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At ECO Summit 2023:

PM calls for holding Israel accountable on its persistent fatal bombardment in Gaza

Says killers of Gaza children following Pharaoh's path; Urges all ECO member states to immediately rally behind Palestinians; Issue must be addressed via UNSC and OIC resolutions.

TASHKENT (APP): Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaarul-Haq Kakar on Thursday strongly denounced the Israeli bombardment in Gaza and drew a historical comparison, highlighting similarities between Israel's actions and those of Pharaoh in their tragic impact on children.

The prime minister, in his address at the 16th Summit of the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO), urged the member countries to rally the efforts to hold Israel to account for its incessant and lethal bombing on the Palestinian people.

In his wide-ranging address, he raised the issue of Gaza humanitarian crisis twice and reiterated condemnation of killing of children and women, and targeting the

"With the elimination of children, I recall in the history when Pharaoh, on the advent of the Moses' birth killed children. And now, unfortunately, the people who claim to be the followers of Moses, are following the path of Pharaoh," he remarked.

Caretaker Foreign Minister Jalil Abbas Jilani, Caretaker Commerce Minister Gohar Ejaz, and Caretaker Communications Minister Shahid Ashraf Tarar accompanied the prime minister in the summit held at the Tashkent Convention Center.

He told the ECO leaders that the incessant and lethal Israeli bombardment on Gaza was a deplorable act calling for international condemnation



Continued on page 2 TASHKENT: The Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar addresses the 16th ECO Summit.

LAHORE: Caretaker Federal Minister for National Heritage and Culture Jamal Shah addressing during program Youm-e-Iqbal to mark the 146th birth anni versary of National Poet, Dr. Allama Muhammad Iqbal at Aiwan-e-Iqbal.

Need to create sense of ownership among youngsters: Jamal Shah

National Culture and Heritage Jamal Shah said on Thursday that Dr Allama Iqbal had a great under-standing of Islam and he benefited a lot from the last sermon of the Holy Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him).

Addressing a ceremony held in connection with the birth anniversary of Dr Allama Muhammad Igbal at Aiwan-i-Iqbal here, he said that Iqbal was a true vision-

LAHORE (APP): Care-taker Federal Minister for that enlightens all of us." He was a distinguished poet and his poetry had a great depth and flow.

Jamal Shah said that personality of Iqbal had very rich shades and added that people who had close connection with life they do remarkable work for others and Igbal did same.

He further said that there should be respect of diversity adding that indigenous culture narrative had such mechanisms of conflict resolutions which could

ary and a brilliant scholar. Continued on page 2 He said, "Allama Iqbal Jogezai visits Afghan refugee

Independent Report
QUETTA: The caretaker
Provincial Minister for Health, Dr. Ameer Muhammad Khan Jogezai visited the Afghan refugee camp set up at the Government Degree College Pishin on Thursday. He inspected the arrangements made for the medical camp set up by the Health department.

In addition to this, the Minister Health also inspected the data registration center established by NADRA there.

camp in Degree College Pishin Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Ameer Muhammad Khan Jogezai had detailed interaction with the refugees present in the camp. He said that the refugees were very happy about the 40 years hospitality. The refugees also thanked the government of Pakistan in this regard. The refugees present in the camp were also of the views that they would carry the positive and

estate, agri sectors

This has been revealed during the ongoing techni-cal-level talks between Pakistan's economic team and a visiting delegation of

During the negotiations. further demands put forward by the IMF have emerged



lovely message to their

iting Afghan refugee camp set up at Degree College

Zhob-Dhanasar section of N- 50 reopens for traffic after landslides cleared

QUETTA (APP): National Highway Authority (NHA) on Thursday reopened the Zhob-Dahanasar section of Dera Ismail Khan- Quetta Highway (N- 50) for all kinds of traffic which was affected due to landslides at Dhansar.

General Manager NHA Balochistan North, Agha Inayat said that N-50 Zhob - Dahnasar is now open for

The NHA officers and staff remained busy removing heavy landslides throughout the blockage, said a news release issued here.

The NHA crew removed the heavy landslides and reopened the blocked road. Now the national highway was open for all types of traffic. A heavy landslide oc-curred at the Zhob-Dhanasar section of N-50 which blocked the highway with large stones.

According to the details, due to landslides caused by recent heavy rains in Dahanasar, an area adjacent to Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, the main highway was severely affected and all traffic was suspended. | day.

on Palestine 'consistent & crystal clear': Solangi ISLAMABAD (INP):

Pakistan's position

Caretaker Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Murtaza Solangi on Thursday said that Pakistan's position on Palestine was "consistent and crystal clear".

The minister wrote this on the social media platform sharing a video clip of Prime Minister Anwaarul-Haq Kakar's address at the Economic Cooperation Organization Summit in Tashkent in which he strongly denounced the Israeli bombardment of

IMF demands Pakistan impose tax on retail, real

ISLAMÁBAD (INP): The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has demanded Pakistan impose tax on retail, real estate and agriculture sectors.

the IMF.

Mohsin Dawar briefly held in Quetta; sent to Islamabad **Independent Report**

QUETTA: The leader of National Democratic Movement and former Member National Assembly, Mohsin Javed Dawar was briefly taken into custody by the police soon after he arrived at the Quetta

airport on Thursday. The police sources confirmed the brief custody of the NDM's central leader after his arrival in Quetta. however, he was sent to Islamabad by a private airline's plane the same

bilateral, regional matters including Gaza, Kashmir (AZAL) to Pakistan, terming it a positive develop-

Kakar, Aliyev discuss

TASHKENT (APP): Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar held a meeting with President of Azerbaijan, Ilham Aliyev, on Thursday, wherein they discussed bilateral cooperation and regional issues, including the humanitarian situation in Gaza and Indian atrocities in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu & Kashmir (ÎIOJK).

The meeting took place on the sidelines of the 16th Summit of the Economic Cooperation Organization being held here.

The two leaders reviewed the progress in bilateral relations, especially in the domains of trade, defense, and energy.

Prime Minister Kakar welcomed the announcement of direct flight operations by Azerbaijan Airline

ment in people-to-people exchanges and advancing two-way business and tourism.

Prime Minister Kakar and President Aliyev discussed common challenges, including Islamophobia and climate change, and the critical role of ECO to pro-

mote regional cooperation and collective prosperity. The global and regional developments, including the dire humanitarian situation in Gaza and persistent Indian atrocities in IIOJK, were also discussed.

Prime Minister Kakar reaffirmed Pakistan's unwavering support for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Azerbaijan, especially with respect to Karabagh.



TASHKENT: The Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar meets the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan Mr. Ilham Aliyev on the sidelines of 16th Summit of ECO.

Another Congo fever patient breathes his last in Karachi

Two more cases of Congo virus reported in Quetta; Tally of patients increases to 48 this season

OUETTA (Independent cases of Congo virus have Report/INP): Another patient suffering from Crimean-Congo Haemo-rrhagic Fever, who was shifted to Karachi from Quetta, died at a private hospital on Thursday.

As many as 16 patients have been shifted to Karachi from Quetta during the last few days and two of them including Dr Shakrullah had now died.

The latest victim was 30-year-old Mirwaiz Khan, a resident of Pishin, who was also brought to Karachi from Quetta in an air ambulance.

Two of the remaining Congo fever patients have been discharged from the private hospital in Karachi while 12 remaining are still under treatment.

been reported in the Fatima Jinnah Institute of Chest Diseases and Hospital Quetta on Thursday. According to the Fatima Jinnah Hospital

sources, the fresh cases of Congo have been reported in the Hospital from Quetta. The patients with

symptoms of Congo virus were brought from Jinnah Town and Kasi road on Thursday morning and evening respec-The sources said that

the cases of Congro virus have increased to 48 during this season. In addition to this, 16

persons including 10 doctors, five health workers had been sent to Karachi for Meanwhile two more treatment.

Shamshad Akhtar says

No chance of Pakistan seeking extension of IMF's standby agreement

Caretaker Finance Minister Dr Shamshad Akhtar on Thursday categorically refuted reports of Pakistan requesting the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to either extend the timeframe of the standby agreement it had reached with it from March to June 2024 or increase its volume from \$3 billion to either \$3.5.

Talking to a private Tv

ISLAMABAD (INP): level talks between the two sides, which have been in progress since November 2, will finish on November 15.

On the other hand, experts have said that the government may heave a sigh of relief if the interest rate comes down, especially in the USA, and petroleum prices also drop in the global market. Otherwise, they have said, foreign financing could become a big channel, she said that staff- threat for Pakistan.

We have not taken responsibility of illegal residents

Govt. to send back registered refugees after deporting illegal migrants: Jan Achakzai

Warns Afghan govt against giving harsh statements; It is a fact that Afghan soil is being used against us; We expect Afghanistan to do same; send back illegal Pakistanis

Independent Report

KARACHI: As a crackdown on illegal foreigners continues in Pakistan, the government plans to send back registered migrants as well after deporting the un-documented settlers, Balochistan's caretaker Minister for Information Jan Achakzai said on Thursday.

"So far, 80,000 immigrants from Balochistan have left Pakistan. After this, [we] will send back the registered refugees as well," Achakzai said while addressing a press conference

The minister said that the foreigners living in Pa-kistan should have the au-

thentic documents. PM arrives in Islamabad after concluding two-day visit

to Uzbekistan ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Thursday arrived here after completing his two-day

official visit to Uzbekistan. During his visit, the prime minister attended the 16th Summit of the Eco-Cooperation nomic Organisation (ECO) and held bilateral meetings with

leadership of Uzbekistan and other participating leaders. Domki grieved over

death of brother of Ejaz Khan **Independent Report**

QUETTA: The caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki has expressed deep grief and sorrow over death of younger brother of Bureau Chief of private TV channel (Geo TV), Muhammad Ejaz Khan, Sajjad Khan.

In a condolence statement issued here on Thursday, the Chief Minister said that he is grieved by hearing the news of death of Sajjad Khan. He prayed that may Allah Almighty rest the departed soul into Its eternal peace and give enough strength and patience to the bereaved family to bear the tragic loss.



of foreigners have got fake ment in Afghanistan against identification cards, he

'We have not taken the responsibility of the illegal residents. The crackdown on the illegal migrants will continue," Achakzai said,

The minister said that Continued on page 2

giving harsh statements.

'Pakistan knows how to

Allama M Iqbal's message still provides guidance for unity of Muslim Ummah: Governor

Independent Report QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar has stated that it is a reality that the message of Poet of the East, Allama Muhammad Iqbal still works and provides guidance for the unity of Muslim Ummah.

This was stated by the Governor in an official statement issued here on Thursday.

The Governor said that no national movement can meet success without the conscience guidance.

And the target can only be achieved only through conscience guidance and practical struggle, he main-

He said that the occasion reminds us those ideas world.

and ideology which were advocated by Allama Muhammad Iqbal through his poetry. Allama Iqbal had also

dedicated his life for the supremacy of Islam, betterment and development of the Muslims ummah through his thoughtful poetry, he maintained.

He also worked with high spirit for the unity, solidarity and restoration of the great past glory of the Muslims of the world, he added.

The Governor said that the poetry of Allama Iqbal not only awakened the Muslims of sub-continent from fast slumber, but also influenced Muslims living in other countries of the

'PML-N ready to talk to PTI except May 9 suspects'

LAHORE (INP): Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) Senior leader and former interior minister Rana Sanaullah said that PML-N is ready to talk to Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) except the May 9 violence suspects. As per details, the former Interior Minister said that there is no hurdle in PML-N supremo Nawaz Sharif's participation in the upcom-

ing elections. He said that Nawaz Sharif will soon meet senior politician and PML-Q chief Chaudhry Shujaat Hussain whereas the former prime ministertomeetotherpolitical parties' chiefs as well.

Rana Sanaullah stated that Asif Ali Zardari has the right to stop someone from Lahore from becoming prime minister and make a prime minister from



KARACHI: Peoples Party (PPP) Chairman, Bilawal Bhutto Zardari presides over the meeting of leadership of PPP Balochistan to discussed the public relations campaign in the context of the upcoming general elections, held at Bilawal House in Karachi.

New Zealand crush Sri Lanka, put one foot in World Cup semis

Kiwis hammer Islanders, chasing down the 172-run target in just 23.2 overs of World Cup match; Pakistan will now need to beat England by an almost impossible margin to leapfrog New Zealand on net run rate

BENGALURU: New Zealand eased past Sri Lanka in a five-wicket win in the 41st match of the ongoing World Cup 2023 on Thursday, also pushing Pakistan to the brink of elimination from the mega event.

The Kiwis hammered the Islanders, chasing down the 172-run target in just 23.2 overs at the M.Chinnaswamy Stadium, Bengaluru, India and have one step in the event's semi-final

Devon Conway started with a blast and scored 45 off 42 before losing his wicket to Dushmantha Chameera

Rachin Ravindra turned out to be another Kiwi batter to miss out on a halfcentury as he became the victim of Maheesh Theekshana for 42 runs.

Kane Williamson got

out after scoring 14 runs as he was trying to play towards point Angelo Mathews but an inside edge got his bowled. Mark Chapman was run out fol-

lowing a misunderstanding with Daryl Mitchell for just seven runs.

Mitchell scored 43 off but ended up losing his wicket as he was trying to hit a maximum when New Zealand just required 10 runs to win the match.

However, Glenn Phillips and Tom Latham led their side to an important win as they chased down the 172-run target in 23.2 overs.

New Zealand's win has put them in a dominating seat to qualify for the World Cup semi-final as they have improved their net run rate (NRR) to 0.743

Batting first, Sri Lanka players struggled from the start having lost their top three players — Pathum Nissanka, Kusal Mendis Sadeera Samarawickrama — in 4.4 overs leaving their side 32-

However, Kusal Perera didn't give in to the pressure and started attacking the Kiwis' bowlers as he played a rapid knock, scoring 51 off 28 balls courtesy of nine fours and two sixes.

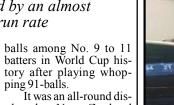
Due to no support 31 with seven boundaries from the other end, Perera ended up losing his wicket in 9.3 overs, leaving Sri Lanka in a tough condition

> Angelo Veteran Mathews (16) and Dhanajaya de Silva (19) provided some stability but their knocks were not enough to take Mendis men to a competitive total.

Wickets kept falling and the Islanders were soon 128-9 in 32.1 overs with two tailenders, Maheesh Theekshana and Dilshan Madhushanka still on the

It looked like the Islanders would be all-out before reaching the 150-run mark but Theekshana and Madhushanka's resilient partnership cruised their side to post 171-runs before they were bundled out.

The two built a 43-run partnership Theekshana creating history by playing the most



It was an all-round disolay by New Zealand bowlers with Trent Boult picking three, Lockie Ferguson, Mitchell Santner and Rachin Ravindra bagging two while Tim Southee could get one wicket to his

ping 91-balls.



KARACHI: Caretaker Health Minister of Balochistan Dr. Amir Muhammad Khan Jogezai and Secretary Health Abdullah Jan enquiring about health of Congo virus patient at Agha Khan Hospital

BRI yields fruitful results in China-Pakistan cooperation

BEIJING (APP): In the 3,000-km-long China-Paki-Thatta district of southern Pakistan's Sindh province, more than 100 wind turbines are constantly delivering green power to households in the rural areas.

"This is an important part of our wind power project portfolio, and at present, all 12 wind power projects, with a total installed capacity of 610 MW, have been connected to the grid," said Yang Jianduo, chief representative of PowerChina in Pakistan. According to Yang, the project portfolio has created over 20,000 jobs for locals, and once fully completed, it will provide 2 billion kilowatt-hours of clean energy annually, equivalent to a 2-million-tonne reduction in carbon dioxide emis-

sions, Xinhua reported.

in the upcoming elections.

PTI central leader Hamid

Khan said that the fact that

the President has to request

the Caretaker Prime Min-

ister to ensure a level play-

ing field is a sign of help-

lessness. He said that the

President should have

given a clear order, as he is

the only political, constitu-

Anwarul Haq Kakar ex-

pressing his concern about

the allegations of PTI. He

said that he is satisfied with

President Dr. Arif Alvi

tional official with the au-

thority to do so.

stan Economic Corridor (CPEC), a flagship project of the China-proposed Belt and Road Initiative (BRI).

