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CM grieved over death of Dr. Shakrullah: **GoB** issues red alert to tackle dangerous situation of Congo virus in Quetta

Mir Ali Mardan issues standing directives to Health and Livestock depts. for taking steps on emergent basis to stop spread of new variant of virus; summons high level meeting on present situation of virus, steps taken

Independent Report QUETTA: The Government of Balochistan has issued red alert to tackle the dangerous of the Congo virus in Quetta.

The caretaker Chief Minister Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki has issued standing directives to the provincial departments of Health and Livestock to take steps on emergent basis for stopping spread of the new variant of Congo virus in Quetta and other parts of the province.

He directed the con- tal, adding the Chief Mincerned authorities to create ister directed further. awareness about the Congo virus among general public Minister also directed to especially those associated the district administrative with the sale and purchase officers and authorities of of animals. Livestock and Health de-

He also directed to partments to visit the dairy make arrangements for farms and cattle markets spray in the grazing fields and provide awareness to and dairy farms for preventhe masses there. tion of the deadly virus. Meanwhile, the caretaker Chief Minister

In addition to this, the affected persons should be Balochistan, Mir Ali provided immediate medi-Mardan Khan Domki has cal assistance in case of symptoms as it can be fa-row and condolence over

death of Dr. Shakrullah due to Congo virus.

Moreover, the Chief In an official statement issued here, the Chief Minister said that Dr. Shakrullah paid tributes to the late doctor and said that he was admitted in Agha Khan Hospital Karachi.

He also mentioned that three doctors, one consultant, a staff nurse and two paramedical staff members had been shifted to Karachi by air ambulance.

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ISLAMABAD: Activists of Tehreek-e-Labbaik Pakistan (TLP) hold placards and Philistine national flags during Al-Aqsa Million March to express their solidarity with Palestinians in Federal Capital. (Inset) Chief of Tehreek-e-Labbaik Pakistan (TLP) Saad Hussain Rizvi lead by Al-Aqsa Million March.



'Muslims must unite against Israel's atrocities', Hamas chief tells Fazl

ISLAMABAD (INP): to reach out to the Arab ISLAMABAD: With Israel world leadership to find a continuing its relentless bombing of the Gaza Strip, Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam-Fazl (JUI-F) chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman met Palestinian resistance group Hamas's leader Ismail Khaled Mashal in Qatar on

way to provide aid to Gaza of JUI-F workers in Qatar, which has been facing a dire he said that he was doing humanitarian crisis due to all out efforts to highlight the Palestine issue in Pakithe ongoing Israeli bombing of the strip following the stan, said a press release October 7 attack by Hamas issued here Sunday. Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam

In this regard, meet-Haniyeh and former chief Fazal (JUI-F) Chief ings were held in each prov-Maulana Fazlur Rehman ince, which was also parhas urged all the Muslim ticipated by the represen-

Congo virus outbreak in Quetta: **Governor calls for paying** focus on safety of doctors, other medical staff

Independent Report besides stopping its further spread in Quetta and other QUETTA: The Governor areas

Balochistan, Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar has underlined the need to pay much focus on safety of the doctors and other medical staff serving at the forefront against Congo virus in the hospitals.

He said that the Congo virus is a fatal virus and at present, there is a dire need to take it serious and follow the precautionary measures for its prevention and

further spread. In a statement issued here on Sunday, the Gover-nor said that all the concerned departments including Health and Livestock should play effective role died of Congo virus in for prevention of the virus Karachi.

Mir Abdul Quddus Bizenjo removed: Nawabzada Khalid Magsi elected unopposed as BAP's President

Newly elected President nominates Senator Kohda Babar as BAP's secretary Information and spokesman; vows to remain connected with same spirit playing role in Pak politics in future

He said that by taking timey steps, the spread of Congo virus can be stopped. In this regard, the Governor also stressed the need to launch mass awareness campaign in view of the risk of its spread. In addition to this,

spray should be carried out posed for prevention of the virus at dairy farms and cattle markets, he maintained. He urged the media

persons to play effective role for prevention of the virus. The Governor prayed for the departed soul of Dr. Shakrullah who

Independent Report QUETTA: The senior leader of Balochistan Sanjrani, Awami Party (BAP) and former Member National Assembly, Nawabzada Khalid Khan Magsi was elected as central President of the party (BAP) unop-

The election of Nawabzada Khalid Khan Magsi was made as President of BAP during the meeting of central council of the party held at Balochistan Boy Scouts Association Headquarters here on Sunday evening. The founding leaders

ing the closing session of central council, the newly of BAP including Chairman Senate, Muhammad Sadiq speaker elected President of BAP Balochistan Assembly, Mir Nawabzada Khalid Magsi Jan Muhammad Jamali, said that the party was Senator Manzoor Ahmed formed to represent the Kakar, Sardar Muhammad province at the federal level. Saleh Bhotani, Senator He said that BAP ex-Prince Agha Umar Ahmedzai, Ms. Rubina Irfan, Ms. Zubaida Jalal, perienced very hard for five years besides witnessing certain infatuations during Sardar Israr Tareen and oththat period. ers participated in the central council meeting.

However, the party played historic role during The outgoing Presithe political crisis condent and former Chief Minfronted the country in past, ister Mir Abdul Quddus Mr. Magsi maintained.

Bizenjo didn't turn up to He said that we would remain connected with the

attend the meeting. Meanwhile, addresssame spirit in future.

Sunday. The JUI-F chief is in countries to give all kinds Qatar where he is expected of support to the Palestin-

Govt firmly believes in freedom of press & expression: Solangi

means

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Minister for Information and Broadcasting Murtaza Solangi on Sunday said the government fully and firmly believed in the freedom of press and expression that was enshrined in the Constitution.

Addressing the 5th anniversary of Independent Urdu, the minister congratulated the management and staff of the media outlet on achieving a milestone in its five-year journey.

He appreciated the role of the Independent Urdu in promoting digital Caretaker federal govern-Urdu journalism in Pakiment has decided to instan, besides providing crease the strategic reserves quality contents to its auof petroleum. dience through different According to media

reports, the caretaker gov-The platform has ernment has decided to incontributed significantly to crease the strategic petrothe progress of digital leum reserves due to the situ-Urdu journalism in the ation in the Middle East, country," he remarked on the strategic petroleum rethe occasion while exserves will be kept by PSO. pressing best wishes for the media outlet. Report quoted petro-

leum division sources as saying that there is an urgent need to increase fuel storage capacity. According to the sources, petroleum companies have to store petroleum products for 21 days, the government wants the strategic petroleum reserves to be for a period of at least three months, however, the final reserves and the period can be determined only after a careful assessment of the country's needs.

HYDERABAD: Caretaker Federal Minister for **Education and Professional Training, Madad Ali** Sindhi talking to media persons during the PM Youth Skill Development Program held at Sindh Museum.

Young doctor shifted to Karachi from Qta dies of Congo virus

7 doctors & medical staff shifted to Karachi

Independent Report QUETTA: A young doctor died of Congo virus in a private hospital of Karachi on

Sunday morning. The spokesman of Health Department, Dr. Waseem Baig confirmed that Dr. Shakrullah was shifted to Karachi by air ambulance for treatment of the Congo virus from Quetta on Saturday.

Besides him, seven others including four doctors, two paramedics and a staff nurse contracted the virus were also shifted to Karachi in view of their serious condition.

All of them were admitted in Agha Khan Hospital for the advance treat-

ment. However, Dr. Shakrullah succumbed to serious condition and died on Sunday morning, Dr. Waseem Baig informed.

Dr. Shakurrlah and seven others had contracted the Congo virus while performing medical duty in the Sandeman Provincial Headquarter Hospital Quetta. An emergency has already been declared after prevalence of the Congo virus. An Isolation ward negative impact on the Pakwas also established in the Afghan relations. Sandeman Provincial Hos-

pital. In addition to this, the emergency ward comprising 32-beds has also been established in the Sheikh Zayed Hospital besides the in the country. He was addressing a PkMAPs senior leaders in-Fatima Jinnah Hospital.

QUETTA: Newly elected central President of party (BAP) Nawabzada Khalid Khan Magsi addressing the BAP General Council session while General Secretary Manzoor Kakar, Chairman Senate Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani, Sardar Saleh Bhutani, Naseebullah Bazai, Khuda Babar, Zubaida Jalal, Jan Jamali and others sitting on stage.

Rallies held in I'abad in solidarity with Palestinians

ISLAMABAD (INP): Protest rallies to express solidarity with oppressed Palestinians were taken out in Islamabad Sunday. Hundreds of people took part in the rallies and chanted slogans against Israeli continued aggression and atrocities being perpetrated in Gaza.

They also called on international community to play its role and stop genocide of Palestinians. At the United Nations, Pakistan has advocated the

right of Palestinians to establish an independent and vi-able state within the borders of pre-1967, with Al-Aqsa as its capital.

Pakistan's Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York Munir Akram during General Assembly's Fourth Committee meeting said first and foremost a ceasefire is required in Gaza.

Need to increase trade with Afghanistan instead of confrontation **Treatment being meted out with Afghan** refugees to cast negative impact on Pak, **Afghan relations: Chairman PkMAP**

Mehmood Khan Achakzai alleges Pashto speaking people being disturbed under garb of operation against refugees; calls for preparing joint strategy with Afghan authorities for prevention of smuggling

Independent Report QUETTA: The Chairman Pashtoonkhaw Milli Milli Awami Party (PkMAP), Mehmood Khan Achakzai has alleged that Pashto speaking people are being bothered under the garb of operation against Afghan refugees all over the country, and added that the treatment being meted out with them (refugees) would cast

The Chairman PkMAP underlined the need to prepare a joint strategy with Afghan authorities for prevention of smuggling

crowded press conference at cluding Abdul Rahim the Quetta Press club on Sunday afternoon. He was flanked by the Agha and others

Achakzai referred to the Ziaratwal, Abdul Qahar crackdown against the illegal immigrants, and said Wadhan, Sved Liaguat Mehmood

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General Election to be held on time in a free, fair, transparent manner

HYDERABAD (APP): tional tests on students who Caretaker Federal Minister were desirous of making a of Education and Profescareer in the vocational field sional Training, Madad Ali and going to Karachi for Sindhi, has said that the such tests. However, with general election will be held the efforts of the caretaker on time in a free, fair, and government, Takamol Centransparent manner, as anter had been established in Hyderabad, and now nounced by the Election Commission of Pakistan. Takamol would take tests

He expressed these on students in Hyderabad. views while talking to the media after the inauguration that after assuming the portof the Government College folio of Education Minisof Technology Hyderabad ter, he was facing many as the assessment center for challenges, like bringing rethe Skill Verification Proforms to the education secgram (Takamol) here on tor, ensuring basic facilities, Sunday

and bringing back The Federal Minister 20,000,000 (20 million) said that Takomal was that out-of-school children with institution in Saudi Arabia the coordination of four that was conducting vocaprovinces

Madad Ali Sindhi said



QUETTA: Balochistan Caretaker Minister for Information, Jan Achakzai addresses to media persons during press conference, at Quetta press club.

Govt committed to provide all facilities to protect people from Congo outbreak

Independent Report QUETTA: Caretaker Minister for Health, Dr. Ameer Muhammad Jogezai, has said that the incumbent caretaker government was committed to providing all necessary facilities to protect the people from the outbreak of Congo.

These views were expressed by him while chairing a meeting held here on Sunday to review the situation about the Congo outbreak in Sandeman Provincial Hospital, Quetta here on Sunday. Meeting was attended by Secretary, Health Department, Government of Balochistan, Abdullah Khan, Director General, Health Services, Balochistan, Dr. Nur Qazi, Representatives of Livestock and Dairy Devel- all necessary facilities.

opment Department, Medical Superintendents of all Tertiary Hospitals of Quetta, WHO, Public Health Specialists, Disease Survielance experts, and UNICEF representatives. The precautionary measures adopted by Health Depart-ment were thoroughly reviewed in the meeting. Speaking on the occasion, Abdullah Khan, Secretary, Health Department said that the Caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Ali Mardan Domki, Caretaker Minister for Health, Dr. Nur Muhammad Jogezai and Chief Secretary Balochistan, Dr. Shakeel Qadir Khan have been watching the situation from the day first and the government has committed to providing

Forces nab 620 in operation against illegal immigrants QUETTA (INP): Law en-

forcers have arrested 620

illegal immigrants in an op-

eration launched in differ-

ent areas of the capital of

Balochistan province, ac-

cording to figures released

by police on Sunday. It said

116 illegal immigrants were

arrested from City Divi-

sion, 62 from Quaidabad

Division, 323 from Saddar

and 119 from Saryab.

Govt decides to increase strategic reserves of

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Addressing a gathering

petroleum ISLAMABAD (Online): Daily A oice of Massey Independent Quetta

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Asian Taekwondo C'ship closing ceremony held

ISLAMABAD (APP): and Amar Masood acted as The closing ceremony of IVR/OVR to conduct the the 5th Asian Open International Taekwondo Championship organized by Pakistan Taekwondo Federation was held here at the Liaquat Gymnasium of the Pakistan Sports Board.

Foreign teams of Afghanistan, Egypt, Germany, Great Britain, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Nepal, USA, Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Türkiye, Croatia, Uzbekistan, WTH (WT Refugee) including 20 Teams from Pakistan participated in the event along with 530 officials.

nal.

bronze,

4th bronze.

It is worth-mentioning here that Twenty One International and Nine Pakistani International Referees duly qualified from World Taekwondo Federation conducted the extrava-

World Taekwondo has nominated Kook Hyun Jung as Technical Delegate, Sang Ho Jeon as Chairman Referee and Tawfiq Nwaser form Bahrain, Stephen Fernandez from Egypt and Miss Najia Rasool from Pakistan as CSB Members said event.

Prof Kyu Seok Lee, President ATU, Director General Pakistan Sports Board, Pakistan Taekwondo Federation representatives and other renowned sports High Officials attended the closing ceremony

On the second day of category the Kyorugi event during the ongoing Championship, as many as six different weight category competicompatriot tions were held.

In the men's -54 kg fi-Pakistan's Shahzaib Khan showed a brilliant performance against Saudi Arabia's Riad Hamdi to win patriot the Gold medal. Nimatzadeh.

While Pakistan's Tanzeel Hasnat won the compatriot Abubakar Siddique got the In the men's -63 kg

category final, Afghanistan's Mohsin Raza won 2-0 against Saudi Arabia's Muhammad Zakariya

Pakistan's Haroon Khan won the bronze while Pakistan's Nouman Khan won the fourth bronze. bronze medal.

In the men's +87 kg final, Afghanistan's Ali Akber Amiri defeated Pakistan's Hamza Umar Saeed 2-1 after an exciting and thrilling contest. Egypt's Muhammad Ali won the bronze and Kuwait's Ali Hameed Hassan won the fourth bronze. In the women's -46

final Kazakhstan's Nargiza Koishybekova won the gold medal by defeating her Aidana Yedilbayeva 2-0. In the women's -53kg final, Iran's Nahid Kiyan

won the gold medal by win ning 2-0 against her com-Mobina Pakistan's Rafia

Abdul Samad won the bronze and Dunia Ali Abutalib of the Saudi Arab world won the fourth bronze. In the women's 67 kg category final Nuray Kazakhstan's Khussainova won 2-1

by 243 runs in a World Cup clash in Kolkata on against Britain's Erin Shaw, Sunday Pakistan's Maleeha Ali won The Proteas' batters the bronze, while Kazakhstan's Zhadyra found themselves helpless, failing to face the deadly Khairullina won the fourth Indian bowling attack as they lost five wickets for

ISLAMABAD: Ex-Officio member of Asian Taekwondo Union Kook Hyun Jung presenting winning trophy to Islamov Zhavokhirkhon from Kazakhstan during price distribution ceremony of 5th Asian Taekwondo Open Championship 2023, at Liaquat Gymnasium, in Federal Capital.

