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Threatening statements of Afghan leaders regrettable Pakistan witnessed a sharp increase in terrorism after Kabul takeover: PM Kakar

Asks Afghan interim setup to handover illegal Pakistanis linked with terrorism, act against TTP hideouts

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar Wednesday demanded the interim government of Afghanistan to hand over the Pakistani nationals who were illegally residing in Afghanistan and were involved in terrorist activities against their own country.

Addressing a press conference here at the PM House, the prime minister said the government was ready to receive and accept



any such illegal Pakistanis. PM Kakar also asked the Afghan government to take action against the hideouts of Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) and its

training centres in Afghanistan and ensure that "they must not be used against

Since the interim government took to power in Afghanistan in August 2021, he said Pakistan witnessed an increase in terrorist incidents by 60 percent besides a 500 percent surge in suicide blasts.

"Pakistan in last two years has lost lives of 2,867 innocent civilians, for which TTP is responsible

Iqbal Day to

be observed

today

which is operating from Afghanistan," he said. He mentioned that 15

Afghan nationals were found involved in suicide bombings in Pakistan, while 64 Afghans got killed during their fight against the Pakistani law enforcement

He said Afghan authorities were cognizant of these facts as Pakistan had been sharing these details with



TASHKENT: Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar meets with the President of the Repub-Continued on page 2 | lic of Uzbekistan, Mr. Shavkat Mirziyoyev on the sidelines of 16th ECO Summit.

Pak, Uzbekistan resolve for early finalisation of Strategic **Partnership Agreement**

TASHKENT (APP): Pakistan and Uzbekistan on Wednesday reiterated the resolve to finalize the Strategic Partnership Agreement at the earliest to promote regional economic in-

The bilateral ties were discussed in a bilateral meeting between Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar and President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev, on the sidelines of the 16th Summit of the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECÔ) being

Both sides reaffirmed their commitment to play an active role for the re-

The leaders exchanged views on deepening bilateral cooperation in a range of areas including political trade, economic, security, defence, and connectivity.

Expressing satisfaction at the growing level of bilateral cooperation, Prime Minister Kakar stressed the importance of sustaining the momentum. He underlined that the

recent operationalization of Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA) and Transit Trade Agreement (UPTTA) would boost bilateral trade and transit trade in addition to streamlining Economic Cooperation Organization Trade Agreement (ECOTA).

President writes to PM stressing right of all parties to contest polls ISLAMABAD (APP): ter he received from Omar

President Dr Arif Alvi, in a letter addressed to Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Wednesday, emphasized holding of free and fair elections, saying that all political parties and leaders have the right to contest

'There is a resonance in Pakistan that for free, fair and credible elections, all political parties and leaders have the right to contest and it is up to the people to decide," he wrote in the letter, according to a press release issued by the President's House.

The president, in this regard, also forwarded a let-

Ayub Khan, General Secretary of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf. President Alvi high-

lighted that democracy was the only viable way forward for the State and the people of Pakistan, the 'essence of which lied in giving people the right to partake in political activities and to be able to voice their opinions through a free media".

The president stated that it was of utmost importance that the caretaker government under the prime minister's leadership made efforts as a neutral entity to provide a levelplaying field for all politi-

"In this context, it was reassuring to hear your recent statements whereby you stated that it was the caretaker government's policy that all registered political parties should have equal rights and opportunities to contest the forthcoming elections," he

President Alvi said that as the office of the President of Pakistan represented the unity of the Republic as Head of State under Article 41 of the Constitution of Pakistan and, therefore, it was duty-bound along with the prime minister and all institutions to protect the rights of the citizens, as enshrined in the Constitution.



Governor Balochistan Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar chairing 3rd Senate meeting of Mir Chakar Khan Rind University Sibi

Pakistan, Saudi Arabia agree to expand cooperation in media, drama fields

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pa- Saeed Al Malki here. kistan and Saudi Arabia on Wednesday agreed to fur-of the Prime Minister for kistan and Saudi Arabia on ther expand cooperation be- Interfaith Harmony Allama tween the two brotherly Tahir Mahmood Ashrafi countries in media, drama, was also present in the and other related fields.

The decision was made during a meeting between Caretaker Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Murtaza Solangi and Ambassador of Saudi Arabia to Pakistan Nawaf

ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting

meeting.

In the meeting, it was

Continued on page 2 Bilawal says

PPP 'parted ways' with PML-N after compromise on 'vote ko Izzat do'

stan Peoples Party (PPP) Chairman Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari on Wednesday said that his party parted ways with the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) after the former ruling party compromised on the

'sanctity of the vote". "As long as PML-N's narrative [remained] vote to vote), we kept along but

KARACHI (INP): Paki- when this narrative changed, staying together became difficult," the former foreign minister said while speaking to the media in Karachi's İbrahim

Bilawal once again reiterated his stance on the absence of equal opportunities as a political party, saying that the PPP never ko izzat do (give respect got a level-playing field in any election.

to the petitioner remarked

there are gross allegations in

your petition. The counsel

for petitioner said the hear-

ing of the case be adjourned

for short period. The CJP

remarked we will not give

adjournment. Make prepa-

was conducted on my

home and office under the

order of Gen (Retd) Faiz

Hameed on May 12, 2017.

Our precious goods and

record of our private hous-

ing society was stolen in

the raid. The illegal action

against me was aimed at

taking control of Top one

city. I and my five associ-

ates were arrested after raid

and were kept in habeas

The petitioner said raid

rations from just now.



KARACHI: Peoples Party (PPP) Chairman, Bilawal Bhutto Zardari in meeting with Journalists of national newspapers, news channels and media houses, held at Bilawal House in Karachi.

Judge sitting in chamber is not supreme court: CJP The CJP while moving

ISLAMABAD (Online): Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Qazi Faez Isa has observed the judge sitting in chamber is not Supreme

Court (SC) He further observed judges sitting in court are SC The SC proceedings cannot be run while sitting in chamber. Only chamber appeals are heard in chamber.

rules and regulations allow this to former CJP. He gave these remarks while presiding of SC bench during the hearing of human rights case against Faiz Hameed on the charges of occupation of land.

No constitution, laws and

The case came up for hearing before SC bench presided over by CJP Qazi Faez Isa Wednesday.

Independent Report ISLAMABAD: The nation will observe Iqbal Day on Thursday (today) to honor

agreed to speed up the implementation of agreements between Pakistan and Saudi Arabia in the

> the 146th birth anniversary of the renowned poet, Dr Allama Mohammad Iqbal The government has declared a public holiday nationwide to celebrate the

Born in Sialkot on November 9, 1877, Dr. Iqbal is fondly remembered as the "Poet of the East."

This special occasion promises to unite the nation in celebration, with public offices, educational institutions, and businesses shutting their doors to mark

Iqbal Day. It's a day of great national enthusiasm, especially for school students, who find various creative ways to pay tribute to this iterary legend. From crafting Iqbal Day charts to de-livering heartfelt speeches and reciting his poetry, the spirit of unity and inspiraion is everywhere.

Imran challenges in SC his indictment proceedings in cipher case

ISLAMABAD (Online) PTI chairman Imran Khar has challenged in Supreme Court (SC) the indictment

oceedings in cipher case. Legal team of chairman PTI Imran Khan resorted to SC against indictmen

proceedings in cipher case. Chairman PTI Imran Khan filed the petition in the SC through his counsel Hamid Khan.

The petitioner took the plea in the petition that Islamabad High Court (IHC) October 26 order be declared null and void. The court should declare October 23 order of special court on framing indictment against law and constitution. The petitioner is one among some honest and respectable politicians. The petitioner is being subjected to political victimization. The scope of political vengeance has been extended to political party of the petitioner and its allies.

philosophy of self-consciousness of Allama Iqbal: CM Domki sued here on the eve of birth anniversary of Allama Muhammad Iqbal being observed on November 9 **Independent Report**

Youth must comprehend

QUETTA: The caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki has stressed that vouth should comprehend the philosophy of Poet of the Easter, Allama Muhammad Iqbal and work for the country's stability, development and prosperity utilizing their capabilities and potential.

The Chief Minister

today (Thursday). Mir Ali Mardan Domki said that Allama Iqbal has always given lesson of courage and braveness to the Muslims. He said that the element of collectivities is seen in poetry of Allama

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ISLAMABAD: US delegates meet Mr. Justice Syed Mansoor Shah at the Federal Judicial Academy.

Two more healthcare workers shifted to Karachi: Effective measures taken to stop spread of Congo virus in Balochistan

Independent Report QUETTA: The caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki has stated that the effective measures are being taken to stop spread of Congo virus in the province, and adding he believed that the disease would be

The Chief Minister said that health emergency is already imposed in the province in view of Congo

eradicated from the prov-

He mentioned that treatment of the Congo virus infected 13 doctors and paramedics of the Health department is continued in Karachi. In addition to this, two more healthcare workers have been shifted to Karachi by air ambu-

virus situation

He said that treatment of all the affected patients is being done at a private hospital of Karachi on the government expenses



QUETTA: Renowned cricketer Shahid Khan Afridi meeting with Chief Secretary Balochistan Shakeel Qadir Khan

NEPRA jacks up electricity

tariff ISLAMABAD (INP): In another shock to the already overburdened power consumers, the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) has notified a hike of Rs0.40 per unit in electricity tariff.

According to the notification issued by the ower regulatory authority, NEPRA approved hike in electricity in the wake of the monthly fuel adjustment for September.

It added that electricity consumers would have to make additional payments in November bills

The increase in the electricity tariff will be applicable to all the consumer categories except lifeline ones and K-Electric users. Earlier in October, NEPRA approved an in-

crease in electricity tariff by

Rs1.71 per unit. Two terrorist killed near Afghanistan border, ISPR

RAWALPINDI (Online) Security forces conducted an intelligence based operation (IBŎ) in general area Ursoon near Pakistan - Afghanistan border, Chitral

During conduct of the operation, intense fire excĥange took place between troops and terrorists, resultantly two terrorists were sent to hell, while four terrorists got seriously injured. Sanitization of the surrounding areas is being carried out to neutralize any other terrorist found in the

Locals of the area appreciated the operation by Security forces of Pakistan, who remain determined to eliminate the menace of terrorism from the country.

Secret of progress of nations lies in modern education: Governor calls for paying full focus on imparting quality education to students

Independent Report QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar has stated that the secret of the progress of developed nations lies in acquiring modern education and as such we should also pay full attention to impart quality education to the students.

The Governor was addressing the meeting of senate of Mir Chakar Khan Rind University here on Wednesday.

Those who were present in the meeting were the Vice Chancellor of Mir Chakar Khan Rind University, Professor Janosh Baloch, Vice Chancellor of Lasbela University, Dr. Dost Muhammad Baloch, Secretary Hafeez Jamali, Principal Secretary to Governor, Hashim Khan Ghilzai, Secretary Janed Anwar Hashmi, Additional Mumtaz Langove and other concerned high ups.



QUETTA: Mr. Sami Shark presenting gift regarding Right to Information to Caretaker Provincial Information Minister Jan Achakzai

Pakistan neither supplied arms to Ukraine nor does it intend to do so: FO

ISLAMABAD (INP): Pakistan on Wednesday said that rejecting the notions of any discussion on arms supply between defence ministers of Pakistan and Ukraine in their telephonic conversation, said the country neither supplied arms to Ukraine, nor it intended to do so.

Foreign Office spokesperson Mumtaz Zahra Baloch, in a statement clarified that as a matter of policy Pakistan did not supply arms to a region in conflict.

'This topic, therefore, was not discussed during the telephone conversation between the Ministers of Defense of Pakistan and Ukraine on 7th November 2023," she remarked. She said that as a matter of policy Pakistan did not supply arms to a region in conflict.

It has not supplied nor does it intend to supply any arms to Ukraine," she remarked. The spokesperson said that Pakistan had stressed the need for a negotiated solution to the conflict in Ukraine.

Azerbaijan Embassy in Pakistan celebrates "Victory Day"

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Azerbaijan Embassy in Pakistan held a special event to commemorate "Victory Day," marking the successful liberation of Azerbaijani territories from unlawful Armenian occupation. The event, held on November 8th, symbolized

nocent civilians, including 106 women and 63 children. They carried out ethnic cleansing against the Azerbaijani population in the occupied territories. All Azerbaijanis were forcibly expelled from occupied territories. In 1993, he said, the United Nations Secuthe triumphant return of rity Council adopted 4 reso-

Azerbaijan. "Other interna-

tional organizations, such

as the Organization of Is-

lamic Cooperation, Non-

Alignment Movement, OSCE, Parliamentary As-

sembly of the Council of

Europe, and the European

Parliament adopted similar decisions and resolutions.

Armenia did not implement

the resolutions of the UNSC

and other international or-

ganizations" he added. The

ambassador said, Azerbaijan

tried to resolve the

Karabakh conflict through

joint statement from the G7

since gunmen from the Pal-

estinian group Hamas trig-

gered the war with an attack

on southern Israel on Oct.7

killing 1,400 people and tak-

killed more than 10,000 Pal-

humanitarian pause... in

terms of the responsibility

the G7 has towards the in-

ternational community,"

Japanese Foreign Minister

Yoko Kamikawa told report-

ers. Asked whether all G7

members were calling for

humanitarian pauses or

whether some favoured a

full ceasefire, US Secretary

of State Antony Blinken

said the statement accu-

rately reflected what was

discussed and that there

was "real unity" among the

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The Israeli bombard-

ing some 240 hostages.



Azerbaijan's territorial integrity after a long struggle against illegal occupation.

Addressing the participants, the Ambassador of Azerbaijan to Pakistan, Khazar Farhadov, paid tribute to the martyrs who sacrificed their lives for the independence, sovereignty, and territorial integrity of Azerbaijan. While sharing the background, the Ambassdor said, Armenia kept 20% of Azerbaijani territories under occupation for almost 30 years. Almost Armenia committed war crimes in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan.

He said, Armenia committed the Khojaly Geno- negotiations but Armenia cide in 1992, killing 613 in- always ignored it and tried

Monitoring Desk

TOKYO: G7 foreign min-

isters on Wednesday called

for humanitarian pauses in

the Israel-Hamas war to al-

low in aid and help the re-

lease of hostages, and

sought a return to a broader

ing in Tokyo as Israeli

forces continued to pound

the Gaza Strip, the Group

of Seven wealthy nations

said in a joint statement that

itself. But they also under-

scored the need to protect

civilians and to comply

with international humani-

tarian law. G7 members are

committed to preparing

long-term solutions for

Gaza and a return to a

broader peace process in the

Israel-Palestinian conflict

"in line with the internation-

ally agreed parameters," the

the view that "a two-state

solution... remains the only

path to a just, lasting, and

The ministers shared

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statement said.

