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# Pakistan fully capable to respond to challenge posed by non-state actors: Kakar

PM reprimands "bizarre" justifications, narrative on killing of Gaza children by Israel

ISLAMABAD (INP): Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Hag Kakar has emphatically stated that Pakistan is fully capable to respond to the challenge

posed by non-state actors. Speaking at Margalla Dialogue titled "Evolving World Environment Charting the Course for Our Future" in Islamabad Wednesday, he said we do not have to rely on the outside security apparatus to take on the challenge. He said Pakistan is confident and self-reliant to take on the chal-

The Prime Minister said the external aggression has gone to minimum due to our defense capabilities.

# PM reaffirms govt's enduring commitment to economic reform efforts

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Wednesday reaffirmed the Anwaar-ui-Haq Kakar on wednesday realifimed the government's enduring commitment to the reform ef-forts agreed with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) as these were aimed at stabilizing the Pakistan's economy in the long run. IMF Mission Chief for Paki-stan Nathan Porter and IMF Resident Representative for Pakistan Esther Perez Tuiz called on the prime minister and apprised him of the status of the negotia-tions held at the technical levels with the team of gov-ernment of Pakistan under the First Review of the Stand-By Arrangement (SBA), PM Office Media Wing said in a press release. The prime minister thanked the IMF team for its ongoing work with the Pakistan and praised the leadership of the minister for finance and revenue and the contribution of her team in taking the

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# program forward.

QUETTA: A delegation of Sibi led by Mir Hads Khan Marri meeting with Čaretaker Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki.

**Governor Balochistan maintains:** Importance of higher and Rs2.4 per litre professional education unavoidable for progress ISLAMABAD: The care-



ISLAMABAD: The IMF Mission Chief for Pakistan Mr. Nathan Porter and IMF Resident Representative for Pakistan Ms. Esther Perez Tuiz call on the Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar.

Formally invites Lashkari Raisani to join PML-N: Shahbaz Sharif vows to resolve issues of Balochistan, prosper it together with mature approach

President PML-N says next PM would be the person whom to be elected by masses in general elections; says Nawaz Sharif

to lead party's election campaign; Bilawal just like a younger brother; says we have to move ahead with mature approach instead of making allegations on each other

Independent Report

QUETTA: The central President of Pakistan Mus-lim League-Nawaz (PML-N) and former Prime Min-ister Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif has categorically stated that the next Prime Minister of the country would be the person whom would be elected by the masses in elections. He said that if the people vote and elect Nawaz Sharif as next Premier then he (Nawaz) would definitely be the

He said that it is mature approach and thinking of Muhammad Nawaz Sharif to resolve the issues of Balochistan together with all stakeholders. He dent on the occasion said

**Independent Report** 

QUETTA: The caretaker

Provincial Minister for In-

formation, Jan Achakzai

has stated Pakistan's

Sources in the Finance

If the talks remained

Sources said that the

said that we have to develop that he has come to Sarawan the province and make it House to invite Nawabzada prosperous taking all stake-holders on board. Lashkari Raisani to join the PML-N. He said that with his (Lahskari) joining, the Shahbaz Sharif was speaking to the media perparty would strengthen in

his father (Nawab Ghous

stay at their home in Lahore

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He said that yesterday

sons soon after his meeting the province and otherwise. He said that Sardar with the Chief of Sarawan Ayaz Sadiq and Jaffar Mandokahil would settle and former Chief Minister, Nawab Aslam Raisani and the things while meeting with Lashkari Raisani. Nawabzada Lashkari Raisani at Sarawan House He on the occasion

on Wednesday morning. Also present at the also mentioned that ours presser along with Shahbaz Sharif was Nawabzada relations with family of Lashkari Raisani are old as Lashkari Raisani besides Bakhsh Raisani) used to the PML-N senior leader Sardar Ayaz Sadiq, provin-cial President, Sheikh Jaffar in 70s. Mandokhail and others.

The PML-N Presi-

# Cabinet approves levy of 40 % tax on banks' windfall profit earned during 2021-22

ISLAMABAD (APP): The be returned to the Saudi Federal Cabinet in its meet- Government, the PM Ofing chaired by Caretaker fice Media Wing said in a Prime Minister Anwaar-ulpress release. Besides, in Haq on Wednesday, acaccordance with the Saudi government's laws, a foolcorded approval, upon the recommendation of Federal Board of Revenue (FBR), proof monitoring system over the financial arrangeto impose 40 percent tax on windfall profit earned by banks on the foreign ex-change transactions during the years 2021 and 2022. The Finance Act, 2023 introduced a new sec. ments of Hajj group organizers would be enforced whereas under the new Hajj

the banks.

policy, children below the age of 10 years would be able to perform the religious 2023 introduced a new sec-tion 99D in the Income Tax Ordinance 20121 which obligation. For the pilgrims above the age of 80 years, conditions for keeping an would enforce the imposition of tax on windfall in-come profits and gains of assistant/helper would be relaxed, however, the Hajj

group organizers would en-The cabinet also ap-proved amendments in the Hajj Policy 2024 under ter into agreements with the Hujjaj (pilgrims) in that regard, enabling them to enwhich the government and list the services of local sup private unutilized sponsorship schemes quota would

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QUETTA: Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) supermo Nawaz Sharif addressing Workers convention.

# A lot of talkers came, but practically nothing done: Nawaz Sharif

QUETTA (INP): Pakistan said that they did not want Muslim League-Nawaz the power for themselves, (PML-N) Quaid Nawaz but they want a prosper-Sharif has said that a lot of ous Pakistan. talkers came, but nothing

The former premier has returned to Lahore af-Addressing workers in ter his two-day visit to

Quetta on Wednesday, he Balochistan. Meanw

Prime Minister. *Govt slashes* petrol price by

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Independent Report QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar has firmly stated that the importance of higher and professional education is just unavoidable for the overall development as such we have to pay much focus on it.

The Governor said that the Engineering University of Khuzdar is progressing fast, which is also evident from its campuses established in different districts of the province. He also commended

so during visit of the Khuzdar University's Campus in Uthal on Wednesday. Present on the occasion were the Vice Chancel-

the role of the Khuzdar

University for continuing

the journey of development

in the development sector.

The Governor stated

lor of Khuzdar University, were slashed by up to Professor Dr. Magsood Ahmed, Vice Chancellor of Lasbela university, Professor Dr. Dost Muhammad

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respectively. Sarawan House,

ISLAMABAD: Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Naveed Ashraf exchanging view with Iranian Ambassador to Pakistan Reza Amiri-Moghaddam at Naval headquarter.

# Notification of Info Commissioners very soon: **Balochistan cabinet approves** Information Commission, says Jan Achakzai

time

OUETTA: Balochistan Cabinet has approved the Information Commission and as such the notification of Information Commissioners would be issued very soon.

This was announced by the caretaker Provincial Minister for Information, Jan Achakzai while speaking to Mir Behram Baloch and Mir Behram Lehri who called on him here on Thursday.

**Monitoring Desk** 

SRINAGAR: At least 30

people were killed in Indian

Illegally Occupied Jammu

and Kashmir (IIOJK) on

Wednesday when a passen-

ger bus skidded off a moun-

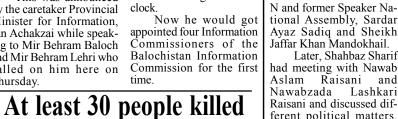
tainous road and plunged

down a rocky slope, police

said.

**Independent Report** Jan Achakzai said that UETTA: The it is included in his priority to make Information Commission Balochistan effective, therefore, he got approved the rules of business of the Information Commission from the provincial cabinet striving round the

> clock Now he would got appointed four Information Commissioners of the Balochistan Information Commission for the first



Raisani and discussed different political matters in IIOJK bus crash: Police Shahbaz Sharif also formally invited Lashkari Raisani to join the party.

"Thirty passengers have died in the accident, caused by the driver's negligence by hitting the crash bar of the road," senior police officer Sunil Gupta told AFP.

"The bus tumbled The accident took place on a remote mountain road in the Doda area, about

taker government — in relief to the inflation-weary Pakistanis — has slashed the petrol price by Rs2.4 per litre for the next fortnight. The new prices will come into effect from No-

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vember 16, at midnight and remain in place till November 30. In a statement, the Finance Division said the rates of petroleum products

Rs9.01 on the recommen dation of the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority. The per litre price of high-speed diesel (HSD) was slashed by Rs6.47, while the prices of kerosene

oil and light diesel oil were reduced by Rs6.05 and 9.01, **Sharif visits** 

> meets Nawab Aslam Raisani,

Lashkari economy is being harmed under the garb of smuggling **Independent Report** and Afghan transit trade. QUETTA: The central The Minister Infor-President of Pakistan Musmation asserted that Pakilim League-Nawaz (PML stan can't allow economic N) and former Prime Minterrorism in the name of ister Muhammad Shahbaz Afghan transit trade as its ference at Quetta Press Sharif visited Sarawan **Pakistan-IMF review** House on Wednesday

morning. Upon his arrival at Sarawan House, Shahbaz talks enter decisive stage Sharif was welcomed by the Chief of Sarawan and ISLAMABAD (INP): Ne- whether negotiations had former Chief Minister gotiations between Pakistan Nawab Aslam Raisani and and the International Mon-Nawabzada Lashkari etary Fund (IMF) have Raisani along with other

now entered a crucial stage. tribal and political leaders. Also accompanied Ministry said that today with Shahbaz Sharif were would be the last round of the senior leader of PMLpolicy-level talks between

the two sides. tional Assembly, Sardar Ayaz Sadiq and Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail. successful, they informed, Pakistan would receive the Later, Shahbaz Sharif second tranche of \$70 milhad meeting with Nawab

lion from the Fund. Raisani and Nawabzada Lashkari success of talks depended on the satisfaction of the international money lending organization, as it was the latter, which had to decide



QUETTA: Mir Behram Baloch and Mir Behram Lehri meeting with the talkers and doers," he Čaretaker provincial Minister for Information Jan Achakzai regarding maintained. **Balochistan Information Commission.** 

# Pak's economy being harmed under garb of smuggling and Afghan transit trade, Jan Achakzai

Minister Information asserts Pakistan can't allow economic terrorism in name of Afghan transit trade; its wrong use must be stopped; says over 105,000 immigrants repatriated from Balochistan via Chaman border

remained productive.

agreement.

with the IMF.

In the event of success

The government, on

They revealed that the

would then sign a staff-level

the other hand, sources dis-

closed, was hopeful that it

would reach an agreement

Club on Wednesday. use should be stopped forthwith.

Jan Achakzai said that He said that it has been Pakistan wants promotion of trade in the region, and witnessed that the process of harming country's in this regard, wholehearted economy is continued unefforts are continued as der the garb of Afghan tran-

He said that Afghanisit trade after the Taliban's government in Afghanistan. stan is our neighbour broth-The Minister Inforerly country, and we also mation was addressing a have trade and commerce hurriedly called press con-

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SC bans use of word 'sahib' for govt officials ISLAMABAD (INP): Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Qazi Faez Isa on of these talks, both sides Wednesday ordered banning the use of word sahib for government officials

during hearing of a criminal case. The chief justice was Isa remarked are the deciheading a three-member bench which was hearing the bail plea of a murder accused of Mardan.

Fund had expressed reser-The use of word sahib vations over the external fiby Khyber Pakhtunkhwa nancing gap. Furthermore, they exadditional advocate general (AAG) for a police officer irked CJP Isa. When the plained, the IMF was afraid the government would not chief justice asked him to be able to meet the tax col give details of the case, the AAG said the "DSP sahib can explain.

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LASBELLA: Balochistan Governor Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar talking to participants regarding problems faced by teachers and students at Lasbella University.

that the neonle sh question where the change went "The children should

was done practically.

prime minister Shehbaz Sharif called on Aslam Raisani and Lashkari be informed who did what Raisani and invited them to The society was polluted join the PML-N.

Lashkari Raisani accepted the invitation and said that he had decided to become part of the political process. "I will announce my decision

The PML-N Quaid shortly



QUETTA: Muslim League (PML-N) President and former Prime Minister, Shahbaz Sharif along with Haji Lashkar Raisani and others addresses to media persons during press conference after meeting, held in Quetta.

# Are the decisions taken before decisions: CJP

ISLAMABAD (Online): case is its major example. Supreme Court (SC) while allowing federal known to all who was doing this all. But no one has government to conduct investigation in respect of courage to mention name. all matters under commis-The enemy of country is sion with reference to not outsider. All are enemies Faizabad Dharna has directed Attorney General of Pakistan it should be got entered in TORS that filing review petitions

tives

by themselves inside the country Justice Athar Minallah remarked every institution should do its were an accident or were work on its own. Don't get filed under some one direcsuch work done from us which was done some time

He observed it was

The Chief Justice of in the past by exercising Pakistan (CJP) Qazi Faez powers of clause 184.

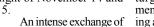
The court dismissed the petition of Sheikh sions taken before decisions. Who thinks courts Rashid being withdrawn by were being controlled, this him.

# 7 terrorists killed in Tank IBO

RAWALPINDI (APP): The fire took place during the forces on security Wednesday killed seven terrorists in an intelligence-based operation in Kiri Machan Khel area of Tank District.

According to the Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR), the security forces carried out the operation on the reported presence of terrorists in the general area Kiri Machan Khel on the night of November 14 and

to hell, it added The terrorists' hideouts were also busted during the operation The forces also recovered weapons and ammunition from the killed



operation, due to which seven terrorists were sent

terrorists, who remained actively involved in numerous terrorist activities, including recent target killings of policemen in Tank and surround-

ing areas

200 kilometres (124 miles) southeast of the region's capital Srinagar.

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**Miscellaneous** 

# PCB announces new captains for T20I, Test

LAHORE (INP): The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) on Wednesday announced left-handed batter Shan Masood and pacer Shaheen Shah Afridi as captains for Test and Twenty20 inter-national (T20I) format, respectively.

Taking to X (formerly Twitter), the PCB shared the new captains of the Pakistan cricket team for the Test and T20I format.

Presenting our captains, [Shan Masood] has been appointed Test captain while [Shaheen Shah Afridi] will lead the T20I side.

The development came after star batter Babar Azam stepped down as following the team's dismal tury

performance in the ongoing World Cup 2023, ARY News reported on Wednes-Babar Azam's resigna-

tion came shortly after he met Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) Management Committee Chairman Zaka Ashraf at Lahore's Gaddafi Stadium

Azam's captaincy and his future in the role came under question following the national team's belowpar performance in the World Cup 2023

The team suffered five losses, the most in their World Cup history, including their first defeat against Afghanistan in ODIs also their first against South Af-Pakistan all-format captain rica in World Cups this cen-

# **Hafeez replaces Mickey as Director** Men's cricket team

LAHORE (APP): The PCB on Wednesday appointed former test captain Mohammad Hafeez as Director of the Pakistan Men's cricket team replacing Mickey Arthur who is likely to be reassigned some coaching role at the National Cricket Academy (NCA).

The change has come in the aftermath of the poor performance of the Pakistan cricket team in the ICC Men's ODI Cricket World Cup 2023 in India where the team won four matches out of nine and finished fifth on the points table.

Captain Babar Azam has already stepped down as all-format captain of the team while the PCB has decided to change portfolios of the coaching staff which will work at the NCA.

Mohammad Hafeez has featured for Pakistan in 55 Tests, 218 ODIs and 119 T20Is and has scored 12 780 runs and has taken 253 wickets



ISLAMABAD: The Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar chairs a meeting of the Caretaker Federal Cabinet.



LAHORE: Members of Tahafuz Namose Risalat Mahaz are holding protest rally against Israeli cruel and inhumane acts and express unity with the innocent people of Palestine, at Mall road.

# Shahbaz Sharif vows to resolve..

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(Tuesday), several political elders joined the Party, and added that we would make politics source of public service and strengthening the country. He also said that there are great services of Balochs, Pashtoons, settlers and Hazara community for the province and country, and we have to sort out the issues being faced by the province.

