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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

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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 concerned authorities to create awareness about the Congo virus among general public especially those associated with the sale and purchase of animals.

He also directed to make arrangements for spray in the grazing fields and dairy farms for prevention of the deadly virus.

In addition to this, the affected persons should be provided immediate medical assistance in case of symptoms as it can be fatal,

adding the Chief Minister directed further.

Moreover, the Chief Minister also directed to the district administrative officers and authorities of Livestock and Health departments to visit the dairy farms and cattle markets and provide awareness to the masses there.

Meanwhile, the caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki has expressed deep grief, sorrow and condolence over

death of Dr. Shakrullah due to Congo virus.

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.



DOHA: Chairman JUI-F Maulana Fazl-ur-Rehman in a group photo with the Leader of Hamas Ismail Haniyeh and others.

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

ISLAMABAD (INP): ISLAMABAD: With Israel 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 Haniyeh and former chief Khaled Mashal in Qatar on Sunday.

The JUI-F chief is in Qatar where he is expected

to reach out to the Arab world leadership to find a way to provide aid to Gaza which has been facing a dire humanitarian crisis due to the ongoing Israeli bombing of the strip following the October 7 attack by Hamas. Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam-Fazl (JUI-F) Chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman has urged all the Muslim countries to give all kinds of support to the Palestin-

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

In this regard, meetings were held in each province, which was also participated by the represen-

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Govt firmly believes in freedom of press & expression: Solangi

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 Urdu journalism in Pakistan, besides providing quality contents to its audience through different means.

"The platform has contributed significantly to the progress of digital Urdu journalism in the country," he remarked on the occasion while expressing best wishes for the media outlet.



HYDERABAD: Caretaker Federal Minister for Education and Professional Training, Madad Ali Sindhvi 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. Shakrullah and seven others had contracted the Congo virus while performing medical duty in the Sandeman Provincial Hospital Quetta.

An emergency ward has already been declared after prevalence of the Congo virus. An Isolation ward was also established in the Sandeman Provincial Hospital. In addition to this, the emergency ward comprising 32-beds has also been established in the Sheikh Zayed Hospital besides the Fatima Jinnah Hospital.

Govt decides to increase strategic reserves of petroleum

ISLAMABAD (Online): Caretaker federal government has decided to increase the strategic reserves of petroleum.

According to media reports, the caretaker government has decided to increase the strategic petroleum reserves due to the situation in the Middle East, the strategic petroleum reserves will be kept by PSO.

Report quoted petroleum 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.

Need to increase trade with Afghanistan instead of confrontation

Treatment being meted out with Afghan refugees: 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

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QUETTA: The Chairman Pashtoonkhw 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 negative impact on the Pak-Afghan relations.

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

He was addressing a



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 Bhotani, Nasebullah Bazai, Khuda Babar, Zubaida Jalal, Jan Jamali and others sitting on stage.

Rallies held in P'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 viable 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.

Forces nab 620 in operation against illegal immigrants

QUETTA (INP): Law enforcers have arrested 620 illegal immigrants in an operation launched in different areas of the capital of Balochistan province, according to figures released by police on Sunday. It said 116 illegal immigrants were arrested from City Division, 62 from Quaidabad Division, 323 from Saddar and 119 from Saryab.



crowded press conference at the Quetta Press club on Sunday afternoon.

He was flanked by the PkMAPs senior leaders including Abdul Rahim Ziaratwal, Abdul Qahar Wadhan, Syed Liaquat Agha and others.

Mehmood Khan

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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

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

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

of BAP including Chairman Senate, Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani, speaker Balochistan Assembly, Mir Jan Muhammad Jamali, Senator Manzoor Ahmed Kakar, Sardar Muhammad Saleh Bhotani, Senator Prince Agha Umar Ahmedzai, Ms. Rubina Irfan, Ms. Zubaida Jalal, Sardar Israr Fareen and others participated in the central council meeting.

The outgoing President and former Chief Minister Mir Abdul Quddus Bizenjo didn't turn up to attend the meeting.

Meanwhile, address-

ing the closing session of central council, the newly elected President of BAP Nawabzada Khalid Magsi said that the party was formed to represent the province at the federal level.

