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Caretaker setup to remain impartial, ensure free & fair elections: PM

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Friday, reiterating the government's resolve to fulfill its duty of ensuring free, fair and transparent elections, said the caretaker setup would remain fully impartial. Dispelling the impression that a certain political

party was being favoured by the caretakers, he said the political parties normally tried to attract their voters in different ways and such allegations might be their tactics.

We are fully focused on holding the elections in a free, fair and transparent manner and are fully supporting the Election Commission for the purpose, he added

terview with a private news channel (Suno News), also denied the impression that his cabinet member Fawad Hassan Fawad, had affiliation with a certain political party. "He is one of the best cabinet members and an able former bureaucrat. Due to his talent and abilities, he used to become a favorite choice of every ruling party during his service." He said Fawad was

fully justifying his appointment as Minister for Privatization. The caretaker government would hopefully succeed in achieving set target of privatization of stateowned enterprises at the its tenure due to his untiring

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ISLAMABAD: A delegation of Gwadar Shipping Clearing Agents calls on Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar.

Pakistan, Russia agree to collaborate on counter-terrorism

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pa- as stated by the FO in a kistan and Russia have press release. agreed to strengthen col-laborative efforts to effec-Additional Foreign Secretively combat terrorism, tary, Ministry of Foreign underscoring the mutual benefits of such cooperation, the Foreign Office said

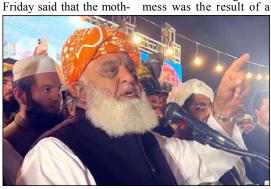
The two sides discussed various forms of radicalization, the spread of terrorist ideologies, and the misuse of information and communication technolo-

Affairs of Pakistan, and Sergey Vershinin, Deputy Foreign Minister of the Russian Federation cochaired the 10th meeting of the Pakistan-Russia Joint Working Group on 'Combating International Terrorism and Other Challenges

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gies for terrorist purposes, JUI chief for collective efforts to form new future for country

PESHAWAR (APP): Chief try was facing numerous of Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam, problems including finan-Moulana Fazl-ur-Rehman cial disorder, adding all the



erland was created by matchless sacrifices of our forefathers and we should work collectively to give it a new future and identity

in Islamic countries. Addressing a public gathering in Wazir Bagh to welcome new entrants, he said that our country was carved out by the sacrifices of our elders and we should work for its progress and prosperity. He said that the counconspiracy and ill planning of previous rulers

He said that institutions are being targeted for their efforts to bring improvements and added that countries that were behind were now far ahead.

He said that the people of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa had faced worst during last nine years while merger of FATA had not given anything tangible to tribal people.

Defence ministry challenges decision for stopping trial of civilians in military courts

ISLAMABAD (Online): Defence ministry has challenged the court decision for stopping the trial of civilians in military courts.

The defence ministry has prayed the court to nullify the decision on stop-ping the trial of civilians in military courts.

The defence ministry has requested the court to restore the clauses of official secret act which have been nullified.

The petition said section 59(4) of army act which has been declared null and void be also restored

The petitioner further said in the petition that the petitions on which the Supreme Court (SC) has given decision were non maintainable. Annulment of clauses of army act and official act will cause irreparable loss to the country. On October 23, a five-member Supreme Court bench declared Section 2(1)(d) of the Army Act, specifying persons subject to the Act, unconstitutional and "of no legal effect "The court also declared Section 59(4) (civil offences) of the Act to be unconstitutional

RAWALPINDI: Chief of Army Staff (COAS), General Syed Asim Munir, NI (M), addressing the leading Islamic Scholars (Ulema o Mashaikh) of all schools of thought, interacted at GHQ.

No space for intolerance, extreme behaviour against anyone: COAS

Use of force by any militia, entity or group other than state 'unacceptable'; Pakistan belongs to all Pakistanis without any religious, provincial, tribal, linguistic, ethnic, sectarian or any other distinction

RAWALPINDI (APP): country. They underscored Chief of Army Staff that "Islam is a religion of (COAS) General Syed peace and harmony, and its Asim Munir on Friday said there was no space for intolerance and extreme entities is for their vested behaviour by against anyone, particularly against minorities and vulnerable segments of the society. He made these re-

marks in an interaction with leading Islamic scholars (Ulema and Mashaikh) of all schools of thought here at the General Headquarters, an Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) news release said. The Ulema and

Mashaikh unanimously condemned extremism, terrorism and sectarianism, and pledged their continued support for the untiring efforts being made by the State and security forces for bringing tolerance,

BHC declares former MPA's disqualification null and void

QUETTA (APP): The Balochistan High Court on Friday declared the disqualification of former member of the provincial assembly Mohammad Khan Toor null and voice

and of no legal effects. The Election Commission of Pakistan dis qualified the former MPA

on 10th April 2019. The Chief Justice of Balochistan High Court Justice Naeem Akhtar Afghan and Justice Gul Hasan Tareen pronounced the verdict. The court annulled the disqualification of the petitioner under Article 62 (1) (F) of the constitution by ECP vide impugned order dated 10-04-2019 saying disqualification is null

void, and of no legal effects. 'This order of the Election Commission has no constitutional status, the order read. The ECP had also failed to appreciate that the nomination forms of the petitioner dated 26.11.2007 were accepted by the Returning Officer without obiection of any nature.

peace and harmony, and its any skewed and distorted interpretations by certain interests only and has nothing to do with Islamic teachings". The COAS, while lauding the 'Paigham-e-Pakistan' decree by religious scholars to nullify misleading propaganda disseminated by extremists and terrorists, called upon the Ulema and Mashaikh for its propagation and implementation in letter and spirit, and shun internal schisms. The Army Chief signified the role of Ulema in harnessing youth towards understanding of Quran and Sunnah and

and technical skills.

character-building alongside

other academic knowledge

government's steps, including repatriation of illegal foreigners, implementation of the One Document Regime, anti-smuggling and hoarding measures, and anti-power theft drive. It also fully acknowl-

edged Pakistan's position and concerns on terrorism emanating from the Afghan soil and urged serious actions by Afghanistan to address Pakistan's concerns. The forum also ex-

pressed anguish on the ongoing conflict in Gaza and atrocities being committed against hapless people of Gaza and termed them crimes against humanity. "Pakistan belongs to

all Pakistanis without any religious, provincial, tribal, linguistic, ethnic, sectarian or any other distinction. Use of force and armed action by any The forum unani- militia, entity or group other



QUETTA: Caretaker Provincial Minister for Information Jan Achakzai in a meeting with Caretaker Provincial Home Minister Captain (retd) Muhammad Zuabir Khan Jamali.

Under Health Card Program: Free treatment of heart patients starts at Sandeman Hospital

Independent Report QUETTA: The free treatment and surgeries have been started for the heart patients at under Health Card Programme at the Sandeman Provincial Headquarter Hospital

Quetta. According to the spokesman of Health Department, free angiography, angioplasty open heart surgery and wall placement of the patients has been started in the Cardiac De-

Hospital. The free treatment of the heart patients started free of cost under the Health Card project

It may be mentioned here that the Health Card Programme was launched by the Provincial Health Department in Balochistan recently

The CNICs holders belonging to Balochistan would be entitled to get free medical treatment upto Rs. one million under the partment of the Sandeman Health Card Programme.

CT Minister for Education calls for taking right decisions to control situation after disasters

Independent Report QUETTA: The caretaker

Provincial Minister for Education and Culture, Dr Qadir Bakhsh Baloch has stressed that the district administration should take right decisions at the time of natural disasters and help the needy persons after

nar here on Friday. The participants were briefed in detail about natural disasters especially earthquakes, heavy rains, snowfall and floods as well as drought, fire eruptions besides the related issues

and steps for solution to

NATIONAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUT PROVINCIAL LEVEL SIMULATION SIMEX- 3/24 MULTI HAZA

them

taking the situation emerged following the disasters.

The Minister Education and Culture was addressing the closing ceremony of three-day semi-

Dr Qadir Bakhsh Baloch said that the training and awareness is welcoming for combating the natural disasters and the first provincial level simulation exercise. The caretaker Minis-

ter for Education, Dr Qadir Bakhsh distributed certificates among the participants of seminar. The minister said SimEx has provided a platform to enhance the capacity of district-level stakeholders in disaster management and promote collaborative efforts towards ensuring preparedness and response during likely disasters.

The purpose of conducting multi-hazard mock exercises was to enhance the preparedness and response capabilities of Balochistan's disaster management agencies to deal with emergency-like situa-

Six syndicates participated in the mock exercise in Quetta, including representatives from the Armed Forces, Provincial Disaster

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CJP reconstitutes **NJAC** to improve efficiency of judiciary

Faiz Esa has reconstituted the National Judicial Autoto improve the efficiency of the judiciary in Pakistan. The Committee will

be led by Mr. Justice Mansoor Ali Shah, a judge of the Supreme Court of Pakistan, and Mr. Justice Muhammad Ali Mazhar, another judge of the Supreme Court of Pakistan, will also be a member. Judges from the High Courts and the Federal Shariat Court will also be part of the committee.

The National Judicial Automation Committee

QUETTA: The University of Balochistan (UoB) is going to conduct its 20th convocation at 10:00 AM today (Saturday).

UOB to hold

20th Annual

Convocation

today

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The Governor Balochistan Malik Abdul Wali Khan will be the Chief Guest at the UoB's Convocation.

The 20th convocation ceremony will be held at expo centre of UoB during which degrees and gold medals would be awarded to students (BS 517, PhD 21, M Phil 59 and Gold ISLAMABAD (INP): (NJAC) will work towards Chief Justice of Pakistan the digitalization of the (CJP), Mr. Justice Qazi court's processes and records, introduce mobile applications for better acmation Committee (NJAC) cess to justice and improve case management. The Committee aims to automate and integrate the judiciary and also introduce Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the legal processes and

> delivery of the judiciary. Justice Mansoor Shah believes that the justice sector in Pakistan should take advantage of the new devel-

research. It will prepare a

national plan based on tech-

nology and AI to improve

the efficiency of service

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ISLAMABAD: Care-taker Federal Minister of National Heritage and Culture Division Jamal Shah along with the Ambassador of Iran to Pakistan Dr Reza Amiri Moghadam taking interest in posters during "Poster Exhibition".

Jan asks Afghanistan to hand over wanted terrorists:

Interim Govt endeavouring to ensure repatriation of all Afghan refugees by end of Dec, Achakzai

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QUETTA: The caretaker cret agencies. Provincial Minister for Information, Jan Achakzai stern action would be taken from their land. He also has categorically stated that against the facilitators of asked the Afghanistan govti is endeavour of the interim government to ensure

The Minister Inforterim government to ensure rehabilitation of all Afghan refugees by end of December this year.

He mentioned that Afghanistan has shared the list of terrorists with Pakistan, however, it (Afghanistan) should hand over the wanted terrorists to Paki-

He said that the terrorists of Afghanistan has targeted Zhob and Chaman protests and it is feared that the allegations of which

agencies. government to abolish sanctuaries regarding terrorism

mation was addressing a hurriedly called press conference here at the Ouetta press club on Friday.

He said that as the civil war has been ended in Afghanistan now, therefore, all the Immigrants should return to their homeland. He said that it is the

firm stance of the government that all the illegal immigrants have to leave Pakistan. Jan Achakzai ap-

terrorists to us. He mentioned that the Foreign Office has shared

would be made on the se- pealed to the Afghanistan

the detail of existing sanctuaries of terrorism in Afghanistan with the Afghan government. He said that Pakistan firmly condemns every

kind of terrorism and would not tolerate on it's land it at

ernment to hand over the

He said that unfortunately the land of Afghani-

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الف۔ شہداء کے لواحقین کوحکومت بلوچیتان یا متعلقہ ادارے ہے شہداء کیکے دلوانے میں معاونت فراہم کرنا۔

ب- شہید کے آیک بچیا بی کی شادی پر مالی مدد۔ ج۔ شہداء کی فیملیز کے لیے تمام سرکاری ہیتالوں میں ترجیحی بنیادوں برعلاج کی سہولت۔

و۔ شہید کے بیٹے یا بیٹی کو کسی بھی سرکاری یا غیرسرکاری ادارے میں ملازمت کے لیے معاونت فراہم کرنا۔ ڈ۔ شہداء کے بچوں کوتمام سرکاری اورغیر سرکاری تعلیمی اداروں میں داخلہ دلوانے کے لیےاعانت فراہم کرنا۔

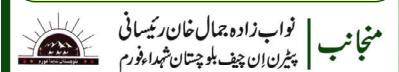
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ر۔ شہید فیلی کے ساتھ مسلسل رابطہ اوران کے مسائل جاننااوران کوتر جیجی بنیا دوں برحل کرنا۔ ۲۔ بدایک فلاحی ادارہ ہے جو صرف اور صرف آپ کے دیئے ہوئے عطیات پر چاتا ہے۔

تمام غیرسر کاری/ فجی ادار ہے این جی اوز (NGO's) اور صاحب استطاعت افرادا بینے عطیات بلوچستان شہدا وفور م کے مندرجہ ذیل آفیشل اکاؤٹ میں براہ راست جمع کرواسکتے ہیں۔ آپ کے دیئے گئے عطیات ہے کسی بھی شہید کی فیملی کی مالی امداد کی جاسکے گی:۔

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Pakistan pushes for more effective UNSC, focusing on its failure to end Iśrael's war against Gaza

(APP): Highlighting UN Security Council's failure to stop Palestinian's "slaugh-ter" in the Israeli-blockaded Gaza Strip, Pakistan has underscored the need to make the 15-member body more representative, transparent and accountable to ensure world peace and security. "For more than a conflicts. month now, a brutal war has raged in Gaza, with blatant war crimes and genocide being perpetrated by Israel

NATIONS women and children," Amlighting UN bassador Munir Akram said in the UN General Assembly's debate on how to reform the Security Council, pointing out that inability of its permanent members to agree on decisive action is the primary reason for frequent failures to respond effectively to

> In this regard, the Pakistani envoy said that adding new permanent members in an enlarged Council

ply the prospects of its paralysis. "The problem cannot be the solution," Ambassador Akram said.