If there has been some badness in the province, then we have to mend it together. He insisted that we have to resolve the economic and political issues of the province once came into power. Referring the Chairman PPP Bilawal try from being default, and

said that he (Bilawal) is just was like his younger brother. He has worked with him for 16 the country from default months, and instead of levspending out political capielling allegations against tal, and now our politics would also be saved, he as-serted. He said by the core each other, we have to move ahead with mature political approach, he maintained. In of his heart that Nawaz Sharif this regard, we also have to is a statesman politician, and he has the approach to relearn lesson from the past's mistakes as it is not an apsolve the real issues of the province and country. propriate to level allegations and make hue and cry,

shared the initiatives taken Shahbaz Sharif added. To another query, the by the coalition government PML-N President said that under his leadership for the we had saved the country country and province. However, he said that from default, which it was when he had reigned the there used to be delay in making decisions during the coalition government.

the media, Shahbaz Sharif our political investment

also consumed.

Ultimately we saved

Shahbaz Sharif also

He said that we then coalition government, worked to save the counwhich had positive and negative impacts on certain Bhutto's assertions made in saved it, and in this course, things

teachers and other con-

cerned staff for promotion

of the engineering education

and producing talented en-

# Kohli's record ton, Shami's magnificent 7 power India to final

**Monitoring Desk** MUMBAI: India's Virat Kohli struck a record 50<sup>th</sup> hundred and fast bowler Mohammed Shami's sevenwicket haul proved equally crucial as the unbeaten hosts overpowered New Zealand by 70 runs in a high-scoring match on Wednesday to march into the World Cup final. Kohli's 117 and a blis-

tering 105 from Shreyas Iyer helped India post 397 for four wickets after they won the toss at the second and last 50-over let go."

World Cup trophy in 2011 In reply, New Zealand, who beat India at the same stage in the 2019 tournament, were bundled out for 327 in the 49th over with Daryl Mitchell's excellent innings of 134 proving to be in vain. The wicket was very good, lots of runs were scored in the afternoon,'

said man-of-the-match Shami. "It feels amazing. "Last two World Cups, we lost in the semis. We wanted to do every-Wankhede Stadium, where thing for this, (it was) one the hosts had lifted their chance we didn't want to thing for this, (it was) one

# **SAPM** explores avenues for Pakistani professionals in Saudi projects

ISLAMABAD (APP): with CEO Abdulaziz Special Assistant to the Alkathiry, they examined Prime Minister (SAPM) on the availability of profi-Overseas Pakistanis and cient Pakistani manpower Human Resource Developand talked about the poment, Jawad Sohrab Malik, tential to engage more Pa-Wednesday explored avkistani professionals in enues to enhance the inupcoming projects in Saudi volvement of Pakistani Arabia professionals in upcoming

projects in Saudi Arabia during his visit to the central office of Maharah Human Resource, the largest human resource company Community

EN'sy.

During the meeting

in Saudi Arabia.

Haji Lashkari Raisani.

Jan Achakzai revealed

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that the mafia people

smuggle the goods and

luxury items under the garb

of Afghan transit trade on

# ECC approves Rs 423 mln **TSG for Petroleum Division** judicious analysis of the

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the Cabinet on Wednesday approved Rs 423.726 million technical supplementary grant (TSG) for the Public Sector Development Programme (PSDP) Programme projects of the Petroleum Division.

The summary for the ings' grant was presented by the Ministry of Energy (Petroleum Division) in the ECC meeting chaired by Caretaker Federal Minister for Finance, Revenue, and Economic Affairs Dr Shamshad Akhtar, according to a Fiwell-informed and wellnance Ministry press reconsidered recommendations involving a proper and lease

2023 in India under his com-

mand. According to a PCB

press release on Wednesday,

Babar Azam was offered to

continue as Test team captain

by the Chairman PCB's Man-

agement Committee to which

the maestro batter declined and

expressed his desire to con-

tinue to serve as a batter.

The ECC also considered a summary of the Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations, & Coordination regarding the "Approval of Increase in Maximum Retail Prices (MRPs) of 262 Drugs unmendations in a rational. der the hardship category as recommended by DPC in its 56th and 57th Meet-

protecting the interests of After detailed discussion and deliberation, the the ailing consumers already facing inflationary committee asked the Minpressures. istry of National Health The committee also Services, Regulations & Coordination to come up by Tuesday next, with

considered a summary submitted by the Ministry of Industries and Production for the import of 200 KMT Urea fertilizer for the Rabi season.

pricing mechanism.

The ECC also asked

the ministry to engage with

the provincial health de-

partments and ensure the

finalization of its recom-

balanced and rule-based

manner addressing the con-

cerns of the industry and

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# Cabinet approves ..

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porters during their stay in Saudi Arabia.

The condition would be inserted in the agreement for the provision of services and its violation would lead to imposition of fine and black listing of the relevant Hajj group organizer, it was added. The meeting also sanctioned a reduction in the hardship Hajj quota. A total of 50 percent quota of hiring local supporters would be dedicated to those Pakistani students who are studying in different universities of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and their deployment would be made

Upon the proposal of Ministry of Trade, the cabinet sanctioned the constitution of a committee with regard to hearing of appeals against orders of Trade Organizations Regulators, ex-emption and flexibility in the provisions of Import Policy Order 2022 and Export Policy Order 2022.

The minister for trade would act as convener of the committee whereas ministers for law and planning would be the other members. The cabinet, upon the recommendation of the Interior Ministry, also approved the inclusion of Democratic Republic of Congo, Malawi, Zambia,

The cabinet in its pre- Zimbabwe and Kyrgyz us meeting had consti-Democrat in the bu visa list. It also allowed the removal of the names of 18 persons from the Exit Control List (ECL), and placing nine other names in the list ments were made. The on the advice of the interior ministry. On the recommendation of the Ministry of Kashmir Affairs and Gilgit Baltistan, it approved the Jammu and Kashmir State

instead of \$6.5 billion.

Similarly, they added.

it had been estimated that

the country's imports

would remain \$5 billion less

than the target set for this

vear, thus causing a setback

to the Federal Board of

Revenue's (FBR) efforts to

meet the tax collection tar-

**Babar Azam** steps down as all-format captain

LAHORE (APP): Babar Azam has decided to step down as all-format captain of the Pakistan Men's cricket team in the aftermath of the poor performance of team in the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup

Accompanying him were the Ambassador of Pakistan to Saudi Arabia. Ahmad Farooq, Director General BEOE, Joint Secretary Emigration, and Welfare Attachés.

### ments of present era. Continued from page 1

**Importance of.** 

gineers

benefiting there.

Baloch, Principal Secretary to Governor, Hashim Khan Ghilzai besides the senior faculty members of the university.

During the visit, the Governor was briefed about overall performance of the university as well as issues being faced by it and future course of action.

The Governor said that the government is taking deep interest in providing better and especially professional educational facilities to the students in

efforts would be made to improve performance of the accordance with the require- university further.

**QUETTA:** Metropolitan Corporation (QMC) Administrator, Jabbar Baloch giving a briefing to Secretary Local Government Noor Ahmed Perkani about the Metropolitan Corporation's Garbage Trenching Ground during his inspection visit.

Continued from page 1 He appreciated the indown the mountain some valuable services of 250 metres (800 feet).<sup>3</sup> Khuzdar University's

At least 30..

More than 25 people were also injured in the crash, Gupta said. A video clip from the site showed a grisly scene of several dead bodies, as

He said that it is our rescuers tried to help the good luck that around 12 injured. universities are operating in Police said they feared the province and a large the death toll could rise, number of students are with many badly injured. Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the ac-

He expressed the hope that every possible cident was "distressing" and offered his "condolences to the families who have lost their near and dear ones" "I pray that the in-

ured recover at the earliest," he said on social media, adding that government compensation of more than \$2,400 would be offered to the next of kin of those killed, and \$600 to those ghan transit trade and smuginjured. Home Minister Amit gling, he asserted.

Shah said in a post on X, formerly Twitter, that he was "deeply anguished to learn about the loss of precious lives' The local administra

which Pakistan has intion is conducting the rescreased the duty manifold cue operation in the gorge in order to discourage their where the bus had the accident

*Continued from page 1* relations with it. As Afimport What tough measures ghanistan is a landlocked taken by the Army Chief country, so Pakistan has Syed Asim Munir for staprovided passage for the bilizing the country's foreign trade to it, adding economy are also included he mentioned. But, Pakithe elimination of smugstan can't allow economic gling, he mentioned. terrorism in the name of Af-

QUETTA: Central President of Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N)

and former Prime Minister Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif in a meeting with

former Chief Minister Balochistan Nawab Aslam Raisani and Nawabzada

Pak's economy being harmed..

nomic terrorists are taking advantage of the country's soft attitude.

He said that Pakistan He said that if Afstill wants better relations ghanistan and other neighwith Afghanistan, and exboring countries pay attention on the mutual trade, it would also have positive impact on our economy and discourage the smuggling

tuted a committee to bring improvement in the Hajj Policy 2024 and under its recommendations the above-mentioned amendmeeting also approved the holding of negotiations on Bilateral Investment Treaties with Saudi Arabia and Oatar on the recommendation of the Investment Property Budget.

as welfare staff.

# Pakistan-IMF.

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lection target this financial year (FY).

Similarly, they in-formed, the Fund also had questioned the SIFC. However, the government had tried to address these concerns of the IMF, they said. It was earlier reported that as the review talks be-

deficit.

. 2023

In other words. sources explained, imports tween the International would stand at \$54 billion Monetary Fund (IMF) and against the target of \$58.7 the government were unbillion. derway, it had been estimated that \$2.50 billion

They went on to say that this year the country would be saved by bringing would be able to achieve the down the current account export target of \$30 billion.

They disclosed that Furthermore, they inthis FY the deficit was exformed, remittances would pected to remain \$4 billion be over \$30 billion this FY.



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On the economic front, he said the country with a huge population under the age of thirty has a great potential to be channelized and tapped. Referring to his dis-

cussions with some diplomats who defended Israeli actions by citing Israeli children's deaths, he expressed his surprise at the argument. However, he reiterated that the killing of any child, regardless of faith or origin, is condemnable.

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"So how many Palestinian children have to be killed to appease and address the Israeli anger? One, five, ten, 500, 1000, 4,700? Can they give us a number so that we can satisfy those parents to wait as some 10,000 children needed to be killed to address the Israeli anger," he remarked.

He said those claiming to be the followers of Prophet Moses, were actually following the footsteps of Pharaoh by killing the children which was "utterly unacceptable."

The prime minister, policies were a recipe for who had also been the disaster. He said contrary IPRI's board member, highto the ongoing persecution lighted the potential for in India, the minorities in connectivity with the countries in the region including India, and said Pakistan never shied away from establishing trade links with India but it could not beg that as trade should be for mutual benefits.

Pakistan fully capable to..

However, he said before such links, it was essential to speak out on the Kashmir conflict as without addressing that issue, it was challenging to have normal relations with the dren by Israel current Indian regime.

He told the gathering that the Kashmir issue demanded attention aligned with the aspirations of its people as despite promises and UN guarantees, the Kashmiris could not be given their right to self-determination. Postponing the issue is not a solution as the historical resilience

against colonization is evi-

dent, he added. Referring to the Hindutva ideology infesting Indian society, he said such

Pakistan were sharing their destinies with Pakistan having deep entrenched roots in business as well as society. The prime minister said Pakistan was faced with the challenge of nonstate actors but the country was prepared to respond that, without needing anyone's tangible assistance. PM reprimands "bizarre" justifications, narrative on killing of Gaza chil-Giving a historical account of human history to

the formation of modernday political groups, the prime minister said amidst the containment policy, China arose to become the second biggest economy of the world. He said, unlike India, Pakistan never incentivized the conflicts. Prime Minister Kakar said the country was ready

to give a push to its economy by exploiting its potential of land and mineral resources.

16) PIMS are hereby charged for committing the following acts of omission and commission, which constitute misconduct under the Civil Servants (Efficiency & 3.

recommendations of inquiry report has reached conclusion that the charges / allegations stated in the aforesaid charge sheet and statement of allegation have been established against you. 4. NOW THEREFORE, you Mr. Muhammad Zahid, Charge Nurse (BS-16) PIMS, Islamabad are called upon to show cause in writing within 10 days from the issuance of this show cause notice explaining as to why major penalty of "Removal from Service" should not be imposed upon you as provided in the Rule-4(3) (c) of the Rules ibid. You are also required to indicate in your reply that you want to heard in person.

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PAKISTAN INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES.

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end economic terrorism.

would not let use its land against every kind of terrorism including the economic one

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PIMS as inquiry officer in terms of Rules 9 (1) (a) of the Rules ibid vide inquiry order

of even number dated 07.09.2023. The inquiry officer has submitted inquiry report

concluding therein that Chatges / allegations leveled against you in the Charge Sheet

and statement of allegation stand proved and recommended imposition of major

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time, it shall be presume that either you have no defense to offer or you have declined

to offer the same and accepted the charges and in that case, action against you shall be

And WHEREAS, the undersigned on considering the findings and

penalties on you (copy of inquiry report is enclosed).

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ghan transit trade arriving at the Karachi port. He said that the manner Pakistan is fighting against the terrorism, it is

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**Court extends** interim bail



# **Quality STEM education in** focus as UNESCO gathers scientists in Islamabad

ISLAMABAD (APP): History, Islamabad. UNESCO organized a scientists' convention in Islamabad, underscoring the importance of quality STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math education) and emphasizing science's societal signifi-

The event, held in collaboration with the Pakistan Science Foundation (PSF), Commission on Science and Technology for Sustainable Development in the South (COMSATS), and ECO Science Foundation (ECOSF), aimed to encourage public engagement in discussions on contemporary scientific issues.

In conjunction with this year's World Science Day, three interactive sessions for students are scheduled on November 15 and 16, 2023, at the Pakistan Museum of Natural

Mahmood Baig, S. I., Chairman PSF, Dr. Seyed These sessions focus Komail Tayebi, President of on hands-on activities such as extracting DNA from ECO Science Foundation, fruits, effective laboratory Ambassador Dr. Mohammad Nafees Zakaria, Executive practices, science communication, and exploring in-Director of COMSATS, ertia, designed to spark students' interest in STEM

fields

theme, 'Building

Director

and Dr. Abida Raza, Technical Director at the Na-Since its inception in tional Center of Industrial 2001, World Science Day Biotechnology, PMASfor Peace and Development Arid Agriculture Univerhas sought to highlight sity, emphasized the role of science's crucial role in soscience and the significance ciety and engage the of STEM education. broader public in discus-

Attendees included sions on emerging scientific government officials, scienissues. This year's global tists, researchers, science communicators, and science Trust in Science' aligns journalists, collectively with the ongoing efforts to contributing to the dialogue on the crucial intersection

enhance trust in science, which is vital for shaping of science, education, and our collective future. public engagement. During the convention, The attendees in cluded government officials, key figures including Dr. scientists, researchers, sci-Youssef Filali-Meknassi,

ence communicators, and UNESCO, Islamabad, Prof. Dr. Shahid science journalists.

**Minister highlights importance** of educations-ector reforms ISLAMABAD (APP): the education sector with Caretaker Minister for Bahria University Rector Planning, Development and

IPRI Islamabad Policy Research Institute

Initiatives who called on him here. Muhammad Sami Saeed on During the meeting, Wednesday highlighted the importance of education reforms keeping in view the emerging challenges in this

He also shared several initiatives taken by the min- firmed the government's istry for improvement in commitment to provide full

support in improving the education sector. The Rec-Vice Admiral ® Asif Khaliq, tor highlighted the key initiatives and achievements of Bahria University.

they discussed various matters related to education, was the first time in the professional training and country's history that the skill enhancement, a news budget of the Higher Education Commission has release said. The minister reaf-

ISLAMABAD: President of IPRI Dr. Raza Muhammad presents the book

"Persecution of the Indian Minorities" to caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-

been increased from Rs40 billion to Rs70 billion in the current fiscal year.

# Caretaker CM, **CEC collaborate for** impartial elections

ISLAMABAD (APP):

Caretaker Chief Minister of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Justice (Retd) Syed Arshad Hussain Shah briefed Chief Election Commissioner Sikandar Sultan Raja on Wednesday about election preparations, emphasizing their joint commitment to ensuring free, fair, and impartial elections in the province.

During a meeting at the Election Commission Secretariat, the Chief Minister pledged that concern the provincial govern-ment of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, working collaboratively with the Election Commission, is devoted to ensuring the elections in the province are conducted with a strong emphasis on free- all arrangements thor-dom, fairness, and impar- oughly.



