkari may

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Lashkari Raisani to join the PML-N.
Sardar Ayaz Sadiq invited Nawabzada Lashkari Raisani for joining the others.

Caretaker Chief Minister to inaugurate: Health Card Program due to be launched in Balochistan today

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QUETTA: The much-awaited Health Card Programme is scheduled to be launched in the Balochistan province today (Friday). According to the official sources, caretaker Chief Minister Mir Ali Mardan Domki would inaugurate the programme. It may be mentioned here that the Balochistan Health Card Programme had been planned by the Health Minister Jamal Kamal Khan in year 2019. The Health department sources informed that some 2.1 million families would benefit from the Health Card facility. Under the Health Card Programme, the patients would be able to get treatment upto the cost of Rs. 1 million annually.

Anti-corruption body meeting convened

ISLAMABAD (INP): Federal Minister for Law and Justice, Ahmad Irfan Aslam has convened the inaugural meeting of the taskforce on Anti-Corruption. The taskforce expressed its resolve to conduct a comprehensive review of the institutional framework of our Anti-Corruption Institutions. It was also decided that members from the Private sector will also be co-opted in the taskforce.

President, CEC agree on Feb 8 as general election date

AGP and chief election commissioner to inform SC about decision today

ISLAMABAD (Online): Pakistan is scheduled to hold its next general elections on February 8, 2024, as announced by both the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) and the Presidency.

This announcement followed a consultative meeting between the president and ECP authorities in response to the instructions of the Supreme Court.

The statement released by the Presidency stated, "In response to the Supreme Court's directive, the Chief Election Com-

missioner of Pakistan, Mr Sikandar Sultan Raja, along with the Attorney General for

Pakistan, Mr Mansoor Usman Awan, and four members of the Election Commission of Pakistan, met with President Dr Arif Alvi Alwan-e-Sadr to discuss the date for the upcoming General Elections in the country.

After detailed discussion, it was unanimously agreed to hold the General Elections on February 8, 2024."

The Election Commission of Pakistan issued a press release announcing

that the general elections would take place on February 8 next year.

The ECP also made the announcement through social networking platform X, erstwhile Twitter.

"Today, the respected members of the Election Commission, led by Chief Election Commissioner Sikander Sultan Raja, met with the President of Pakistan at the Presidency to discuss the election date. It

was unanimously decided that the elections will be held on Thursday, February 8, 2024," the ECP

wrote in the post.

Meanwhile, the Supreme Court on Thursday directed the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) to give the specific date for general elections by Friday after the consultation with the President.

The court instructed the Attorney General of Pakistan to arrange the meeting of ECP officials with the President on the same day.

The court said that it expected that all issues

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PM directs Information Ministry to resolve issue of advertisement dues Says media plays key role in development of society

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Thursday called the Pakistan Broadcasters Association (PBA) of payment of advertisement dues and directed the Information Ministry to resolve the issue as soon as possible.

He was talking to a PBA delegation, which called on him. During the meeting, matters relating to the media, especially electronic media, came under discussion.

The delegation in-

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Governor Balochistan hopes: Gwadar shipyard to become new center of ship making of whole region soon

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QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar has stated that the Gwadar mega project has key status in the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) project and the day is not far away when Gwadar shipyard would become the center of new ships making of the whole region soon.

With completion of the Gwadar shipyard, trade ship making and repair industry would be get boost besides providing golden opportunities of livelihood to dwellers of the port city.

The Governor was speaking to the former federal minister Ms. Zubaida Jalal, who called on him here

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QUETTA: Caretaker Provincial Minister Prince Ahmed Ali meeting with Balochistan Governor Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar.

Pashtoon nationalist parties give call for shutter down strike in Quetta today

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QUETTA: The Pashtoon nationalist parties have given call for observing shutter down strike in the provincial metropolis today (Friday).

The call for shutter down strike was given by the provincial President of Awami National Party (ANP), Asghar Khan Achakzai while addressing a press conference here at the Quetta Press Club on Thursday.

Also present on the occasion were PKMAP's leader Nasrullah Khan Zairay and others.

The ANP provincial president alleged that we have given call for shutter down against the "forced" expulsion of the Afghan immigrants from the province, alleged mistreatment

and the policy of passport for across border movement of the people.

He said that while we have been facing the issues of extremism, terrorism and lawlessness for long, the government has taken decision of the expulsion of the Afghan nationals from the country and so from Balochistan.

He said that the government did not think about enforcing the policy of passport at the border what he called "Durand line", and now it enforced it all of sudden.

He said that there was an agreement with the Pashtoon Afghan nation that there would be no bar on the trade and across the border movement.

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IMF appreciates Pakistan's commitments to meet Q1 targets

ISLAMABAD (APP): The International Monetary Fund (IMF) Mission Chief, Nathan Porter here on Thursday appreciated the government's commitment to meeting the first Quarter targets and commended its efforts and measures taken in some critical areas.

Apart from political and legal affairs, the distribution of party tickets, election narrative and matters related to addressing grievances of the Pakistani People's Party and other coalition partners were discussed, the sources said.

The meeting was also attended by PML-N chief organiser Maryam Nawaz and Salman Shehzad.

Jan thrashes negative propaganda about expulsion of illegal immigrants

Caretaker Provincial Minister for Information says repatriation of illegal immigrants a big challenge; endeavouring to ensure respectful expulsion; Over 37,000 immigrants repatriated via Chaman border

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QUETTA: The caretaker Provincial Minister for Information, Jan Achakzai has stated that the interim government is ensuring expulsion of illegal immigrants from Balochistan respectfully and taking care of their self-respect and dignity.

According to the notification, an increase of Rs249,580 in the basic salary and incentive for MPS-I, Rs15,100 for MPS-II and Rs66,255 for MPS-III has been made.

The notification will be applicable from 1st October 2023.

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ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif Alvi addressing the 26th Convocation ceremony of the COMSATS University.

India thrashes Sri Lanka to reach World Cup semi-finals

Sports Desk

MUMBAI: Some fiery fast bowling from India's Mohammed Shami and Mohammed Siraj lit up their World Cup encounter with Sri Lanka and helped the unbeaten hosts secure a thumping 302-run victory on Thursday, becoming the first side to book a semi-final spot.

It was India's seventh win from as many matches in this year's 50-over tournament, and arguably their most dominant, with Sri Lanka's batters lasting under 20 overs while chasing a 358-run target.

The defeat all but ended Sri Lanka's remaining hopes of making the knockout stages with Kusal Mendis's side suffering their fifth defeat from seven matches.

Sri Lanka's chase got

off to an awful start. Jasprit Bumrah struck with the first delivery before Siraj picked up the next three wickets to reduce them to four for three runs.

Coming into the attack next, Shami bagged a five-wicket haul to ensure that India's juggernaut rolled on. Shami finished with 5-18 while Siraj took 3-16 as Sri Lanka were bundled out for 55, their lowest total in a 50-over World Cup.

India's Virat Kohli and Shubman Gill earlier hit commanding fifties and combined in a second-wicket stand of 189 to help the hosts post 357 for eight.

After Kohli and Gill fell to left-arm quick Dilshan Madushanka in quick succession, India's number four Shreyas Iyer provided the late flourish to

the innings with a 56-ball 82.

Iyer hit three fours and six sixes in his knock before Madushanka, who finished with 5-80, dismissed the local batter to pick up his first five-wicket haul in the format.

Madushanka gave Sri Lanka a dream start by dismissing in-form India captain Rohit Sharma with the second ball of the innings after the island nation won the toss and decided to bowl on a hot and humid day at the Wankhede Stadium.

Kohli then made 88 off 94 balls while Gill scored a run-a-ball 92 to put the Sri Lanka bowlers to the sword. Gill survived a dropped catch on eight while Kohli also got an early reprieve on 10 during his knock.

He was addressing as chief guest at the graduation

HEC launches 3rd phase of 4,500 scholarships for Afghan students

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training Madad Ali Sindh Thursday said the Higher Education Commission (HEC) has launched the 3rd phase of Allama Muhammad Iqbal Scholarships Programme for Afghan nationals.

He said under this new phase, 4,500 scholarships will be awarded to Afghan students over a period of three years to study in top-ranked Pakistani universities.

He was addressing as chief guest at the graduation

ceremony for 281 Afghan students who have completed their studies under Phase-II of the Programme here.

The students have graduated from 25 universities across Pakistan and received their Bachelor's and Master's degrees in various disciplines including Medicine, Engineering, Agriculture, Management and Computer Science. As many as 6000 Afghan students have been awarded scholarships so far during the first two phases of the Scholarship Project.