India inflict 243-run humiliating defeat on South Africa in WC

bowlers as the left-arm off-

spinner bagged five wickets for 33 runs. Batting first, Rohit Sharma went berserk and took the Proteas bowlers to the cleaners, and scored 40 off just 24 balls, including eight boundaries as the Blues had scored more than 90 runs within the 10 overs.

However, both the openers, Sharma and Shubman Gill, walked back to the pavilion soon, leaving their side 93-2 in 10.3

overs. That is when Virat Kohli and Shreyas Iyer built a crucial 134-run partnership and helped the Blues score runs on a tricky

Kolkata pitch which made their biggest defeat of this difficult for batters to Ravindra Jadeja was tackle bowlers, spinners the undisputed pick of the especially, between the in-

PHA tent-pegging championship ends

LAHORE (APP): A two- Lahore Aey' festival. day tent-pegging champi-onship organised by the Parks and Horticulture Authority (PHA) of Lahore at the Fortress Stadium con-

Sports Desk

India who have already

booked a semi-final spot

thumped South Africa

just 40 runs in 13.1 overs.

have made their recognition

couldn't play the way they

out for 83 runs, suffering

ing wickets at intervals. The Proteas were all

World Cup.

South Africa, who

KOLKATA: Undefeated

viduals.

'Chief Minister Tent Pegging Championship," was conducted in conjunction with the ongoing 'Lahore Wattoo said

Pak leapfrogging into new era of tech industry WASHINGTON (INP): rights and addressing the Ambassador of Pakistan to issues related to repatriation

Masood says:

the United States Masood of funds by foreign inves-Khan has said tech entrepreneurship in Pakistan has taken off and the country is leapfrogging into a new era of tech industry.

Ĵnited States, he said youth

in Pakistan are participat-

He said that the Coun-

tion to the economy.

potential

ties.

Highlighting the suc-cesses in tech and IT sector, he apprised the participants that from a meagre Talking during a spe-\$10 million venture capital cial session as a key note funding in 2018 per year, speaker at San Francisco,

global VCs and other investors were pouring in \$1 bilgraduating from universities lion annually in Pakistan now. He recounted various

ing in digitized economy which is giving a new direcsteps being taken by the Government to facilitate Masood Khan said businesses that included the Government of Pakimoving toward investors' stan has created enabling friendly regulatory regime, environment for the growth E-Wallet facility introduced of tech and IT sector keepby State Bank of Pakistan, ing in view its immense clear definition of a techstartup by Securities and He said that the coun-Exchange Commission and try has set up a Special Insetting up of Special Techvestment Facilitation Counnology Zones.

cil (SIFC) and IT sector was The Ambassador of among its foremost priori-Pakistan to the United States said the country is steering towards growth cil is aimed at fast- tracking after numerous challenges approvals and registralike the pandemic and the devastating floods last year.

tions, overseeing implementation and catalyze much He urged foreign inneeded regulatory reforms vestors to keep capitalizincluding ensuring stable ing in Pakistan and be a part payment cycles, protection of the Technology revoluof intellectual property tion.



HYDERABAD: Caretaker Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training, Madad Ali Sindhi giving certificate to student during certificates distribution ceremony of Prime Minister Youth Skill Development Program Batch 04 NAVTTC at Sindh Museum.

Need stressed to form **Muslim Union on** pattern of EU: Altaf

KARACHI (INP): The in- ern countries which is blind ability of the Muslim coun- to the human rights violatries to save the citizens of tions against the Muslim Gaza from genocide at the populations. He said we hands of occupying army have seen this in Kashmir,

of playing fearless cricket, always do and kept on los-

KARACHI: Activists of Pakistan Qabail Movement (PQM) are holding protest demonstration against high handedness of police, at Karachi press club.

All Quetta Dr Malik Kasi memorial inter academies **Darts C'ship from Nov 10**

BDA

Independent Report QUETTA: "All Quetta Dr Àbdul Malik Kasi Memo-

adding that Maqbool Jaffar, Editor in chief Pakistan rial Inter Academies Darts Image News will be the Championship 2023" under the auspices of Balochistan Darts Association is going Dr. Abdul Malik Kasi Me-

in ODI Board, Quetta, in Quetta, KOLKATA (Online): In dian cricketer Virat Kohli broke former Indian legend Sachin Tendulkar's record

of most centuries in ODI

Kohli equals cluded here on Sunday. More than 390 riders, Sachin's including a group of female participants, representing record of 93 tent pegging clubs from across the country, took most centuries part in this event. This competition, known as the

PHA Director General Muhammad Tahir Wattoo extended a warm welcome to the chief guest, Caretaker Minister for Housing Syed Azfar Ali Nasir, at the venue

During the closing ceremony, the minister presented prizes to the winning teams and indi-

"Tent pegging is a traditional sport and the fearless competitors challenged each other with great skill,

nings. Despite the wicket getting difficult during the innings, Iyer and Kohli got

the much-needed time to settle down without disturbing the run rate, thanks to the rapid start provided by their skipper Sharma. Iyer scored 77 off 87

balls with nine boundaries including seven fours and two sixes, and accelerated the innings at the right time. However, it was Kohli

who was the centre of attention for various reasons. The 35-year-old was playing on his birthday and also scored a magnificent century, scoring 101 off 121

> runs Kohli notched up his 49th ODI ton, equaling the record of the legendary Sachin Tendulkar.

Pakistan fined for slow overrate against

New Zealand ISLAMABAD (INP): Pakistan have been fined 10 per cent of their match fee for maintaining a slow overrate against New Zealand in a league match of the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023 in Bengaluru on Saturday. Richie Richardson of the

Emirates ICC Elite Panel of Match Referees imposed the sanction after Babar Azam's side was ruled to be two overs short of the target after time allowances.

Air pollution,

jeopardy

Both teams canceled

According to the de-

teams

It should be noted that

right.

Palestine issue.

program for him.

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ation in Gaza.

leaders.

to be held with effect from 10 November, 2023 to 12 November, 2023 at Fighter Sports Academy, Saeed Ahmed Khan Road, Quetta, said a statement issued by the spokesman for BDA here on Saturday.

Spokesman added that Darts players of different "Darts Academies" of Quetta are going to take part in the event of "Darts" discipline to be held under the auspices of Balochistan Darts Association, a registered sports Association with Balochistan Sports

Media Cricket League: **PPC Markhor and** Cobra have qualified for the semi-finals

scores

PESHAWAR (Online): by winning by eight wick-PPC Markhor and PPC ets. Cobra have qualified for the semi-finals in the ongoing media cricket league organized by Peshawar Press

Club. PPC Cobra defeated PPC Stars by 8 wickets in the first quarter-final of the ongoing Media Cricket League at Colonel Sher

Khan Cricket Stadium. Playing first, PPC Stars scored 89 runs in the allotted ten overs, in which Waheed scored 52 runs and Ashfaq 17 runs.

Ahsan dismissed a player for PPC Cobra

In reply, PPC Cobra achieved the desired target for the loss of two wickets in the seventh over, with Asad 34 and Rafat Ehsan scoring 22 runs.

Thus, PPC Cobra qualified for the semi-finals

morial Inter Academies Virat Kohli equaled Darts Championship, Tendulkar's record by scor-2023" to be arranged on ing a stunning century on November 10, 2023 at his 35th birthday against Fighter Sports Academy, South Africa in the ICC Quetta under the aegis of ODI World Cup in Kolkata.

Office bearers of All Kohli's number of Darts Academies have ODI centuries has reached urged to get their respective darts academies registered He crossed this milewith Rehmatullah Khan stone in the 289th match. Nurzai Chief Instructor Virat Kohli has scored Fighter Sports Academy for more than 13 thousand 600 the event of "Darts" to be runs in 289 ODI matches. held on due date at Fighter His ODI career in-Sports Academy, Shafique cludes 49 centuries and 71 Ahmed Khan Road, Quetta.

fifties Earlier, Sachin Tendulkar had scored 49 centuries in 463 OD matches.

Tendulkar scored the highest 18,426 runs in ODIs, including 49 centuries and 96 fifties.

Banks to remain

closed on Allama Second match was Iqbal Day: SBP played between defending champions PPC Markhor KARACHI (INP): The

and PPC Panthers After a thrilling match, PPC Markhor won by 12 runs, PPC Panthers captain Israr won the toss and invited Markhor to bat first, who scored 134 runs in the stipulated overs, in which Rizwan 35, Qari Gul Rahman 29 and Yasir 28 and Irshad Ali with 13 runs were outstanding Farid Shinwari dis-

missed two players on behalf of the Panthers. In response, the PPC Panthers team managed to score 122 runs for the loss of five wickets in pursuit of the

desired target. Zeeshan Kakakhel was the top scorer with 17 runs. vember 9 world.

State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) on Sunday officially declared a bank holiday on November 9, 2023, to commemorate Allama Iqbal Day. This decision has been made in compliance with the previous statement issued by the Government of Pakistan. The State Bank of Pakistan said in a circular that "the State Bank of Pakistan will be closed on

Thursday, November 9 2023, in observance of the public holiday marking Allama Iqbal Day, as per the Government's directive." Due to this announce ment, all commercial banks in Pakistan will also be closed on Thursday, Nolion.



dies price sold by Custom Department, as the price of daily used general items have touched up to sky due to price hiking.

Treatment being..

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that arrests of refugees were never made in such a large number in history of the

He said that our country is facing immense hardships and under the given circumstances, it is not good to have confrontation with the neighbouring countries. He said that except

PML-N central leader, Mian Muhammad Nawaz Sharif, all political leaders are giving statements against the neighbouring countries. He said that besides the brotherly relations, we also have trade relations with Afghanistan, and according to the traders, trade volume with Af-

ghanistan is around US\$ 14 million. He said that the trade with Afghanistan can be increased to US\$ 2 biland ultimately, people

He recalled that the Afghan transit trade agreement had been signed in pee is necessary.

GoB issues red alert..

Continued from page 1 cases in the Sandeman Hospital.

He said that the treatment of Congo virus patients is taker Chief Minister sumcontinued on expense of moned a high level meeting on the present situation of

Congo virus in Quetta to-The Chief Minister day (Monday). cial hand out issued here, the situation of Congo virus as well as the steps

He also mentioned taken for its prevention and other related issues would be discussed in the meetporting of the Congo virus ing

Sri Lanka However, the governvs Bangladesh ment imposed ban on import of different items on match is in October 3, and due to the ban, 3,000 containers are standing at the Karachi NEW DELHI (Online):

port, he noted with con-Due to air pollution in the cern. He stressed that the Indian capital, Delhi, the government should inform match between Sri Lanka the traders couple of and Bangladesh today months before imposing (Monday) is in jeopardy. ban on the imports. the practice session.

The Chairman PkMAP said that we need to increase trade with Aftails, the Indian capital New ghanistan instead of the Delhi ranks first in the world confrontation. He suggested that

more points can be established in Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhaw for promoting trade between the two countries.

Bangladesh and Sri Lanka did not even practice for their match. proved by promoting trade

the match between the would get livelihood. He said that in the country's current economic situation, every single ru-

teams of Sri Lanka and Bangladesh is scheduled in Delhi today on November 6 in the World Cup and before that the ICC has started to review the air pollution in Delhi.

ICC said that they are taking the opinion of experts in this regard along Meanwhile, the carewith the Indian board, and will take care of the safety of the players' health.

Indian media said that there is no possibility of improvement in pollution in According to an offi-Delhi in the next two days, the increase in air quality index may endanger the match while the management is planning to seat the players in the dressing room instead of the dug-

Afghanistan, Iraq and now of Israel has underscored the need of forming a 'Musin Gaza. He said the killers of the Muslim populations lim Union' on the pattern of the European Union have got the silent backing of the Western countries (EU), said Pasban Democratic Party (PDP) Chairand the United Nations, man Altaf Shakoor here which takes care of their Sunday.

interests. He said Iraq was He said political disattacked over false informaunity amongst the Muslim tion about so-called weapcountries has allowed Israel ons of mass destruction. to continue its war crimes but the United Nations and the Western nations are in Gaza with impunity. He said the role of the Arab blind to the mass destrucnations to get stopped the tion of Gaza at the hands genocide in Gaza is more of anti-human Israel. shameful, while all other major Muslim countries have also just paid a lip service. He said the killings of innocent children and

Altaf Shakoor said the Muslim world is facing a crisis of leadership. There is not a single courageous Muslim leader that can women in Gaza by Israeli realise the gravity of situabombardment on civilian tion and get united the population, even on Ummah at this crucial juncschools, hospitals and amture of history. He said the bulance vans show that de-OIC is a paper tiger, having spite the Western sermons no power to defend the Musabout human rights we live lim people. He said a broad in world where might is based political and military alliance between all the Mus-

He said the United lim countries is a must to Nations has proved to be an instrument of the West- dren from mass killings.

'Muslims must..

Continued from page 1 ister attempt to turn the first Qibla [Al-Aqsa tative of Hamas in Pakimosque] into a temple by oppressing the Palestine. In the second phase, Fazl said during the meet-Muslim countries, espe-

ing. Haniyeh, on the occasion stressed the need for cially the Arab countries, the Ummah unity against were making a dialogue to Israeli atrocities against the highlight the importance of Palestinian people.

"It was incumbent Rehman was in Qatar upon the Muslim Ummah as the president of Hamas is in Qatar. Jamiat Ulemato unite against Israeli ope-Islam Qatar organized a pression. Countries calling for human rights send shiploads of weapons to Addressing the work-Tel Aviv. [Therefore], the ers, Rehman urged all Muslim countries, to give all Ummah must come forward to support the Palestinian kinds of support to the Palbrothers, mothers, sisters,

According to a tweet he said. Similar views were exposted by the Jamiat pressed by former Hamas Ulema-e-Islam-Fazl (JUIleader Mashal, according to F) on social media platform the JUI-F tweet. "The de-veloped [Western] coun-X, party chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman called on tries have the blood of in-Haniyeh and Mashal in nocent children and women Doha, Qatar, and discussed on their hands," he said, rewith them the ongoing situferring to the mass killings Fazl was accompanied in Gaza.

According to the by a delegation including tweet, Mashal also ex-Maulana Rashid Mahmood pressed solidarity with the Soomro and Mufti Abrar people of Kashmir, who are Ahmed, reached Qatar on facing Indian atrocities for Saturday, JUI-F spokesthe past seven decades. person Aslam Ghori said. The lingering Kashmir and He added that the delega-Palestine [issues] have tion held a detailed exchange of views on Palestinian situbeen a slap in the face of those calling themselves as ation with the top Hamas the advocates of human "Israel is making a sinrights," he said.

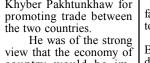
2010.

KARACHI: A female voter exercising her right to vote at a polling station in the metropolis during by-elections for direct Local Government (LG) seats.

the provincial government. said that a special ward has been established for the Congo virus patients and suspects in the Sandeman Hospital.

that necessary SOPs had been issued soon after re-

in terms of air pollution and the teams are facing serious problems due to smog. The teams in Delhi are facing severe difficulties due to smog.



country would be im-

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Minister Information highlights preservation of cultural values at 'Lok Mela'

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Caretaker Minister of ity cordially guided the Information, Culture, and Tourism Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Barrister Feroz Jamal Shah Kakakhel, attended the annual 'Lok Mela' at Lok Virsa Islamabad.