State Minister for Tourism and SAPM on Youth Affairs Wasi Shah, the Pakistan Tourism Development Corporation (PTDC) is outbound Travel & Tour-ism Mart (COTTM) Beijing China from November 15 to 17. Speaking at the inau-guration of the Pakistan Pa-vilion at COTTM, Pakistan's Ambassador to

Under the leadership of that it would enhance tourism exchange and facilitate business partnerships between Pakistani and Chinese tour operators. He also reaffirmed Pakistan's commitment to welcoming Chinese investors with open arms. PTDC Managing Director Aftab ur Rehman Rana highlighted the importance of China as a key market for Pakistan's

inbound tourism sector. He noted the recent designation of 2023 as the China Khalil Hashmi emphasized the deep and en-Pak-China Year of Tourism during friendship between Exchange and expressed Pakistan and China, highoptimism that the PTDC's lighting the shared values efforts to establish busiand mutual respect that ness-to-business linkages underpin their diplomatic, would further increase toureconomic, and cultural ties. ist traffic between the two He expressed conficountries. The participation in COTTM aligns with dence that events like COTTM would foster col-Pakistan's broader strategy laboration between tour to promote tourism and dioperators in both countries. versify its economy. By State Minister for showcasing its rich cultural

Tourism and Special Assisheritage, diverse landtant to the Prime Minister scapes, and hospitality, on Youth Affairs Wasi Shah Pakistan aims to attract underscored the signifi- more Chinese tourists and cance of Pakistan's partici- strengthen its position.



ISLAMABAD: Rector, Bahria University, Vice Admiral (retd) Asif Khaliq called on caretaker Federal Minister for Planning Development & Special Initiatives, Muhammad Sami Saeed.

# British-Pakistani Soprano discusses music industry matters with Minister Shah

of Arts (PNCA). ISLAMABAD (APP): Saira Peter, a British-Pakicollaborates with British stani soprano and Sufi opera singer, called on Jamal artists in creating the Shah, Caretaker Federal Minister for National Heritage and Culture, at the Division here Wednesday to

world's inaugural full-scale "Sufi Opera," a musical stage drama centered on the narrative of Umar Marvi, discuss mutual interest isone of Latif's "seven heroines" of Sindh. Upon its sues pertaining to the mucompletion, the production During the meeting, is scheduled to be performed in London, with Saira Peter assuming the Francis and her husband role of 'Marvi'.

Presently, Saira Peter

Muhammad Ayub Jamali, the Director General

It has been further said



ISLAMABAD: Activists of Istehkam-e-Pakistan Party hold a protest rally against Israel attack on Ghaza, at Islamabad Highway in Federal Capital.

# **IWMI, IFPRI to transform Indus Basin for sustainable** development goals

ISLAMABAD (APP): derstanding E-Flow re-The International Water quirements, identifying (IWMI) and the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) have joined forces to transform food, land, and water systems in the Indus Basin, aiming to enhance water productivity and ad-

Management Institute datasets, evaluating policies. establishing prioritization at federal and provincial levels, and fostering collaboration on projects. Dr. Mohsin Hafeez emphasizes the urgency of this effort.

Recognizing the need for precise data, IWMI and

the Pakistan Council of

Research in Water Re-

sources (PCRWR) are set

to employ an environmen-

tal flow model in the Indus

from the consultation in-

sharing on projects, and ex-

within the Water-Energy-

collaborative endeavor aims

promote collaboration, and

establish a unified ap-

proach for the effective as-

sessment and management

of E-Flow in Pakistan

Anticipated outcomes

Basin

develop in plain areas of country: PMD ISLAMABAD (APP): Fog/smog is likely to de-velop in plain areas of Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in the morning hours during the next 24 hours, according to the Pa-

Fog/smog

likely to

kistan Meteorological Department (PMD). Mainly dry weather is expected in most parts of

According to the syn-

the country, while cold and

partly cloudy in the upper

optic situation, Continen-

tal air is prevailing over

**AIOU** sets

**Nov. 20** 

as last date

for admissions

ISLAMABAD (APP):

Allama Iqbal Open Univer-

sity (AIOU) has set No-

vember 20, as the last date

for admission in open dis-

tance learning (ODL)

programmes offered in

phase 2 of Autumn semes-

AIOU, Prof. Dr. Nasir

Mahmood extended the last

date due to the numerous

applications received from

interested students. Earlier,

the last date was Novem-

ber 7, 2023, said a news re-

this phase include Associ-

ate degree in Arts (BA Gen-

eral), Associate degree in

Commerce (B.Com), Asso-

**Police verifies** 

17,695 vehicles,

enhances

citizen services

ISLAMABAD (APP): Po-

ciate degree in Education.

Programmes offered in

lease on Wednesday.

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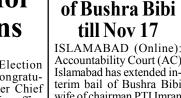
The Chief Election Commissioner congratulated the caretaker Chief Minister on assuming office and emphasized the ongoing efforts to ensure the peaceful conduct of general elections, taking into account the current security situation in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

pledged to prioritize the protection of voters as the government's foremost

Wednesday.

The Chief Minister

Sikandar Sultan Raja informed the caretaker Chief Minister that the Election Commission will visit the province shortly to assess the election preparations in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, scrutinizing



terim bail of Bushra Bibi wife of chairman PTI Imran Khan till November 17 in 190 million pounds scandal and Toshakhana case.

Judge Muhammad Bashir of AC heard the cases against Bushra Bibi

Bushra Bibi appeared in the court. However no lawyer appeared in the court on her behalf.

Judge Muhammad Bashir questioned to NAB prosecutors where are lawyers of Bushra Bibi

Prosecutor told the court he does not know. Latif Khosa is counsel of Bushra Bibi in this case. Judge remarked if no one has come then we fix

the hearing on Friday.

IHC makes it

compulsory for

lawyers to

wear gowns

ISLAMABAD (Online):

(IHC) has made it compul-

sory for lawyers to wear

gown before appearing in

the court from November

15. Chief Justice (CJ) IHC

Aamer Farooq while mov-

ing to the lawyers during

Saira Peter, accompanied by her official manager Zafar Stephen Smith, an thnomusicologist and pia-

vance sustainable develo ment goals (SDGs).

At the heart of this initiative is the Environmental Flow (E-Flow) assessment of the Indus River basin, a crucial step towards ensuring sustainable water management.

Dr. Mohsin Hafeez, clude an improved under-Director of Water, Food & standing of E-Flow require-Ecosystems at IWMI, unments, identification of derscores the inadequacy of datasets, prioritization at various levels, information attention to E-Flow in Pakistan, citing the absence of a dedicated department and ploration of measures a systematic approach to data gathering in the Indus Food-Climate Nexus. This Basin to enhance decision-making,

In response, a consultation has been initiated to address key questions for effective E-Flow assessment and management in Pakistan. This includes un-



ISLAMABAD: A group of the British Band are performing in Islamabad college for girls (ICG) F-6/2 in connection with King Charles birthday.

# Awareness among the parents may help to resolve refusal

health expert on Wednesday called upon people from different walks of life to hold more awareness drives that can overcome the challenges of 'refusal of parents' during polio drives to make the country free of the polio virus.

Dr Iqbal Memon talking to a private news channel said that the polio virus has been eradicated from different countries but unfortunately, Pakistan was still fighting against it due to the refusal of guardians.

He said although there has been significant progress towards the eradication of the disease, there is a need for collaborative efforts to get rid of polio.

"Parents in Karachi and other far-flung areas of the country must understand the huge risk polio rehabilitation problem inposes to their children's volving accessibility.

lice Khidmat Markaz, under the direction of ISLAMABAD (APP): A well-being and ensure that Islamabad Capital City Police Officer (ICCPO) Dr. they receive multiple doses of the oral polio vaccine and Akbar Nasir Khan, has sucare up to date on their roucessfully completed the tine immunizations," he verification of 17,695 veadded. hicles out of the 17,718

Ulema should play a applications received. pivotal role in polio eradi-The Police Khidmat cation, while a focus on re-Markaz offers a range of moving misconceptions services to the citizens of against the vaccine was Islamabad, including the isneeded, he mentioned. suance of character certifi-

He also lauded the efcates, foreigners' registraforts of the government and tion, and the registration of appreciated the decrease in tenants and domestic sernumber of polio cases. vants, as highlighted by a He suggested that edu-

police public relations ofcational institutes should be ficer. involved in arranging aware-To undergo vehicle ness campaigns and polio

verification, applicants are eradication policies while required to present their original CNIC, the original adding that conferences on the issue would be helpful. documentation of the ve-Replying to a queshicle, and the owner's tion, he said that the man-CNIC Additionally, agement of polio survivors printed images of the is not only a medical and vehicle's engine and chas-

Moreover, timely updates on traffic laws and sis numbers are necessary road conditions are regufor the verification process

Federal Minister for Education Madad Ali Sindhi attended the inter-school

and inter-collegiate level sports competitions as the Chief guest organized by the Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education Isalamabad.

# **Violation of basic rights** exposes India's facade of largest democracy: APHC

ISLAMABAD (APP): Modi-led Hindutva govern-The All Parties Hurrivat ment is increasing number Conference (APHC) has of its occupation troops on said that violation of Kashmiris' fundamental daily basis to suppress the freedom movement. human rights exposed the

However, they added India's facade of so-called that the Kashmiris were delargest democracy as it has termined to spearhead their converted the entire Indian liberation cause against all Illegally occupied Jammu odds. Crushing with brute and Kashmir (IIOJK) into force the Kashmiris' right the world's largest open air to self-determination has jail. According to Kashmir proved that India is a sham Media Service (KMS), democracy, the leaders said APHC leaders including and pointed out, "Deploy-Ghulam Muhammad Khan ment of around one million Indian soldiers in IIOJK was a proof that India is fighting a lost war." They said, "India's status in the territory is just of a usurper because Kashmiris have not accepted its occupation from the day one while New Delhi has

ing fields of Kashmir where the world's largest jail. Islamabad police actively disseminate public awareness

the Islamabad Capital City Police Officer (ICCPO) affirmed the police's commitment to taking all necessary measures to safeguard the lives and prop-

no tolerance for criminal elements disrupting public peace Citizens are encour-

aged to actively cooperate with the police, reporting any suspicious items or activities to their respective police stations, the emer-

gency helpline "Pucar-15," or through the ICT-15 app. Pakistan National Council meeting.

sic industry.

nist/harmonium player, (DG) of the Pakistan Naproposed the organization tional Council of the Arts of her solo concert at the (PNCA), attended the

# **IHC** issues written order on staying Imran jail trial in cipher case SLAMABAD (Online): meet the prior conditions of

Islamabad High Court jail trial. If any such docu-(IHC) has issued written ment is there then it should order of staying PTI chairbe presented in the court on man jail trial in cipher case. next hearing.

The court remarked in the order Attorney Genprima facie Chairman PTI eral (AG) could not present trial cannot be called open trial. copy of federal cabinet de-

The written order was cision in the court. AG could not present that sumissued by Justice Miangul Islamabad High Court Hassan Aurangzeb and Jusmary on the basis of which tice Saman Rafat Imtiaz. federal cabinet made deci-It has been said in the

sion. The court issues stav order that no document has order till the next hearing of been brought on record to trial of cipher case.



**ISLAMABAD: Workers of Anti-Encroachments** Cell of CDA are seizing the chairs and tables of the hotels as they make their sit-ins outside their hotels on Footpath at Sector G-8 in Federal Capital.

# Media awareness drive, timely precautions advises for 'Asthma attacks' in Winter

ISLAMABAD (APP): Health expert Wednesday responsible for decreased suggested a media awarelung function in asthmatics. ness drive and timely pre-He advised citizens to cautions for 'Asthma paadopt a proper diet and tients' to avoid travel durwear face masks to reduce ing thick smog at the hosthe risk of asthma attacks pital in the wake of the risand other allergies during ing number of patients with winter as asthmatics need a history of 'asthma atto be very careful about the tacks' at the peak. type of fats they are con-

A Pulmonologist and lungs Specialist Prof. Dr. suming He informed that a Javaid A. Khan talking to permanent cure for asthma a private news channel is not currently available. said that about seven perbut with proper medication cent of Pakistan's popuusage patients can live a lation is suffering from normal life Dr Javaid urged docasthma and there might be an increase of about 20 to tors to educate their respec-25 percent within the next tive patients in order to

few weeks. provide maximum aware-He further said rapid ness of asthma and its manchanges in the weather, esagement, adding that the pecially the rapid onset of patients to keep the win-

cold weather, are directly dows of their vehicles shut during the journey and clean the inside of the vehicle thoroughly, removing dust with a vacuum cleaner before embarking on the journey

He said according to World Health the Organisation (WHO), currently around 300m people worldwide are suffering from asthma, adding, cold wind, air pollution, increase in urban population, obesity, lack of movement as some of the reasons for increasing asthma attacks.

Experts said asthma could be controlled and patients could lead a normal life by making positive lifestyle changes, taking proper precautions, and having timely treatment.

messages in last month

larly communicated to citi-zens through FM radio Independent Report ISLAMABAD: During the preceding month, the Islamabad Capital Police channels

effectively delivered 130 awareness messages via its FM Radio 92.4, primarily focusing on enhancing awareness of traffic regula-

erty of citizens. He empha-The disseminated sized that there would be messages covered a spectrum of subjects, including pedestrian safety, zebra crossings, traffic signals,

Dr Akbar Nasir Khan,

the hearing of the case remarked that senior lawyers and Deputy Attorney General (DAG) came into court without wearing gown. He remarked that with regret

you don't know about the orders of high court. You both are senior lawyers. One is DAG too. But both are without gowns. It has been made compulsory to wear gown from November 15 while appearing in the

court.

Arshad Iqbal, Muhammad Saleem Zargar, Sibte Shabbir Qummi and Maulana Musaib Nadvi in

their statements issued in

Srinagar said, "Death of India's fake democracy is daily witnessed in the kill- converted the territory into

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types of road signs, distinc-

tions in lanes, and instruc-

tional videos elucidating

parking laws, according to

police sources.

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# **Resurgent militancy**

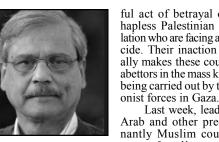
While Pakistan may not be witnessing the mass-casualty terror attacks — particularly against civilian targets in urban centres — that the nation saw a decade ago, the militants are making their presence felt them have made peace with through frequent, deadly forays targeting security personnel.

Two separate attacks on Monday, one in Dera Ismail Khan, the other in North Waziristan, are the latest in this series of murderous assaults. In the D.I. Khan incident, two civilians and a security man lost their lives when terrorists struck an oil firm while two soldiers were martyred in the North Waziristan gunfight.