The Italy-Pakistanled Uniting for Consensus (UfC) group, he added, remains "staunchly op-posed" to any proposals for the creation of additional permanent seats in the Security Council.

'Any country seeking a more frequent presence on the Security Council should do so by subjecting itself against innocent Palestinian would statistically multi- to the democratic process

of periodic election by the General Assembly," the Pakistani envoy said. The Intergovernmen-

tal Negotiations (IGN) on Security Council reform. which began in February 2009 have remained stalled The IGN process deals with five key areas—the categories of membership, the question of veto, regional representation, size of an enlarged Security Council, and working methods of the council and its relationship with the General Assembly.



LANDIKOTAL: Pakistani trucks carry the goods and Afghan transit trade supply towards to cross Pak-Afghan Border Torkham to supply it to Afghanistan from Pakistan waiting for security clearance, at Torkham Border in Landikotal.



sisters in Gaza. Happy to

contribute in the win. Cred-

its to the whole team and

especially Abdullah Shafique and Hassan Ali for making it easier," he wrote.

the people of Hyderabad

for the amazing hospitality and support throughout,"

wicketkeeper-batter

Mohammad Rizwan to de-

lete his social media post in

which he dedicated the

team's historic win against

Sri Lanka to the Palestin-

ians facing genocide by Is-

rael. However, when con-

tacted, a spokesperson for

the Pakistan Cricket Board

said, "The International

Cricket Council and the

number of students.

Speaking to the stu-

dents, Dr. Mohammad

Rashad, the Director of

NAB, praised their accom-

plishments in sports and

motivated them to actively

contribute to creating a so-

titions have been organized

among university students

in Balochistan. Addition-

ally, with the assistance of

the Balochistan Board of

Intermediate and Sec-

Quetta, competitions

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disaster preparedness and

training exercises like the

SimEx, as they can signifi-

cantly improve the re-

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gencies were simulated dur-

ing the SimEx, including

flash floods, earthquakes

and cyclones. Participants

expressed their gratitude

and admiration for SimEx

and its approach which

helped them learn concepts

in a better and more practi-

the Simulation Exercise all-

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the word to others for the

good of all and as a national

Participants declared

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PCB had asked

Babar Azam comes out in support of Palestinians

LAHORE: With the death tory. The tweet was, "This toll mounted to at least was for our brothers and toll mounted to at least 12,000 Palestinians so far—including 5,000 children — amid Israel's unabating bombardment and ground incursion in Gaza, Pakistan former skipper Babar Azam on Friday came out in support of the people in the besieged enclave. Taking to X, formerly Twitter, Pakistan's premium batter shared a picture of the girl in which she is seen holding the Palestinian flag and having a doll placed on her lap. He also wrote a piece of poetry in the caption of the post.

Last month, Rizwan dedicated his match-winning against Sri Lanka to the people of Gaza during the ICC World Cup 2023.

Rizwan tweeted on 11th October, a day after PCB's legal department are his knock of 131 (not out) relevant here as I am not in the highest run chase ever privy to this information".

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LASBELLA: The closing

ceremony of the Prime

Minister's Talent Hunt

Youth Sports League Bad-

minton Competition was

conducted by Lasbela

University of Agriculture,

Water, and Marine Science

Uthal on Friday at

Tameer-e-Nau College,

Higher Education Commis-

sion (HEC), the competi-

tion involved players aged

between 15 to 25 years,

participating in 12 different

Rashad, the Director of

NAB, served as the Chief

Guest for the program. The

event was also attended by

Deputy Director Khuram

Shehzad, Principal Abid

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Management Authority

Balochistan, District Ad-

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Organized by the

Lasbela Uni hosts

closing ceremony for

PM's Badminton League

Solangi lauds gracious welcome & hospitality' in in Cricket World Cup his-Maldives visit

ISLAMABAD (APP) Minister for Information and Broadcasting Murtaza Solangi on Friday appreciated the "gracious welcome and hospitality" extended to him during his Maldives visit to attend the inauguration ceremony of President Dr Mohammad

Responding to a post of Maldivian Minister of Foreign Affairs Moosa Zameer on the social media platform 'X', Solnagi wrote," Excellency, truly appreciate the warm welcome and great hospitality by the state and the proud people of Maldives.

Pakistan Maldives had bright future of cooperation in front of them. I had the honour of listening to the extraordinary inspiring speech of President @MMuizzu to-

AC declares **Monis Elahi** as proclaimed offender

ISLAMABAD (Online): Accountability Court of Lahore has issued a written decision declaring Moonis Elahi as proclaimed offender on the charge of alleged corruption in development projects.

ciety free from corruption. The court has said in He mentioned that written decision that NAB, much like other in-Moonis Elahi has concealed stitutions, remains steadhimself. Moonis Elahi is fast in supporting the avoiding appearing in court younger generation and on charges of prosecution providing them with train-30 days time for admiral action has expired. Various games compe-

Pakistan..

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to Security' held here on

The two sides resolved to work together in combating the financing of terrorism and in other key areas of counter-terrorism

The meeting reaffirmed the commitment of both Pakistan and Russia to continue their cooperation in the fight against terrorism. The sides recognized the importance of their partnership in maintaining regional and global security.

The two sides discussed at length the global and regional terrorist threats, with a particular focus on the situations in Afghanistan, Central and South Asia, and North Africa. The dialogue underscored the complexity of the terrorism landscape and the

need for continued vigilance. To a question, PM Both sides outlined their respective national strategies and measures in combating terrorism. Pakistan and Russia shared their experiences and best practices, highlighting the importance of national efforts in the broader fight against

The meeting was part of regular exchanges in the backdrop of Pakistan-Russia bilateral counter-terror ism cooperation.

Discussions on enhancing cooperation in multilateral forums, such as the United Nations and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), were particularly fruitful, the FO

The next meeting of the Working Group will be held in 2024

FBR establishes District Tax Offices across country to broaden tax base

ISLAMABAD (APP): In a Tax Returns from non-fil major restructuring effort, the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) has established 145 District Tax Offices across the country to bring 1.5 to 2 million new taxpayers into the tax net by June 2024. This initiative is aimed at broadening the tax base and ultimately raising the tax-to-GDP ratio to a desired level.

The FBR, acting upon the directions of the Prime Minister regarding to increase the existing number of tax filers, has notified the establishment of these offices, a new initiative that will help in broadening the tax base and ultimately raising the tax-to-GDP ratio to a desired level. These offices would be headed by District Tax Officers entrusted with the responsibility of enforcing Income returns.

ers and stop-filers.

The establishment of these offices heralds a new chapter that would expand the tax net to fill a critical tax gap on the path to bringing all potential taxpayers into the tax net, the statement said.

These new offices would be headed by dedicated Inland Revenue Officers in BS-17/18 who would obtain and utilize third-party data acquired from multiple departments and agencies that hold critical information regard ing investment in assets and incurring of huge expenditures by potential taxpayers who till now have managed to escape and stayed away from the taxation system including registration and filing of tax

Wahab Riaz appointed new 'chief selector'

Monitoring Desk LAHORE: Amid an ongo-

ing major reshuffle, the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) appointed former international cricketer and speedster Wahab Riaz as the new chief selector of the national men's selection committee.

The former left-arm pacer's appointment as the post had been vacant following former skipper "conflict of interest" alle- the team for a challenging gations were levelled Australia tour.

against him. The board has formed a five-member committee after it was revealed that Inzamam was a partner in Yazoo International Ltd — a players' management company owned by Talha Rehmani which represents Pakistan's leading cricketers, including Babar Azam, Mohammad Rizwan, chief selector comes as the and Shaheen Shah Afridi. Riaz's — who represented Pakistan in 27 Tests, 90 Inzamam ul Haq's resigna- ODIs and 36 120Is — first tion on October 30 after assignment will be selecting



Gulbar Khan inaugurating the 1MW Solar Plant & 600kWp BESS at Duikar.

Caretaker setup to..

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efforts, he added. As regards the recent depreciation of rupee against dollar, the prime minister said due to the government's actions, the artificial demand for the dollar had significantly reduced and now the rupee value was being adjusted according to the actual demand and supply of the

He expressed his satisfaction that the country's economy had now almost become stable. Pakistan had also reached the staff level agreement with the International Monetary Fund (IMF), he added.

'We have achieved our target of 'economic health' which was a very big challenge for the caretaker setup," he remarked.

Kakar maintained that it was for the courts to decide about the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf. The caretaker government would be bound to follow court orders regarding the PTI chairman's participation in the elections, he added.

To another question, he said the state would not, in any case, allow any group or party to resort to mob violence in the coun-

With respect to the prevailing situation in Gaza and the West Bank, the prime minister said the recent emergency meeting of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) gave a unanimous strong message with collective wisdom to ensure ceasefire in Palestine

implemented soon. He said Israel was committing war crimes and crimes against humanity. The atrocities committed by Israel in Gaza had rather become a humanitarian issue as millions of people in Europe and rest of the world, belonging to different faiths and religions, were on the roads in pro-

As regards the relations between China and the United States, the prime minister said both the countries were economic powers and they had opted the right choice of engaging each other. Pakistan could neither remain in isolation nor choose any bloc. There were many countries like Pakistan which were closely related to China and had also good relations with the US

To a question about the repatriation of illegal Afghan immigrants, the prime minister clarified that there was no outside pressure in the matter. "Afghanistan or Af-

ghans are not our enemies as we have centuries old good brotherly relations, he said. However, he also made it clear that both countries were two different states, therefore, the gov ernment was bound to follow certain rules and regu lations regarding Afghan nationals who had been residing in the country illegally. He said the government had not banned the Afghan nationals from living in the country, but they would have to get them registered with proper legal documents

Pak inks agreement to export manpower to Saudi Arabia

ISLAMABAD (INP): Pakistan Overseas Employment Corporation (POEC) and NESMA & Partners, a leading contracting company in Saudi Arabia, signed an agreement for the export of Pakistani manpower to the Kingdom.

The agreement was signed at the Embassy of Pakistan in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. The POEC is a government agency responsible for the recruitment and deployment of Pakistani workers abroad. NESMA & Partners is a leading Saudi Arabian construction company with a portfolio of mega-projects in the king-

The agreement marks a pivotal collaboration between Pakistan and Saudi

Alvi phones families of army soldiers martyred in terror incidents

ISLAMABAD (APP): President Dr Arif Alvi on Friday telephoned the family members of the soldiers of the Pakistan Armed Forces who were martyred in different terrorist inci-

The president held telephonic interactions with the families of the soldiers martyred in the attacks that took place on November 6, and October 18 and 29 respectively in different parts of the coun-The president paid

tribute on behalf of the whole nation to the martyrs who sacrificed their lives

Pak doctor receives Friesen **Prize 2023** in Canada

CANADA (APP): Pakistani doctor Zulfigar Bhutta has received the Friesen Prize 2023 in Canada in recognition of his work on maternal and child

Laureate Bhutta was awarded at a ceremony held in Ottawa, which was attended by Canadian researchers and experts in the field of health sciences.

Pakistan's High Commissioner to Canada Zaheer Janjua also attended the event. "This year's laureate is Dr. Zulfiqar Bhutta for his research and services in maternal and neonatal health and nutrition, the High Commission posted on X on Friday.

Arabia, paving the way for the export of a substantial Pakistani manpower to contribute to Saudi Arabia's ambitious infrastructure and development goals. This agreement will provide Pakistani workers with the opportunity to showcase their expertise

& Partners CEO, Samer Essam Abdul Samad. During the meeting, Jawad Sohrab Malik expressed his sincere appreciation and gratitude to Samer Essam Abdul Samad

and contribute to the suc-

cess of these critical infra-

structure projects. The de-

velopment came after a

meeting Special Assistant to Prime Minister Jawad

Sohrab Malik and NESMA

for their unwavering commitment to hiring Pakistani

He highlighted the exceptional reputation of Pakistani workers for their dedication and hard work.

The agreement is expected to create significant job opportunities for Pakistani workers in Saudi Arabia. It will also help to strengthen the economic ties between the two countries. The meeting was also attended by the Ambassador of Pakistan to Saudi Arabia, Mr Ahmad Farooq, Director-General of the Bureau of Emigration and Overseas Employment (BEOE), and the Joint Secretary of the Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis and Human Reand NESMA & Partners source Development.



MARDAN: Chairman Pakistan People's Party Bilawal Bhutto Zardari addressing to workers convention, in City.

CJP reconstitutes..

age of the Industrial Revoand the Justice Sector in Pakistan needs to invest in state-of-the-art digital infrastructure, modernized training programs, and robust measures for better administration of justice.

Justice Mazhar thinks that the digitization of the justice sector is only the beginning of the transformative change they envision for the legal system. As they move forward, they remain committed to continually enhancing their digital capabilities, further improving access to justice, and ensuring a transparent and efficient legal process for all.

Continued from page 1 tice of the Lahore High opments in technology. The Court. During his tenure, he world has moved from the established a Resource Center and launched a dislution to the Era of Techtinctive automation project nological Transformation, that resulted in the successful deployment of Case Flow Management System. Similarly, Justice Mazhar took several initiatives to equip the High Court of Sindh with IT technology.