Launched in 2013, the CPEC is a corridor linking Pakistan's Gwadar port with Kashgar in northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, highlighting energy, transport and industrial cooperation. The CPEC has

achieved fruitful results, noted Hassan Daud Butt, senior advisor at the China Study Center of the Sustainable Development Policy Institute, an Islamabad-based think

By the end of 2022, the CPEC had brought a direct investment of 25.4 billion U.S. dollars to Pakistan, created 236,000 jobs and These projects are under the framework of the kilometers of expressways

democracy is the right path

he is sending the letter con-

taining the allegations of

Minister for his consider-

cern about the increasing in-

cidents of forced disappear-

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tions change. He also ex-

pressed concern about the

prolonged detention of

women political workers

litical affiliations. He said that such incidents are con-

PTI to the Caretaker Prime

He also expressed con-

The President said that

for Pakistan.

and 8,000 megawatts of power supply, he said while attending the Second Conference of Global Economic Development and Security Forum of Boao Forum for Asia, held in late October in Changsha, central China's Hunan Province. "We are very happy and proud to say that we have actually achieved most of our targets and projects,'

he added Over 2,500 representatives from government departments, international organizations, academia and leading multinationals attended the conference, which aimed to explore the interrelationship and impact between development and security and better risks and structural prob-

Cooperation under the

a major topic for discussion at the conference as this year marks the 10th anniversary of its launch.

In Pakistan's northwestern province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, the 272-meter-high Diamer-Bhasha Dam on the River Indus is under intensive construction. As a landmark project

of China-Pakistan friendship and cooperation, it will be the tallest roller compact concrete dam in the world, with an installed capacity of 4.5 million kilowatt once completed, generating an estimated 18.1 billion kilowatt-hours of electricity

Tabi Satti, who returned to Pakistan in 2021 cope with global economic after six years of study and work in China, now works as the project manager.

"When I was studying creased Pakistan's total framework of the BRI was in China, every time I re- crop yield.

turned home, I could see the changes that BRI has brought to my hometown,' he said. "We have smoother roads, easier travel, better quality and stable electricity, and more importantly, more job opportunities... BRI has brought broad development opportunities to Pakistan, and has given me the confidence to par-

ticipate in it.' Over the past decade, CPEC has turned vision into reality in Pakistan, and it continues to do so. The China-funded Gwadar International Airport and Gwadar East-Bay Expressway will soon be put into operation, investment is pouring in for the first phase of the Rashakai Special Economic Zone (SEZ), and China's hybrid rice has significantly in-



HUB: Anti encroachment operation in progress removed illegal encroachment on the land of the forest department during anti encroachment drive under the supervision of the revenue department along with the administra tion of the forest department, at Uthal area near Hub.

Over two lac illegal immigrants return to Afghanistan

repatriation of illegal for- via Chaman border and continued to their home countries as 207,758 immigrants have returned till November 09, reported on Thursday.

Wednesday 4,119 illegal Afghan immigrants returned to their homes. Afghan nationals' 702 families travelled to Afghanistan in 251 vehicles

Undocumented Afghan immigrants returning in droves to their home country daily, authorities said. Illegal immigrants, untary repatriation was be-

University of Turbat (UoT).

ISLAMABAD (INP): The mostly Afghans, returning ingencouraged.

cluded women and children who were provided free transport service from Landi Kotal holding camp up to the Torkham border

Afghanistan. Similarly, 2,975 illegal immigrants were repatriated through Angor Ada South Waziristan. spokesperson told the state news agency. He said vol-

Workshop on "Understanding

Research Philosophy &

Methodology" held at UoT

Independent Report
TURBAT: The Directorate of Academics organized a

workshop on "Understanding the Research Philosophy and Methodology" at the Video Conference Hall of the

that connects Pakistan and

Repatriation from eigners mostly Afghans Torkham border crossings Punjab was also continued through the Torkham bor-The immigrants in- der where officials of relevant departments were assisting them.

Pakistan on Wednesday decided to extend the stay of registered Afghan refugees in the country for six months.

The sources said the decision to extend the term of registered Afghan refu gees in Pakistan was approved by the caretaker federal cabinet through a circulation summary

Unknown person

arrested at gate

No 2 of PM

Secretariat

ISLAMABAD (Online):

been arrested at gate No 2

of Prime Minister (PM)

sources the accused said he

PM in next morning.

According to Police

Secretariat

Pakistani delegation visits **SCO** platform in China BEIJING (APP): A Pakiand held a meeting.

recent statements about ter court relief.

has written a letter to Care- cerning, especially when

taker Prime Minister people's political affilia-

the caretaker government's and repeated re-arrests af-

stani delegation led by Ali Hussain, vice president of the Pakistan House Economic and Business Advisory Committee, visited the Trade and Economic Multifunctional Platform for SCO Countries in Chongqing, China. Hu Kaiqiang, the Secretary-General of the Plat-An unknown person has form, received the delegation

During the meeting, Hu Kaiqiang introduced the Platform's 16 industry working committees covering sectors such as culture, tourism, education and healthcare. Ali Hussain hailed the Platform's efforts in facilitating international collaboration in different sectors and expressed

the intention to cooperate.

Continued from page 1 Pakistan's relations with

said all of them were Af-

terrorist incidents.

Quoting caretaker

He also mentioned the

trading of illegal American

arms in Afghanistan's black

market as a "national secu-

rity threat", saying that the

same illegal arms were also

used in the attack on the

the Afghan sanctuaries are

using US arms against our

the Afghan government,

Achakzai said that all of the

sanctuaries and terrorist

people.

He said that the hand-

Coming down hard on

PAF base in Mianwali.

ghans.

has to go to PM office and Afghanistan have he has to sit on PM chair. nosedived recently, but at The accused further the same time he noted that said he has to take oath of the deterioration in the relationship came as the na-According to police tion was picking up the this person looks insane dead bodies.

apparently. His name is Referring to an intelli-Imran Salim. gence-based operation in Police have started furthe Sambaza area of ther investigation besides Balochistan's Zhob district shifting him to police staon October 31, in which six tion secretariat. terrorists were killed, he

Indian forces arrest several persons during house raid in IIOJK

SRINAGAR (INP): Indian forces' personnel have arrested several people during house raids in different areas of Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kash-

According to Kashmir

Media Service, Indian

police personnel as well as the sleuths of dreaded National Investigation Agency and State Investigation Agency during cordon and search operations and house raids arrested around a dozen youth in Srinagar, Islamabad, Pulwama, Shopian and Jammu districts. Those detained include Sehran Bashir, Ubaid Nazir, Umer Amin, Huzaif Shabbir. Nasir Farooq and Showkat Butt. The detainees have been slapped with black

used against us," he as-

serted. The minister said that

Afghans for the last 40 years but now it is expelling them today, so no one should have any problem with this. "We expect Afghani-

send anyone back, we are not supposed to take the consent from their [country's] foreign offices for doing so. It is our sovereign decision that Pakistan has taken as a state, he said.

tion, Achakzai said that the Afghan government doesn't even have a plan B for this issue so it is their problem how they deal with the deportation. The minister went on

to say that 800 people are fleeing every other day. ful of terrorists present in Around a thousand mi grants have been sent back after taking them in custody from Balochistan, he added.

Achakzai then lauded the Sindh government for cooperating with the Balochistan government in the action.

the provincial government is deporting 10,000 undocumented Afghans is not being used. It is a fact through the Chaman border on a daily basis.

NAB (Balochistan) organizes inter university declamation competition QUETTA (PR): NAB (Balochistan) organized inter-university declamation competi-

tion (English) which was conducted at BUITEMS University, Quetta other day.

Director NAB Mr. Haroon Rasheed, Deputy Director Mr. Khuram Shehzad, Director Students Affairs BUITEMS Mr. Umar Khalid alongwith certain number of students witnessed the event. Associate Professors namely Mr. Tahir Shahood, Ms. Javeria Abdul Haq and Ms. Shumaila Azmat were judges of the event. During the competition, the participating students described corruption as curse for society. It is spoken that corruption has become deep routed in our nation. Now its no time to blame anyone for this, we have to act to eradicate it from our society. We have to comply with Islamic values in our lives to save the country.

Later on Director NAB Mr. Haroon Rasheed appreciated the efforts of students and asked them to step forward for the betterment of this country. Lastly, results were announced by the judges whereby Mr. Gul Muhammad from University of Balochistan won the first position.

It is informed that NAB (Balochistan) has organized Poster, Calligraphy, Essay Writing and Declamation competitions from 06 November to 08 November, 2023 for



disseminating message against corruption to masses. Poster and Calligraphy competitions were held on 06 November, 2023 at Sardar Bahadur Khan Women University Quetta whereas Essay Writing and Declamation Urdu competitions were held on 7 November, 2023 at Govt Girls College, Quetta.

The students from University of Balochistan Quetta, Sardar Bahadur Khan Women University Quetta, NUML University Quetta, NUST University Quetta, BUITEMS University Quetta, Al-Hamd Islamic University, Quetta, Balochistan University of Medical and Health Sciences Quetta, University Law College Quetta, Balochistan University of Engineering and Technology Khuzdar, Lasbella University, University of Loralai, University of Turbat and University of Gwadar, actively participated in these contests.

PM calls for holding Israel....

Continued from page 1 The prime minister said the situation needed to be addressed as per the resolutions of Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and United Nations

Security Council (UNSC). He urged the member countries to push for a ceasefire and support the call for the provision of humanitarian aid, besides rallying efforts to hold Israel to account.

He urged the participating countries and the international community to rally behind to have a humanitarian corridor so that the unfortunate and defenceless people of Palestine could be helped out.

Prime Minister Kakar also apprised the regional leaders of the unabated Indian atrocities in the Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu & Kashmir, and emphasised the ECO countries to support Kashmiris in achieving their right of self-determination. He also touched upon

the issues of intolerance, violence and xenophobia, and called upon the ECO members and international community to work for building legal deterrence against Islamophobia while maintaining mutual respect, and harmony and co-existence. The prime minister is on a two-day visit of Uzbekistan mainly to attend the summit, besides engaging with the leaders of different countries to discuss mutual coopera-

Meanwhile Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Thursday, reiterating Pakistan's commitment to the ECO Vision 2025, called for collective

forms to achieve the Organisation's objectives and region's trade potential for bringing "colossal" economic and peace dividends.

"Let us make ECO an organisation, not just of words, but actions, not just commitments but implementation. It is crucial for us to work collectively and diligently to realise the goals and objectives of the Organisation... Our region, if well connected, can bring colossal economic and peace dividends for our people," the prime minister said addressing the 16th Summit of the Economic Cooperation Organisation

The prime minister's address encompassed an array of issues, including the ECO's existing trade and true potential, the humanitarian situation in Gaza, Indian atrocities in the Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir, Íslamophobia as well as the ECO's projects of regional connectivity.

He said being blessed with natural resources, geographical linkages and cultural heritage, the ECO region had been unable to exploit its true trade potential as it had just two percent share in global trade and percent eight intraregional trade.

He said in 2022, the trade within the ECO region was recorded at \$39 billion against \$577 billion with the world and the intraregion exports also stood at \$46 billion.

He said the ECO Vision 2025, which was adopted by the 13th ECO Summit in Islamabad had called for increasing regional trade,

efforts and accelerated restrengthening connectivity, operationalising major transport corridors and seeking energy security.

Calling for deliberations to expand share in the global and intra-region trade, he emphasised reducing barriers, developing infrastructure, and formulating environment-friendly and sustainable policies, besides reducing poverty. Prime Minister Kakar

supported the ECO's corridor-based approach like Kyrgyzstan-Tajikistan-Afghanistan-Iran (KTAI), Islamabad-Tehran-Istanbul (ITI). Kazakhstan-Turkmenistan-Iran (KTI) and others, and said the integrated transport projects would help promote trade and connectivity. Mentioning the revival

of the Istanbul-Tehran-Islamabad rail project, the prime minister said Pakistan was upgrading its rail infrastructure to speed up the flow of goods. He also called for opening more border points within the ECO region to enhance connectivity and trade.

He said the connectivity projects would also facilitate the private sector. and widen the scope of business and investment. The prime minister

told the regional leaders that Pakistan had established a one-window platform of the Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC) bringing together all traderelated organisations under one umbrella. The government had identified and focused on five areas of investment, including agriculture defence production, IT (information technology), energy and

attended by students and faculty members of the Univer-**Need to create sense...**

The resource person for the workshop was Dr. Abdul

Majid Nasir Assistant Professor Department of Com-

merce/Controller of Examinations of UoT. Dr. Abdul Majid

Nasir discussed various research philosophies and meth-

odologies for conducting research. The workshop was

help us in sorting out many

problems. Jamal Shah said that Iqbal was well aware of this land and its people. He said unfortunately

country's youth was not empowered in a proper way adding that there was a need to create sense of ownership among youngsters and Iqbal had always seen youngsters as future

Change was possible if we make our youngsters well informed decision makers, he added. He said that develop-

was an opera singer and minister recommended her to compose Iqbal's 'Shikwa and Jawab e Shikwa' in opera form.

possible support would be provided in this regard.

in country if transparency, geneuine representation and opportunities to youth were provided.

He said a film on Iqbal

Iqbal Academy Pakistan Director Abdul Rauf Rafiqui, Senator Walid Iqbal and others also paid glowing tributes to Allama

army, paramilitary and Continued from page 1 ment revolution could come

He said that Saira Peter was being made and all

training centres are operating under the Afghan authorities' noses. When you talk on the rhetoric level that our soil law Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) that Afghan soil is being

Govt. to send back registered....

Pakistan has been hosting

stan to do the same and send back the Pakistanis living there illegally," he added. He said that the coun-

try has to assert its sovereign right, which is making sure that any migrant living in Pakistan is documented "And if we want to

Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar, Achakzai said that the stats from the last two years — since the interim Taliban government took over Afghanistan suggest a 500% rise in suicide bombings in Pakistan and a 60% rise in all over

Responding to a ques-

He further stated that

First Lady for improved rehabilitation action plan inclusive of differently-abled persons

Thursday, stressing the im- ing the provision of portance of rehabilitation assistive technology. services, said their scope

She was speaking at the closing ceremony of the preparation of the Strategic Action Plans for the pro- with assistive technology, motion of rehabilitation services in Pakistan.

The five-year comprehensive and inclusive ing awareness in the sociaction plan is being developed by the Ministry of ferently-abled persons and National Health Services end their deprivation by Regulations and Coordina- providing them equal rights tion, provincial health departments, World Health Organization, and ReLaB-HS at the levels of federal and provincial governments, Gilgit-Baltistan, and Azad Jammu & Kashmir.

Begum Alvi said rehabilitation services played an important role in the health sector and helped the tional campaign to make people suffering from illness, accident or disability, return to normal lives.

She mentioned that the scope of rehabilitation services should be extended to all the people, including the persons with disabili-

"These services", she said, "include paying attention to speech and occupa-

ISLAMABAD (APP): tional therapy, and voca-First Lady Samina Alvi on tional rehabilitation, includ-

She said differentlyneeded to be extended to differently-abled persons. abled people constituted 10 to 12 percent of the to 12 percent of the country's population and could play a positive role in the society if provided rehabilitation services and access to mobility.

She emphasized raisand services.

Samina Alvi termed disability a global public health issue, which, she said, required a positive approach by the society to accommodate such people through skilled education and job opportunities.

She called for a naaware the differently-abled persons and their parents about the special job quota at the federal and provincial levels.

She also urged the private sector to provide jobs to such people to make them useful members of the

Head of Mission WHO Dr Palitha Mahipala

appreciated the First Lady for spearheading national awareness campaigns on breast cancer, and rights of persons with disabilities.

He emphasised the need for embedding the rehabilitation services into the healthcare system and improving the people's access to them. He said that every person needed rehabilitation services to avoid further complications and recovering quickly after treat-ment. WHO's Technical Advisor Pauline Kleinitz informed the audience that the rehabilitation "optimises function and helps the people perform daily activities, besides improving

the quality of life" She said that as per estimates, there were 2.4 billion people or one-third world population with health conditions who could benefit from rehabilitation.