Khan and its proxi-D.I. mate districts - Lakki Marwat, Zhob, Mianwali — have all been seeing a spate of militant activity in the recent past, resulting November and the beginin the loss of many security ning of winter in Pakistan, clouds of mourning begin to men, and it is this geographic area that the military and inwinter season, smog can telligence apparatus need to become a problem due to focus on to eradicate the resurvarious factors like industrial emissions and crop gent militant threat. burning. It's important to

The area in question covers take precautions and stay safe during this time. Smog can have varithree provinces — KP, Balochistan and Punjab. It is ous health risks, such as respiratory problems, also close to the Afghan boreye irritation, and aggrader. In fact, some observers say vated asthma symptoms. It's important to take care that the southern KP districts of your health and miniprovide 'easy' access to mili- mize smog.Smog can have tants to carry out attacks in harmful effects on the enneighbouring areas of Punjab vironment. It contributes and Balochistan.

plants and crops, and can Experts have attributed the lead to the formation of acid rain. It's important high frequency of attacks to the in India, and Los Angeles to reduce smog for the in the United States. insufficient presence of troops well-being of both hu-These areas often experiin the area, while others say mans and the environment Exposure to ence high levels of air pollution and smog due to militant networks are quite ac- smog can lead to respirative in this region. It is a fact tory problems such a coughing, wheezing, shortness of breath, and shortness of breath, and factors like industrial activities and high popula- minimizing smog and imtion density. To reduce proving air quality for evsmog levels, we can take eryone. Let's ride the bus increased risk of respiragaged on multiple fronts to steps like reducing vehicle or train and breathe in tory infections. It's imemissions, using public cleaner air together! counter the terrorist threat. portant to take care of transportation, your respiratory health, Moreover, southern KP is carpooling, and support- smog, it's important to especially during smoggy also considered a hotbed of TTP **Increasing margins** activity. The security planners need to take all these realities into account while forging a counterterrorism plan that can alarm regarding the lack of bring peace to the affected arfemale entrepreneurship, they also underscore the eas, and prevent militant activiscarcity of decent work ties from metastasising into opportunities for women in another full-blown insurgency. Pakistan However, these fig-It should be remembered that the earlier insurgencies – **Arooj Waheed Dar** which started out of Malakand The economic turmoil in and former Fata — took similar Pakistan can be attributed trajectories, that led to a high to several reasons including, but not limited to, exclusive civilian casualty rate. It took the institutions and lack of sacrifice of many security men equal opportunities, that have culminated in low proto neutralise the threat through ductivity and low economic multiple military operations. growth. We can debate the folly of coupled with lack of entre-Exclusivity engaging the banned TTP for preneurship, particularly for women, have resulted in 'peace', and indeed, there the dearth of innovation, limiting interference the limiting investment by the should be accountability of all richer segments in non-productive sectors. state functionaries who alportunities. Sustainable and inclulowed the militants to return sive development decrees that equal opportunities and establish a fresh foothold must be available for all irin their former stomping respective of age, gender, grounds. But the immediate religion, etc. Despite this realisation, policymakers have failed to effectively address the issue of gender and break up terrorist netdisparity and financial inworks. Already major attacks clusion, limiting the entrepreneurial potential of have occurred in Karachi, women in Pakistan. Chitral, Peshawar, Mianwali, With low levels of saving and investment, the pri-Zhob and Gwadar. mary focus of the majority Therefore, through intelli- of the population in Pakigence-based operations, secustan remains centred on seeking employment rather rity forces need to pre-empt than creating job opportunities. In terms of entrepreterrorists, and plug the gaps neurship, Pakistan prethat allow militants to strike at sents a dismal situation for ing women who toil away, emsecurity men and civilians. ploying their skills and talcoupled Unless these steps are ents for meagre daily wages, or for no pay. taken, Pakistan will be dragged According to the back to its violent past when Labour Force Survey for strained at home. bloodthirsty outfits struck at <sup>2020-21, only two per cent</sup> of employers in Pakistan will, and the state was reduced are women, representing a to fighting the fires lit by the mere 0.1pc of the total militants. Better intelligence Eighteen per cent working gathering and proactive CT women are own-account workers. A staggering majority of working women, by burdening the salaried



Zahid Hussain

There had never been many expectations from the Arab countries to stand up in support of the Palestinian people living under occupation. After all, many of the Zionist state of Israel. But one had hoped that the ongoing atrocities committed by Israeli forces in Gaza would have shaken them out of their slumber. Unfortu-

nately, that has not happened While Israel continues to kill children and newborn babies in attacks on hospitals in Gaza, the Muslim world has chosen not to go beyond statements of condemnation. The joint resolution, issued after the emergency summit meeting of the Arab League and the Organisation of Islamic

**By zunaira Riaz** 

In Pakistan, during the

exposure to

to air pollution, damages

Cooperation in Riyadh last sive clauses were believed week, is yet another shameto have included prohibit-

ful act of betrayal of the ing the use of US and other military bases in Arab counlation who are facing a genotries to supply Israel with cide. Their inaction virtuweapons and ammunition; ally makes these countries freezing Arab diplomatic. abettors in the mass killings economic, security, and being carried out by the Zimilitary relations with Israel; and threats to leverage Last week, leaders of oil and Arab economic ca-Arab and other predomipabilities to apply pressure and halt the ongoing aggresnantly Muslim countries

met as Israel's attacks on sion The Arab League and the besieged Gaza Strip the OIC, a 57-member bloc, killed more than 11,000 people, more than half of were initially supposed to them women and children. hold separate meetings. But

Yet they could not when the former failed to agree on even a minimum reach a consensus on a final settlement, it was decided plan of action against Israeli aggression and war crimes. to merge the meetings. Such inaction by the Mus-While 11 of the 22 members of the Arab League lim world has certainly given the Zionist state, which has the tacit support of the United States and some other Western countries, free rein to commit the worst war crimes.

Earlier, according to some media reports in the Arab world, four "influential countries" in the Arab rael.

> Apparently, "the divionly called for an end to the

Shameful capitulation conflict in Gaza and rejected justifying Israel's actions against Palestinians as self-defence.

The communique demanded a halt to the Gaza siege, the permitting of humanitarian aid into Gaza and stopping arms exports to Israel. However, the right of the Palestinian people to resist the Israeli occupation was not even mentioned, rendering the joint state-

ment toothless This abandonment of the Palestinian people facing extermination by the Israeli killing machine is being linked to the undemocratic nature of the Arab

regimes and their continuing political dependence on the US, which is complicit in Israel's war crimes against Palestinian men, women and children.

The ordeal of the Palestinian people appears like an aberration in the Arab political order, with many states normalising relations with Israel despite its expansionist and apartheid policies

Recently, the White House said that Saudi stronger position against Israel than many of the Arabia was still interested Arab countries. The unfolding geno-cide in Gaza has heightin pursuing an agreement that would normalise relations with Israel after the ened public anger against

war in Gaza ended. The asthe shameful capitulation surance was given during the by Arab governments. The recent visit of the Saudi derelentless Israeli bombing fence minister to Washingthat has not even spared ton even as the attacks on hospitals, refugee camps and places of worship, has Gaza continued. The kingdom had been close to created an explosive siturecognising Israel as a part ation in the Middle East of a deal pushed by the that cannot be contained Biden administration.

with the Zionist state.

with Tel Aviv.

by the autocratic Arab rul-While some Arab ers countries, who had The clock is ticking recognised Israel under the for Israel and also for the Abraham Accords brokered Arab states whose inaction by the Trump administra-tion in 2020, have recalled is seen to abet Israel's carnage. Calling for a ceasefire their ambassadors under is important but there is a growing public pressure at need to restore the rights home, they have not sevof the Palestinian people ered relations altogether and end the Israeli subju-

gation Countries such as There is a US-backed Egypt, which was the first move to force the entire Arab country to establish population to leave Gaza diplomatic relations with and to be settled in Sinai in Egypt in what would be the Zionist state in 1979, and the UAE have contina second Nakba. That can ued to maintain diplomatic only happen with the and economic relations Egyptian leadership on board. The refusal of Arab In fact, South Africa countries to act more deand some South American cisively has given a huge countries including Bo-livia, Chile, Venezuela and impetus to Israel's war plans. Instead of making Brazil have taken a much perfunctory declarations. the Arab countries need to take de--cisive action to stop the Zionist expansion which poses a grave danger to the entire region. -- Courtesy Dawn

supported the initially proposed action plan, the rest had either opposed the proposal or abstained from endorsing them. The UAE and Bahrain, which had normalised ties with Israel,

were among the countries who rejected the proposal, with Saudi Arabia and Egypt also believed to number

nitive measures against Is-In a watered-down joint resolution, the subsequent Arab-OIC summit

# Effects of smog on human health

posure to smog can have Planting trees and promotserious health effects, including the development or worsening of chronic respiratory conditions ike asthma and bronchitis. It can also increase the risk of heart disease and lung cancer. It's important to prioritize clean air and take measures to reduce smog levels.To reduce smog levels, we can take steps like reducing vehicle emissions, using public transportation, carpooling, and supporting clean energy sources. Planting trees and promoting green spaces also help improve air quality. Yes, there are specific regions around the world that are heavily affected by smog. Some examples include cities like Beijing in China, Delhi

conditions.Long-term ex- ing clean energy sources. ing green spaces also help improve air quality. We can encourage more people to use public transportation by highlighting its benefits such as cost savings, reduced traffic congestion, and environmental sustainability. Promoting convenient and reliable public transportation options, offering incentives like discounted fares or loyalty programs, and raising awareness about the positive impact on air quality can also help encourage more people to choose public transportation

Using public transportation during smog can be particularly beneficial. Public transport vehicles are often equipped with advanced emission control systems, reducing their contribution to air pollution. By choosing public transportation, we can collectively reduce the number of vehicles on the road,

limit your exposure to polluted air. You can do this by staying indoors when smog levels are high, especially during peak times of pollution. If you must go outside, wearing a mask can help filter out some of the pollutants. Additionally, keeping your home wellventilated and using air purifiers can improve indoor air quality. Take care prioritize your and health! Smog conditions during winter can vary around the world. In some regions, winter weather conditions, such as temperature inversions, can trap pollutants and lead to higher smog levels. It's

important to stay informed about local air quality reports and take necessary precautions to protect yourself during

winter months.Some common pollutants found in smog include particulate matter (PM), nitrocompounds organic (VOCs), and ground-level

our emissions and take tions. Additionally, health steps to improve air quality for a healthier envi-

ronment In Pakistani cities, smog conditions can be a concern, especially during the winter months. Cities like Lahore, Karachi, and Islamabad have experienced high levels of smog due to a combination of factors, including vehicular emissions, industrial pollution, and agricultural practices. During smoggy periods, air quality can deteriorate, leading to reduced visibility and health risks. It's important to stay updated on local air quality reports, limit outdoor activities when air quality is poor, and take necessary precautions to protect yourself

Health departments improve awareness about smog through various measures. They often conduct public awareness gen oxides (NOx), volatile campaigns to educate health and improve air people about the health quality. risks of smog and provide

departments collaborate with other organizations to implement policies and regulations aimed at reducing pollution and improving air quality. Health departments in Pakistan work to address smog-related issues through various initiatives. They focus on raising awareness about the health risks of smog and providing guidance on how to protect oneself. They also collaborate with other organizations to implement measures aimed at reducing pollution, such as promoting cleaner energy sources and enhancing transportation regulations. Additionally, health departments monitor air quality, issue alerts when pollution levels are high, and provide guidelines for individuals to follow during smoggy periods. These efforts aim to safeguard public

Pakistani govern-

### League had been instrumental in preventing the adoption of concrete plans of among those opposing puaction against Israel, and, instead, proposed vague clauses.

around 60pc, are contribut- classes beyond its capac-

ures, though worrying, are not surprising, given that 70.5pc of these working women have never attended school and only 6.25pc edge? have graduated with formal

degrees. While training programnes are in place, those which are reserved for women focus primarily on skill provision such as tailoring, cooking, beauty parlour training, and so on. No counselling is provided on entrepreneurship. Lack of access to credit and/or initial capital prevents women from pursuing and creating decent work op-

Additionally, the lack of options for safe and affordable transportation inhibits the capacity of women to engage in entrepreneurial activities. In Pakistan, a large part of female mobility is controlled women need permission and an escort. While men vation and growth. have the cost-effective option to commute by motorbikes and bicycles, women either choose to stay at home, or remain dependent on males to accompany them due to cultural constraints. Commuting via public transport poses the risk of harassment, while travelling by rickshaws, Qingchis and cabs is becomincreasingly unaffordable. All this with the

atrociousness of the idea of a female travelling by Bykea keeps women re-

The sheer magnitude of the consequences of increased female entreprethese problems mandates neurship. serious action from policymakers. Historically, the government has

ing family workers. Not ity, but has failed to impleonly do these statistics raise ment more sustainable and productive ways to raise revenues. What better way is there to increase the tax base than to productively engage more than half the population confined at homes due to fear of harassment, burden of household responsibilities, lack of mobility, cultural norms, or lack of knowl-

> These constraints are Israel's explicit determinanot difficult to evade tion to pulverise the Gaza Strip, nothing is quite as digitalisation presents an optimum solution to the soul-searing as the tiny white shrouds. In one inproblem. With the advent of e-commerce forums, it stance, a newborn's nonis becoming increasingly existence was acknowlcrucial to provide digital acedged with a death certificess to women so they can cate before a birth certifiengage in economic activicate could be processed. ties from the safety of their ally wrings its hands and homes. To improve digital access for females, meawhispers banal platitudes sures need to be taken to about protecting civilian expand device ownership, lives, but refuses to demand internet access, as well as a ceasefire. The US and its digital literacy. Currently, acolytes can barely pluck women in Pakistan remain up the nerve to call for 'hudisadvantaged across all manitarian pauses' — a brief and fairly meaningless three domains. Through digitalisation, women will hiatus before the baby killhave easy access to marers once more flex their finkets and better knowledge gers around the triggers. of opportunities for inno-Netanyahu regime, the chief

> Enhancing the accesculprit is the American posibility of digital financial litical, military and corposervices for women is also rate establishment. If it so imperative. In 2022, only desired, the US could have 8pc of bank account holdrestrained Israel's genocidal impulses long ago — or, at least belatedly, last month. ers were female, with very few women familiar with digital payment methods. It chose, instead, to offer Microfinancing, while additional lethal weaponry available, has only had limand littoral cover via airited impact on female encraft carriers. trepreneurship since while, pro-Palestinian prowomen often borrow on behalf of male relatives. testers are routinely being Hence, better regulation branded as fans of Hamas, and digital payment even if they happen to be awareness are crucial to Jewish. Donors are withenhancing women's access drawing their support from to financial services, universities and other instiwhich can in turn lead to tutions unless they effectively criminalise any mani-

> festations of empathy for In a nutshell, digital Palestinian lives. and financial inclusion are the cornerstones of decent Zionist credo are losing their jobs. The Israel lobby is work opportunities for determined to dislodge any women in Pakistan. Courtesy Dawn legislators who diverge

can come from various sources like vehicle emissions, industrial pro-?????To stay safe from It's important to reduce mend necessary precau- problems.

ozone. These pollutants tips on how to protect ment and health care inthemselves. They may stitutions are working also issue air quality alerts closely on this. People and advisories to inform should reduce the recesses, and chemical re- the public about pollu- sources that are causing actions in the atmosphere. tion levels and recom- serious human health

# If not now, when?

from its desired path of way at Downing Street for unquestioning acquiescence Keir Starmer, whose stint to the Jewish state's nastias Labour appears to be based on taking instructions est Nazi-like inclinations.

Michigan congressfrom the Israeli embassy. woman Rashida Tlaib, the He'll still win the next only Palestinian in the election, given the Conser-House of Representatives, vative Party's evolving has been targeted. Her commeltdown, but less conrades in the Squad have vincingly than he would stood by her, and several have without unequivocally latching onto the Zionist of them will face challenges next year from rivals funded trajectory. Joe Biden is in a by the American Israel Pubsomewhat different posilic Affairs Committee. tion.

But Aipac and its al-He needs every vote he can get, and appears to lies such as the Anti-Defamation League are also at have lost the reluctant backwar against fellow Jews ing of Arabs, Muslims and progressives amo-ng the who don't bite the Zionist bullet, notably groups such Democrats. His likely 2024 ri--val, the appalling as Jewish Voice for Peace and If Not Now, which have Donald Trump, knows that coordinated many of the his electoral base is immune regular demonstrations in to any kind of common New York and elsewhere sense. If the multitudes disthat have challenged Israeli enchanted with Biden don't bother to vote, Trump will It's not just younger be king

American Jews who don't Perhaps that's what feel obliged to ally them-America deserves. It's on selves with a state that no the wrong side of history longer bothers to conceal its as it was 52 years ago, fascist fangs. There are simiwhen it collaborated with lar trends in Europe, where the Yahya regime on the countries such as Germany Bangladesh issue. Back then there was little popular and France were among the first to crack down on proopposition in the West to Palestinian demonstrations, the military massacre in the outlawing the Palestinian East, which was excused by reference to militant brutal-Suella Braverman, the ity against non-Bengalis. British home secretary un-Neither Gaza nor the West til this week, failed to do Bank, though, enjoys East the same; although her dog-Pakistan's geographical ad-

whistle to the far right to vantage Much of the Global disrupt last Saturday's rally in London — after police South has demanded a refused to ban it — proved ceasefire in Gaza, but Israel effective, and swelled the can ignore that. The ummah is as impotent as the UN, Braverman, whose exalthough the latter is at least making the right kind of eftremist predilections make

some of her Tory colleagues forts. The Gaza death toll seem undeservedly moderis already multiple times the ate, was sacked on Monlevel of Hamas's atrocities. day. By inducting former Many of the countries prime minister David

that did nothing to avert the Cameron as the new foreign Holocaust or the Nakba secretary, Rishi Sunak must that followed are also doing nothing to stop what have been hoping to distract popular attention several members of Netanyahu's government government's irredeemable have designated as the 2023 Nakba, which involves not

Unless he's toppled just mass killings but the before the next election, he prospect of mass expulsion is more than likely to make too. -- Courtesy Dawn

# Mahir Ali

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# KP governor urges journalists to play role for country's development

Khyber (APP): Pakhtunkhwa Governor Haji Ghulam Ali on Wednesday urged the journalists to play their role in the development of the country.