The National Judicial

Automation Committee (NJAC) was a sub-committee of the National Judicial Policy Making Committee (NJPMC) which as an apex body responsible for improving the performance of the administration of justice, harmonizing the judicial processes and standards, and ensuring a skilled and efficient judiciary. The Chairman of NJPMC is the Justice Shah was a Chief Justice of Pakistan, Judge and later Chief Justice Qazi Faiz Esa. Chief Justice of Pakistan,

Interim Govt..

Continued from page 1 ered as our weakness.

stan is being used for terrorism against Pakistan, which is intolerable.

He said said that the sanctuaries of terrorism in Afghanistan have become constant threat for security of the country. He said that our inten-

tion and spirit of brotherhood must not be consid-

Referring the repatriation of illegal immigrants, the Minister Information said that process is continued and would remain continued in future without any break. He said that while the repatriation of illegal immigrants is continued, after their expulsion,

all other refugees would be

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repatriated.

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Improved screening facilities vital for early detection of breast cancer: Samina Alvi

First Lady Samina Alvi on Friday called on the hospitals, non-governmental organizations, and civil society to work on improved screening facilities at medical setups to help detect breast cancer among women at early stages. Speaking at a breast cancer awareness event, she said early diagnosis through mammogram and ultrasound could increase the survival rate of patients by 98 percent.

The event organized by Maroof International Hospital in collaboration with the National Press Club here at the Aiwan-e-Sadr highlighted the importance of a long-term and widespread campaign against breast cancer to reduce the alarming 40,000 deaths of women in the country every year.

Samina Alvi expressed

tained campaign from the platform of the Presidency helped increase reporting about breast cancer cases in the first and second stages.

She said early diagnoses could save the lives of thousands of women in

As part of the breast cancer awareness drive, she mentioned that the Pakistan Telecommunication Authority through cellular services relayed 140 million text messages and ringtones in the Urdu language.

The relayed messages encompassed information for the general public about breast cancer, its symptoms, self-examination, and timely treatment, she added.

She urged women to practice five-minute selfexamination on a monthly basis and urgently seek

any abnormal lump.
Samina Alvi lauded

Maroof International Hospital for offering screening facilities of discounted mammograms and ultrasounds till December 31 for the detection of breast cancer and called upon other hospitals to follow suit.

She also urged national and local media to continue highlighting the disease through their programmes on a regular basis throughout the year.

CEO Maroof International Hospital Haroon Naseer said the awareness campaign under the patronage of the First Lady resulted in an increased number of reported cases of breast cancer patients, thus reducing the mortality rate. He vowed continued support of the breast cancer awareness programme through screening facilities

IRSA releases

90,000

cusecs water

tions with inflow of 47,800

cusecs. According to the data released by IRSA, wa-

ter level in River Indus at

Tarbela Dam was 1509.15

feet and was 109.15 feet

higher than its dead level of

1,398 feet. Water inflow and

outflow in the dam was re-

corded as 25,000 cusecs

and 42,000 cusecs respec-

tively. The water level in

River Jhelum at Mangla

Dam was 1187.95 feet, which was 137.95 feet

higher than its dead level of

1,050 feet.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Secretary for Ministry Of Federal Education And Professional Training Waseem Ajmal Chuahdry along with the Ambassador of the Ethiopia to Pakistan Jemal Beker and others cuts the ribbon to inaugurate the book lunching ceremony of the Prime Minister of FDR Ethiopia Dr Abiy Ahmed "Medemer Generation", at Ethiopian Embassy in Federal Capital.

Speakers say: SCO playing critical role regionally, internationally

The Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) is playing a critical role both regionally and internationally, said a speaker in a seminar. SCO is playing a crucial regional and international role; it addresses significant regional challenges, fosters cooperation among member states and promotes stability in a complex geopolitical landscape, they said at a seminar on the Post-SCO Council of Heads of Government Meeting: Outcomes, Challenges, and Opportunities, organized by the Centre for SCO Studies, Institute of Peace and Diplomatic Studies, Riphah Institute of Pub-

and the Pakistan-SCO Friendship Forum, here Friday. The speakers emphasized the significance of the SCO's outcomes and challenges, with a particular focus on its role in the context of Pakistan and the broader region. Dr. Farhat Asif, Presi-

dent of IPDS, highlighted the institute's impactful initiatives, including the establishment of the Centre for SCO Studies, Pakistan-SCO Friendship Forum, a SCO-focused diploma course, Pakistan-SCO Business Council, and various other endeavors aimed at advancing Pakistan's interests in the region.

Ambassador lic Policy (RIPP), Riphah International University Ulanbek Totuiaev, dis-

Summit of Heads of Government in Bishkek, shedding light on significant agreements resulting from the recent joint ministerial commission between Pakistan and the Kyrgyz Re-

The Ambassador said that both Pakistan and Kyrgyzstan are pivotal in promoting the essence of the Shanghai Spirit.

Dr. Rashid Aftab, Director of Riphah Institute of Public Policy, Riphah International University, emphasized the institute's achievements and underscored the colossal potential inherent in the 40 percent of the world's population residing in the SCO re-

Ombudsman to take action against delay of Passports

Several Minister, Advisors

remained absent from

house: Senate session

ISLAMABAD (Online): continued in the House.

During the Senate session,

none of the Ministers or

Advisors including leader

of the house and leader of

opposition were not

meeting on Friday, no Fed-

eral Minister was present

that Federal Ministers

should come to house.

However, none of the Fed-

eral Ministers could reach

During the Senate

Chairman Senate said

present.

in the meeting

Independent Report SLAMABAD: Federal Ombudsman Ejaz Ahmed Qureshi, has taken notice of thousands of complaints being lodged against the Passport Office, for undue delay in printing of their

passports. Federal Ombudsman has constituted an inspection team led by Senior Advisor to visit the office of the Directorate General of Passport, to identify the rious difficulties even in the causes underlying these remedial measures.

In addition, the inspection team members will the Directorate.

also provide a hearing to the complainants on the spot and will meet with the Administration of the Directorate General of Passport to ascertain steps being taken to address the public grievances, said in a Press Release issued here on Friday. The complainants while lodging the com-plaints in the Federal Ombudsman Office stated that they were experiencing se-

renewal and urgent fee Passports. Sources have re vealed that around 4 lac Passports are pending with

AC Pothohar crackdown on overpricing, illegal LPG refilling

ISLAMABAD (APP): In a stern crackdown on overpricing and illegal refilling of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG), the Assistant Commissioner of Pothohar subdivision Nahel Hafiz, has arrested two individuals and imposed a fine of Rs 13,000 on violators. Acting on the directives of Deputy Commissioner Islamabad Irfan Nawaz Memon, the Assistant Commissioner, along with a team of officials, conof various LPG filling stations in the Pothohar area.

President

appoints

Dr Shahzad

as VC Health

Services

Academy

ISLAMABAD (APP): President Dr Arif Alvi on

Friday appointed Dr Shahzad Ali Khan as the

Vice Chancellor of Health

the said appointment in

exercise of the powers under section 12 (1) of

Health Services Acad-

emy Act 2018, a Presi-

The president made

Academy

Services

Islamabad

of PSDP projects ISLAMABAD (APP): gave instructions for

Chairman PMIC directs

depts for swift completion

Minister's Inspection Commission (PMIC) Brig. (Retd) Muzaffar Ali Ranjha has taken cognizance of the concerns of the prime minister over the unwarranted delays in the completion of PSDP projects.
The PMIC chairman,

along with Director PMIC Muhammad Saleh Narejo visited Punjab and Sindh this month and took briefings from the respective departments pertaining to hill torrance and the clearance of natural routes of Kachhi Canal Project at Dera Ghazi Khan, said a press release issued on Friday.

The Chief Secretary

and Irrigation Secretary of Government of Punjab assured removing the impediments involved.

The necessary briefings were also given by WAPDA and Irrigation Department, Punjab at D.G.

The command area of the project lies in Balochistan province and to irrigate 72,000 acres land of Dera Bugti and monetary benefits of Rs. 3.6 Billion

accrued upto June, 2022. The PMIC chairman tor.

completion of the work by the end of February, 2024 so that water can be provided for irrigation by March, 2024.

He also made a visit to Nai Gaj Dam Dadu, Sindh, currently under Monitoring, Evolution an Inspection at PMIC. The project once completed will cultivate an area of 28,800 acres besides flood protection of the downstream area, assure water supply to Manchar Lake and lower riparian, fisheries development, recharge of ground water and socio-economic uplift of the poor commu-

The issues raised by WAPDA regarding land acquisition, resettlement and road were also discussed with Chief Secretary, Revenue and Irrigation Departments of Government of Sindh and necessary instructions were given to concerned departments of Government of Sindh.

The directions by the PMIC chairman for timely completion of the projects will ensure the intended benefits for the general public and the agriculture sec-



ISLAMABAD: Youngsters are busy in fishing along the Rawal Dam, during sunny weather in Federal Capital.

SC dismisses petitions against holding MDCAT exam in KP, Sindh again

ISLAMABAD (Online): upon it PHC has too inter-Supreme Court (SC) has dismissed the petitions against holding MDCat tests again in KP and Sindh.

The court has upheld the decision of high court for holding MDCAP tests in KP and Sindh.

tice Yahva Afridi took up the case for hearing Friday. Peshawar High Court (PHC) had declared it mandate of provincial government to hold MDCAT test again due to matter of

Several lawyers including Habib Ullah Qureshi appeared in SC and

gave arguments. However the court said the system has deteriorated due to cheating by the students who have appeared in the examination therefore, it is must that the

The court further remarked secondly it is policy matter wherein court

cannot interfere.

examination be held again.

fered in it. Then how can that decision be upheld. SC remarked we do

not want to interfere when two days are left in holding test. The lawyers took the plea 40000 people have been affected. Papers are A 3-member bench of taken of five kinds. They presided over by Jus- are not similar. One paper has been leaked. Paper has been leaked in Larkana and not in Karachi.

On the other hand PMDC counsel said in the court forensic of two mobile phones was done. This proved that the paper has been leaked. Inquiry committee and Provincial cabinet said to PMDC test will take place again.

The counsel for petitioner said during the hearing that test date be advanced for two months instead of holding it on November 19.

The court did not agree to counsels arguments and dismissed the petitions. The students have said no good has been done



ISLAMABAD: A staffer of Municipal Corporation Islamabad (MCI) receipts weekly Bazaar Parking Fees from the commuters newly launched by District Municipal Administration in the Federal Capital.

Business areas' traffic issues to be resolved on priority basis: SSP Traffic

Independent Report ISLAMABAD: SSP Traffic Police Islamabad Muhammad Sarfraz Virk along with SP Chaudhry Abid and DSP Tariq Mehmood visited Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI) on Friday and discussed with the business community various options to resolve the traf-

fic issues in the Capital. Speaking on the occasion, President ICCI Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari said that traffic accidents were increasing, so a police-citizen committee should be formed to work together to address this issue. He said that appropriate measures should be taken to tackle the issues of over speeding and violation of traffic rules. Minor children should be banned from driving, seat belts should be

strictly enforced, onewheeling and other violations of traffic rules should be curbed, which will reduce accidents and improve the traffic system in the city. He said that Islamabad was expanding rapidly and the current traffic police force was proving insufficient. IG Police Islamabad should increase the strength of traffic police to control the traffic issues in business areas and other busy places. He highlighted the need of improving the traffic system at the entrances of Islamabad like Rawat, Tarnol, Bhara Kahu as the business hubs located in these areas are facing the

worst traffic problems. Ahsan Zafar said that lane marking has not been done in busy areas for a long time due to which traffic discipline has weakened.

to strengthen health sector cooperation ISLAMABAD (APP): Pa-He said that the aim day agreed to strengthen of the conference was to prepare low-income coun-

Pak, Kenya resolve

kistan and Kenya on Fribilateral cooperation in the health sector. This was decided in a

meeting held between the

Ambassador of Kenya and

the Caretaker Federal Minister for Health Dr. Nadeem Both sides agreed to ensure signing of MoU for cooperation in health sec-

tries on a speedy basis. The MoU will include the promotion of laboratory medical tourism in the work together so that vacpharma sector, health sys-

gency response. shown excellent performance in the Corona epithe Global Health Security Summit is being held in January. He presented an invitation to the Ambassa-

ISLAMABAD (APP): Indus River System Authority (IRSA) on Friday released 90,000 cusecs water from various rim sta-

ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of Kenya in Pakistan, called on Federal Health

tries to face the next global The minister said that health was the basic right of every human being. We have to create such a sys-

tem that no one is deprived of this right, he expressed. Dr. Nadeem Jan said that the access to fair distor between the two countribution of vaccines should

be made possible. He said that developing countries would have to cines are not manipulated, tems integration and emer- adding that Pakistan had

The international organizations should benefit from our experiences, he

dor for his participation in added. SC moved for fixation of senior Journalist Arshid suo motu case for hearing

ISLAMABAD (Online): one in the investigation then Petition has been filed in Supreme Court (SC) seeking fixation of senior journalist Arshid Sharif suo

motu case for early hearing. The petition has been filed by mother of Arshid Sharif.

investigation stands suspended being the matter pending in SC. The way the matters are running have fomented despair in the family. The case was heard in SC on June 13 last time. The case be fixed for hearing in the week starting from November 27. It is pertinent to men-

tion that when during the suo motu notice in regard to investigation regarding murder of Arshid Sharif , Shaukat Siddiqui counsel for mother of Arshid Sharif had requested SC to give directives to include five persons including Imran Khan in investigation, the then chief justice of Pakistan he refuted fact finding rehad remarked how can we issue directives directly. This is job of investigation

comes for including some

investigation officer can see it as per law. Shaukat Siddiqui re-

quested mother of Arshid Sharif has filed petition in this case.