During the event, he addressed the attendees, emphasizing the significance of the preservation of cultural values and heritage, according to a handout issued here on Sunday.

Accompanied by Federal Minister for National Heritage and Culture Jamal Shah and Palestine Ambassador Ahmad Jawad Rabei, Barrister Feroz Jamal Shah Kakakhel explored the various pavilions representing different provinces. Barrister Feroz Jamal Shah Kakakhel warmly welcomed the Federal Minister for National Heritage and Culture, as well as the Ambassador of Palestine to Pakistan, along with other esteemed guests at the emphasized that these Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Pavilion.

The officials of the the legacy to be passed Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Cul- down to future generations.

ture and Tourism Author-Speaking passionately about the Palestinian cause, guests through the diverse Barrister Feroz Jamal Shah facets of the Khyber Kakakhel reaffirmed the Pakhtunkhwa Pavilion, unwavering support of the KP government and its where the guests showed keen interest in the cultural people. He praised the rich exhibits, delectable culinary Palestinian culture and heriofferings, folk music, art, tage, characterizing it as a literature, traditional attire, beacon of human civilizaembroidery, and exquisite tion and history. The careornaments. The event feataker minister expressed his commitment to standing tured captivating folk music performances, providing alongside the Palestinian a delightful cultural experipeople and their cause. ence. In a heartwarming ges-Barrister Feroz Jama ture of solidarity, Barrister Shah Kakakhel envisioned

Feroz Jamal Shah Kakakhel a future where similar visited the Palestine Corevents could be held in the ner, connecting with the heart of Gaza. He also Palestinian families present touched upon the historiand conveying a message of cal significance of Peshawar as a center of civisupport on behalf of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa govlization and religion, highernment and its people. lighting the remarkable mu-During his address at seums and attractions in the

the inaugural function, Barregion. In closing, Barrister rister Feroz Jamal Shah Feroz Jamal Shah Kakakhel Kakakhel underscored the importance of such events reiterated the unwavering in promoting unity and presolidarity of the people of serving cultural values. He Khyber Pakhtunkhwa with both the Palestinian and Kashmiri people, pledging to stand united until lasting solutions are found for

events reflect the collective aspirations of society and their respective issues.



Schofield addressing during last day of 9th Islamabad Literature Festival, in Federal Capital.

Hurriyat leaders pay homage to Jammu martyrs

ISLAMABAD (APP): Hurrivat leaders and organizations have paid glowand

pose of the brutal massacre of Muslims was the first step towards changing the ing tributes to the Jammu demography of Jammu and martyrs of November 1947 Kashmir and the Modi's reiterated the fascist government is fol-

crackdown on sheesha cafes, two sealed ISLAMABAD (APP): On the directions of Deputy Commissioner Islamabad Irfan Nawaz Memon, the

DC Islamabad

orders



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

Islamabad Literature Festival concludes with focus on sustainability, human imagination

their experiences of pub-

lishing and distributing their

books, and discussed the

challenges and opportuni-

ties facing women in the

publishing industry in Pa-

festival also featured a ses-

sion on the use of artificial

intelligence for education

and learning. In this ses-sion, Saqib Ahmed and An-

drew Combe discussed the

potential benefits of using

AI in education, as well as

The third day of the

the challenges that need to

AIOU

commences

final exams

of MBA from

Nov. 18

ISLAMABAD (APP):

Allama Iqbal Open Univer-sity (AIOU) is conducting

final examinations of 2.5 and 3.5 years MBA pro-

grams offered in the spring

2023 semester from No-

vember 18. These examina-

tions will take place

website

kistan. The third day of the

ISLAMABAD (APP): wars on Pakistan, and sat-The Islamabad Literature ire. On the third day of the Festival concluded its third day on Sunday with a focus on sustainability and the unparalleled ability of human imagination.

The festival, which is organized by Oxford University Press, is one of the largest and most prestigious literary festivals in Pakistan. This year's festival featured a diverse range of speakers and panelists, including writers, journalists, academics. and policymakers

Some of the key topics discussed at the festival included Pakistani democracy, journalism, artificial intelligence, the impact of

event the highlights of the festival was a session on the dark side of journalism in Pakistan In this session, senior journalists Syed Irfan Ashraf and Hamid Mir discussed the challenges faced by journalists in the country, including intimidation, harassment, and violence. Moreover, another notable session on the third day of the festival was titled "Ink and Em-

powerment: Women in Publishing." This session be addressed was chaired by Meena Islamabad Literature Festi-Malik, and featured panelval was a stimulating and ists Mehwish Amin and thought-provoking event that featured a diverse range Maniza Shamsi. The panelists shared of topics and speakers.

Islamabad authorities conduct crackdown on alms seekers, netted 31

ISLAMABAD (APP): In a major crackdown on proferent areas of Islamabad and apprehended beggars fessional beggars, Islamabad authorities on Sunday arrested 31 individuals and sent minor children to the Edhi Center.

The operation was carried out under the supervision of Deputy Commissioner Islamabad Irfan Nawaz Memon, with teams of Civil Defence led by the Assistant Commissioner Secretariat Aneel Saeed and Assistant Director Civil

who were found soliciting money from the public. The beggars were then transferred to the police station for further processing, while the minor children were sent to the Edhi Center, a non-profit organization that provides care and

throughout the country till December 7, 2023, said a support to children in need. press release yesterday. The The operation against date sheet is available on the beggars is going on with overseeing the raids by the university (www.aiou.edu.pk). Roll num-Defence, ICT spokesman Assistant Commissioners ber slips have been uploaded to students' CMS portal. Dr Abdullah Tabasum said. on daily basis.

The teams raided dif-

Dr Nadeem visits Community Health Center G/13

ISLAMABAD (APP): tion of 4,000 to 5,000 can Caretaker Federal Minister for Health Dr. Nadeem Jan on Sunday visited the Community Health Center G/13 to observe the patients' care services.

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He said that an integrated strategy has been formulated to strengthen the primary health care system.

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benefit from the health fa-

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During the visit, the Dr. Nadeem Jan said that the population of the suburbs should benefit from the facilities of the minister reviewed the facilities provided by the Com-munity Health Center.

Dr. Nadeem Jan also inquired about health faciliprimary health care system. ties being provided to munity Health Center should be fully functional. vomen He inspected the at-"I will monitor the facili-

tendance sheet of the staff ties of the primary health care system myself.' and the immunization counter

He stressed that phar-macy records should be computerized on an urgent basis[®] Dr Nadeem Ian asked to ensure an uninterrupted supply of medicines to patients can benefit from the tients.

He said women must get their children vaccinated. He said the staff should create awareness about this hospital in social media so that more pa-

He said that the Com-

He said that a populahealth facilities



ISLAMABAD: Residents of Barkhan area of **Balochistan Inam Shah and Baram Khan addressing** a Press conference regarding triple murder case.

National folk festival helping in cultural tourism promotion

ISLAMABAD (APP): The National Folk Festival (Lok Mela) was helping in promoting cultural tourism as a large number of local tourists coming from various parts of the country to enjoy amazing and mega event in the capital. Talking to APP, the Pakistan Tourism Development Corporation (PTDC) official said that the biggest folk festival in the country called Lok Mela continued from November 3-12 here. It was organized by the National Heritage and Culture Division at Lok Virsa, he added. He said the festival was attracting tourists massively by serving

variety of activities such as provincial pavilions, food stalls, shopping at traditional stalls and music programmes that was reflecting and unveiling the rich cultural diversity of the country. The official said that the exceptional festival was encouraging and fascinating the folk lovers to throng the federal capital and enjoy the music, traditional dances, arts and handicraft. "The cultural nights are also part of the unique folk mela that also entraining the tourists," he added. It is pertinent to mention here, the festival was being conducting under the theme 'Peace and Harmony through Culthem with cultural and tra- tural Diversity' offers an immense opportunity.

ditional treats, featuring a

Kashmiris' resolve that sacrifices of the martyrs will not go waste.

According to Kashmir Media Service, hundreds of thousands of Kashmiris were martyred by the forces of Dogra Maharaja Hari Singh, Indian Army and Hindu fanatics in different parts of Jammu region while they were migrating to Pakistan during the first week of November in 1947 Every year, Kashmiris mark November 06 as the Jammu Martyrs' Day to pay tribute to the victims of the Jammu massacre.

The Chairperson of Jammu and Kashmir Mass Movement Farida Behanji nority. He said the people in a statement issued in Srinagar said that the massacre of Jammu on November 6, 1947 was the first incident of ethnic cleansing after the Second World War. She said that the pur-

in Federal Capital.

ISLAMABAD (APP):

The Tourism Development

Corporation of Punjab

(TDCP) has finalized the

preparations for conducting

four-day Thal Desert Jeep

Rally scheduled to be held

Talking to APP, a TDCP official said that the

rally would attract over 100

male and female drivers

ready been issued the driv-

ers to facilitate them, he

tration was utilizing all pos-

sible resources to ensure the

success of the rally, adding

that all stakeholders were

working together to make

the event a memorable ex-

perience for participants

The advisory had al-

from November 9-12.

across the country.

added.

ity in Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir to be converted into a miof the territory are waging a struggle for freedom against these heinous ambitions and conspiracies of India. Kashmiri people are making sacrifices to defend their motherland.

ISLAMABAD: Balochi artisans busy in their work

TDCP finalizes

Thal Desert Jeep

rally's preparations

and spectators.

of the event, he added

Manga

He said the rally

Assistant Commissioner lowing this nefarious plan conducted crackdown on to convert the majority of sheesha cafes in their re-Kashmiri Muslims into a spective areas on Sunday. minority. The Chairman of sealing several establish-Pasban-e-Hurrivat Jammu ments in compliance with and Kashmir. Uzair Ahmad the Islamabad High Court's Ghazali, in his statement in order. Muzaffarabad, paying rich

tributes to the Jammu marowners of cafes were tvrs, said the brutal and strictly prohibited from murderous rulers of India serving sheesha to customstarted this bloody game in ers until the Ministry of 1947 to strengthen their National Health Services, forced rule over Jammu and Regulation and Coordina-Kashmir, which continues tion (NHSR&C) clarified in the occupied territory the rules and regulations even after seventy six years regarding the use of sheesha have passed. He said India in public places. wants the Muslim major-

IRSA releases 107,100 cusecs water ISLAMABAD (APP) Indus River System Au-thority (IRSA) on Sunday released 107,100 cusecs

water from various rim stations with inflow of 51,000 cusecs. According to the data released by IRSA, water level in River Indus at Tarbela Dam was 1520.31 feet and was 122.31 feet higher than its dead level of 1,398 feet. Water inflow and outflow in the dam was reerary realms. corded as 27,200 cusecs and 50,000 cusecs respec-

tively. The water level in River Jhelum at Mangla Dam was 1198.50 feet.

Liquor dealer arrested, 120

liters of liquor recovered

capital Police Industrial Area police team arrested a ing students to different liquor dealer and recovered kinds of ailments.

relations officer said. He said that, following the special directions of Islamabad Capital City Police Officer (ICCPO) Dr. tidy environment were already underway, yet there are still challenges like pau-

the crime from the city. tions, the Industrial Area

police team arrested a liquor recovered 120 liters of liegories, including a stock quor from his possession category race, women's categories, and a bike race. against the nabbed accused Cultural fair and other proand further investigation is grams would also be part underway

The DC said that the

ISLAMABAD: Participants posing for a group photograph along with Ambassador of Turkmenistan to Pakistan and Dean of Diplomatic Corps Atadjan Movlamov during opening ceremony of Asean- Pakistan Fun Golf 2023 at Bahria Golf City in Federal Capital. Homage paid to Maulana Sami's legacy on his 5th death anniversary ISLAMABAD (APP): Haqqania, Akora Khattak,

Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam expressed his unwavering (Sami) Chairman Maulana Hamid-ul-Haq Haqqani paid homage to the remark-Sami-ul-Haq. able services of late Maulana Sami-ul-Haq, acknowledging his contributions in national, political, religious, academic, and lit-

while extending support to Addressing the recent oppressed communities prestigious and grand conworldwide. He stressed that ference to mark the fifth the struggle against exploit-'death anniversary of ative imperialist forces would persist. Maulana Sami-ul-Haq at Regarding the sacrithe Jamia Dar-ul-Uloom

Better hygiene at

Although Oral Hy-

city of funds and staff.

hygienic school environ-

Since the clean and

tegrity of Pakistan, Haggani commitment to upholding the religious and political stated, "We will not let the blood of the scholars go in vision of late Maulana vain. That is why the imperialist forces could not Haqqani emphasized tolerate him, and late

the promotion of Islam, the Maulana Sami-ul-Haq had implementation of Shariat, his chest pierced but did not and the defense of Pakistan bow down to imperialism.' He condemned the distressing atrocities inflicted upon Palestinian Muslims, calling them intolerable. Haqqani urged the Muslim Ummah to stand in solidarity and assist

Campaign for registration of house servants and tenants data in full swing ment (CTD) Islamabad has Independent Report registered a data of 159

SLAMABAD: According to details, following the house servants of 476 special orders of Islamabad houses from Bara Kahu Capital City Police Officer Police Station jurisdiction. ICCPO) Dr. Akbar Nasir The purpose of this Khan, the Islamabad Capicampaign is to avoid any tal Police "Knock the Door" untoward incident by maincampaign for the registrataining law and order in the tion of employees and tenants is in full swing, a pub-

lic relations officer said.

federal capital adding that the registration of tenants and domestic workers could not only keep a close He said that, during this campaign various teams watch on miscreants but of Islamabad Capital Police also prevent the elements are going to the streets involved in any kind of sus-



picious activity. He said citizens are also requested that they can ask for the identity of a person if someone dressed in civil clothes zens. In this regard, the comes to their house in or-Counter Terrorism Depart- der to collect the data.

"Hygiene conditions

"There is a shortage of

and door-to-door to ensure the registration of tenants and domestic workers as well as to inquire about the problems faced by the citithe oppressed Palestinians.

during the Annual Lock Mela 2023 at Lok Virsa

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120 liters of liquor from his possession, a police public ensuring cleanliness of premises and toilettes, clean drinking water and overall

Akbar Nasir Khan, the Islamabad capital police has intensified crackdown against the criminal elements in order to eliminate

ment stands as a fundamen-Following these directal pillar for safeguarding the health and well-being of students and staff, it also dealer namely Kashif and serves as a powerful catalvst for nurturing a profound sense of pride and Ĉase has been registered responsibility among them.

Drawing inspiration from the timeless wisdom found in the Hadith of the

ISLAMABAD (APP): Muhammad Prophet Despite a number of initia-(PBUH), who imparted, tives to ensure a healthy Cleanliness is half of environment at Capital Terfaith," the school manageritory educational institument can also derive a valutions, better hygiene still able lesson for the students. remains a challenge expos-Therefore, the schools

are not only expected to impart better education but also better hygiene to fulgiene Program, provision of fill the requirements of bethygiene kits and steps like ter health as well as a clean and healthy environment. "Given the size of our

educational institutions, it is often a challenging task for custodial staff to manage cleaning and maintenance tasks alone," said Riffat Jabeen, Director Academics. Federal Directorate of Education (FDE). 'It is common that

students litter the premises by throwing waste here and there even in the presence of waste bin," she re-marked. "Therefore, teachers emphasize the importance of cleanliness and hygiene during their lec-(FDE) tures

She said the Head Teachers ensure cleaning supplies like disinfectants. toilet brushes, mops and cleaning clothes.

fices for the peace and in-

As per the FDE guidelines on hygiene the stu-dents are kept away from hazardous chemicals, students and staff are instructed on proper use of toilets, cleaning sinks and countertop surfaces and toilet floor after use.