She said that WHO was providing necessary advice and assistance to improve the availability of rehabilitation services to fulfill the unmet needs all around the world, especially in the countries like Pakistan. Director General Health Dr Baseer Achakzai and Global Coordinator of ReLab-HS Dr Zia Dawar



session of a consultative meeting on the Formulation of Federal and Provincial Rehabilitation and Assistive Technology Strategic Action Plan.

President, PM urge nation to follow Iqbal's teachings to make country prosperous

ISLAMABAD (Online): President Dr. Arif Alvi and Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar have paid rich tribute to Dr. Allama Muhammad Iqbal on his

146th birth anniversary. In their separate messages, they said Dr. Allama Iqbal was the great benefactor of the Muslims of subcontinent, who envisioned the idea of a separate homeland for them and later his dream was translated into

President Dr. Arif Alvi

The Pakistan Air Force

(PAF) has paid a special tribute to the renowned na-

tional poet Allama Iqbal on

his 146th birth anniversary.

the profound intellectual

contributions found in

Iqbal's poetry. Iqbal's writ-

ings are known for their

The Pakistan Air

depth of thought and vi-

Force spokesperson stated that Iqbal had a strong de-

sire to instill Shaheen's vi-

PAF acknowledged

to national poet

Allama Iqbal

ISLAMABAD (Online): courage in the young gen-

sion, passion for action, its majestic character, PAF

broad perspective, and spokesperson said.

eration

freedom.

spirit of unity, through his the Muslims.

make Pakistan a prosperous nation, we need to follow Allama Iqbal's teachings on Islam and his philosophy of "Khudi" that believes in the promotion of self-respect and human

In his message on Iqbal Day, the Prime Minister Anwaar ul Haq Kakar said Dr. Allama Muhammad Iqbal awakened the consciousness of the Muslims in his message said Iqbal of the subcontinent about was a great thinker who their basic rights which creimbibed in Muslims the ated a spirit of unity among PAF pays tribute

Added, Shaheen rep-

resents a majestic bird.

known for its curiosity and soaring nature, embodying

the spirit of exploration and

The spokesperson further emphasized that the

Shaheen, like the ruler of

vast skies and heights, holds

a unique place in the realm of the bird world.

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and its soaring habits reflect

Its love for the skies

writings and poetry. The Prime Minister
He said in order to said Iqbal's philosophy of Khudi is a unique transformation for humanity to achieve success in this world and hereaf-

He said Iqbal dreamed of a Pakistan a country of peace, political tolerance and brotherhood.

The Prime Minister urged the youth to play a key role in the service and development of the country with positive and progressive thinking as envisioned by Allama Muhammad Iqbal.

Renowned playback singer Mala remembered

ISLAMABAD (APP): Popular playback singer of Urdu and Punjabi films Mala was remembered on her birth anniversary on Thursday. Born on November 9, 1939, in Faisalabad (then Lyalpur) her real name was Naseem Nazli. In the 1960s, Mala was a 'hit pair for singing duet film songs' with famous play-back singer Ahmed Rushdi and they gave numerous hits to the Pakistan film industry. She sang many super hit songs in almost two decades of her singing career in the 1960s and 1970s.

US CDC delegation meets Health Minister cation, capacity building of ISLAMABAD (APP): A

delegation from the US Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Atlanta led by Dr Richard Franka, representative of Global Immunization Division called on Minister for Health Dr Nadeem Jan.

During meeting they discussed mutual areas of interest for cooperation in health sector.

The delegation also included Acting Country Director of CDC in Pakistan, Dr. Jude Tuma as well as Ms. Suzzane Powel from the US Embassy. The minister was ac-

companied by Iftikhar Shalwani, federal Secretary Health and Dr Rana Muhammad Safdar, Strategic Adviser IGH-CDC.

immunization, Polio eradi- the history books.

public health workforce as well strengthening of public health labs in Pakistan.

The minister made mention of the contributions of CDC trained Field Epidemiologists in disease detection and response, Polio eradication as well as the recently encountered COVID-19 pandemic.

Sharing his vision and priorities of the government to protect the health of most vulnerable populations, the minister updated the delegation about initiatives being undertaken to improve essential immunization coverage across Pakistan and plan to interrupt the Polio transmission the soonest possible.

"The national leader-Dr Nadeem Jan ship is committed to use all thanked US CDC for its strengths and resources longstanding collaboration to contain all vaccine preand technical assistance ventable diseases and fiprovided to the country for nally confine Polio virus to

Campaign for registration of house servants and tenants data in full swing

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ISLAMABAD: According to details, following the special orders of Islamabad Capital City Police Officer (ICCPO) Dr. Akbar Nasir Khan the Islamabad Capital City Police Officer (ICCPO) The Islamabad Capital City Police Khan, the Islamabad Capital Police "Knock the Door"

lems faced by the citizens. In this regard, the Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) Islamabad has registered a data of 168 house servants of 362

houses from Bara Kahu

Police Station jurisdiction.



campaign for the registration of employees and tenants is in full swing, a public relations officer said.

He said that, during this campaign various teams of Islamabad Capital Police are going to the streets and door-to-door to ensure the registration of tenants and domestic workers as well as involved in any kind of sus-

The purpose of this campaign is to avoid any untoward incident by maintaining law and order in the federal capital adding that the registration of tenants and domestic workers could not only keep a close watch on miscreants but also prevent the elements

to inquire about the prob- picious activity. Jawad meets Palestine envoy, denounces Israeli aggression

ISLAMABAD (APP): given the sheer number of Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development Jawad Sohrab Malik on Thursday called upon Ambassador of the State of Palestine Ahmed Rabi'i to condemn the rising hostilities and aggression, perpetrated by Israeli occupation forces against innocent civilians in sions, he added.

SAPM Jawad Sohrab Malik, in the meeting, strongly denounced the deliberate targeting of civilian infrastructure, medical services, educational institutions and refugees camps by the Israeli occupation. according to a press release. He further stated that

people i.e., around 2.2 million and the indefinite longevity, 75 years, "Gaza is the mother of all concentration camps"

Genocide, ethnic cleansing, crimes against peace and humanitarian laws were being committed by Israel with impunity and no fear of repercus-The SAPM empha-

sized that the international community, especially the Islamic world, must play an active role in ensuring immediate ceasefire and opening of a humanitarian corridor for uninterrupted relief supplies to the besieged innocent civilians of



ISLAMABAD: Laborers are waiting for customers sitting along the road side at Sector F-7 to hire them for a day job and pay daily wages for the livelihood of their families.

Rain lashes capital city; turns weather cold

ISLAMABAD (APP): Rain of light to moderate intensity lashed the federal capital, like other parts of the country, on Thursday afternoon turning the weather cold and compelling most of the citizens to stay indoors. The rainwind/thunderstorm of low to moderate intensity started around 4:00 pm in the capital city, with hailstorms at a few places, and continued with gaps. The day temperatures have dropped from two to three degrees celsius after the

The rain occurred due to a westerly wave affecting the upper parts of the country which is persisting as per the synoptic situation revealed by the Pakistan Meteorological Department(PMD) earlier.

sory warned the travelers visiting northern areas to remain cautious. The farmers of barani

areas were also advised to manage the crops activities accordingly. During the next 24 hours, rain-wind/thunderstorm with snow over mountains is likely in upper Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Gilgit-Baltistan, Kashmir and northeast Punjab. Isolated hailstorm may also occur during the period. Dry weather is expected in most plain areas of the country. Fog/ smog is likely to occur in plain areas of Punjab during morning hours. The rainfall recorded during the period was Khyber Pakhtunkhwa: Kalam 17mm, Saidu Sharif 09, Malam Jabba 08, Chitral 06, Charat, Mirkhani,

also spoke on the occasion

ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar arrives after completing his two day official visit of Uzbekistan.

PUC spearheads anti-terrorism campaign through unified 'Friday Sermons'

ISLAMABAD (APP): On to the Prime Minister on their respective mosques. Ulema Council (PUC) and its allied parties, Ulema and Mashaykh are set to deliver impactful Friday Sermons under the banner of articulate a unified message Paigham-e-Pakistan.

PUC Chairman Hafiz MuhammadTahir Mahmood Ashrafi, along with prominent figures Allama Ziaullah Shah Bukhari, Pir Naqib-ur-Rahman, Maulana Muhammad Khan Laghari, Allama Aarif Wahidi, and others, had called upon religious scholars and leaders from all schools of thought to vehemently condemn extremism and terrorism in

and Patrolling Highway

Police (PHP) Kotkay ar-

rested a two-member gang

supplying dead chickens

and recovered 300 kg of

meat. According to PFA, on

a tip-off, the action was

taken under the supervision

of Assistant Director of

Punjab Food Authority

Attock, Harmain Ali and in-

charge of PHP, Kotkay Check Post, SI Bilal

Malik and Dawood Sanam,

were loading dead chickens

in an empty vehicle from

the loader rickshaw and

were arrested on the spot.

are several chicken sheds on

Tarbela Road from where

Two suspects, Naz

Sources said that there

Ahmed.

their Friday Sermons. the Special Representative from the pulpit and arch of

Pakistani Diaspora in

Middle East and Islamic Countries, urged Ulema and Mashaykh to against extremism and terrorism, issuing a collective statement and presenting consensus religious decrees (Fatwas) during their Friday Sermons.

He also encouraged educating the general public about the importance and benefits of this united

Expressing his commitment to societal reform and the eradication of terrorism, he asked the religious scholars and leaders Ashrafi who is also to play a substantial role

Gang arrested for

supplying dead chickens,

recovered 300kg meat

Pakhtunkhwa.

All the dead chickens

were destroyed in the pres-

ence of the Food Authority

and the police, and accord-

Hazro police station regis-

the appeal of the Pakistan Religious Harmony and the He vowed to collaborate closely with state institu tions to achieve the common goal of putting an end to extremism and terror-Rejecting any toler-

ance for terrorism within Islam, Ashrafi emphasized "Those who attack the state of Pakistan, its armed forces, security institutions, and the general public are acting against Islamic teachings and are considered enemies of the country.

He asserted that the state and the Pakistan Army had the right to take action against elements posing a threat to the stability and security of the country and targeting its people and institutions.

sheesha cafés continues

ISLAMABAD: Islamabad ISLAMABAD (APP): by loader rickshaws and Capital Police Shalimar po-The teams of Punjab Food taken to farm houses which lice team arrested four ac-Authority (PFA) Attock are sold at food points and cused during the crackdown restaurants established in against illegal sheesha cafes various cities of Khyber and recovered sheesha and hookah from their possession, a public relations officer said. He said that, following the special directions of Islamabad Capital City ing to the complaint of the Police officer (ICCPO) Dr. Assistant Food Officer in Akbar Nasir Khan, the Islamabad Capital Police had categorically started a tering a case under the Food crackdown against criminal elements in order to save the precious lives and property of citizens. Following these

Act, the accused were handed over to police. Chhachh Muhafiz Committee's Senior Vice Chairman Nisar Ali Khan, General Secretary Naseer Khan Jadoon, Social Worker Ismail Khan Ghorghushti and public social circles have appreciated this joint action of Punjab Food Act and Patrolling Police Kotke dead chickens are picked up Check Post.

Action against **Independent Report**

directions the Islamabad Capital Police intensified crackdown against the Sheesha centers in order to eliminate this menace from the city and special efforts were also taken against the accused involved in immoral activities.



ISLAMABAD: A foreigner woman is enjoying the ride of the camel during the annual 10 Days Lok Mela 2023 at Lok Versa in Federal Capital.

IIUI 12th convocation: Pro-chancellor confers gold medals and degrees on female students

dressing a press conference at the National Press Club

ISLAMABAD (Online): 14715 female graduates. The Pro-Chancellor of International Islamic University, Islamabad (IIUI) and President of Ìmam Muhammad Ibn Saud Islamic University, Dr Ahmed Salem Muhammad Al-Ameri conferred gold medals and degrees on female students in the second session of the 12th convocation of university.

On the second day 147 gold medals were awarded to the female students by the chief guest. In the 12th convocation of IIUI, as many as 26992 graduates received the degrees that included 12817 male and leadership.

The University conferred 739 PhD degrees on the male and female students, while a total of 484 students were awarded gold medals in the two-day long mega event.

ISLAMABAD: Tehreek-e-Insaf lawyer Sher Afzal Marwat and others ad-

In his speech, Worthy Pro-Chancellor congratulated the new graduates and said by obtaining degrees, they were stepping into their practical lives. He appreciated the

initiatives of President IIUI, Dr. Hathal Homoud Alotaibi saying that the university was heading to the right direction in his

11 outlaws arrested; drugs and weapons with ammunition recovered

Independent Report ISLAMABAD: Islamabad Capital Police apprehended 11 outlaws from different areas of the city during the last 24 hours and recovered liquor, drugs and weapons with ammunition from their

possession, a public relations officer said. He said that, follow-Islamabad Capital City Police Officer (ICCPO) Dr. Akbar Nasir Khan, the Islamabad Capital Police has intensified crackdown against the criminal ele-

the crime from the city. Following these directions the Secretariat police team arrested an accused from his possession.

ments in order to eliminate

namely Muhammad Naeem involved in illegally selling petrol. The Margalla police team arrested an accused namely Rahimdad and re-covered 155 gram hashish from his possession.

Likewise, the Karachi company police team arrested an accused namely Ahmed Khan and recovered ing the special directions of one 30 bore pistol from his possession. The Shalimar police team arrested an accused namely Hamza Tanveer and recovered one bottle liquor and one dagger from his possession. Similarly, the Ramna police team arrested an accused namely Aziz Khan and recovered 566 gram hashish

declares 25 brands of bottled water unsafe

PCRWR

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan Council of Research

in Water Resources (PCRWR) has declared 25 brands of bottled water unsafe for human consumption due to microbiological or chemical contamination. THE PCRWR collected 197 samples of min-

eral/bottled water brands

from 20 cities for the 3rd

quarter of year 2023 (July to September). A comparison of test results with the bottled water quality standards of Pakistan Standards & Quality Control Authority (PSQCA) has revealed that 25 brands were unsafe for human consumption, according to a statement issued. Nineteen brands (Qudrat Water, Natural, Premium Safa Purified Water, Z Pure Drinking Water, Best Natural, Klear, Sona Water Life Pure Drinking Water, Pure and Healthy Alkaline Water, Aqua 100, Elstein, Aab-e-Haram, Khizer Pure Water, Fine, Barsay, Aab-e-Muskan, Aab-e-Hayat, Indus, Oslo, Fresh smart pure water) were found to be unsafe due to presence of higher levels of sodium, three brands (Khizer pure water, Fine, Indus) were found unsafe due to presence of high level of TDS than the permissible limit, while, one brand (Imperial) was found unsafe due to presence of high level of Potassium than the permissible limit. Similarly, eight brands (Ice Well, Clear, Best Natural, Imperial, Aab-e-Hayat, Pure Life, Aqua Gold, Spring Pure Water) were found

contaminated with bacteria.

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Political revival

The hitherto moribund political atmosphere has picked up a pulse. With the PML-N and MQM announcing they will be joining hands, the political wheeling and dealing that precedes every election has begun in earnest.

Over the coming weeks, the reconfiguration of the political landscape will be a topic for intense speculation and debate. It will be interesting to see what new alliances emerge from the current con-

It is amusing to observe the MQM joining hands with a new 'partner' to seek, for the umpteenth time, a charter to address the problems of urban Sindh. The party has by now built a formidable reputation for its ability to manoeuvre to the right side of every new government, but this marriage of convenience is still likely to be a hard sell for its constituencies.

It is perhaps due to this realisation that the MQM has denied reports of an 'alliance' with the PML-N and played it down as a mere 'seat adjust-

It also seems that the long-foretold parting of ways between the PPP and PML-N health hazards for all the citiis nigh. The parties have had zens of the country's second largest city ardinary an uneasy relationship since people's thoughts seem lost August, and a PML-N-led coalition seeking inroads into the city. the PPP's turf may prove the last straw for Messrs Asif Zardari and Bilawal Bhutto-

While the former has welcomed the challenge, the PPP need for perpetual good govis growing increasingly antsy emance and good policies. about what it sees as collu- night. It will take decades of sion between PML-N and the sensible management of air quality to improve the ternot for an individual, but for ship. The MQM was parsecurity establishment. To rible numbers on the AQI a policy and an agenda that ticularly efficient in this and counter the PML-N, PPP has said it is open to a deal with the PTI in Punjab.