Ending a two-day meet-

G7 calls for humanitarian

pauses in Gaza,

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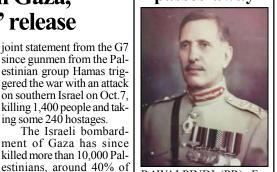
to keep the status quo and Armenia even regularly committed military provocations during the occupation times. In 2020, he said, Azerbaijan launched a counter-offensive in response to Armenia's yet another large-scale military attack on Azerbaijani Army positions and civilian settlements. The envy said, "At the end of the 44-day, under the leadership of President Ilham Aliyev, the Armed Forces of Azerbaijan liberated its territories from Armenian occupation. Azerbaijan implemented UN Security Council resolutions itself by liberating its occupied territories." "During the Armenian occupation, Azerbaijani cities and villages were razed to the ground and all cultural and religious monuments were destroyed, mosques were desecrated and looted. Armenians turned mosques ate and unconditional withinto pigsties during the ocdrawal of Armenian troops cupation, hundreds of thoufrom the territory of sands of mines and booby

> tory" he said. He said, in response to aggression, Azerbaijan has never targeted any civilian people and civilian infrastructures during the Patriotic War and local antiterrorism measures. The ambassador further said, even after the war, Armenia did not stop its heinous military provocations that caused the loss of civilians and military personnel in the liberated territories of Azerbaijan.

> traps have been planted

across Azerbaijan's terri-

General (Retd) Sawar Khan passes away



estinians, around 40% of RAWALPINDI (PR): Futhem children, according to neral prayer of General counts by health officials in Sawar Khan (Retired), the Hamas-ruled territory. former Vice Chief of Army "I believe it's important Israel had the right to defend that the G7 was able to put Graveyard Rawalpindi here out its first unified message as a statement regarding a

on Wednesday. General Asim Munir Chief of Army Staff (COAS), and a large number of civil and military officials, including senior retired Army officers and relatives of deceased attended the funeral.

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The Chief Minister also said that Allama Iqbal also gave lesson to the Muslims to strictly follow the principles of ancestors and implement their teach-

He mentioned that Allama Iqbal presented the two-nation theory first of all, and promoted the impression through his poetry that Muslims of the sub-continent have their unique status. Their (Muslims) living standards and religious virtues are also different than other nationalities living in the Sub-conti-

nent then, he maintained. The Muslims of subcontinent materialized the dream of getting separate country for them following the approach of Allama Iqbal, the Chief Minister

Govt decides to launch last anti polio campaign of 2023 this month

ISLAMABAD (Online): Government has decided to launch last anti polio cam-paign of 2023 from this month. Sources said first phase of National Polio Campaign (NPC) will run from November 20 to 24 in KP. The second phase will run from November 27 to December 03 in the country.

Polio drops will be administered to over 40 million people in the campaign.

Over 40 million people will be vaccinated in Punjab, over 20 milion people in Sindh. 2.5 million peoplein Balochistan and 421455 people will be vac-cinated in Islamabad. Polio drops will be administered to over 7 lac people in Azad Kashmir and over 2 lac people in Gilgit-Baltistan. Over 3 lac front line workers will be appointed in National polio campaign.



KARACHI: Leaders and members of Jamat-e-Islami (JI) are holding protest demonstration against Israeli cruel and inhumane acts and express unity with the innocent people of Palestine, held at Shahrah-e-Quaideen road in Karachi.

Madad Ali Sindhi says

Pakistan working diligently to ensure every child has access to quality education

Education Minister presents Pakistan's perspective at 42nd session of UNESCO General Conference and high level Ministerial Dialogue on education for peace

ISLAMABAD (PR): that Federal Minister for Education and Professional Training Madad Ali Sindhi presented Pakistan's perspective at 42nd Session of UNESCO General Conference and High Level Ministerial Dialogue on Education for Peace,

Speaking at the Session the Minister said that Pakistan is working diligently to ensure that every child, regardless of socio economic background, has access to quality education. assured

Pakistan's commitment to SDG-4 (Education) as education is the corner stone to progress, and a guiding light towards a more prosperous so-

Ťhe Minister highlighted Pakistan's acthe revision process of the 1974 Recom-Member States, proposals where framed aimed at advancing the debate on a more equitable and universal education system that more than ever

ing UNESCO for the preservation of its

adopted to meet the

requirements of the

modern world.

He also briefed that Pakistan is working with mul-tiple partners includcultural heritage. Pa-kistan he said, has a treasure trove ranging from food related items such as Sohan Halwa to Ajrak a traditional garment worn in Sindh to folk music that it would like to inscribe as intangible cultural heritage in addition to three items already inscribed. The Minister said

that promotion of cultural diversity is essential to achieve SDG-11 (Sustainable Cities and Communi-

While addressing the Session, he also tive participation in stressed upon the urgent need to address climate change which mendations where in collaboration with the challenge and is now affecting developing imperative to work to-countries including gether and forge part-Pakistan.

The Minister said



before Pakistan remains fully committed to SDG-13 (Climate Action) and is working on safe guarding its green spaces. The inscrip-tion of two additional Biosphere Reserves (i) Chitral Bashkar Garamchashma and (ii) Gallies demonstrate Pakistan's seriousness to pre-

serve environment. gether and forge partnerships at the regional and international levels for provision of finance,

technological exper-tise and capacity building. It is with this intent of global cooperation that Pakistan strongly sup-ports the SIDS Operational Strategy and Global Priority Africa under the auspices of UNESCO.

Earlier at the Session the Minister said that all of us must support an im-The Minister for mediate ceasefire in nation and sovereign and independent State of Palestine on

border and Al-Quds Al-Sharif as its capi-

He added that we all are seeing lives perish and future destroyed under the smoke of missiles and bombs. Silence over such crimes he said is only reflective of the double standards that have sadly become the biggest threat multilateralism and respect for interna-

tional law, as they erode the world's belief in these systems and organizations. The Minister fur-

ther said that in these turbulent times our collective effort should be to build a more peaceful, better educated, more developed and prosperous world.

The Ambassador of Pakistan to France and Permanent Delegate to UNESCO Mr. Education said that in the pursuit of development goals, it is port for the Palestin-Asim Iftikhar Ahmad, ian people for their stan National Comright to self-determi- mission for UNESCO and other officers also attended the Session at UNESCO the basis of pre-1967 Headquarters Paris.

Pakistan, Saudi Arabia...

Continued from page 1 field of media and communications

In the meeting, discussions were also held regarding cooperation between Pakistan and Saudi Arabia in the field of communication. The minister and the ambassador also discussed the upcoming meeting of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation on November

Welcoming the convening of the OIC summit by Saudi Arabia, Murtaza Solangi said as a founding member, Pakistan will con-

tinue to play its role in the objectives of the establishment of the OIC and further strengthening of the organisation. Murtaza Solangi ap-

preciated the strengthening of the OIC's role in protecting the interests of the Muslim Ummah and the role of Saudi Arabia in this regard. Besides, bilateral issues

of mutual interest were also discussed in the meeting.

He expressed good wishes for Saudi King Salman bin Abdulaziz and Crown Prince Muhammad bin Salman. (0)

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Pakistan Women A win final of T20 tri-series by 8 wickets

ets to win the final of the T20 tri-series at Gaddafi Stadium, Lahore on

Pakistan Women A won the toss and invited West Indies Women A to bat first. The visitors could score 97-6 in the allotted 20 overs. The home achieved

the target in just 15.5 overs, losing only two wickets. Pakistan Women A will now play two T20 matches against Thailand

Women Emerging at Gaddafi Stadium, Lahore on Friday and Saturday.

Pakistan witnessed a sharp....

Continued from page 1 them since February this year through the fortnightly memorandums of protest.

The monitoring team of the United Nations in its report released this July clearly highlighted that TTP centres based in Afghanistan were conducting terrorist operations against Pakistan. Asked if Pakistan itself

would take action against the TTP hideouts in Afghanistan, Kakar said.

"We are hopeful that they [Afghan government] will take an action themselves, which is in their own interest and also in our interest."

On the military equipment left behind since the American withdrawal from Afghanistan in 2021, he said Pakistan had been repeatedly raising concerns with the United States and the Western countries about its implications and its sale in the black mar-

Also, he pointed out that there was no clue about ghan military comprising 150,000 personnel, and which just "disappeared"

eration in containing the

to their country in a short span was "not an ordinary step and showed the sign that the policy would be implemented success-

ance in relations with Afghanistan in the wake of actions against illegal residents, he hoped that the ties would be improved after the two sides settled their approach and expectations on various matters

He said the immigrant policy was not meant to farget the Pakistani Pashtuns and warned that those involved in the misbe severely punished. Any discrimination on the basis of ethnicity would not be tolerated, he added. On the status of Af-

ghans who fled to Pakistan after the Taliban took over and awaited relocation to the U.S. and Western countries under the U.S. Special Visa Immigration (SÎV) scheme, he said Pakistan was in touch with the countries of their destination and had the necessary database about them.

"They are on temporary and a stop-gap arrangement... We have no objection about them, but we want the countries of their destination to ensure a timeline for their relocation," he said.

He dismissed the notion that any country including the United States could 'pressurize' Pakistan on that matter and said, "Instead of this the 'requests' shall be made beveen the governments."

He said Pakistan was ready to negotiate the relocation mechanism and

of clandestine activities of the persons awaiting SIVs in Pakistan, the prime minister said Pakistan's intelligence agencies were vigilant and were doing

tify and neutralize the terrorists who are determined to continue their fight against the State of Pakistan," he said. PM Kakar said Paki-

stan had the legal and ethical right to send back illegal foreigners and mentioned that there were 1.4 million Afghan refugees currently residing in the country who were registered via the 'Proof of Residence' card.

Sports Desk LAHORE: Pakistan Women A defeated West Indies Women A by eight wick-Wednesday,

the ammunition that was use of the decision would would facilitate the proin the possession of the Af-

after the U.S. withdrawal. He said Pakistan had taken the right decision against illegal foreigners after the Afghan interim government showed no coop-

terrorists attacking Paki-Kakar said sending 250,000 illegal people back

fully' On maintaining a balcess, however stressed that 'We will not allow them to live here and they have to leave. Asked about reports

their job very professionally.
"They have the will and the capacity to iden-

The government registered another 0.8 million under the Afghan citizen card and the persons would not be deported, he said.

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Planning minister for expediting climate-resilient projects

ISLAMABAD (APP): eral and bilateral institutions lion. In response, the gov Caretaker Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Muhammad Sami Saeed on Wednesday chaired a meeting to review the progress on Climate Change-related projects, directing the quarters concerned to expedite the implementation process of the climate-resilient projects. The meeting was attended by the Secretary of the Planning Ministry, Member Climate Change and Food Security besides other stakeholders, a news release said. During the meeting, the Member Climate Change gave a detailed briefing on the projects initiated by the Planning Ministry, particularly under the 'Resilient Recovery, Rehabilitation and Reconstruc-

tion Framework' (4RF). He highlighted key initiatives taken by the Planning Ministry which include the National Climate Finance Strategy (NCFC), Climate Investment Plan and Sustainable Finance Bureau (SFB). Under these initiatives, he told climate funds set up by multilatwill be accessed.

He explained the functioning of SFB which has been established to provide advisory services to ministries and provinces to access sustainable finance funds and promote financing options such as bonds, insurance, credit enhancement and others.

The minister directed the quarters concerned to start the preparatory work for the upcoming COP28 to be held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

The government has devised a comprehensive 4RF framework, which proposed effective coordination and participation arrangements among federal and provincial governments, development partners, donors, international and national NGOs, academic and private sectors.

Last year, Pakistan faced an unprecedented devastation due to torrential rains and flooding in most parts of the country, which affected 33 million people and resulted in economic losses worth \$30 bil-

ISLAMABAD: Chairperson National Commission on The Rights of Child

Ayesha Raza Farooq presents a shield to Chief Guest Senator Nuzhat Sadiq.

Shabbir Ahmed Shah

Mohammad Yasin Malik,

Aasiya Andrabi, Fehmeeda

Sofi, Naheeda Nasreen,

Nayeem Ahmad Khan.

Shahidul Islam, Avaz Akbar,

Pir Saifullah, Raja Merajudin, Farooq Ahamad

Dar, Shahid Yousuf, Shakeel

Yousaf, Dr Hameed Fayaz,

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Muhammad Yousaf Falahi.

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Hayat Ahmed Butt, Rafiq

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Hakeem, Aadil Zargar, Omar

Adil Dar, Advocate Zahid Ali,

Zaffar Akbar Butt, Ghulam

Qadir Butt, Rafiq Ahmad

Ganai, Eng Rasheed, human

rights defender.

ISLAMABAD: A view of damaged car due to acci-

Qasim,

Muhammad

Detained Hurriyat leaders

reduced to skeletons in jails

of India and IIOJK: APHC

The All Parties Hurriyat
Conference (APHC) has
The APHC spokesman paying rich tributes to

expressed grave concern over the deteriorating health strong commitment of thou-

conditions and safety of the sands of political detainees

incarcerated Hurriyat lead- including APHC chairman,

ers and activists languish- Masarrat Aalam Butt,

ISLAMABAD (APP): ists.

ing in jails of Tihar, Utter

Pardash, Jodhpur, Haryana,

and Punjab in India and in

Indian illegally occupied

Media Service, the APHC

spokesman in a statement

issued in Srinagar said that

the detainees were suffer-

ing from multiple ailments

and had been reduced to

skeletons due to criminal

apathy of the fascist jail

are lodged in dark cells and

are subjected to physical

torture. The spokesman

warned India of dire conse-

quences if any incarcerated

Ĥurriyat leader was killed

in custody like Zia

Mustafa. He demanded im-

mediate release of all ille-

gally detained Kashmiri

Hurrivat leaders and activ-

He said that detainees

authorities.

According to Kashmir

Jammu and Kashmir.

ernment devised the 4RF framework under which, the development projects are being executed across the country to make the infrastructure 'resilient.

Highlighting the significance of the climate-resilient infrastructure, Minister Sami Saeed said the government was committed to adopting a climate-resilient infrastructure. "Climate change is now a reality which requires continuous work from the formulation of an action plan to its implementation.

The minister emphasized the need to increase capacity at the central and provincial levels to deal with natural disasters.

Recently, the Federal Cabinet has approved the National Adaptation Plan (NAP)-2023 aimed at protecting communities that are vulnerable to the adverse impacts of climate change.

Under the NAP, the government, along with other stakeholders would take measures to protect vulnerable communities from the adverse effects of climate change.

Minster for

Human Rights

calls on to

issue salaries

before Dewali

ISLAMABAD (APP) Federal Minister for Hu-

man Rights George Kahlil

has called upon the govern-

ment to issue salaries to the

Hindu community before

nity is going to celebrate

Diwali from the 13th to the

15th of November 2023 In

this regard, letters were is-

sued to the concerned of-

ficers of the federal and

In his message here on Wednesday, the Minister

said Diwali, the festival of

lights, would be celebrated

to commemorate Lord

Rama's return home after a

AIOU extends

admissions

deadline for

ODL programs

ISLAMABAD (APP): Vice Chancellor, Allama

Iqbal Open University, Prof. Dr Nasir Mahmood,

has approved the extension

in admission date till No-

vember 20 with late fee

charges for open distance

learning (ODL) programs offered in phase 2 of the

autumn semester 2023 due

to the hundreds of applica-

tions received from inter-

ested students. The Pro-

grams offered in this phase

include Associate degree in

Arts (BA General), Asso-

fourteen-year exile.

provincial governments.