'Heads of Institutions are specifically directed to encourage students to actively participate in ensuring a clean and healthy environment without compromising routine academic activities," Riffat Jabeen informed.

Keeping in view the importance of hygiene fa-cilities, the Federal Government has started the "Oral Hygiene Program" at 423 public sector schools and colleges under the Federal Directorate of Education

Under this Program, many needing immediate repair and up-gradation as the Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Director Monitoring FDE Training distributes 'Hy-Malik Sohail assured to giene Kits' among students bridge this gap and claimed of government educational these facilities would be institutions within the ICT provided sooner. jurisdiction.

T colleges still a challenge

"Under the Hygiene are far better now than the Kits program started in past especially at institu-April 2023, as many as tions where the Principal 100,000 kits have been disand staff are active," he tributed among students," said. Contrary to his claims. the President Federal Gov-Riffat Jabeen said. "Doctors are also engaged to guide ernment Teachers Associastudents on health and hytion, Malik Ameer Ahmed giene issues. Khan has pointed out the

shortage of sanitary staff at But, despite her claims, there are complaints a number of institutions. of missing facilities especially at female schools, as staff at some schools and a poor cleanliness and subrequisition has been forstandard food supplied by warded for more sweepers and sanitary workers," he informed. "We are fully alive to better health of our canteens inside the institutions and private vendors outside, was proving to be hazardous for students' children and the Associahealth.

tion has formed a committee for identifying missing In many cases, there is also a deficiency of bathfacilities at government rooms as compared to the schools and ensuring their number of students with earliest provision.

would start from Changa tail-head Muhammadwala and cover a distance of 200 kilometers through Layyah, Muzaffargarh, and Kot Addu. The middle section of the track is located in

Chobara Tehsil Layyah (South Punjab area). The official said, "A drivers/navigators confer-

ence and draws will be held on November 9." He said that the rally He said the adminis- would feature a qualifying round and races in 11 cat-

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Ongoing threat

Pakistan continues to pay a

heavy price in the fight against terrorism. Three attacks were witnessed in different parts of KP and tation efforts include reviv-Balochistan within hours of each other on Friday, and project to be supplied and then a fourth in Punjab in the early hours the next day.

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

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

three grounded aircraft. In all, 17 soldiers were lost to this most recent spate of violence. The Mianwali airbase attack

has been claimed by the TTPlinked Tehreek-i-Jihad Pakistan, which was responsible for the last high-profile attack on the military in Zhob this July. The banned TTP is most handed back to the civillikely the culprit in D.I. Khan, ian authorities. having stepped up its opera- decision by the Supreme tions against security forces Court. Military courts are since a ceasefire agreement came to an end last November. Fears abound of the insurgents fully regrouping, emboldened by the Afghan Taliban's takeover of Kabul in 2021. Unverified photos circulating after the airbase attack show American weapons were seized, which likely fell into the TTP's hands after the US troops' Afghanistan withdrawal. Although the Taliban deny it, most official and independent assessments indicate the TTP uses Afghan soil and has the the emergence of two disnew government's backing. The Gwadar ambush was claimed by the banned Balochistan Liberation Front. The attacks have occurred as Pakistan carries out its repatriation plan for Afghans, which has been met with anger in Kabul. Our security apparatus will need to remain arose when, following the extra vigilant and flush out not just the militants but also their been given the mandate to facilitators. We must comprehensively implement the Na- to create a Jewish homeland tional Action Plan against militants of all stripes, and iden- Declaration - stated that tify and cut off financial streams that support terrorists. Border security must be strengthened. In the case of the TTP, our took the matter to the UN, efforts would need to take into where the General Assemaccount the complex dynamics 181, which decided to parof the regions where it operates, as well as the broader geopolitical implications, including ties with Kabul. The state must invest in the socioeconomic development of areas Declaration as well as the that are breeding grounds for such militant groups. Until we the Palestinians to form an address the root causes, militants will continue to maintain the recently witnessed momentum of their nefarious activities. state were denied an oppor-



The caretaker government is hard at work on all matters economic. Its resusciing the Karachi to Peshawar railway line (ML-1), a financed by China for \$6.7 billion that will cut travel time between these two cities to 18 hours.

Assuming a three per cent interest rate, a 2pc insurance cost and a 20-year payback period, annual payments come to \$530 million. The question our government must ask: can ture in foreign currency at this time? Should we not consider a cheaper solution of buying a new signalling system for \$150m that will ings increase average train speed

and track capacity by 20pc? (A digression: our rail-

way ministry, like PIA, is similar to a black hole where real estate and construction. any money poured in is lost forever and we never see a return. But that's not the argument I am develop-A mistake our governments have made over the

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years is to not determine the foreign currency or external viability of projects and policies. So, for instance, we build power plants or bridges with for-

eign loans, but without examining whether that particular project is feasible only in rupee terms or will also generate (directly or indirectly) enough foreign currency for us to be able to service the debt. Or when we enact a policy of, say, giving a tax exemption to a sector, we don't consider what effect that policy will have on foreign exchange. Our ignoring the external viability has meant that over the years we have pursued policies and projects that have resulted in external debt and liabilities of \$125bn with little to show for in terms of foreign earn-

For instance, the amnesty given to the real estate sector in 2020 allowed property tycoons to park those plants.

However, the government never undertook an analysis of what would happen to the current account deficit as money diverted to real estate and construction would result in more imports and have a negative impact on exports. It also didn't consider the effect on tax revenues or the manufacturing sector which ex-

their tax-evaded billions in

Inflation, debt and ML-1

ports and pays higher taxes. Wanting to spur growth at any cost, the government took our imports to unsustainable levels by 2021. Also consider: between 2013 and 2018, as we

doubled our electricity production capacity, did we study if those projects were externally viable given that an overwhelming proportion of our electricity is used in homes and little for industrial production? Or did we undertake policies that rendered them viable? In fact, because of a fixed exchange rate policy in those years, our exports declined from 13.8pc of total national output to

8.9pc, our import bill shot up and today we are facing difficulty in paying for

made throughout our history where successive governments failed to consider the long-term implications of policies, and these illconceived policies have come back to haunt us. Today, our government is reeling under huge domestic and external debts. Since the passage of the seventh NFC Award, another illconsidered policy, the federal government's deficits have increased exponentially and this year the net revenue of the federal government, after paying the provinces, will be less than the interest we have to pay on debt. We are therefore borrowing even to pay the interest

Because of this adverse situation, our governments have to struggle to borrow dollars to service our foreign debt and the State Bank has to create new money, through buying of bank securities, to finance the insatiable debt-servicing appetite of the federal government.

flation

This money creation is tor credit is actually shrinkof course the main reason we have experienced so much inflation and devaluation. To add to our woes, we are also seeing almost However, rather than cut-

ting its expenditures or in-Similar mistakes were no growth in an economy where more than 2.5m new creasing its revenues — it's people join the labour force not possible to do so in the annually short run -the government

The caretaker governjust borrows more, forcing ment is aware of these probthe State Bank to print more money. The resulting lems. However, it seems increase in money supply that it is trying to stimulate causes more inflation. growth as a way out of these problems. This, I The economy is in a think is a mistake — a mis-Catch-22 situation where take we have often made as the

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State a solution to our problems. contractionary monetary The current situation policy is swamped by the calls not for pursuing rapid federal government's exgrowth but to first reduce pansionary fiscal policy, caused by its large budget inflation. The most effective monetary tool the State deficit. However, until we Bank has to reduce inflation is to increase its policy rate have consolidated our fis-- the rate at which it lends money to banks. An in-

cal situation, we should pursue growth only crease in the policy rate through investments that forces a decrease in demand result in exports. For now, for goods and services, we shouldn't pursue inthus lowering inflation. Investments that seek to sell deed, the high policy rate we have today has largely to domestic consumers.

Bank's

Therefore, we should repressed private sector defer the ML-1 project for a few years. Right now it demand, thus tempering inwould be like buying a But our dilemma is corporate jet for the CEO

that all new credit today is of a deeply indebted, lossgoing to the federal governmaking company. The jet ment, whereas private secmay be convenient for corporate managers, but ing. When the State Bank it's not a luxury the company can afford. Similarly, raises interest rates, it raises the federal government's we can't afford the new cost of debt servicing. railway line. -- Courtesy Dawn

Rida Hosain

In 1967, during the tenure of field marshal Ayub

Khan, the scope of military courts was extended to civilians. Section 2(1)(d) was included in the Pakistan Army Act, and military courts were empowered to try civilians for certain offences.

A section which was added by a military dictator in the law has now been declared unconstitutional by four judges of the Supreme Court. Justice for civilians, regardless of the offence, was This is a courageous

armed forces in England wrote "discipline is an essential element of command and the commanding officer is central to the system. Without the ability of the command to exercise punitive powers over their subordinates the fabric of discipline would be weakened. The primary objec-

tive of military courts is to allow the command of the army to maintain control over the forces, and to deal with insubordination through a swift system of military discipline.

tional dispensation, certain fundamental rights have been guaranteed. Article 8(1) of the constitution expressly states comply with fair trial stanthat any law insofar as it is inconsistent with fun- a reasoned judgment. Rule (despite not being legally damental rights shall be 51 of the Årmy Act Rules

members of the armed forces and is for the purpose of ensuring the 'Guilty proper discharge of their duties or the maintenance of discipline among them, it cannot be examined on the touchstone of fundamental rights. A section which permits the trial of civilians by military courts has nothing to do with the maintenance of discipline

and the discharge of duties of the armed forces. The court had to examine whether the trial of civilians by military courts was in accordance with fundamental rights. Article 10A of the

Under our constitu- constitution contains an absolute and unqualified right to a fair trial and due process. The procedure in military courts does not

1954 (the 'Rules') states

that a finding on a charge

shall be recorded as a find-

guilty' or 'Not guilty and

for a verdict, and even the chain harshest of sentences could be imposed with the verdict simply stating

There is no right to a public hearing, and Section 93 of the Pakistan Army Act states that the trial may take place "at any place whatsoever." Open justice lies at the heart of a fair trial, civilians must not be subjected to trials behind closed doors. While there are rules

which permit an accused in a military court to prepare a proper defence, this right can be suspended on account of "military exigencies, or the necessities of discipline" as per Rule 26 of the Rules. The consequences of this are grave. Even the right to properly defend oneself was not absolute.

Serving members of dards. There is no right to the military act as judges qualified to adjudicate.) The European Court of ians who are subject to

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of command...doubts about the tribunals independence and impartiality times of "declared war or could be objectively justified.

Under the Pakistan Army Act, for example, a general court martial is convened by the COAS or an officer authorized by him. The composition of a general court martial includes at least five officers each of whom has held a commission for at least three years. In such a situation, the ability of junior officers to take an independent decision that is not influenced by the higher command of the army is questionable. In the last few days, many examples have been given of how other jurisdictions permit trial of civilians by military courts. These examples 2(1)(d) down, the Suhave been devoid of con- preme Court has pre-

craft etc. Even in the US, the Uniform Code of Military Justice states, in a contingency operation", persons serving with or accompanying an armed force in the field can be subject to court martial. The jurisdiction primarily extends to civilians who are serving, or working with the army in certain limited circumstances.

Even otherwise, regardless of the law in other countries, our courts must follow and defend our constitution. The 1973 constitution mandates a separation between the executive (including the armed forces) and the judiciary, and gives express protection to fundamental rights. In striking Section text. In England, there are served, protected, and limited categories of civil- defended our constitu-

tion. There is no such

thing as military 'justice'.

Justice or discipline? 8(3)(a) of the constitution ligation to give reasons ficer and fell within his board a crown chip or airthe armed forces – this system of discipline cancontains an exception. not be extended to civil-Where a law relates to

ians. A former judge advocate general of the

void to the extent of such inconsistency. Article 8(1) is unequivocal – the court only appropriate for servmust strike down any law ing of 'Guilty' or 'Not ing members of the armed found to be in violation of forces. The purpose is to fundamental rights. maintain discipline within

honourably acquit him of However, Article the same.' There is no ob-

Two struggles

landed its forces in the state

on Oct 27, 1947. Lord

Mountbatten, then gover-

nor general of independent

India, persuaded the Indian

government to refer the case

to the UN, which decided

that the matter would be

resolved via a UN-super-

vised plebiscite. But the

dispute remains unresolved

because India has consis-

tently refused to abide by

the UN resolutions, and is

not ready to accept third-

party mediation or to re-

solve the conflict bilater-

tween the two cases are

striking because both dis-

putes have territorial as well

as religious dimensions. In

both cases, the occupying

powers have consistently

defied the will of the inter-

national community ex-

learn how to sustain their

also some differen-ces. Pal-

mains a Muslim-majority

The similarities be-



The year 1947 witnessed putes — Palestine and Kashmir. Both remain unresolved. At the heart of both disputes is the unfulfilled right of two peoples to self-determination. Both are protracted cases of resistance to foreign occupa-

tion. And in the genesis of both conflicts, the underlying common factor is the British geopolitics of the The Palestine dispute dissolution of the Ottoman Empire, Britain, which had govern Palestine, announced in 1917 its intent in Palestine. This announcement — the Balfour the new state would not prejudice the civil and reli-

gious rights of the non-Jewpressed through UN resoish communities living in lutions. The two occupy-Palestine. In 1947, Britain ing powers also seem to illegal occupation of these bly adopted Resolution territories from each other. Both enjoy firm US suptition Palestine into the inport. Naturally, there are dependent states of Israel and Palestine with Jerusaestine is one land which is lem placed under an interclaimed by two communinational regime. Israel has ties, the Palestinians and Jews. Around the creation consistently refused to honour the commitments of Israel in 1948, Jews from given under the Balfour Europe were pulled into Palestine, and Palestinians decision of the UN resoluwho had lived in these tion, and has never allowed lands for millennia were displaced from their homes. As independent and viable for Kashmir, it was and restate of their own.

Kashmiri population. The dispute over Jammu and Kashmir arose However, since Aug 5, 2019, the Indian governbecause the people of this ment has embarked on a

tunity to express their deproject of changing the occupied territory's demosire to join Pakistan or India on the eve of partition. graphics by pulling in non-Under the terms of the Par-Kashmiris from different parts of India and offering tition Plan of 1947, Jammu and Kashmir, being a Musthem domiciles and voting lim-majority state and with rights borders contiguous with Pakistanis have al-Pakistan, should have

ways stood for the rights of Palestinians to have an joined the latter. When the Hindu maharaja of Kashmir independent and viable dallied, the tribals from state of their own. To this Pakistan's frontier region date, Pakistan has not rose up and liberated a segrecognised Israel because of ment of the state. At the its illegal occupation of Palmaharaja's request, India estine.