He said Imran Khan, Faisal Vawda, Murad Saeed The petition said the and Imran Riaz have claimed in social media and while sitting in TV that they know who has killed Arshid Sharif and they know about the entire conspiracy regarding murder of

> emphatic claims in this sensitive case then they should be included in investigation and their statement be recorded under 161.

> He further said the day mother of Arshid Sharif nominated these five persons, the written statement of Murad Saeed given to special JIT was leaked on social media. Therefore, investigation is must.

> Shaukat Siddigui said port was leaked by any member of Arshid Sharif

He requested the If any petition from court if court is not giving mother of Arshid Sharif order then it should observe this thing in its order.



delegation visits **Parliament** House ISLAMABAD (APP): A

delegation comprising 83 members, accompanied by faculty members from the Government College University Women (GCWU) Faisalabad, visited the Parliament House Arshid Sharif. on Friday. The delegation They have made so also toured the Senate Museum, where they were shown a documentary showcasing the historical significance of the Upper House. During the visit Senate authorities provided

> briefings on the functioning, legislative processes functions, and proceedings of the Senate. The delegation expressed keen interest in the statues of distinguished political figures and histori-

> > cal images displayed in the Senate Museum. The visit aimed to familiarize the members of the Women's University delegation with the work ings of the Upper House.

the delegation with detailed



Military courts have

Senator Kamran

Chairman Senate has

The senate session

been disapproved. Protest

of the members in the

House. The agenda should

be suspended and allowed

Murtaza, Senator Sadia

Abbasi and Senator Mohsin

postponed the proceeding

of the meeting till Monday.

was held under Chairman

to speak on this issue.

Aziz demanded.

ISLAMABAD (APP): A virtual ceremony took place on Friday to sign an MoU on cooperation between the Institute of Strategic Studies Islamabad and Mthuthuzeli (ISSI) and the Institute for Madikiza, High Commis-Security Studies (ISS), South Africa, which was facilitated by the Centre for Afghanistan, the Middle and Africa

(CAMEA).
The ISSI was represented by its Director General, Ambassador Sohail Mahmood, and Amina Khan, Director, CAMEA. The ISS was represented by its Executive Director. Dr. Fonteh Akum, and Dr. Piers Pigou, Head of the Southern African Program at the ISS, a news release

The MoU signing ceremony was also attended by Aftab Hassan Khan, High Commissioner of Pakistan to South Africa, sioner of South Africa to Pakistan.

Director CAMEA Amina Khan, while giving introductory remarks, stated that the signing of the MoU was a reflection of warmth and a desire on both sides to expand the scope of bilateral interaction. She hoped that the MoU would help further the relationship between Pakistan and South Africa through institutional linkages for collaborative research and dialogue on issues of mutual interest.

Welcoming the conclusion of the MoU, DG ISSI Ambassador Sohail Mahmood highlighted that ISSI highly values its relationship with the Institute for Security Studies (ISS), which has long focused on vital issues such as human

security. He added that the concept of comprehensive security with human security at its core had been embedded in Pakistan's national security policy. Amb. Sohail Mahmood emphasized that this MoU would not only strengthen institutional linkages between the two think tanks but also contribute to enhancing bilateral cooperation between the two countries.

ISLAMABAD: A group of students from Government College Women Uni-

versity Faisalabad (GCWUF) visiting Senate Museum at Parliament House

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Decision of one document regime

Finally, Pakistan has started implementing single document regime i.e., passport at the international border with Afghanistan.

What's important to mention is that the implementation on one document regime at the international border for across the border movement has been started despite lot of pressure exerted on the government by certain groups from within the

In this regard, protest is also being lodged by different politico-nationalist groups and parties in the border town Chaman.

Still, the government remained firm and stick to its decision about enforcement of the single document regime that was taken at the Apex Committee chaired by the prime minister last month.

As far the facilitation of the people especially the Afghan immigrants proceeding for their linchpin of our national homeland or the across the movement, the passport offices have been made fully functional in the two border districts of Balochistan including Killa Abdullah and Chaman.

This was mentioned by the caretaker Provincial Minister for Information, Jan Achakzai at a presser couple of days back and added that over 1000 tokens had been issued for passports under the new single document regime at the Chaman Passport Office, and approximately 200 trast of them delivered to the appli- coupled with changing

Similarly, Kila Abdullah disease attacks on various Passport Office isalso issuing passports to the local people and around 150 passports were issued from there too.

Jan Achkzai said despite all pressure the government ensured the implementation of one document regime.

expressed government's resolve that no one would be allowed to cross the border of Pakistan without fulfilling international formalities for entering any country.

Undoubtedly, the credit for Birthdays are heart-warmimplementation of the single document regime went to Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaarul-Haq Kakar, Chief of Army Staff General Asim Munir and Caretaker Balochistan Chief the case with Mrs Zubeida Minister Ali Mardan Domki, as Dossal who celebrated her mentioned by Jan Achakzai at the presser.

Now it is crystal clear that Afghan illegal immigrants, who were being repatriated to the country, would be allowed to enter Pakistan after showing acknowledged her contributheir passports. As per the de- tions to wherever she lived. cision, the cross-border move- the countless lives she has ment between Pakistan and touched came in the form Afghanistan would be through legal procedures adopted internationally on borders.

While on the other hand, the process of repatriation of undocumented foreign immigrants is also continued uninterrupted.

Matter of fact remains that the government is continuing its zero-tolerance policy against the illegal immigrants, which speaks high about it's she served. firm commitment to deport all those staying in the country and the books she has writwithout valid legal documents ten for children that reflect including the Proof of Registration (POR) and Afghan Citizenship cards.

Talking to children about Gaza



Bina Shah

How do we talk to our children about what's happening in Gaza? It's a quandary that most parents in Pakistan are confronting as the conflict continues, one month and approximately 11,000 casualties later. Horrific images bombard us day and night, on television and through social media.

fected; they listen to their parents' conversations about the conflict, they discuss it in their classrooms with their teachers, trying to make sense of it all. The news outlet NPR

Children are not unaf-

has suggested some guidelines for these difficult conversations, although they leave out assigning blame for the Israeli response to the Hamas attacks of Oct

It does detail the impact of the war on civilians

on both sides, though, and notes that half of Gaza's residents are children under 18 years of age. This is bound to make our children feel worried, not just for the safety of the Gazans, but The shooting of

Malala Yousafzai, the actions of courageous Aitzaz Hasan, and the APS school attack in which so many children and teachers were killed, have all traumatised our children and made them fearful; the tragedy of Palestine today makes our children's scars sting all over again. How we talk to them about Gaza today can go a long way towards alleviating their fears.

Parents should be pro-

for themselves.

active about encouraging conversations with their children about what's going on in Gaza. Encouraging them to ask questions rather than expounding on your own political views is more helpful to them. Children should be taught to be cautious about everything they're seeing on the internet, and be told to avoid spreading disinformation.

They should be spared repetitive viewings of violence on television or social

As the world popula-

'To develop climate-

resilient, high-yielding,

short-statured, early-matur-

ing varieties of wheat, rice,

sugarcane and cotton, the

government has launched

Prime Minister's Agricul-

ture Emergency program with a cost of Rs15.789 bil-

lion," said Imtiaz Ahmed

Gopang, Food Security

Commissioner at Ministry

of National Food Security

tion to conserve water,

post-harvest losses and en-

hance per-acre crop output

of rice, wheat, maize and

sugarcane to economically

empower local farmers and

enhance their farm income."

and Research.

Gopang said

tion is also forecast to reach

nine billion by 2050, the ag-

ricultural produce world

over would be under much

stress with prices of these

cally and globally.

opment projects.

media, although this is unfortunately difficult to avoid. This can be a good time for you and your child to learn about the history of the area together, too. Most importantly, children should be left with a feeling of hope, and the idea that peace and reconciliation is always possible even in the direst situations.

This month, the Pakistan Learning Festival took place in Karachi at the Arts Council. The Pakistan Learning Festival, formerly known as the Children's Literature Festival, is one of the most successful literacy and learning festivals in the country. For the last 12 years,

it's been going all over Pakistan, educating and encouraging children through storytelling interactive sessions, direct participation in educational activities, and having a whole lot of fun. Rumana Husain, a wellknown artist and cofounder of the festival, thought it was a fantastic opportunity to speak to the children about the Gaza conflict.

She put out a call on Facebook to ask if anyone had access to children's stories about Palestine, and

named a few books that she'd researched and found suitable. These books were not available in Pakistan at all, so I decided to help by writing to the publishers and asking if they would be able to send us a copy for the PLF. I told Rumana that I'd help her with the session as well if she wanted, and we agreed to hold a joint storytelling session in English and Urdu.

One publisher re-

sponded: Michel Moushabek, of Interlink Books in Massachusetts. The book Sitti's Bird: A Gaza Story is a beautifully illustrated children's book by the Palestinian artist and illustrator Malak Mattar. Sitti's Bird is Malak's own story of her childhood growing up in Gaza and longing to be an artist. She wrote it at the time of the second intifada, when Israel bombed Gaza and she and her family could not leave their home for 50 days. Michel generously sent us a PDF of the book and granted us permission to use it for our

Rumana Husain made a PowerPoint presentation out of the PDF, and she added a map of Israel and

storytelling session.

Palestine so that we could talk about the geography of the countries to the chil-

On the day of the first session, Rumana made an announcement: "We have to be very careful that we don't hate anyone because of their religion or their nationality, whether they be Muslim, Christian, Jewish, Hindu, or any other background. After all, Jews are People of the Book as well, and there are many Jewish people who are against the bombing of innocent civilians in Gaza

The children listened eagerly to our story; we read each page, first in the original English followed by Rumana's explanation/ translation in Urdu. I did my best to read the story dramatically, and the children were rant as they heard of bombs falling, schools closing, little Malak's fear, and her loving relationship with her Sitti', which means grandmother in Palestinian and Egyptian Arabic.

On the second day, we read the story again, to a different, smaller audience. As I looked out at the children in their seats, a group of secondary school

girls held up homemade posters that read 'Safe Palestine — Free Palestine' with pictures of the destruction of various places in Gaza.

We announced that after the end of our story, they could come onto the stage and take a photograph with us. When they came up to the stage I saw they had put stickers of Muslim nations on their foreheads — Pakistan, Turkiye, Saudi Arabia, Qatar — and taped over their mouths.

They stood beside us in a two-minute silent protest, as one girl held up a poster with the name of the school they represented, as students and girl guides, in a low-income area of Malir. I thought about Rumana's message of interfaith harmony and how radical it was for a Pakistani festival. And l thought about the political awareness and agency being demonstrated by this group of teenaged girls. I thought about how Malak's dream of reaching different countries through her art had come true this week. If there's hope for Pakistan, I realised, it's right here. --

ew seed

Muhammad Umer

The pivotal shift towards modern agricultural techniques and adoption of innovative seed varieties is of paramount importance for the agricultural sector, historically regarded as the economy and food security.

With the country's population already reaching over 240 million, the coming years would witness serious food security issues and it is high time for authorities and policymakers to embark on new research to explore better-yielding

Despite the concerted efforts of agricultural scientists and policymakers to engineer hybrid seeds vital for meeting our domestic staple food requirements and their subsequent dissemination among farming communities, the current reality presents a stark con-

Growing population scarcity, rapid pests and crops of vital importance are major challenges to indigenously cope with the food requirement of our popu-

He informed that in the current fiscal year, several projects have been initiated for the uplift of the agriculture and livestock sectors under the Public Sector De-

velopment Program (PSDP 2023-24). commodities increasing lo-These projects, he Therefore, it is direly stated, include cage cluster needed to explore new clidevelopment projects, commate change-resistant varimercialization of potato tiseties with better produce sue culture technology, esbefore any food catastrophe tablishment of a consumerensuring sufficient investsourcing seed authenticity ment in research and develsystem and strengthening of

> The government has also allocated funds for creating plant breeders rights registry, strengthening the DUS examination system. the establishment of seed certification services in Southern Balochistan besides initiating the National Oilseed Enhancement Pro-

labs of Federal Seed Certifi-

cation and Research Divi-

gram," Gopang said. At the same time, pro-The initiative is aimed ductivity enhancement at introducing innovative projects of rice, sugarcane, technologies of crop produc- and wheat, besides promoting research for productivity enhancement in pulses and promotion of olive cultivation on commercial scale have also been started.

The initiatives in the agricultural sector resulted in enhanced wheat productivity," said Dr Muhammad Yagoob, Project Director, of the Wheat Productivity Enhancement Project of the National Agriculture Research Center. "This time wheat production grew by four million tons with an overall financial benefit of

around Rs400 billion.'

The project to increase the productivity of wheat and reduce the production gap was launched with a cost of Rs 30,455.353 million with the federal government's share comprising Rs 5,632.774 million, provincial governments sharing Rs 12,526.591 million and farmers and service providers' component as Rs 12,295.985 million.