It is doubtful if such an arrangement can materialise given how strongly the two parties have been opposed to each other. But politics, as they say, is the art of the possible, and one cannot rule out surprises as long as Mr Zardari is in the game.

It also remains to be seen presidential election, no US which way Jahangir Tareen's voter with any sense would vote for Joe Biden. He is a Istehkam-i-Pakistan Party is heartbeat away from exgoing to lean in the days the clout tinction. Those who have taken leave of their senses will vote for Donald and resources to make a Trump. He is a judge's breath away from a jail senstrong showing in south tence. Punjab, and both the PML-N At the moment, Trump faces 91 criminal and PPP would want it on charges. Imran Khan claims their side because of their own weakened positions.

Given the direction the MOM has chosen, IPP may victed and sentenced, and soon follow suit. However, till — much to the chagrin of his opponents — he could that happens, the province still be re-elected as presiremains wide open — especially if the PTI remains subject to the ongoing state crackdown and is forced to either sit out or fight the upcoming elections with its hands tied.

In KP, the JUI-F has re- dency." Or granting himself mained close to PML-N, but a presidential pardon once he is in the Oval Office. recent developments seem to (Nixon after Watergate suggest a cooling relation-

A meeting between the party's chief and several PTI Ambrose Bierce, the 19thleaders recently sparked century American satirist. He began: "The fact that considerable speculation. Jim Jones was buried was Was it a flash in the pan or to him not incontrovertible proof that he was dead. Jim the start of something unexpected? We may not have to wait too long before we find out.

Elusive climate justice



Ali Taugeer Sheikh

No other climate issue has divided the Global South and Global North in international climate negotiations as much as the question of setting up of the loss and damage fund (LDF). Developed and developing countries have shouted at each other in a dialogue of the deaf because the two subscribe to two distinct principles, if not paradigms. Developing countries have traditionally argued for 'shared but differentiated responsibility', enunciated as Principle 7 of the Rio Declaration of 1992, arguing that industrialised countries responsible for emissions in the atmosphere since the Industrial Revolution have a historical responsibility to support developing countries. Led by America, developed countries have traditionally reand refused to engage in dis-cussions on liability or compensation Dr Saleemul Haq, my

friend from Bangladesh and

lifetime warrior for loss and

damage who, sadly, just left this world, exercised leadership and struggled to ensure that the Paris Agreement recognised "the importance of averting, minimising, and addressing loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change". The EU and US have, however, insisted on extending support to only the least developed countries. The EU also made its contributions to the fund conditional on contributions from China. It was a coded way of diluting the principle of historical responsibility by engaging China and other emerging economies, as well as oil-rich economies such as Saudi Arabia and the UAE, as contributors. The EU and US positions were based on Principle 6 of the Rio Declaration that recommends 'special priority' be given to LDCs.

The emphasis on LDCs excludes middle-income countries such as Pa-

It is true that Pakistan's

jected this responsibility tionately exposed to climate risks and disasters. As chair of the Group of 77, Pakistan drew attention to the country's climate vulnerability and argued that loss and damage support should also be extended to vulnerable countries even if they were not LDCs. Pakistan's advocacy to set up the LDF was successful at COP27 held in November 2022. A transitional committee was created to resolve fundamental issues to operationalise the LDF. The key questions included:

> i) allocation, ii) governance, iii) scale of funding, and iv) eligibility criteria for recipient countries

The basic differences between developed and developing countries are rooted in two distinct standpoints. The transitional committee failed to resolve them in its four meetings but eventually a special meeting in Dubai resolved the issue as fol-

Allocation: Developed countries have agreed to make financial contributions to the LDF on a voluntary basis only. There will be no obligatory conkistan that are dispropor- tributions. Additionally, it

is agreed that the LDF will seek contributions from philanthropists, bilateral and multilateral institutions, the private sector and. possibly, from carbon markets, pricing mechanisms, and other such instruments that can serve to complement grants concessional loans from public and private sources It is agreed that financing instruments, such as social protection, contingency finance, catastrophe-risk insurance, and catastrophe bonds will be used. This wide-ranging menu will enable the LDF to use grants, concessional loans, and

Governance: Developing countries have grudgingly accepted the American proposal to let the World Bank host the LDF for the first four years. They had initially argued the bank was not independent enough to administer the fund, and that it would give donor countries outsized influence over decision-making. The governance system for the LDF is, however, not fully determined yet, as the transitional committee charged with making recommenda-

blended lending.

agree on key aspects of the

board and its role. Scale: The proposed amount for the fund is not vet clear as sources of funding and types of financing have not been agreed upon thus far. It is still expected that the LDF will add a third pillar to the global climate finance landscape, as the other two pillars — mitigation and adaptation — are operational. Developing countries have proposed at least \$100 billion by 2030 to address irreversible damage caused by climate change. Globally, climate economists have estimated that the measurable annual cost to developing nations will reach over \$400bn by 2030, and above \$1 trillion

Eligibility: The eligibility criteria for prioritising financing has not yet been finalised and the final decision will hinge on several factors particularly sources of funding and the type of funds made available to the LDF. It is, however, certain that LDCs and small island developing countries will be given the first preference, while for other developing countries special-purpose windows are expected to be established. For countries

struction challenges (as seen after last year's floods), some trigger-based mechanisms could perhaps be developed for fast-track support in case of disasters. The LDF could use a combination of 'needs-based' (a country's economic and financial limitations and vulnerability) and 'performance-based' (a country's ability and performance in utilising the allocated finances) criteria to assign funds. The consensus reached on operationalising the fund is precarious and this, together with the war in Gaza, will cast a long shadow on the climate summit later this month. The proposed fund has potenfially become entangled with several central issues of the climate summit, particularly the phasing out of coal and other fossil fuels, approval of the Global Stocktake report, carbon trading mechanisms, and mobilising private sector finance for both adaptation and mitigation. It will now influence the main negotiating text and the outcomes of the Conference of the Par-

such as Pakistan that expe-

rience large-scale rehabilita-

tion, resettlement and recon-

People and governance



Kamila Hyat

Even as elections approach, the people's will to demand what they need most of all appears to be largely absent. Amidst the smog that holds Lahore in a perpetual haze of brown and creates major ond-largest city, ordinary in time and the darkness which has descended over Some ask how facto-

ries or brick kilns can be closed down given that this would mean a loss of jobs and livelihoods. Of course they are not incorrect but what people seem to find movements more effective difficult to understand is the Nothing can change over-

that Lahore and other cities can change their lives and in the region record every

history of agitation led by civilians is somewhat limited. But there are examples of people coming out to demand rights and move towards their goals. The MRD movement of the 1980s was an example of how mass gatherings could create some impact on leadership. We also have the peasants uprising in Okara, the civil rights movement in the former tribal areas, and the Haq Do Tehreek in Gwadar. There are many other examples from across the country and through time. But people must realize that it is they who suffer when governments do not deliver. and it is they who must make a difference.

Their ability to do so has been largely curtailed by the ban on student unions and the collapse of labour unions. But even so groups and make voices louder. Paragendas that can be taken up by people. At the same time, ordinary voters need to rec-

improve the quality of the manner in which they live.

This has become particularly important given the kind of inflation and other problems we currently face. It seems inevitable that at some point people will rise up against the hike in prices that has deprived so many households of even their most basic needs. But when this will happen, we do not know. We do know that it will; there is simply no other way forward. And it must happen in order to make the state realize that only by protecting the welfare of people can it protect national security

People meanwhile need to be clear about what they need and demand of their governments that they deliver on these needs which range from basic education to healthcare. There was a time when parties such as the MOM and also for a short period the PPP orgamust join hands to make nized committees at the mohalla (neighbourhood) level to talk to people and ties need to put forward highlight their needs by allowing local representatives to collect the demands of people in a particular area and put it before the leader-

realized that the top leadership of the party did not need to wear rainboots and show itself cleaning out streets filled with water but instead organize local governments which could do this. The same needs to happen again.

As we move towards

elections, there must be

tions for the fund could not

some effort to politicize the people who have lost their sense of politics. There must be an effort to persuade them that it is they who are the key players in any election, even if the posters put forward pictures of leaders from various parts of the country and from various political ideologies. The people must make their demands and they must make them collectively. It is true that there have been varied attempts to put forward ideas and thoughts, with the Students Collective and other groups somewhat successful in doing this. But a scattered demand for rights cannot work. The various groups that are currently attempting to represent the people need to do so collectively. They also need to stop criticizing each other

least a basic agenda. This basic agenda must be led by the rights of the

and work together on at

people to live – and to live a life which contains some quality. This ranges from offering employment and a reduction in inflation to other needs such as clean air and clean drinking water for the masses. At the present stand that we need powertime, most people in the country have no access to potable water with most of what people drink polluted in many different ways.

in the emergency rooms of almost every hospital in the We know that the problem of air pollution has continued year after year. We also know that the inflation rate we see at the present time makes life virtually impossible for people. The challenge then is to change this. People must understand how to use their through the right of peaceful association guaranteed to

Right now, even the air we

breathe in Lahore and

neighbouring cities brings

with it new dangers that can

create sickness and major

health problems as is visible

again and again. But the rights it gives people must be protected and people must rise up to claim these rights themselves. Nobody is going to hand these to them on a platter. We must also under-

ties. -- Courtesy Dawn

ful local governments for anything to work. People must be able to approach leaders and demand help in various areas. If they are not able to do so, nothing will move forward or change will not occur as is desirable. But beyond local governments, people need to make sure parties put forward policies that are workable and that can change their lives. After all, laws which lay down the hours of a working day and set the time of 9 to 5 for it in most workplaces came fairly late in the day in Europe and other countries. It needs to be implemented now here where too many people still work far longer hours vote and how to put forward than the law allows. They their needs. They can do this must also be given the proonly by laying out what is tection of the law in other required and agitating for this matters and people who understand the law must help them demand what are them by the constitution of their most basic rights at a Pakistan It is true that this time when the country once constitution has been largely again finds itself in crisis. ignored and trampled on - Courtesy TheNews

Bars and ballots



F.S. Aijazuddin

In the forthcoming 2024 US

he has 150 cases arraigned against him. Both describe their persecution as 'witch

Trump could be con-

According to one US legal expert: "The constitution has very few requirements to serve as president, such as being at least 35 years of age. It does not bar anyone indicted, or convicted, or even serving jail time, from running as president and winning the presimight have done, given the chance.)

Trump's tenacity reminds one of the opening lines of a short story by Jones was always a hard man to convince.

The fact that Trump could be in jail during his election campaign is not an insurmountable obstacle to

the presidency: Trump has ernment without elections; always been a hard man to

There is a parallel between the forthcoming elections in the US and those in Pakistan. While the date of the US elections is graven in stone (even if their results are not, as Trump demonstrated

Novem-ber 2020), the date of Pakistan's next elections has been treated as a bauble, a plaything in the hands of those who should not have trivialised their duty to the electorate.

Some might see that the president, the chief election commissioner and the chief justice (CJ) of the Supreme Court — all three being paid out of the same national exchequer — have been passing the cushion of responsibility regarding elections since August 2023, when the assemblies were dissolved. The CEC used the intervening time to develop a thesaurus of excuses why elections could not or should not be held within the constitutional

time limit. Finally, after months of unconscionable prevarication, the CEC proposed Feb 11 to the CJ of the Supreme Court. His Lordship advised the CEC to consult the president, whom the CEC in August had refused to meet just for that purpose. After a stylised performance of belated amity in the Aiwan-i-Sadr, these two decided on yet another

date — Feb 8. The CJ has often advised those appearing before him to avoid citing US judicial precedents. He might consider allowing this exception — a reference to the US presidential election of 1864. The divided states of America were in the throes of a civil war. In November 1864, Abraham Lincoln (then president), had to choose between conducting an elec-

tion or postponing it. He decided to go ahead and hold them, arguing: "We cannot have free gov-

and if the rebellion could force us to forgo, or postpone a national election it might fairly claim to have already conquered and ruined us." Lincoln took the risk. He could have lost. Instead, he won, both the election and in time also the

Here in Pakistan, we have been conquered by our own civic feebleness. We have been ruined by our political inertia. We have allowed ourselves to believe that our 50-year old Constitution is subordinate to the whims of official func-

We can vote only when we are allo-wed to. One more step backwards and we will be told who to vote for and in what numbers, and which parties should be melded into a parliamentary majority.

The year 2024 has yet to etch its own history. The year 2019 is already a date in the almanac. On July 22 that year, two men met in the White House — president Donald Trump and prime minister Imran Khan. Their formal parleys gushed with unfelt bonhomie which overflowed into an over-long tour by the president of his White House. (One Pakistani attendee later complained that the guests tired before

their host did.) Today finds Imran Khan in a Pakistani jail. Donald Trump, if convicted, may soon find himself inside an American one.

Ironically, it is their popularity that has unnerved their opponents who wish that someone, anyone, would rid them of these meddlesome popu-

On or after Feb 9. 2024, Imran Khan will know whether he will be a free man or not. His captors should be careful. Like others in history, the longer he is coiled captive, the stronger and more dangerous he becomes. -- Cour-

Eretz Israel



Asad Rahim Khan

It started as does so much colonial mass murder, with a bureaucrat from the British Empire. "In Palestine we do

not propose even to go through the form of consulting the wishes of the present inhabitants of the country," wrote British foreign secretary Arthur Balfour in 1919, "... And Zionism, be it right or wrong, good or bad, is ... of far profounder import than the desires and prejudices of the 700,000 Arabs who now inhabit that ancient land.'

Freedom came cheap to Balfour; he'd become prime minister in the aftermath of his generals driving thousands of Boers into concentration camps in South Africa — the barbarism of which would disgust his own voters, and be replicated with greater efficiency by Nazi Germany. Today, his dour face graces Israeli postage stamps, while the Balfour Declaration is hailed as the start of a 'Jewish homeland'

Even back then, Zionism fed on antisemitism as fire feeds on oxygen. "The antisemites will become our most dependable friends," founding father Theodore Herzl wrote, "the antisemitic countries our allies." Because, as both Zionists and antisemites believed, the Jews were an alien race among European nations — the latter's Nazi atrocities cushioning Zionist émigrés in Palestine with a layer of white guilt. (Herzl's Jewish critics, surprise-surprise, favoured just staying put and integrating.)

But it was also a passing of the torch, if from one coloniser to another: amid the empire's dying sighs, a ferocious new ethno-state was murdering its way into existence in 1948. Calling

this what it is, however—a textbook bout of settler-colonialism—is still met with fury. "The decolonisation narrative has dehumanised Israelis,' writes Simon Sebag Montefiore in the Atlantic, "to the extent that otherwise rational people excuse, deny, or support barbarity."

As a rational person excusing, denying, or supporting barbarity, Simon downplays how the idea of Israel could only happen via the screams of the displaced: how children were shot on sight in Lydda (now the bustling Israeli city of Lod), or how entire villages were depopulated, like Saliha (now a kibbutz named Yiron). "Many families fled their homes," writes a Gaza journalist, "in part due to their concerns over their women being raped by Zionist forces.' Yet for all of Zion's

current apologists -Sunak, von der Leyen, and that vilest of neoliberal hypocrites, Barack Obama the beauty and integrity of the Jewish spirit is to be found elsewhere. As Israeli filmmaker Hadar Morag said of her grandmother, late of Auschwitz, whose entire family had been exterminated by the Holocaust, and who was allotted a nice beach-house in Jaffa: "She saw that on the table there were still the plates of the Palestinians who had lived there, and who had been driven away. She returned to the agency and said, Take me back to my tent, I'll never do to someone else that which has been done to me'." Others felt differently. Over the next halfcentury, as the Israeli war machine gobbled up more and more land, and the Gulf sheikhdoms shook their fists at the sky, Tel Aviv was defeated by its own extraordinary success: when Ariel

Sharon enabled genocide in Sabra and Shatila in 1982 declared the g-word by a resolution of the UN General Assembly, no less - it was Hezbollah that was born in Beirut's ashes.