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tions. He on the occasion praised the system adopted for updating the police record in accordance with the modern day requirements.

The Chief Minister also paid homage to the police martyrs who embraced martyrdom in line of duty.

He assured that necessary resources would be provided to put the police force on modern lines in the province.

Gwadar.

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at the Governor House on Thursday.

Speaking on the occasion, Governor said that the country's economic system can easily be strengthened with participation of common men of society in the economic activities.

Mr. Kaker said that the number of those youngsters benefitting from higher education in Makran division is increasing at fast pace.

He said that fisheries is identity of Gwadar, and fishermen earn livelihood from the sea. Therefore, it is necessary to increase capacity of the fishermen and take practical steps for provision of modern facilities to them, adding he stressed.

He expressed the belief that the rising sun of Gwadar can steer the country and province out of economic crunch.

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He alleged that unfair treatment is being meted out with the Afghan nationals under the garb of illegal foreign nationals and their documentation.

The PkMAP's Nasrullah Zairay also criticized the government for its policies towards the Afghan nationals. He said that the maltreatment of the immigrants would not be tolerated at all.

They appealed to the people and all political parties to back the protest and shut down strike in Quetta.

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government to improve the economic situation.

The meeting also included discussions on comprehensive reforms and measures undertaken by the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) and the government's strategies to address the circular debt issue. Dr. Shamshad Akhtar expressed her appreciation for the continued support and assistance of IMF and reaffirmed the government's commitment to working closely with the fund to ensure successful completion of the SBA and achieve the economic objectives.

Pakistan committed to deliver rapid response on climate change: FM

ISLAMABAD (APP): Foreign Minister Jalil Abbas Jilani on Thursday said Pakistan was committed to delivering rapid response on climate change and meeting the global goals to reduce its devastating impact.

At a pre-COP28 (Conference of the Parties to the Convention) seminar titled 'Pakistan's roadmap for upcoming conference in Dubai', the foreign minister emphasized Pakistan's willingness to contribute to the solution to address climate change.

The seminar was

hosted by the Civil Society Coalition for Climate Change (CSCCC), with the support of the United States Institute of Peace (USIP) and the United Arab Emirates Embassy in Pakistan.

The event served as a platform for government officials, experts, academia, civil society representatives, and the media to come together and strategize for Pakistan's role in the upcoming COP28, scheduled to commence next month in Dubai.

FM Jilani highlighted the pivotal role of the Global Stocktake in achieving

global course correction, which, he termed, crucial for the success of COP28.

Established under Article 14 of the Paris Agreement, the Global Stocktake is designed to assess the collective progress towards achieving the purpose of the Paris Agreement and its long-term goals.

Jilani said Pakistan was set to play a constructive role in dealing with the urgency of course correction to ensure a brighter future for the children.

Minister for Information and Broadcasting

Murtaza Solangi emphasized the need to cultivate a culture of social responsibility regarding climate

change, advocating for conversations to begin in various forms of media, including news, drama, film, and poetry.

He announced the forthcoming introduction of a dedicated Climate Desk at PTV, designed to act as a catalyst for fostering a holistic, whole-of-society approach. Secretary of the Ministry of Climate Change and Environmental Coordination Asif Hyder Shah outlined Pakistan's advocacy goals for COP28.



QUETTA: Caretaker Chief Minister Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki inspecting the complaint centre during his visit to Qaidabad Police Station.

Pak clinch 47 medals, win Poomsae event of Asian Taekwondo C'ship

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan bagged 47 medals to

win the Poomsae event of the 5th Combaxx Asian Taekwondo Championship here at the Pakistan Sports Complex on Thursday.

Pakistan grabbed 14 gold, 11 silver, and 22 bronze medals to win the Poomsae event of the Asian Taekwondo Championship. Meanwhile, Saudi Arabia finished second with one gold, one silver and two bronze medals, while Nepal

#CWC23," Vaughan wrote.

He also expressed his belief that the Men in Green have reentered contention for a spot in the semi-finals.

"Pakistan are back in the race for the semi-Pakistan #CWC23," Vaughan wrote.

Pakistan and New Zealand would square off against each other on Saturday at the M. Chinnaswamy.

won the first position with 67 points.

In the women's over-18 individual freestyle, Pakistan's Zymal Naqvi scored 4.56. In the freestyle pair over 18, Pakistan's Amer Hamza and Naila bagged the gold medal with a score of 6.76.

In the mixed team event, Pakistan's Maryam Usman, Waheed, Abbas and Naqvi won the gold medal by scoring 6.26 points.

In men's under-50 freestyle, Ali Adnan of Saudi Arabia won the first position with a score of 7.16.

In the women's under-50 freestyle individual competition, Pakistan's Sana Sabir won the gold medal with a score of 6.23.

In the men's over-18 individual freestyle event, Pakistan's Amer Hamza

Gymnasium Hall of Pakistan Sports Board.

The players of 27 teams from as many countries participated in the march past. The president of the Asian Taekwondo Union, Prof. Kyu Seok Lee,

announced the start of the championship while the coach of Iran, the referee of Pakistan and the players of Great Britain & Nepal administered the oath to the players participating in the event.

The players of the Pakistan Taekwondo Federation presented a magnificent display of Taekwondo in front of the audience. The guests of honour at the event included President of the Asian Taekwondo Union Prof. Kyu Seok Lee, Federal Secretary for Inter-Provincial Affairs Hanif Orakzai, Ambassador of Korea to Pakistan Park Ki-jun.

T20 tri-series featuring Pak, WI Women-A & Thailand Women emerging start today

PESHAWAR (APP): Pakistan Women-A, West Indies Women-A and Thailand Women Emerging teams will feature in a T20 tri-series, scheduled to be played from November 3-8.

The three teams will play each other once before the top two play the final on November 8. All matches will be played at the iconic Gaddafi Stadium in Lahore.

This is the first multi-nation tournament in Pakistan involving women's emerging teams. The tri-series was preceded by a three-match one-day series between West Indies Women A and Pakistan Women A, which went in 2-1 in the visitors' favour.

Pakistan Women A have been forced to make one change to the squad that played the one-day series, with Kaynat Hafeez replacing the injured Tuba Hassan. Kaynat has represented Pakistan in one ODI in 2019 against England.

Rameen Shamim, who will continue to lead Pakistan Women A, was the joint wicket-taker in the recently

concluded one-day series. Rameen and off-spinner Anousha Nasir picked six wickets each in the three-match series. Pakistan's squad has six internationally capped players: Rameen, Gull Feroza, Kaynat Hafeez, Omaima Sohail, Shawaal Zulfiqar and Sidra Nawaz.

West Indies Women A will be buoyed by the one-day series victory as they will continue to be captained by Rashada Williams, who was the leading run-getter in the 50-over matches. Meanwhile, this is Thailand's first-ever cricket tour of Pakistan. Following the tri-series, the side will also play two T20s against the home team, scheduled for Nov 10-11 at Gaddafi Stadium, Lahore. Seven players out of Thailand Women Emerging's 15-member squad have represented the senior side in T20Is. Thailand Women Emerging captain, Thipatcha Putthawong, speaking to PCB Digital, expressed her excitement at leading her side on the tour to Pakistan.

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Jan thrashes negative..

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grants were carried to the Chaman border for repatriation.

He said that the repatriation of illegal immigrants from Quetta was Deputy Commissioner Quetta, Saad bin Asad.

The caretaker Minister Information said that we are endeavouring to create such an environment that the illegal immigrants may repatriate to their homeland voluntarily.

He said that it is our utmost endeavour not to create or let create such an environment that may harm the self-respect and dignity of the illegal immigrants.

However, it is firm policy of the state to repatriate all the undocumented and unregistered refugees to their respective countries, he mentioned adding that around 10,000 immigrants

are also in contact with the Afghan authorities over the issue of repatriation of illegal immigrants.