Under the project, he about germplasm acquisition, distribution and evaluations were made with, 180 NUWYT/adaptability trials at various locations, 620 quality wheat seed production tests and 8,000 germplasm development and evaluations. Moreand Drying technology we over, 2,000 elite lines were can save 45% water bendeveloped and tested, efftting farmers Rs 5000 to thorities to focus on this 5,000 genotype screenings were conducted against wheat diseases, 800 germplasm screenings for drought, and salt heat tol-

acterization protocols. Similarly, under this project, the best varieties

of seeds, fertilizers and weedicides were subsidized to 50% including the farmers' machinery with the federal government's share at Rs. 3750.660 million, provincial governments Rs. 7568.102 million and farmers and service providers have stood at Rs. 4470.640 million. "First time in the

country's history, during the year 2021-22, not only the rice production increase to 9.32 million tons, but its exports also touched US\$ 2.5 billion, informed Project Director Rice Dr Ashiq Rabbani.

He said local rice production increased from 2.4 to 2.6 tons per hectare with its production showing an increase of 12% at project sites. "Although 2500 litre water is required for one kg rice crop, 8000 per acre in terms of sector promptly to enelectricity and fuel cost by sides reduction in methane tivity for our economic gas emissions

erance and 18 wheat charture demands the urgent challenges.

adoption of resilient seed varieties amid population growth and climate shifts, collaborative investment. government initiatives and technical integration were pivotal for sustainable food security and increased crop productivity.

Meanwhile, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in its 2023 edition of the State of Food and Agriculture (SOFA) has revealed that hidden costs of current agri-food systems had reached \$10 trillion annually, nearly 10% of the world's GDP.

This edition covered 154 countries focusing on hidden costs on health, environment and society and revealed the total quantified hidden costs for Pakistan in the agrifood system at approximately \$161.8 billion categorizing them into environment (\$28.9 billion), social (\$20.9 billion) and health (\$112 billion).

Therefore, it is the hance agricultural producsustainability and meet the Modernizing agricul- upcoming food security

Celebrating



Zubeida Mustafa

ing occasions for the newborn's family. But when this child's life journey spans over 100 years, the day becomes a landmark event, especially if this person has rendered yeoman's service to society. That is 100th birthday on Oct 15.

As is customary in Canada where Mrs Dossal has lived with her daughter Ismet since 2012, the 'birthday girl' received greeting cards from five high-ranking dignitaries, starting with the governor general. The governor general fulsomely But the real testimony to of crowds of her former students who flocked to her home to pay homage to their beloved teacher.

I feel privileged to have known her, for she was an inspiration given her succinct knowledge and versatile personality. Whenever we have met — in Karachi or in Canada — her unassuming demeanour and affectionate behaviour have overwhelmed me. She is also a 'fun person' entertaining her friends with her interesting conversation, her delightful Scrabble parties and the delicious eats

I have conversed with her for hours on education her love for nature and the

Born in Bombay in adopted the school's val-1923, she received her ues — mainly, respect for school and college education

there and then went on to teach in her alma mater. It was in 1952 that she migrated to Karachi to marry her childhood sweetheart, Ali Hus-sein Dossal. Since teaching has been her pas--sion, she remained in the profession, teaching at the Marie Colaco and the SMB Fatima Jinnah schools to move on to become the founder principal of the Habib Girls' School in 1964 where she made her mark. I was curious about

her professional secrets

that made Habib Girls' School one of the top-grade educational institutions in the city. That is how I came to contact Mrs Nargis Alavi, who was also the principal of the same school from 2005 to 2018. She describes Mrs Dossal as her "mentor, guru and a good friend". Mrs Alavi is herself an excellent educationist. She tells me that Mohammad Ali Habib, the scion of the Habib family, sent a message to Mrs Dossal inviting her to help him establish a school for girls. She turned down the offer, saying she would not like to work for a seth's school. Friends persuaded her to at least talk to Habib sahib. She finally accepted his offer on the condition that the owners would not interfere with the academics while she would stay off the finances. The arrangement worked. Thereafter, there was no looking back.

She retired in 1987. Mrs Dossal's first priority was the child, who received a lot of encouragement from her. That is why the system of recruiting teachers was so crucial to her. More than their qualifications what mattered to her were their values. She interviewed each teacher herself and judged her aptitude and temperament. The interview rather than the CV determined the fate of the teacher. Once recruited, the teachers

all members of the school.

whether a child or an adult, a guard or a teacher. To ensure that this rule was observed she instituted a strong support system for the staff so that they could work well, without stress affecting their performance. Similarly, she engaged regularly with the parents to smooth the way for the students.

Her firm belief in equity (not equality) for all human beings ensured that no one's dignity was hurt. Thus the children of the lower staff were also admitted and treated at par with the offspring of the rich. She would explain that in this way the chi-ldren who had failed to pick up cultured mann-erisms at home learnt elegant be--haviour at school from their betterendowed classmates. At the same time, the children of the affluent learnt to understand the hardship of their class fellows who were victims of poverty.

This is possible only if the rules that are drawn up are not cast in stone. They should serve as guidelines and should be flexible so that no principles are sacrificed. Mrs Dossal was way

ahead of her time. She did not allow any ranking of children as that has a negative impact on the child, especially those on the lower rung of the ladder. Besides, ranking encourages competitiveness that is destroying our society today. Class sizes and the number of sections were limited in order to ensure that the teachers recognised their students. She herself knew all the students in the school by name.

Small wonder she has such a vast following of former students ready to run errands for her. Mrs Alavi is right when she says that the dignitaries who sent her cards on Oct 15 themselves did not change so many lives personally as Mrs Dossal did. -- Courtesy Dawn

Danyal Adam Khan

The Partition lives strong in public imagination. It triggered mass migrations; millions died and even more were displaced. Generations of South Asian writers have since revisited its horrors, allowing us, in so many small ways, to grieve for what was lost. What there is far less recognition for is the other partition; the one that took place along the western border of our country exactly 130 years ago this week. The formation of the

Durand Line was not nearly

as violent, but it did formalise a boundary, which permanently split a group of people into two in order to create a buffer zone between the British and Russians. Like most things irredeemably wrecked by imperial interference, the Durand Line was a colonial quagmire inherited by modern-day Pakistan and Afghanistan. And its anniversary could not have come at a more grievous time for relations

between the two countries. This kneejerk policy of expulsion has been adopted by a caretaker setup that lacks the mandate for decisions of such consequence. Afghan refugees have been asked to pack up entire lifetimes in a matter of days as the state resorts to seemingly deliberate obfuscation on who is to be expelled and who is deemed legal. A door-to-door witch hunt has ensued against all. Afghans are being rounded up like cattle, herded into holding centres and pushed across a border the other side of which

some of them have never Public meanwhile, has been rife

with hate. The levels of empathy and nuance extended to conflicts farther away disappear when the bigotry is closer to home. Some attribute it to security, others to the economy. 'Pakistan is for Pakistanis,' say the people most furious about Western countries exhibiting xenophobia. More gratitude is demanded of Afghans, with no thought given to why their country was rendered unlivable in the first place.

We would like to think of our hospitality, not of discriminatory state policies or awkward truths such as the fact that the third generation of a family born in Pakistan is still foreign. For every Afghan who has prospered (and why should they not?), there are countless others living in squalid conditions as permanent residents of refugee camps. Sending them to an uncertain future with the Taliban does not reduce our economic burden, only our moral standing.

But what happens when Afghans are indistinguishable from us? It enables the state to, once again, extend xenophobia towards unprivileged Pakhtuns. They will be harassed, intimidated, and forced to carry documentation for fear of deportation — all with legal cover and carried out in our collective name. What happens when the state treats a certain segment of Pakhtuns as the 'other', but does not appreciate expressions of solidarity with their Afghan counterparts over the mutual devastation they have endured for decades? For the past few years, we have been too sensitive about expressions of unity; they are often seen as something more, something treasonous. Any cross-

The other partition border display of familiarity or critique of our own policies seems to trigger a deep-rooted insecurity. This is precisely why questions of language and identity cut to the heart of state formation. Can the Pakistani state only exist in negation of all other identities? Or is it possible for Pakhtuns to share a nationality with other Pakistanis and an ethnicity with other Afghans? Is there a mutually exclusive

> hierarchy of identities? The 130th anniversary of the Durand Line is an apt moment to introspect on all these questions. The answers may very well be the missing pieces in Pakistan's existential puzzle. Acknowledging this country's reality of being a state comprising a few nations sets us at ease. It reminds us that the imposition of a homogenous identity on one of the most diverse populations in the world has already cost us half the country.

Expressions of empathy and shared culture and heritage between people on both sides of the border bring us closer. But blanket denial of the existence of these sentiments with threats of sedition charges only makes them resurface with a vengeance. Targeting the most vulnerable segments of society deepens wounds, whereas recognition of the impacts of this other partition will pave the way for a healing process necessary to establish lasting

To achieve such a reconciliation, we must seek comfort in our discomfort. When a country contains multitudes, it is impossible to segregate the populace into black and white.

Such a move is entirely antagonistic to its own parts. Therefore, when things don't fall into neatly packaged categories, all rage against the grey is futile. --

Education minister stresses technical education for economic development

LAHORE (APP): Caretaker Federal Minister for Education and Professional Training Madad Ali Sindhi has emphasised the importance of skills development and technical education for the youth to ensure economic development of the

country.

He was addressing a memorandum of understanding (MoU) signing ceremony, held at the Virtual University (VU) of Pakistan here on Friday. The MoU was signed between VU and the National Vocational & Technical Training Commission (NAVTTC), aimed at jointly developing and launching technical and vocational education training (TVET) e-learning programmes. VU Rector Prof. Dr. Arshad Salem and

Director Aamir Jan signed achieve results. He was of the MoU.

congratulated both the organisations for officially entering into a strategic partnership, saying that the collaboration seeks to revolutionise TVET in the country by leveraging VU's expertise in online professional development programmes.

Madad Ali Sindhi said that Pakistan's future lies in enhancing youth employability improving soft and hard skills, required at workplaces. Elaborating on skills, he stressed the need to enhance opportunities for the youth to learn skills across country.

He acknowledged the working of NAVTTC and suggesting them to enhance their publicity campaign as

the view that skills development and technical education have played an important role for country's development and also proved to be a source of opportunities for the youth. The minister expressed his displeasure at prevailing situation of the public sector schools saying that the condition of government schools needs to be improved as education was among the basic facilities of citizen

He suggested that political governments form should comprehensive strategy for bringing betterment in the education system and improving the condition of public sector school

and around 80 per cent

children are studying in

these schools.



LAHORE: Caretaker Federal Minister for Education and Professional

CM orders crackdown on underage drivers

Naqvi inspects work at Bedian Road underpass project

Independent Report

LAHORE: Punjab Caretaker Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi has issued a directive to launch a crackdown on underage Mohsin Naqvi conducted drivers operating vehicles a thorough inspection of and motorcycles without a the construction work at

Emphasising the need for swift action, he said that measures should be taken against such drivers to resolve the issue once and for all.

The Inspector General of Police, CCPO Lahore, and all RPOs were given explicit instructions by CM Mohsin Naqvi to carry out the crackdown. He specified that vehicles and motorcycles driven by underage drivers should be intercepted, with a daily report of actions taken to be submitted from all regions, including Lahore.

Naqvi underscored the inherent dangers posed by young drivers not only to themselves but also to appealed to parents, urging them not to allow young children to drive vehicles or motorcycles.

Meanwhile, Punjab Caretaker Chief Minister the side roads of Bedian Road underpass Friday morning.

Lahore commissioner/ LDA director general and contractor briefed the CM about the work. Naqvi ordered for completion of the task in 10 days and stressed importance of tree plantation and landscaping along green-belts.

The CM pointed out that the initial timeline for completing the underpass was set at 6 months. However, through relentless and round-theclock efforts, the project was finished in an impressive 70 days. Notably, this underpass stands as a groundbreaking accomplishment Pakistan, being the first of others on the road. He its kind completed in such a record time.



LAHORE: Caretaker Minister for Planning, Forests, Wildlife and Fisheries Bilal Afzal visits the Zoo to examine the renovation Work in Provincial Capital.

Akhtar Hayat says: **KPK Police strives to** curb terrorism and ensure security

Independent Report ABBOTTABAD Inspector General (IG) Khyber

Pakhtunkhwa, Akhtar Ahsan Gandapur Friday has underscored the vital role of youth in preventing terrorism and maintaining peace in the province. Highlighting districts

such as Lakki Marwat, Tank, and Dera Ismail Khan as more susceptible to terrorism, he revealed the uncovering of ISIS networks in several areas, including Peshawar.

IGP Ijaz Ahsan Gandapur expressed these views while talking to the media after the inauguration of the new headquarters building of

the Counter-Terrorism Department in Hazara Division, costing 173.66 million rupees

He said that efforts to thwart terrorist activities are in full swing, with the Counter-Terrorism Department (CTD), leading the charge. Successful antiterrorism operations have vielded positive outcomes. showcasing the police's commitment to their duties. The police force is wellprepared to ensure security

during upcoming elections. The IG emphasized the active contribution of the youth in establishing peace, he noted the effective control of terrorism-related incidents in the province.

Hearing of cipher case in Adiala jail adjourned till Nov 21

RAWALPINDI (Online) The hearing of cipher case in Adiala jail has been adjourned till November 21 without proceedings.

The hearing of cipher case against PTI chairman Imran Khan and former foreign minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi was adjourned in the light of stay order issued by Islamabad High Court

Judge Abul Hasnant of Special court established under official secret act heard the missing cipher case against chairman PTI and Shah Mehmood Qureshi in Adiala jail

Former first lady Bushra Bibi and sisters of chairman PTI had reached Adiala Jail.

The special court adjourned the hearing of cipher case till November 21 without proceedings.