Hamas, too, was long thought a crew of useful cutthroats (before Oct 7's spree-shooting paragliders shattered that complacency for good): Netanyahu enjoyed affording them room as a spoiler for the peace process. "Those who want to thwart the establishment of a Palestinian state should support the streng-thening of Hamas," he told his party in 2019. "... This is part of our strategy, to differentibet-ween the Pales-tinians in Gaza and the Pal-estinians in Judea and Samaria.'

But by spilling rivers of blood as routinised policy, the logic of Eretz Israel, a greater Israel, fails: a gross fantasy that, by definition, must be pursued by ever worse monsters. As this contributor wrote nearly a decade ago, even a butcher like Sharon considered Netanyahu an aberration: a far-right huckster who would upend the general's carefully laid plans for apartheid. As Sharon put it, "It is impossible to have a Jewish, democratic state and at the same time to control all of Eretz Israel. If we insist on fulfilling the dream in its entirety, we are liable to lose it all. Everything.'

That is now happening: at no other time has the idea of Eretz Israel seemed so intellectually bankrupt and plainly murderous — a haze of bombed-out hospitals, dead children, and plans for ethnic cleansing all the way to the sands of the Sinai — backed by the slack-jawed Joe Biden and Lockheed Martin's soaring stocks. With each day that passes without a ceasefire, that idea will continue to seep poison.

Because until Palestine is free, 'never again' is now. -- Courtesy Dawn

Research based education vital for societal progress: Governor Punjab

Independent Report Punjab Governor Muhammad Balighur Rehman underscored the paramount importance of researchbased education and training as the cornerstone for societal advancement

and prosperity. Governor expressed these remarks in an insightful third convocation at the Muhammad Nawaz Sharif Agricultural University (MNSUA), here on

Thursday. Addressing the students, he highlighted the transformative power of individual capacity building, stressing its positive impact on families, the nation, and humanity.

The event witnessed the conferral of numerous accolades, including gold medals and 2038 degrees bestowed upon graduates. Balighur Rehman education, urging the fusion of training and academic pursuits to propel students

others, polite discourse, need for investment in human resources, and the importance of research in today's world.

He wished the students to critically assess the accuracy of information on social media before accepting it. He students to discourage the spread of hatred.

Baligh stressed that students to check measures for the promotion of education and health. Funds for higher education were raised from 2013 to 2018. Corruption is

a holistic approach to by upholding respect and

He also championed the commercialization of research and the promotion He highlighted the of a knowledge-based significance of respecting economy.

Punjab Governor also inaugurated a sports complex costing Rs 250 million to promote healthy activities. Besides this, he also inaugurated the wheat sowing campaign in the varsity. His initiatives align with the mission to develop the institution into a world-class university.

Vice Chancellor Dr Asif Ali expressed gratitude collaborative efforts of the Punjab Government, the Education Higher Commission, philanthropists in the university's development.



LAHORE: Caretaker Chief Minister Punjab Mohsin Naqvi inaugurates 'Sikh Yatra Booking Portal' for religious tourism program.

Change of guard ceremony held at Iqbal mausoleum

LAHORE (APP): A He laid a wreath at Dr. prestigious change of guard Iqbal's grave, offered ceremony took place at the prayers for the progress mausoleum of Dr. Allama and prosperity of the Muhammad Iqbal (RA) here on Thursday, commemorating the 146th birth anniversary of the poet of the east, a philosopher and a visionary leader who aspired to create a separate homeland for the Muslims of the Indian subcontinent.

A smartly turned-out contingent from the Pakistan Navy, dressed in immaculate uniforms, assumed their ceremonial guard duties traditional enthusiasm. Simultaneously, Pakistan Rangers vacated the

Commodore Sajid Hussain, the Station Commander of Pakistan Navy Lahore, graced the occasion as the chief guest. nationwide.

nation and penned his thoughts in the Visitors'

The Khateeb of Badshahi Masjid and the Chairman of the Ruet-e-Hilal Committee, were also in attendance, prayed for the elevated status of the late poet in the afterlife, a prosperous Pakistan, the freedom of Palestine, and the end of hardships of the Palestinians.

Punjab Muhammad Balighur Rahman also laid a wreath at Dr. Allama Muhammad Iqbal's grave, offered Fateha, and recorded his sentiments in the Visitors' book. In honor of Allama Iqbal's birth anniversary, the federal government declared a public holiday

Iqbal's poetry a bright chapter in history of **Urdu language**

RAWALPINDI (APP): Manzoor said that Allama Rawalpindi Punjab Arts Council in collaboration with All Pakistan Private history of Urdu language. Schools Management Association organized Kalam-e-Iqbal, Speech and Tableau competitions to mark Iqbal Day in a befitting manner. Naheed Manzoor and

Director of Arts Council Waqar Ahmed were the chief guests of the competitions, While competitions, Member DRA Rawalpindi & President APPSMA Malik Ibrar Ahmad Khan and Divisional President APPSMA Aamir

Addressing ceremony,

Muhammad Iqbal's poetry is a bright chapter in the Allama Iqbal gave the Muslims of the subcontinent political backing through his speech. He woke up the nation from the dream of neglect and awakened the spirit to decide their destiny, she added.

Director Arts Council Waqar Ahmad said that Allama Iqbal gave a message of unity to the Muslim Ummah through his poetry.

He is considered as a participated in the modern Sufi. His main ceremony as guests of tendency in poetry was towards Sufism and the the revival of the Islamic Naheed Ummah.



KARACHI: Mayor Murtaza Wahab is writing note on the board regarding the attack of Israel on Palestine, at Palestine Foundation Camp at Numaish Chowrangi area of the Provincial Capital.

Sindh CM pays

homage to

Allama Igbal

KARACHI (APP): Sindh

Caretaker Chief Minister

Justice ® Maqbool Baqar,

Thursday, said that the people of Sindh pay

The CM, in his

message on Iqbal Day, said

that people of Indo-Pak

sub-continent acknowledge

Allama Ighal's academic

intellectual and political

Poet of the East

presented the concept of a

moderate and enlightened

Islamic society, he said

adding that the teachings of

Allama Iqbal presented a

composite set of solutions

to the contemporary issues

that Allama Igbal was a

great supporter of Pan-

Islamic unity and he had

reverence and affection for

For the glorious permanence of Pakistan,

we have to move forward

with unity, Justice (retd) Maqbool Baqir urged.

Dense smog

grips city

BAHAWALPUR (APP):

Dense and heavy smog has

gripped Bahawalpur city

and entire region Thursday,

causing difficulties for

engulfed the whole

Bahawalpur region for the

last few days. It has

disrupted routine traffic

management has also urged

people avoid coming out of

home without necessary

work. People were asked

must wear face mask and

glasses when they come out

and forced people to remain

smog

The Sindh CM said

Muhammad Iqbal.

services.

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The



during the 3rd Convocation of the Muhammad Nawaz Shareef University of

Naqvi for comprehensive renovation plans for Iqbal's shrine, Badshahi Mosque

Independent Report LAHORE: Punjab Caretaker Chief Minister Nagvi on Mohsin promptly Thursday addressed concerns

regarding the state of Allama Muhammad Iqbal's shrine. Noting the deteriorated condition of

the marble, as well as the dim lighting and discolored walls, he called for a comprehensive plan for the shrine's renovation. Emphasizing the significance of upholding the dignity of a revered figure like Allama Muhammad Iqbal, the chief minister stressed the need

He directed the replacement of worn-out marble within Mazar-i-Iqbal and mandated the restoration of its interior to its original state.

for immediate restoration

Furthermore, Chief

underscored importance of restoring the Badshahi Mosque's exterior to its authentic Director General Walled renovation project.

form. He instructed the within the ongoing

Naqvi inaugurates 'Sikh

Independent Report

LAHORE (APP): Pakistan has launched groundbreaking religious tourism programme designed facilitate Sikhs eager to visit their sacred places in the

This initiative represents the first of its kind in Pakistan. As part of this program, Sikh pilgrims from across the globe can now conveniently make online hotel bookings through the "Sikh Yatra Booking Portal."

Moreover, they have the option to hire security services and arrange transportation, with the added privilege of VIP status during their tours.

During the inauguration ceremony of the "Sikh Yatra Booking Portal," Chief Minister Punjab Mohsin Naqvi stressed the importance of extending full hospitality to Sikh pilgrims, ensuring a seamless and obstacle-free experience during their visit to Pakistan. He announced the establishment of a dedicated Tourism Police force to actively promote religious tourism in Punjab.

Dr Mambal Singh, a member of the Parbandhak Committee, thanked the CM for initiating the "Sikh Yatra Booking Portal." He emphasized the significance of this development, making it remarkably convenient Minister Mohsin Naqvi | for Sikhs who typically visit Pakistan four times a year.

Nawaz Sharif and Imran Four people shot dead in should get justice before Sargodha elections, Javed Latif

LAHORE (Online): PML-N Leader Javed Latif said that Mian Nawaz Sharif and Chairman PTI Imran that the procedure is to Khan should get justice before elections

Justice should always wants to grow a plant of be same for everyone. If May 9th is wrong. Why homage to the great philosopher and Poet of the East, Dr. Allama should be punished so as to identify who is the wellwisher of the country. Honor the vote does not admit that you are worker mean give me turn without of Chairman PTI. Why mean give me turn without the vote. All political parties should get level

playing field. While addressing press conference in Lahore

nowadays two or three establish a commission on WhatsApp. Anyone who the pending cases of Chairman PTI should be fixed? Even today you don't you condemn the mastermind of 9th and 10th May? Chairman PTI was brought by closing RTS. Saqib Nisar to Justice



Javed Latif addresses to media persons during press conference, at Lahore press club.

CTD launches massive operation across Sindh

response to the current security situation, the Terrorism Department (CTD) of Sindh has initiated a comprehensive combing and search operation across all ranges of the province. The operation, conducted in collaboration with police teams, aims to preempt any untoward incidents.

Teams have been

KARACHI (APP): In Superintendents of Police (DSPs) equipped with Talash app devices in their respective areas. The operation spans the entirety of Sindh, including major cities like Karachi, Hyderabad, Larkana, Mirpurkhas, and Shaheed Benazirabad. As part of the security measures, snap checking processes implemented at specific locations, and searches were strategically mobilized, conducted by cordoning off

SARGODHA (APP): At

least four people including two women were gunned down over domestic issues here at Ghalla purr under the jurisdiction of Midh Ranjha police station on Police said that

Ahmed Shair (40) r/o Midh Ranjha had a domestic dispute with his close relatives including Faisal (30),Urfah (25),Magsooda (60) and Sarfraz (44) over some family issues.On the day of incident he killed all the four after opening firing at them.

information, Regional Police Officer Sargodha Region (RPO) Sharuk Kamal Sidiqui, District Police Officer (DPO) Muhammad Faisal Kamran along with Investigation team and police reached the spot and shifted the bodies to hospital for autopsy and necessary legal formalities.

RPO ordered to nab the murderer at the earliest.

KP govt introduces paperless file work titled **"KP Digital Workspace"**

PESHAWAR (Online): The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government has achieved another milestone towards governance by introducing paperless file work system titled KP Digital Workspace in departments of the

Caretaker Chief Minister Muhammad Azam khan formally launched the newly introduced system at a ceremony held here at Chief Minister's House. With this launch, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has become the first province in the government departments.

Besides Caretaker Cabinet Members, Additional Chief Secretary P&D, administrative secretaries of concerned departments, representatives of Partner Organizations, Project Team Members and government officials

system, it was informed that initially, "Digital Workspace" is being executed in four different administrative departments including Finance, Higher Education, administrative Science & Information Technology and Sports whereas after two months period, it would be extended to rest of the departments in a phased manner. It was further informed that the initiative will enhance efficiency, ensure transparency and improve service delivery in governmentdepartments. Moreover, the initiative is country to go towards expected to lead to digitalization in the substantial cost savings on stationary and reduce environmental impact by cutting paper usage. The caretaker Chief Minister Muhammad Azam Khan while addressing the ceremony, termed "The KP Digital Workspace" as testament government's commitment

government official attended the ceremony.

Rriefing the efficiency in public service to modernize governance system and enhance



LAHORE: Pakistan Navy Lahore Station Commander, Commodore Sajid Hussain offering Fateha during Change of Guard Ceremony on the occasion of Allama Iqbal Day, held at Allama Iqbal Mausoleum in Lahore.

Commandant PMA underscores unity, solidarity in country

ABBOTTABAD (APP): Commandant of Pakistan Military Academy (PMA) Kakul Major General Iftikhar Hassan Chaudhry on Thursday underscored

at Army Burnhall College for Women Abbottabad.

driving force for success in life. He encouraged individuals to approach every task with dedication and strive to perform it to the best of their abilities, making it hard for anyone to match their efforts.

as a Muslim community, support for the distri Palestinians will be and

as a collective family. He the vital role of education highlighted the significance in shaping one's life. of parental blessings and He expressed these prayers and called on views while addressing the students to cultivate a annual Parents' Day sense of dedication to lead the nation forward. He expressed the vision that through He stressed the collective sacrifice and mportance of passion as a dedication, Pakistan can

reach a point where its children can find fulfilment and employment within the country, reducing the need to seek opportunities abroad. He asserted that those who wish to leave Pakistan lack genuine In his address, he also dedication, emphasizing emphasized the need for the paramount importance unity and solidarity in the of national unity and country, emphasizing that, solidarity. Earlier, Major General the distributed shields, medals, commendation essential. Commandant certificates to the top-PMA reminded the performing students.

audience that Pakistan's

familial system differs

from the Western world,

emphasizing that the

nation progresses and fails

Contract signed Govt of Japan extended grant of US\$ 59,304 to PRADO for expanding Sachal edu. academy

Independent report KARACHI:

extended a grant of US\$ 59,304 to Participatory Research and Development Organization (PRÂDO) for "The Project for Expanding Sachal Educational Academy in Shora Village, Jamshoro District, Sindh" under the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP). The grant contract

was signed between the Consul-General of Japan, Mr. ODAGIRI Toshio and President of PRADO, Mr. Abdul Wahid. The specific grant

will be primarily utilized for expanding the school building in a remote for the school.

locality of Jamshoro to be able to cater to the ideal of Government of Japan fulfilling the basic human rights of education in mainly in the rural areas of

working in the field of education since 2010,



expansion of the school, the GGP grant awarded to the PRADO will furnish the necessary equipment

Sindh. In addition to the Sindh. In 2017, they implemented construction of two primary schools in Matiari

Dosti Peshawar Literature Festival held Women

PESHAWAR (Online): The Dosti Peshawar Women Literature Festival, 1st Edition came to a triumphant closing today the 9th of November 2023. This landmark festival started from the 6th of November until the 10th of November, 2023, gathering enthusiasts, thought leaders, and poets from the whole Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and also hosted a few from Punjab. There has been an immense participation of students, attending these sessions from time to time with

been actively registering the guests and students attending the festival.

An important feature of the day was a celebration of Iqbal Day in the Catering Hall, Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Shaheed University where several female authors, literature authors and poetesses took place and paid tribute to the poetry of the Allama Iqbal, philosophy, and the wonderful messages of

unity to our Nation. The closing ceremony was held at the Serena Hotel Peshawar, Dr. Zarmina Baloch, and Dr. enthusiasm. Toheeda Begum from women in this field.

Registration desks have SBBWUP, welcomed the guests for the closing of the Peshawar Women Festival. The opening remarks were given by the Chairperson, BOD Ms Zubaida Khatoon (KK). She emphasized on importance of the role of civil society organizations empowering women.
The Chief Guest

Justice Irshad Qaisar, was pleased to see women from the literary field coming out from different parts of the country and participating in the festival. She also welcomed any assistance required by

the guest of honor of Benazir Bhutto Shaheed enriching discussions, and the event Dr. Syed Hussain Shahhed Soherwordi paid tribute to empowered women he also shed light on the critical need to empower women and that our religion is extremely supportive towards women and grants them rights in every aspect of

A documentary video about the festival was displayed to the guests audience, which portrayed all the events of the festival. The impact of storytelling was depicted in the form of an act by the

University, Department of English. A success story was

shared by Ms Fareeda Sultana, where she shared her experiences and life journey. Prof. Next, a presentation on Identified Challenges Faced by Afghan Displaced Women was presented by Ms. Daimeen Gul.