The Hindu commu-



ISLAMABAD: The outgoing Ambassador of Indonesia, Mr. Adam Mulawarman Tugio, calls on President Dr. Arif Alvi, at Aiwan-e-Sadr.

Health ministry takes preventive

ISLAMABAD (Online): Caretaker Federal Minister for Health Dr. Nadeem Jan on Wednesday said that the Ministry of Health is taking effective measures to prevent citizens from the

minister said that after the outbreak of Congo virus in Balochistan, the Ministry of Health is monitoring the current health situation.

that when there was an outbreak in Balochistan, the National Institute of Health (NIH) immediately sent a mission to find out the

He said, "The ministry is in full contact with the provincial governments and continuously monitoring the situation.

He advised, "Before buying or slaughtering sheep or goats, citizens make sure that there are no

He asked to use gloves when examining the animal and protect pets from fleas and use medicines in consultation with the Live-

of blood and offal carefully after slaughtering animals.

He asked doctors to use personal protective measures such as gloves and masks when treating a

patient in a separate room (isolation) during treatment and implement all infection

control guidelines. Six new Covid cases across

ISLAMABAD (APP): Health officials on Wednesday said that six new coronavirus cases were reported during the last week

country reported

As per data shared by the National Institute of Health (NIH), the case positivity ratio was 0.16 percent while no patient was in critical condition. No death was reported from the coronavirus while 3,674 Covid-19 tests were conducted. Meanwhile, the official of the Ministry for National Health Services, said that the government

IHC reserves

verdict on

bail petition

of Qureshi

ISLAMABAD (APP)

The Islamabad High Court

(IHC) on Wednesday re-

served its verdict petitions

of PTI's vice chairman Shah

Mehmood Qureshi against his indictment and seeking

his post-arrest bail in ci-

Farooq heard the cases filed

by Shah Mehmood Qureshi

against the judgments of

trial court. Petitioner's lawyer Ali Bokhari Advocate

and FIA Prosecutor Raja

Rizwan Abbasi heard the

ing, the FIA's prosecutor

objected over the post-ar-

rest bail petition of Mr.

Qureshi. He said that it was

essential for the petitioner

to submit the certificate as

per the judgment of the top

jected the objection of pros-

ecution and asked the FIA

to give arguments in the

case. The defence lawyer

said that his client was ac-

cused of keeping the cipher

in his custody and misus-

ing it. But his client had not

committed any offense like

this, he said. Ali Bokhari

Advocate said that the trial

court had dismissed the

post-arrest bail petition of

his client while it had ap-

proved the bail of Asad

The chief justice re-

At the outset of hear-

Chief Justice Aamer

pher case.

blood contamination He advised to dispose

President Alvi said that Indonesian businessment opportunities in Pa- endeavours

trade, investment, cultural ties with Indonesia ISLAMABAD (INP): kistan and benefit from its

President for promoting

two countries further

talking to the outgoing Am-

bassador of Indonesia

Adam Mulawarman Tugio,

who called on him, at

views on different issues.

kistan and Indonesia.

to-people contacts.

Aiwan-e-Sadr.

The president ex-

President Dr Arif Alvi on investment-friendly poli-Wednesday called for fur-He said that increased ther promoting trade, investment, economic, culmutual political and cultural and political relations tural exchanges were imwith Indonesia to bring the perative to further improve

Pakistan and Indonesia. The outgoing Indonepressed these views while sian Ambassador, Adam Mulawarman Tugio said that Pakistan and Indonesia should diversify trade and investment cooperation to further boost bilat-

the brotherly ties between

Talking to the outgoeral relations. ing envoy, the president He informed that they said that Pakistan cherished were planning to open direct flights between the two its close, friendly, and fraternal relations with Indocountries that would bring nesia, which were marked the two nations further by religious and cultural af-

He further apprised finities and commonality of that Pakistani students He stressed that exwere among the major repanded trade, investment, cipients of academic scholand economic cooperation arships in Indonesia.

was a vital element of bilat-President thanked the ambassador for eral relations between Pahis valuable support and He added that Pakicooperation during his tenstan was keen to further ure and expressed the hope that the momentum of deepen its cooperation in growth in bilateral relations the fields of commerce, culture, tourism, and peoplebetween the two countries would be maintained.

He also expressed his best wishes for the ambasmen should explore invest- sador for his future



ISLAMABAD: Australian High Commissioner to Pakistan Neil Hawkins posing for a photo graph wearing traditional " Chitrali Cap" in KPK Pavilion during annual 10 days Lok Mela 2023 at Lok Versa in Federal Capital.

IWMI, USAID focused on converting "Hill Torrent Risks into Opportunities"

ISLAMABAD (APP): dress water-related issues Management Institute challenging context of hill (IWMI) Pakistan, sup- torrents," said Dr. Sarfraz ported by USAID funding, organized a significant consultation workshop censultation, our aim is to tered on the critical theme of "Hill Torrents: Turning

Risk into Opportunities." The workshop underscored the pivotal role of community engagement, cross-sector collaboration, and expert guidance in harnessing the potential for transformative change in these challenging environ-

The event reaffirmed IWMI Pakistan's commitment to sustainable water management practices that empower communities and enhance productivity in hill torrent-affected areas.

"This workshop was marked by engaging discussions, collaborative presentations, and expert insights, as community members and stakeholders gathered to ad-

The International Water and explore solutions in the foster collaboration and engagement with relevant government departments, policymakers, the private sector, academia, and most importantly the local communities. We are committed to listening to and learning from your firsthand experiences, as we collectively work towards addressing and mitigating the challenges posed by changing rainfall patterns and the increasing threat of floods'

said Muhammad Nawaz, Development Specialist, USAID/Pakistan. The Community Listening Session served as a platform where community members were convened to engage in a meaningful dialogue regarding their experiences and challenges.



ing during "Folk Festival Lok Mela" at Lok Virsa.

I'abad Karachi Company Police nabs 64 individuals during last month

Islamabad Karachi Company Police arrested 64 individuals last month and the

their involvement in various heinous crimes and unlawful activities.

amplified its crackdown on criminal elements to purge the city of crime. The recent actions by the Karachi Company police teams have resulted in the apprehension of 64 offenders, including 37 absconders,

ment officials successfully recovered four stolen vehicles, eight stolen motorcycles, 1.420 kilograms of heroin, 43 grams of ice, 194 bottles of liquor, and 125 litres of alcohol. Additionally, the teams confiscated four pistols, three daggers, and 37 rounds of ammunition from the possession of the arrested individuals.

Emphasizing the gravity of the situation, ICCPO Dr Akbar Nasir Khan has instructed all senior officials to maintain a stringent approach towards combating drug peddling and the

proclaimed offenders, and target offenders over the previous month. In the course of these operations, law enforce-

measures against Congo virus He made it clear that ticks on animal body." there is no vaccine to prevent Congo fever. Dr Nadeem Jan asked the citizens to follow the guidelines of the National Institute of Health. stock Department. 'Therefore, this dis-He said citizens Congo virus. In a statement, the ease can be avoided by folshould use gloves when slaughtering animals and lowing preventive measures," he added. "The vipreparing meat besides protecting from animal rus is mostly found in the hair follicles of sheep, goats, cows, buffaloes and other livestock." "When this tick Dr Nadeem Jan said bites a cattle or human, the virus becomes active in it. he added. "The virus can also be transmitted through the causes of the outbreak. blood of an infected person Congolese patient. He asked to keep the or animal.

Fraud case: Fawad Ch sent to jail on 14 days remand

ISLAMABAD (Online): Faisal Chaudhry, Local court of Islamabad has sent former federal minister Fawad Chaudhry to jail on 14 days judicial remand in fraud case. Fawad Chuadhry was

presented in the court of judicial magistrate Yasir Mehmood on expiry of one day physical remand On the request of counsel for Fawad Chaudhry, the court or-

dered to open the handcuff of one hand of former federal minister.

Defence counsel Oamar Inayat Raja requested the court to allow like this then who will ac-

recovery has to be made then take Rs 5000 or 7000. I don't posses arms while policemen are gunmen. The court ordered to send Fawad Chaudhry to jail on judicial remand on

During the hearing of

the case Fawad Chaudhry

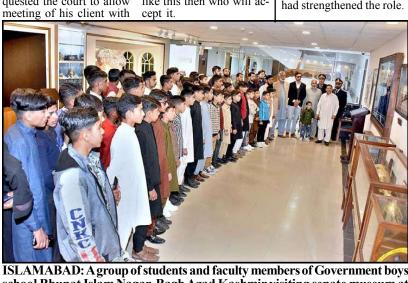
came on rostrum and told

the court the plaintiff has

not come to fore so far. If

completion of arguments, In his informal chat with the journalists in courtroom Fawad Chaudhry said if Nawaz

Sharif wins in the election



school Bhunat Islam Nagar, Bagh Azad Kashmir visiting senate museum at Parliament House.

Smoke emitting vehicles banned in Islamabad to combat smog

Independent Report

ISLAMABAD: In an effort to curb the detrimental effects of smog and environmental pollution, Islamabad has imposed a ban on the entry of vehicles emitting smoke within the city limits.

This prohibition extends to all types of vehicles, including private, government, and commercial ones. The directive, issued by Islamabad Capital City Police Officer (ICCPO) Dr. Akbar Nasir Khan, mandates the restriction to remain in place until January. Violators of the ban will face legal consequences under the enforcement of

ciate degree in Commerce dent in the Federal Capital at Jinnah Avenue. (B.Com). Iqbal's ideas direly needed to cope with present-day challenges

ISLAMABAD (APP): Dr Allama Muhammad Iqbal's philosophy is not only the source of guidance for the nation to deal with social issues but it is also a beacon of light for the entire Muslim Ummah to cope with present-day challenges.

Popularly known in the country and other parts of the world as the "Poet of the East", Dr. Allama Muhammad Iqbal was born in Sialkot on November 9,

His Allahabad address of 1930 was a watershed moment in pre-partition

He also played a prominent role in inspiring millions of Muslims across the sub-continent for an independent homeland where they could practice

The youngsters need to pay attention to the works of the poet to enrich their understanding of the true message, especially that is directed toward them. His philosophical works play a vital role in boosting the self-esteem of the youth in surmounting the day-to-day challenges by infusing the spirit of hard work, consistent struggle and commitment.

This year, November 9 is being observed to mark the 146th birth anniversary of Dr Allama Mohammad Iqbal (1877-1938) across the country. In 1927, Iqbal was elected to the Punjab Provincial Legislature, and in 1930, he became president of the Muslim

League Alongside his political activism, he was also considered the foremost Muslim thinker as his poetry and philosophy (Urdu and Persian) stresses the need to nourish Muslims through moral, ethical and self-development.

The parents are urged

to play their role to bring the teachings of the poet into the limelight for nourishing the spirit of their youngsters and to mould their minds and shape their characters in light of the core philosophy of Dr Allama Mohammad Iqbal. Iqbal was an ac-

claimed poet and philosopher. He is credited with writing poetry and using his political influence to demand the creation of a separate homeland for Muslims. His address gave a clear direction and separate identity to Muslims of the subcontinent to achieve Paki-

great poet, thinker and philosopher. His poetry for children was a great asset and carried moral lessons. The poetic contributions of Allama Iqbal are acknowledged both at national and international levels. His teaching is a precious legacy for the nation and there is a dire need to make his works accessible

Iqbal has not only seen a dream of a separate homeland for Muslims of the sub-continent but also a progressive and prosperous country

in its true spirit and con-

He said that the trial court has not provided the copies of case record and defence was only provided the copies of statements of 161 and 164 so far.

ISLAMABAD (APP):

recovery of valuables is estimated to be worth Rs 11.3 According to police, these arrests included four members of two notorious criminal gangs known for

Islamabad Police have

possession of illegal weap-He has stressed the

need for continuous monitoring of the performance of police personnel in this regard, underscoring that any negligence in official duties will not be tolerated.

ISLAMABAD: Senator Seemee Ezdi, Chairperson Senate Standing Committee on Climate Change presiding over a meeting of

the committee at Parliament House.

Daily Soice of Masse Independent

Thursday November 09, 2023

Congo virus outbreak

Balochistan is grappling with an outbreak of the Crimean-Congo haemorrhagic fever, commonly known as the you are about to read here will be at all surprising to Congo virus. Officials say you. Social media platforms like Meta or X are designed 20 people have died of to lure us to them and then CCHF this year, tragically among them a doctor as and we are scrolling more and more, the greater the he was being rushed to Karachi for treatment. Of 200 suspected patients, 73 have tested positive for not by what the platforms the tick-borne virus. Twelve healthcare professionals are being treated in Karachi. The condition of four doctors is said to be serious. Mercifully, no case has yet been recorded in the port city. However, the rate at which the infection has spread to prises' Association (APCEA) and the Pakistanhealthcare workers in Balochistan is alarming, raising questions about of Miles with CPEC: The Symbol of Pakistan-China the adequacy of infectioncontrol measures and availability of protective gear. These concerns must memorated the ten-year milebe swiftly addressed to Economic Corridor (CPEC) protect those who are risking their lives to save others. Moreover, it is imperative that the authorities tion in 2013, has evolved into collaborate with their counterparts in Sindh to stan and China. Its influence is felt far and wide, touching establish swift and safe every facet of life in both transfers of patients reconomic contributions in sectors such as Power. In-

through air ambulances.
Given the severity of CCHF—fatalities can occur in up to 40pc cases—

sectors such as Power, Infrastructure, IT, and Agriculture, CPEC has played a pivotal role in fostering cultural ties and forging a Pak-China community of shared interests.

The "Thousands of there is an urgent need for Miles with CPEC" project Miles with CPEC project Miles with CPEC project was unveiled. This unbreakable, and our cooperation is unique." In the spirit of CPEC and the Belt the development of a vaccine to prevent its spread. Until then, the only recourse available is public awareness and preventative measures. Those involved in the livestock industry must be informed about the risks associated with the virus to reduce tick-to-human and animal-to-human transmissions. They must wear nutrition is crucial to good health, food safety issues protective clothing when handling animals, use approved acaricides on clothing and examine them- and handling, preparing and storing food in a way that selves for ticks regularly. minimises the risk of Human-to-human transmission can be controlled cal contamination can be hazardous. According to by avoiding close contact statistics, almost one in 10 people globally falls ill afwith infected persons, enter eating contaminated food, while 420,000 die evforcing hand hygiene, and using protective equipment in healthcare set- 1960s. Over the years, tings. The government clear standards regarding should act quickly to con- food safety and protection in the country, with the fedtain the virus, protect eral and provincial regulators trying to implement healthcare workers, and ensure public safety. It of the set standards, the has enacted some measures, including a temporary ban on the use of priible products, and the trend of cutting corners and duping consumers have pervate slaughterhouses in sisted here. Local standards even prohibit the populated areas. Time is addition of certain food of the essence, and the lives of health care provid. With the laws in place and lives of healthcare provid- | With the laws in place and the regulators apparently ers, as well as the broader enforcing them, and a formal well-documented food community, hang in the sector operating in the balance.