CCPO orders swift action on pending cases

LAHORE (APP): Capital City Police Officer (CCPO) Lahore Bilal Siddique Kamyana chaired a meeting of the Investigation Wing's top officers at his officer on

Å comprehensive review of performance was held, focusing on pending road certificates, ongoing investigations, and elusive suspects.

The CCPO expressed strong disapproval of subdivisional police officers over their failure to submit pending road certificates, instructing them to enhance their performance and promptly resolve these matters.

Directives were issued to the officers concerned to apprehend bandits. proclaimed offenders, and drug dealers, emphasizing the need for improved recovery. The CCPO stressed the urgency of addressing cases that have been pending for over a month and tightening the grip on individuals engaged

in electricity theft. Siddique Bilal Kamyana underscored the importance of avoiding wrongful arrests and urged immediate action against guilty parties to ensure their swift apprehension. Emphasizing the prime responsibility of Lahore Police to provide a peaceful environment for

citizens, he urged officers contribute establishing a secure society through their competence.



PESHAWAR: Governor KP Haji Ghulam Ali and VC SBBWU Prof. Dr. Safia Ahmed in a group photo with other officials after meeting here

Sufferings of Palestinians heart-wrenching: Governor

Independent ReportLAHORE: Country Head of Norwegian Church Aid

(NCA) Ann Masterson, called on Governor Punjab Muhammad Balighur Rehman at Governor House Lahore here. Executive Director of a non governmental organization, Sabiha, working for the empowerment of youth, was also present on this occasion. During the meeting, the country head of (NCA) Ann Masterson told the Punjab Governor humanitarian assistance to people in different parts of the also

organization is working to provide medical aid to the wounded and shelter to the displaced people in

Speaking on this occasion, Punjab Governor Muhammad Balighur Rehman said that the sufferings of Palestinians, especially innocent children in Palestine, are heart-wrenching. He said that service to humanity is a noble spirit, and the way NCA is serving the suffering humanity in Palestine is admirable. He appreciated world, especially in Norwegian Church Aid's Palestine Anne Masterson, Country Head empowerment, protection of Norwegian Church Aid of minority rights, and

Meanwhile, Governor

Muhammad dispatched a truck of relief goods under the auspices of Quaid-e-Azam Trust (UK) to the flood-affected people in suburban areas of Baĥawalpur Division at Governor House Lahore. Blankets and water Proof tents were included in the relief goods for the flood Chairman of Quaid-

e-Azam Trust (UK) Raja Muhammad Ishtiaq, Muhammad members of the trust, Raja Arsalan, Rana Bakhtiar Ali, Sameer Ahmed and Chaudhry Iftikhar Ahmed were also present on this

Caretaker CM visits **BKMCH**, Police **Control Room**

SWABI (APP): Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Caretaker Chief Minister, Justice (Retd), Syed Arshad Hussain Shah on Friday visited Bacha Khan Medical Complex Hospital (BKMCH), Shah Mansoor Swabi and Command and Control Room Swabi Police Station.

Caretaker CM visited various sections of the hospital including the outpatient department, emergency, intensive care unit, laboratory and wards. He also met with patients and inquired about their about working in the

about the provision of development work in the hospital. He also directed hospital administration to further improve healthcare service delivery for enhanced facilitation of

CM also visited the Command and Control Room in Swabi Police Station and inspected its various sections including the reporting office and record room. He was briefed by District Police Officer, Haroon Rashid commana

Detention order for 30 days issued in respect of Khadija

LAHORE (Online): Detention order for 30 days have been issued in respect of renowned fashion designer Khadjja Shah.

Khadija Shah was detained detained on the recommendation of SP Cantt and district intelligence branch.

It has been said in detention notification Khadija Shah remained involved in violent activities on May 9. The material against Khadija Shah has been reviewed. order situation again.



FAISALABAD: Activists of Pharma Association are shouting slogans during protest at District Council Chowk , to show solidarity with the oppressed Muslims of Palestine, in City.

LHC orders to arrest those driving vehicles without license

LAHORE (Online): Lahore High Court (LHĆ) has ordered to arrest those driving vehicles without license

"Petition against inclusion of murder clauses in the incident of death of 6 persons came up for hearing in LHC Friday.

Chief Traffic Officer and Senior Superintendent Police (SSP) Operations appeared in the court, Additional Advocate General Punjab Ghulam Sarwar also appeared in the court on behalf of the Punjab government.

The underage accused Afnan who is nominated in the case of death of 6 persons in Lahore had resorted to LHC.

The petitioner had made care taker chief minister Punjab and CCPO Lahore respondents in the petition.

challenged the inclusion of murder clause in the case in LHC. The accused Afnan took the plea he has no personal enmity with the victims and including murder clauses is violation of human rights. The accused is underage therefore imposing murder clauses is illegal.

It has been requested in the petition that court should order to abolish murder clauses in the case Police had included

terrorism clause and section 302 in the case.



Ranjha, Chairman, PMIC along with Muhammad Saleh Narejo, Director, PMIC visited Punjab and Sindh and took briefings from the respective departments pertaining to hill Torrance and the clearance of natural routes of Kachhi Canal Project at Dera Ghazi Khan.

Children's Day awareness walk on Nov 19

KARACHI (APP): In connection International Children's Day, Sindh Social Welfare Department

collaboration with Sindh Child Protection Authority will organize an awareness walk on November 19.

The program of the awareness walk was chalked out arrangements have been finalized in a joint meeting of the Sindh Social Welfare Department and Sindh Child Protection Authority chaired by Secretary Social Welfare Department Sajid Jamal Abro, said a statement issued here.

World Children's Day is celebrated on November 20 every year commemorate Declaration of the Rights of the Child passed by the UN General Assembly on November 20,1959.

The theme of the World Children's Day is "For every child, every right"The Children's Day awareness walk will start at 9:30 am from Sea View and culminate at Nishan Pakistan Park. The awareness walk will be led by Sindh Caretaker Chief Minister Justice ® Baqir and Magbool Caretaker Minister for Health, Social Welfare, Public Health Engineering and Rural Development Sindh Dr. Saad Khalid Niaz.

Governor urges students to enter research based education, emerging tech

Governor Pakhtunkhwa, Ghulam Ali here Friday urged women to venture into emerging fields of new technologies and said that it would help enable our young generation to meet the challenges of existing

He was talking to Shaheed Banzair Bhutto Women's University (SBBWU) and organizers of the Women Literary Festival here at Governor House. Vice Chancellor SBBWU, Dr Safia Ahmad and Organizer Women Literary Festival, Dr Hamida was also present.

The governor congratulated faculty members for holding the festival and underscored the need to provide opportunities of cocurricular activities to students. The governor stresses upon faculty News Radio Pakistan members to divert the Islamabad, Muhammad attention of students Sajjad Lakhani.

(APP): towards research and Khyber innovation to improve their

capabilities. He said that students should be more practical in their lives and focus their energies on achieving their goals and life objectives.

Highlighting the significance of education, he said that the promotion of education is necessary faculty members of to reduce social differences in society and to lead the country on the course of progress and development.

Later a delegation of South Waziristan Lower, Muhammad Saleh called on the governor and informed him about the problems of their area. The governor also met with a delegation led by Senator Moulana

Abdur Rasheed. Governor also met with former world squash champion, Atlas Khan, Asian Champion, Danish Atlas and Director of



LAHORE: Country Head of Norwegian Church Aid (NCA) Ann Masterson, called on Governor Punjab Muhammad Balighur Rehman at Governor House.

Latif Khosa says: If you want to make Nawaz king and remove Imran then script will be worked out

LAHORE (Online): Senior Lawyer Latif Khosa said that if you want to make Nawaz Sharif king and expel Chairman PTI then script will continue to be worked out.

from history. We should world, same things

media outside Islamabad should be followed. People jail trial is not a trial, it is should be given secret.

Khan can be explained by her. I have no interest. When chaos is created in our country then there is an external intervention. We have not learned Look at whole Islamic happened in them. Chaos While talking to was created in Libya, Afghanistan, Egypt and High Court, Latif Khosa Iraq and foreign in and said that we expect justice foreign intervention from court. Constitution destroyed the country. A

fundamental rights. He said

that statement of Alimah

Commissioner Sukkur reviews price control

(APP): Divisional Commissioner Sukkur, Samiuddin Siddiqui has said that due to the effective price control government, prices of stabilized to some extent.

overcharging of even a single penny will not be tolerated in the price of flour, pulses, vegetables, and other eatables.

a meeting to review Price this regard.

control in the district, at his office here on Friday, the divisional commissioner directed that special attention be paid to mechanism and the maintaining a balance measures taken by the between supply and demand of essential essential items have items as well as stability of the prices and no said that effort be spared in the provision of highquality food items to the masses at fixed rates.

He said that heads of concerned departments While presiding over will also be accountable in



KARACHI: Police personnel knock at the door of Afghan refugees during a search operation to identify alleged illegal immigrants, on the outskirts of Karachi.

CS warns units manufacturing m/c rickshaws illegally

the

Independent Report LAHORE: Punjab Chief Secretary Zahid Akhtar Zaman has ordered the authorities concerned to take stern action against that small industrial units manufacturing motorcycle rickshaws illegally.

While presiding over a meeting at the Civil Secretariat here on Friday, he discussed the issue of unregistered motorcycle rickshaws and decided to launch a crackdown on the workshops unlawfully converting motorcycles into rickshaws.

The chief secretary said conversion of motorcycles into rickshaws was illegal, and motorcycle rickshaws.

manufactured without safety standards cause environmental pollution and accidents. He added unregistered motorcycle rickshaws had been given one month's time for registration and only those meeting the fitness criteria would be registered. He warned that after one month, no unregistered motorcycle rickshaws would be allowed to ply the road. The chief secretary also issued instructions to the Industries Department Secretary to prepare a strategy for registration of workshops

three-wheelers

ADB to help strengthen power transmission in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD (APP): lines." The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved \$250 million in loans to help deliver reliable electricity in Pakistan by expanding and improving the power transmission network in Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) province.
"ADB's Power

Transmission Strengthening Project will of the national grid by increasing its transmission capacity," according to ADB press statement received here Friday.

"The project will expand the high-voltage transmission network to close 500 kilovolt (kV) and 220 kV transmission lines loops and reduce transmission losses in Lahore city in Punjab by capacity to deploy replacing old transmission sufficient, reliable, clean,

"Reliable power supply is essential to inclusive, sustainable economic growth, and it will also provide economic opportunities to rural communities," said ADB Director General for Central and West Asia Yevgeniy Zhukov.

We are pleased to continue supporting Pakistan in its efforts to help reinforce the stability achieve energy security while improving energy efficiency," Zhukov

The project will complement ADB's ongoing support to the National Transmission & Despatch Company Limited (NTDC) aimed at ensuring energy security, climate resilience, and increased transmission

and cost-effective energy. Improving the management of the national transmission system of Pakistan is another key

strengthening transmission, ÂDB's project will also enhance the project and financial management of NTDC, as well as its capacity to incorporate climate resilience in planning and operations.

'To promote gender equality and women's involvement in the energy sector, ADB will develop guidelines for mentorships, conduct awareness campaigns, establish childcare centers, and provide technical training to female staff in the NTDC," said ADB Senior Energy Specialist Takhmina Mukhamedova.



ISLAMABAD: The Caretaker Minister for Planning Development & Special Initiatives. Muhammad Sami Saeed chairs the 32nd meeting of the Board of Directors of the Public Private Partnership Authority (P3A) at (P3A) Office.

Planning Minister chairs **BoD** meeting of P3A

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Muhammad Sami Saeed here on Friday chaired the 32nd meeting of the Board of Directors of the Public of topics, reflecting the Private Partnership Authority (P3A).

Commission, Dr Mohammad Jehanzeb Khan, Secretary Ministry of Planning Awais Manzur Additional Finance

Mahmood and private members of the board. The meeting agenda,

ISLAMABAD (APP):

China is certain to become

the world's largest

automobile exporter this

year, as its auto exports in

million units, an official

with the China Council for

International Trade said.

Council's automotive sub-

council, made the remarks

at the 21st Guangzhou

Exhibition that opened on

industry has taken a solid

internationalization,

despite a complex and

environment, Wang said.

China exported 1.07

In the first quarter,

international

China's automobile

Promotion of

Wang Xia, head of the

China to become world's

largest automobile

exporter in 2023

International Automobile from 85,000 yuan in 2014.

concerning sustainable Public-Private Partnership (PPP) initiatives, was deliberated upon with precision and dedication.

The discussions encompassed a wide range comprehensive approach adopted by the P3A in The meeting was attended by Deputy Chairman Planning private sectors for national development.

discussions centered on fortifying the sustainable PPP regime for driving economic growth.

The board further focused on refining project preparation, appraisal, and development guidelines to align with international meticulously curated to standards, emphasizing address crucial matters transparency

million vehicles, surpassing

Japan for the first time to

become the world's largest

automobile exporter. In the

first 10 months, the export

volume registered a year-

on-year growth of 59.7

percent to 3.92 million

The per vehicle export price has also grown

to 137,000 yuan (about

19,100 U.S. dollars) in the

first three quarters of 2023

value of China's

automobile industry chai

was only 1.56 billion U.S

dollars, taking up a global

share of just 0.65 percent

In the first eight months of

this year, this figure neared

122 billion dollars, accounting for 5.5 percent

of the global total.

"In 2001, the export

units, Xinhua reported.