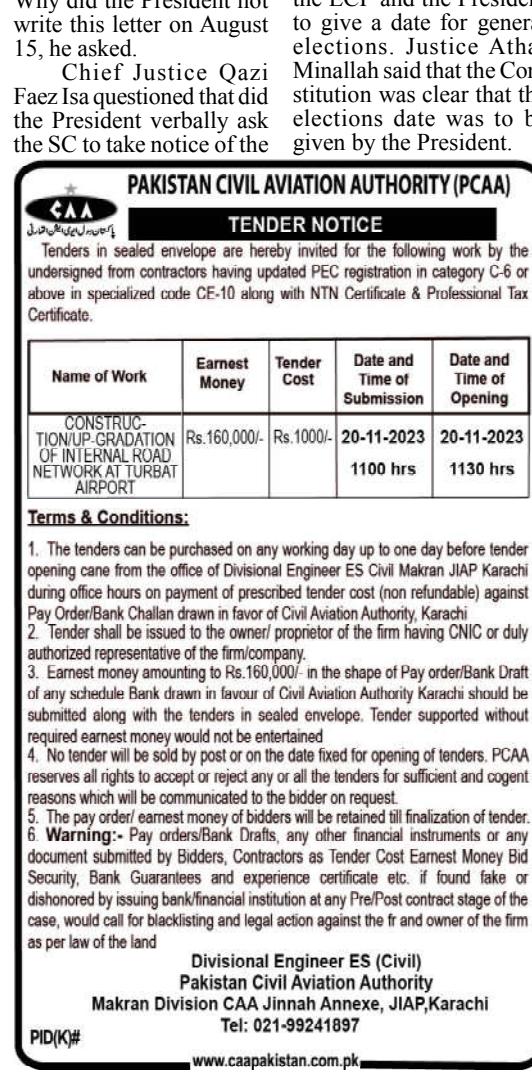
About detention of il-

legal immigrants from Quetta, Jan Achakzai said that a total of 572 illegal immigrants were detained from the provincial capital.

Meanwhile, Deputy Commissioner Quetta Saad bin Asad shared details of the detention and repatriation of the illegal immigrants from Quetta district.

The Minister Information along with Deputy Commissioner visited different parts of the Haji camp holding center for illegal immigrants, and inspected the services being extended to them.

He said that it is our endeavour to keep minimum number of immigrants at the holding centers, and as such deport them in due course after detention.



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President urges measures for economic, social mainstreaming of differently-abled persons

ISLAMABAD (APP): President Dr Arif Alvi on Thursday emphasising the protection of rights of the hearing-impaired persons, called for measures to ensure the economic and social mainstreaming of the differently-abled persons.

The president, in a meeting with a delegation led by President of Deaf Welfare Awareness Foundation Sheikh Muhammad Mansha, said the encouragement of the differently-abled persons was essential for their inclusion in all fields.

He also stressed the need for special measures

for education and skill-development of the hearing-impaired persons.

By utilising the information technology, such people could be facilitated for their communication as well as education, he added.

He said that the universities were giving special concession to the differently-abled persons in the tuition fee and other expenditures to facilitate their higher education.

The National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA) is also facilitating them for issuance of special identity

cards. President Alvi urged the persons with disabilities to get their special identity cards as well as the disability certificates.

He urged the government, NGOs and the hearing-impaired people to collectively work for coping with the prevailing challenges.

The delegation apprised the president of the problems faced by the people with impaired hearing as well as performance of the Foundation.

First Lady Samina Alvi was also present in the meeting.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Law and Justice, Ahmad Irfan Aslam convened the inaugural meeting of the taskforce on Anti Corruption.

BISP, World Bank affirm ongoing partnership for relief in marginalized sectors

ISLAMABAD (APP): Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) and World Bank (WB) have reiterated their commitment to continue working together to strengthen the marginalized segments of society and ensure relief to the poorest of the poor.

This was expressed in a meeting between Chairperson BISP and a high-level delegation of the World Bank, held here, said a news release on Thursday.

World Bank delegation was led by Ms. Kicole Klingen, South Asia Regional Director (Human Development), accompanied by Ms. Hnin Hnin Payne, Program Leader (Human Development), Amjad Zafar Khan, Senior Social Protection Specialist, Gul Najeem Jamy, Senior Consultant, Sohail Saeed Abbasi, and Amina Khan, while Chairperson BISP, Dr Muhammad Amjad Saqib was accompanied by DG NSER Naveed Akbar and Director IC&C Rashid

Imtiaz. On the occasion, Dr Saqib provided the World Bank delegation with a comprehensive overview of BISP's initiatives including Kafaalat, Taleemi Wazaif, Nashonuma, National Socio-Economic Registry (NSER) and shared insights into the achievements of the programme over the past 15 years.

Discussing the challenges faced by BISP, Dr Saqib outlined his vision for new initiatives to be adopted by the program.

NIH issues advisory on seasonal Influenza

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Center for Disease Control (CDC), National Institute of Health (NIH) Islamabad on Thursday issued an advisory on prevention and control of seasonal Influenza (seasonal flu).

According to NIH, flu cases usually increase in Pakistan from December to February as temperature falls during the winter season.

The NIH said that the objective of this advisory is to alert and facilitate the health authorities and other stakeholders to ensure timely preventive and control measures.

These measures including preparedness to deal with increased workload expected in the outpatient and in-patient departments during next few months.

According to the advisory seasonal influenza viruses may present with mild symptoms but may progress to severe illness, particularly in high-risk individuals.

Patients with chronic diseases such as asthma, diabetes, cardiac and lung diseases, pregnant women, elderly people and children under five years are at higher risk of developing severe or complicated disease.

Vaccination is the most effective way to prevent infection and severe outcomes caused by influenza viruses, particularly in high-risk groups.

PTI chairman not being slow poisoned: Faisal

ISLAMABAD (APP): Dr Faisal Sultan, personal physician of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chairman, on Thursday categorically dismissed rumours of any slow poisoning to the PTI chairman following his medical examination in Adaila Jail.

Talking to the media after meeting the PTI chief in Adaila Jail with his legal team, Dr Sultan said the PTI chairman was not being slow poisoned.

"I have not observed any symptoms of slow poisoning to the PTI chief, who appears to be in good health and fit, and is even carrying out regular exercise in jail," he added.

Court summons all accused in Rental Power reference

ISLAMABAD (APP): An Accountability Court on Thursday again summoned all the accused, including former prime minister Raja Pervaiz Ashraf on December 14, in the Rental Power reference filed by the National Accountability Bureau.

AC Judge Muhammad Bashir, who heard the case, asked that why the defence lawyers were not giving arguments over acquittal pleas of their clients.

PID organizes prayer ceremony for deceased mother of JS Shafqat

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Press Information Department (PID) Islamabad organized a prayer ceremony for the deceased mother of Shafqat Abbas, Joint Secretary Ministry of Information and Broadcasting here on Thursday.

Senior officers and employees of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting as well as journalists attended the prayer ceremony in great numbers.

Jamal Shah says: Govt plays key role for promoting country's soft image, culture at Int'l level

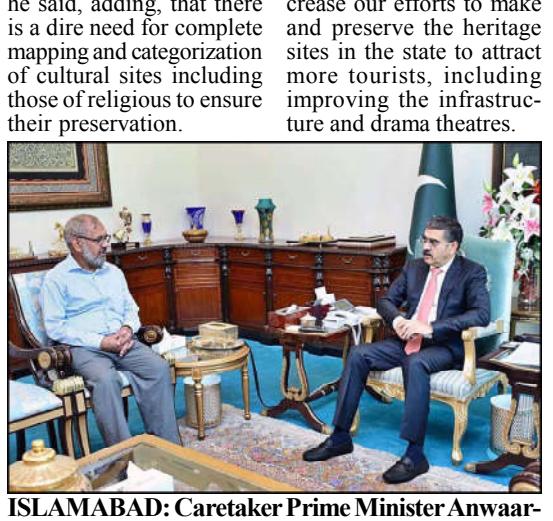
ISLAMABAD (APP):

Minister for National Heritage & Culture Jamal Shah Thursday said that the interim government was playing a key role in promoting the country's soft image effectively at the international level and connecting people of various countries with their rich cultures.

"Pakistani nation is hospitable and has cultural values which we need to highlight the correct image of the country at national and international levels".

Jamal Shah said while talking to a private news channel.

Pakistan has a rich and diverse cultural heritage which can be promoted to attract maximum tourists, he said, adding, that there is a dire need for complete mapping and categorization of cultural sites including those of religious to ensure their preservation.



ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar meets his teacher Nisar Ahmad.

Guidance from Quran essential for Islamic financing: Dr Saqib

ISLAMABAD (APP): Benazir Nashonuma programme for its efforts to care for pregnant, lactating mothers, and infants, addressing issues of stunting and malnutrition. Dr Amjad Saqib said there was no scarcity of resources in the world, and the issue lies in the unequal distribution of these resources.

Dr Saqib made these remarks during his address at the 3-day International conference on "Advancing Islamic Finance" – Principles, Practices, and Regulatory Framework for Sustainable Growth.

The conference was organized by Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU), Centre for Excellence in Islamic Finance (CEIF) and Institute of Management Sciences (IMC) Peshawar.