There have been voices in Pakistan, whi-ch believe that by not recognising Israel, we have become a target of Jewish lobbies in the S. Another argument is that the Indo-Israel nexus is working against the interests of Pakistan and Kashmiris. How-ever, no government in Pakistan has accepted the call for recognition of Israel, and remains fir-mly committed to the two-state so lution and the right of Palestinians to self-determina-

tion. There is, however, an expectation in Pakistan that our strong support for the Palestinian cause should be reciprocated by Arab support to the Kashmiris, because both are cases of the struggle for the right of selfdetermination and both are suffering brutalities and atrocities of occupying powers. As to how the future would unfold, it is selfevident that victims of oppression cannot be subjugated forever. In both cases, wars have been fought and several peace attempts made. Both peoples have shown remarkable resolve, courage, patience and perseverance to pursue their respective cause. However, it is important for both Palestinians and Kashmiris to pursue well-considered strategies that lead to freedom and victory over oppressors. Both can take heart from countless ex-

future generations. -- Cour

tesy Dawn

limited access to education and healthcare. By neglecting their rights, amples in human history, we not only undermine where sacrifices and dreams their potential but also of freedom of some valiant leaders became a reality for

hinder the progress of the entire nation. Paki- tial to emphasize that we and Conflict Studies, stan has incredible do so out of a deep Islamabad.

on the right to a fair trial ing: civilians who are there is only military disstates that "where all the members of military orgacipline. For civilians, this nizations, civilians workmembers of the court marhas rightly been brought tial were subordinate in ing in support of the to an end. -- Courtesy rank to the convening of- armed forces, civilians on TheNews **Voices of Compassion:** Advocating for Human

service discipline includ-

By Ayesha Rafiq

In the tapestry of our world, each thread represents a unique culture, a distinct identity, and a shared dream of a better life. The concept of human rights is the needle

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that weaves these threads into a harmonious whole, ensuring that the fabric of humanity remains unbroken and unblemished. However, in Pakistan, a nation of remarkable diversity and rich history, the tapestry of human rights often bears the stains of suffering, reminding us of the urgent need for compassion and change.

Pakistan, like many nations, has faced a myriad of challenges throughout its history, from political strife to economic disparities. Yet, amidst its struggle for stability and prosperity, the human rights of its people have often been neglected. It is crucial that we, as global citizens, take a moment to reflect on the plight of those who suffer and advocate for a more inclusive and compassionate world.

One of the most pressing concerns in Pakistan is the widespread issue of gender inequality. Women and girls often face discrimination, violence, and

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

sive society.

cation. A lack of educational opportunities perpetuates cycles of poverty and inequality, depriving the nation of the talents and skills of its youth. The right to education is a cornerstone of human rights, and its realization can

pave the way for a texture, is cherished brighter future for all Pakistanis. In

addressing ity. --- Writer is student these issues and advo- of National Defense cating for human rights in Pakistan, it is essen- suing a Degree In Peace

Rights in Pakistan women who have sense of compassion, achieved greatness in not criticism. Every navarious fields, but they tion faces its unique are often the exception challenges rather than the rule. It is time to break free

and struggles, and Pakistan is no exception. The from the chains of genpeople of Pakistan der bias and empower have shown remarkable every Pakistani woman resilience and strength to realize her full potenin the face of adversity.

As citizens, we The plight of reli- have the responsibility gious and ethnic mi- to stand with those norities in Pakistan is who suffer and call for another area that calls positive change. Our collective voice can be for our attention and compassion. Despite a force for transformabeing a nation known tion, a catalyst for for its religious diverprogress, and a beacon sity, there are instances of hope for those who of persecution and dishave been marginalized. Let us crimination against religious minorities. Rework hand in hand with spect for the rights and the people of Pakistan beliefs of all citizens, reto build a society where gardless of their faith, human rights are reis a fundamental pillar spected, suffering is alof human rights. Tolerleviated, and compasance and acceptance of sion is the guiding prindiversity are the true ciple.

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

future Together, we can mend the tapestry of human rights and ensure that every thread, regardless of its color or

and celebrated in the global fabric of human-University (NDU), Pur-

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Ulema, Mushayekh express solidarity with Pak forces

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

The declaration called upon the international community to take terrorist attack on the immediate steps against India's continued support for terrorism and pride. commended the Pakistani nation, army, and security Pakistan Ulema Council agencies for their commendable response to affirmed its endorsement of the Paigham-e-Pakistan recent terrorist incidents.* narrative and decrees, and Ulema, Mashaykh, plans to hold Paigham-e-

and religious scholars from Pakistan Conventions across the country voiced nationwide. their support for Pakistan's Army and emphasised that attacks on

LAHORE (APP): In a incidents within Pakistan. battle against extremism security institutions, and terrorism. The government, and nonsuccessful thwarting of a government installations are not permissible under Mianwali PAF Airbase was any circumstances. Armed observed as a point of struggle by any individual,

party, or group is not legally permissible in Furthermore, the Pakistan, and the government reserves the right to take legal action against those who engage in such activities. Turning their attention to the dire situation in Palestine, the The declaration also declaration expressed concern over Israel's siege of Gaza.



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

Centre

CM Naqvi reviews proposals

approval and environment



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

Minister urges students to highlight positive image of Pakistan

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

The event took place on the premises of Peetham. The convention began with the visit of the caretaker provincial and encouraging their minister to Peetham, o u t s t a n d i n g emphasizing the performance in various government's commitment to promoting excellence in The dedicated faculty the tourism and hospitality and staff of PITHAM

future of tourism and hotel management in the region. A commemorative shield was presented to all employees. Arshad Wali Muhammad as a mark of appreciation. In the event, 65 medals were distributed among the position holders; certificates were

distributed to the hearing-impaired students of the Naval School; and certificates were distributed to the junior chefs, recognizing fields.

sectors, said a communiqué were honored with shields here on Sunday. Sindh Riffat Mukhtar along with the Provincial

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

KARACHI (APP): Sindh the Sindh Assembly Agha Governor Muhammad Siraj Durani, Provincial Kamran Tessori has said Interior Minister Brigadier there are deep ties between (R) Pakistan and the Russian politicians, diplomats, and a large Federation, and many important projects of number of dignitaries cooperation between the participated in the event. On this occasion, a Russian two countries have been cultural show was also presented, and the cake ongoing in the past.

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

Caretaker Chief Minister Sindh Justice (Rtd) Maqbool Baqir and Fedorov also addressed

LESTINE IS THE HOMELAN PALESTINIANS STOP THE GENOCIDE OF PALESTINIANS DOWN WITH ISRAEL

Organization hold a protest against Israeli

Kidneys transplanted at Jinnah Hospital by using latest procedures

successfully

A team headed by

stay at the hospital, both

patients were discharged in

a special ceremony here on

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modern innovations

have made it possible to

provide best treatment

proud of our doctors and

staff who work day and

night to extend the latest

treatment to patients. The

operations will earn good

name to Jinnah Hospital in

medical history of the

awareness among people

about donating organs in

"Transplant is

costly procedure which

the larger interest of

He stressed creating

He said, "We are

to patients.

country.

humanity

regarding 'One roof one stop' Independent Report LAHORE : Punjab Caretaker Chief Minister Window Operation' Centre. The empowered Mohsin Naqvi on Sunday presided over a special meeting at the CM Office for establishing 'One officials of Local government, Environment, departments would be present at the One Window Window Operation' in which proposals regarding "One Roof, One Stop Centre solution for the investors counters would also be set up in the One Window and industrialists in Lahore were reviewed.

The participants in the meeting were informed that Faisalabad Industrial Estate Development and Management Company (FIEDMC), Punjab Industrial Estate Development and

Management Company (PIEDMC) and Punjab Small Industries

Crackdown on vehicles with tampered, fake number-plates LAHORE (APP): The

Punjab Safe Cities Authority (PSCA) has launched a crackdown on (APP): Pakistan People's Party (PPP) central vehicles with fake number-Information Secretary Faisal Karim Kundi said plates in the provincial that the PPP would metropolis, authority's spokesperson told APP on actively participate in the Sunday. He said that an upcoming auto-rickshaw with a fake elections. number-plate was caught standing at Expo Chowk, with the help of Safe City cameras. He said a team Talking to media in DI Khan, he said, "Our party is fully prepared for the next general elections and issued instructions to the urged his party workers to Nawab Town police station gear up for election preparations.3 to impound rickshaw and arrest the driver. The Safe

City spokesperson further said that an FIR had been

Corporation (PSIC) would the One Window Centre. provide services in 'One A red mark would appear on the dashboard of the relevant Secretary in case of noncompletion of an action within 10 days. An Housing and other Operational Review Committee and Steering Committee has been constituted for the One LESCO and Sui Gas Window Centre.

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Provincial Minister for Industries & Commerce SM Tanveer, Facility to obtain Chief NOCs of land transfer, map Secret Secretary, Secretaries Industries, Finance would be available at the One Window Centre. The officials of One Window Centre would themselves fill Chairman PITB, CEO up the form of applicants FIEDMC and concerned and the operation would be officials attended the completed in five phases at meeting.

Kundi urged party workers to gear up election preparations

DERA ISMAIL KHAN victorious in the next election.

Kundi said, "We want all the political parties to agree on the Charter of Democracy for transparent elections and stable democratic system in the general country.'

He added that political forces should unite and work for the supremacy of the Parliament and the Constitution. maintained that the PPP He said his party always demands free and would start holding fair elections on time in the political activities and country and his party considers transparent

Bagar directs for biometric Consul General Andrey V. of all employees KARACHI (APP): The Caretaker Chief Minister Sindh Justice (Retd) the ceremony. Speaker of Maqbool Baqar has directed the Chief Secretary Dr. Fakhar Alam, to ensure the biometrics of

said,'The He biometrics of employees should be ensured in all departments.' He said that measures for biometric attendance should be reported to the CM

Secretariat. **IGP, PEC** Sindh review security at polling stations

KARACHI (APP): Inspector of Police (IGP)

was cut. The CM said in his speech that the Russian people celebrate People's Unity Day every year on November 4. At the end of the 16th century, Russia went through a critical period in

Haris

Nawaz.

foreign

its history. Russia and its people have successfully defended their independence



KARACHI: Activists of the Imamiya Students aggression on Palestine.

in recognition of their here on Sunday. tireless efforts in nurturing Director Pitham

warmly welcomed the audience and gave an insightful introduction to Pitham and its contribution to the tourism and hotel management industries.

Čaretaker Provincial important role of the improve their overall skills.

The Minister of Tourism urged the students to create a name in their fields to highlight the positive image of Pakistan and to bring out the trend Minister Arshad Wali of competition to develop Muhammad highlighted the their skills, which will

the talents of students.

KP Govt unearths misappropriations in payments to PTI U-Tubers

PESHAWAR (APP): The revealed that 37.30 million internet users in Pakistan has swelled to a record 87.35 million in January this year, helping them to get all types of information on varieties of subjects including geopolitical development, economic, social, sports and culture besides others day-to-day happenings in and around the globe on a single click on mobile phones.

In the wake of 4.4 million increases in the internet ushers during the last two years in the country, the number of active cellular mobile connections had swelled to a record 191.8 million, which is equivalent to 80.5 percent of the total population of the country. Resultantly, the number of social media users' had registered an upward increase to record 71.50 million.

The data of social 1,109 social media platforms have influencers (SMI)

people were using facebook, 71.70 million YouTube, 12.95 million instagram, 16.51 million TikTok, 9.30 million Linkedin, 4.65 million twitter and 25.70 million snapchat in the country. The above data indicated that Pakistan has witnessed a remarkable growth in internet, social and digital media users in recent years with both

positive and negative effects on social fabric of the society. Besides others, political parties, Pakistan Tahrik-e-Insaf have also excessively used social media during their respective rules for projection of its policies, initiatives, reforms and its leadership. "When caretaker

Tank hospital, later shifted to DHQ Hospital Dera for government took over, we have unearthed that PTI government recruited about better treatment. media

met the injured cop.



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

LAHORE (APP): Two procedures and said that Election Commissioner of cases of kidney transplant Sindh Eijaz Anwar Chohan were visited different polling completed by using the latest procedures at Jinnah stations of the metroplis to review security Hospital.

arrangements during the by-elections to local Professor Dr Naveed Iqbal, government direct seats. Assistant Professor Dr. According to a ECP Shabbir Chaudhry and spokesperson, the polling continued peacefully in all Assistant Professor Dr. Salman Arshad performed polling stations. the task. After one-month

RPO Dera inquires after

Sunday. health of Organ Transplantation Authority (PHOTA) Director General Dr. injured cop DERA ISMAIL KHAN (APP): Regional Police

Officer (RPO) Dera Nasir Mahmood Satti on Sunday paid a visit to DHQ Hospital Dera and inquired after the health of the constable Waheed Gul who sustained injuries during

attack on Gul Imam check post in Tank. On Saturday night, the Tank district police have repulsed a terrorist attack on a police check post in the limits of Gul Imam police station which was stormed by unknown militants with heavy weapons. The police promptly and effectively retaliated and the exchange

of fire continued, during which police constable Waheed Gul received bullet injuries. Who was immediately rushed to the

During the visit, RPO

Shehzad Anwar attended only rich people could afford, but now Jinnah the ceremony as the guest of honour. He Hospital has extended and the opened the doors to the congratulated doctors and paramedical poor too, who could avail staff for opting for new the facility at low rates.

LAHORE: People are purchasing old books from the roadside vendor.

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

HYDERABAD (APP): identified This is for the information of media in particular and public in general that the Management Sciences (LUMS) is not going to tolerate any mafia involved in incidents of snatching

cell phones and valuable assets of students within extortion of money from the private transporters campus, as ultimately the burden of that extra amount is being charged by the students residing in

hostels. the female students, the said mafia residing as illegal occupants in the residential colony has been

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

To secure the safety and well being of a large number of national and the campus, including international students, especially the female students, the University operating inside the authorities are not going to compromise at any cost, and such culprits tolerance.

shall be dealt with zero Such mafia is trying Keeping in view such to defame this Institution complaints received from on social media to obtain

their personal beneficial goals and with the intention to blackmail the authorities

registered against the would reach out to the rickshaw owner for the voters crime of affixing fake number-plate.

elections quite vital for the Kundi said that the political and economic PPP would emerge stability of the country.



HYDERABAD: Members of the Pakhtoon Qabail Movement hold a rally against harassment from police in the shadow of Afghan Refugees, in Hyderabad.

Safety of life, property top priority: SP SARGODHA (APP): Superintendent of Punjab Highway Patrol Police Sargodha Region Akhtar

Hussain Joyia said that the safety of people's life and property is the first priority of the force.

Talking to APP here on Sunday, he said that the main objective of Punjab Highway Patrol was to secure all the major highways of Punjab and provide all kinds of assistance to commuters.

He said that now the responsibilities of PHP include the arrest of outlaws, operations against illegal weapons and drugs, pain of osteoporosis and checking of overloaded and other body parts, and it speeding vehicles, issuing challans for not wearing helmets and smokeemitting vehicles, running driving schools and issuing driving licences.

4 booked on violation of

RAWALPINDI (APP): Police have arrested four people accused of displaying firearms, aerial firing, and using firecrackers at a marriage party. According to a police spokesman, airport police conducted a raid and arrested two accused, Muhammad forthcoming general election to be held soon. Shahzad and Shakil.

becomes operational LAHORE (APP): A help release tension. Physiotherapy centre became operational at physiotherapy treatment Dolphin Police to Dolphin personnel headquarters, Walton, here would help relieve pain, on Sunday.

including soft tissues It would provide massage and stretching to facilitation to Dolphin relieve tension and spasm, personnel, a spokesperson joint told APP here. corrective exercise, posture Centre

Physiotherapy centre

at Dolphin Police HQs

head awareness, and advice on Physiotherapist how to manage or Muhammad Irfan said that overcome pain while qualified physiotherapists performing Dolphins daily would be present at the duties and activities. centre round-the-clock. He To a query Irfan said said physiotherapy would that on the directions of help patients get relief from

Inspector General Police Punjab Dr Usman Anwar, Punjab Police's Welfare Branch was actively of frozen shoulder and working for welfare of headache. It would provide police employees.