He said that BAP experienced very hard for five years besides witnessing certain infatuations during that period.

However, the party played historic role during the political crisis confronted the country in past, Mr. Magsi maintained.

He said that we would remain connected with the same spirit in future.

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

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

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

The Federal Minister said that Takamol was that institution in Saudi Arabia that was conducting voca-

ational tests on students who were desirous of making a career in the vocational field and going to Karachi for such tests. However, with the efforts of the caretaker government, Takamol Center had been established in Hyderabad, and now Takamol would take tests on students in Hyderabad.

Madad Ali Sindhvi said that after assuming the portfolio of Education Minister, he was facing many challenges, like bringing reforms to the education sector, ensuring basic facilities, and bringing back 20,000,000 (20 million) out-of-school children with the coordination of four provinces.



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

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QUETTA: Caretaker Minister for Health, Dr. Ameer Muhammad Jogezi, 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-

opment Department, Medical Superintendents of all Tertiary Hospitals of Quetta, WHO, Public Health Specialists, Disease Surveillance experts, and UNICEF representatives. The precautionary measures adopted by Health Department 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 Jogezi and Chief Secretary Balochistan, Dr. Shakeel Qadir Khan have been watching the situation from the day first and the government has committed to providing all necessary facilities.

Ulema, Mushayekh express solidarity with Pak forces

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

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

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

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



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



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

Minister urges students to highlight positive image of Pakistan

KARACHI (APP): The Pakistan Institute of Tourism and Hotel Management (PITHAM) hosted its sixth annual convention under the chairmanship of Arshad Wali Muhammad, the Caretaker Provincial Minister for Tourism, Environment, Climate Change, and Coastal Development. The event took place on the premises of Peetham. The convention began with the visit of the caretaker provincial minister to Peetham, emphasizing the government's commitment to promoting excellence in the tourism and hospitality sectors, said a communiqué here on Sunday.

Director Pitham warmly welcomed the audience and gave an insightful introduction to Pitham and its contribution to the tourism and hotel management industries. Caretaker Provincial Minister Arshad Wali Muhammad highlighted the important role of the

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

The dedicated faculty and staff of PITHAM were honored with shields in recognition of their tireless efforts in nurturing the talents of students. 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 of competition to develop their skills, which will improve their overall skills.

KP Govt unearths misappropriations in payments to PTI U-Tubers

PESHAWAR (APP): The 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 users during the last two years in the country, the number of active cellular mobile connections had swelled to a record 191.8 million, which is equivalent to 80.5 percent of the total population of the country. Resultantly, the number of social media users had registered an upward increase to record 71.50 million. The data of social media platforms have

revealed that 37.30 million people were using Facebook, 71.70 million YouTube, 12.95 million Instagram, 16.51 million 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 government took over, we have unearthed that PTI government recruited about 1,109 social media influencers (SMI).

Baqar directs for biometric of all employees

KARACHI (APP): The Caretaker Chief Minister Sindh Justice (Retd) Maqbool Baqar has directed the Chief Secretary Dr. Fakhar Alam, to ensure the biometrics of all employees. He said, 'The biometrics of employees should be ensured in all departments.' 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) Sindh Riffat Mukhtar along with the Provincial Election Commissioner of Sindh Eijaz Anwar Chohan visited different polling stations of the metropolis to review security arrangements during the by-elections to local government direct seats. According to an ECP spokesperson, the polling continued peacefully in all polling stations.

RPO Dera inquires after health of 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 Tank hospital, later shifted to DHQ Hospital Dera for better treatment. During the visit, RPO met the injured cop.

Governor, CM Sindh attend Russian Consul General's reception

KARACHI (APP): Sindh Governor Muhammad Kamran Tessori has said there are deep ties between Pakistan and the Russian Federation, and many important projects of cooperation between the two countries have been ongoing in the past. Talking to the media at the reception hosted on the 75th diplomatic relations day, Unity Day of the Russian Federation, at the Russian Consulate by Consul General Andrey V. Fedorov.