He was speaking as the chief guest at a ceremony organized here at Dera Press Člub (DPC) to celebrate its 'Golden Jubilee'. The ceremony was also attended by JUI-F Leader Maulana Ubaid ur Rehman, Commissioner Zafar ul Islam, Regional Police Officer Nasir Mehmood Satti, former provincial minister Haleem Oasuria, Gomal University

DERA ISMAIL KHAN Vice Chancellor Dr Shakibullah, and others. The governor said the

journalists were 'eyes and development, peace and ears' of the society, who prosperity. not only highlighted the The journalists should also play role to public aspirations but also play their role in forming create awareness among the masses and to motivate public opinion.

He said the journalists youth for research and should highlight the positive image of their businesses, he added. The people had a potential and talent, country through their pen. however, they needed We should stand with our guidance so that they could state and its institutions," work for the country's development and the media The governor quoted

examples of some other could play an important role in that regard, the Muslim countries which faced destruction due to governor said. their weak institutions in Haji Ghulam Ali said after assuming the charge the recent past

He said all the citizens of his office, he had meetings with the administrations of all should have to fulfill their responsibilities for social universities of the province and steps were being taken to make them all self-

reliance He said the issues of Gomal University would also be resolved as it was the second largest

university in the province after Peshawar University. The universities should focus on research work and equip youth with technical training so that they could become useful citizens of the society, he added.

DPC Earlier, President Yasin Qureshi, in

his welcome address. **Caretaker CM KP** 



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LAHORE: A view of MoU signing ceremony between Punjab government and the National Highways and Motorway Police an environmentally friendly measure to combat smog by restricting the entry of vehicles without fitness certificates and route permits on motorways and highways. Caretaker Chief Minister Punjab Mohsin Naqvi is also present on the occasion.

# 50-YEARS

he said.

PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Governor Haji Ghulam Ali cutting the cake at Dera Press Club (DPC) to celebrate its 'Golden Jubilee'.

# Minister urges public vigilance for healthy lungs, fight against air pollution

chronic

LAHORE (APP): Punjab's available in the government Caretaker Primary and Secondary Healthcare of World Chronic Minister Dr. Jamal Nasir Obstructive Pulmonary has urged citizens to ensure the use of masks, as healthy lungs are a sign of a healthy life, and to avoid pollution from city dust, dirt, and smoke.

He said that for information and guidance regarding treatment of any urban disease, citizens should contact the helpline 1033. Lungs are affected by pollution and smoking, leading to permanent age. convenience and potential He was chairing a treatment of individuals, damage.

meeting to review the affected by chronic lung measures and facilities and respiratory diseases.

Minister Sindh Justice ® Maqbool Baqer held a meeting with caretaker Chief Minister Punjab Mohsin Naqvi at his office in Karachi. Disease (COPD) Day on The

encompassed a range of Wednesday. Dr. Nasir mentioned that while issues, focusing on sugarcane pricing. CM respiratory diseases are incurable, their Naqvi conveyed that the harmful effects can be support price for sugarcane has been established at 400 minimised through caution rupees per maund in and preventive measures.

CM Punjab calls

on Sindh CM

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LAHORE: Caretaker Chief

He emphasised the Sindh CM deliberated that, need to ensure availability after careful consideration of ample oxygen and necessary medication in all their government has set district and tehsil headquarters hospitals for the sugarcane price at 425 rupees per maund in Sindh. This decision was justified by the higher costs associated with sugarcane cultivation compared to

underscored

of farmers.

per maund for the benefit

development projects in Karachi, CM Punjab

shared intentions for a

Lahore Development

Authority team to visit

Karachi. The team aims to

engage with counterparts in

the Karachi Development

Authority and Karachi

Metropolitan Corporation.

Human

trafficker, two

illegal money

different intelligence-based

operations. According to

FIA, the accused Tauseef

Khan and Sajid Khan were

involved in the illegal

business of Hundi in Swabi

Shifting attention to

discussion KARACHI (APP): Sindh Information Secretary Punjab. In response, the

transparency Punjab. Additionally, he

Hospital's progress ABBOTTABAD (APP): Pakhtunkhwa and Caretaker Chief Minister underscored the necessity Khyber Pakhtunkhwa of expanding the hospital's Justice ® Arshad Hussain Shah Wednesday paid a visit to Ayub Teaching Hospital (ATH) and patients.Dr. Ati the increasing number of patients.Dr. Atif Lodhi

inspects Ayub Teaching

inspected various facilities. Hospital Director Dr. provided a detailed briefing to the Chief Minister about the hospital's current projects and future plans. Atif Lodhi along with other key officials were also present on the occasion and Expressing contentment warmly welcomed him. with the progress achieved thus far, the Chief Minister KP pledged complete cooperation to expedite the implementation developmental projects within the hospital Engaging with the hospital staff, the Chief Minister

dedication and efforts in providing standard healthcare services to the

# **RTI law ensures** transparency, improves governance: Memon

Nadeem-ur-Rahman Memon stressed the importance of the right to information law in ensuring and specifies .... information as ensure the fundamenta

Independent Report LAHORE: The Punjab government has initiated an environmentally friendly measure to combat smog by restricting the entry of vehicles without fitness certificates and route

permits on motorways and highways. An agreement was formalized today between the Punjab government and the National Highways and Motorway Police during a signing ceremony at the

Mohsin Naqvi as the chief the guest. The enforcement of an axle load regime will ensure that overweight trawler trucks are prohibited from entering motorways and highways under any circumstances. According to the agreement, there will be a systematic exchange of information regarding vehicle fitness and route permits between the Punjab Transport Department and the Motorway Police. Both the departments will appoint friendly focal persons to oversee initiative.

CM Naqvi acknowledges

revolutionary steps taken for

automation of transport sector

Punjab Govt implements environment-friendly steps; restricts vehicles without certificates on motorways,

> exchange information and ensure the enforcement of rules, fostering cooperation and collaboration. The Memorandum Understanding (MoU) was signed by the Additional Secretary Transport (Planning) and DIG (IT) of the National Highways and Police. Motorway Speaking at the MoU signing ceremony, Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi expressed appreciation for environmentally transport

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KARACHI: Peoples Party (PPP) Sindh President, Senator Nisar Ahmed Khuhro addresses to media persons during press conference, held at Peoples Secretariat building in Karachi.

# **Minister visits South** Waziristan Upper, reviews

development activities

During the visit, extensive discussions took place between the Chief Minister and the hospital administration, primarily focusing on the ongoing upgrades and the facilities offered to the patients. The Chief Minister stressed the pivotal role of delivering high-quality

commended

medical services to the healthcar people of Khyber patients.

Transpar International.

improving governance, workshop.Memon said saying that the that the Sindh Assembly Constitution of Pakistan has passed the Sindh specifies access to Transparency and Right to

FAISALABAD (APP) Seven people including a woman received injuries in a road accident in the area of Balochni police station. Rescue 1122

Public information

officers from various government departments as well as active human rights activists attended the a Information Act 2016 to

their 7 injured in road accident

# Chief Minister's Office, attended by Caretaker Chief Minister Punjab

Rescue 1122 spokesman said here on

Wednesday that a speeding

passenger van going from Faisalabad to Lahore went

out of control due to brake

failure near Balochni Stop

wall of a roadside hotel and

caused serious injuries to

7 passengers including Tasleem Shahid, wife of Shahid (41), a resident of

As a result, the van hit

aisalahad

on Sheikhupura Road.

# **PML-N** to form government with power of vote: Muqam

PESHAWAR (APP): President of Pakistan Muslim League-N Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Engineer Amir Mauqam said on Wednesday that PML-N is the only party capable of steering the country out of crises and towards progress.

He made these remarks during a rally in Bisham, Shangla, where local leader Fazal Maqbool Gajar announced his decision to join PML-N along with his family members and hundreds of followers.

Mauqam Amir emphasized that under the transform the fate of the leadership of Muhammad region.

through the power of votes. He highlighted that PML-N is the only party capable of creating consensus and resolving the issues faced by the country. Discussing the development schemes in Shangla district, including electrification projects like separate grids, Amir Maqam asserted that

Nawaz Sharif, PML-N will

bring progress and

prosperity to the country

exchangers held Pakistan Muslim League-PESHAWAR (APP) N has initiated historic Composite Circle Mardan, projects like the Khwazakhela to Bisham Federal Investigation Expressway, promising to Agency (FIA) Wednesday arrested a human trafficker and two illegal money exchangers in

# Mayor says: Mission of serving people to continue

PESHAWAR (APP): Mayor Peshawar, Haji Zubair Ali has said that following the footprints of his father, he will continue his mission of serving the people without any discrimination.

He said he will always remember the respect awarded to him by the people, business community and traders of Peshawar.

He said he wanted to thank the traders' unions, businessmen, artists, will continue to serve his minorities, and people people with from all walks of life for discrimination.

their trust and confidence adding that they sent money abroad through which they reposed in his personality and services. mobile accounts. During the raids, the FIA teams The mayor further said that he was thankful

recovered Rs 3.882 million to those who held a from the accused besides the receipts of Hundi. coronation ceremony in the In another operation honor and services rendered by his father, Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Haji Ghulam Ali.

The people of Peshawar, he said, elected him as their mayor with a thumping majority and he through illegal means. people without any

a team of FIA arrested a proclaimed offender and ĥuman trafficker Ali Qadir from village Jabbar Kally in district Mardan. The accused was involved in sending people abroad

The accused charged Rs 500,000 from a citizen to send him to Dubai

on



A CAR SIALKOT: Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey to Pakistan Professor Dr. Mehmet Pachaji, is addressing to ceremony of hundred years of Magnitude centenary of Pak - Turk Affinity at GC Women University.

the right of citizens. He said citizens. maintenance of the wheat that the organization of a support price at Rs.4000

collaboration

Memon was speaking at a training workshop held on Wednesday to sensitize information officers about the relevant laws. The workshop was organized by the Sindh Information Commission in

training session to make the officers aware of the relevant laws and to perform their duties under the said laws and the participation of public information officers of with different departments.

Ghulam Murtaza (58).

Deputy Commissioner of South Waziristan Upper and leaders of the Mehsud and Barki tribes.

GILGIT: Chief Minister Gilgit-Baltistan Haji Gulbar Khan being briefed by the officials during his visit to the Cancer Hospital Minawer.

# **DIC** discuss repatriation of illegal foreigners from DG Khan

DERA GHAZI KHAN about the law and order (APP): The meeting of the situation.

Divisional Intelligence Committee (DIC) was held here on Wednesday, jointly chaired by Commissioner Dr. Nasir Mahmood Bashir and Regional Police Officer Captain (Rtd) Sajjad Hassan Khan.

They discussed issues including the repatriation of illegal foreigners from Dera Ghazi Khan division, matters about security the ongoing anti-powertheft campaign and matters threat alerts

# PPP to contest poll on its performance: Gilani

MULTAN (APP): Former council here on Wednesday. Prime Minister and Central leader of Pakistan Peoples Party Syed Yusuf Raza Gilani said that PPP's revolutionary measures were not hidden from the masses and PPP would take part in elections based on its track record of best services towards them.

He was talking to people at the residence of Haji Altfa and Fida Hussain, during his visit to Banda Sandela union people Umair Shahid, son of Shahid (16), a resident of Abdullah Pur Faisalabad. Ashraf, and unidentified old man, Shehzad, son of Hassan (35) of Sammundri Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Road Faisalabad, Imran. son of Asghar (36), Ghulam Mohiuddin, son of Affairs, Dr Aamer Abdullah

### on Wednesday visited South Waziristan Upper to development, prosperity, review ongoing and peace of tribal development activities. He was also briefed ahout development announced projects, the law and order establishment of a situation and public concerns during a Jirga that

Tribal

PESHAWAR (APP): role in these matters. Addressing the Jirga Caretaker Minister for the caretaker provincial Newly Merged Districts minister highlighted the provincial government's primary focus on the

The minister the commission relating to border boundaries and was also attended by the pledged to take steps to connect Upper South Waziristan to the Pak-Afghan border through a road. He also met with a

leaders youth delegation from nformed the caretaker Upper South Waziristan minister about their and discussed health, problems and emphasized education, public issues and the need for development tourism promotion. funds and tax-free facilities Stressing the pivotal role in tribal areas urging the of tribal youth in societal



KARACHI: 3rd day of IMO Workshop under Integrated Technical Cooperation Program for Implementation of Hong Kong Convention at Avari Towers.

# **GCWUS** organises international seminar and art exhibition

SIALKOT (APP): An relations between Pakistan international seminar and Women University Sialkot (GCWUS).

Turkish Ambassador to Pakistan Dr. Mehmet Paçaci was the chief guest at the ceremony. Vice Chancellor (VC)Government College Women University Sialkot (GCWUS) Prof. Dr. Zarin Fatima Rizvi welcomed the guests. The Turkish ambassador appreciated the artwork related to the and audience.

and Turkiye by the art exhibition was students of Fine Art organised on the Department of GCWUS. completion of 100 years of He said the artwork of Republic of Turkiye at the students was full of Government College creativity which fully reflected his thoughts and feelings regarding the hundred years of relations between Pakistan and the

Republic of Turkiye. Later, an international seminar was also organised the GCWUS at Auditorium, in which students presented a performance on Allama Îqbal's Kalam which was applauded by the guests

**181 new** dengue cases reported on Wed LAHORE (APP): Dengue outbreak is still active in

Punjab, as 181 new cases were recorded here on Wednesday.

According to the latest Health Department data,a total of 12,045 confirmed dengue cases were reported across 36 districts in Punjab this year. During the last 24 hours, Lahore reported 92 new dengue cases, Rawalpindi 08, Multan 17, Gujranwala 32, Faisalabad Narowal 04 Sheikhupura 3, Attock 03, Okara 03 and Dera Ghazi Khan reported two new dengue cases. Meanwhile, Kasur, Sargodha, Sialkot, Toba Tek Singh, Jhang, Hafizabad, Rajanpur and Jehlum each reported 1

Gilani remarked that case of dengue within 24 people were faced with hours. Currently, 160 difficulties due to inflation dengue patients were and poor economic undergoing treatment in conditions in the country. various hospitals across He claimed that PPP Punjab, with 77 of them in would address people's Lahore district hospitals. issues by eliminating inflation. PPP strongly The Secretary of Health Punjab, Ali Jaan believe in the power of Khan, issued a compelling

masses vote, he added. plea to citizens, urging them He said the PPP to maintain clean and dry would take revolutionary surroundings as a preventive measure against steps further to serve the . dengue fever.

The meeting was attended by divisional

heads of all law enforcement agencies besides heads of Multan Electric Power Company (Mepco), National Database and Registration Authority (Nadra), and district and divisional officers, also discussed provided to foreigners and

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# **ML-1** to become favourable transit route for region: PM

Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Wednesday said the Main Line (ML-1) railway project under the Chinaprove a favourable transit route for countries in the region. The prime minister vowed to complete ML-1 on a priority basis, saying the project would also improve connectivity between the country's seaports with its economic zones

ISLAMABAD (APP): discuss ML-1 here at the strategy for Pakistan Caretaker Prime Minister PM House, the prime Railways to maximize the minister said the project benefits of the ML-1. would contribute to the transparency in the implementation of ML-1, improvement of communication network in Pakistan Economic the country PM Kakar he said, the project would Corridor (CPEC) would said there existed huge result in the creation of potential for foreign new investment in Pakistan opportunities and reduced

need for early materialization of its rates. The meeting was told that the ML-1 project was in its final stage of modalities and its groundprojects. He stressed meeting the targets of the project within stipulated time and directed the formulation of year. The project will be Chairing a meeting to a comprehensive reform completed in two phases.

In the first phase, a 930-kilometre-long rail track will be laid from Karachi

to Multan. Also, the Emphasizing railway infrastructure damaged by the 2022 flood will be upgraded as per international standards. In the next phase, the 796employment kilometre-long rail track Railways and stressed the travel time and freight from Multan to Peshawar will be laid in line with the requirements of the future. The meeting was attended by caretaker federal breaking would be ministers performed by early next Shamshad including Shamshad Akhtar and Sami Saeed, PM's Adviser Ahad Khan.



Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar chairs a meeting to discuss ML-1 Project in Islamabad.



Caretaker Federal Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs Dr. Shamshad Akhtar chaired the meeting of the Cabinet Committee on State **Owned Enterprises** 

# Swiss investors keen to tie up with Pakistan in herbal medicines

ISLAMABAD (APP) on Wednesday to explore and business collaboration opportunities in Pakistan.

The delegation, led by Herbamed AG Managing Director Christoph Züllig, expressed keen interest in tapping into the Pakistani market for herbal medicines.

Züllig highlighted the growing global demand for herbal medicines, which is expected to reach US\$ 107 billion by 2024. He emphasized the need for Pakistan and Switzerland President Faad Waheed to collaborate on sharing stressed the importance of expertise and technology close cooperation between for the manufacturing of Islamabad and Swiss herbal medicines for export Chambers of Commerce to

ICCI Vice President and assured them of ICCI's Islamabad Chamber of support in connecting them Engineer Azhar ul Islam Commerce and Industry with potential partners in Zafar encouraged regular (ICCI) hosted a delegation Pakistan. He urged Swiss exchange of trade from Świss herbal medicine investors to explore delegations to identify new company Herbamed AG Pakistan for joint ventures business opportunities in

and investment each country. opportunities. ICCI Group Leader Züllig presented Khalid Iqbal Malik Herbamed AG's products, highlighted Pakistan's which include medicines tourism potential and urged for hypertension, diabetes, Switzerland to collaborate liver problems, stomach with its expertise and technology to improve tourism infrastructure in problems, fever, and common cold. He emphasized that the Pakistan company's products are

Zafar Bakhtawari. former President and free from side effects and Secretary General of UBG, aim to address the health concerns of Pakistani proposed organizing patients. ICCI Senior Vice single-country exhibitions in each other's country to

showcase products and promote business collaborations. ICCI Senior Member Nasir Qureshi emphasized the potential for mutual

okays SOE Policy ISLAMABAD (APP): According to a Finance Ministry press The Cabinet Committee on State-Owned Enterprises

**Cabinet committee** 

(CCSOE) on Wednesday approved the revised State-Enterprises Owned (Ownership and Management) Policy 2023 and recommended it for approval to the Federal Cabinet. Caretaker Federal Minister for Finance, Revenue, and Economic Affairs Dr Shamshad Akhtar chaired the CCSOE meeting, which, besides teh committee members, was attended by the chairman of Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP), federal secretaries, and other senior officers the relevant from Owned Enterprises.

ministries.

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release, as per the directions of last CCoSOE meeting, the State-Owned Enterprises (Ownership and Management) Policy 2023, was re-submitted to the committee for review after incorporation of feedback received from the members of the committee. The committee reviewed the changes incorporated in draft, the recommended the revised policy for the approval of the cabinet," the press release added. "This policy

Abdullah Malik on Wednesday stressed the need to take immediate measures to control environmental pollution for the conservation of and marks a crucial step towards enhancing the governance

natural resources and agriculture development in the country. Addressing launching ceremony of "Ecological Baseline Survey Report at Tharparkar (Sindh), he said and operations of State-

that socio-economic package is indispensable **PSX** gains 14 points

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ISLAMABAD (APP): The 100-index of Pakistan The 100-index of Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) on Wednesday, gained 14.14 points, a slight positive change of 0.02 percent, closing at 56,680.07 points against 56,665.93 points the previous trading day. A total of 661,624,152 shares valuing Rs24.353 billion were traded during the day

were traded during the day as compared to 526,356,508 shares valuing Rs19.539 billion the

previous day. As many as 360 companies transacted their shares in the start shares in the stock market:

196 of them recorded gains and 147 sustained losses,

### stresses need to control environmental pollution livelihood in ISLAMABAD (APP): for The minister while hailing the positive

Dr Kausar Abdullah

Caretaker Minister for Tharparkar. National Food Security and He said that the initiatives and keen interest Research Dr Kausar

International Union for of private sectors in the Conservation of Nature environment said that (IUCN) is an academic water research platform with the contaminated in some areas help of which we can solve as piles of dirt are seen in many problems related to the water, which is affecting the environment.

C o u n t r y Representative IUCN All stakeholders should take serious steps Mahmood Akhtar Cheema, to eliminate that water ex-senator Javed Jabbar, pollution, he added. Professor Z.B Mirza, Botanical Expert Khairpur University Dr. Muzaffar Hussain Sirohi and CEO (SECMS) Amir Iqbal also environment clean and attended the ceremony.

Malik expressed his concern about water pollution and stressed the immediate need to keep the pollution-free. Pakistan's exports to Turkiye dip 4.97%

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ISLAMABAD (APP): Turkiye also dipped by Pakistan's export of goods and services to Turkiye million in September 2022, witnessed a decrease of 4.97 per cent during the first three months of the current fiscal year (2023-24) as compared to the exports of the corresponding period of last year, State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) reported. The overall exports to Turkiye were recorded at 2023, the SBP data US \$90.272 million during revealed.Overall Pakistan's July-September (2023-24)

9.70 per cent from \$32.026 against the exports of \$28.917 million in September 2023.

Meanwhile, on a month-on-month basis, the exports to Turkiye decreased by 3.16 per cent during September 2023 as compared to the exports of \$29.863 million in August exports to other countries against exports of US witnessed a decrease of \$94.998 million during July-September (2022-23), 4.96 per cent in the first three months, from US \$

**BEIJING: Ambassador Khalil Hashmi today** inaugurated the Pakistan Pavilion at the China **Outbound Travel and Tourism Market (COTTM)** Expo-2023, held at the China National Agriculture Center.

# **Expert committee formed** to finalize modalities for

# **SNGPL** assures **APTMA of uninterrupted** gas supply in winter

LAHORE (APP): The Sui high priority on gas supply Northern Gas Pipelines and advised those APTMA Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGP) would ensure uninterrupted gas supply with full pressure to export industry for smooth production and export of textile goods to fetch maximum foreign

exchange for the country. According to All Pakistan Textile Mills clarification would be sought from the Ministry Association (APTMA) of Petroleum shortly to spokesman here Wednesday, SNGPL Managing Director Amer Tufail made this assurance that it would not be to an APTMA delegation that called on him. The Association's Chairman Kamran Arshad led the delegation comprising Senior Vice Chairman Asad Shafi, Vice Chairman Ahmed Shafi, former Chairman Adil Bashir, Aamir Sheikh and Secretary General Raza Bagir. In this meeting, Amer Tufail was assisted by the top SNGP management.

The MD mentioned that entire export industry availing system as well blended with RLNG would be charged the tariff at the ratio of 50:50 for the month of November. He added that export industry has always been extended

Islamabad.

purposes.bring ine private sectorICCI President Ahsanboth countries closer andZafarBakhtawariint in the delegationcooperation. cooperation in the pharmaceutical sector between the two countries.

gas connections, not having earlier ones. With

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informed APTMA that

settle the issue.He clarified

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connections

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federal government.

Serene Air set to launch Karachi, Islamabad, **Beijing flight** member mills to apply for

from Nov 19 BEIJING (APP): Serene Air, a Pakistani airline, is set to launch a new

international route from Karachi to Islamabad to Beijing, starting on November 19. The route will operate twice a week symbolizing the strengthening of bilateral ties between China and Pakistan. The inaugural flight is

planned to depart from Karachi at 23:00 local time possible to continue the blend for the period starting from December up on November 18. to March due to non-After a brief stopover in Islamabad, the flight will availability of natural gas arrive at Beijing Daxing during the winter months and the industry would be International Airport at 10:20 the following day. charged at the **R**LNG rate, Zeng Qiang, the head of Serene Air's Beijing notified by OGRA on

monthly basis. On the APTAM representative office, told Chairman pointed out the media, "The inauguration confusion prevailing in the of the new China-Pakistan industry with regard to gas international route signifies the growing friendship tariff for the upcoming winter months after tariff between our two countries rationalization by the We are optimistic about increased Pak-China

collaboration in the The issue of gas tariff with system gas/RLNG aviation sector.3

Zeng Qiang also highlighted the recent blend for gas connections prior June 2022 as well as gas tariff for post June 2022 connections with or signing of a General Sales Agent (GSA) joint venture agreement between Serene

without zero rating FBR Air and Joyu Group Air. certificates.

ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Federal Minister for National Food Security &

research Dr. Kausar Abdullah Malik showing "Ecological Baseline Survey

Report Tharparkar" to media persons after the launching ceremony in

# **GDS trading on PSX**

ISLAMABAD (APP): trading, and transfer of The Ministry of Finance government debt securities established a through PSX, as stated in a committee, comprising news release. The Committee will

experts from the financial sector, to finalize the operate in a manner that modalities for issuing and instills investor confidence trading government and addresses prevailing securities on the Pakistan operational challenges. It will review and evaluate the Stock Exchange (PSX).

operational capabilities of The Committee, led by the Chairman of the PSX, CDC, and NCCPL, Securities and Exchange along with the available Commission of Pakistan infrastructure and trading systems for issuing, (SECP), Akif Saeed, is registering, and transferring government debt securities. tasked with developing the overall infrastructure, including the necessary systems and processes, Moreover,

Committee will collaborate ensuring operational efficiency, transparency, with all stakeholders including the Ministry of and readiness for the Finance, SBP, SECP.

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MULTAN: Farmer family threshing rice crops in the traditional way in their field.

# WAPDA supplied 15b power units to national grid from July to September

The Water and Power Development Authority (WAPDA) provided over 15 billion units of hydel electricity to the national grid from July to September 2023 registering an increase of 1.788 billion units. The increase in hydel power generation helped the national exchequer save Rs 50 billion, which, otherwise, would have been spent in generating the same quantum of electricity through expensive imported residual furnace oil (RFO), official sources told APP on Wednesday.

They said improved hydrology, efficient operation and maintenance of WAPDA's hydel power stations and resumption of electricity generation from the Neelum Jhelum Hydel environment-friendly Power Station in August electricity in the country.

ISLAMABAD (APP): 2023 were the major contributing factors for power stations of WAPDA, they said. "The

increase in the hydel power generation during the said period.Giving the breakup, the sources said the Tarbela Hydel Power Station contributed 6839.27 million units, Tarbela 4th Extension 2859.67 million units, Ghazi Barotha 2229.24 million units, Mangla 1113.45 million units, Neelum Jhelum 707.62 million units, Warsak 317.66 million units and Chashma Hydel Power Station 270.27 million units. Some 664.97 million units were cumulatively generated by other hydel

WAPDA's hydel generation is the most affordable and

take berths at Container Terminal and Oil Terminal respectively on today. and military forums,

whereas the share price of SBP data revealed. 7.385 billion to US \$ 7.018 On a year-to-year billion, the SBP data basis, the exports to revealed. 17 companies remained unchanged.

MARGALLAN ALOG EVOLVING WORLD ENVIRONMENT

Caretaker Federal Minister for Commerce and Industry, Dr. Gohar Ejaz addressing the audience at the Margalla Dialogue 2023 in Islamabad.

**Pak Pavilion inaugurated** 

at China Outbound Travel

Shipping activity at **Port Qasim** KARACHI (APP)

and Tourism Market Expo Shipping activity reported at the port where five ships namely, MSC Nassau, Maersk Denver, MSC BEIJING (APP): Pakistan Ambassador to China, Khalil Hashmi on Wednesday inaugurated Medelaine, Southern Robin and Milaha Raslaffan the Pakistan Pavilion at the China Outbound Travel carrying Container, Palm oil and LNG, berthed at and Tourism Market (COTTM) Expo-2023, Qasim International Container Terminal, Liquid held at the China National Agriculture Center in Cargo Terminal, and Engro Elengy Terminal Beijing. The inauguration of the Pavilion was part of respectively on Tuesday.

Meanwhile, another ship 'Blue Majesty' also arrived at outer anchorage of the Port to load 3,550 tonnes of Bitumen on November 15. A total of nine ships were engaged at PQA berths during the last 24 hours, out of them four ships, Maersk Denver, MSC Nassau, Clemens Schulte and Al-Berta are expected to sail on today afternoon.

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Cargo volume of 203,577 tonnes 203,577 tonnes, comprising 148,868 tonnes imports cargo and 54,709 tonnes export cargo carried in 4,985 Containers (2,905 TEUs Imports and 2,080 TEUs export) was handled at the port during last 24 hours. There are 09 ships at Outer Anchorage of Port Qasim, out of them a containers ship 'CSL Manhattan' & two more ships, Clemens Schulte and Minerva Olympia carrying Containers and Petroleum Product are expected to stakeholders including civil

HYDERABAD (APP): industrialists, investors, business community, bureaucrats and politicians. He said that SFIC had assured foreign investors of their profit which would pave way for the hour adding that it investment of \$60bn in the country for five years.

Adeel Šiddiqui maintained that this investment would be encouraging for the country's economic stability and an environment of investment would be created.

Hashmi noted that Pakistan was bestowed with a rich cultural heritage, diverse landscapes and unique cuisine. He encouraged Chinese tourists, academics

potential, Ambassador

and entrepreneurs to visit Pakistan and explore the country. He added that the tourism exchanges between a series of activities aimed at celebrating year 2023 as the "Year of Tourism and Exchange" between between between between the series of activities aimed the series aimed the ser

Exchange" between Pakistan and China. While commending the efforts of the exhibitors and tourism companies for the matching the serve as an excellent platform for networking between the promotion of tourism companies of tan's tourism China and Pakistan.

# Pakistan's **HCCI President lauds** SFIC as a necessity for industrial growth

The President Hyderabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (HCCI) Adeel Siddiqui has termed Special Investment Facilitation Council (SFIC) as need of would be helpful in addressing chronic addressing chronic industrialization and investment related issues. In a statement issued here Wednesday he said that SFIC comprised all

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# Biden, Xi meet amid disputes over military and economic issues

Monitoring Desk SAN FRANCISCO: U.S. President Joe Biden meets Chinese leader Xi Jinping for the first time in a year on Wednesday for talks that may ease friction between the two superpowers over military conflicts, drug-trafficking and artificial intelligence.

However, deep progress on the vast differences separating them may have to wait for another day.

Officials on both sides of the Pacific have set expectations low as Biden and Xi are set to discuss Taiwan, the South China Sea, the Israel-Hamas war, Russia's invasion of Ukraine, North Korea, and human rights each of them areas where the leaders have been unable to resolve long-standing disagreements

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Biden and Xi arrived in San Francisco on Tuesday,

where they were set to hold their meeting on the sidelines the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit. Leaders from the 21-country group - and hundreds of CEOs in San Francisco to court them - meet amid Chinese economic weakness, Beijing's territorial feuds with neighbors, and a Middle East conflict that

from allies.

is dividing the United States Efforts to carefully choreograph Xi's visit may be upended in San Francisco despite efforts to drive homeless people from the streets. The route from the airport to the conference site was lined with demonstrators for and against China's ruling Communist Party, an unusual sight for Xi, who last visited the United States in 2017.

Biden has sought direct diplomacy with Xi, betting that a personal rela-

for a dozen years with the most powerful Chinese leader since Mao Zedong might salvage ties that are increasingly turning hostile. Advertisement Chong Ja Ian, a political science professor at the National University of

Singapore, said the two sides are engaged in what Mao referred to during the Chinese civil war as "talk and fight, fight and talk". "That is, to talk while building up forces," Chong said. Xi and Biden are expected to meet far from the conference location at Filol Estate, miles outside of San

Francisco and carefully chosen for its security, serenity and remoteness. "The table has been set...over the course of many weeks for what we

hope will be a very productive, candid, constructive conversation," White House spokesperson John tionship he has cultivated Kirby said.



German Economy and Climate Minister Robert Habeck, Chancellor Olaf Scholz and Finance Minister Christian Lindner leave following their comments on the ruling of Germany's Constitutional court that the government's re-location of 60 billion euros (\$65 billion USD) of unused debt from the pandemic era to climate fund was illegal, in Berlin, Germany.

# **Russian resources minister visits North** Korea amid new missile development

**Monitoring Desk** SEOUL: A Russian delegation led by natural resources minister Alexander Kozlov is visiting Pyongyang, North Korean state media said on Wednesday, as the politically isolated state

announced new progress in its banned ballistic missile out elaborating. Kozlov told a recepprogramme. Kozlov arrived on Tuesday, as U.S. Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin met with U.N. member states enforcing the Korean War armistice in Seoul and

that China and Russia are President Vladimir Putin helping North Korea exand North Korean leader pand its military capabili-Kim Jong Un when they ties by enabling Pyongyang met in September in to evade U.N. sanctions. Russia's far east, KCNA Russia and North Koreported.