General elections will

be held soon, the letter

says. The list of teachers

of the schools in the four

towns of the city is ready,

He said

mobilisations,

that

Preparations for General Elections in KP begins

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

The list of teachers does not include IBN and email addresses; check the list of concerned education officers and add more Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, to all the education officers to prepare the staff for the

the letter said.

information, as the letter issued on November 3 says, without mentioning the date of the election.



Stable monetary policy leads to sustainable growth, attracting foreign investment

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

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

foundation, stimulate He said stability investment, and foster characterized innovation, ultimately consistent interest rates. leading to shared prosperity for their controlled inflation, and prudent fiscal management. people, said a news release provides a solid foundation for economic growth.

He emphasized the critical role that stability in He said when foreign and local investors monetary policy plays in anticipate stable economic conditions, they are more and attracting foreign likely to make long-term direct investment (FDI). investments, expand their today's operations, and create job interconnected global opportunities. economy, maintaining a

He said this confidence in the economic this stable monetary policy framework is essential for environment stimulates promoting sustainable entrepreneurship and innovation, leading to development and creating a favorable environment increased productivity and for both domestic and overall economi international investors, he prosperity.

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removed.

approach.

In a statement issued on Sunday, he observed

that the tax compliance

should be improved and tax

base should be enhanced,

which cannot be achieved

with a single policy change,

but through a systemic

Faheemur Rehman Saigol said that businesses

QUETTA: People are busy in buying clothes at a Sunday weekly bazar located on Benazir Fly-over in Quetta

LESCO recovers over Rs 8.6m from 341 defaulters

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

told media the here Sunday that on the 53^{rd} day, Chief Engineer O&M (T&G) Zafar Iqbal with the Mujahid Zia and Tehsildar recovered outstanding dues Shalimar Noreez Humayun

while Manager (Technical) Engineer Muhammad Farooq with the assistance of Tehsildar NankanaSahib Muhammad Iqbal Rasheed and Tehsildar Sheikhupura Muhammad Aslam Gujjar recovered Rs 0.66 million from 35 defaulters in Nankana Circle and Rs 1.16 million from 59 defaulters in Sheikhupura Circle. He added that LESCO Manager E&S (PMU) Engineer Abbas Ali in collaboration with Naib Tehsildar Kasur and Okara support of Tehsildar City Mirza Zahid Baig

of Rs 0.48 million from 57

SCCI fundraiser for Palestine on 6th SIALKOT (APP): Sialkot

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

In a statement, Abdu his livelihood for support his family, at a shop Ghafoor Malik said that located on Chitrali Bazar in Peshawar homeless and destitute Palestinian brothers and sisters are in a life and death struggle due to lack of basic necessities like

food, water, medical aid and medicines. Malik said that a fundraising event has been organized on the platform Traders & Small Industries. **PIAF chairman stress** structural reforms for sustainable eco. growth ISLAMABAD (INP): actions against business structure in the country. Pakistan community will not only which is in accordance with

Industrial and Traders Associations Front (PIAF) add to the miseries of the business community but Faheemur Rehman Saigol has said the real answer to country's problems lies in the and the structural reforms, as community. there are a number of He said that in the inefficiencies in tax past instead of focusing on collection which we the collection, which must be

controlling underinvoicing, curbing smuggling and expanding the tax net, the FBR seems to be inclined to pressurize registered taxpayers, who are already suffering due to a high rate of sales tax, income tax, and custom

duties by creating fictitious cases for recovery of outstanding dues to meet revenue

are already in a complicated state-oftarget The PIAF Chairman affairs, while anti-business also called for building a

as it is easy to weaker also promote trust deficit institutions but it takes a between the government long time to rebuild them. Whatever appointments business government makes to the said

heads of the institutions should be based on transparency and merit, he He said that the economy has just come out of the dark shadows but it still facing the is aftershocks and the

the requirements of time,

businessmen are doing their best to makeup the losses incurred during that period, he said Faheem Saigol said that only direct taxes can improve tax collection, as

the existing tax system is heavily skewed toward

pilferers netted across the **MEPCO** region MULTAN (APP): Multan Electric Power Company (MEPCO) teams have raided and caught 82 power pilferers during ongoing operations across the region. The task force teams have raided at various places and registered cases against 50 power pilferers,

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change Talking to a delegation of progressive farmers, he said, "The world around us is changing rapidly and Rs 1 million was also recovered from the power pilferers.

Gwadar Port is not congested like KPT and Qasim Ports

Independent Report basis. This will create jobs GWADAR: A delegation of All Gwadar Shipping for the local Labourers, Transporters and Shipping Clearing Clearing Agents Moreover, this port will Association under the become an effective and big leadership of its President Abdul Rahim Zafar left for source of Revenue for the Islamabad along with Federal Government and Chinese Port Handlers (COPHC). Association General Secretary Engr. Hameed Gwadar Port is not Baloch and a prominent member Mr. Faisal Dashti.

Congested like KPT and The aim of this Qasim Ports. Moreover, there is no warpage delegation try to meet the demurrage and storage caretaker Prime Minister charges at Gwadar Port, and other port concerns officials, try to convince while all these charges are them for the operations of levied at Karachi both the Gwadar Port on permanent ports.

Agents

Amidst global challenges Chairman PHHSA highlights urgent need for agricultural sector diversification

ISLAMABAD (APP): agriculture," said a news Chairman Pakistan Hitech release issued here. Seed

He said, Association(PHHSA) agriculturalists, we are well Shahzad Ali Malik Sunday aware of the challenges we said in emerging global challenges, it has become face, from unpredictable weather patterns to the increasingly evident that depletion of natural the diversification of our resources.

agricultural sector is the 'Embracing diversification in our need of the hour to meet ever increasing food staple agricultural practices is not needs in the wake climate just a choice; it is a

necessity," he added. said He "Diversifying our agricultural sector can provide a multitude of benefits. By cultivating a climate change, population variety of crops, we can growth, and shifting mitigate the risks people demands are associated with climate reshaping the landscape of change and pests."



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PESHAWAR: Vendor sells chitrali caps to earn while nine power pilferers were arrested while stealing electricity. A Rs 5.6 million fine was imposed, and over

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

KP Finance Dept. approved release of 900,00 mln for 4-month expenditure

relations.

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released

notification here.

local government.

PESHAWAR (APP): The million rupees for forests, Finance Department of and 217.42 million rupees Khyber Pakhtunkhwa for health (KP) has approved the release of 900,00 million

rupees under the fourmonth expenditure budget million rupees for home here on Sunday.

Funds have been released for salaries of industries, and 0.89 employees and operational million employees and operational activities, and 99.17 million rupees for agriculture, 7.74 million rupees for endowments, 14.18 million rupees for the Board of Revenue, 2.40 million rupees for water sanitation, 29.21 million rupees for education, and 0.43 million rupees for the

environment have been released

Approval to release 4.34 million rupees for establish ment administration, 7.75 million rupees for excise and taxation, 0.16 million rupees for finance, 76.42

defaulters in Okara Circle and Rs 1.91 million from 69 defaulters in Kasur Circle.Up till now during the recovery campaign, the LESCO with the help of Tehsildars (Recovery) recovered more than Rs 1.146 billion from 35,703 dead defaulters in its all circles of operation. He elaborated that LESCO recovered outstanding dues of Rs 146.65 million from

4,719 defaulters in Northern Circle; Rs 262.90

made. ISTANBUL (Xinhua/ APP): Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on Saturday said Türkiye was The report by the United Nations Office on proceeding on the path of having a rapidly growing electric vehicle (EV) market after launching its first domesticallyproduced electric car TOGG last year.

Approval to release inauguration ceremony of 88.56 million rupees for higher education, 8.55 a car factory in the northwestern province of Kocaeli, Erdogan suggested and business affairs, 16.28 that there would be fierce competition between the existing EV companies and the arrival of new actors million rupees for public into the market.

It was approved to release 34.30 million for urban development, 51.81 million rupees for tourism, and 0.34 million rupees for

Apart from this, funds based on salaries and expenses have been for other departments as well. The approval given by the Finance Department has increasing in our country been given for the next four

February, according to the from January to August

UNITED NATIONS (INP): Poppy cultivation of the Sialkot Chamber of and opium production Commerce and Industry have plunged 95 percent in (SCCI) to help Palestinian Afghanistan since Taliban brothers on November, 6 (Monday) 5:30PM a authorities banned the crop, according to a UN

Since returning to

end illegal drug production

in Afghanistan and in April

2022 banned the cultivation

of the poppy plant, from

which opium and heroin are

followed suit,

Heritage Club Sialkot. report published Sunday. He appealed to all people to participate in the power in 2021, Taliban event and contribute authorities have vowed to generously.

Türkiye aims growing EV market: Tayyip

> Drugs and Crime (UNODC) found that poppy cultivation has collapsed by an estimated 95 percent—from 233,000 hectares (575,755 acres) at the end of 2022 to 10,800 in 2023. Opium production Speaking at the has plummeting from 6,200 tons to 333 tons in 2023.

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

noted that the government placed special importance on investments that would enable Türkiye to have a say in the electric vehicle market, as "the interest in electric vehicles is

as in the whole world." months, from November to Some 22,900 electric vehicles have been sold

This year's estimated harvest amounts to 24-38 tons of exportable heroin, compared with 350-580 tons last year. The UNODC warned

Poppy growth down

95% in Afghanistan

since Taliban ban: UN

of potential "humanitarian consequences for many vulnerable rural communities" due to the sudden contraction of Afghanistan's opium economy, as growers have had to turn to far less lucrative alternative crops. Farmers' incomes, estimated at \$1.36 billion

in 2022, have fallen by 92 percent to \$110 million this year, according to the UNODC, with the loss expected to impact the country's already struggling economy more broadly. Last year, poppy

crops accounted for almost a third by value of total agricultural production in Afghanistan, the world's

leading producer.

attract customers at roadside setup.

Pakistan is experiencing a about environmental monumental shift with the impact, land ownership ascent of corporate consolidation and potential agriculture. Large-scale adversities faced by smallcorporations are now scale farmers and local pivotal players in various communities. aspects of food production, Therefore. coexistence of corporate modern and and small farmers becomes

leading agricultural nations

significantly to their

technology contemporary methods to vital for an overall farming, economic growth and streamline sustainability. But striking processing, distribution, and marketing. a balance between the two While the benefits of can be the only way

corporate agriculture are evident in terms of efficiency, market stability, ensure their existence. innovation, economic growth and global outreach, already been practices by it also presents challenges like United States, Brazil, and opportunities for small-scale farmers who China and India, where struggle to access modern both corporate and smallagricultural tools due to scale farming contribute financial constraints.

Emergence of large countries progress.

Rs.441.2m fine imposed on 3,527

electricity thieves

FAISALABAD (APP): The Faisalabad Electric Supply Company (FESCO) imposed a fine of Company Rs.441.2 million on 3,527 Manufacturers electricity thieves caught Exporters Association during the last 58 days of (PCMEA) to discuss the an anti-theft campaign in the region. FESCO spokesman Tahir Sheikh difficulties faced by the exporters of handmade carpets and their concerns. said here on Sunday that Chairman Naeem Khokhar the company had launched and Vice Chairman Zafar a vigorous drive on special Idris Soleja represented direction of Minister of PCMEA, while its Senior Energy (Power Division) and during 58 days of the campaign teams of the Vice Chairman Usman Ashraf, Senior Central company caught 3527 power pilferers. Leader Abdul Latif Malik,

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

State Bank briefed on carpet sector's issues

LAHORE (APP): Trade (CTI) Chairperson Ijazur Rehman and others Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP) has attended the meeting arranged a meeting between through video link. State Bank and Pakistan PCMEA spokesman (SBP) and Carpet said here Sunday that

Association's officeand bearers conveyed their reservation to the SBP officials such as provisions on penalties and deductions for payments made after 60 days to the state bank, and demanded restoration of special status of 270-day credit condition for handloom carpets as well as increasing the time limit for Carpet Training Institute delivery of CAD.

Protecting small farmers rights in an emerging corporate culture

crop

scale farmers to prosper.

collaboration between corporate and small-scale farming is important to put country on a path to matchless progress and prosperity," remarked Dr Irfan Baig, the Dean of Social Sciences at

Muhammad Nawaz Sharif University of Agriculture, Multan. "Empowerment Multan. of small farmers involves leveraging their unique strengths by equipping them with modern tools forward to protect small enabling to compete farmers interests and effectively in modern agricultural landscape," Dr Such formulae had Baig stated

He highlighted that revenue. the corporate sector's role is crucial in introducing advanced technology such with the start of massive corporate activity in any as GPS, sensors, drones, sector the small level biotechnology tools, robotics, data analysis and farm management software

H a r m o n i o u s that can also benefit small commercial businesses. farmers. Experts also "Therefore, we need to impart essential training believe that embracing new agricultural practices like and financial support to rotation, our small farmers for their diversification, vertical very existence," said Malik farming, hydroponics, Arif, a small farmer. 'Financial support is of conservation tillage, utmost importance besides integrated approaches, smart greenhouses and specialized training and contract farming can encouragement for small significantly assist smallfarmers to focus on valueadded production and Access to modern sustainable farming technology and information practices.

He advocates for the is also paramount to equip small farmers with the implementation strategies to assist small latest advancements and knowledge to enhance farmers in navigating the productivity and earn more competitive landscape alongside corporate agriculture. Then there But, it has been commonly witnessed that would also be marketing issues as with bulk production of any commodities the players are swayed in the businessmen and brokers mighty tides of huge would be inclined more.



LAHORE: People are purchasing warm old clothes and other items as winter arrives at Empress Road.

MULTAN (APP): The agricultural corporations agricultural landscape in also brings forth concerns

MULTAN: A vendor displaying decorative items to

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facilitated by humanitarian

pauses." Jordanian Foreign

Minister Ayman Safadi

called for all sides to work

together to "stop a catas-

trophe that will haunt the

the eastern Mediterranean

and hopes that it has de-

terred Hezbollah from a

4.4m people

stateless

worldwide,

says UN

ing them politically

German airport

closed after

armed man

Washington has deployed a powerful fleet to

region for generations".

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The struggle between

Palestinian president presses US to secure Gaza ceasefire

Monitoring Desk GAZA: Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas demanded an immediate Israeli ceasefire at a meeting with top US diplomat Antony Blinken on Sunday, as Gaza's health ministry said dozens died in a strike on a refugee camp overnight. Blinken, who has re-

peatedly dismissed the idea of a ceasefire by Israel for fear it would benefit Hamas, was making an unannounced visit to the occupied West Bank, as part of effort to try and ensure the Israel-Hamas war does not spread in the region. His visit to Ramallah took place as people sifted through rubble for victims or survivors at the Maghazi refugee camp refugee camp in

Gaza. "All night I and the these accounts.

other men were trying to pick the dead from the rubble. We got children, dismembered, torn apart flesh," said Saeed al-Nejma, ceasefire" from Israel. 53, adding that he had been asleep with his family in their single-storey house

when the blast hit his neighbourhood. which our Palestinian A spokesman for the people are being subjected health ministry in the in Gaza at the hands of the Hamas-run Gaza Strip said Israeli war machine, withearlier on Sunday that the out regard to the rules of Israeli military had struck international law," Palestinthe camp overnight, killing ian news agency WAFA at least 47 people. quoted Abbas as telling In a separate attack, 21

Blinken. Palestinians from one fam-Foreign ministers from ily, including women and Qatar, Saudi, Egypt, Jordan children, were killed in Isand the United Arab Emirraeli strikes targeting Gaza ates met Blinken in Amman on Saturday and also pushed for Washington to overnight, the health ministry said. Reuters could convince Israel to agree to a not independently verify ceasefire.