Caretaker Chief Minister Sindh Justice (Rtd) Maqbool Baqir and Consul General Andrey V. Fedorov also addressed the ceremony. Speaker of the Sindh Assembly Agha Siraj Durani, Provincial Interior Minister Brigadier Haris Nawaz, politicians, foreign diplomats, and a large number of dignitaries participated in the event. On this occasion, a Russian cultural show was also presented, and the cake was cut.

The CM said in his speech that the Russian people celebrate People's Unity Day every year on November 4. At the end of the 16th century, Russia went through a critical period in its history. Russia and its people have successfully defended their independence.



KARACHI: Activists of the Imamiya Students Organization hold a protest against Israeli aggression on Palestine.

Kidneys transplanted at Jinnah Hospital by using latest procedures

LAHORE (APP): Two cases of kidney transplant were successfully completed by using the latest procedures at Jinnah Hospital. A team headed by Professor Dr Naveed Iqbal, Assistant Professor Dr. Shabbir Chaudhry and Assistant Professor Dr. Salman Arshad performed the task. After one-month stay at the hospital, both patients were discharged in a special ceremony here on Sunday.

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



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

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

HYDERABAD (APP): This is for the information of media in particular and public in general that the administration of the Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS) is not going to tolerate any mafia involved in incidents of snatching cell phones and valuable assets of students within the campus, including extortion of money from the private transporters operating inside the campus, as ultimately the burden of that extra amount is being charged by the students residing in hostels. Keeping in view such complaints received from the female students, the said mafia residing as illegal occupants in the residential colony has been identified by the Administration and FIR has been registered against the culprits at the concerned police station a couple of days ago, said the management of the University in a statement issued here Sunday. To secure the safety and well being of a large number of national and international students, especially the female students, the University authorities are not going to compromise at any cost, and such culprits shall be dealt with zero tolerance. Such mafia is trying to defame this Institution on social media to obtain their personal beneficial goals and with the intention to blackmail the authorities.

CM Naqvi reviews proposals regarding 'One roof one stop'

Independent Report LAHORE: Punjab Caretaker Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi on Sunday presided over a special meeting at the CM Office for establishing 'One Window Operation' in which proposals regarding "One Roof, One Stop" solution for the investors and industrialists in Lahore were reviewed. The participants in the meeting were informed that Faisalabad Industrial Estate Development and Management Company (FIEDMC), Punjab Industrial Estate Development and Management Company (PIEDMC) and Punjab Small Industries Corporation (PSIC) would provide services in 'One Window Operation' Centre. The empowered officials of Local government, Environment, Housing and other departments would be present at the One Window Centre. LESCO and Sai Gas counters would also be set up in the One Window Centre. Facility to obtain NOCs of land transfer, map approval and environment would be available at the One Window Centre. The officials of One Window Centre would themselves fill up the form of applicants and the operation would be completed in five phases at

the One Window Centre. A red mark would appear on the dashboard of the relevant Secretary in case of noncompletion of an action within 10 days. An Operational Review Committee and Steering Committee has been constituted for the One Window Centre. Provincial Minister for Industries & Commerce SM Tanveer, Chief Secretary of Industries, Finance, Local government, Housing, Forest, DG LDA, Chairman PITB, CEO FIEDMC and concerned officials attended the meeting.

Crackdown on vehicles with tampered, fake number-plates

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

Kundi urged party workers to gear up election preparations

DERA ISMAIL KHAN (APP): Pakistan People's Party (PPP) central Information Secretary Faisal Karim Kundi said that the PPP would actively participate in the upcoming general elections. Talking to media in DI Khan, he said, "Our party is fully prepared for the next general elections and urged his party workers to gear up for election preparations." He said his party would start holding political activities and would reach out to the voters. Kundi said that the PPP would emerge

victorious in the next election. Kundi said, "We want all the political parties to agree on the Charter of Democracy for transparent elections and stable democratic system in the country." He added that political forces should unite and work for the supremacy of the Parliament and the Constitution. He maintained that the PPP always demands free and fair elections on time in the country and his party considers transparent elections quite vital for the political and economic stability of the country.



HYDERABAD: Members of the Paktoon 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 kinds of assistance to commuters. He said that now the responsibilities of PHP include the arrest of outlaws, operations against illegal weapons and drugs, checking of overloaded and speeding vehicles, issuing challans for not wearing helmets and smoke-emitting vehicles, running driving schools and issuing driving licences.