Dr Amjad Saqib noted that BISP was providing financial assistance to 9.3 million deserving families through the Benazir Kafaalat programme. Additionally, children from these needy families are receiving education under the Benazir Taleemi Wazaif initiative.

He commended the



ISLAMABAD: Opposition Leader Senator Dr. Shehzad Waseem speaking during Senate session.

Islamabad police initiate deportation of illegal foreign residents

Independent Report

ISLAMABAD: In a decisive move, Islamabad police authorities have commenced the deportation process of illegal residents and moved at least 64 Afghan nationals last day to the Torkham border crossing for deportation.

Working in conjunction with the Islamabad Police, district administration, the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA), and prison authorities have collaborated to hand over these individuals for necessary actions.

Under the vigilant supervision of Islamabad Police, individuals designated for deportation have been escorted back to their respective home countries.

This initiative comes as a result of the expiration of the allotted time for illegal resident individuals.

Islamabad police officials said a team of the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) and the capital police on other day transported the prisoners in two

ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Federal Minister for Health, Dr. Nadeem Jan sharing details during his visit to the construction of Poly Clinic hospital expansion project.

Dr Nadeem inspects Polyclinic expansion project

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Federal Minister for Health Dr Nadeem Jan on Thursday inspected the Federal Government Polyclinic (FGPH) hospital's expansion project.

The minister was briefed by the concerned authorities about the project.

Dr Nadeem Jan reviewed the construction work of Polyclinic G-11/3 expansion project-II.

The expansion project consists of 300 beds. This project will be completed in three years.

However, the minister directed to complete the project in two years.

He said that slowness and delay in construction work will not be tolerated under any circumstances.

He said that such public welfare projects should be completed on time.

The construction of the hospital will not only



ISLAMABAD: Leader of the House in the Senate, Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar exchanging views with Ambassador of United States, Mr. Donald Blome at Parliament House.

Wasi assigned additional charge of SAPM on Youth

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Minister of State for Tourism Wasi Shah has also been appointed as Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Youth Affairs keeping in his excellent performance in tourism ministry.

On the directives of Prime Minister Anwar ul Haq, the minister had been assigned additional charge of Special Assistant to PM for Youth Affairs, said a

news release issued here on Thursday.

Wasi Shah is also responsible for the affairs of the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Pakistan Tourism Development Corporation (PTDC). Wasi Shah is the most popular poet of the youth.

Not only in Pakistan but in the entire Urdu world, he is considered as a poet who is the heartbeat of young hearts.

He felicitated the newly elected PBA President Shakeel Masood, General Secretary Mian Amir Mehmood, Senior Vice Chairman Mir Ibrahim Rehman, Vice Chairman Ahmed Zubair, Joint Secretary Athar Qazi and Finance Secretary Ghulam Nabi Morai and expressed best wishes, said a press release here.

"I hope the newly elected office-bearers of PBA will play their full role in promoting freedom of expression and freedom of press in the country."

Police arrest two suspects involved in murder case

Independent Report

ISLAMABAD: Islamabad Capital Police Sumbal police station, in conjunction with the Homicide unit police teams, successfully apprehended two individuals linked to a heinous murder case, police said.

The incident unfolded on October 31 when the Sumbal police station received an application from a distressed citizen, reporting a tragic incident.

According to the applicant, the accused, identified as Deen Muhammad (husband) and Noor Hassan (father-in-law), allegedly set fire to his daughter, Nazia Bibi, leading to her untimely demise upon arrival at the hospital.

In response to the grievous crime, the Sumbal police team promptly registered FIR no. 412/23 and established a specialized investigation team.

hindering the issuance of e-challan tickets.

The collaboration with the Sindh Excise and Taxation Department will significantly streamline the process of issuing e-challans tickets for traffic law violators.

Stringent measures have also been implemented to address persistent traffic law offenders and individuals who default on their e-challans. To this end, the Islamabad Capital Police has enforced strict actions, including the suspension of driving licenses for those who default on their e-challans.

A spokesperson of Islamabad police confirmed this integration through the Safe City E-Challan system. The integration comes in response to the discovery of numerous vehicles violating traffic laws within the federal capital. This posed a challenge as their data was previously inaccessible within the Safe City E-Challan system,

PTCL Group, Pink Ribbon collaborate for breast cancer awareness campaign

Independent Report

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's leading telecom and ICT services provider, PTCL Group (PTCL & Ufone

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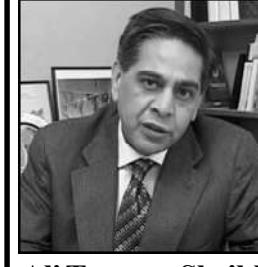
No respite

Today, Nov 2, is observed worldwide as the International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists. It is a day when attention turns to the extreme pressures and injustices journalists face in the line of duty. The context in which it will be observed this year in Pakistan is quite grim.

On the eve of the occasion, Absar Alam, former chief of the country's electronic media regulator, made a damning statement before the Supreme Court alleging that a senior ISI officer, as well as his subordinates, attempted to control and coerce the media through Pemra during Mr Alam's tenure. The tactics employed included reducing the visibility of TV channels that refused to toe the state's line and seeking penalties against TV commentators who were critical of the state. There are many in the industry who will attest to the fact that the climate of repression that prevailed during retired Lt-Gen Faiz Hameed's time at ISI's helm was one of the worst experienced by Pakistani media. The former spy chief gained notoriety for pressuring Pakistani media in ways never seen or heard before, including with direct threats. His methods were unusually brutal. At one point, he vowed to 'destroy' this publication and made good on that threat by blocking Dawn's circulation and advertisements.

Access to Dawn's sister television channel, DawnNews, was repeatedly disrupted in connivance with cable operators across the country. Other news outlets, such as Geo News, faced persecution in very similar ways.

The financial consequences for ordinary journalists working in these organisations were immense and painful to bear. Unfortunately, Gen Hameed's tactics seem to have found enduring favour under the present regime as well. All of the Pakistani media's challenges can obviously not be attributed to one individual or institution. The government's lack of commitment to journalists' protection deserves equal blame. Though Pakistan became the first country to enact laws for the protection of journalists under the PTI, the Freedom Network noted this week that it has failed to mitigate the prevalence of crimes against journalists despite doing so. Eleven journalists have been slain since the law was passed, while journalists continue to face kidnapping, physical assault and harassment through legal cases. The data available shows that no place in the country is safe for journalists anymore — not even the federal capital. Everywhere, journalists are being targeted for their work with impunity. No murder or disappearance seems to be adequately investigated, and the perpetrators are, therefore, never brought to book. This culture of impunity is what allows the cycle of violence to repeat itself. It is unlikely to stop till the federal and provincial governments provide more means and resources to the various bodies set up to look after journalists' rights and protect them from violence. They must act now.



Ali Tauqueer Sheikh

Pakistan has been less than successful in accessing international climate finance, and even less in implementing the approved projects in a timely or effective manner. Most projects at the national and provincial levels face inordinate delays, underspends, cost overruns, extensions, repurposing, or even cancellations. Absorptive capacity is not just the ability to spend, but also to use the new knowledge generated by the projects to enhance our capability to systematically respond to climate and sustainable development challenges.

We have habitually moved from one project to another, and one policy document to another without always reflecting on the value of our experience, new learning, assimilating and

Building absorptive capacity

applying it to build our human and institutional competencies. In reality, each project can serve as a building block for subsequent interventions based on new knowledge, research, and practice. This is how our absorptive capacity is enhanced and evidence-based policies are simultaneously strengthened.

It can be argued that instead of seeking new projects and finances in an ad hoc manner, it will be far more useful to systematically build upon earlier project interventions, commitments, and the recommendations of technical studies. Completing the incomplete loops will strengthen our absorptive capacity and climate resilience, and also bring greater accountability and transparency.

Here are three incomplete loops that, if completed, can provide opportunities to build up the absorptive capacity for managing climate risks.

Transition of clean development mechanisms to the Paris Agreement: If Pakistan registers eligible CDM projects under the Article 6.4 mechanism, the Certified Emission Reduc-

tions can be used to fulfil its obligations under the Nationally Determined Contributions. It is a narrowing window in the Paris Agreement that will close on Dec 31. In addition to the CERs needed for NDC implementation, this transition is necessary to revive international investors' confidence in Pakistan.

It is worth mentioning that the Paris Agreement has introduced a Sustainable Mitigation Mechanism with the dual aim of contributing to greenhouse gas mitigation and promoting sustainable development. The SMM has a stronger political mandate than CDMs to ensure that development impacts are real, measurable and long-term. Pakistan is already receiving carbon credit income through 18 approved CDMs. It has 76 approved projects of which 36 are registered under the Kyoto Protocol, expected to offset 3.79 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent per year. Since most CDM projects in Pakistan are in the energy sector, there is headroom to recast them for other financing options.