We demand that you stop them from committing these crimes immediately, Abbas told Blinken, demanding an "immediate "There are no words to describe the war of genocide and destruction to

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

Gaza situation worsens as Israeli strike hits school

bin

in Amman by holding talks **Monitoring Desk** GAZACITY: Israeli troops with Prime Minister Mohammed launched an operation in Gaza early on Saturday, in-Abdulrahman Al Thani of cluding a strike on a UN-Qatar, a mediator between run school in which 15 Tel Aviv and the Palestinpeople were killed, accordians ing to the Hamas-run health mounting Arab anger over

ministry. The strike on school was carried out by Israel even as US Secretary of

State Antony Blinken faced a rising tide of anger in meetings with Arab foreign ministers.

Blinken reaffirmed US support for "humanitarian pauses" in the Pales-tinian territory to ensure desperate civilians get help, a day after Israel's hawkish Prime Benjamin Minister Netanyahu gave the idea short shrift.

Speaking at a news conference in Amman about sparing civilians and speeding up aid deliveries, the top US diplomat said: "The United States believes that

Palestinian protesters gath-ered to call for a ceasefire in

The talks come amid

the civilian death toll in

Gaza, and increasing fears

that other states would get

truce" with Hamas until it releases more than 240 prisoners in its custody since Oct 7.

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

MOSCOW: The Russian military on Sunday reported a successful test launch of an intercontinental ballistic missile designed to carry nuclear warheads from a new nuclear subma-

The report comes as tensions are soaring be-tween Russia and the West over the fighting in Ukraine. Adding to those tensions, President Vladimir Putin last week signed a bill revoking Russia's ratification of a global nuclear test ban in a move that Moscow said was needed to establish

rine

The Russian Defense Ministry said in a statement that the Imperator Alexander III strategic missile cruiser fired the Bulava missile from an underwater position in Russia's northern White Sea, and hit a target in the fareastern region of Kamchatka. It wasn't immediately clear lessness had a "devastating impact" on those left from the statement when the test launch occurred. The without a nationality, as it

Shelling kills 15 civilians in Sudan, RSF claims gains in Darfur populated areas

Monitoring Desk WAD MADANI: At least 15 civilians in Khartoum the rival generals has crippled essential services were killed on Saturday when shells fell on their in Sudan and razed entire homes", a medical source neighbourhoods of the capisaid, as paramilitary fighttal and the vast western reers battling Sudan's army

gion of Darfur. claimed gains in Darfur. In nearly seven months of war, more than 10,400 The victims' bodies were taken to Al-Nau hospeople have been killed, acpital in Omdurman, a discording to a conservative estrict of greater Khartoum, timate from the Armed Conthe medical source told flict Location & Event Data AFP, speaking on condition Project. The United Nations

of anonymity. Fighting since April between the forces of army says the violence has forced more than six million people to flee, both within and outchief Abdel Fattah alside Sudan. Representatives Burhan and his former of the warring sides are curdeputy Mohamed Hamdan rently in the Saudi city of Daglo, who commands the Jeddah for negotiations me-Rapid Support Forces diated by Saudi A (RSF), has raged in heavily the United States. diated by Saudi Arabia and

Turkiye discussed Gaza with Egypt, Jordan, **Turkish source says** ister Sameh Shoukry on

Monitoring Desk ANKARA: Turkish Forsteps that can be taken to eign Minister Hakan Fidan civilian population in Gaza" and to achieve an discussed the situation in Gaza and the need for an urgent ceasefire there with urgent ceasefire, the source his Egyptian and Jordanian added counterparts in separate also discussed efforts to

calls on Sunday, a Turkish diplomatic source said. Turkey, which has sharply escalated its criticism of Israel as the humanitarian crisis in Gaza has intensified, supports a twostate solution. The country also hosts members of Palestinian militant group Hamas, which unlike the United States, the European Union, and some Gulf states it does not view as a

of humanitarian aid to Gaza, the source said. Ankara has repeatedly accused Israel of targeting civilians, committing war crimes, and violating international law. Israel says it is targeting Hamas, not civilians, and that the Islamist group is using residents as human shields. Speaking in the Black Sea province of Rize, Presi-

"stop attacks targeting the

Fidan and Shoukry

guarantee the unimpeded

and continuous provision

terrorist organisation. Fidan exchanged dent Tayyip Erdogan said it views with Jordanian Forwas Turkey's duty to stop eign Minister Ayman Safadi "the massacre in Gaza" and and Egyptian Foreign Min- hold Israel accountable.

Protest marches from US to Berlin call for immediate halt to Israeli bombing of Gaza

ongoing battles with Hamas militants (4 No-**Monitoring Desk** WASHINGTON: From Washington to Milan to vember).

In the U.S., thou-Paris, tens of thousands of pro-Palestinian demonstrasands converged on the tors marched Saturday, callnation's capital to protest the Biden administration's

ing for a halt to Israel's support of Israel and its The marches reflected continued military cam-

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

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

Monitoring Desk ANKARA: Turkey's main opposition Republican People's Party (CHP) on Sunday elected Ozgur Ozel as its new leader, ending a 13-year term for incumbent Kemal Kilicdaroglu, as the country gears up for local elections next March.

Ozel, 49, has been serving as the CHP's deputy parliamentary group chairman since 2015 and has been a lawmaker over the city, Imamoglu was since 2011. He announced

Netanyahu suspends Israeli minister over Gaza nuclear comment have believed in turning hope-

Monitoring Desk lessness into hope, we are hopeful," Ozel said, sur-rounded by applauding party JERUSALEM: Prime Min ister Benjamin Netanyahu members and standing alongon Sunday disciplined a side Istanbul Mayor Ekrem junior member of his cabi-Imamoglu. Imamoglu sup-ported Ozel in a push for net who appeared to voice openness to the idea of Ischange at the CHP that has rael carrying out a nuclear long been bogged down by strike on Gaza, where the war with Hamas is inflictin-fighting. After winning the 2019 municipal elections in ing a spiralling Palestinian civilian toll. Istanbul and ending

Netanyahu's office is-Erdogan's years-long hold sued a statement saying seen as a potential new leader that the minister concerned Heritage Minister Amina

Blinken began the day all of these efforts will be

involved.

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Monitoring Desk GENEVA: The UN said on Saturday that 4.4 million people worldwide were known to be stateless, though the true figure would be significantly higher due to their relative "invisibility". UNHCR, the UN refugee agency, said state-

Imperator Alexander III is called for more to be done one of the new Borei-class to combat such exclusion. nuclear submarines that carry Not recognised as citizens 16 Bulava missiles each and of any country, stateless are intended to serve as the people are often deprived core naval component of the of human rights and access nation's nuclear forces in the to basic services, often leav-

full-scale attack on Israel, In London, Berlin and but border clashes continue. other cities aro-und the A key focus of globe, thousands of pro-Blinken's visit to Israel on Friday was to persuade Netanyahu to enact "humanitarian pauses" Netanyahu said later however, that he would not agree to a "temporary

his candidacy in Septem-ber, after Kilicdaroglu and the CHP's painful defeat to President Tayyip Erdogan and his ruling political alli-ance in May presidential and general elections.

Ozel, a pharmacist by trade, received 812 of 1,366 possible votes at a tense. hours-long party congress in Ankara that took two rounds. "This is the greatest honour of my life," Ozel said after the results were announced, while thanking Kilicdaroglu for his work at the party. "We are embarking on the road for local elec-tion victory," he added. "We lated Ozel.

for the party and challenge for the presidency. H o w e v e r Eliyahu, from a far-right party in the coalition government - had been sus-Kilicdaroglu chose to run himself against Erdogan in

ern

Qatar says Gaza

hostage releases need

and ground

pended from cabinet meetthe May elections, despite ings "until further notice". several previous losses. Asked in a radio inter-After the vote, he came unview about a hypothetical nuclear option, Éliyahu had der fire for refusing to step down as the leader of the replied: "That's one way." CHP, established by mod-His remark drew swift condemnation from around Turkey's founder the Arab world, scandalised Mustafa Kemal Ataturk.

"I carried our Great mainstream Israeli broadcasters and was deemed Leader Ataturk's legacy with honour until today, 'objectionable" by a U.S. official. Neither Eliyahu or Kilicdaroglu said on social messaging platform X after his party leader are in the the results, and congratustreamlined ministerial forum running the Gaza war.

Thousands attend London pro-Palestinian rally **Monitoring Desk**

'period of calm' Monitoring Desk DOHA: Qatar's foreign ministry said on Sunday that without a "period of calm" in Gaza its mediators would not be able to secure the release of Israeli hos-

tages held there. Any hostage release has to be linked to a period of calm that allows for the hostage release to work, which is something we have not seen for a while,' Majed Al Ansari, Qatar's foreign ministry spokesperson told reporters.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Friday rejected U.S. calls for a temporary stop to Israel's offensive against Hamas to facilitate work to free more than 240 hostages seized by the Palestinian Islamist group. Israel would not pause its attacks unless the hostages held by the mili-

tants are freed first, Netanyahu said. The Gulf state of Qatar has, in coor-dination with the U.S., led mediation talks with Hamas and Israeli officials over the release of hostages since the militant group led a rampage into Israel on Oct. 7, killing 1,400 people and bundling

more than 240 others into Gaza. Since then, Israel has steadily escalated its assault on Gaza and its 2.3 million residents and overnight on Saturday struck by air, sea,

Gaza health officials said on Sunday that more than 9.700 Palestinians, including 4,800 children have been killed in the war.

Qatar's Prime Minister said on Sunday that the negotiations were at risk of failing because of Israel's attacks and misinformation the rally with her Palescirculating about the talks. tinian friends

LONDON: Thousands of pro-Palestinian protesters gathered in London on Saturday to call for a ceasefire in Gaza amid ongoing bombardments by Israel in the besieged territory. It was the fourth con-

secutive week that the British capital was the paign demanding a near-trivenue for a large rally in pling of wages. support of Palestinians since last month. At the rally, held in Trafalgar Square in central London, protesters waved Palestinian flags and held placards calling for an imme-

diate ceasefire. One group of protesters held a bundle of fabric, representing a dead baby killed during the Israeli bombing campaign. Sama Dababneh 26, a Jordanian business consultant who came to



Moldovans look at candidates lists on the ballot during local elections in Chisinau, Moldova

parity with the United coming decade



Garment workers clash with police during a rally in a Dhaka suburb.

Bangladesh garment workers clash with police as factories reopen

Monitoring Desk DHAKA: Striking Bangladesh ers, the vast majority of garment workers clashed with monthly wages start at police on Saturday near the capital as factories reopened 300 taka (\$75). in defiance of a protest cam-

Bangladesh's 3,500 garment factories account for around 85 per cent of the South Asian country's \$55 billion annual exports, supplying many of the world's top names in fashion including Levi's, Zara and H&M. But conditions their colleagues from returnare dire for many of the ing to their shifts.

Albanese lands in China on 'landmark' state visit

Monitoring Desk

SHANGHAI: Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said he was pleased to be in Shanghai" on Saturday at the start of a landmark state visit to China, marking a long-awaited thaw in ties between Beijing and Canberra. It is the first such visit by an Australian leader in seven years as the two nations look to shore up their relationship after a diplomatic spat that affected billions of dollars in trade.

"Pleased to be in Shanghai, marking the first visit to China by an Australian Prime Minister since 2016," Albanese posted on X, formerly Twitter, along with photos of his arrival common concern'

breaches security with his car sector's four million work-**Monitoring Desk** BERLIN: The airport in the whom are women whose northern German city of Hamburg was closed to Police said some 600 passengers and flights were

businesses shuttered over canceled Saturday night afthe week had reopened in ter a vehicle broke through areas worst-hit by the strike, security and entered the which saw some factories premises, the German news ransacked and set alight. But agency dpa reported. Federal police said an clashes broke out in the industrial town of Ashulia, armed man had broken

west of the capital Dhaka, through a gate with his ve-

after around 10,000 workhicle and fired twice into the ers attempted to prevent air with a weapon. Police also said the man's wife had previously contacted them about a possible child abduction.

Smog-ridden New Delhi extends schools shutdown

Monitoring Desk

NEW DELHI: Authorities in the smog-ridden Indian capital New Delhi on Sunday extended an emergency school closure by a week, with no signs of improvement in the megacity's choking levels of pollution.

Every autumn New Delhi is blanketed in acrid smog, primarily blamed on stubble burning by farmers in the neighbouring agrarian

The city is regularly ranked as one of the most polluted on the planet, with its annual smog blamed for hundreds of thousands of premature deaths each year. fected.

growing disquiet about the mounting civilian casualty toll and suffering from the Israel-Hamas war. Protesters, particularly in countries with large Muslim populations, including the U.S., U.K. and France, expressed disillusionment with their governments for supporting Israel while its bombardments of hospitals and residential areas in the Gaza strip intensify.

bombardment of Gaza.

The Palestinian death toll in the Israel-Hamas war has reached 9,448, according to the Hamas-run Health Ministry in Gaza. In Israel, more than 1,400 people have been killed, most of them in the Oct. 7 Hamas attack that started

the war. circlement of Gaza City calling for an immediate with army videos showing cease-fire.

paign in Gaza. "Palestine will be free," demonstrators donning black and white keffiyehs chanted as an enormous Palestinian flag was unfurled by a crowd that filled Pennsylvania Avenue — the street leading up to the White House. Leveling direct criti-

cism of President Joe Biden, Renad Dayem of Cleveland said she made the trip with her family so her children would know "the Palestinian people are resilient — and we want a leader who won't be a puppet to the Israeli government."

Dozens of small white body bags with the names of children killed by Israeli Israeli troops have missiles lined the street and been tightening their en- demonstrators held signs

The Intelligence and

Moldova is voting in local elections as authorities accuse Russia of meddling

Monitoring Desk

"We are protecting the Republic of Moldova CHISINAU: Moldovans from a well-organized netare casting ballots in nationwork of criminals. An orwide local elections on Sunganized criminal group is day as authorities say that Russia has been conducting removed from the elections, not a political "hybrid warfare" to underparty," Recean said on Frimine the vote in the Euroday during a media briefpean Union candidate coun-

try. While local elections in Moldova, a country of about 2.5 million people Security Service, SIS, al-leged in its 32-page report that the Chance Party had received about 50 million situated between Romania and Ukraine, wouldn't usueuros (\$53 million) in Rusally garner much internasian money, which was channeled by exiled tional attention, ongoing accusations of Russian Moldovan oligarch Ilan meddling add a geopolitical Shor and used to destabidimension to the vote.

international observers.