4 booked on violation of marriage laws 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 Shahzad and Shakil.

Physiotherapy centre at Dolphin Police HQs becomes operational

LAHORE (APP): A help release tension. He said that physiotherapy treatment to Dolphin personnel would help relieve pain, including soft tissues massage and stretching to relieve tension and spasm, joint mobilisations, corrective exercise, posture awareness, and advice on how to manage or overcome pain while performing Dolphins daily duties and activities. To a query Irfan said that on the directions of Inspector General Police Punjab Dr Usman Anwar, Punjab Police's Welfare Branch was actively working for welfare of police employees.

Preparations for General Elections in KP begins

PESHAWAR (APP): The preparation for the general election got under way all across Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, with a list of more than 5000 women teachers ready to give duty. In this connection, a letter was issued by the Education Department, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, to all the education officers to prepare the staff for the forthcoming general election to be held soon. The list of teachers of the schools in the four towns of the city is ready, the letter said. The list of teachers does not include IBN and email addresses; check the list of concerned education officers and add more information, as the letter issued on November 3 says, without mentioning the date of the election.



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.

Stable monetary policy leads to sustainable growth, attracting foreign investment

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

PIAF chairman stress structural reforms for sustainable eco. growth

ISLAMABAD (INP): Chairman Pakistan Industrial and Traders Associations Front (PIAF) Faheemur Rehman Saigol has said the real answer to country's problems lies in the structural reforms, as there are a number of inefficiencies in tax collection, which must be removed.

In a statement issued on Sunday, he observed that the tax compliance should be improved and tax base should be enhanced, which cannot be achieved with a single policy change, but through a systemic approach.

Faheemur Rehman Saigol said that businesses are already in a complicated state-of-affairs, while anti-business

actions against business community will not only add to the miseries of the business community but also promote trust deficit between the government and the business community.

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

The PIAF Chairman also called for building a

structure in the country, which is in accordance with the requirements of time, as it is easy to weaken institutions but it takes a long time to rebuild them. Whatever appointments government makes to the heads of the institutions should be based on transparency and merit, he said.

He said that the economy has just come out of the dark shadows but it is still facing the aftershocks and the businessmen are doing their best to make up 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

Gwadar Port is not congested like KPT and Qasim Ports

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GWADAR: A delegation of All Gwadar Shipping Clearing Agents Association under the leadership of its President Abdul Rahim Zafar left for Islamabad along with Association General Secretary Engr. Hameed Baloch and a prominent member Mr. Faisal Dashti. The aim of this delegation try to meet the caretaker Prime Minister and other port concerns officials, try to convince them for the operations of Gwadar Port on permanent

basis. This will create jobs for the local Labourers, Transporters and Shipping Clearing Agents. Moreover, this port will become an effective and big source of Revenue for the Federal Government and Chinese Port Handlers (COPHC).

Gwadar Port is not Congested like KPT and Qasim Ports. Moreover, there is no warpage demurrage and storage charges at Gwadar Port, while all these charges are levied at Karachi both the ports.

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

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

Talking to a delegation of progressive farmers, he said, "The world around us is changing rapidly and climate change, population growth, and shifting people demands are reshaping the landscape of

agriculture," said a news release issued here. He said, "As agriculturalists, we are well aware of the challenges we face, from unpredictable weather patterns to the depletion of natural resources."

"Embracing diversification in our agricultural practices is not just a choice; it is a necessity," he added.

He said, "Diversifying our agricultural sector can provide a multitude of benefits. By cultivating a variety of crops, we can mitigate the risks associated with climate change and pests."



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 53rd day, Chief Engineer O&M (T&G) Zafar Iqbal with the support of Tehsildar City Mujahid Zia and Tehsildar Shalimar Noreez Humayun recovered outstanding dues of Rs 1.23 million from 44 defaulters in Northern Circle and Rs 2.17 million from 48 defaulters in Eastern Circle respectively. Similarly, LESCO Manager (Material Disposal) Engineer Anwar Watto along with Tehsildar Model Town Rana Arsal and Tehsildar Cant. Sajid Qureshi recovered Rs 0.96 million from 27 defaulters in Central Circle and Rs 0.03 million from 02 defaulters in South Circle,

while Manager (Technical) Engineer Muhammad Farooq with the assistance of Tehsildar Nankana Sahib 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 Mirza Zahid Baig recovered outstanding dues of Rs 0.48 million from 57 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 million.