The worthy vice chancellor Prof. Dr. Safia Ahmed (T.I) rendered her She concluded the festival students of Shaheed by appreciating the circumstances.

diverse perspectives and saying that SBBWU will in the future continue celebrating women's contribution to the literature in our society.

Hamida Bibi, in the end, wrapped up the event by stating that she along with her dedicated team made this festival successful. The program came to

Program lead Dr

an end with the Shields and awards distribution among vote of thanks to the the young competent organizers and the women belonging to sponsors of the festival. underprivileged areas and

organic fertilizers from

banana waste, while

students have also been

involved in this project for

the expansion of research.

and various farmers will be

transferred with this

Associate Professional Officer FAO,

attached to the Rome

Headquarters, Ms. Lindis

Norluno, said that the GEF project will improve

Pakistan's economy and

address environmental

issues by converting

banana waste into textiles

and hazardous chemicals

through an integrated

supply chain program, while GEF also focuses

specifically on the fashion

Program Manager of FAO

said that with the financial support of GEF, instead of

burning the banana residue

to combat environmental

pollution, In cooperation

with SAU, we will train

and support farmers and

Ms Urie, Deputy

and construction sectors

modern technology.

Transforming Waste project SAU, FAO agreed to jointly

work for Bananas, Bioeconomy

HYDERABAD (APP): environment.
Sindh Agriculture He said that the SAU Sindh Agriculture He said that the SAU University (SAU) and the can make fiber, food items,

Food and Agriculture and liquid and composite Organization (FAO) have organic fertilizers from

agreed to jointly work to

attract industry and investors under "Bananas

in Pakistan's Bioeconomy:

Transforming Waste into

Textile", the project of

Facility (GEF) for the use

of banana waste for making

yarn, food items, and

organic fertilizer, instead to

burning the precious recourse of Sindh.

Thursday a meeting was

held at the university

committee room, presided by Vice-Chancellor Dr.

Fateh Marri, in which officials associated with various sectors of FAO in Rome, Australia, and

Pakistan and experts from

University participated.

Speaking on the occasion, Vice-Chancellor Dr. Fateh Marri said that

due to a lack of knowledge

about the importance of

banana waste, 3.5 million

tons of banana waste is

Agriculture

In this regard, on

Global

Sindh

Environment

Pakistan participates in CIIE with largest effort ever: Pak Consul General

BEIJING (APP): As many of export products. From Pakistan's image as an as 19 Pakistani exhibitors are participating in the China International Import Expo (CIIE) being held from November 5 to 10 in Shanghai, which has made a remarkable mark by showcasing Pakistan's largest effort ever.

The expo, which has been held annually in Shanghai since 2018, is a major platform for promoting international trade and cooperation. "Pakistan's active participation in this prestigious event highlights its commitment to strengthening economic ties with China, Pakistan's second largest export destination, and exploring new avenues of collaboration," highlighted Hussain Haider, Consul General in Shanghai.

One of the key approach highlights of Pakistan's governmen participation in the 6th CIIE is its focus on

leathers and surgical instruments to agricultural goods and handicrafts. Pakistan has showcased its rich cultural heritage and economic potential

Pakistan's pavilions, adorned with vibrant displays and innovative products, have attracted the attention of exhibitors and visitors alike, China Economic Net (CEN) reported on Thursday.

Recognizing the significance of CIIE, the

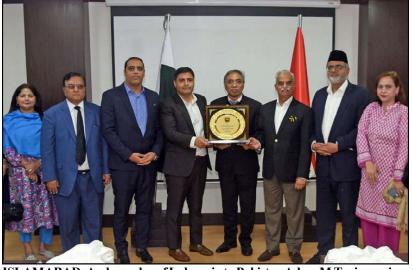
Pakistani Ministry of Commerce has extended its full support to the participating businesses. Various incentives, including financial subsidies and facilitation services, have been provided to ensure a successful exhibition experience.

proactive the government was widely appreciated by the Pakistani exhibitors and attractive investment

CIIE is one of the biggest signs of the opening-up of the Chinese economy. It is encouraging China's circulation" development model provides more space for international highquality imports, Haider

Pakistan's exports to China in September have surged by an impressive 100.5% compared to the corresponding month during the previous financial year, which bodes well. The CG said the country needs to sustain its exports to China and take advantage of the opening up of the Chinese economy and the free trade agreement that offers a lo of concessions.

Since the beginning of this year, the two countries have signed protocols on export of boiled beef, dried chillies and dairy products



ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of Indonesia to Pakistan Adam M Tugio receives souvenir from President Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI) during his visit of ICCI in Federal Capital.

ICCI proposes highest civil award of Pakistan for Indonesian Ambassador

Commerce and Industry Community proposed to Ambassador of Indonesia to Pakistan, Adam M. Tugio for extraordinary services in strengthening the bilateral economic, trade, political and diplomatic relations between both the

Addressing farewell dinner in his honour hosted by the ICCI's President Ahsan

FAISALABAD (APP):

Provincial Minister for

Agriculture SM Tanveer

has said that 16 million

acres of land is being

brought under wheat crop

cultivation during the current season in Punjab

University of Agriculture,

Thursday, he said that the

He urged the farmers

government.

Minister Punjab says:

16m acres land to be

brought under wheat

cultivation in province

province.

Addressing a farmer out-reach program at assistance to farmers.

The also distributed

to bring maximum areas of department were also

land under wheat crop present on the occasion.

Zafar Bakhtawri, the Islamabad Chamber of Indonesian Ambassador said Indonesia and Pakistan (ICCI) and Business have huge potential to increase their economy and give the highest civil award the role of business of Pakistan to the communities of both sides was significant in this

He said there are many potential sectors including tourism, trade, technology, energy and agriculture through which the two countries can expand their relations and by finding new economic sectors for increasing bilateral ties.

He said: "Indonesia

cultivation and earn huge

the Punjab government is

taking effective measures

for ensuring protection of

interests of farmers across

certified seed bags of

wheat among farmers free

teachers, students and

officers of agriculture

Igrar Ahmad Khan

the province.

The minister said that

He said that the

and Pakistan are connected by historical religious ties and we have to transfer this legacy to our next generation for which both nations are responsible.

associated Pakistan

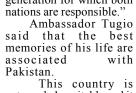
is unparalleled in its natural

buy 60 thousand metric tons of sugar

ISLAMABAD (Online): Utility Stores Corporation has decided to buy 60 thousand metric tons of sugar.Corporation has issued a tender for purchase of sugar.

According to Utility Stores sources, it has decided to buy sugar for availability. Our plan is to buy sugar before stocks

Last month, Utility Stores bought 20,000 Vice-Chancellor Prof | metric tons of sugar which cost the corporation about RS 150 per kg after adding expenses. Utility Stores got the lowest bid at RS



This country is extremely hospitable and it

Indonesian The

envoy said that his experiences as ambassador to Pakistan were very wonderful.

USC decides to

Enveloped sacks have been called for on November 20 and they will be opened on the same day.

135.27 paisa per kg.



burnt annually in the field workers, while to

RAWALPINDI: A potter examine the newly made mud ovens "Tandoor" at his setup at Gowalmandi

Jazz CEO advances financial inclusion agenda at WEF's spotlight Pakistan day

ISLAMABAD (APP): Thursday. Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Jazz and Chairman Bank (MMBL) Aamir

Speaking at a webinar 'Spotlight Pakistan Day' hosted by the World Economic Forum (WEF) and Virtual Remittance Gateway (VRG), Aamir Ibrahim reiterated the unwavering commitment of JazzCash, Pakistan's leading fintech, to improving lives and livelihoods through through technology, particularly for women and underserved communities.

VRG is the Pakistan partner of the Edison improving digital inclusion underserved communities worldwide, according to a designed press release issued here on

government organizations Mobilink Microfinance and private sector entities were invited, was focused Ibrahim has emphasized on discussing the success the urgent need to build a of the Virtual Remittance more inclusive financial Gateway's (VRG) Asaan system and presented Mobile Account (AMA) recommendations for the scheme. Caretaker Prime Mınıster - Anwaar-ul-Had Kakar, Caretaker Federal Minister for Finance, Revenue, and Economic Affairs - Dr Shamshad Akhtar. Pathfinder

The event, where

VRG and Group Chairman - Zarrar Sehgal, VRG CEO Muhammad -Salman Ali, among others, participated in the webinar and shared their insights on Pakistan's financial inclusion progress. Ibrahim Aamir Ibrahim highlighted how the

platform – with its largest mobile money customer Alliance, a WEF global base of 43 million – initiative focused on continues to reduce financial women's supporting exclusion and empower them through carefully financial solutions.



RAWALPINDI: A street vendor is arranging gloves on his road side setup as during winters bikers buys such items in large number at City.

Kashif urges diversified approach to PKR reserves for stability, growth

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chinese renminbi, being Coordinator to Minister of State and Federal Tax Ombudsman Meher Kashif Younis, in the everchanging landscape of economics, global Thursday called for adopting a more diversified approach to Pakistani currency reserves that can contribute significantly to stability and growth.

Speaking at a seminar 'Importance of Diversification Currency for Pakistan' held under the aegis of the Gold Ring Economic Forum, a strategic think tank, he suggested considering the inclusion of currencies like the Renminbi (RMB) and the Russian Ruble (RUB) in its foreign exchange reserves, according to a

providing numerous benefits such as increased trade opportunities, reduced currency risk, and enhanced economic collaboration with China, one of Pakistan's significant partners."He said similarly, incorporating the Russian Ruble would foster stronger economic ties with Russia, opening doors for bilateral investments, joint ventures, and strategic partnerships. Diversifying our currency reserves will not only mitigate the risks associated with relying heavily on a single currency news release issued here. but also provide remarks and, "The with the flexibility." but also provide Pakistan

one of the world's major

reserve currencies, is

used

widely

international

promoting its diverse range further enhanced from Pakistan to China. grar Ahmad Khan

FAISALABAD: Provincial Minister for Energy, Industries, Commerce, Investment and Skill Development SM Tanveer distributing certified wheat seed amongst the farmers.

Alamgir says: Modern technology, innovation essential for Agriculture productivity

ISLAMABAD (APP): wheat and other Chief Executive Officer of Agricultural commodities. National Productivity Organization Alamgir Muhammad Chaudhry said that the use of modern technology, innovation and hybrid seeds is essential to increase productivity in agriculture.

Agriculture has an 18% share in Pakistan's annual Gross Domestic Production (GDP) and productivity in this sector is important for our economic development, Chief Executive Officer of the National Productivity Organization (NPO) told

Alamgir said that production of milk, mango, per acre."

Council (PFC) delegation

received an encouraging

response from foreign

buyers and investors at the

remarkable platform for

showcasing the excellence

of Pakistan's furniture

industry to the global market, PFC Chief

Executive Officer Mian

Kashif Ashfaq said while

chairing its Board of

Thursday, according to a

news release.He said

several foreign buyers and

investors expressed keen

meeting

The event served as a

Canton Fair, China.

He said that our main (NPO) issue here is value addition,

growth is not possible.

without which economic

He said that the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), including Thailand, have an export of about \$38 billion in mangoes and strawberry pulp, but strawberries were not the production of these countries. Similarly, Bangladesh's biggest export is textiles in the world but its raw material cotton was

Bangladesh's production.
He said, "we have to learn modern agriculture from Japan and ASEAN Pakistan is among the top countries, which also five countries in the increases the production

opportunities within the

Pakistani furniture sector.

"Their positive feedback highlights the

outstanding craftsmanship,

innovative designs, and

quality of our products,

making a significant

international business

enthusiastic response

"reaffirms our position in

the global market and

showcases the potential

for fruitful partnerships

with famous international

said

community," he added.

impression

counterparts'

PFC chairman says:

Pak furniture industry

received response from

buyers at Canton Fair

ISLAMABAD (APP): interest in exploring joint The Pakistan Furniture ventures and collaboration

PPP Leader Channar seeks subsidies for farmers

BAHAWALPUR (APP) Secretary Information of Faisalabad here on the Pakistan People's Party (PPP) in Bahawalpur | support price of 40kg Division, Malik Shah wheat has been fixed Rs Muhammad Channar, has 4,000 by the Punjab opined that continuous provision of subsidies to farmers would help boost

the agro-economy. În a press release issued here Thursday, he said that the agro-economy considered the backbone of the economy of any country in the world. He suggested that subsidies to farmers on agricultural tube-wells' electricity bills should remain continuous in order to boost the agro-economy.

Referring to the PPP's role in participation in the upcoming general elections, he said that their party would continue measures being taken to help peasants.

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan Customs in its recent drive has seized 8,157,200 sticks of cigarettes valued at Rs.156 million during the period from October 30, 2023 to November 05, 2023.

Accordingly, Pakistan Thursday.

Moreover instructions have been issued to the antismuggling formations including mobile squads deployed at various Collectorates and airports

others addressing a Press conference, at Quetta Press Club. **Customs seizes** cigarettes worth Rs156 million

Customs had constituted special teams to launch anti-smuggling operations against foreign origin cigarettes being smuggled into the country, said a news release here on



QUETTA: Warm clothes and shoes 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, at Spinney road in Quetta.

Sialkot exporters cuts cake at Iqbal Manzil

SIALKOT (APP): Sialkot while PRO SCCI Tajjamal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI) organized a cake-cutting ceremony at

Iqbal Manzil, the birthplace of the poet of the east, on the eve of the 146th birthday of Dr. Allama Muhammad Iqbal.

Chairman SCCI's Committee on Farogh-e-Iqbaliyat Shehzada Ibne Iqbal Syed, Chairman SCCI Departmental Committee on Risk Management Muhammad Shehbaz Saim, former President SCCI Mian Naeem Javed and former Chairman Sialkot International Airport Limited (SIAL) Khawar Anwar Khawaja jointly cut the birthday

Hussain, Chacha Cricket Soofi Abdul Jalil, Execuitive Director Community Development Abdul Shakoor Mirza, senior journalists, students and teachers attended the ceremony.

QUETTA: Tandoor Association Leaders, Wali Afghan, Naeem Khilji and

Chairman SCCI's Committee on Farogh-e-Iqbaliyat Shehzada Ibne Iqbal Syed paid homage to great philosopher.

Addressing participants, Departmental Committee on Risk Management Muhammad Shehbaz Saim said that teachings of Allama Iqbal were like a tolerance.

cake of Dr. Allama Iqbal, PHHSA Chairman says: **WB-Punjab Govt** collaboration to bring prosperity for farmers

(PHHSA) Shahzad Ali collaboration with the Malik Thursday said the Punjab Government". World Bank's collaboration according to a news with the Punjab release. Government in the agriculture sector would usher an era of prosperity for farmers through bumper crops.

to Talking delegation of progressive commitment for

ISLAMABAD (APP): sustainable agricultural Pakistan Hitech Hybrid revolution in Punjab Association through a "game-changing

chairman said a delegation from the World Bank's Review Mission recently visited Multan, marking a significant milestone in the "Revolutionary Plan for farmers, he said the World Bank had reaffirmed its Development" in the a province

Export sector exempt from smart lockdown

SIALKOT (APP): Sialkot Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI) President Abdul Ghafoor Malik has said that as per the discussion with Deputy Commissioner Sialkot, the export sector is exempt from the application of the smart lockdown as the factories have not been barred from operations in the relevant order. In a statement, Abdul Ghafoor Malik said that members can continue their official factory routines on November, 10 and 11, 2023.

Gold rates fall by Rs.2,400

ISLAMABAD (APP): The per tola price of 24 karat gold decreased by Rs.2,400 and was sold at Rs.211,800 on Saturday compared to its sale at Rs.214,200 on last trading

The price of 10 grams of 24 karat gold also decreased by Rs.2,058 to Rs.181,584 from Rs.183,642 whereas the prices of 10 gram 22 karat gold went down to Rs.166,452 from from Rs168,338, the All Sindh Sarafa Jewellers Association reported.

The price of per tola and ten gram Silver remained stagnant at Rs.2,580 and 2,211.93 respectively.

The price of gold in the international market decreased by \$20 to \$1,968 from \$1,988, the Association reported

Putin visits Kazakhstan, part of his efforts to cement ties with ex-Soviet neighbors

Monitoring Desk MOSCOW: Russian President Vladimir Putin visited Kazakhstan on Thursday, part of his efforts to cement ties with the ex-Soviet neighbor and major economic partner in the midst of tensions with the West over Ukraine.