Preparing for Nationally Appropriate Mitiga-

tion Actions: Pakistan has only secured three projects since the NAMA facility became operational a decade ago. They focus on a transition to energy-efficient lighting and decarbonising textile manufacturing. These projects have set a track to adopt an ambitious but systematic approach, particularly since the facility is mostly funded by Pakistan's major trading partners including the UK and Germany.

We have a shared interest with them in increasing trade and reducing emissions in energy, particularly in the manufacturing, construction and transportation sectors — the highest sources of Pakistan's carbon emissions, according to our national carbon inventory. Conceived and developed in partnership with the private sector, additional NAMA projects can help us reduce production costs to become competitive.

Gearing up for emissions trading: A carbon gold rush has attracted 'carbon cowboys' who are scouring the country to lock private landholders, provincial governments, and private-sector

entities into long-term concessions. Voluntary carbon markets (VCM), unless managed and regulated judiciously, offer attractive possibilities for fortune hunters. Perhaps the most credible exercise in Pakistan was under a Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and forest Degradation (REDD+) project that began almost a decade ago with a readiness grant by the World Bank.

Sindh has signed a

secretive long-term con-

cession on the Indus delta mangroves. At least four wind power plant projects are advancing in Jhimpir, Thatta and Jamshoro, totalling about 300MW and collectively promising emission re-

duction by 454,137 tonnes CO₂/year, ironi-

cally without a national registry where the emissions reduced could be recorded. KP has, like-

wise, started developing its own VCM projects pipeline and a provincial VCM framework. All this, while the country awaits a formal policy on carbon trading, carbon taxes, setting up a domestic ETS, or a national reg-

party seems confident of a place at the top of the electoral pie.

But it is sad that we will once again be almost inevitably handed over to the same people who we have seen over and over again. The fresh blood the country so badly needs is missing. It is also missing because there are very few who want to lead a country that many see as now unable to stand on its own feet. But there is still strength in some aspects of Pakistan. A leadership has to be found which can build on these pieces of strength and bring them together to create an arch of one kind or the other.

The task is a difficult one, but the challenges have to be undertaken. In the first place, we need a sound economic team and also a sound political, social and environmental setup. There are plenty in the country who can fill the role. The question is whether they will be brought to the top spots and allowed to follow the policies that they would of their own wishes opt for so that we can move forward and overcome many issues which face us, ranging from disappeared people to vanishing trees. -- Courtesy TheNews

Creating a leader



Kamila Hyat

The time has come when once again people across the nation are engaged in the process of trying to decide who they will vote for. The front-runners, including Nawaz Sharif and Imran Khan, both face cases but most believe that Nawaz will be able to contest the election one way or the other. After all, there are many hands that control what happens as far as the electoral process of Pakistan goes.

More important than the candidates themselves is the question of the people. Do they have any choice on whom to vote for? Is to be the same people over and over again? Certainly other parties which had hoped to make some kind of mark have not really succeeded. In the first place, they have not joined hands and stayed in their

separate coteries taking out tiny protests over the Israeli atrocities in Gaza and other matters. On such a small scale, these protests have no meaning. We ask why this has happened in other countries and could happen in India partly since vaguely the same ideology cannot come together. There are youth-led movements, parties, workers and trade unions which could join in as a whole, perhaps drawing in the new Reimagining Pakistan group to put together something new to offer people. But the task is a hard one and the unwillingness to combine forces is not encouraging.

We also have the problem of people's insecurity about political matters and how they see them. The failure to educate people about politics correctly and as objectively as possible means many are confused about concepts such as secularism, atheism, feminism or even matters such as presidential rule and the role of the Senate in the electoral process. This makes it harder for them to decide and many vote on the basis of the MNA or MPA they feel favours them. In many cases MNAs are ap-

proached for work such as placing water taps in an alley, although this should be the work of local governments.

The lack of local governments is an extreme failure of the state and means that instead public representatives who should be dealing with policy, have to reach a point where they are pumping out water after rains and making sure this becomes a photo-op that everyone can see. Shehbaz Sharif is perhaps the master of such photo-ops.

The next question we come to is why we have not produced leaders. The answer is fairly simple. We have knocked aside trade unions, student unions, and other grounds from which politicians once arose. Without these nurseries, we cannot expect leaders to take over matters and move ahead with the people. We also need far stronger links between politicians and their constituents. Again, local bodies play the key part in this. But MNAs too can visit their constituencies at least once a week and see what the real problems of the people living there are.

But all of us know that this is not the way politics

in the next election will be run. The results that appear are often hidden in darkness and it is difficult to say who will be chosen and brought to the top. Of course, we can guess and for now the lead seems to lie with Nawaz Sharif who we can only guess has made up with the persons he once attacked and spoke out against. For the moment his chief enemy is Imran Khan. The PTI is indeed a potentially powerful force notably in Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, but with so many of its activists behind bars and no real leaders to take people out, added to what is the very possible absence of Imran Khan. It is hard to see the party making a return.

We will therefore go back to paths we have travelled in the past. After all, the PML-N is familiar to many paths, in many different ways. We have watched it develop and grow over the years and we have seen the Sharif brothers play their role in Punjab and in the centre. It is thought that Nawaz Sharif may have mellowed over the years, but his daughter Mariam is certainly on a fiery path.

The sad thing is that

Reforming at gunpoint



Khurram Husain

This could be a case study in how not to do things. Common sense tells us that when problems are left to fester for long, they can grow in scale and complexity. Having postponed inevitable adjustments for long periods of time, a moment arrives when the necessary adjustment has to be undertaken in panic, in a short period of time, without the luxury of staggering out its impact, or embedding it within a larger package of reform measures.

This is exactly what has happened with the recent gas price hikes. It is hard to tell whether the hikes applied so far are enough to arrest the growth of the circular debt in the gas sector.

My hunch is no, it is not, and more hikes may need to be applied in the future. But even without that, what has happened in the gas sector is almost a case study in how not to do things.

It has been known since at least the early 1990s that Pakistan's domestic gas supplies would peak somewhere close to the year 2010. By the early 2000s, these were no longer projections, but empirical facts that were coming into view, about the moment when domestic gas supplies would enter their period of decline. That is why the Musharraf regime mobilised to commence LNG imports, arranging a long-term contract and a regassification terminal.

We all know what happened with that: the

court assumed corruption was involved, halted the deal, and Pakistan had to wait another decade before another LNG import deal could be signed and activated. The second one was also made the subject of frivolous corruption allegations, but thankfully (for the country) those allegations did not halt LNG imports.

From when they started, in 2015, imports of LNG have grown nearly tenfold, and at the present rates of growth, imported LNG will soon surpass domestic gas in the system. And with this growth comes pricing pressure.

Pakistan's gas reserves went into decline around 2010. The crippling shortages in the years leading up to the commencement of LNG imports are remembered by all those who lived through them. From that point onwards, it was known and clear to all that gas pricing would have to change in Pakistan. For decades, we had been lying to ourselves with our gas pricing.

By pricing it at nearly throwaway values, we had been telling ourselves that gas is abundant and cheap, whereas in reality it was scarce and precious. Having squandered this vital resource, we have been faced with the unpleasant prospect of repricing gas for well over a decade now. But that wasn't done.

There was more than a decade in which to make crucial decisions about natural gas. These included pricing, and in addition, allocations. Who will get how much gas at what price? There were at least five major stakeholders in this decision: fertiliser, power generation, CNG and domestic consumers. There was a decade and a half in which to get a new pricing regime in place, and allow that pricing regime to reallocate gas among the

various stakeholders.

None of that was done. What happened, instead, was that fresh supplies via imported LNG were arranged and the vehicular CNG stakeholders were thrown overboard, mainly because they lacked the organised clout that the other industry stakeholders had. For a while, this worked. Then in 2022 the PTI government undertook crucial pricing reform, bringing in what was called the Weighted Average Cost of Gas (WACOG).

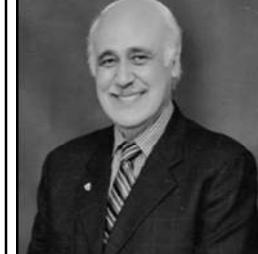
The past two years have seen relentless price shocks administered to the economy. There was the withdrawal of the fuel subsidies, the power tariff hikes, the devaluation, the interest rate hikes, and now the gas price increases. It is not yet clear whether these shocks have now ended or more are yet to come.