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

Malik said that a fundraising event has been organized on the platform of the Sialkot Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI) to help Palestinian brothers on November, 6 (Monday) 5:30PM at Heritage Club Sialkot.

He appealed to all people to participate in the event and contribute generously.

Türkiye aims growing EV market: Tayyip

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

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

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

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 increasing in our country, as in the whole world."

Some 22,900 electric vehicles have been sold from January to August.



PESHAWAR: Vendor sells chitrli caps to earn his livelihood for support his family, at a shop located on Chitrli Bazar in Peshawar

Poppy growth down 95% in Afghanistan since Taliban ban: UN

UNITED NATIONS (INP): Poppy cultivation and opium production have plunged 95 percent in Afghanistan since Taliban authorities banned the crop, according to a UN report published Sunday.

Since returning to power in 2021, Taliban authorities have vowed to end illegal drug production in Afghanistan and in April 2022 banned the cultivation of the poppy plant, from which opium and heroin are made.

The report by the United Nations Office on 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 has followed suit, plummeting from 6,200 tons to 333 tons in 2023.



MULTAN: A vendor displaying decorative items to attract customers at roadside setup.

Protecting small farmers rights in an emerging corporate culture

MULTAN (APP): The agricultural landscape in Pakistan is experiencing a monumental shift with the ascent of corporate agriculture. Large-scale corporations are now pivotal players in various aspects of food production, employing modern technology and contemporary methods to streamline farming, processing, distribution, and marketing.

While the benefits of corporate agriculture are evident in terms of efficiency, market stability, innovation, economic growth and global outreach, it also presents challenges and opportunities for small-scale farmers who struggle to access modern agricultural tools due to financial constraints.

Emergence of large agricultural corporations also brings forth concerns about environmental impact, land ownership consolidation and potential adversities faced by small-scale farmers and local communities.

Therefore, coexistence of corporate and small farmers becomes vital for an overall economic growth and sustainability. But striking a balance between the two can be the only way forward to protect small farmers interests and ensure their existence.

Such formulae had already been practices by leading agricultural nations like United States, Brazil, China and India, where both corporate and small-scale farming contribute significantly to their countries progress.

"Harmonious 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 of small farmers involves leveraging their unique strengths by equipping them with modern tools enabling to compete effectively in modern agricultural landscape," Dr Baig stated.

He highlighted that the corporate sector's role is crucial in introducing advanced technology such as GPS, sensors, drones, biotechnology tools, robotics, data analysis and farm management software

that can also benefit small farmers. Experts also believe that embracing new agricultural practices like crop rotation, diversification, vertical farming, hydroponics, conservation tillage, integrated approaches, smart greenhouses and contract farming can significantly assist small-scale farmers to prosper.

Access to modern technology and information is also paramount to equip small farmers with the latest advancements and knowledge to enhance productivity and earn more revenue.

But, it has been commonly witnessed that with the start of massive corporate activity in any sector the small level players are swayed in the mighty tides of huge

commercial businesses.

"Therefore, we need to impart essential training and financial support to our small farmers for their very existence," said Malik Arif, a small farmer. "Financial support is of utmost importance besides specialized training and encouragement for small farmers to focus on value-added production and sustainable farming practices."

He advocates for the implementation of strategies to assist small farmers in navigating the competitive landscape alongside corporate agriculture. Then there would also be marketing issues as with bulk production of any commodities the businessmen and brokers would be inclined more.