Social media addiction



Rafia Zakaria

If you are one of the many millions on Earth in possession of a social media account, then none of what like Meta or X are designed

keep us hooked. The longer we scroll, and we are scrolling more number of advertisements we will glance at and thus the greater the revenue the platforms will earn. There is no small irony in the fact that this scrolling is fuelled offer us but the proliferation of details of our own

In promising us the opportunity to present young people, many of ofattorneys general are now

at least some version of it represented by the few hundred 'friends' or 'followers', social media platforms have weaponised human curiosity and the human predilection for exhibitionism. These critiques of social media platforms and their manipulation of our attention are not particularly new. Many of them were detailed in a

closely into the tactics

utilised by social media gi-

ant Meta on its Facebook

and Instagram platforms.

Unsurprisingly, this kind of research has revealed that the easiest and most sought-after targets of social media platforms are young people whose developing brains are most easily manipulated and who have fewer defence mechanisms against the machinations of social media algo-

young people are the most vulnerable to being addicted to social media platforms such as Facebook and Instagram. In turn, these

ourselves to the world, or them barely adolescents. develop poor mental health

owing to these addictions.
The data to substantiate this was the subject of a 2021 exposé by the Wall Street Journal which found that Meta's own research revealed, for instance, that 13.5 per cent of teenage girls said that Instagram "makes thoughts of suicide worse". And 17pc of teenage girls had reported that it made eating disorders worse as 2021 report that looked Even though there are

laws in place that should prevent children under 13 from having social media accounts, most know how to get around this ban either with or without the knowledge and consent of their parents. Similarly, time limits such as the 60minute default instituted by TikTok can also be ignored easily when children enter a passcode.

Frustrated by this It follows then that state of affairs and what might be characterised as a lack of seriousness in dealing with the issue among social media giants themselves, a bipartisan group

suing Meta According to a complaint that is being brought

by 33 different states, the social media platform is liable for creating social media addiction and consequently very poor mental health among children and young people.

According to the complaint, the social media platform has deliberately misled the public about the tactics used to create social media addictions among young people.

Even while deploying these tactics, social media platforms like Meta may try to gloss over just how dangerous it can be for young people to spend hours and hours on these platforms because they are designed to keep them hooked and addicted. In this first-of-a-kind

effort the 33 states that have signed on to the lawsuit are demanding restitution and financial damages from Meta for what is seen as an underhand tactic.

Where other strategies to stop the targeting of young brains may not have worked perhaps the threat

of huge financial losses if the lawsuit succeeds in its purpose, could be the key to finally stopping the exploitation of young minds in this way

Meta's Facebook and Instagram platforms are widely popular in Pakistan as well. Even rudimentary cellphones often have Facebook and Instagram applications on them. This means that an inordinately large number of Pakistani children also have social media accounts.

Despite this, few Pakistani parents pay enough attention to the amount of time that their children are spending on these platforms, and are not asking whether that amount of time is negatively affecting the mental health of their offspring

Children everywhere are susceptible to feelings of unbelonging or alienation because they see others their age having more fun or having more friends than themselves and Pakistan is no different.

If unchecked these feelings of alienation or exclusion can create lifelong tesy Dawn

problems with self-esteem, mood regulation and a general sense of well-being being affected.

If this lawsuit is successful it may lead to the company being held accountable for the many mental health challenges being confronted by kids who are addicted to social media platforms.

Even if such lawsuits are not possible in every country where large online platforms operate, forcing the company to be more open about its tactics and the targeting of young people may provide a much clearer picture as to just how children are hooked on spending hours upon hours scrolling through their social media feeds.

Endless scrolling late into the night may not seem like a particularly ominous activity but it is just this harmless appearance that has pernicious consequences, which in turn, are creating a generation that confronts more mental health challenges than any that have come before it. -- Cour-

Thousands of Miles with CPEC: The Symbol of Pakistan-China Relations

The shared vision of China and Pakistan, under the guidance of the BRI, promises a future even more prosperous and vibrant for this enduring partnership.

Syed Ali Nawaz Gilani. In a celebration of an enduring partnership that has withstood the test of time, the All-Pakistan Chinese Enter-China Institute (PCI) came together to launch a groundbreaking promotional endeavor titled "Thousands Relations." The event, held on 6th Novermber 2023, at the Pakistan Institute of Par liamentary Services (PIPS) Islamabad, not only comstone of the China-Pakistan but also underscored the strength and significance of the diplomatic ties between Pakistan and China.

CPEC, a monumental initiative that was set in moa symbol of the unwavering brotherhood between Pakicountries. Beyond its macsectors such as Power, In-

look deep into the social aspects of this transformative endeavor. It captures the personal experiences of individuals who have witnessed the profound changes brought about by a decade of CPEC. From common citizens to government officials, from local employees to diplomats, this project paints a vivid picture of how CPEC has left an indelible mark on the lives of people from diverse walks of life.

The event featured a powerful screening of an exclusive video documentary, which showcased the exceptional significance of CPEC as the flagship project of the "Belt and Road" Initiative. The documentary emphasized the strategic importance of Gwadar Port, the zenith and focal point of CPEC, serving as a bridge between the One Belt, One Road and the Maritime Silk Road. With breathtaking scenic shots, the documentary provided a bird's-eye view of the major contributions made by CPEC projects, substantiated by compelling facts and figures. To pay hom

ten years of unfaltering support and cooperation offered by China, a special feature report titled "Thousands of

report not only outlines the narrative of CPEC but also extols its accomplishments as a landmark in the enduring Pak-China relationship. It narrates stories of Chinese companies fulfilling their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and shines a light on the depth of the friendship shared by Pakistan and China. As a testament to the

spirit of collaboration and solidarity, Chinese enterprises operating across Pakistan, spanning various sectors, contributed mini documentaries. These films feature testimonials, personal accounts, and inspiring experiences of project employees and local individuals. They will be released as part of a docuseries under the "Thousands of Miles with CPEC' umbrella, exemplifying the shared journey towards a prosperous and promising future for both Pakistan and China. It has been elaborated that, CPEC stands as a testament to the enduring brotherhood between Pakistan and China. It is not just an economic initiative; it's a bridge of friendship, a symbol of collaboration, and a beacon of hope. As President Xi Jinping once said, "Our friendship with Pakistan is Miles with CPEC: The Sym- unbreakable, and our coop-

and Road Initiative (BRI), Pakistan and China are bound by a shared vision, one that promises a future even more prosperous and vibrant. As we celebrate a decade of CPEC, let it serve as a reminder that, together, there are thousands of more miles to cover on the road toward a brighter tomorrow.

CPEC has many impressions on Pakistan economy and its society. One of the most significant impact of CPEC has been on Pakistan's energy industry. Notably, it brought forth the introduction of supercritical coal-fired power plants and pioneering hydropower projects. These initiatives have not only illuminated the lives of Pakistan's citizens but have also provided a significant boost to the nation's economic pros-

CPEC's contributions extend far beyond the energy sector. It has catalyzed the development of critical infrastructure projects. The Lahore Orange Line project, cross-border optical fiber cable, and the Sukkur-Multan Motorway have revolutionized transportation and connectivity within Pakistan.

Chinese enterprises involved in CPEC have demonstrated their commitsponsibility. During times of disaster, they generously donated funds and essential supplies. Moreover, these enterprises have invested in technical schools, offered scholarships to Pakistani students, and provided crucial technical training to local farmers and women. The results of these initiatives have been empowering, enriching the Pakistani

workforce. Beyond the confines of Pakistan, CPEC has also created opportunities for local engineers and technicians. Many of those trained during the corridor's development have found opportunities to work abroad, contributing their expertise in countries across the Middle East, South Asia, Africa, and Eu-

While international uncertainties persist, inherent Pakistan's strengths in terms of human resources and geographical advantages continue to instill confidence in CPEC's potential. It is firmly believed that the Pakistani government and its people will successfully navigate the challenges that may arise, bolstering the corridor's long-term suc-

ment to corporate social re- changer for Pakistan's

economy. The project has helped Pakistan overcome its energy crisis by adding thousands of megawatts of electricity to the national grid. It has also improved Pakistan's transportation infrastructure through the construction of new highways, railways, and airports. Additionally, CPEC has created thousands of jobs in Pakistan, reducing poverty in the country. As Pakistan marks a decade of CPEC, it reflects on a remarkable journey that has had a transformative impact on its present and future. The shared vision of China and Pakistan, under the guidance of the BRI, promises an even more prosperous and vibrant future for this enduring part-

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Food safety



Navaira Ali Bangash

Food safety and nutrition are closely linked. Just as foodborne illnesses, as biological, chemical and physi-

policymakers established

However, in violation adulteration of packaged food by adding inferior or harmful ingredients to edcountry, one would have assumed that ensuring food safety would not be much ation is, in fact, the re-

The grey food trade is

booming in Pakistan and formal channels suffer. Not only is the smuggling of food items detrimental to an already crippled economy it also raises grave health concerns. Cooking oils, spices and dairy products such as butter and creams are commonly smuggled. The recent influx of Iranian and Afghan food products through illegal trade may appear to offer respite to the food-inflation-struck masses due to cheap rates. But it's important to note that there is absolutely no regulation of the health and safety standard of these food items — with zero tracing, tracking or testing before they hit the market shelves.

A few years ago, the commerce ministry issued SRO 237 that clearly mentioned that packaged food products should have at least 66 per cent of their shelf life left at the time of import, and added that the ingredients should be printed in both Urdu and English on the packaging, along with the authentic halal certification logo.

Sadly, food items that do not conform to the standards set in SRO 237 are being smuggled through Taftan and flourish in markets in Balochistan near the border, and are even accessed by wholesalers and high-end retailers in urban

Inaccurate expiry dates on the packaging are alarming and there is no way of verifying them. Nutrient information in a foreign language is another hindrance. It may sound relatively benign but can lead to harmful health conditions such as prolonged allergies. The use of banned food chemicals may lead to illnesses including food poisoning. The effects of harmful food additives can include palpitations, urti-

of a challenge, but the situ- caria, abdominal pain, diarrhoea and vomiting. Some spices even become carriers for spores and can be responsible for serious outbreaks.

Globally, food scares are not uncommon. Pesticide residues have been previously found in imported rice batches in many countries, leading to temporary bans and stricter regulation of rice imports. The same is the case for many prohibited dyes and food colour. In 2018, Australian cantaloupes laced with Listeria caused an outbreak of listeriosis in the countries they were exported to, leading to their recall. In Pakistan, the

smuggled food products situation was improving after SRO 237 was issued in 2019, but in the past few months, these smuggled food items seem to be back.

Porous borders and poor enforcement of food laws have boosted this illicit trade. Stakeholders, policymakers and the government should focus their attention on curbing the illegal inflow of these products from across the border for the sake of public health. Apart from health risks, the economy faces staggering financial losses due to these practices. Pakistan loses \$2.6 billion in tax revenues due to the smuggling of food items. Smuggled food cost is esti-

mated at \$9bn. Uniform legislation should be in place to impose stringent measures. The Pakistan Standards and Quality Control Authority, Pakistan Customs and the Ministry of Commerce should ensure a stronger crackdown on the grey or black market and tighten border controls to protect the health of the masses. Consumers should also try to learn about product quality and the grave consequences that they are

exposed to in case of sub-

standard food consump-

tion. -- Courtesy Dawn

Mahir Ali

I was sufficiently intrigued by the preliminary hype to stay up late one night last week for a chance to listen to the latest, and supposedly last, Beatles song as soon as it was aired. Even on the first listen, it came across as underwhelming. Perhaps the time isn't

right for that kind of frivolity. It's nigh impossible to switch one's focus away from the unfolding genocide in Gaza. A very different John Lennon song was subconsciously ringing in my ears: "We don't care what flag you're waving/ We don't even want to know your name.../ We understand your paranoia/ But we don't wanna play your game/ You think you're cool and you know what you're doing/ 666 is your name... And you still gotta swallow your pill/ As you slip and you slide down the

now)".

That's 'Bring on the
Lucie (Freda Peo-ple)' from
Lennon's Mind Games album, released 50 years ago. And 'Imagine', from a couple of years earlier, is perhaps even more pertinent: "Imagine there's no countries/ It isn't hard to do/ Nothing to kill or die for/ And no religion too".

'I know it's true/ It's because of you/ And if I make it through/ It's all because of you... Now and then/ I miss you' doesn't quite measure up. Lyrically, it's even less impressive than the Beatles' first single from 61 years ago, 'Love Me Do'. But, recorded by

a bunch of Liverpudlians barely into their 20s, at least that track boasted a freshness that cannot conceivably be replicated by a pair of octogenarians leaning on a couple of ghosts.

Reheated soufflé?

The surviving Beatles last went down this long and winding road in the mid-1990s, alongside the fascinating Anthology series of outtakes and unfinished songs. The archival material was embellished by two 'new' tracks, with the Threetles, as they were dubbed at the time, adding vocals and instrumentation to two Lennon songs from the late 1970s that he hadn't bothered with for either his 'comeback' album, Double Fantasy released weeks before he was assassinated — or its posthumous sequel, Milk and Honey.

Alongside the potentially inspiring 'Free as a Bird' and the relatively mundane 'Real Love' on the tape of demonstration recordings that Yoko Ono provided were another two tracks, 'Now and Then' and 'Grow Old With Me'. The latter, riffing off Robert Browning — "Grow old along with me/ The best is yet to be" — might have been a poignant choice, given Lennon's demise at hill/ On the blood of the people you kill/ Stop the killing (free the people tested. They briefly had a go

at 'Now and Then', but George Harrison dismissed it as "rubbish", and that was that. It remained in the vault, but Paul McCartney remained invested in the track, possibly because at the end of their last encounter in New York, Lennon had reputedly farewelled him with the words: "Think of me now and then, old friend."

It isn't clear whether Harrison — who succumbed to cancer 22 years ago — was referring to the lyrics or the quality of the recording. The latter, it turned out, could be remedied. A couple of years

ago, the film director Peter Jackson trawled through the audiovisual footage of the Beatles recorded in 1969, and came up with the fascinating eight-hour documentary Get Back. The audio part often involved separating and enhancing the soundtrack with the aid of artificial in-

telligence. Jackson had already provided McCartney with Lennon's vocal from 'I've Got a Feeling' to duet with on his live outings, and just this week the director suggested there could me more where that came from. Let's hope McCartney

Back in the 1970s, when all four ex-Beatles were routinely queried about the prospect of a reunion, there was plenty of ambivalence in their responses. The possibility was never quite ruled out, but on one occasion McCartney quipped, "You can't reheat a soufflé." He was right, but couldn't resist returning to the kitchen.