What is clear, however, is that running an economy in constant crisis and firefighting mode means the reform agenda becomes subsu-mied under the required adjustments.

What ought to have been a reform moment, a time to take stock and devise a package of policies to steer the economy towards a more sustainable direction, has become little more than a moment to swallow one bitter pill after another in an effort to get prices right after a decade of avoiding crucial decisions.

Reforms are not firefighting measures. These relentless price shocks are not setting the economy on the right path. All they are doing is stabilising the ship, and hopefully those running the show can see how difficult that task is. The real reforms come later. But for that moment to arrive, the country cannot be under an interim government. - Courtesy Dawn

'Death's dominion'



F.S. Ajijazuddin

dential elections: The Making of the President 1960 (1961), and its sequels on the 1964, 1968 and 1972 jousts. From them, the PML-N culled a strategy of focusing on marginal constituencies. Safe seats were already in the bag. It was the undecided who needed PML-N's help to make up their minds for them.

Today, one is not aware of a similar tactical plan developed by any of the political parties. They are relying on the broad blunderbuss approach to the more specific precision of the rifle.

The elections of December 1970 have been touted as the high-watermark of 'free and fair' polls. After its waters had subsided, though, the resultant bedlam led to vivisection of a single Pakistan and the emergence of Zulfikar Ali Bhutto and Mujibur Rahman as elected supremos in its residual West and East.

At the time, a victorious Indira Gandhi resisted the temptation to absorb East Pakistan into a larger Akhand Bharat. She had enough Muslims within India to contend with.

Fifty years later, the Indians and Bangla-deshis have collaborated again, this time on a newly released film *Mujib*: The Making of a Nation, an Indian-Bangladeshi co-production directed by Shyam Benegal. It has been sponsored by Mujib's daughter, the current PM Sheikh Hasina.

Likewise, Gurinder Chadha's eminently watchable *Viceroy's House* (2017) — a cine-drama recounting the events of 1947 — Benegal's biopic is unlikely to be shown in Pakistan. Neither Bangladesh nor Pakistan, nor India have fully exorcised the demons in their common past.

The crowd that greeted Mujibur Rahman when he stood with Bhutto in Shalimar Gardens, Lahore, during the Islamic

Summit of 1974, is in its dotage. It can hardly remember Bhutto, leave alone Mujib.

In 1995, a post-apartheid South Africa taught the world the cathartic benefit of forgiveness. Its Truth and Reconciliation Commission enabled black, white and coloured South Africans "to come to terms with their past on a morally accepted basis".

In 1945-46, the vengeful Allies gave the world the Nuremberg trials. Their purpose went beyond conviction of Nazi-tainted defendants. It was "to offer a history lesson to the defeated Germans, and delegitimise the traditional German elite".

As one is not-sided, "the judges were aw--are that both the Allies and the Axis had pl-anned or com-m-ited acts of ag-gression". They wrote "the verdict careful-ly to avoid discrediting either the Allied government or the tribunal".

At the time, a victorious Indira Gandhi resisted the plotting and waging of an aggressive war "the supreme in-ternational crime" because it contained "wi-thin itself the accumulated evil of the whole".

Will Israel, after it has obliterated the last particle of Palestine, submit itself to international accountability? Unlike the Jews who survived World War II to savour the cold revenge of the Nuremberg trials, the Palestinians have only the ghosts of their dead to draw upon to indict Israel.

Poets like Dylan Thomas sing what victims can only stutter: "Though they be mad and dead as nails, / Heads of the characters hammer through daisies, / Break in the sun till the sun breaks down, / And death shall have no dominion." Death continues to exercise dominion — now over Palestine, where har-vests are dripped with the blood of Abraham. -- Courtesy Dawn

Naqvi imposes ban on cleaning of schools by students across Punjab

Independent Report

LAHORE: Chief Minister Punjab Mohsin Naqvi conducted a comprehensive inspection at the Government Junior Model High School Model Town. The conditions observed were deeply concerning; several classrooms lacked furniture, forcing students to study on the bare floor. The washrooms were unclean and devoid of water, and the electric water coolers were malfunctioning. Broken furniture, damaged whiteboards, dilapidated doors and windows without glass and grilles

further contributed to the dismal state of the classrooms. Similarly, there was only one sweeper available for a student population of 750. In addition to these issues, sports activities were suspended, classrooms exhibited peeling paint and cobwebs, lighting was inadequate, and some fans were inoperable. Both the computer and science labs were found to be non-functional and in poor condition, respectively.

The CM went to every classroom, engaging with the students to understand their concerns.

The students voiced grievances about the absence of clean drinking water, insufficient water in washrooms, broken furniture, and damaged whiteboards. They also highlighted issues such as dim lighting, non-functional fans, the absence of sports activities, and the necessity to purchase textbooks from the market.

The chief minister also interacted with nursery class children, expressing his commitment to providing them with essential educational facilities and instructing the school to issue a notification for strict compliance today.



PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Governor Haji Ghulam Ali inaugurates main campus site of the University of Technology adjacent to motorway near Rashkai Interchange in Nowshera.

World cannot remain indifferent to the plight of Palestinians: Governor

Independent Report

LAHORE: Governor Punjab Muhammad Balighur Rehman said that all human beings are connected to one another. The world can not remain indifferent to the plight of Palestinians.

The way innocent men, women and innocent children are being martyred in Gaza by bombing at refugee camps, hospitals, and civilian population is not only sad but shameful. The international community should play a role in stopping the oppression of innocent Palestinians.

He expressed these views while speaking as a special guest at the Health Professionals Education Conference at University of Lahore today. In the

conference, the Caretaker provincial Health Minister, Prof. Dr. Javed Akram and vice chancellors of medical universities and foreign delegates were present. Punjab Governor Muhammad Balighur Rehman said that knowledge of new technology and modern trends in the field of medicine is very important. He said that the government is trying to promote technology in universities according to modern requirements. The Punjab Governor said that the young generation is the valuable asset of the country and the nation. He emphasized that the teachers in the medical colleges should focus on making them best doctors as well as good human beings.

PEC presides meeting to review LG by-polls preparations

KARACHI (APP): Provincial Election Commissioner Sindh Ejaz Anwar Chauhan held a meeting at the office of Deputy Commissioner Karachi South on Thursday to review arrangements and preparations for local body by-elections scheduled on November 5.

The meeting was attended by DC South Capt. ® Altaf Hussain Sario, Assistant Commissioners, Police Officials and other relevant participants.

Chauhan directed the officials to ensure the implementation of the security plan, installation of CCTV cameras at sensitive polling stations, and a transportation plan for the deployment of officials during the election.

He also discussed other important agendas related to the by-elections.

Smog may cause throat, lungs, respiratory system complications: Minister

Independent Report

LAHORE: Caretaker Punjab Minister for Primary and Secondary Healthcare Dr. Jamal Nasir has warned that smog can lead to diseases of throat, lungs, and respiratory system, and urged the public to take preventive measures.

He advised citizens to wear masks to protect themselves from smog and also recommended frequent hand, face, and eye washing to mitigate its harmful effects. In case of a scratchy throat, he suggested gargling with lukewarm water.

The Punjab government has taken action to combat smog by making it mandatory to spray water near construction sites and development projects. Furthermore, farmers have been encouraged to refrain from burning crop residues and dispose of them in an environmentally friendly manner.

The Punjab government has requested the prime minister to engage with the Indian government on the issue, highlighting its impact on both sides of the border.



KARACHI: Police officers detain immigrants, who fail to provide legal documents, during a search operation against illegal immigrants at a neighborhood of Karachi.

First phase of Raiwind Tablighi Ijtimा begins

LAHORE (APP): The first phase of the annual congregation, 'Raiwind Tablighi Ijtimā' started on Thursday, amid tight security arrangements.

The Ijtimā 2023 will continue from Nov 2 to November 5. According to Ijtimā administration, districts and areas participating in the first phase are Karki, Bannu, Lucky Marwat, Dir, Bajaur, Timargarh, Chitral, Rawalpindi, Jhelum, Attock, Tala Gang, Chakwal, Sargodha, Khushab, Bhakkar, Mianwali, all districts of Kashmir and all districts of Sindh province, except for Karachi.

Around five lakh people are likely to participate in the first phase.

The arrival of delegates from abroad has already started. Around 200,000 people so far have reached the venue. It may be mentioned here that data of citizens residing in nearby houses, hotels, guesthouses, bus stops and railway stations has been collected through geo-fencing, biometric verification and Hotel Eye app.