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

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 and Special Initiatives, the Central Development Working Party (CDWP) successfully approved 21 development projects worth \$3 billion for flood-affected areas of Pakistan while securing maximum pledges committed in Geneva for flood 2022. Last year Pakistan faced an unprecedented

devastation due to torrential 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 government had devised a comprehensive 4RF framework, which proposed effective coordination and participation arrangements among federal and provincial governments, development partners, donors, interna-

ional and national NGOs and academic and private sectors. In January this year, Pakistan successfully secured pledges of \$10 billion from donors during the International Conference on "Climate Resilient Pakistan", jointly hosted by Pakistan and the UN in Geneva. While making concerted efforts to implement the 4RF framework the CDWP successfully approved 21 development projects which include Emergency Flood Assistance Project (EFAP) on

Farm Water Management component worth \$475.00 million, Access to Clean Energy worth \$47.00 million, DRR project for Rehabilitation/Reconstruction worth \$31.28 million, Emergency Flood Assistance Project worth \$8.00 million, Post-Flood 2022 Reconstruction Program: Resilience Enhancement and Livelihood worth \$400.00 million, Sindh irrigated Agriculture Productivity Enhancement Project worth \$ 8.30 million, Competitive & Livable City of Karachi worth \$27.00 million.



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 to defeat Congo virus with public cooperation, says Secretary

Independent Report
QUETTA: While paying rich tributes to Dr. Shakrullah who died of Congo virus in Karachi, the Secretary 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 of 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 and with his death, the department is deprived of a capable and honest medical officer. He expressed condolence 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 in Quetta. Dr. Shakrullah could not survive despite provision of all medical assistance, Secretary Health mentioned. He prayed that may

Allah Almighty rest the departed soul into its eternal peace and give enough 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 hospitals instead of their families.

PTDC planning to establish TIC at Gwadar airport

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 PTDC official said the establishment 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

TIC would not only play a pivotal role in promoting tourism globally but also emphasize the need for state-of-the-art facilities. He highlighted the growing significance of Gwadar as a tourist destination, attracting visitors from across the country and around the world. He said that Caretaker Minister of State for Tourism Wasi Shah was committed to construct Tourist Information Center at Gwadar airport as soon as possible to provide all kinds of information and facilities to tourists.



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), 74 per cent increase has been noticed in the incidents of burning of crops' residue, especially in parts bordering Pakistan.

Customs sets up sasta bazaar for general public in Quetta

Independent Report
QUETTA: The Pakistan Customs set up a sasta bazaar for the general public here near Spinnery road on Sunday. The sasta bazaar set up in collaboration with the Quetta district administration offered different goods including sugar, dry milk, tea, blankets, chocolates, etc. on the subsidized rates. The goods which were made available for sale at the bazaar were seized during different raids by the Customs in anti-smuggling 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 3,500, chocolate Rs. 350 per packet. The Customs high ups supervised the sasta bazaar where rush of people including women was witnessed. Needless to mention here is that the initiative was taken by the Customs to provide relief to the masses by selling different goods on the subsidized rates.

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. Shoab 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 amendment case on October 31.

PUC stands united against terrorism, calls for ceasefire in Gaza

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

forces, including India and its allies, are allegedly involved in acts of terrorism within Pakistan. It called on the international community to take immediate action against India's alleged involvement in terrorism. The meeting commended the Pakistani nation, army, and security agencies for their response to recent terrorist incidents. It highlighted the united stance of Ulema and Mashaykh and religious scholars from across the country, supporting Pakistan's efforts to combat extremism and terrorism.

First phase of Raiwand Ijtema concludes with prayers for Pak, Muslims

LAHORE (APP): The first phase of the three-day Tableeghi Ijtema concluded in Raiwand 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 other countries attended the annual congregation in Raiwand, about 36 kilometers from Lahore. Thousands of people from across the city reached

the venue in the morning to attend the special prayer that started at 8:45am and concluded at 9:05am. Before Ijtemai-dua, Maulana Muhammad Khurshid briefed the participants about proper manners for offering dua. Maulana Khurshid gave instructions to the delegates sitting in the pandal before the prayer, the closing prayer was given by Maulana Ibrahim of India and every eye was full of tears during the prayer.



KARACHI: Convener MQM-P Dr. 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 National Database and Registration Authority plays a crucial role in ensuring the stability and security of Pakistan. Several external factors, such as the availability of fake documents and lax data verification procedures, contribute to the issuance of counterfeit identity cards. Internal factors, like the corruption of some employees seeking financial gains, further exacerbate the problem. In Pakistan, a robust system implemented by NADRA has identified and revoked more than 18,000 illegal identity cards.

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.