Putin's talks in Kazakhstan's capital of Astana follow his trip last month to Kyrgyzstan for a summit of ex-Soviet nations and a visit to China.

Speaking at the start his talks with Kazakhstan President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, Putin hailed "multi-faceted" ties between the countries and said they would determine new areas of "strategic" cooperation.

Oil-rich Kazakhstan and other Central Asian nations have maintained a delicate balancing act, preserving strong economic ties with Moscow but refusing

of Ukrainian regions. The Russian leader has made few foreign trips since he sent troops into Ukraine in February 2022. The International Criminal Court's move to indict Putin in March for alleged war crimes connected to the deportation of children from Ukraine has affected his travel as any country that is party to the court is obliged to arrest him on its soil. Kazakstan isn't part of the agreement that created the tribunal

Putin's trip to Kazakhstan comes days after French President Emmanuel Macron visited Astana and hailed Tokayev for withstanding geopolitical "pressures," in a hint at Moscow's efforts to keep the neighbor in its orbit.

with Relations Kazakhstan and other former Soviet republics in Central Asia have become increasingly important for Russia as it has sought new

import routes to bypass bruising Western sanctions over its actions in Ukraine.

The U.S. and its allies have closely monitored Kazakhstan and other Central Asian nations to make sure they don't serve as conduits for Russia to import Western high-tech products, bypassing the restrictions. Officials in Kazakstan and other countries in the region have repeatedly pledged to comply with the sanctions.

Russian officials meanwhile, have voiced concern about what they describe as Western efforts to pull Moscow's allies away from its orbit.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov noted last month that the West was aggressively courting Central Asian nations, of fering them trade and economic benefits in order to discourage them from maintaining strong ties with



Israeli Foreign Minister Eli Cohen poses with his Belgian counterpart Hadja Lahbib during their meeting in Brussels.

A Russian missile hits a Liberia-flagged ship in Odesa, Ukraine's main Black Sea port

Monitoring Desk KYIV: A Russian missile strike on the Ukrainian port of Odesa hit a Liberianflagged freighter, killing a port worker and wounding another, as well as three citizens of the Philippines, crew members on the ship, Ukraine's armed forces said

The report did not give the name of the ship or the country of its owners, but Infrastructure Minister Oleksandr Kubrakov said the ship was to carry iron ore to China. The extent of the damage was not immediately reported.

The Odesa port and others in the region are economically vital to Ukraine as its outlets to the Black Sea, from which ships can head for world markets. Odesa port facilities have come under Russian attack 21 times since Russia in August declined to renew a

deal allowing Ukraine to safely export grain via the Black Sea, Kubrakov said.

President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said in October that a new Black Sea export corridor had allowed some 50 ships to set sail. In the southern city of

Kherson, which lies across the Dnieper River from Russia-held territory, one were wounded in Russian firing on a residential area around midday Thursday, according to Interior Minister Ihor Klymenko.

Three other civilians were killed in Russian attacks over the past day, according to a summary from the presidential of-

In the Donetsk region, the Russian army shelled 11 towns and villages, killing two people in Toretsk and wounding one civilian in Chasiv Yar.

Argentina election puts China, Brazil ties in the spotlight

Monitoring Desk BUENOS AIRES: Argentina could see a resetting of some global ties depending on the result of its run-off presidential election later this month - although the value of trade with partners like China and Brazil may outweigh any shortterm political posturing.

While Economy Minister Sergio Massa, a pragmatist in the ruling left-leaning coalition, has signaled policy continuity, radical libertarian candidate Javier Milei has sharply lambasted China, Brazil, the pope, South America's Mercosur trade bloc and the China-led BRICS group.

Massa and Milei will compete in a Nov. 19 headto-head that looks likely to be a tight race, with angry voters deeply divided amid inflation running at of the population in pov- less," he said.

erty, sky-high interest rates and capital controls hurting the economy. The vote could im-

pact the global positioning of Argentina, South America's No. economy, which is a major grains exporter as well as a lithium and shale producer. But years of volatility have made some international investors wary and it is the top debtor to the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

Gustavo Martinez Pandiani, current Argentine ambassador to Switzerland and Massa's likely foreign minister, said a future Massa government would seek to improve the country's global partner-

"While some promise to cut ties with Brazil or China, we want more markets and more nearly 140%, two-fifths trading partners, not

Germany to send fighter jets to Romania to support NATO **Monitoring Desk**

deploy four Eurofighter jets to Romania to support NATO's air policing mission from the end of November, a security source said, weeks after Russian attacks on Ukrainian

Danube River ports. The attacks, just hundreds of metres from the port ban on products from proving in Gaza" civilian was killed and three | Romanian border and drone debris found in Romania have increased security risks for the military alliance whose members have a mutual defence commitment.

In September, NATO chief Jens Stoltenberg called Russian strikes near the border "destabilising" even if there was no indication that Russia intended to hit a NATO member.

Gaza activist on speaking tour in France detained, awaiting deportation

Monitoring Desk PARIS: Palestinian activist Mariam Abudaqa, who came to France for a speaking tour in September, was taken into custody on Wednesday night in Paris after a court approved her deportation, her lawyer

Wednesday's ruling by the Conseil d'Etat, France's highest administrative court, said 72-year-old Abudaqa, a member of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) was "likely to seriously disturb public order".

Abudaqa, who had been put under house arrest for four days in October, had said she planned to leave Paris for Egypt on Saturday. She is currently being held in a police station in Paris, her lawyer said. Police did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

The French government has cracked down on expressions of solidarity with Palestine in the wake of the Hamas' Oct 7 attack



Palestinians representing civil organisations for women protest outside the UN offices in the West Bank city of Ramallah in support the people of Gaza.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, left, shakes hands with US Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg in Kyiv, Ukraine.

Aid agencies call for ceasefire as Gaza death toll reaches 10,812

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GAZA: Israeli forces fought Hamas militants among ruined buildings in the north of the Gaza Strip on Thursday, taking the Gaza death toll to 10,812.

Thousands more Palestinians were fleeing from the embattled north to the south along a perilous frontline path after Israel told them to evacuate, resi-

But many are staying in the north, packed into the Al Shifa Hospital and al-Quds Hospital as ground battles rage around them and more Israeli air strikes rain down from above.

foes have command centres embedded in the hospitals. In Paris, officials from about 80 countries and organisations were meeting to coordinate hu-

manitarian aid to Gaza and

find ways to help wounded

civilians escape the siege, now in its second month. Aid agencies called for an immediate ceasefire. 'We cannot wait a minute more," said Jan Egeland Secretary General of the Norwegian Refugee

ment" "Without a ceasefire,

Israel says its Hamas lifting of siege and indiscriminate bombarding and warfare, the haemorrhage of human lives will con

His calls were echoed by the United Nations and the International Red Cross, although Isarel and its main backer the United States reject a full ceasefire

Israel unleashed its assault on Gaza in response to a cross-border Hamas raid on southern Israel on Oct. 7 in which gunmen killed 1,400 Council, calling Israel's acpeople, mostly civilians, tions "collective punishand took about 240 hostages, according to Israeli

Belgian deputy PM seeks sanctions on Israel

Monitoring Desk BRUSSELS: Belgium's deputy prime minister called on the Belgian government on Wednesday to adopt sanctions against Israel and investigate the bombings of hospitals and refugee camps in Gaza.

"It is time for sanctions against Israel. The rain of bombs is inhumane," Deputy Prime Minister Petra De Sutter told Nieuwsblad newspaper. It is clear that Israel does not care about the international demands for a ceasefire, she said De Sutter said the European Union should immediately suspend its association agreement with Israel, which aims at better economic and political cooperation. She also said an im-

occupied Palestinian territories should be implemented and violent settlers. politicians, soldiers responsible for war crimes should be banned from entering the At the same time, she

said, Belgium should increase funding for the International Criminal Court in The Hague to "investigate the bombings while cutting money flows to Hamas." Israeli representatives will not participate at a Thursday "humanitarian conference" for Gaza in Paris organised by French President Emmanuel Ma cron, his office said. Like other govern-

ments, Israel nevertheless has "an interest in the humanitarian situation im-

Palestinians walk down a road as they flee Gaza City and other parts of

diciary and Fundamental

Rights," the Turkish foreign

ministry said in a state-

said Turkiye did not com-

ply with the principles of

the rule of law, human

rights and fundamental free-

doms in its fight against ter-

said the allegations were

unfair and highlighted "the

insincerity of EU's ap-

proach and a clear double-

standard", adding that fun-

damental rights issues were

around Nov. 20 and are

hoping this will be large

enough - and with high

enough moisture content

to trigger heavy rain via

seeding with salts, said

Manindra Agrawal, a scien-

tist at the Indian Institute

of Technology at Kanpur,

mated to cost 10 million

rupees (\$120,000) for 100

square kilometres (38.6

square miles), would in-

volve spraying into clouds

a mix of salts that include

silver iodine, Agrawal said.

big a cloud that will cover

'We don't expect that

The project, esti-

who is leading the trial.

The Commission also

The Turkish ministry

Turkiye says EU is

'unjust and biased'

on membership bid

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ANKARA: The European

Commission's annual re-

port on Turkiye long-

stalled EU membership bid

is "unjust and biased", the

Turkish foreign ministry

said. The report by the Eu-

ropean Union's executive

arm on Wednesday

backsliding" on democratic standards, the rule of law,

human rights and judicial

ject unfounded claims and

uniust criticisms, particu-

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NEW DELHI: Indian sci-

entists plan to seed clouds

for the first time to trigger

heavy rain in some areas of

New Delhi, hoping this will

be enough to tackle the

smog gripping the world's

most polluted capital for a

week, the project's head

Delhi ahead of winter ev-

ery year, when cold air

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vehicles, industries, con-

struction dust, and agricul-

Scientists expect some

cloud cover over the city entire Delhi.

tural waste burning.

traps pollutants from a va-

Air quality dips in

said on Thursday.

"We categorically re-

ria and the Chapter on Ju- EU member states.

Indian scientists hope

cloud seeding can

clean Delhi's toxic air

independence.

criticised Turkiye "serious rorism.

MSF staffer killed in Israeli strike in Gaza

said on Tuesday.

a laboratory technician, was killed in his home in the Shati refugee camp when the area was bombed and his building collapsed, MSF said in a statement.

"Today, Doctors Without Borders/Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF) is mourning the loss of one of our team members in Gaza, Mohammed Al Ahel, who was killed along with several members of his family on Nov 6," the medical charity said.



improve ties with US nese Vice President Han Zheng said the recent high-

China 'ready' to

Monitoring Desk SINGAPORE: Beijing is ready to hold talks with the United States at "all levels", Chinese Vice President Han Zheng said on Wednesday, ahead of expected summit in San Francisco between leaders Xi Jinping and Joe Biden as they seek to stabilise tense ties by meeting in-person for just the second time in nearly three years.

The summit on the sidelines of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum follows a six-month US push to engage its geopolitical rival, including through several unreciprocated cabinet-level visits, and recover from a diplomatic crisis over the US downing of an alleged Chinese

Bloomberg New Economy Forum in Singapore, Chi- logue.

level meetings between Beijing and Washington were sending "positive signals" that relations were improving. "We're ready to strengthen communication and dialogue with the United States at all levels, advance mutually beneficial cooperation, properly manage differences and jointly address global challenges," Han said.

Relations between Washington and Beijing sunk to some of their deepest lows in recent years over a host of issues including export controls, human rights and national security. But both sides appear willing to patch things up, with Washington sending a numspy balloon in February. ber of top officials to Speaking at the Beijing this year in a bid to reestablish high-level dia-

Japan and UK ministers discuss deeper security ties on the sidelines of G7 meeting

Monitoring Desk TOKYO: Japanese and British foreign and defense

ministers met Tuesday and agreed to further deepen military cooperation under a new security pact that allows their militaries to enter each other's territory for joint exercises. Japan and Britain have expanded their cooperation in recent years as concern has grown over China's increasing influence. Japan, whose only treaty ally is the United States, has signed Reciprocal Access Agreements with Australia and the U.K., making them semi-allies.

The talks in Tokyo among Japanese Foreign Minister Yoko Kamikawa and Defense Minister Minoru Kihara and British Foreign Secretary James Cleverly and Defense Secretary Grant Shapps are the first since the RAA took effect in mid-October.

They met on the sidelines of a gathering of foreign ministers from the Group of Seven industrialized nations on Tuesday and Wednesday that is expected to focus on that Japan and Britain.

the Israel-Hamas war, the Russia-Ukraine war and tension in the Indo-Pacific region, Later Tuesday, Shapps told several selected journalists, including from The Associated Press, that the reason for their meeting is to show in the Indo-Pacific "that despite what's going on in Europe, and despite what's going on in the Middle East, we are still here today, and that I think shows enduring strength of our relationship with Japan.

The four ministers agreed to expand their joint exercises, including the annual Japan-UK joint exercise, Vigilant Isles 23, starting later this month, according to a joint statement issued after their talks. They also agreed on using the RAA to realize an "even more ambitious program of more frequent and complex exercises" than before. Shapps said the four ministers reaffirmed their commitment to project Global Combat Air Program, or GCAP which will see the rollout of a next-

US strike on weapons facility in Syria a "deterrent," White House says

WASHINGTON: The U.S. military strikes in Syria are aimed at destroying weaponry and deterring Iranianbacked separatist groups from targeting American personnel in the region in the wake of the Israel-Hamas conflict, the White House said on Thursday. The United States car-

ried out strikes on Wednesday against a weapon storage facility in eastern Syria that the Pentagon said was used by Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) and affiliated groups.
"We know that it had

a practical impact on their ability to arm these groups, but also to send a strong signal of deterrence," White House spokesman John Kirby said on CNN.

"These groups have a choice to make: If they want to continue to attack our troops in Iraq and Syria, then they're gonna have to face the consequences for

U.S. and coalition interview with CNN.

at least 40 times in Iraq and Syria by Iran-backed forces since the start of October, as tensions soar over Israel's bombardment of Gaza in retaliation for Hamas militants' Oct. 7 attack. Forty-five U.S. troops have suffered traumatic brain injuries or mi-

nor wounds. The United States has occasionally carried out retaliatory strikes against Iranian-backed forces in the region after they attack American forces, including one on Oct. 26.

Iran has denied involvement. Tehran's ambassador to the United Nations, Amir Saeid Iravani, said on Thursday separatist groups were responding to the Israeli assault that has killed more than 10,800 Palestinians in

"It is a natural reaction by the resistance groups. It is their own decision and by their own direction," Iravani said in an

This year set to be warmest in 125,000 years, say scientists

Monitoring Desk BRUSSELS: This year is set to be the world's warmest in 125,000 years, European Union scientists said on Wednesday, after data showed last month was the hottest October on record by a massive margin. Last month exceeded

the previous highest October average temperature, from 2019, by 0.4 degrees Celsius, the EU's Copernicus Climate Change Service (C3S) Deputy Director Samantha Burgess said, describing the tem-perature anomaly as "very extreme"

That has made 2023 as a whole "virtually certain" to be the warmest year recorded, C3S said in a statement.

The heat is a result of continued greenhouse gas emissions from the burning of fossil fuels, combined with the emergence this year of the naturally occurring El Nino climate pattern, which warms the surface waters in the eastern Pacific Ocean.

The current hottest year on record is 2016 another El Nino year although 2023 is on course to overtake that. Copernicus' dataset goes back to 1940. "When we combine our

data with the IPCC, then we can say that this is the warmest year for the last 125,000 years," Burgess said. The longer-term data

from UN climate science panel IPCC includes readings from sources such as ice cores, tree rings and coral deposits. Climate change is fuelling increasingly destructive extremes. In 2023, that includes floods that killed thousands of people in Libya, severe heatwaves in South America, and Canada's worst wildfire season on record. Globally, the average surface air temperature in October of 15.3 Celsius (59.5 degrees Fahrenheit), was 1.7 degrees Celsius warmer than the average for October in 1850-1900, which Copernicus defines as the

pre-industrial period.

larly on the political crite- contentious even among **Industrial**

to death by a robot in South Korea after the machine apparently failed to differentiate him from the boxes of produce it was handling, the Yonhap news agency reported on Wednesday.