Sarfraz Ali says: KP to provide cheap electricity to far-flung localities

PESHAWAR (APP): Advisor to KP Caretaker CM on Energy, Dr Sarfaraz Ali Shah has said that 172 megawatts of cheap electricity produced by the under-construction Gabral-Kalam and Gorkin-Mataltan Hydro Power Projects would be provided to the residents of the far-flung and unelectrified localities of district Swat.

He expressed these views while talking to the media during his visit to both power projects on Thursday. Dr Sarfaraz Ali Shah reviewed the ongoing work on both projects.

It was told that on completion these projects will produce 172 megawatt electricity.

The advisor inspected various sections of the hydropower projects and issued some necessary directives to the concerned authorities.

The CM expressed dissatisfaction upon witnessing the deplorable conditions and summoned Education Minister Mansoor Qadir, secretary schools, secretary C&W and the CEO district education authority to the school to rectify these issues. Acknowledging the gravity of the situation, CM Naqvi took stringent action and prohibited students from undertaking the responsibility of cleaning schools across Punjab, directing the secretary school education department to issue a notification for strict compliance today.

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Brunei Darussalam can take benefit from Pakistan's investor-friendly policies: Sanjrani

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chairman of the Senate, Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani, said on Thursday that Pakistan's investor-friendly policies make it an attractive prospect for potential investments from Brunei Darussalam in various sectors such as energy, agriculture, and education.

The chairman expressed these views during a meeting with the High Commissioner of Brunei Darussalam who

paid a courtesy call to the Chairman of the Senate, as stated in a news release.

During the meeting, both sides called for further strengthening existing relations, particularly in the areas of trade, business, investment, and the economic sector.

Sadia Sanjrani, congratulated High Commissioner PG Kamal Bashah PG Ahmed on his appointment and extended his heartfelt best wishes for his role in strengthening

ties between the two countries.

The meeting was marked by a strong sense of optimism and hope for an enhancement in diplomatic ties between Pakistan and Brunei Darussalam.

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Red hands raised in Congress as US seeks more funds for wars

Monitoring Desk

WASHINGTON: As US secretaries of state and defense began to brief the Senate Appropriations Committee on Tuesday on the Biden administration's request for more money to fund the wars in Israel and Ukraine, a line of anti-war protesters got up and raised red-stained hands in the air.

They shouted: "Ceasefire Now, Protect the Children of Gaza and Stop Funding Genocide" before they were removed from the room.

Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Secretary of Defence Lloyd Austin testified to the Senate Appropriations Committee on the Biden administration's request for an additional \$106 billion,

which includes \$14.3 billion for Israel, \$9 billion for humanitarian relief—including for Israel and Gaza. A press release sent to various media outlets said the protesters were from an organisation called CODEPINK.

The organisation said multiple members, including 29-year-old US Army veteran and former diplomat Col. Ann Wright and peace activist David Barrows, were arrested for their actions.

CODEPINK said the red-painted hands of the silent audience members were meant to symbolise blood.

The protesters also said they attended the hearing to denounce the Biden administration's support for "genocide" against Palestinians in Gaza.



A man reacts as Palestinians search for casualties a day after Israeli strikes on houses in Jabalia refugee camp in the northern Gaza Strip.

Bolivia cuts ties with Israel over Gaza crisis

Monitoring Desk

LA PAZ: Bolivia said on Tuesday it was severing diplomatic ties with Israel over its "disproportionate" attacks in Gaza, as two other Latin American countries recalled their ambassadors over the mounting humanitarian crisis.

Bolivia "has decided to cut diplomatic relations with the State of Israel, in repudiation and condemnation of the aggressive and disproportionate Israeli military offensive being carried out in the Gaza Strip," deputy foreign minister Freddy Mamani told a press conference.

Minister of the Presidency María Nela Prada also announced the country was sending humanitarian aid to Gaza.

"We demand an end to the attacks" in the Gaza Strip "which have so far caused thousands of civilian deaths and the forced displacement of Palestinians," she said at the same press conference.

The government of leftist Luis Arce is the first in Latin America to cut ties with Israel since Oct.

Latin America ramps up condemnations of Israel's attack on Gaza

Monitoring Desk

BUENOS AIRES: Some of Latin America's largest countries came out on Wednesday to condemn Israel's attacks on a densely populated refugee camp in the Gaza Strip, widening the diplomatic rift between the region and the Middle Eastern country.

Argentina, home to Latin America's largest Jewish community, Peru and Mexico lambasted the Israeli attacks, which the Gaza government in the Hamas-controlled territory had killed nearly 200 people.

U.N. human rights officials have said the strikes could constitute war crimes.

The criticisms come a day after Bolivia cut diplomatic ties with Israel over its bombardment and siege

tober 7. Israel responded on Wednesday by slamming Bolivia's move as "a surrender to terrorism." "By taking this step," Israeli foreign ministry spokesman Lior Haiat said in a statement.

Bolivia only announced it was restoring ties with Israel in 2019, a decade after they were cut over previous attacks on the Gaza Strip.

Hamas hailed Bolivia's decision on Tuesday, saying it "holds in high esteem" while urging Arab countries who have normalised their relations with Israel to do the same.

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Battles rage in Gaza as Israeli strikes on refugee camp kills more than 195 people

Monitoring Desk

GAZA: More foreigners prepared to leave the besieged Gaza Strip on Thursday as the Palestinian authorities said at least 195 Palestinians died in Israeli attacks on the Jabalia refugee camp, strikes that Israel claimed killed Hamas commanders. The Gaza health ministry said at least 8,796 Palestinians in the narrow coastal enclave, including 3,648 children, have been killed by Israeli strikes since October 7.

At least 320 foreign citizens on an initial list of 500, as well as dozens of severely injured Gazans, crossed into Egypt on

Wednesday under a deal between Israel, Egypt and Hamas. Passport holders from Australia, Austria, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Finland, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Jordan, the United Kingdom and the United States were evacuated.

Gaza's media office said on Thursday that at least 195 Palestinians were killed in the two Israeli attacks on Jabalia, with 120 missing. At least 777 people were wounded, it said in a statement.

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Explosions were heard in the early hours of Thursday around the al-Quds hospital in densely popu-

lated Gaza City, the Palestinian Red Crescent said. Israeli authorities had previously warned the hospital to evacuate immediately, which UN officials said was impossible without endangering patients.

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UN human rights officials said strikes on the camp could be a war crime. "Given the high number of civilian casualties and the scale of destruction following Israeli air strikes on Jabalia refugee camp, we have serious concerns that these are disproportionate attacks that could amount to war crimes," the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights wrote on social media site X.

The Israeli military announced the death of another soldier in Gaza fighting, bringing to 17 the number killed since ground operations were expanded on Friday.

KARACHI: Pakistan Navy Special Service Group and Qatari Naval Special Forces demonstrating Counter Piracy Operation during Joint Naval Exercise MUHARIB AL-BAHR VI, held in Karachi.



KARACHI: Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (JUI-F) Chief, Maulana Fazal-ur-Rehman along with others leaders joints hand with each other to express solidarity on stage during the Al-Aqsa Palestine Conference against Israeli cruel and inhumane acts and express unity with the innocent people of Palestine, held at Shahrah-e-Quaidain road in Karachi

Relief to common man govt's top priority: Sami Saeed

ISLAMABAD (APP): The National Price Monitoring Committee (NPMC) on Thursday reviewed the prices of essential commodities and expressed satisfaction over the stabilization of prices of essential items.

The committee directed the quarters concerned to be vigilant and keep eye on food prices to provide relief to the common man, a news release said.

The meeting, Chaired by the Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives, Muhammad Sami Saeed, was attended by Secretary Planning Ministry Awais

Manzur Sumra, Chief Statistician from the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS), Chief Economist of Pakistan, representatives from all provinces, the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR), Ministry of Food Security & Industries, and other relevant stakeholders.

During the meeting, the PBS officials presented a detailed briefing and shared price and inflation data, while representatives from Punjab, KP, Sindh, and Balochistan apprised the forum on the current production and supply of wheat, sugar and other essential commodities which according to them remained satisfactory.

The meeting also highlighted the importance of minimizing the price differential between wholesale and retail prices of essential items.

NADRA contradicts false propaganda

ISLAMABAD (INP): NADRA has released an official statement addressing the recent video circulating on social media featuring a NADRA mobile registration van (MRV).

According to the NADRA spokesperson, MRVs are deployed to provide vital services to citizens residing in remote areas, often in response to requests from local communities and social and political figures.

The video in question is approximately four months old, capturing an MRV parked in a building near Khyber Chowk in the Baldia Town area of Karachi, dated July 20, 2023.