The unimpressive result has been greeted with plenty of gushing reviews, and Western media has been full of reports about young fans — alongside the baby boomers — lapping up the idea of a "new" Beatles song. That, frankly, hasn't been possible since 1980, and everyone should get over it. The original canon is enough for younger fans to marvel at the Beatles' incredibly innovative trajectory from 1963 to 1969, as reflected in both their original recordings and the more recent remixes and often redundant embellishments. The pair of 1994-95 tracks never quite ended up being counted as bona fide Beatles songs, and no one can seriously consider Now and Then' as worthy of inclusion in the Fab Four canon. The band's amazing saga was wrapped up nearly 55 years ago. Let's leave it there. -- Cour-

historical Tribal Research

Cell, established under the

Home and Tribal Affairs

Department in Namak

minister inspected various

parts of the research cell

and checked the historical

records and official files of

the pre-independence and

post-independence periods

related to the affairs of

tribal areas, former states

merged into the province

and neighbouring country

Speaking on this occasion, he described the

cell as a very important

asset for the convenience

of researchers from a

historical and research

point of view, and directed

to get support from the

Archives Directorate to

preserve all the old records

here, while digitizing all the

prepare a PC.1 and submit

it within a week time

regarding technological

facilitation of digitizing

He also directed to

records of the cell.

He expressed these the old record available

During the visit, the

Mandi here.

Afghanistan.

Aamer directs authorities

to preserve historical

record of tribal areas

Independent Report

PESHAWAR: Khyber

Pakhtunkhwa Caretaker

Minister for Newly Merged Districts Affairs,

Industries, Commerce and Technical Education, Dr.

Aamer Abdullah Wednesday said that Tribal

Research Cell is an

important heritage for the

availability of authentic

records related to the

historical background of the

merged districts and former

tribal areas of the province

while directed the relevant

authorities to preserve the

available historical record

He said that the authorities should submit

a reasonable development

scheme for approval so that

to not only ensure the long-

term preservation of

records available in the

research cell, rather make

the availability of these

historical materials and

literature possible for

researchers through online

views during a visit to the in the cell.

written

and other

materials in the cell.

CM Azam unveils e-office software system in KMU

unveiled E-office software

system in Khyber Medical University (KMU). Khyber Medical University has achieved an important technological milestone by officially launching the e-office software developed internally for its own management support that was formally unveiled by Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Muhammad Azam Khan in a meeting held at Chief Minister House.He said that the unveiling of the e-office is an important moment in the history of KMU.

advisor Health Prof Dr. Riaz Anwar, chief secretary KP Nadeem Aslam Chaudhary, Secretary HED

Press club to Governor House Sindh.

Caretaker Sindh Minister need

Commerce,

for Revenue, Industries,

Mohammad Younus

Dagha, expressed his

dismay over the slow

progress of district

suspicious entries and

authenticating revenue

matters.He expressed his

dismay while presiding

over a meeting of Deputy

Commissioners from all

districts of Hyderabad

division through a video

link at the office of the

Hyderabad on Wednesday.

According to a spokesperson for the

division administration, the

caretaker minister asked

questions about the

progress reports submitted

Commissioners following

HANGU: Inspector General of Police Khyber

Pakhtunkhwa Akhtar Hayat Khan laying the

foundation stone of the shopping center built for

women police at Gandapur Police Training

PEC chairs meeting to

review arrangements

of general election

HYDERABAD (APP): national

regarding

Provincial Election

Commissioner Aijaz

Anwar Chohan here on

Wednesday chaired a

arrangements of General

Elections 2024. The

meeting reviewed the

arrangements for security,

availability of water,

electricity, washrooms,

furniture and other basic

requirements including

polling process and training of polling staff.

meeting, the Provincial

Election Commissioner

Addressing the

last month's meeting.

College Hangu.

The same of the sa

Commissioner

Sindh Minister disappointed

over slow revenue case

progress in Hyderabad

PESHAWAR (APP): Chief Minister Khyber and Special Secretary Pakhtunkhwa Muhammad Health Habib Ullah were Azam Khan on Wednesday also present on this occasion.

In the meeting, the Chief Minister publicly appreciated the tireless efforts and achievements of Vice Chancellor Prof Dr. Zia ul Haq and his team.

On this occasion, Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa advised that if efforts are made, this eoffice system can be adopted in other universities and other other organizations of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. VC KMU Prof Dr.

Zia ul Haq also gave a detailed briefing to the participants about e-office Apart from VC KMU
Prof Dr. Zia Ul Haq, and benefits, and how to run official affairs efficiently.

He said that the introduction of e-office its own IT resources.

GAZA SOLIDARITY MARCH

Organited by: Pakistani Jurnalists

Deputy

Commissioners

directed the Deputy

Commissioners to ensure

promises to revolutionize administrative educational processes, and increase transparency, accessibility, efficiency.

The software can also be used as a comprehensive solution to manage various tasks and processes and this e-office system is expected to significantly enhance the university's capabilities.VC KMU appreciated the efforts of Mohammad Additional Director IT, Shahzad Khan Deputy Director IT and the entire IT team of KMU who played a vital role in the development of this innovative software.

The e-office software developed internally at KMU is a testament to the university's dedication, and commitment to harnessing the potential of



regarding standing water in basement of Services Hospital during his visit.

Tackle 'environmental challenges' Public awareness, technological innovations for farmers are key strategies: Minister

campaign is also being run

Independent Report Punjab on social media to create Caretaker Minister for more awareness about the Environment, Planning and environmental damage Forests Bilal Afzal on caused by burning solid Wednesday stressed that awareness, comprehensive approach, technological innovations for farmers, better fuel

quality and laws are needed to tackle environmental problems in the country.

Talking to a PTV news channel about the current issue of smog in Punjab, he explained that the current government is

which is causing smog in showing seriousness and the winter season. He said that both taking substantial steps to tackle pollution across the India and Pakistan should

waste and the effects of crop burning. in India. He said that smog is He said in Pakistan we being generated in India due

to the burning of waste in rice factories and increase in air pollution, adding that Pakistan is using its diplomatic channels and urged the Indian government to ensure that the crops Stop burning

province. He said that a recognize the imperative

nature of tackling the challenge of crop residue burning, adding that Pakistani farmers are very aware of the problem but crop burning is still alive

are introducing our financial assistance programs and subsidies for machinery aiming to encourage farmers to adopt modern practices.

Responding to a query, he replied that the Punjab government has declared a health and environmental emergency and directed authorities to devise a comprehensive plan to combat the issue.

LHC allows PTI to hold corner meeting in Shahdara

LAHORE Lahore High Court (LHC) has allowed PTI to hold corner meeting in Shahdara on November 19. Justice Ali Baqar Najafi took up PTI candidate from Shahdara Akmal Khans' petition for hearing Wednesday. The petitioner took the plea we want to hold corner meeting in Shahdara area of Lahore in Muhammad Ali in his office who introduced himself as Director Operating Procedure for himself as Director Operating Procedure for to tarnish the reputation of order the administration to connection with election allow us to hold corner

One killed in

road mishap

MUZAFFARGĀRH

(APP): A 70-year old man

was killed after being hit

by speeding motorbike

incident took place near

basti seetpur in Khan Garh

where a passerby who was

an old man namely Bashir

Hussain, son of Azeem

Bukhsh was hit by

speeding motorbike and

died on the spot due to

Eyewitness confirmed that

the death cause due to

over-speeding of bike rider

multiple

Wednesday. An

injuries.

HYDERABAD: Caretaker Sindh Minister for

Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development, Muhammad Younus Dagha talking to media persons during Revenue Convention.

Grave yard land occupation case: LHC summons record from anti corruption on bail after arrest plea of Khawar Manika

AHORE (Online): is held by Manika family Lahore High Court (LHĆ) has sought record from anti corruption on November 13 in connection with bail

vajan took up for nearing former husband of Bushra Bibi Wednesday.

Counsel for Khawar Manika took the plea Khawar Manika is charged

since 1938 and it has never remained with Auqaf department. The court should order to grant bail after arrest petition of to Khawar Manika. The Khawar Manika in grave court inquired from state yard land occupation case. counsel has Augaf Justice Ali Baqar department notification of the said land. The state

the bail after arrest plea counsel took the plea from Khawar Manika, additional prosecutor general could not appear in the court. Justice Bagar Ali Najafi adjourned the hearing of the case till November 13 besides with occupying Auqaf summoning record from department land. The land anti corruption.

Nisar Khuhro says: PPP believe in religious harmony

MIRPURKHAS (APP): The Provincial President of the Pakistan People's Party (PPP), Sindh Nisar Ahmed Khuhro, said on Wednesday that religious harmony is the philosophy of the PPP party.

Nisar Khuhro, while talking to the media, said that the PPP's belief in the supremacy of people and its philosophy is to respect everyone, irrespective of their gender and religion. As per details,

in connection with preparations for the

major religious festival of the Hindu community, to be held on November 13 in Tharparkar by Chairman of PPP Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, Nisar Khuhro, Jilani House Mirpurkhas, Former

Minister Pir Aftab Hussain Shah Jilani, President of the PPP Mirpurkhas Division, organized a gathering for Nisar Khuhro and Iocal leadership. Information secretary

of the People's Party Sindh Aaijz Dhamrah, divisional president of the People's celebration of Diwali, a Party Pir Aftab Shah Jilani.



PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Caretaker Minister Dr. Aamir Abdullah inspecting record on the occasion of visiting the Tribal Research Cell.

Parents of 26,411 children refused polio vaccination in Peshawar, Khyber

PESHAWAR (APP): campaign, adding that During the seven-day antispecific districts of the province, the parents of 26,411 children in districts Peshawar and Khyber refused to vaccinate their children on one pretext or

Centre, a population of 1,130,820 children under the age of five in districts polio disease under the refused polio drops.

there were 901,985 polio vaccination in two children in Peshawar and 228,835 children.

It said that 14,856 children in Peshawar were not present at home at the time of polio vaccination, despite repeated visits by polio teams, while parents According to the of 8471 children rejected Emergency Operation immunization of their children.

Similarly, in Khyber 2823 children were missed Peshawar and Khyber during the campaign due to were to be immunized the non-cooperation of the against the crippling parents while 261 parents

KARACHI: Journalists holding playcards during a rally in support of Palestinians, and express solidarity with Palestinian journalists and their families during Gaza March (Save Gaza Save Journalists) at the Karachi Fake director caught from

LAHORE (APP): A fake director Establishment was caught from the office of DG Excise on Wednesday.

office of

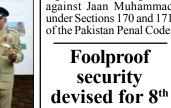
DG Excise

promptly investigate cases According to the details, a man named Jaan of suspicious entries and authenticate revenue cases, Muhammad came to meet in order to reduce the Director General Excise, backlog of revenue cases. Taxation and Narcotics He added that Deputy Control officers of the concerned Commissioners should departments in the regularly submit reports to Hyderabad division in the Commissioner's Office evaluating the cases of and warned that any Mukhtiarkar or Assistant get favour of the DG Excise Commissioner found for the transfer of a female Excise Inspector named as manipulation of records Tanzeela Abdul Rahim would be held accountable. from Region C Lahore. On suspected gestures shown by Jaan Muhammad, the He stressed the importance of organizing ET department officials open katcheries at the opted to get verified his taluka level for resolving revenue-related issues and status from the relevant

agencies which revealed

that he was not employed as he claimed. On the

transparency throughout instructions of DG Excise, the revenue matters the police was called. process. He mentioned Department official efforts being made to re-Ameen Ĥaider filed an FIR empower Commissioners to decide in Shadman police station on suspicious entry cases against the culprit who was arrested on spot. Further as per the Revenue Act. legal action is being taken against Jaan Muhammad



MUZAFFARGARH (APP): Foolproof security is devised for gala of 8th Jeep rally set to open tomorrow (Nov 9) at Thal desert here with great pump and show on Wednesday. DPO Syed Husnain

desert jeep rally

Haider said the arrangements were being finalized in collaboration Haider with district administration the tourism department.

Around 600 police officer deployed to protect

About 24 pickets work setup at different roots including internal and external courses of the rally. Separate duty of traffic police was designated to control and maintain of the traffic flow. The DPO assured of allout arrangements for making the event successful.

The Desert Jeep Rally is globally recognised as trademark of far-flung district of Southern Punjab.

Renowned drivers haling from across the country are set to prove their driving proficiency to make championship title in their name. Registrations of vehicles would kick off tomorrow, same day of starting the event to be culminated on 12th of the same month.

public to impersonation scams, urges vigilance ISLAMABAD (APP): Cyber Crime Wing of FIA The National and other intelligence

Peshawar's NAB alerts

(NAB) Peshawar has issued a warning to the public to be wary of individuals impersonating NAB officers and making

fraudulent calls. A statement from a NAB spokesperson has stressed that NAB officers Punjab do not make direct contact

Accountability Bureau agencies to investigate the culprits. He mentioned that

multiple cases have been reported to the NAB Peshawar Office, where individuals have received calls from various numbers, purporting to be senior NAB officers.

These calls, which communication.

NAB has also to tarnish the reputation of the institution and its



GILGIT: Secretary Home Gilgit-Baltistan Cap (R) Ali Asghar chairing a meeting regarding Pak-China border Khunjrab Pass keep the whole year

KP govt for inclusion of Potassium Chlorate in import policy order, 2022

Pakhtunkhwa

Potassium Chlorate in the import policy order, 2022 and make it import subject to NOC from the Department of Explosives and Home Departments.

Federal Ministry, the provincial government informed that Potassium chlorate is not locally manufactured in Pakistan and is being imported from China, India and the USA without any Customs

PESHAWAR (APP): The chemical is being used in Home and Tribal Affairs firecrackers, matchsticks Department, Khyber and fireworks, adding that there was no regulatory requested the Ministry of mechanism to check the Commerce to include quality of Potassium chlorate and the provincial government had decided to amend the Arms Rules and include permission for import of the chemical.

In a lefter to the Department therefore requested the Federal Ministry to include the Potassium Chlorate in the Import Policy Order 2022 to regulate its import and avoid risks attached to it. It further said that the

already directed the

who later fled from the scene. Rescue ambulance was dispatched from Alipur as the nearby rescue office where the call provincial government had

received. Body of the deceased was handed over to the heirs on their special



KARACHI: A large number of Afghan gatherings outside SSP Office Sobhrab Goth Par for NADRA Registration.

polling stations. He said that Sindh Police and Rangers would play an important role in maintaining law and order by providing security. He said that on the occasion of election, the installation of CCTV cameras at more sensitive

national spirit by providing all facilities at

polling stations shall be ensured with focus on communication plan so that the miscreants fail to get a chance to deteriorate the environment.

He directed the said that the election would officials of Education, ensure the constitutional, national and most important responsibility in Works and Services Department to complete Sindh and all over the the repairing work at country. He stressed that polling stations' buildings all departments shall take throughout the division and submit its report to the steps on the priority basis for holding of fair and Deputy Commissioner and transparent elections with Commissioner.