Moldova's national intel-

the electoral process"

Sunday's ballot will elect nearly 900 mayors lize the country and "buy" voters in Sunday's elecand 11,000 local counciltion. Shor, who resides in ors for a four-year term, Israel and was sentenced in including key positions absentia in April to 15 years in jail on fraud such as mayor of the capital, Chisinau. The ballot

charges, reacted to the will be monitored by party's ban in a Facebook around 1,500 national and post, calling it an "unprec-edented, illegal, raiding Two days before the election, Moldova Prime power grab" and providing a list of alternative candi-Minister Dorin Recean announced a ban on candidate endorsements. dates from the pro-Russia

Addressing the party's Chance Party. On Friday, ban on Sunday in Chisinau, Moldovan President Maia Sandu told reporters that ligence agency published a 'elections are about democreport alleging that Russia racy and compliance with was trying to "influence the law. Those who do not through the party. About follow the law, bribe voters, use illegal money — do not 600 candidates will be afmeet democratic standards.'

till Nov 10 logue between our two countries over the coming

four days in China, dividing his time between the eastern megacity of Shang-His administration has

hai and the capital Beijing. sought more amicable ties

with Australia's biggest trading partner while also push-

days." Albanese will spend

ing back against Beijing's

growing influence in the Pacific. China's foreign minisstates try has said that Albanese would meet Chinese leaders and "have an in-depth ex-



late Saturday. "I look forward to continuing the dia-

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Flood-affected areas Pakistan successfully secures approximately \$3b, approves **21 development projects**

ISLAMABAD (APP): Since the launch of Resilient, Recovery, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction (4RF) framework launched by the Ministry of Planning Development and Special Initiatives, the Central Development Working Party (CDWP) successfully ap-proved 21 development projects worth \$3billion for flood-affected areas of Pakistan while securing maximum pledges committed in Geneva for flood 2022.

Last year Pakistan faced an unprecedented tial rains and flooding in most parts of the country, particularly in Balochistan and Sindh affecting 33 million people resulting in economic losses worth \$30 billion, said a press release issued here on Sunday.

In response, the gov-Pakistan and the UN in ernment had devised a com-Geneva. While making conprehensive 4RF framework, certed efforts to implement the 4RF framework the which proposed effective coordination and participa-CWDP successfully aption arrangements among proved 21 development federal and provincial govprojects which include Emergency Flood Assisernments, development partners, donors, internatance Project (EFAP) on

devastation due to torren- tional and national NGOs Farm Water Management and academic and private component worth \$475.00million, Access to sectors. In January this Clean Energy worth \$47.00m, DRR project for vear. Pakistan successfully secured pledges of \$ 10 billion from donors during the Rehabilitation/Reconstruction worth \$31.28m; Emer-International Conference on "Climate Resilient Pakigency Flood Assistance stan", jointly hosted by Project worth \$8.00m; Post-Flood 2022 Reconstruction Program: Resilience Enhancement and Livelihood worth \$400.00m; Sindh irrigated Agriculture Productivity Enhancement Project worth \$ 8.30m; Competitive & Livable City of Karachi worth \$27.00m.



CHAMAN: Illegal Afghan immigrant crossing Pak-Afghan border to return to Afghanistan.



QUETTA: Secretary Health Balochistan, Abdullah Khan, chairing a meeting about the Congo outbreak in Sandeman Provincial Hospital, Quetta.

Health Department determined

PUC stands united against terrorism, calls for ceasefire in Gaza

LAHORE (APP): The Cen- forces, including India and its allies, are allegedly intral Executive and Consulvolved in acts of terrorism tative Body of Pakistan within Pakistan. It called on Ulema Council on Sunday convened a significant meetthe international commuing, addressing the current nity to take immediate action against India's alleged situation in Pakistan, Palestine, and the Islamic world

executive and consultative body participated in this gathering, presided over by Hafiz Chairman Muhammad Tahir Mahmood Ashrafi.

involvement in terrorism. The meeting com-More than two hun- mended the Pakistani nadred members of the PUC tion, army, and security agencies for their response to recent terrorist incidents. It highlighted the united stance of Ulema and

Mashaykh and religious scholars from across the In a comprehensive country, supporting declaration, the meeting em-Pakistan's efforts to combat

phasized that hostile extremism and terrorism.

First phase of Raiwand Ijtima concludes with

prayers for Pak, Muslims LAHORE (APP): The first the venue in the morning to

attend the special prayer that started at 8:45am and concluded at 9:05am.

Maulana Muhammad Khurshid briefed the participants about proper manners for offering dua. Maulana Khurshid gave instructions to the del-

other countries attended the egates sitting in the pandal annual congregation in before the prayer, the clos-Raiwind, about 36 kilomeing prayer was given by Maulana Ibrahim of India and every eye was full of

Thousands of people from across the city reached tears during the prayer.

LG by-polls in 16 districts of Sindh: **PPP's Murtaza Wahab** secures decisive victory

cluding ward members

KARACHI (INP): In the started in all 16 districts of Sindh including five disaftermath of a peaceful polling process on Sunday, tricts of Karachi after closthe local government bying of polling process at elections in 16 districts of 5.00 pm sharp. Sindh saw Pakistan People's Party (PPP) canparency and law and order didate, Murtaza Wahab on the polling day, the Elecfrom Karachi, clinch a subtion Commission of Pakistantial victory. stan (ECP) has set up a con-

Wahab garnered a totrol room in Karachi. tal of 3,976 votes from his Union Council, while his am and continued until 5.00 competitor, Noor Islam of Jamaat-e-Islami (JI), trailed pm without any break. behind with 1,566 votes.

In Khairpur, PPP canstations have been set up didates are leading most of in the metropolis for the the constituencies while in purpose 4 constituencies, a victory of the PPP has been conheld for 10 seats of chairfirmed. men and vice chairmen, in-

Counting of votes has

Nadeem says: **'Attacks on** Gaza's hospitals condemnable'

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

In a statement, the minister said all such at-tacks should be stopped immediately. He said health work-

ers should be given access to the injured.

People voted for seats of chairmen in District South, Malir and Kemari of the provincial capital.

Mayor Karachi Murtaza Wahab and Jamaat-e-Islami's (JI) To observe the trans-Obaidullah Shah Noorul Islam are facing each other in UC-13 Saddar Town.

Extremely tough com-Today morning, the petition is expected bepolling started at sharp 8.00 tween Pakistan Peoples Party's (PPP) Ramzan Mazari and Sindh United At least 121 polling Party's (SUP) Allah Dino Kalwarr in Union Council (UC) Masowala of district Kashmore

The polling was being Total number of voters in the constituency are 13, 184, of whom 6, 249 are females



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

DoH, Balochistan, taken prompt action to address

to defeat Cong virus with public cooperation, says Secretary Independent Report QUETTA: While paying and with his death, the derich tributes to Dr. Shakrullah died of Congo virus in Karachi, the Secreofficer. tary Health Department,

Abdullah Khan has stated that the department is determined to defeat Congo virus with cooperation of general public.

He urged the public to keep trust on the doctors and paramedics who are at the forefront for their protection by rendering sacrifice of their lives.

In a statement issued here, the Secretary Health said that Dr. Shakrullah was

a senior and talented officer Allah Almighty rest the department is deprived of a capable and honest medical He expressed condo-

lence and grief with the bereaved family of Dr. Shakrullah and said that he was under treatment at the Agha Khan Hospital Karachi after he had contracted the virus during duty

Dr. Shakrullah could not survive despite provision of all medical assistance, Secretary Health mentioned. He prayed that may

strength and patience to the bereaved family to bear the tragic loss. He also said that the doctors and other medical staff contracted the Congo virus were shifted to Karachi by air ambulances for better treatment, and he was in constant coordination with the administration

of hospital. He said that the medical staff set great example of public service by caring the patients in hospital instead of their families.

parted soul into Its eternal peace and give enough

phase of the three-day Tableeghi Ijtima concluded in Raiwind on Sunday with special prayers led by Maulana Muhammad Ibrahim for the prosperity and solidarity of the country and unity of the Muslim world. Hundreds

of thousands of people from across Pakistan and ters from Lahore.

Before Ijtemai-dua

establish TIC at **Gwadar airport**

ties

TIC would not only play

a pivotal role in promot-

ing tourism globally but

also emphasize the need

for state-of-the-art facili-

growing significance of

Gwadar as a tourist desti-

nation, attracting visitors

He highlighted the

PTDC planning to

in Quetta.

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Pakistan Tourism Development Corporation (PTDC) was planning to establish a modern Tourist Information Center (TIC) at New Gwadar International Airport to facilitate the foreign and local tourists about their destination.

Talking to APP, a from across the country and PTDC official said the esaround the world. tablishment of TIC would provide comprehensive information to tourists thronging to Pakistan from various countries to enjoy the beauty of recreational sites of Balochistan province.

An official said that



QUETTA: Young Doctor Association (YDA) General Secretary, Dr. Amanullah, Dr. Yasir Achakzai and others addressing a press conference, at Quetta press club.

Lahore, with AQI 393, ranked as world's second most polluted city

LAHORE (INP): There is no respite from smog for the people of Lahore as the city, with the air quality index (AQI) recorded at 393, was ranked as the second most polluted city in the world on Sunday. The AQI over Fida Hussain Road was recorded at

481

Similarly, it was 462 over Phase-8 in DHA, 368 over Shimla Paharri and 464 over Syed Maratab Ali Road.

Doctors, on the other hand, advised people to take precautionary measures by avoiding travelling unnecessarily, and use facemasks if travelling was inevitable.

Weathermen, on the other hand, forecast dry weather for the provincial capital during the next few days, thus considerably minimizing chances of any relief for residents of the city as it will be due to rain that dust particles suspended in the air will settle down and the smog will be over. The Met Office predicted that maximum temperature in the city would reach 29 degrees Celsius later in the day while it would be 16 degrees Celsius on the minimum side in the early hours on Monday. On the other hand, smog in neighbouring India, especially over capital New Delhi, has become a threat for Pakistan. According to the images and report released by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), 740 per cent increase has been noticed in the incidents of burning of crops residue, especially in parts bordering Pakistan

for general public in

Quetta Independent Report

Customs sets

up sasta bazaar

QUETTA: The Pakistan Èustoms set up a sasta bazaar for the general public here near Spinny road on Sunday.

The sasta bazaar set up in collaboration with the Ouetta district administra tion offered different goods including sugar, dry milk

He said that Caretaker tea, blankets, chocolates Minister of State for Touretc. on the subsidized rates ism Wasi Shah was commit-The goods which ted to construct Tourist Inwere made available for sale formation Center at at the bazaar were seized Gwadar airport as soon as during different raids by the possible to provide all Customs in anti-smuggling kinds of information and

drive. The sugar was sold at Rs. 100 per kilogram, cooking oil at Rs. 350 per liter tea at Rs. 700 per kilogram blanket from Rs. 2000 to Pakistan 3,500, chocolate Rs. 350 per packet.

The Customs high ips supervised the sasta bazaar where rush of people including women was wit nessed Needless to mention

here is that the initiative was taken by the Customs to provide relief to the by many nations. masses by selling different goods on the subsidized

PTI's legal team advises

Imran to appear in SC

ISLAMABAD (Online) Tehreek-e-Insaf's constitutional and legal team has advised Tehreek-e-Insaf Chairman Imran Khan to

appear in the apex court. The final decision in this regard is likely to come out in the next 48 hours. The head of the legal

team Hamid Khan will go to meet Imran Khan in jail for final consultation in this regard

Shoaib Shaheen Advocate Spokesperson PTI has also confirmed that Umar Khan should come to appear before the Supreme Court so that apart from being aware of the prison conditions, he will also be able to appease other people including the media It should be noted that

the Supreme Court has issued a written order for the hearing of the NAB amend ment case on October 31.

KARACHI: Convener MOM-PDr. Khalid Maqbool Siddique addressing the dinner hosted in honour of MQM-P Legal Aid Committee.

NADRA enhances vigilance against cyber security breaches

ISLAMABAD (INP): The Several external fac National Database and Regtors, such as the availability of fake documents and istration Authority plays a crucial role in ensuring the lax data verification procedures, contribute to the isstability and security of suance of counterfeit identity cards.

According to a report, Pakistan has long been plagued by criminals using Internal factors, like the corruption of some employees seeking financial fake identity cards. The primary purpose of creating gains, further exacerbate the counterfeit identity cards and other official docuproblem In Pakistan, a robust

system implemented by ments is to undermine the Nadra has identified and security and stability of the country, a concern shared revoked more than 18,000 illegal identity cards.

ECP summons list of private schools, teachers for General Election

ISLAMABAD (INP): The sion collecting details of Election Commission of private schools' teachers and buildings. District election com-

missioner has written letter to the EDO Education and demanded details. The services of private schools' teachers will

age of the government ser-



QUETTA: Baloch Human Rights Activist, Mama Qadeer addresses to media persons during press conference, at Quetta press club.

NA Speaker flays Israeli Minister's statement of using nuclear weapons ISLAMABAD (APP):

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

The threat of using nuclear weapons on innocent Palestinians is a testament to Israeli brutality and warmongering, said the NA Speaker in a statement on Sunday.

Ashraf said Israel, in lust for power, was bombing Gaza indiscriminately, where millions of Palestinian citizens, especially children, women, and the elderly, have become victims of its aggression. He urged the world powers to take immediate steps to stop Israel's insanity and war frenzy.

Nawaz to commence **PML-N poll** campaign next week

LAHORE (INP): With the official announcement of the election date, former prime minister Nawaz Sharif is gearing up to campaign across Pakistan, ity. starting next week.

The three-time prime tative meeting with politiminister returned to cal associates at her Dera Islamabad in October after Kubey Chak, she said that spending four years in selfher party was ready for imposed exile in London. general elections and it

Upon his return, Nawaz addressed a massive crowd of PML-N workers symbol of Shaheen. and supporters in his hometown, Lahore, where

he reaffirmed his deep affection for the Pakistani people.

the outbreak of CCHF

Independent Report these patients to AKUH QUETTA: The Departensures that they receive ment of Health (DoH), the necessary medical attention and care. The DoH Balochistan, has taken is committed to providing prompt action to address all necessary support to the the outbreak of Crimeanaffected individuals and Congo Haemorrhagic Fever (CCHF) at the Medicine their families. Regrettably, we inform you that Dr. ICU of Sandeman Provincial Hospital, Quetta. Shakar Ullah, a Post Gradu-Following the direc-

ate resident (FCPS-II tives of the Honourable Trainee), passed away upon Chief Minister of Balochistan, the DoH has arrival at AKUH Karachi. The DoH extends its deepest condolences to Dr. Shakar referred eleven (11) doctors Ullah's family during this difand medical staff who ficult time. The DoH contested positive for CCHF tinues to monitor the situato Agha Khan University Hospital (AKUH) Karachi tion closely and is working for specialized treatment. with healthcare providers to implement preventive mea-Recognizing the urgency of sures to contain the CCHF the situation, one critically ill patient, Dr. Hasil, was outbreak. The department urges the public to maintain immediately evacuated to strict hygiene practices and AKUH via air ambulance with some delay of one day seek immediate medical attention if they experience

due bad weather. The timely transfer of any symptoms of CCHF.



LAHORE: Mayor of London Borough of Hounslow Afzal Kayani is addressing press conference at the Press Club.

Firdous says: IPP will take practical steps for public welfare

SIALKOT (APP): Former mum wage of Rs. 50,000 Federal Minister and Istehkam-e-Pakistan Party per month; We will provide free solar systems to farm-(IPP) leader Dr. Firdous ers of 12.5 acres of land for tube wells, while the gov-Ashiq Awan has said Allama Iqbal's Shaheen has taken ernment will pay the elecflight from Sialkot with the tricity bill of up to 300 units message of practical public of citizens," she added. development and prosper- Firdous Ashiq Awan

said that the country could Addressing a consulbe made prosperous by making farmers prosper-ous. "Similarly, the youth is our tomorrow; we will provide interest-free loans to the educated youth for would enter the field with their business and empower full preparation and the women economically.

The IPP spokesper-"Our party will make son said that Istehkam-eonly those promises that Pakistan Party (IPP) would can be fulfilled. The provide relief to poor by Istehkam-e-Pakistan Party collecting money from the (IPP) will ensure the mini- rich

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