Environmental and Social Management Systems were highlighted as integral to PPP projects for upholding sustainability and social responsibility. A thorough examination of

and regulations was aimed enhance project selection processes. The meeting addressed the internal organizational matters to streamline processes, optimizing P3A's functioning and reinforcing its role in promoting public-private collaboration.

qualified project criteria

The Minister appreciated the CEO of P3A Malik Ahmad Khan and his team for

working with devotion. **PSX** witnesses bearish trend, loses 333 points

ISLAMABAD (APP): The 100-index of Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) witnessed bearish trend on Friday, losing 333.87 points, a negative change of 0.58 percent, closing at 57,063.16 points against 57,397.03 points the previous trading day.

A total of 901,596,869 shares valuing Rs23.428 billion were traded during the day as compared

1,056,714,813 shares valuing Rs28.861 billion the previous day. As many as 377 companies transacted their shares in the stock market; 189 of them recorded gains and 170 sustained losses, whereas the share price of 18 companies remained unchanged. The three toptrading companies were WorldCall Telecom with 176,714,079 shares

BOI emphasis on **Special Economic Zones to enhance FDI**

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Board of Investment (BOI) on Friday said that Special emphasis was laced on the Special Economic Zones (SEZs) in Pakistan, with 27 zones currently notified to enhance the foreign direct investment in the country.

These zones offer lucrative incentives, including one-time customs duties exemption on the import of Capital Goods and a 10-year Income Tax exemption, making them attractive for both Zone enterprises and Zone Developers, the senior official of BOI told APP here.

In addition to these initiatives, the BOI has conducted Comprehensive Sector Studies of Priority Sectors such as Food Processing, Automotive, IT, Textiles, Logistics, and Housing and Construction.

These studies provide valuable insights into opportunities, policies, and incentives offered by the Government of Pakistan, encouraging companies to explore investment prospects in these sectors, he said.

The BOI has also established an online revenues.

database featuring 120+ projects, international investors to target investment areas and projects.

international relations, Honorary Investment Counselors (HICs) have been appointed in different countries, aiming to encourage foreign investors to invest in Pakistan, he

Furthermore, the BOI has developed a Businessto-Business Investment facilitating partnerships between local and foreign investors and aiding the implementation investment plans, he said.

said government's commitment to facilitating the business community through various measures aimed at creating a conducive environment for businesses to thrive. The senior official said the government's deep appreciation for the continuous support and cooperation extended by the business community, emphasizing significant contribution to improving the health of

businesses and official



MULTAN: Women workers sorting potatoes at Vegetable Market.

JazzCash, Fatima Gobi Ventures team join hands to boost startups in Pak

ISLAMABAD (APP): onboarding JazzCash, Pakistan's companies onto its leading Fin-Tech platform, and Pakistan's most active over 44 million users, over venture capital (VC) 300,000 merchants, and company, Fatima Gobi over 900 businesses with Ventures (FGV) have a nationwide network of announced a strategic 230,000 agents. Through partnership that is poised this, FGV to have a massive impact companies will be able to on advancing the growth of tap into JazzCash's start-ups and budding massive network for businesses in the country.

Formerly known as MobiCash, JazzCash is a mobile wallet, mobile payments, and branch-less banking services provider. As of October 2023, the firm has a market share of 54% said a news release.

combines Fatima Group's on-the-ground knowledge of Pakistan's entrepreneurial ecosystem and Asia-focused VC firm, Gobi Partners' 21 years of success in building sustainable and community-uplifting companies across Asia. Collectively, Gobi Partners and FGV have invested in over 400 companies and nurtured nine unicorns.

mutually This beneficial partnership will see JazzCash catalyze FGV's existing and future portfolio companies by

portfolio potential collaboration

and expansion opportunities. Aamir Aftab, Chief Product Officer of JazzCash said: "At J a z z C a s h, entrepreneurship and

innovation are at the heart of what we do. Our partnership with Fatima Gobi Ventures embodies our commitment to fostering growth for startups by giving them the tools, resources, and network they need to thrive. We look forward to creating a dynamic ecosystem that benefits businesses, consumers, and the overall economy.'

Jamaludin Bujang, General Partner at FGV said: "This partnership marks a significant leap in advancing innovation in Pakistan. Together, with JazzCash.



helmets on his pushcart along a Murree road in

FPCCI Elections: BMP officially finalizes

The ruling group of Businessmen Panel (BMP) in the Federation of (FPCCI) has officially finalized its all candidates on all slots. The BMP has nominated Muhammad Ali candidate for the FPCCI annual elections for 2024, and Abdul Ghani Usman from Karachi for the vice Rafiq Sulaiman and Muhammad Imran Khan from Associate Class, Aoun Ali Syed from Haripur

(Bahawalpur) nominated for Vice President respectively.

community. We have shown the work, we have right, the government should reformulate the policies

ISLAMABAD: Chairperson NCSW Ms. Nilofar Bakhtiar chairing planning meeting on National Women Trade Fair. **Governor SBP unveils**

'SBP Vision 2028' **Independent Report** and financial stability and KARACHI: Governor State Bank of Pakistan to contribute to the sustainable economic development of the country (SBP) Jameel Ahmad, Fri-Jameel Ahmad stated day, launched the central bank's 5-year strategic plan, SBP Vision 2028, that

5 year strategic plan

that evolving risks and challenges to the economy and financial stability, including consisted vision, mission, climate change, rapid digiand key goals of the banktal innovations and disruping regulator to be pursued tions, and growing cyber over the next five years from security threats, have also been kept in perspective while developing the plan. SBP Vision 2028 was launched in a ceremony held

here at SBP Karachi, said a The governor elabostatement issued here add- rated that the SBP Vision ing that the strategic plan has been developed through 2028, revolves around six strategic goals that include maintaining inflation within a consultative and inclusive the medium-term target process with key stakerange: enhancing efficiency. It is the first plan after revision in the SBP Act effectiveness, fairness, and stability of the financial system; promoting inclulast year and thus takes into sive and sustainable access account the significantly to financial services; transenhanced mandate, auforming to a Shariah-comtonomy, and accountability pliant banking system; introduced through the building an innovative and changes in the Act. The Governor SBP. inclusive digital financial speaking on the occasion, highlighted that SBP Vision services ecosystem: and transforming SBP into a 2028 represents SBP's high-tech, people-centric

Staff-level agreement with IMF govt's remarkable achievement: Mian Zahid

commitment to foster price organization.

(INP): Chairman of National Business Group Pakistan, President Pakistan Businessmen Intellectuals Forum, and All Karachi Industrial Alliance, and former provincial minister Mian Zahid Hussain has said that the staff-level agreement with the IMF was a remarkable achievement of the Caretaker Finance Minister Dr. Shamshad Akhtar and the incumbent

2023 to 2028.

government. Interacting with business community on Friday, he said that tough decisions were necessary to save the country, from which the economy shrank, compounding problems for the masses and the business community.

Mian Zahid Hussain said that the condition of Pakistan's economy was now improving. Still, it needs to remain under IMF years so that funds were well-spent. The current IMF gram should be program completed in accordance with the professional recommendations of the IMF, and preparations for the new program should be initiated, he added.

The business leader said that the IMF will soon pay seven hundred million dollars to Pakistan after the approval of its board, which will improve the value of the rupee and increase the confidence of investors. In comparison, other international organisations will soon pay 950 million dollars to Pakistan, he

These include the World Bank, Asian Development Bank, and Asian Infrastructure Development Bank, which were awaiting the IMF's decision to disburse the loan. Apart from this, supervision for at least two commercial loans of three

gained 88 paísa against UŠ Dollar in the interbank trading and closed at Rs 286.49 against the previous day's closing at Rs 287.37 However, according

Dollar in the open market stood at Rs 287.3 and Rs 290.2 respectively. The price of the Euro decreased by Rs 1.36 to close at Rs 310.24 against

(SBP).

The Japanese Yen went up by 01 paisa to close at Rs 1.90; whereas a

The exchange rates of the Emirates Dirham and the Saudi Riyal came down by 24 and 23 paisa to close at Rs78 and Rs 76.39 respectively.

ships namely, Lucky River and Maritime Nordic scheduled to load/offload Rice and Palm oil, berthed at Multipurpose Terminal and Liquid Terminal

during the last 24 hours.

A total of five ships were engaged at PQA berths during the last 24 hours, out of them, a bulk cargo carrier after loading 31,500 tonnes of cement left the port on Friday.

The cargo throughput of 56,355 tonnes comprising 14,122 tonnes of import cargo and 42,233 tonnes of export cargo was handled at the por during the last 24 hours.

Outer Anchorage of Port Qasim, out of them two ships, Berg Jungfrau and Umm Bab & three more ships, Maersk Pelepas, Big Breezy and Limra carrying steel coil, LNG.



QUETTA: Chairman Tandoor Association Muhammad Naeem Khilji, General Secretary Wali Afghan, Raza Muhammad Khilji and others addressing a

Press conference.

Rupee gains 88 paisa against Dollar ISLAMABAD (APP):

Pakistani Rupee on Friday

the first 10 months hit 3.9 to the Forex Association of Pakistan (FAP), the buying and selling rates of the

the last day's closing of Rs 311.60, according to the Friday. State Bank of Pakistan

decrease of Rs 1.11 was witnessed in the exchange rate of the British Pound which traded at Rs 354.79 as compared to the last closing of Rs 355.90.

Shipping activity at **Port Qasim**

KARACHI (APP): Two respectively on Thursday.

Meanwhile, five more ships to load/offload Rice Cement, Wheat, LNG and Gas oil also arrived at the outer anchorage of the port

There are 13ships at



Bazaar as demand increased during winter season.

FCCI SVP says: Pure food, simple living vital to prevent diseases

(FCCI) Senior Vice President Dr Sajjad Arshad said on Friday that Pakistan was included in top 10 countries with respect to prevalence of diseases due to adulterated, substandard and impure food items.

"We must use pure food and switch over to simple living if we want to save ourselves from diseases," he said while addressing an awareness session on 'Safe Food City' project, launched by the Punjab Food Authority (PFÅ). He said that health is preferred, basic and fundamental need of every human being on the face of earth. He lamented that 40 per cent children below the age of 5 years are victim of stunted growth due to adulterated food. "This ratio is above 58pc in the urban areas," he said and added that neonatal deaths are 12pc, while the ratio of hexagenerians is only 5pc only due to consumption of impure food. He appreciated the role of the PFA and said that their

FAISALABAD (APP): message must be conveyed Faisalabad Chamber of to each and every person Commerce & Industry as most of people are consuming adulterated food unknowingly.

He said that sweets

and toffees were common

favourites of children, but most of available stuff was tainted with chemical colours, which are carcinogenic in nature. He said the PFA should focus on creating awareness among masses instead of conducting raids, which are counterproductive and creating harassment in the business community. He said that some innocent businessmen may be erroneously entrapped in the trading of adulterated food items and they must be given sufficient time to drag themselves out of the menace. PFA Deputy Director Operations Muhammad Qasim Raza said the ultimate objective of the organisation was to eliminate the practice of adulteration, which was playing havoc with lives of the coming generations. He said that society must come forward and play its positive role in elimination of adulteration.

CEO HESCO vows to intensify power theft drive HYDERABAD (APP):

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Hyderabad Electric Electric Company (HESCO), Bashir Ahmed, has directed further intensification of the campaign electricity theft.

According to a Hesco spokesperson, during a meeting of HESCO officers, the Chief of HESCO clearly instructed that the ongoing campaign against electricity thieves should be expedited with the help of the police. He said eliminating electricity theft is our top priority and emphasised that the public is respectable to us.

Gold rates up by Rs2,200

ISLAMABAD (APP): The per tola price of 24 karat gold increased by Rs.2,200 and was sold at Rs 216,500 on Friday as compared to its sale at Rs 214,300 on last trading

The price of 10 grams of 24 karat gold also increased by Rs 1,886 to Rs 185,614 from Rs 183,728 whereas the prices of 10 gram 22 karat gold.

candidates for all slots ISLAMABAD (INP): Punjab

Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry Shaikh as the presidential oresidency, Tauqeer Malik, Chamber (KPK) and Mehboob Nasir from

Addressing introductory ceremony here on Friday, Central Chairman BMP Mian Anjum Nisar said that the work of the last three years is in front of everyone, as before we will fulfill the trust of the business advocated the issues of traders and industrialists, if the policies are right, then the economic affairs will be

Marcos said at the signing

ceremony.

He said the pact,

known as a Section 123

agreement, would support

the development of reliable,

affordable and sustainable

power in the Philippines.

It will also open doors for

U.S. companies to invest

and participate in nuclear

tions with the Philippines

were completed within a

year, the fastest for a Sec-

tion 123 agreement, which

is required under the U.S.

Atomic Energy Act to al-

low the transfer of nuclear

equipment and material for

ippines has set an ambi-

tious target of cutting green-

He noted that the Phil-

peaceful uses.

Blinken said negotia-

power projects, he said.

US and Philippines sign a nuclear

cooperation pact allowing US

investment and technologies

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MANILA: The United States and the Philippines have signed a nuclear coop-

eration pact under which

U.S. investment and tech-

nologies are to help the

Southeast Asian nation

transition to cleaner energy

and bolster its power sup-

Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. wit-

nessed the signing of the

deal by his energy secretary

and U.S. Secretary of State

Antony Blinken on Thurs-

day on the sidelines of the

Asia Pacific Economic Co-

operation summit in San

Francisco. "We see nuclear

energy becoming a part of

the Philippines' energy mix

by 2032 and we are more

Israel resumes action at Shifa hospital despite lack of proof

Monitoring Desk GAZA: Fear grows for patients inside after Israel renewed its military operation at Gaza's largest hospital, targeting what it claimed was a Hamas command centre - hidden beneath thousands of patients, medics and displaced people – an allegation rejected by both Palestinian authorities and directors at

the hospital. Israeli forces raided the Shifa medical complex "for the second time in 24 hours" using bulldozers and military vehicles, reported WAFA, the official Palestinian news agency.