MoCC&EC to unveil Pakistan's first policy draft for trading in carbon markets

The Ministry of Climate Change and Environmental C o o r d i n a t i o n (MoCC&EC) is all set to roll out the first ever policy draft of the country's carbon credits trading in the international market at the highest forum of Climate Change Council headed by the Prime

ISLAMABAD (APP): Climate Change and meeting with special three months and was the Environmental focus Coordination, Asif Hyder operati Shah during the meeting of the Senate Standing

Carbon Market Policy This was said by guidelines and Pakistan's Secretary Ministry of strategy for COP-28

operationalization of the Loss and Damage fund. Earlier,

change chaired by Senator Seemee Ezdi.

The secretary briefed the committee on Climate Change's two agenda items mainly the the ministry.

She added that the meeting was held after

first since the culmination of the previous regime. She reprimanded the the ministry officials for

> postpone the meeting. The secretary mentioned that trading in carbon markets was a tricky subject evolving every year, whereas the country had no such

framework in place to deal

sending her the letters to

Fawad chairs first



Working Group.



QUETTA: A delegation led by Head of Retail Banking Bank Al-Falah, Mahreen Ahmed meeting with Balochistan Governor Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar.

APPAC delegation visits FPCCI to discuss trade, investment ties

KARACHI: A delegation of matchmaking between the American-Pakistani Public Affairs Committee (APPAC), Wednesday, paid a visit to the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) to discuss trade, investment and economic relations.

President FPCCI, Irfan Iqbal Sheikh, in a statement issued here, apprised that the visiting delegation led by Deputy Speaker of the New York State Assembly Philip Ramos also discussed potential of forging an alliance between trade and business community.

Philip Ramos, at the occasion, proposed a formation of two highfor enhancing investment and economic cooperation accounts for 17 percent of the total trade of Pakistan.

Independent Report and B2B alliances and New York businessmen and FPCCI.

He also assured to lobby with New York State government humanitarian and economic assistance to Pakistan, look into the advocacy options to facilitate the visa issuance to businessmen from Pakistan. American-Pakistani Public Affairs Committee (APPAC) will facilitate trade promotion activities of FPCCI delegates in the U.S. while New York Chamber of Commerce will be encouraged to form chamber-to-chamber alliance with FPCCI, he

number of measures aimed at formalizing cooperation

Irfan Iqbal Sheikh stated that New York was between APPAC, NY State one of the most significant Assembly and FPCCI states of the U.S. for which included the Pakistan's business community as it is a powered committees to financial and commercial explore the opportunities center of a country that



FAISALABAD: A power loom worker busy in routine work to earn livelihood at his workplace.

Industrialists demand withdrawal of gas, electricity prices

Industrialists have termed the recent increase in gas and electricity prices, including collection of fixed charges as unconstitutional and unfair and urged the government to withdraw its decision to safe industries of KP from further destruction, which had adversely affected by the terrorism and coronavirus pandemic

PESHAWAR (Online):

The manufacturers demanded the property tax exemption should be extended till the formation of the next government while keeping in view the current economic, business and industrial slowed

lockdown.

down.

The industrialists also emphasized to ensure timely provision of all financial resources from the approved a dedicated police station in Hayatabad Industrial Estate Peshawar.

According to a press release issued here on Wednesday, a high-level

delegation of industrialists headed by the president of Industrialists Association Peshawar, Ayub Zakuri held a meeting with the Governor of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Haji Ghulam Ali, at the Governor House.

During the meeting, the president of the association explained in detail the concerns of the factory owners regarding these above mentioned matters and issues.

The delegation consisted of former Presidents Riaz Arshad, Malik Niaz Ahmed, and Secretary General Muqtasid Ahsan, Executive members Farhad Asfandyar, Junaid Altaf Secretary Wasiullah and member Faisal Shah and others. Ayub Zakori, the association president while speaking during the meeting said that KP has first right to utilize its gas, electricity and other natural resources under Article 158-A.

during their visit to Chamber of Small Traders and Small Industries.

Shipping activity at **Port Qasim**

KARACHI (APP): Four ships namely, MSC Jemima, Sun Flower, Hoanh Son Planet and SG Pigasus, scheduled to load/ offload Container, Rice, Canola Seed and Palm oil, berthed at Qasim International Container Terminal, Multi-Purpose Terminal, Grain Terminal and Liquid Terminal

respectively on Tuesday. Meanwhile another bulk carrier 'Pacific Pride' also arrived at outer anchorage of the Port on same day.

A total of seven ships were engaged at PQA berths during the last 24 hours, out of them a gas carrier 'Hania Prestige' left the Port on today morning, while three more ships, Discovery, MSC Jemima and Wide Alpha are expected to sail on today afternoon.

A cargo volume of 88,713 tonnes, comprising lodging, transportation and availability of accurate was equal. (Carpo and 26,802 tonnes) are cargo and 26,802 tonnes. cargo and 26,802 tonnes export cargo carried in 2,275 Containers (861 TEUs Imports and 1,414 TEUs export) was handled at the port during last 24

hours.

There are fifteen ships at Outer Anchorage of Port Qasim, out of them three ships, Pan Fortune, Bellini and Pacific Pride & two more ships, Wide Alpha and Maersk Pittsburgh carrying Steel Coil, Gas oil, Coal and Containers are expected to take berths at Multi-Purpose Terminal.

SBP announces closure of banks on Nov 10 in Smog hit areas of Punjab

KARACHI (APP): State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) Wednesday, announced closure of bank branches on Friday, November 10, 2023, in Lahore division and certain other districts of Punjab severely hit by Smog.
All banks and Micro

Finance Banks (MFBs) shall keep their branches closed in Lahore Division (viz. Lahore, Nankana Sahib, Sheikhupura and Kasur districts) and Gujranwala, Hafizabad, Sialkot and Narowal districts on November 10, said a statement issued here by the central bank.

The decision has been taken pursuant to the Punjab government's Notification dated November 08, 2023 in the regard, it added.

Punjab The government has declared an "environmental and health emergency" in Lahore and two other divisions for four days, Nov 9 to 12, to mitigate the impact of smog and according to the notification all markets.

QUETTA: Zonal Director General BISPAbdul Jabbar, Sarwar Barohi, Abdul Khaliq Agha, Asad Khan and Malik Nadeem Kasi

meeting of SIFC **Working Group** The forum discussed Federal Minister for the limitations of the

Privatisation Fawad Hasan Fawad on Wednesday chaired the first meeting of SIFC Working Group to discuss impediments in the development of special economic zones (SEZs) with the objective of fasttracking industrialization. The meeting was

attended by all stakeholders in the provincial governments and their industrial zone authorities, an official press release said. The Additional Secretary of Board of Investment (BOI) and Director General of Special Economic highlighted the major impediments faced by existing ones and the

Stop Shop' facilitation.

concept of 'One Stop Shop' and pointed out the need of a mutual agreement between the federal and provincial governments for a development framework based on international best practices and standards, with a legal mandate in the constitutional scheme. The issues

identification allotment of land, cost competitiveness, provision of utilities, human resource constraints and consistency of policies were also discussed. It was agreed that based on the key takeouts of the meeting a working paper containing solutions and a clear roadmap for future framework requirements of future SEZs, including the second and final meeting of development of a 'One the Working Group to be held next week.

US tech entrepreneurs urged to invest in upgrading Pak tourism industry

WASHINGTON (APP): Pakistan's Ambassador to the U.S., Masood Khan, has urged Pakistani-American entrepreneurs to invest in promoting Pakistan's tourism and digitalization

information, the tourism sector of Pakistan will witness a transformative change," he said at a special session of the Annual Open

Silicon Valley Forum 2023

The subject of the conference was "Exploring Pakistan's Tourism Treasures: Mountains Metropolises.""Our joint

in San Francisco, a city in

the US state of California.

of its industry.

"With digitalization of necessary information, tourism. Your equity thanked the organizers of the session which he said would 'induce people to visit Pakistan and get a first-hand experience of witnessing its pristine beauty.'



HYDERABAD: Women busy in selecting and purchasing old cloth pieces from vendor at cloth

Export based industry backbone of country's economy, says Sajjad

Tasleem Azam, Wednesday said that the taxpayers, especially the export-related industry were the backbone of the country's economy.

It is necessary to establish an atmosphere of mutual trust by promoting liaison between the business circles and the tax authorities at the regional tax office level in order to promote tax culture in the

He expressed these views while addressing a meeting with All Pakistan Bedsheet & Upholstery Manufacturers Association (APBUMA) members in which the tax issues faced by the exporters and sales tax refunds were

Reacting to the various issues raised by the participants in the meeting, he said that the Regional

discussed.

MULTAN (APP): Chief Tax Office (RTO) Multan Commissioner RTO, Sajjad staff was making every possible effort to deal with all the matters as soon as possible as per law. He however stated that the the APBUMA members could contact him personally in case of any delay.

Chief Commissioner assured that he will play his role in conveying the suggestions of association competent authority not only in matters at the regional tax office level but also in policy making.

Commissioner Corporate Zone Zahida Sarfraz and Commissioner Multan Zone Zahid Mahmood

were also present in the meeting.

Chairman APBUMA Syed Muhammad Asim Shah informed Chief Commissioner RTO about problems

Dy Governor SBP says: Measures being taken to develop agri sector on modern lines

FAISALABAD (APP): Deputy Governor State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) Salim Ullah has said that the agricultural sector has a key role in the economic development of the country and all possible measures are being taken to develop it on modern lines for food security and economic uplift of the farming community.

He expressed these views during a meeting with University of Agriculture Faisalabad Vice Chancellor of Prof. Dr. Iqrar Ahmad Khan. State Bank Executive Director

Chairman

TEVTA

visited SCCI

Education and Vocational

Training Authority (TEVTA) Brigadier (Retd)

Muhammad Sajid Khokhar

visited Sialkot Chamber of

Commerce and Industry

Chamber of Commerce and

Industry (SCCI) Abdul

Ghafoor Malik, SVP SCCI

Wahab Jahangir and VP

SCCI Amer Majeed Sheikh

meeting held here the promotion of technical and

vocational education was

discussed. On this

occasion, the President

SCCI Abdul Ghafoor Malik

paid tribute to the

Provincial Secretary

Industry Ehsan Bhatta for

the successful organization

of the TEVTA Jobs Affair

organized by TEVTA in

2023 and said that he

played an important role in

meeting the shortage of

skilled manpower in the industry by conducting technical and vocational

education.President SCCI Abdul Ghafoor Malik said

that the non-availability of

workers in industrial fields

was having a very negative

impact on the country's

economy. In such a situation, the TEVTA

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President Sialkot

Chairman

(SCCI).

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Technical

Syed Samar Husnain, Chief Manager SBP Waqas the Kashif Bajwa, Additional Director Faisal Ashfaq, Additional Director Dr. Muhammad Saleem, Principal Public Relations Officer Dr. Muhammad Jalal Arif and others attended the meeting.

Deputy Governor SBP Salim Ullah said that they are enabling a regulatory environment, developing infrastructure, promoting financial inclusion through branchless banking innovations and financial

mainstay Pakistan's economy, it is the most important source for employment & income generation for the majority of population, generates nearly one fifth

of the total GDP, he added. He said that bringing modern agricultural trends and research to the doorsteps of farmers is the need of the hour. He said that UAF has a unique position and role in providing manpower and solving the problems of the farming community.



QUETTA: Warm clothes are being selling at a roadside stall as the demand of warm clothes increased in city on the arrival of cold waves of winter season, near Benazir Flyover in Quetta.

Pak regional exports increase 3 percent in Q1

Pakistan's exports to the witnessed an increase of 3 percent in the first quarter of the fiscal year (2023-24) as compared to the corresponding months of last year.

The country's exports to the regional countries including Afghanistan, China, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, India, Nepal, and the Maldives account for a million, which is 13.98 percent of Pakistan's overall exports of from \$127.157 million. \$7018.956 million during The country July-September (2023-24), State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) reported.

countries in terms of \$234.144 million.

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan's exports to its neighbouring, leaving seven regional countries behind other countries such as Bangladesh and Afghanistan.

Pakistan carried out its border trade with the farther neighbour Sri Lanka, India, Nepal, and Maldives.

Pakistan's exports to China witnessed an increase of 26.42 percent to \$633.374 million in three months of this year from \$501,000 million small amount of \$981.410 during last year while exports to Afghanistan also surged to \$128.533 million

country's exports to Bangladesh however decreased by 38.28 percent to \$144.506 China tops the list of million this year from



shield to Mr. Philip Ramos, Deputy Speaker of the New York State Assembly. Engr. M.A. Jabbar & Mr. Shaukat Omerson, VPs FPCCI and other prominent business personalities of both the countries were also present on the occasion.

ICCI demands urgent privatization of loss-making **SOEs** to reduce fiscal deficit

ISLAMABAD (APP): President, Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Irfan Siddigui, Chairman, Senate Standing Committee on Federal Education and Professional Training and discussed with him the contours of a future Engineer Azhar ul Islam
Zafar Vice President ICCI,
Zafar Bakhtawari Former
President and Secretary

Engineer Azhar ul Islam
p r o m o t i n g
entrepreneurship among
the youth to make them
skilled and professional

Member ICCI included in Zarar Bakhtawari on Wednesday leading a that the business delegation, met with the community was the major larger siddicari. stakeholder in the appreciated development of the economy and he would raise their key issues at every relevant forum for their redressal. He assured that if PML-N economic policy for the country. Senior Vice President, Faad Waheed, economic policy, them in business

General UBG Pakistan and and assured that the Rizwan Chheena Executive proposals would be discussed suggestions of the delegation to make the manifesto of PML-N business friendly and policy, them in development. Speaking on the occasion. Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari urged the government.

Putin lauds Russia's 'high-tech' military cooperation with China

Monitoring Desk MOSCOW: President Vladimir Putin on Wednesday lauded what he described as important "hightech" Russian military cooperation with China at a meeting in Moscow with a top Chinese general who is a close ally of President Xi Jinping. China and Russia declared a "no limits" partnership in February 2022 when Putin visited Beijing just days before he sent tens of thousands of troops into Ukraine, triggering the deadliest land war in Eu-

rope since World War Two. Receiving General Zhang Youxia, vice chairman of China's Central Military Commission, and Russian Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu, Putin sent his best wishes to Xi, saying the two leaders had developed a good

friendship and working relations. "Russia and China are not building any military alliances along the lines of the Cold War," Putin told Zhang at his Novo-Ogaryovo residence outside Moscow, adding that the Russian-Chinese relationship was a stabilising force for the world.

The United States casts China as its biggest competitor and Russia as its biggest nation-state threat while US President Joe Biden argues that this century will be defined by an existential contest between democracies and autocracies. Putin, who heads the world's biggest nuclear power, said military cooperation between Moscow and Beijing was increasing and focused on high-tech areas that would ensure strategic security.

eration, our contacts in the military and military-technical sphere are also becoming increasingly important, as for military-technical cooperation, here, of course, our work in high-tech spheres comes first," Putin said. "I mean space, including highorbit groupings, I also mean modern and promising weapons that will certainly ensure the strategic security of both Russia and the People's Re-

A bipartisan panel appointed by the US Congress said last month that Washington must prepare for possible simultaneous wars with Moscow and Beijing by expanding its conventional forces, strengthening alliances and enhancing its nuclear weapons modernisation programme



High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Josep Borrell, Britain's Foreign Secretary James Cleverly, Germany's Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock, U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken, Japan's Foreign Minister Yoko Kamikawa, Canada's Foreign Minister Melanie Joly, France's Foreign Minister Catherine Colonna, and Italian Foreign Minister Antonio Tajani,.