He also cited North rea were conducting talks on the economy, science and technology, KCNA Korea's "full support" for Russia over regional and state media reported, withinternational issues, the report said.

A delegation led by the country's culture min-ister left for St. Petersburg tion that Russia wants to develop "substantial cooperation" with North Korea based on the agreeon Tuesday to attend a cultural event, KCNA said in another article.

# **400 employees of** Biden govt call for ceasefire in Gaza

Monitoring Desk WASHINGTON: More than 400 Biden administration employees have sent an open letter to the US President, demanding an immediate ceasefire in Gaza while more than 10,000 carnation stems were laid on Hill, each representing a ci-The open letter by the

said they were concerned

President Biden to take for de-escalation and humanitarpolitical appointees.

ments made by Russian Japanese helicopters train to repel invaders amid nationwide military drills Monitoring Desk

IRISUNA: A Japanese Apache helicopter on Wednesday flew low over raeli hostages and arbitrarily detained Palestinians," the an uninhabited island in Okinawa in a simulated attack on invading forces, part federal employees wrote in of exercises under way in their letter. They also de-Japan to prepare its air, sea manded the restoration of and land forces for a potenwater, fuel, electricity and tial conflict in East Asia. The other basic services to Gaza flight over Irisuna, about 70 and the passage of adequate kilometres (43.5 miles) from humanitarian aid to the bethe main Okinawa island, sieged Palestinian enclave. The letter, signed and

was part of the country's 11-day nationwide 05JX. released to the media on The drills, which end Mon-Tuesday, said the signatoday, also include an air deries represent a coalition of fence exercise in Japan's Biden-Harris administration north and simulated attacks.

# **UK parliamentarians** to vote on Gaza ceasefire today

ment" takes place. Monitoring Desk ONDON: Members of the UK House of Commons are likely to vote on Wednesday on an amendment brought by the Scottish National Party on an

ceasefire".

A second amendment calling for a ceasefire has been tabled by a Labour backbencher. House of Commons Speaker Sir Lindsay Hoyle will decide if the amendments are selected for consideration, which

The motion was would then lead to a vote. moved last week by the On Tuesday evening, multiple news reports sug-Scottish National Party, which said it intends to seek gested the Labour party is a vote calling on the UK in turmoil over the impendgovernment to "join the ining ceasefire vote. The ternational community in Guardian reported that urgently pressing all parties Labour leader Keir Starmer to agree to an immediate is facing growing pressure to support the Labour Last week, SNP amendment backing a Westminster leader Stephen ceasefire in Gaza to avoid

Flynn said Prime Minister the possibility of his own Rishi Sunak and Labour MPs voting for an SNP leader Sir Keir Starmer "canmotion that will call for an not just sit on their hands" immediate halt to the while "collective punishfighting.

# UN Security Council is trying for a fifth time to adopt a resolution on the Israel-Hamas war

tage. Nor does it cite Israel's retaliatory airstrikes and ground of-Monitoring Desk UNITED NATIONS: After four failed attempts, the fensive in Hamas-ruled Gaza that the Gaza health U.N. Security Council is trying for a fifth time to ministry says has killed more than 11,000 Palescome up with a resolution on the Israel-Hamas war, tinians, two-thirds of but it remains to be seen them women and children. whether serious divisions can be overcome to produce

a consensus on wording.

and bans hostage-taking.

doesn't refer to Hamas'

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expected to be completed.

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that it would soon have to

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tions, including the distri-

Gaza, as its fuel stocks be-

Aid workers say a lack

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minister.

The 15-member council, which has the re-The current draft unsponsibility for maintainder negotiation would deing international peace and security, has been paramand "immediate extended humanitarian pauses" throughout the Gaza Strip lyzed since the war began by its internal divisions. This is especially the case to provide civilians with between China and Rusdesperately needed aid. It sia, which want an immealso would demand that "all parties" comply with interdiate ceasefire, and the United States, Israel's closest ally that has called national humanitarian law that requires protection for civilians, calls for special for humanitarian pauses protections for children, but objects to any men-

tion of a ceasefire. In the four previous But the draft, protries, a Brazil-drafted posed by council member resolution was vetoed by Malta and obtained Tuesday by The Associated the United States, a U.S.-Press, makes no mention drafted resolution was vetoed by Russia and of a ceasefire. It also China, and two Russiandrafted resolutions failed surprise attack on Israel on Oct. 7 that killed around 1,200 people and to get the minimum nine around 1,200 people and "yes" voted needed for took some 240 others hos- adoption.

new cabinet including Britain's Foreign Secretary David Cameron (R) at 10 Downing Street in central London. **US extends sanctions** waiver allowing Iraq to buy electricity from Iran

Monitoring Desk WASHINGTON: The rently being held in escrow Biden administration has accounts in Iraq, and the extended by four months a waiver will allow Baghdad sanctions waiver that will allow Iraq to continue to purchase electricity from Îran and gives Iran limited access to the proceeds to

buy humanitarian goods. ony Blinken signed the

for Iranian electricity curto maintain its energy imports without fear of U.S. penalties for violating sanctions on Iran.

proceeds can be trans-

ferred to accounts in

Oman and then converted

to euros or other widely

traded currencies for Iran

to buy non-sanctioned

products. The officials,

who spoke on condition

of anonymity to discuss

the decision-making pro-

cess, said Blinken signed

the waiver mainly be-

cause the administration

doesn't want to cut Iraq

It will also keep in humanitarian goods. Secretary of State cluded in the last 120-day The development comes as UNIFIL, the waiver under which 's neacek

# Britain's Prime Minister Rishi Sunak (L) chairs a cabinet meeting with his Lebanon releases man suspected

of killing Irish UN peacekeeper on bail **Monitoring Desk** 

BEIRUT: Lebanon's military tribunal released a man accused of killing an Irish United Nations peacekeeper almost a year ago on bail, security and judicial officials said Wednesday.

the steps of the Capitol vilian life lost since Oct 7. Biden administration employees reflects a significant call for the ceasefire, breaking from the usual practice of aides staying in the background. The appeal outlined specific actions they want

ian relief in the region. "We call on President Biden to urgently demand a ceasefire; and to call for de-escalation of the current conflict by securing the immediate release of Is-

portions of the electricity 120-day waiver extension and it was transmitted to Congress on Tuesday, U.S. officials said. The move is likely to draw criticism from Iran hawks on Capitol Hill and elsewhere who believe the extension will reward Iran at a time when it is coming under increasing pressure to end its support for proxy groups, including Hamas, that are destabilizing the Middle East. There is roughly \$10 off from a critical source

billion in Iraqi payments of energy.

# US helps forge global group on measuring natgas' climate-warming emissions

**Monitoring Desk** WASHINGTON: The U.S. and more than a dozen countries and groups have advance efforts to measure greenhouse gas emissions across the natural gas supply chain to cut global output of the pollution blamed for climate change, the Energy Department said on Wednesday

The MMRV Working Group aims to advance efforts to measure, monitor, report and verify emissions of methane, carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases. It seeks to do so for the entire gas supply chain including production, processing, transport, liquefaction, and distribution of the fuel.

Participants are: Australia, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, East Mediterranean Gas Forum, European Commission, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Mozambique, Norway

Pales-tinian enclave.

ing need to provide comparable, reliable information on emissions cuts by gas producers and exporters to "It's really critical that

we develop on a global basis a framework that is ment of weapons", the army claimed in a statement agreed to and supported by Hamas dismissed the Isr-ael both importing countries and exporting countries, army's claim that it had taken one on the governmental over institutions. side, but also has the in-

thetic attempt to manufacvestment and support of industry and other staketure victory and imaginary control of empty places or holders," Crabtree told

In the first half of this Naim, a senior Hamas offiyear, the U.S. was the world's largest exporter of cial, said in a statement. gas that is super-chilled so Meanwhile, the director of it can be transported by Gaza's main hospital said the facility had been forced tanker in the form of liquefied natural gas, or LNG. to bury scores of dead.

## probe. Rooney was killed on Dec. 14, 2022. Israeli army claims seizing parliament in Gaza **Monitoring Desk**

sion in Lebanon, monitors ongoing clashes along the

border between Hezbollah

militants and Israeli troops.

tribunal in June charged

Mohamad Ayyad and

four others with the kill-

ing of Pvt. Seán Rooney,

Cunningham, Ireland,

following a half-year

Lebanon's military

of Newtown

JERUSALEM: The Israeli **One killed in Russian** army claimed on Tuesday it had captured Gaza's parliament building and other government institutions run by Hamas in Gaza City, as its forces deepened their offensive in the besieged

of a wrecked building for Donetsk. The move was a "pa-

those previously targeted and destroyed", Bassem

six apartment buildings and 20 homes. Five people, in-cluding a child, were rescued from one building that had been heavily damaged in the attack, Interior Minister Ihor Klymenko said on Telegram. Local officials, in a separate Telegram statement, said four other people

under the rubble. Rescuers early on Wednesday were clearing the debris and warned residents against approaching the structure, which aping one person, wounding peared to have been oblit-

# **Brightest flash ever** disturbed Earth's atmosphere last year

seen in the night sky dis-

turbed Earth's upper atmo-

sphere in a way that has

Tuesday.

for seven hours. **Monitoring Desk** PARIS: Last year the brightest flash of light ever

The flash activated lightning detectors in India and triggered instruments that normally study explosions on the Sun called solar flares

never before detected be-It also affected long fore, researchers said on wave radio communications in the lower ionosphere, a A massive burst of section of Earth's upper gamma rays from an enoratmosphere around 60 to mous cosmic explosion 350 kilometres above the aro-und two billion light

surface. The BOAT also years away arrived at Earth affected the upper ionoon Oct 9, 2022, lighting up sphere — the very first telescopes around the time a gamma-ray burst world. Quickly nicknamed has been observed in this the "BOAT" — for Brightsection of the atmosphere, est of All Time — the flash a team of Italian and Chilasted just seven minutes nese resear-chers said on but its afterglow was vis-Tuesday. ible to amateur astronomers

**Monitoring Desk** WASHINGTON: US House of Representatives Speaker Mike Johnson, the highestranking Republican in Congress, endorsed Donald Trump for the Republican presidential nomination on . Tuesday, an unsurprising move that underlines the grip the former president holds on much of the party's establishment. "I'm all in for President Trump," Johnson said on CNBC. Johnson im-

**US House** 

plied that he had "endorsed" Trump in the past, but it was unclear when he had previously done so.

### Students urged to stay home in smog-ĥit Tehran security sources said. Monitoring Desk

TEHRAN: Iranian autho-rities urged young schoolchildren and many civil servants in the capital Tehran to stay at home on Wednesday due to a spike in air pollution levels.

<sup>2</sup>One-third of the emto a humanitarian source. ployees of all executive bodies will work remotely on crossing from Egypt into Gaza since Oct. 21, but Is-Wednesday due to the accumulation of pollutants," the official IRNA news rael had refused to allow in agency reported, citing a fuel, saying Hamas held government committee plentiful stocks. tasked with monitoring pollution.

It also said that preschool and elementary school classes in Tehran will be held virtually on Wednesday due to worsening air pollution came fully depleted. levels"

# diate-range ballistic missiles

North Korea says it tested new

solid-fuel engines for interme-

Kozlov, arrived in North Korea for talks over un-SEOUL: North Korea said specified trade and technol-Wednesday it successfully ogy exchanges, as the countested new solid-fuel entries continued to build on gines designed for intermea rare summit in September diate-range ballistic missiles between North Korean as it works on enhancing its leader Kim Jong Un and nuclear-capable arsenal Russian Vladimir Putin. with more powerful,

Kim's trip to the Rusharder-to-detect weapons sian Far East, where he also that can potentially target visited major rocket and U.S. military bases in Guam military sites, sparked con-North Korea's official cerns about a potential arms alignment between the Korean Central News countries, in which North Agency said the country's Korea provides munitions military scientists tested for Russia's war in Ukraine the first-stage and secondin exchange for Russian stage missile engines on Sattechnology transfers that urday and Tuesday. The would upgrade Kim's milireport did not say when the tary nuclear program. new missile system was

The North's existing intermediate-range missiles, The tests extend a including the Hwasong-12 torrid run in North Korea's that may be able to reach weapons development efthe U.S. Pacific territory of forts, which some analysts Guam, are powered by liqsay could be boosted by an uid-fuel engines, which alleged arms cooperation need to be fueled before with Russia as they align in launch and cannot stay futhe face of separate, inteneled for long periods of time. sifying confrontations with Missiles with built-in

United States. solid propellants can be Tuesday's test came as Russia's natural resources made ready to launch faster Alexander and are easier to move.

# **First fuel truck starts** crossing into Gaza from Egypt

of fuel, which is needed for hospital generators and RAFAH: The first truck to deliver fuel to the Gaza provision of water as well as the distribution of relief, Strip since Israel imposed has contributed to a sharp a total siege on the enclave in its war with Hamas bedeterioration of conditions gan crossing from Egypt on Wednesday, two Egyptian for Gaza's 2.3 million residents.

The initial delivery of 24,000 litres of fuel was The delivery was made possible by Israel givintended to be carried out ing its approval for 24,000 over two days, with 12,000 litres (6,340 gallons) of dielitres allocated for each day, sel fuel to be allowed into an international source with knowledge of the op-Gaza for use by UN aid distribution trucks, but not for eration said.

use at hospitals, according "This is not enough for anything - not for hospitals, not even for aid de-Limited deliveries of liveries," said the source, humanitarian aid have been speaking on condition of anonymity. "It's meant to be enough only to bring some of the aid that has been outside - and got rained on The United Nations for example - indoors to the had warned in recent days warehouses.'

Witnesses said two other trucks were lined up on the Egyptian side of the Rafah crossing and waiting bution of relief within to drive into Gaza, but it was unclear when they might enter.

A police personnel attends a phone call near the wrecked bus, subject to an accident on a remote mountain road in the Doda area, about 200 kilometres (124 miles) southeast of the Srinagar.

South Korea, Britain and the U.S. Brad Crabtree, assistant secretary of fossil enforged a working group to ergy and carbon management at the Energy Department, said there is a press-

global markets.

Reuters.

### **Monitoring Desk** SELYDOVE: At least one Military units "took person was killed in an overover the Hamas parliam-ent, night Russian missile strike the government buil-ding, the on a town in eastern Hamas police headquarters Ukraine, authorities said on and an engineering faculty Wednesday. Rescuers were that served as an institute for searching through the debris the production and develop-

survivors on Wednesday morning after the attack on Selydove, northwest of Russian-occupied National police said four S-300 missiles struck

shortly after midnight, kill-

speaker missile strike on east endorses Trump **Ukraine town** for president

are believed to be trapped

at least three and damaging erated by the impact.





# Daily **Independent**, Quetta

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# War not solution to resolve any conflict: President

ISLAMABAD (INP) President Dr Arif Alvi on Wednesday said with wars and conflicts resulting in the massacre of innocent people, the world needed a unified approach to saving humanity from the violence of the powerful.

"Power of intellect should be the world order taking precedence over the violent forces which quash the spirit of humanity and justice," he said at the Annual Margalla Dialogue 2023.

The event themed 'Evolving world environment: Charting the course of our future' gathered diplomats, thinkers, and intellectuals from various countries.

President Alvi said dehumanizing people had become a norm in the world where vested interests prevailed over humanity.

War, he said, was not a solution to resolve any conflict and always resulted in a never-ending vicious cycle of violence.

Besides conflicts, he He pointed out that using the right of veto said, the world faced sevagainst the cessation of war eral threats affiliated with questioned the ethical stanclimate change, artificial indards of the countries contelligence, negative social narratives, unequal wealth

distribution, and dissatis-In Gaza, he said the fied mankind. massive killings of Palestin-The realistic soluians committed by Israel needed urgent attention by tions to these challenges the international communeed international cooperation requiring the adoption nity to act and play its role in stopping the bloodshed. of viable systems and also He said Israel, in its embedding ethical morality

ustification to eliminate into approach," he said. Hamas was "killing the Pal-President of IPRI Dr estinians like savages" and Raza Muhammad said as calling the colossal deaths the world grappled with as collateral damage" both natural and man-made The president men-

disasters, it was time for a tioned that the world after collective approach to save several war-related deaths humanity from emanating in Europe arrived at the culthe risks involved. He highlighted the mination of peace treaties and bodies like the League need for a global focus on

of the Nations and the conflict resolution, the economy, and climate change. Earlier, President He emphasized the role of the UN in waging Dr Arif Alvi and the guests in attendance observed a peace initiatives to prevent disputes from escalating one-minute silence for the innocent people of Palesinto conflicts and an effective mechanism to stop tine who faced the barbaric acts of Israel.