ECP summons list of private schools, teachers for General Election

ISLAMABAD (INP): The Election Commission of Pakistan has summoned the list of private schools for polling in general election, a spokesperson of the electoral body said. The ECP will also setup polling stations in private schools' buildings for convenience of voters. The election commis-

sion collecting details of private schools' teachers and buildings. District election commissioner has written letter to the EDO Education and demanded details. The services of private schools' teachers will be availed in case of shortage of the government servants.



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

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

KARACHI (INP): In the aftermath of a peaceful polling process on Sunday, the local government by-elections in 16 districts of Sindh saw Pakistan People's Party (PPP) candidate, Murtaza Wahab from Karachi, clinch a substantial victory. Wahab garnered a total of 3,976 votes from his Union Council, while his competitor, Noor Islam of Jamaat-e-Islami (JI), trailed behind with 1,566 votes. In Khairpur, PPP candidates are leading most of the constituencies while in 4 constituencies, a victory of the PPP has been confirmed. Counting of votes has

started in all 16 districts of Sindh including five districts of Karachi after closing of polling process at 5.00 pm sharp. To observe the transparency and law and order on the polling day, the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) has set up a control room in Karachi. Today morning, the polling started at sharp 8.00 am and continued until 5.00 pm without any break. At least 121 polling stations have been set up in the metropolis for the purpose. The polling was being held for 10 seats of chairmen and vice chairmen, including ward members.

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) Obaidullah Shah Noorul Islam are facing each other in UC-13 Saddar Town. Extremely tough competition is expected between Pakistan Peoples Party's (PPP) Ramzan Mazari and Sindh United Party's (SUP) Allah Dino Kulwar in Union Council (UC) Masowala of district Kashmore. Total number of voters in the constituency are 13, 184, of whom 6, 249 are females.

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 attacks should be stopped immediately. He said health workers should be given access to the injured.



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 the outbreak of CCHF

Independent Report
QUETTA: The Department of Health (DoH), Balochistan, has taken prompt action to address the outbreak of Crimean-Congo Haemorrhagic Fever (CCHF) at the Medicine ICU of Sandeman Provincial Hospital, Quetta. Following the directives of the Honourable Chief Minister of Balochistan, the DoH has referred eleven (11) doctors and medical staff who tested positive for CCHF to Agha Khan University Hospital (AKUH) Karachi for specialized treatment. Recognizing the urgency of the situation, one critically ill patient, Dr. Hasil, was immediately evacuated to AKUH via air ambulance with some delay of one day due back weather. The timely transfer of

these patients to AKUH ensures that they receive the necessary medical attention and care. The DoH is committed to providing all necessary support to the affected individuals and their families. Regrettably, we inform you that Dr. Shakar Ullah, a Post Graduate resident (FCPS-II Trainee), passed away upon arrival at AKUH Karachi. The DoH extends its deepest condolences to Dr. Shakar Ullah's family during this difficult time. The DoH continues to monitor the situation closely and is working with healthcare providers to implement preventive measures to contain the CCHF outbreak. The department urges the public to maintain strict hygiene practices and seek immediate medical attention if they experience 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 Federal Minister and Istehkam-e-Pakistan Party (IPP) leader Dr. Firdous Ashiq Awan has said Allama Iqbal's Shaheen has taken flight from Sialkot with the message of practical public development and prosperity. The three-time prime minister returned to Islamabad in October after spending four years in self-imposed exile in London. Upon his return, Nawaz addressed a massive crowd of PML-N workers and supporters in his hometown, Lahore, where he reaffirmed his deep affection for the Pakistani people. "Our party will make only those promises that can be fulfilled. The Istehkam-e-Pakistan Party (IPP) will ensure the mini-

mum wage of Rs. 50,000 per month; We will provide free solar systems to farmers of 12.5 acres of land for tube wells, while the government will pay the electricity bill of up to 300 units of citizens," she added. Firdous Ashiq Awan said that the country could be made prosperous by making farmers prosperous. "Similarly, the youth is our tomorrow, we will provide interest-free loans to the educated youth for their business and empower women economically." The IPP spokesperson said that Istehkam-e-Pakistan Party (IPP) would provide relief to poor by collecting money from the rich.