Ukraine gets good news about its EU membership quest as Balkans countries slip back in the queue

Monitoring Desk BRUSSELS: Ukraine, Moldova and Georgia received positive news on Wednesday about their quests to join the European Union but countries in the volatile Balkans region that have waited years longer to become members of the world's biggest trading bloc appeared to slip back in the queue.

In a series of reports, the EU's executive branch recommended that warravaged Ukraine should be permitted to open membership talks, once it's addressed some shortfalls.

The European Commission lauded Ukraine, which Russian troops ininstitutional strength, de- much progress countries.

termination and ability to function." But it said that talks should only start once it has addressed corruption, lobbying concerns, and a law on national minorities.

Ukraine's neighbor Moldova was delivered a similar message.

Georgia was told that it should officially be named as a candidate to join once it addresses shortcomings, including in the fight against corruption and election deficiencies. This does not mean that it will start accession talks soon. The country will have to clear more reform hurdles before that happen.

commission's proposals, outlined in annual progress vaded last year, saying that the government "has shown a remarkable level of EU member states on how

China urges Estonia not to allow opening of Taiwan office

Monitoring Desk BEIJING: China's foreign ministry on Wednesday urged Estonia not to allow Taiwan to open any official organisations in the country after the Chinese ambassador reportedly threatened to leave Estonia if Taiwan opened a representative office in the Baltic nation.

Estonian media reported on Tuesday that China's ambassador to Estonia, Guo Xiaomei, told a meeting with the chairman of the Estonia-China parliamentary group Toomas Kivimagi that she may leave the country if Taiwan opens such an office.

"China urges the Estonian side to abide by its solemn commitment to the one-China principle, refrain from allowing Taiwan to set up any official

organisations and effectively safeguard the political basis of bilateral relations," ministry spokesperson Wang Wenbin told a regular

press briefing.
Taiwan's Foreign Ministry said last week that it was still in the discussion phase about setting up a representative office in Estonia and that the two sides had not yet reached a consensus on the matter.

Taiwan Minister Joseph Wu is visiting the three Baltic states of Estonia, Lithuania and Latvia this week. Taiwan already has representative offices in Latvia and Lithuania.

China claims democratically-governed Taiwan as its territory, which Taiwan's government re-

Nigerian court grants ex-central bank head **Emefiele** bail after five months **Monitoring Desk**

ABUJA: A Nigerian court on Wednesday granted bail to former central bank governor Godwin Emefiele. who is charged with procurement fraud and has been in detention since

Emefiele appeared in August after Judge Olukayode Adeniyi on Monday ordered he should be released unconditionally or be brought to court. He is facing a 20-count fraud charge. "There must be an end to detention without trial Without any further ado. I hereby order that the applicants be released on bail to his counsel," the judge said.

BD garment workers reject 56pc pay rise **Monitoring Desk**

DHAKA: Bangladesh raised the minimum mont-hly pay for the country's four million garment workers by 56.25 per cent on Tuesday, a decision immediately rejected by unions seeking a near-tripling of the figure.

The South Asian country's 3,500 garment factories account for around 85pc of its \$55 billion in annual exports, supplying many of the world's top fashion names including Levi's, Zara and H&M.

But conditions are dire for many of the sector's four million workers, the vast majority of whom are women whose monthly pay starts at 8,300 taka (\$75). Workers have gone on strike to demand a near tripling of their wages, with violent scenes in recent days, while employers of-fered 25pc. The minimum wage is fixed by a state-appointed board that includes representatives from the

manufacturers, unions and

wage experts.



Palestinians flee their homes during Israel's ground offensive, on the edges of Beach refugee camp, in Gaza City.



and vice chairman of China's Central Military Commission General Zhang Youxia at the Novo-Ogaryovo state residence outside Moscow, Russia.

Blinken visits South Korea as North Korea, Russia deepen ties **Monitoring Desk**

SEOUL: U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken arrived in Seoul on Wednesday for talks with his South Korean counterpart, as the allies step up cooperation in the face of growing concerns over North Korea's closer military ties with Russia. The two-day visit, the first by a U.S. secretary of state in two and a half years, is part of Blinken's broader Asia trip that has included meetings with G7 counterparts and talks with Japanese officials in Tokyo, as well as a later stop in In-dia amid the Israel-Hamas

The Seoul visit comes as the United States and agency said last week

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JAKARTA: A judicial panel

dismissed Indonesia's top

judge on Tuesday after

finding him guilty of an eth-

ics violation over his role in

a ruling that allowed Presi-

dent Joko Widodo's son to

Usman, who is Widodo's

brother-in-law, was found

guilty of a "gross violation"

of the court's ethics code

for deciding with the 5-4

majority that changed the

rules around candidacy for

the presidency and vice

months before general elec-

tions in February, paved the

way for Widodo's eldest

Raka to run for vice presi-

son Gibran Rakabuming

The ruling, issued just

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Chief Justice Anwar

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Indonesian chief

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Minister

neutrality".

Japan, have condemned what they say is the supply of arms and military equipment by North Korea to Russia

Washington and Seoul see the closer military ties between the North and Russia, which is thought to be suffering depleting stocks of munitions in its war with Ukraine, as an effort by Pyongyang to secure strategic military capabilities in return. North Korea is pre-

paring to launch a spy satellite after having failed twice this year to put one in orbit. South Korea's spy

Prabowo

The judicial panel

found that in failing to "re-

cuse himself from the ex-

amination and decision-

making process," Usman had violated the "judge's

ethical code's principle of

South Korea, along with North Korea was in the final stages of preparations for the launch after apparently receiving technical assistance from Russia

Pyongyang and Moscow have denied claims of arms deals while their leaders pledged closer military cooperation when they met in September in Russia's far South Korea's mili-

tary said on Monday it was on alert over possible North Korea provocations after Pyongyang designated Nov. 18 as "missile industry day" to commemorate the country's launch of an intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) last year.

Russia's Lavrov justice dismissed over dent alongside Defence

MOSCOW: Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov accused the West on Wednesday of provok-ing crises on the global oil and gas market by rushing to switch to green energy and imposing pressure on other countries to do the

Former chief justice Jimly Asshiddiqie, who led the three-member panel, said it had dismissed Ûsman from his position as the constitutional court's chief justice, but allowed him to retain his position as a jus-

Usman will no longer be eligible to nominate himself or be nominated by

assails West over switch to green energy Monitoring Desk

same.

"In fact, the reasons for the negative phenomena in the energy sector were the irresponsible actions of the collective West, when it decided to force ... the green transition for itself and impose the same green transition on other countries that were simply not economically ready for it," Lavrov other justices to chair the said in televised com-



Honorary panel members of the Constitutional Court Jimly Asshiddiqie (C), Wahiduddin Adams (L), and Bintan Saragih (R) preside over a proceeding at the Constitutional Court in Jakarta.

Children's plight proves world's 'moral failure', says Red Cross

Monitoring Desk GENEVA: A month after the unrest erupted, the Red Cross demanded on Tuesday an end to the horrific suffering of civilians, and

especially children, decrying a "moral failing".
"One month on, civilians in Gaza and Israel are being forced to endure tremendous suffering and loss. This needs to stop," the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) said in a statement.

'Massive bombardments are gutting civilian children will haunt us all. infrastructure across Gaza,

The organisation's president Mirjana Spoljaric said she had been particularly shocked to see the suffering that children have had to endure. "Children have been ripped from their families and held hostage. In Gaza, ICRC surgeons treat toddlers whose skin is charred from widespread

for generations to come,"

the ICRC statement said.

"The images of suffering, dead and wounded This is a moral failing,

burns," she said in the

statement.

sowing seeds of hardship she added. This year 'virtually certain' to be warmest in 125,000 years, EU scientists say

Monitoring Desk warmest in 125,000 years, European Union scientists said on Wednesday, after data showed last month was the world's hottest October in that period.

Last month smashed through the previous October temperature record, from 2019, by a massive margin, the EU's Copernicus Climate

Change Service (C3S) said. "The record was broken by 0.4 degrees Celsius, which is a huge margin," said C3S Deputy Director Samantha Bur- riod.

gess, who described the BRUSSELS: This year is October temperature anomaly as "very ex-

treme".

The heat is a result of continued greenhouse gas emissions from human activity, combined with the emergence this year of the El Nino weather pattern, which warms the surface waters in the eastern Pacific Ocean.

Globally, the average surface air temperature in October was 1.7 degrees Celsius warmer than the same month in 1850-1900, which Copernicus defines as the pre-industrial pe

Doctor in Gaza finds his own relatives dead **Monitoring Desk**

GAZA CITY: Iyad Shaqura, a doctor of pharmacy turned by the Gaza crisis into an emergency physician, had become used to the flow of dead and wounded streaming into the hospital in Khan Yunis.

evening, he fainted when he saw the bodies of his two sons, his mother and his two brothers arrive at the emergency room. His family had been killed by a strike that hit their home in Khan Yunis, in the south of Gaza Strip. On Tuesday morning, his eyes filling with tears.

urges Bangladesh to let opposition leader leave

Monitoring Desk DHAKA: The UN rights jected pleas to let her leave.

Zia, 78, heads the main opposition Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) and has been living under effective house arrest since her release from a 17-year prison sentence in 2020.

But on Monday

UN rights chief

chief Volker Turk has urged Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to release main opposition leader Khaleda Zia for urgent medical treatment outside the country. Bangladeshi doctors have said Zia, a two-times former premier, was at "high risk" of dying without overseas medical intervention abroad after the Hasina government re-

More Palestinians fleeing combat zone in northern Gaza, UN says

Monitoring Desk

NEW YORK: The pace of Palestinian civilians fleeing the combat zone in northern Gaza has picked up as Israel's air and ground campaign there intensifies. The U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs said Wednesday that about 15,000 people fled on Tuesday, compared to 5,000 on Monday and 2,000 on Sunday.

The densely populated northern area of Gaza, specifically Gaza City and adjacent crowded urban refugee camps, are the focus of Israel's campaign to crush Hamas, the militant group that has ruled Gaza for 16 years.

The war, now in its second month, was triggered by the Oct. Hamas attack on southern Israel.

The number of Palestinians killed in the war passed 10,300, including more than 4,200 children, the Hamas-run Health Ministry in Gaza said Tuesday.

In the occupied West Bank, more than 160 Palestinians have been killed in the violence and Israeli raids.

More than 1,400 people in Israel have been killed, most of them in the Oct. 7 Hamas attack that started the fighting, and 242 hostages were taken from Israel into Gaza by the militant group.

Italy's deal with Albania on migrant camps capped at 3,000 migrants

Monitoring Desk ROME: Albania will hold a maximum of 3,000 migrants at any one time under a deal announced this week allowing Italy to build two migrant reception and detention camps there, official documents showed on Wednesday.

The scheme is the first example of a non-EU country accepting migrants on behalf of an EU nation, and is part of an bloc-wide drive to clamp down on irregular

Parties agree that the total number of migrants present at the same time on Albanian territory cannot be more than 3,000," an Italo-Albanian protocol states, according to a copy seen by Reuters and other media. The figure compares with the more than 145,000 sea migrants who have arrived in Italy so far this year, a sharp increase from 2022 which Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni's rightwing government is keen to contain. Announcing the deal on Monday, Meloni said as many as 36,000 mi-

grants per year could pass through the Albanian camps, but hitting this target depends on how quickly Italy can process asylum applications.

Meloni said the aim is to examine cases within 28 days, but experts have pointed out that, despite government efforts to streamline them, procedures remained engulfed in

Experts also noted that repatriating failed applicants is hard, given the lack of return deals with migrants' home nations. In the year to date, Italy has repatriated just under 4,000

Albanian Prime Minister Edi Rama said on Wednesday it was "ridiculous" to suggest that his country agreed to the initiative in return for Italy's sponsorship of Albania's EU membership bid.

"Accession to the European Union does not work like this, it's not that Italy says 'you take 3,000 migrants and we let you into the European Union.

Worst floods in decades kill 29 in Somalia, hit towns across East Africa

Monitoring Desk MOGADISHU: The worst flooding to hit Somalia in decades has killed 29 people and forced more than 300,000 to flee their homes, the National Disaster Management Agency said on Wednesday, following heavy rains that have inundated towns across East Africa.

Authorities have scrambled to rescue thousands of stranded people from the floodwater which comes on the heels of the region's worst drought in 40

"What is going on today is the worst for decades. It is worse than even the 1997 floods," said Hassan Isse, managing director of the Somali Disaster Management Agency (SOMDA). The death toll and numbers of people displaced were likely to rise further, Isse said, because many people were trapped by floodwaters. "I do not remember

such floods in my life," said Mohamed Farah, a local el-

der in Baidoa city, in southwest Somalia. "People keep on evacuating looking for high ground." At least 2,400 people have been cut off in Luuq town, where the Jubba River burst its banks, the United Nations has

"Luuq is surrounded by the river and floods are threatening us. People keep fleeing out of the town. Some are still trapped. Our shops have been washed away," said Ahmed Nur, a trader in Luuq.

Floods neighbouring Kenya have killed at least 15 people and submerged a bridge in Uganda, cutting off a road linking Kampala to oilfields in the northwest, the Kenya Red Cross and Uganda's road authority said.

The regional deluge was caused by the combined effect of two weather phenomenons, El Niño and the Indian Ocean Dipole, said Nazanine Moshiri, a climate analyst at the International Crisis

Philippine typhoon survivors pray for victims on 10th anniversary

Monitoring Desk TACLOBAN: Survivors of Super Typhoon Haiyan prayed for their dead loved ones in the devoutly Catholic Philippines on Wednesday as they commemorated the 10th anniversary of a storm that killed more than

6,000 people. Haiyan, one of the strongest storms ever recorded, unleashed winds of up to 315 kilometres (195 miles) an hour and whipped up tsunami-like waves that devastated central islands in

the archipelago nation. Tacloban, the capital of Leyte province, bore the brunt of the storm's fury and was almost totally destroyed by five-metre-high storm surges that crashed over mostly poor coastal communities.

A decade later, people returned to Tacloban's seaside convention centre which was used as an evacuation site during Haiyan – for a Catholic mass to remember the victims and pay tribute to cies."

those who helped rebuild

Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos attended the ceremony along with members of his Cabinet, foreign diplomats and survivors of the storm. "Ten years have gone

by, and yet the memory of

this tragedy remains indel-

ible in our hearts and in our thoughts," Marcos told the He said the Philippines – typically affected by more than 20 major storms a year - needed to build "stronger and more resilient communities" in

the face of climate change, which scientists have long warned is making storms more powerful. "Be assured that the government is always striving to ensure that such tragedies of this magnitude will

be avoided and will be adapted to," he said. "We must make climate change a vital compo-

nent of our national poli-



ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif Alvi addressing the 12th Convocation ceremony of International

President Dr. Arif Alvi says Women involvement in decision making, economy inevitable for prosperity

President Dr Arif Alvi on Wednesday emphasizing the women's active participation in all sectors, said one of the reasons behind Pakistan lacking prosperity was the non-involvement of women in decision making as well as the economic corridors of power.