United Nations (UN).

wars.

QUETTA: Balochistan Caretaker Minister for Home and Tribal Affairs Muhammad Zubair Jamali visiting the mock drills, exercises on disasters and emergency situation in Balochistan in a simulation exercise (SimEx) organized by NDMA.

# Special committee formed by CM GB reviews judicious supply, distribution of flour in different mills of GB

**Independent Report** GILGIT: The special committee formed by the Chief Minister Gilgit Baltistan (GB) reviewed in detail the judicious supply and Ghulam Muhammad would distribution of flour chair the meeting of comamong different flour mills mittee to be held at the comof the GB here on Wednes- mittee room of Soni Jawari

center. day. On the occasion, 5

the prescribed price of wheat, subsidy and central policy is scheduled to be held today (Thursday). IT, Suraya Zaman and Spe-The Minister Food cial Assistant for Informa

Ghulam Muhammad would tion, Eman Shah. The Secretary Food department Usman Ahmed would also be attending important meeting of the cen-

Needless to mention tral committee.

The Minister Food is

Other members of the

Education,

the Convenor of central co-

committee are included:

Ghulam Shahzad Agha,

Minister Excise and Taxa-

tion, Rehmat Khaliq, Min-

ister Law, Syed Sohail

Abbas, Minister planning

ordination committee.

Minister

Nawabzada Lashkari Raisani was speaking to the media persons soon after his meeting with the PML-N central President and Social welfare, Dilshad former Prime Minister Muhammad Shahbaz Bano, Minister Home, Shams Lone, Advisor for Sharif at Sarawan House on

soon.

Tribal

Wednesday morning. Shahbaz Sharif Shahbaz Sharif issues and crisis, which reached Sarawan House can be resolved through along with the party's leaders Sardar Muhammad struggle.



Margalla Dialogue.

# NDMA, PDMA Balochistan Unite for unprecedented Flood Simulation in Quetta Zubair Jamali lauded

The purpose of con-

OUETTA (APP): National emergencies. As part of a proactive the efforts of NDMA for

Disaster Management Auapproach, the NDMA has thority (NDMA), in collaboration with PDMA initiated a series of Simula-Balochistan, showcases a tion Exercises at national and provincial level. substantial commitment to disaster preparedness by organizing a pioneering SimEx on floods and earthducting multi-hazard mock exercises was to enhance quake emergencies in the preparedness and re-Quetta from November 15 to 17, 2023.

sponse capabilities of Balochistan's disaster man-Balochistan Caretaker agement agencies to deal Minister for Home and with emergency like situa-Affairs, tion Muhammad Zubair Jamali inaugurated the Simulation

Exercises and appreciated the efforts of NDMA for a proactive approach to saster management and redeal with disasters and liefactivities.

### ticipated in the mock exercise in Quetta, including He emphasized the representatives from Proneed for effective coordinavincial Disaster Managetion and cooperation among ment Balochistan, District Disasall agencies involved in diter Management Authori-ties, and NGOs

conducting mock drills and

exercises on disasters and

emergency situation in Balochistan.

NDMA has played a pro-

active role in enhancing the

national preparedness and

response structure for any

**PTA faces** 

resource crunch

in audio leak

investigation ISLAMABAD (APP): Pa-

kistan Telecommunication

Authority (PTA) on Wednesday affirmed its

lack of resources to trace the

individual responsible for

leaking audio recordings on

function as an investigative

agency, it said in its reply

submitted in Islamabad

High Court regarding the

audio leak case involving

Najam-ul-Saqib, the son of

High-level

Kuwaiti

delegation

visits ANF

Headquarters

(M) welcomed the delega-

tion. The delegation was

given a detailed briefing on

emphasis was given on the

need to increase intelligence

sharing against drug traf-ficking. ANF and the del-

egation also discussed steps

to remove barriers in inter-

national controlled delivery

operations. According to spokesman, ANF Pakistan

and Kuwait's Anti-Narcot-

ics Department reiterated

**DC** Ziarat

chairs meeting

on illegal

immigrants

QUETTA (APP): Deputy

Commissioner Ziarat

Mohammad Ramzan Palal

on Wednesday chaired a

meeting of officers to dis-

cuss the evacuation of for-

tended by Assistant Com-

Mohammad Hanif Noorzai, NADRA In-

charge Ubaidullah, and

the committee reviewed a

progress survey report on

the ongoing evacuation ef-

forts. In accordance with

the directives of the Gov-

ernment of Balochistan, it

was decided that all foreign

illegal immigrants will be

registered with NADRA

and deported within a week

During the meeting,

other relevant officers.

The meeting was at-

Ziarat

eign illegal immigrants.

missioner

to increase cooperation.

During the meeting,

against drug trafficking.

achievements

ANF's

the former Chief Justice.

The authority did not

social media.

disaster.

Jamali mentioned that

Seven syndicates par-

Authority

# Would announce decision about joining PML-N very soon, says Lashkari Raisani

### **Independent Report**

Ayaz Sadiq and Sheikh Jaffar Mandokhail to meet Nawabzada Lashkari QUETTA: The prominent tribal and political person-Raisani ality, Nawabzada Lashkari Raisani has announced that meeting was the Chief of Sarawan and former Chief he would make decision about his joining the Paki-Minister Balochistan, stan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) very

Nawab Muhammad Aslam Raisani. Nawabzada Lashkari Raisani said that he is thankful to Shahbaz Sharif who came to us and invited to join the party. This is an honour for us, he maintained

He said that the country is facing certain parliamentary democratic

Also present in the

# Thursday November 16, 2023

# Faizabad sit-in case **Govt informs** SC about notifying inquiry commission

SLAMABAD (INP): The would also identify those federal government on Wednesday informed the Supreme Court that it has notified the constitution of a three-member inquiry commission in the Faizabad sit-in case.

casters who violated the PEMRA rules. Similarly, it would try to locate those people who spread hatred through mainstream media as well as so-

Later the attorney

A three-member bench

Speaking on the occa-

He, however, ex-

cable operators and broad-

The commission, cial media. headed by retired inspector general of police (IGP) Akhtar Ali Shah, also ingeneral of Pakistan (AGP), on behalf of the governcluded former IGP Tahir ment, submitted the notifi-Alam Khan and additional cation to the Supreme secretary interior Khushkhal Khan, and Court (SC) during the hearing of the Faizabad sit-in would submit its findings case in two months.

Terms of Reference of the apex court, headed (ToRs) of the commission by Justice Qazi Faez Isa, were also listed in the notiheard the case. fication issued by the govsion, Chief Justice of Pakiernment.

It would try to ascerstan (CJP) Justice Qazi ain who was responsible Faez Isa asked why somefor the sit-in; what were the body from the defence minfactors that led to it; and istry was not included in who were its financers; the commission. who were the people who pressed the hope that the issued edicts and gave state-

The

commission would conduct ments in its favour. commission a transparent inquiry



QUETTA: Former Provincial Minister Mir Habibur Rehman Muhammadhassani meeting with Caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Ali Mardan Domki.

# **AJK PM links AJK's** survival to Pakistan's prosperity, stability

MIRPUR (AJK) (APP): Azad Jammu and Kashmir Prime Minister Chaudhry Anwar ul Haq has said that the survival of Azad Jammu Kashmir was inescapably linked to prosperity, devel-opment and stability of Pakistan.

Addressing a recep-tion hosted in his honour by minister for Population Welfare Sardar Muĥammad Hussain on Sudhanoti town of AJK on Wednesday, the PM said that welfare of people was the sole mission of his life. He said that cheap electricity was the right of every citizen.

for the poor, widows, orphans, disabled, children and girls of the state. As per the scheme, he said, 20 thousand would be transferred to the each needy person on monthly basis through their easy paisa account. Regarding the im-

provement of governance, he said, government employees working in health, education and other government departments would have to prove their metal and show their progress. He said that all vacant posts in ten district hospitals would be filled by December 30

gram flour was found less here is that important issues in some packs of the flour would be discussed in the by Karim Flour Mill Bason. meeting

committee The charged fine of Rs. 5,000 to the concerned flour mill on the spot.

It was also directed to submit challan of the same, otherwise it was warned to suspend the quota of the third week.

On the other hand, the meeting of the central coor-

dination and consultation and development, Raja committee formed about Nasir Ali Khan, Minister

**QUETTA:** Group Director Security PTCL Brigadier (retd) Aziz Ahmed meeting with Balochistan Chief Secretary Shakeel Qadir Khan.

# There will be no injustice with Balochistan in future: Faisal Kundi

kistan Peoples Party (PPP) leader Faisal Karim Kundi has said that there will be

injustice with Balochistan in future. Talking to the media

on Wednesday, he said that the PML-N was looking for crutches.

"Nawaz Sharif has returned to the country after quitting the London narra-

ISLAMABAD (INP): Pa- tive. Where is the narrative of 'vote ko izzat do' now?' he added.

The PPP leader said that the people will not accept the selection this time. "February 8 will tell for whom the people vote. We will decide about the formation of the government after seeing the number game on February 8," he

The meeting would discuss the matters about uninterrupted supply of flour to the masses besides ensuring transparency in it

and the subsidy. It may also be mentioned that the committees have been given the task to make consultation with political elders, social leader economic experts and media professionals at the pro-

vincial level, on special directives of the GB chie Minister **UOT organizes** 

### session on entrepreneurship QUETTA (APP): A session on 'Entrepreneurship As A

Career Choice and Entrepreneurial Opportunities was organized by the Of fice of Research, Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC) of the University of Turbat (UoT) at the video conference room of UoT. Students from differ ent departments of the uni versity participated in the event. In his opening remarks, Prof. Dr Jan Muhammad, Vice Chancel tatives lor (VC) of UoT, extended

wholehearted gratitude and appreciation to Shakoor Ahmed, Provincial Chief of the Small and Medium Enterprises Development Authôrity (SMÉDA) in Balochistan, and resource person of the session for organizing an important



KARACHI: Former President and Co-Chairman PPP, Asif Ali Zardari exchanging views with Hamad Obaid Ibrahim Salim Al-Zaabi, Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) during meeting.

# **Elections crucial for** democratic continuity, stability: NA Speaker

ISLAMABAD (APP): Speaker of the National Assembly Raja Pervez Ashraf stated on Wednesday that elections are pivotal for the continuity and stability of democracy and for strengthening democratic norms. He emphasized that elections provide people with an opportunity to choose their true represen-

On November 16, 1988, the Pakistani nation chose the Pakistan Peoples' Party (PPP) in general elections, and Mohtarama Shaheed Benazir Bhutto was elected as the first woman Prime Minister of Pakistan, he added. He underscored, "PPP believes in the power granted by the people and always respects the people's choice.

# **CMIT members review** development projects' work in Bolan

going development projects in the district in detail and expressed satisfaction.

They said that all the ongoing development projects in the district were progressing towards ompletion. The team hoped that these projects would be

completed on time so that the people of Kachhi Bolan district would get the fruits of these development projects as well

as development and eco-The members of nomic prosperity in the area

of registration. QUETTA: Pir Agha Ibrahim Muneeb Mujdadi, Sardar Muhammad Iqbal Khilji,

Professor Manzoor Ahmed and DSP Syed Mehdi congratulates Director General Public Relation Balochistan Muhammad Noor Khetran.

"If people pay utility bills, then electricity up to AWALPINDI (APP): A three-member high-level 200 units could be prodelegation led by Assistant vided free of cost. He said Undersecretary of Kuwait Ministry of Interior for Criminal Security Affairs, Major General Hamed Manahi here on Wednesday that it was for the first time in the AJK's history that the incumbent government suspended the notificavisited Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) Headquarters. tion regarding the increase in electricity prices. He said that the subsidy on Director General ANF wheat flour has been re-Major General Muhammad Aniq ur Rehman Malik, HI stored.

"MRI machines are being provided in all divisional hospitals at a cost of Rs 84 crores", he said, adding that funds have been released for providing the electricity poles and transformers in all districts. He said that the government won't allow misuse of public funds. "The prime minister, ministers and all those who get salary from public

The government, he said, has allocated rupees taxes are accountable to the 5 billion endowment fund people", the PM said.



QUETTA: Secretary Livestock Tayyab Lehri, **Director IDO Sabir Ahmed Khan, Representative** UNHCR inaugurate grand handicrafts exhibition organized by UNHCR.

# MBBS & BDS seats Abdullah chairs meeting of waiting list admission for academic session 2022-2023

OUETTA (APP): Health Sciences Syed Balochistan Secretary Health Abdullah Khan on Wednesday said that provincial government was paying special attention on the Health Sector in order to improve quality health facilities for patients.

PS Abdul Waheed Bolan He expressed these Medical College Quetta, Incharge Admission Bolan views while chairing meet-Medical College Quetta ing of academic session 2022-2023 regarding allot-Nadeem, Section Officer ment of seats for nomina-Nizamuddin and Staff Officer Shaukat Zehri. tion, selection of candidates in the waiting list admission MBBS and BDS seat of waiting list admission for Public Sector Medical and the academic session 2022-Dental Colleges of 2023 for MBBS and BDS Balochsista at Civil Secre-

tariat Ouetta. The meeting was atended by Vice Chancellor of Bolan University of Medical and Health Sciences Dr. Shabir Ahmed Lehri, Principal of Bolan Medical College (BMC) Dr. Raz Ouetta Muhammad Kakar, Additional Secretary Health Abdul Hameed Zehri, Principal Jhalwan Medical College Khuzdar Dr. Samad

seats, nomination/selection of candidates were discussed in detail in the meetıng. Addressing that meet-ing, Secretary Health said that Balochistan government was paying special attention on the medical sector saying that revolu-

Aurangzeb, Principal Loralai Medical College Dr.

Saleem, Additional Secre-

tary Law Department Saeed

Iqbal, Vice Principal Makran Medical College

Dr. Abdul Waheed Buledi,

Balochistan Quetta,

tionary measures have been taken in this sector He said that Health Department was very important while medical edu-Gichki, Registrar Bolan cation was the backbone in University of Medical and the field of medicine.

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### Hassan Zehri says: People of Hub, Lasbela will not let looters hide behind artificial alliance think that in this way they people of Hub and Lasbela

maintained.

Independent Report HUB: Senior leader of Pakistan Peoples Party, spokesperson of former President Asif Ali Zardari and President of Hub district Mir Ali Hassan Zehri has said that it is a pity that the lust of looters has not ended since forty years. Personal interests and lust for wealth have blinded these self-interested elements

With what mouth will they go to the public? He ment in any way. said that fearing the popularity of the Peoples Party, the Bhutani brothers are now trying to join the Muslim League (N) so that their looting can continue. They

will avoid defeat, but this have well recognized these is their mistake. Mir Ali self-interested elements and Hassan Zahri said that these have come to know that self-interested elements these people have been foolhave no manifesto, if they ing the people only for have any manifesto, it is their own self and interests only their own personal but now their anti-people interests.He said that the has come to the fore. tendency of the Bhutani Mir Ali Hassan Zehri brothers has always been to

the UoT.

said that the people have lick the soles of every income to know that these coming government and berejected elements have no come a part of the governinterest in Hub and Lasbela. During their 40-year tenure, these areas turned into ru-

Efforts to join the Muslim League (N) are ins and no development proof of this. That these work has been done. Even self-interested elements are the basic facilities could not be reached to the people using the platform of politics for themselves and not although during this period the people. The zealous if these people wanted.

development projects of the Department of Communications and Works in Kachhi Bolan district. Xen Road Abdul Wahab Zehri and Xen Building Muhammad Akram Baloch were also present on this occasion.

CMIT reviewed all the on-

QUETTA (APP): The Chief Minister Inspection session for the students of Team (CMIT) members Muhammad Aslam Tareen and Raz Muhammad on Wednesday reviewed works of various ongoing