The man, a robotics company worker in his 40s, was inspecting the robot's sensor operations at a distribution centre for agricultural produce in South Gyeongsang province. The industrial robot,

the police.

robot kills one in South Korea **Monitoring Desk**

Turkiye's top

courts at odds

over politician's

imprisonment

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ANKARA: Turkiye's top

appeals court took the

unprecedented step of fil-

ing a criminal complaint

against members of the

constitutional court on

Wednesday, over a dis-

agreement on the case of

imprisoned parliamentar-

court had ordered the re-

lease of Atalay last

month, ruling that his im-

prisonment violated his

rights to security, liberty

and the right to be

The constitutional

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SEOUL: A man was mauled

which was lifting boxes filled with bell peppers and placing them on a pallet, appears to have malfunctioned and identified the man as a box. Yonhap reported citing

Pakistan considers nuclear safety, security as 'national responsibility': Amb. Munir NATIONS with a rigorously enforced and fully safeguarded san political objectives". Its

the safety and security of dards. its nuclear power programme, Ambassador Munir Akram told the UN General Assembly Wednesday, while underscoring the need to remove barriers for gaining equitable and nondiscriminatory access to civil nuclear cooperation.

Speaking in the 193member Assembly on the annual report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), the Vienna-based UN agency, he said Pakistan is party to several leading international instruments related to nuclear safety and security,

(APP): Pakistan regards as a "national responsibility" framework that complies unclear power programme, with the highest global stanpointing to six nuclear

Earlier, IAEA Director General Rafael Mariano on its work, including in Ukraine, Iran and North Korea, as well as an overview of the development and transfer of nuclear technologies for peaceful applications, the enhancement of nuclear safety and security, and the strengthening of nuclear verification and non-proliferation efforts on a global scale.

In his remarks, the Pakistani envoy highlighted Pakistan's extensive experience in operating a secure

power plants with a combined capacity of 3,530 megawatts, as well as the Grossi presented his report country's construction of another nuclear power plant, Chashma unit 5, with a capacity of 1200 megawatts. Underscoring the fundamental importance of removing barriers for gaining equitable and non-discriminatory access to civil nuclear cooperation, Ambassador Akram affirmed that all States should fully comply with their safe-

> guards obligations. However, he said, "the Agency's safeguards should not be used to serve parti-

verification regime will remain credible only if it is applied on a non-discriminatory basis as stipulated in the Statute of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

"Pakistan places the

highest priority on nuclear safety and security as a national responsibility," Ambassador Akram added. In light of recent de-

velopments, he proposed convening a special session of the General Assembly to establish a new consensus on disarmament and nonproliferation that better addresses the current and emerging realities and offers equal security to all States.



TASHKENT: Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar in a group photo with the heads of states of ECO member countries.

Dr. Jogezai visits AKH, inquires about health of Congo patients

"Health Department fully active to control outbreak of Congo virus in Balochistan"

Independent Report QUETTA: The caretaker Provincial Minister for Muhammad Khan Jogezai and Secretary Health, Abdullah Khan visited the Agha Khan Hospital Karachi on Thursday.

During the visit, they inquired about the health of the Congo virus patients from the province being treated at ÂKH Karachi.

Also accompanied with them was the chief Planning officer, Ghulam Rasool Zehri. the hospital. They directed to the

Independent Report

QUETTA: In all seven bus

companies were sealed on

the charges of non-func-

tional and non-installation

cial sources, the team com-

prising the staff of Provin-

cial Transport Authority

and Regional Transport

Authority raided the buses

offices under supervision of

PTA Secretary, Ali Ahmed

here that the High Court had

ordered to take action in this

regard.

Needless to mention

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Seven bus companies

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& functional of trekkers

Quetta,

their buses

They inquired about the health of the under treatment Congo patients at AKH including doctors, pharmacists, staff nurse and aramedics. Dr Ameer Jogezai said

that the directives were issued to shift the Congo affected parties to Karachi from Quetta on the government expenses. The Minister Health

and Secretary also met the doctors and paramedics treating Congo patients in

tary Transport, Yasir Khan

kakar and Commissioner

Hamza Shafqaat also issued

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ter expressed satisfaction over care of the Congo affected patients by AKH in Agha Khan hospital. Dr Jogezai also men-

tioned that the treatment of all affected patients is being done on the government

minister and secretary Health prayed for early recovery of the patients.

Moreover, both the Poliovirus found in environmental samples of six districts

WASHINGTON (APP):

Pakistan's Ambassador to

tional poet-philosopher

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ISLAMABAD (APP) The Ministry of Health here Thursday confirmed the presence of polio-virus in environmental samples of six districts.

person of the Ministry of Health, four samples were from Karachi and two were from Chaman.

He said, "Polio-virus

troops in their fresh act of state terrorism martyred one Kashmiri youth in Shopian district of Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir.

Media Service, the troops martyred the youth identified as Maysar Ahmad Dar during a cordon and search operation in Kathohalan area of the district. The operation continued till last reports came in.

Tareen says: Nation paid rich tribute to Iqbal

on his birthday QUETTA (APP): Director University of Balochistan Sub-Campus Mastung Muhammad Iqbal Tareen on Thursday said that today the entire nation paid rich tribute to the great philosopher and poet Allama Muĥammad Îqbal on his birthday. In his a message issued here on Thursday on the occasion of Allama Iqbal's birthday, he said that Allama Iqbal would always be remembered for presenting the concept of a separate homeland for the Muslims of subcontinent. He said that Iqbal was a unique figure of our national and national life and was the Pakistan's commitment to ECO Vision 2025 and to owner of a multifaceted personality saying that the

pass and our lodestar. When we are looking for direction, we refer to Iqbal because he

iconic calligrapher, painter,

and poet, Syed Sadequain Ahmed Naqvi, known as

life and mission, Ambassa-

dor Masood Khan said,

"He is our ideological com-

Highlighting Iqbal's

Sadequain Naqqash.

'Iqbal dreamed of Pakistan, and we are a manigave us the ideological ba-

envoy told the meeting held at the Pakistan embassy

In addition, a photo exhibition was also arranged by the embassy in collaboration with the International Academy of Letters, USA, the Sadequain Foundation, USA, and the Sadequain Gallery of Chi-

sis for the state of Pakistan." A poet par excellence, the ambassador said, "His thought has influenced the whole of South Asia, Afghanistan, and Iran.'

His philosophy was not confined to the subcontinent; he looked at the universe and how it was evolving in its spiritual and physical dimensions, cago to pay tribute to the Masood Khan said

We will truly bring about 'Naya Pakistan', vows Jahangir Tareen

TAXILA (INP): Jahangir think of the people first. If chief of the Istehkam-i-Pakistan Party (IPP), on Thursday vowed that the party would truly bring

about 'Naya Pakistan'. Tareen made the remarks at the tail-end of his speech while addressing a workers' convention in Taxila, where former PTI leader and federal minister Ghulam Sarwar Khan formally joined the party.

What do we want to do? We want to take Pakistan beyond its potential," he said as he lamented the lack of progress made in the country in the past 75 years.

"Whether we succeed or not, only God knows. But we will work with

ne patron-in- we do that, then we will be successful. Commenting

Sarwar's decision to join the party, Tareen said that the relationship between the two was like that between "brothers"

"When such friends are with us, then the work we need to do to make the country progress, we can do that," he said. Concluding his speech, Tareen said, "Together, we will truly make a 'Naya Pakistan', God willing!" During his speech today, Tareen said, Forget the past and look forward [...] this country has everything. If there is anything lacking, it is that

good intentions and will

we [political parties] are always fighting with one an-



QUETTA: Members of different student organizations are holding protest demonstration against forced deportation of Afghan Refugees, at Quetta press club.

So called narrative of Imran Khan integrity stands exposed

ISLAMABAD (Online): crease in her declared assets The horrific revelations of story of mega corruption during 3 years rule of PTI has come to fore amid the reports that assets of Farah Gogi, front person of Imran Khan have increased manifold.

According to government sources 102 bank accounts of Farah Gogi, Ahsan Jamil Gujjar and their partners have been detected across the country.

Over 14 billion rupees are lying in these bank accounts. Declared and non declared assets of Farhat Shahzadi alias Farah Gogi have increased by 4520 million rupees from 2017 to 2020. Farah Gogi herself admits she owned assets worth Rs 950 million in 2020. Her declared assets are valued Rs 3825 million

rupees. 420 percent in-

personal property of Farah Goggi. The assets of Jamil Gujjar, remaining relatives and partners are in addition to the assets of Farah Goggi. As per SECP record Farah Goggi, front person of chairman PTI is share holder of several compa-Ghousia builders (SMC

was witnessed during three

years while her non de-

clared assets rose 15300

percent. According to

sources these assets are

These companies are Private limited), Alburaq housing private limited, Alburaq foods private limited, Almuiz Dairy and foods private limited, Dian properties private limited. Doctors clinical care private limited, sanitoria hospital management company private limited.

JEDDAH: Chairperson NCSW Ms. Nilofar Bakhtiar attended 3-day International Conference on "Women in Islam: Status and Empowerment hosted by Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC).

History will never forget world's 'criminal silence' over Israel's Gaza genocide: Nilofar Bakhtiar

JEDDAH (Saudi Arabia) among the total dead, she sion. How could the indis-(APP): National Commission on the Status of Women (NCSW) Chairperson Nilofar Bakhtiar has said that history will never forget the criminal silence of the world's leading human rights leaders on the genocide of Palestinians in

Addressing the International Conference on Women in Islam: Status and Empowerment' jointly organized by the OIC and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in Jeddah on Wednesday, she said the Gaza Strip were a huge political and humanitarian people of the world.

7,700 Palestinians had been ritories. killed and over 19,740 iniured and that number was

Independent Report
QUETTA: The Quetta

Tandoor Association has

announced to observe

strike of tandoors in Quetta

by the Chairman Tandoor

Association, Muhammad

Naeem Khilji while ad-

dressing a press conference

at Quetta Press Club on

the Tandoor Association is

forced to observe strike

mainly because the Afghan

refugees working on the

Ansari, Saleem Shahid and others.

Punjab government has par-

tially lifted the lockdown

imposed in Lahore and eight

other districts due to severe

smog. Markets in these ar-

eas will be allowed to re-

main open on Thursday/

Friday, while educational

institutions and offices will

remain closed until Sunday.

Punjab Govt partially

lift lockdown

Naeem Khilji said that

This was announced

from today (Friday).

Thursday.

added Nilofar said schools and hospitals were being bombed the the blockade (of the Gaza Strip) has been tightened.

She said the Israeli occupation meant enslaving the Palestinian people, with brutalities, illegal detentions, imprisonment and extrajudicial executions

She said Israel's continuous occupation of Palestinian territories and the mistreatment of Palestinians was a question mark Israel's ongoing attacks in on the "sleeping con-

people were facing inde- sures to stop the illegal oc- humanitarian sympathy," scribable pain. More than cupation of Palestinian ter- she regretted.

She regretted that

Tandoors are being bothered under the garb of cam-

paign against the illegal im-

situation, some 300 tandoors have been shut

hand, the district adminis-

tration has also reduced

price of the tandoori roti in

the official price list, which

Tandoor owners are forced

to shut their tandoors due

due to the situation.

is unacceptable.

He said that due to the

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Tandoor association

announces strike in

Quetta from today

citizenship card holder to the financial hardships as

migrants.

criminate bombing of the entire population (of Gaza) be called a defensive operation with the vague aim of destroying Hamas, she

questioned. The Israeli bombardment in the northern part of the trekkers in the pasof Gaza had resulted in senger buses in Quetta. widespread destruction, she added.

Nilofar said the Israeli government had shown its fascist face to the whole world, but the international community had failed to provide the support needed to end the conflict between Israel and Pales-

people of the world.

She criticized the in
The world has missed the opportunity to support 'The world has missed The NCSW chairper- ternational community for the oppressed people of son said the Palestinian not taking adequate mea- Palestine on the basis of

She also criticized the Western countries for their some member countries of continued support for Isincreasing. About 2,400 or 66 percent were the children

Solid Member Scientific Scienti

Multiple theft, fraud charges against Fawad case comes

LAHORE (INP): In a reto light. According to me-dia reports, an FIR has with his associates, forcibly entered the camp of Shahid Asif, the brother of Chaudhry Nauman Asif, on beds, and a sofa set before

sion of the house to Juma Khan Baloch. QUETTA: President PFUJ Afzal Butt giving away Journalist of the Year award to journalists Arshad

PTI's Ali Awan, **Amir Dogar** arrested in Mansehra

stan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leaders and former MNAs Ali Nawaz Awan and Amir Dogar have been arrested in Batal area of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's Mansehra.

As per details, the former PTI MNAs were reportedly in residence of local party leader Razaullah Khan who was also arrested along with his cousins. The Anti-Corruption Establishment (ACE) Punjab on Friarrested Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leader Asad Qaiser from Islamabad According to details, the Anti-Corruption Establishment arrested the former National Assembly (NA) Speaker for

Ahmed Khan Jaffar being briefed during his visit to Saiban Trust Hospital. PM Kakar warns of trans-regional spillover of Gaza war

QUETTA: Caretaker Provincial Minister for

PHE and Population Welfare Sardar Ejaz

TASHKENT, Uzbekistan and say that it had got the (INP): Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Thursday called for enhanced engagement with the Western capitals to make Israel realise that the Gaza war could trigger a spillover effect beyond the region. In an interview with

Arab News, the prime minister said Western capitals, particularly Washington and London needed to make realise the Israeli side that they were contributing to destabilise the region.

He called for an immediate cessation of violence and labeled Israel's assault on Gaza genocide, clearly. The prime minister said he would attend an extraordinary session of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation on Sunday in Riyadh to discuss Israel's attacks prime minister said it was the licence to barbaric retaliation. He said the entire Muslim nation should think over about its contribution in science and technology and defence. The prime minister also criticised governance structures in Muslim nations, saying their challenges were deeper than the mere quagmire of the Palestinian situation. Meanwhile, the 16th Summit of Economic Cooperation Organization (ÉCO) was in progress in Tashkent, Uzbekistan. Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar was representing Pakistan in the summit. In his address, the Prime Minister will reaffirm

promotion of regional coop-

right to defend itself. The



for their homeland, as Pakistani officials said they will release the first batch of 80 Indian prisoners detained for fishing illegally in the country's territorial waters in the Arabian sea.

The National Disaster Management Authority

(NDMA) has issued an advisory warning of the possibility of smog levels reaching dangerous levels in central and southern Punjab next week. Gujranwala, Lahore, Bahawalpur, Faisalabad, Sargodha, DG Khan, and Sahiwal are among the districts likely to be affected.

LAHORE (INP): The limit outdoor activities, wear masks when going out, and stay informed about local air quality levels. They should also drink plenty of water to protect their respiratory systems from the harmful effects of smog.

Operations Lahore Ali Nasir Rizvi has directed police officers to strictly enforce the smart lockdown measures. He has criticized police officers for remaining indoors until 10:00 AM, stating that "if they remain Romeos in the houses till 10:00 in the morning, how will Lahore work?" Under the smart lockdown, only emergency services will be allowed to operate. All other businesses and activities will remain closed

to light

cent development, a case of theft of fertilizer sacks, cots, and a sofa against former federal minister Fawad Chaudhry has come been registered in Police Station Pind Dadankhan of Jhelum District, alleging that Fawad Chaudhry, along November 30, 2020. They allegedly stole six sacks of urea, six sacks of DAP,

Session Court has sent former Federal Minister Fawad Chaudhry to jail on judicial remand in connection with a fraud case against him. During the hearing, Fawad Chaudhry's wife, Haba Chaudhry, was

present in the courtroom.

handing over the posses-Separately, Islamabad

MANSEHRA (INP): Paki-

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Masood Khans says: 'Iqbal is our ideological

compass and lodestar'

According to spokes-

has also been found in one

sample each from Peshawar, Kohat and Nowshera.

He said, "The virus belongs to the YB3A virus cluster in Afghanistan."

Indian troops martyr one Kashmiri youth in Shopian

SRINAGAR (INP): Indian

According to Kashmir

poet Mashriq always advised the Muslims to unite.

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