The president, addressing the 12th Convocation of International Islamic University Islamabad, said the nation's investment on the women education went to waste when they sat at home without going into the practical life.

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nent in 1930. His poetry,

Jamali said, taught Muslims

about unity, harmony, and

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their freedom.

Saudi Ambassador in Islamabad Nawaf bin Saeed Ahmad Al-Malkiy, Qatari Ambassador Sheikh Saoud bin Abdulrahman Al-Thani, first secretary of Thailand, IIUI Pro-Chancellor Dr Ahmed Salem Muhammad Al-Ameri, Rector Dr Samina Malik and President Dr Hathal Homoud Alotaibi also attended the convocation besides other diplomats and education-

"Education is investment of this poor nation on you. If you will sit at home, this will be the loss of the

16th ECO Summit.

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Pak ranks 45th

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index: Blue paper BEIJING (APP): Pakistan ranks 45th out of 52 coun-

tries in the world internet

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up its practical application. (However), this is the duty of the government and the nation to provide you a harassment-free working environment," the president remarked. He also called for job structures for the women which should also facilitate them keeping in view the family-related engagements of the women.

Citing the example of Holy Prophet Muhammad (PBUH)'s wife Hazrat Khadija, also a working business woman, the president said Islam encouraged the women to work as it

I want you not to give was not possible to leave lation unutilised.

He, who earlier awarded PhD degrees to 138 and gold medals to 71 students, congratulated the students, their parents as well as the university and teachers for their hard work. He was appreciative that girl students consisted of over half of the total 34,000 strength of the university. He advised the new graduates to welcome the knowledge without any religious biases or selection, and always remain humble and act as a knowledge-seeker.

Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar has called for enhanced engagement with the Western capitals to make Israel realise that the Gaza war could have a spillover effect beyond the region.

with different Western capitals, particularly Washington and London, and they need to make realize the Israeli side that they are contributing to destabilize not just the region, but probably it would have a spillover effect beyond the region," the prime minister said in an interview with Arab News published on Wednesday.

When asked if the Pakistan government had received any requests from its stance against Israel as it continued attacks on Gaza, Kakar said, "I'm not aware of any such request and I don't think so any government would listen to any such request which is in my opinion surreal, it's absurd to even think of re-

diate "cessation of violence" and labeled Israel's

He told the interviewer that he would be traveling to Riyadh this weekend for an extraordinary session of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) to discuss Israel's attacks on Pales-

"You can't just kil children and say that you have got the right to defend yourself. It's the license to barbaric retaliation."

Asked if Muslim nations were doing enough for Gaza, Prime Minister Kakar also raised questions about the role of the world's estimated 1.8 billion Muslims, who make up 24 percent of the global population, in "facing the kind of situation which we are in".

deep questions from this entire [Muslim] popula-tion, that what kind of contribution globally we are having ... toward science and technology, what kind of defence capabilities these different or 50 or 57 coun-

We need to ask more

that new spirit into the move-Jamali said Allama Muhammad Iqbal, ment. Iqbal's doctrine of self reliance, self determination for progress: Speaker NA

Jamali urges nation

to study Allama

Iqbal's philosophy

Balochistan Caretaker

Minister for Home and

Tribal Affairs Muhammad

Zubair Khan Jamali has

urged the nation to delve

into the poetry, philoso-

phy, political wisdom, en-

lightenment, and social

struggles of Dr. Allama Muhammad Iqbal.

Iqbal Day, Jamali said that

the nation is proud of its

hero who gave a new direc-

tion to the continuous

struggle of the Muslims of

the subcontinent for their

rights and awakened them

against oppression.

In a message related to

ISLAMABAD (APP): Speaker National Assembly, Raja Pervez Ashraf Wednesday said that Pakistan can achieve sustainable progress by embracing Dr. Allama Muhammad Iqbal's doctrine of self-reliance and self-determination. He said this while paying deep respect to Dr. Allama Muhammad Iqbal on the eve of his 146th birth anni-

versary through a message. The Speaker noted that Iqbal not only envisioned a separate homeland for the Muslims of the subcontinent but also provided a blueprint for the nation's enduring growth and development through his philosophy of "Self" (khudi).

He was a visionary leader with the ability to see beyond surface-level phenomena and discern underlying events as they unfolded. Raja Pervez also recalled Iqbal's staunch support for the Palestinian cause. He vigorously rejected Zionist claims to Palestinian territory and emphatically opposed the establishment of Jewish homeland.



Raz Muhammad Kakar and Incharge Health Card Asad Khan Kakar meeting with Caretaker Health Minister Dr. Amir Muhammad Khan Jogezai.

OUETTA: Principal Bolan Medical College Dr

WAPDA Chairman visits **Mohmand Dam Project**

LAHORE (APP): Water and concreting are being car-Authority (WAPDA) and Power Development ried out simultaneously on Authority (WAPDA) these sites. The Chairman Chairman Engr. Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Sajjad Ghani Wednesday visited Mohmand Dam Project bevisited ing constructed across River Swat in Mohmand District of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province. He reviewed construction activities on different sites of the project the spillway and the river diversion tunnels in particular. At present, con- achieved so far on river di-

these sites. The Chairman also presided over a progress review meeting during the visit, according to WAPDA spokesman here. The meeting was attended by the GM/PD Mohmand Dam Project, senior members of his team and representatives of the Consultants and the Contractors. The Chairman was briefed about the progress struction works relating to version tunnels, spillway excavation, stabilisation excavation and concreting.

Gaza, not an issue discuss Kashmir, of Palestinians, Arabs but humanity: Ashrafi TASHKENT (APP): Care-ISLAMABAD (APP): the chairman of Pakistan

Mehmood Summit., they discussed the situation in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu & Kashmir and Middle East. They reviewed the re-

Addressing a conference on Palestine organized by Human Rights Council

sion since October 7

on construction of roads in remote areas: Dashti **Independent Report**

QUETTA: The Secretary Communication and Works (C&W), Qambar Dashti has stated that the provincial government is paying special attention on construction of roads in the remote areas. He was speaking on occasion of the briefing conducted on different projects of roads at the Commissioner office Loralai on

Wednesday.
The Secretary C&W velopment index consists of six metrics: information technology infrastructure, said that the purpose of his digital technology and innovisit is to personally review vation capability, digital the projects and expedite economy, digital governtheir pace to complete the ment, cyber security, and same at the earliest.

the government's priority to resume work on the roads projects where it was

sinister design of expansion

being executed to forcefully

evacuate Palestinian people

from the Gaza Strip and

translate their dream into

He urged the people to raise their voices against

within the constitutional

who used to highlight the

would be handed over to he added.

superintending engineers of CW& department to visit the projects and ensure smooth work on them.



QUETTA: Members of Voice for Baloch Missing Persons are holding protest demonstration for

Smina Mumtaz Zehri says BAP will be more active under leadership of

Independent Report Awami Party believes in democratic values. Khalid Magsi's success is a democracy's success. These views were expressed by Central Vice President Balochistan Awami Party Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri in a congratulatory statement while congratulating the newly elected President of Balochistan Awami Party Khalid Magsi on his suc-

will play an important and

Balochistan and will lead Balochistan on a new path of development by winning the upcoming elections with a huge majority. She said that the political situation in Balochistan was deteriorating for a long time, but the manner in which the BAP leadership and colleagues handled the crisis is commendable and this is the beauty of democracy.

Senator Mumtaz Zehri further said that the newly elected party president is the pride and assets of Balochistan Awami Party and under his leadership, the party will play its best and key role in the development and prosperity of Balochistan

PM warns of transregional spillover of Gaza war; urges engagement with West

ISLAMABAD (APP): the United States to soften 'We need to engage questing someone to be silent on such an account."

QUETTA: Vice Chancellor BUITEMS Prof. Dr.

Khaliq Hafeez meeting with Governor Balochistan

Amjad Rasheed says

Govt working on provision of

suitable facilities for promotion

of investment in Balochistan

Chairman WAPDA Lt. General (Retd) Sajjad

Ghani being briefed about construction projects

Efforts afoot to bring down

sugar prices to Rs 140 in

Quetta: Commissioner

during his visit to Mahmand Dam Project.

The Group Head Re-

They discussed the

Speaking to the del-

following the initiatives be-

ing taken by the govern-

tailers Banking Mehreen

Ahmed and Head of Branch

Banking Imran Asad Khan

matters about banking based on government and

led the delegation.

private cooperation.

course of action.

Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar.

Independent Report

OUETTA: The caretaker

Provincial Minister for Fi-

nance. Amiad Rasheed has

stated that the government

is working on provision of

suitable facilities alongside

making policy for promo-

tion of the investment in the

same is being done on spe-

cial directives of the care-

taker Prime Minister

Anwaarul Haq Kakar and

Chief Minister Mir Ali

stated so while speaking to

a delegation comprising the

high ups of Bank Alfalah

who called on him here on

QUETTA (APP):The

Quetta administration has

resolved the sugar shortage

issue in the city, following

successful negotiations

with sugar dealers. The

price of sugar, which had

soared to over Rs 200 per

kilogram due to the short-

age, is expected to drop back to Rs 140 per kilo-

Hamza Shafqaat announced

at a press conference on

Wednesday that the supply

ensure a smooth supply of

sugar to Quetta, preventing

was caused by a strike by

sugar dealers who were pro-

The sugar shortage

further shortages.

Commissioner Quetta

Mardan Domki.

Wednesday

He mentioned that the

The Minister Finance

province

He called for an immeassault on Gaza "genocide,

tries are developing for **SHC** rejects police, JITs report, orders to trace missing persons from

> every angle KARACHI (Online): Sindh High Court (SHC) while rejecting Police and JITs report regarding missing persons has ordered to trace missing persons from every

The petitions filed regarding missing persons came up for hearing before Justice Naimatullah Phulpoto Wednesday.

The court while expressing resentment over JIT authorities for not tracing missing persons has summoned JIT head and

provincial task force head The court remarked if the missing persons can not be traced out in JIT then this proceeding is useless. They only embarrass people and nothing is done.

The delegation ap-If the missing persons prised the Minister Finance have not been traced after about the jurisdiction of 26 meetings of JIT then it their banking institution as is all useless. well as services and future

SHC rejected police report during the hearing of the case.

egation, Minister Finance The court ordered to said that the overall ecoissue JITs report after 3 nomic, trade and industrial days of meeting. activities would be boosted

PTI demands of EC to issue written decision in intra party election matter

ISLAMABAD (Online): PTI has demanded of Election Commission (EC) to issue written decision regarding intra party election. PTI legal team met

with Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Sikandar Sultan Raja. Barrister Gauhar and Babar Awan were also present in the

General election and other important matters were discussed in the meet-

PTI delegation de-manded of EC to issue decision of intra party election matter in writing.

PTI also informed CE about the hindrances in election campaign.

Sheikh granted bail till Nov 18 in May 9 incidents RAWALPINDI (Online)

Anti Terrorism Court (ATC) has granted bail to former interior minister Sheikh Rashid till November 18. Sheikh Rashid appeared in the ATC along with his counsel Sardar Abdul Razzaq Wednesday.

According to report Sheikh Rashid appeared in the court to sign his surety bonds. Cases against Sheikh Rashid came up for hearing before judge Ijaz Asif of ATC. Counsel Sardar Abdul Razzaq said bail was granted to Sheikh Rashid against surety bond.

Martyrs' families plead for speedy justice through military courts delivering verdicts through Jamshed and others were

ISLAMABAD (APP): The families of Shuhda-e-Pakistan (Martyrs of Pakistan) on Wednesday urged the quarters concerned to restore the military courts to ensure speedy justice to the victims of terrorism as their abolition had further added to their pain.

Addressing a presser-cum-protest at the National Press Club, the martyrs' families appealed to the Supreme Court to review its decision against the military courts.

Nawabzada Jamal Raisani, Haji Sanaullah Khan, Rahimullah, Wazir Farman Elahi, Anwar Zeib, Fawzia,

among the heirs of martyrs, who addressed the presser. They said that the military courts were all the

more important to provide justice to the victims of terrorism and rioting as, otherwise, it might lead to higher terror incidents. It might also embolden enemy secret agency to go for any misadventure Kulbhushan Yadav.

"The martyrs are the nation's pride and the apex court is requested to have a thorough review of under-

The families said:

surely take the elements lying factors in order to efinvolved in terrorist activities to task and give solace fectively curb anti-state ac-Muhammad tivities and terror acts while to their heirs.

QUETTA: Commissioner Quetta Division Muhammad Hamza Shafqaat presides over the meeting to review overall situation and arrangements for antipolio campaign.

of sugar from other provcomed the measures taken inces has been computerby the administration to ized in collaboration with address their concerns. the Federal Board of Rev-On the occasion, the enue (FBR) and the Indus-President of Central tries Department. This will Anjuman

Balochistan Abdul Rahim Kakar said that they held talks with Commissioner Quetta and Special Secretary of Industries Depart-

testing against the miscon-

duct of Sindh and

Balochistan Customs staff.

dealers that the administra-

tion will provide them pro-

tection from any miscunduct. He also di-

rected the anti-smuggling

agencies to not interfere

with the trade of legal sugar

agreed to end their strike

and resume the supply of

sugar to Quetta. They wel-

The sugar dealers have

Shafqaat assured the

taker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Special Representative to the Prime Minister (SAPM) on Religious Har-mony and the Pakistani Ulema Council said Israeli Wednesday held a meeting with Secretary General of brutalities had taken the lives of more than 11,000 Economic Cooperation Organization Ambassador Khusrav Noziri. people in Palestine and He unveiled the Israeli In the meeting on the sidelines of the 16th ECO

Diaspora in Middle East and Islamic Countries, Hafiz Muhammad Tahir Ashrafi Wednesday said Gaza was not an issue of Palestine or Arab nations but it was pertaining to the entire hu-

TASHKENT: The Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar meets

with the Secretary General of ECO Mr. Khusrav Noziri on the sidelines of

cent developments in the General thanked Prime

this brutal act of Israel with all possible resources being of Pakistan here at Allama Iqbal Open University, he He said, "We must expose the real face of those asked the world what was done by the innocent children of Gaza as more than 3,500 children had been rights of pet animals, now murdered in Israeli aggresthey were giving logic on the massacre of innocent Ashrafi who is also children.'

Govt paying special attention

He said that it is also closed due to any reason. Moreover, the buildings, which are completed,

> the concerned departments, He on the occasion directed to establish a complaint cell in all districts

where general public may lodge complaints. He also directed the



recovery of their loved one, at Quetta press club.

Khalid Magsi QUETTA: Balochistan development

She said that the election of Khalid Magsi as the party president is in the wider interests of the party and the province. She also said that with the new leadership of Balochistan Awami Party, the party