FIA arrested fake Ministers from Mardan

PESHAWAR (APP): FIA Mardan and anti-corruption in a joint operation arrested two fake ministers famous for making fake ID Cards for Afghans.

According to details given by the official of the FIA Mardan, Muhammad Shafiq and his son Modaat Ali were arrested from Mardan Kachri Chowk, involved in fake documents scams, and have a connection with the international Mafia.

The FIA official said, the arrested accused used to make fake ID cards, Pakistani identity cards, Afghanistan Taskara, Pakistan domicile, and other documents and have a connection with the international mafia. For making such documents they charged huge amounts of money, FIA officials said.

Both suspects were arrested red-handedly by the authorities during the joint operation, FIA officials said.

Further, Raja Pervez said that Pakistan people had always proven their talent and potential in diverse fields.

He stressed to resolve challenges faced by Pakistani Diaspora on priority.

"Highlighting positive image of Pakistan is the prime responsibility of Pakistani media and media can play positive image of country as Pakistan is enriched in every aspect", he added.

He also said that ensuring participation of Pakistani Diaspora in development and progress of country had been principle stance of Pakistan People's Party (PPP).

"The proactive role played by Pakistani Diaspora in Pakistani development and progress of the country is an undeniably reality," he added.

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Discipline key part of students' character-building alongside education: PM

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Thursday termed the role of teachers significant in the reformation of society said their specific focus on the character-building of students could lead to the progress of the nation.

PM Kakar said besides education, training of discipline among the youth was of prime significance in shaping their character. Experienced teachers can play a vital role in monitoring the

youth, he added.

The prime minister expressed these views in a meeting with his former teacher Nisar Ahmed, whom he warmly received here at the Prime Minister's House. He mentioned that Quaid-e-Azam in his golden principles also laid emphasis on discipline in addition to unity and faith.

"Only a disciplined and organized nation can contribute to the development of itself and the world," he said.

No discrimination in status of AJK ministries as all enjoy equal significance: AJK PM

MIRPUR (AJK) (APP): Azad Jammu Kashmir Prime Minister Chaudhry Anwar ul Haq has said that all departments and ministers were of equal importance.

Talking to a public delegation that called on him at Jammu Kashmir House in the federal metropolis late Wednesday, the PM said that there was no size

of all of the ministries vis-a-vis portfolios since all ministries enjoy the same size and status but it was the hard work and devotion of the people at the helm of affairs that matters the most, he emphasised.

He said that it was high time that the youth

should focus on IT instead of wasting time on useless activities. The Prime Minister said that idleness fosters anxiety and chaos in society. The PM said that he had issued special instructions to the minister for IT to use all available resources to attract the educated youth towards IT and skill development. He said that there was a dire need to focus on agriculture and livestock. He said that his government would use all its resources on public welfare projects. He said that the government was going to launch a great welfare project worth 5 billion rupees for widows, orphans, disabled and divorced women.

ISLAMABAD: Speaker National Assembly Raja Pervez Ashraf in a meeting with Mayor of London Borough of Hounslow Councillor Afzal Kiyani.

Sardar Ayaz Sadiq visits Sarawan House, meets Lashkari Rasiani

Independent Report

QUETTA: The senior leader of Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) Sardar Ayaz Sadiq visited the Sarawan House here on Thursday. During the visit, Sardar Ayaz Sadiq met the prominent political and tribal personality and former Senator, Nawabzada Lashkari Rasiani.

Also accompanied with Ayaz Sadiq were the provincial president of PML-N, Sheikh Jaffar Mandokhai, Jamal Shah Kakar, Chaduhy Naeem Karim and others.

Many political leaders and former parliamentarians had also met Sardar Ayaz Sadiq the other day.

During the meeting, they discussed about the political situation of the country and province.

Later, Sardar Ayaz Sadiq had one-to-one meeting with Nawabzada Lashkari Rasiani.

Needless to mention here is that the senior PML-N leader arrived in Quetta on Wednesday to meet the political leaders and obviously to invite them to join the party.

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Dashti directs to accelerate works of ongoing projects

QUETTA (APP): Provincial Secretary Communications and Works (C&W) Kambar Dashti on Thursday directed that works of ongoing development projects should be speeded up to provide better connectivity to people of Quetta city, as the densely populated city was in dire need of wide roads and flyovers.

Dashti was reviewing the ongoing development projects in Quetta city including Gah Khan Chowk Flyover, Customs Chowk Flyover, Raisani Road to Sabzal Road and Sardar Munir Ahmad Mengal Road.

Chief Engineer Design Dr. Sajjad Baloch gave a detailed briefing regarding the progress on ongoing projects.

Dashti said that the development projects of Quetta city have been stalled due to various reasons, but due to strict monitoring, the projects were now in the final stage of completion.

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Murtaza Solangi on Thursday called for collective revolutionary measures to protect planet earth from negative impacts of climate change.

President advises youth to play productive role in exponential growth of Pak

ISLAMABAD (APP): President Dr Arif Alvi on Thursday called upon the youth and fresh graduates who were about to enter their professional lives, to play their productive role in the country's exponential growth. He said the

country's development, and learn to share their resources with the poor, the country would see new heights of prosperity and development.

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ISLAMABAD (APP): A delegation led by Central Chairman Pakistan Red Crescent Sardar Shahid Ahmed Leghari meeting with Caretaker Chief Minister Mir Ali Mardan Domki.

Pak-Qatar Navy Special Forces bilateral exercise ends

KARACHI (INP): The 6th edition of bilateral exercise MUHARIB-AL-BAHR between Pakistan Navy Special Service Group (SSGN) and Qatari Naval Special Forces (QNSF) concluded at Karachi.

The exercise is conducted annually alternatively at Pakistan and Qatar. The two-week exercise comprised of various operations such as Frogman Ops, coordinated Maritime Interdiction Operations, Ship Visit- Board-Search and Seizure (SVBSS) Procedures, Sniper Weapon Firing, Day and Night Counter Terrorism Training, Close Quarter Combat (CQC) at Ship in a Box Mockup.

Lasbela police arrests bike lifter, recover stolen m/c

LASBELA (APP): In-charge CIA Lasbela, Muhammad Amin Lassi, with his team on Thursday carried out an operation and arrested a bike lifter along with the stolen motorcycle.

The operation was done on the special instructions of Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Lasbela Captain (retd) Naveed Alam. The motorcyclist was stopped at the check post who was coming from Karachi at the RCD Road Vayaro Othal.

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FO says: Repatriation of illegal foreigners to continue without any reconsideration

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan on Thursday, calling the policy on repatriation of illegal foreigners consistent with domestic laws and international norms, reiterated that the process would continue in an orderly and phased manner without any reconsideration.

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She said the government was also engaged with a number of countries, including the United States, with respect to Afghan individuals who were to be resettled in third countries.

Asked about the number of countries whose nationals were being repatriated, the spokesperson said it could be approximately a dozen, or maybe slightly fewer.

She said the government was in contact with those countries and the lists provided by such countries were under discussion between the two sides.

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"We need a strategic vision to tackle the challenge of climate change," Murtaza Solangi maintained. The whole society has to realize about climate change issue, Murtaza Solangi said adding:

"We are facing many social problems to deal with climate change".

Solangi said without bringing about change in society, the dangers of climate change could not be addressed. Parents, teachers, film, television drama writers, poets, elders in the society must discuss the harms of climate change and there was a need to change the whole culture system.

The planet, he added faced the dangers of climate change and the government, or any department alone could not solve this problem.

He also said that media must play its role in highlighting climate change

Pakistani Diaspora's role in progress of country, an irrefutable reality: Raja

ISLAMABAD (APP): Speaker National Assembly Raja Pervez Ashraf on Thursday said that Pakistani Diaspora around the world had always played pivotal and substantiated role for progress and development of country.

He expressed these views during meeting with the delegation of Pakistani Diaspora under leadership of Mayor of the London Borough of Hounslow Councilor Afzal Kiani, dated July 20, 2023.

He also said that ensuring participation of Pakistani Diaspora in development and progress of country had been principle stance of Pakistan People's Party (PPP).

"The proactive role played by Pakistani Diaspora in Pakistani development and progress of the country is an undeniably reality," he added.

While underscoring the significance of high-

lighting positive image of Pakistan across the world, he said, "Pakistan's Diaspora must be committed to ensure high-lighting positive image of country."

The speaker also emphasized the need to encourage and enhance the positive and proactive role offered by Pakistani Diaspora for their inclusion in progress of every socio-economic segment of country."

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