The Shehab news agency reported early on Thursday that Israeli tanks raided Al Shifa from the complex's southern side

and that gunfire was heard The Israeli military,

which had previously accused Hamas of building a network of tunnels under the hospital, made no mention of finding any tunnel entrances in Al Shifa.

In addition, Human Rights Watch also noted on Thursday that Tel Aviv had shown no evidence thus far that would justify stripping Shifa hospital of its protected status.

While US President Joe Biden said Hamas had committed a war crime by housing "their headquarters, their military hidden under a hospital", he warned Israel to be "incredibly careful" of harming civilians during the operation. Israel's army claimed

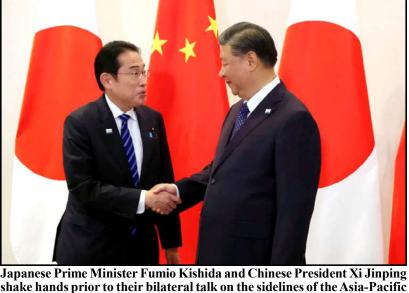
an initial raid in Al-Shifa had uncovered military equipment, weapons and what spokesman Daniel Hagari described as "an operational headquarters with comms equipment".

A video narrated by another Israeli army spokesman showed rifles, ammunition and ammo magazines inside an area he identified as Al-Shifa's MRI scanner building.

But the health minis-

try in Gaza said the Israeli military did not find any weapons when it raided the hospital.

This claim was also denied by Hamas, a spokesperson for whom accused Israeli forces of planting "weapons, clothes and tools ... in the hospital in a scandalous manner



shake hands prior to their bilateral talk on the sidelines of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit, in San Francisco.

Japan, China agree on a constructive relationship, but reach only vague promises in seafood dispute

Monitoring Desk TOKYO: Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida and Chinese President Xi Jinping agreed Friday to build a stable and constructive relationship but achieved only a vague agreement on easing a dispute over a Chinese ban on Japanese seafood, officials said. Kishida told reporters

after a 65-minute meeting with Xi on the sidelines of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation summit in San Cooperation summit in San Francisco that they agreed to scallops and other seafood.

"find ways to resolve the dispute through meetings and dialogue in a constructive manner" and would convene a meeting of scientific experts. He gave no details. Kishida had demanded

that China immediately lift its ban on Japanese seafood, in place since the crippled Fukushima nuclear power plant began discharging treated radioactive wastewater into the sea on Aug. 24. The ban has badly

Japan says the waste-water is much safer than international standards and that the International Atomic Energy Agency has concluded the environmental and health impact of its release is negligible. China calls the discharge "nuclearcontaminated water." Chinese state broadcaster CCTV said China and Japan agreed to find a way to resolve the Fukushima water issue through consultations and negotiations in a constructive manner.

New Maldives

president is

sworn in and

vows to remove

Indian troops

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Biden to wrap up four-day diplomatic summit by meeting Mexican president Dina Boluarte.

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SAN FRANCIŠCO: U.S. President Joe Biden concludes a four-day diplomatic push with China as well as other Pacific nations on Friday in a final meeting with world leaders and a visit with Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador.

Biden, who met with President Xi Jinping on Wednesday and used Thursday to highlight strong economic ties between the U.S. and the other Pacific nations, will have one final large gathering of leaders on Friday where he will formally transfer the chair of the Asia-Pacific Economic Co- economic integration operation to Peru President grows.

to phase out use of genetically modified corn - a move that hurts U.S. farmers - and efforts to block U.S. energy investments into Mexico. The worsening of

He will also participate

trade relations between Washington and Mexico City comes even as their

leaders are expected to dis-

in a bilateral meeting with Obrador, where the two Muizzu was sworn in Friday as the Maldives' fifth cuss migration and ways to democratically elected crack down on fentanyl trafpresident and said he will ficking. The bilateral meetensure there is no foreign ing comes as the two counmilitary presence in the artries are at odds over sevchipelago. eral significant trade issues, Muizzu, who is seen as pro-China, campaigned including Mexico's efforts

on a promise to evict Indian military personnel and balance trade, which he said was heavily in favor of India under his predecessor, Ibrahim Mohamed Solih.

"Lines of independence and sovereignty will be drawn clearly. The foreign military presence will be removed," he said.

than happy to pursue this path with the United States as one of our partners," house gas emissions by 75% by 2030. The top UN court has ordered Syria to do all it can to prevent torture

Monitoring Desk ΓΗΕ HAGUE: The United Nations' top court on Thursday ordered the Syrian government to "take all measures within its powers" to prevent torture, in a case in which the Netherlands and Canada accuse Damascus of a years-long campaign of torturing its own citizens.

The interim order is intended to protect potential victims while the case accusing Syria of breaching the torture convention proceeds through the International Court of Justice, a process likely to take years.

The court's President Joan E. Donoghue said the panel was ordering Damascus to "take all measures within its power to prevent acts of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

The court also called on Syria to "ensure that its officials, as well as any organizations or persons, may be subject to its control direction or influence do not commit any acts of Hezbollah.

torture or other acts of cruel. inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

The court further ordered Damascus to "take effective measures to prevent the destruction and ensure the preservation of any evidence related to the allegations of acts within the scope" of the convention against torture, O'Donoghue said.

Canada and the Netherlands last month called on the court to order the torture ban. Syria boycotted the hearing in October and it remains unclear how it will respond to the world court's orders.

Syria's conflict started with peaceful protests against Assad's government in March 2011 but quickly morphed into a full-blown civil war after the government's brutal crackdown on protesters. The tide turned in Assad's favor against rebel groups in 2015, when Russia provided key military backing to Syria, as well as Iran and the Lebanese militant group

5 European nations and Canada seek to join genocide case against Myanmar at top UN court

Monitoring Desk THE HAGUE: Five European countries and Canada are seeking to join a case brought by Gambia at the United Nations' highest court that accuses Myanmar of committing genocide against its Rohingya minority. The International Court of Justice said Thursday that Denmark, France, Germany, the Netherlands and the UK had joined with Canada in filing a "declaration of intervention in the case." The Maldives filed a separate

declaration. Under the court's rules, the declarations mean those countries will be able to make legal arguments in the case brought in 2019 following international outrage at the treatment of the Rohingya, a Muslim minority. Hundreds of thousands fled to neighboring Bangladesh amid a brutal crackdown by Myanmar forces. Gambia argued that it and Myanmar are both parties to the 1948 convention outlawing genocide and that all signatories have a duty to ensure it is

to declare Myanmar in breach of the convention. The court has already ruled it has jurisdiction, though hearings in the case have not been scheduled.

Myanmar's military launched what it called a clearance campaign in Rakhine state in 2017 in the aftermath of an attack by a Rohingya insurgent group. More than 700,000 Rohingya fled into neighboring Bangladesh. Myanmar security forces have been accused of mass rapes, killings and torching thousands of Rohingya homes.

Myanmar tried unsuccessfully to have the case thrown out, arguing the world court can only hear disputes between nations and Gambia was acting on behalf of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation.

The judges also dismissed Myanmar's claim that Gambia could not file the case as it was not directly linked to the events in Myanmar and that a legal dispute did not exist between the two countries

More than 240 Rohingya refugees afloat off Indonesia after they are twice refused by residents

ACEH UTARA: Some 240 Rohingya Muslims, includ-

in Aceh Utara district, in Indonesia's Aceh province, on Thursday afternoon, but left a few hours later.

allowed to land.

Residents of the Ulee Madon beach in Muara Batu sub-district said they would not accept the latest group as Rohingya have have come to the area several times and caused dis-

"From a humanitarian perspective, we are concerned, but from another perspective, they are causng commotion. We provided shelter to them, but we also cannot accommo-

date them," Saiful Afwadi, a traditional leader at Muara Batu sub-district said on Friday. Rahmat Karpolo, a head of village, said that the residents do not want to accept the refugees because based on past experience, the Rohingya run away from the shelters.

"So we are worried that the same incident will happen again." Karpolo said. More than 700,000 Rohingya Muslims fled from Buddhist-majority Myanmar to refugee camps in Bangladesh after an army-led crackdown in August 2017. They say the camps are overcrowded and they must leave again in search of a better life. Most of the refugees

who left the camps by sea have attempted to reach Malaysia, but many have ended up in Indonesia along the way

Indonesia's Ministry of Foreign Affairs in a written statement on Thursday said that Indonesia is not a party to the 1951 Refugee Convention.



Palestinians wounded in Israeli strikes lie on the floor at the Indonesian hospital after Al Shifa hospital went out of service.

UN stops delivery of food and supplies to Gaza as communications blackout hinders aid coordination

Monitoring Desk RAFAH: The United Nations was forced to stop deliveries of food and other necessities to Gaza on Friday and warned of the growing possibility of widespread starvation after internet and telephone services collapsed in the besieged enclave because of a lack of fuel.

Israel announced that it will allow for the first time "very minimal" daily shipments of fuel into Gaza for use by the U.N. and communications system. It appeared the amount would be far less than what the U.N. has said is needed to fuel water systems, hospitals and trucks to deliver aid — not counting the communications network.

Israel has barred entry to fuel since the start

military means. It has also barred food, water and other supplies except for a trickle of aid from Egypt that aid workers say falls far short of what's needed.

The communications blackout, now in its second day, largely cuts off Gaza's 2.3 million people from one another and the outside world — and paralyzes the coordination of aid, which humanitarian groups were already struggling to deliver because of

the fuel shortage. The U.N. agency for Palestinian refugees, known as UNRWA, was unable to bring in its aid convoy on Friday, said spokesperson Juliette

'An extended blackout means an extended suspension of our humanitarian operations in the Gaza

of the war, saying it would be diverted by Hamas for Associated Press. Ukraine's power plants need missile defence ahead

of winter: DTEK CEO **Monitoring Desk** WARSAW: Ukraine's largest private energy company is ready for another winter and Russian attacks, but its power plants need more missile defence systems to operate safely, Chief Executive Officer Maxim Timchenko told Reuters. Since Russia's February 2022 invasion, Europe, including members of the Soviet Union and the ex-Communist bloc, have supplied hundreds of transformers, miles of cables and thousands of diesel generators needed to light and heat the country in winter, when temperatures fall well below freezing. But the experience of the past 12 months has prompted

Ukraine to seek more air

cannot protect ourselves against ballistic missiles if we don't have air defense systems," Timchenko told Reuters in an interview in

"I know that our president and our government have been doing everything that they can to bring the message that we need this equipment to protect our energy system.

Every one of DTEK's 13 power stations, which supply energy to more than seven million Ukranian families, have come under fire from Russia, which has launched sustained attacks on the country's power grid. About 50 percent of the company's capacity of 2.3 gigawatts has been damaged, destroyed, or occupied, causing blackouts,

Canadian man found guilty of murdering four **Muslims**

Monitoring Desk OTTAWA: A 22-year-old Canadian man was found guilty on Thursday of murdering four members of a Muslim family who he ran

over with his truck in 2021 The jury took around six hours to return its verdict on Nathaniel Veltman. who attacked the family in London, a town in Ontario province

He faces a life imprisonment sentence with no chance of parole for 25 years. Prosecutors argued the attack was an act of terrorism, saying Veltman's own writings showed he was a white nationalist who opposed mass immigration. Five members of the Afzaal family were out for an evening walk near their

Italy PM says deal with Albania on migrants could serve as blueprint

home in June 2021.

Monitoring Desk ZAGREB: A deal reached this month by Italy with Al-bania to build centres for migrants coming ashore by sea could serve as a blueprint for other EU countries, Italian Prime Minister Giorgia

Meloni said on Friday. "I think this can be an example that other countries may follow, particularly if it functions well," Meloni said through interpreter during a visit to Croatia.

Earlier this month, Meloni and Albanian Prime Minister Edi Rama announced a new scheme for Italy to try to bring down migrant numbers by building two centres that would initially host some 3,000 people when they are due to open in spring 2024.

The plan was immediately crificized by experts and human rights activists as being legally complicated and entailing lengthy pro-

Bangladesh opposition mourns 'death of democracy' ahead of vote

Monitoring Desk DHAKA: Bangladesh's beleaguered opposition says the winner of the next general election will be no surprise: Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, credited with turning around the economy but called authoritarian by opponents, is set

nearly 170 million will vote on Jan 7, the Election Commission said on Wednesday, leading to jubilation for Hasina's party and a sense of resignation from the main opposition,

ther in jail or exile for what they say are trumped-up

Police stop activists of the Islami Andolan party during a march towards the

election commission in Dhaka in protest against the announcement of the

"Everybody in Bangladesh knows the outcome of this election, Abdul Moyeen Khan, member of the highest policy-making body of the opposition Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP), said

becoming a part of that drama? There is no point in going to a meaningless election. Democracy is dead in

Finland will close 4 border crossings with Russia, accusing Moscow of organizing a flow of migrants

Monitoring Desk HELSINKI: Finland will close four crossing points on its long border with Russia to stop the flow of Middle Eastern and African migrants that it accuses Moscow of ushering to the border in recent months, the government said Thursday. Finnish Prime Minister Petteri Orpo and Interior Minister Mari Rantanen said the southeastern crossing points—Imatra, Niirala, Nuijamaa and Vaalimaa—will be closed at midnight Friday on the Finland-Russia land border that serves as the European

Union's external frontier. It runs a total of 1,340 kilometers (832 miles),

mostly through thick forests in the south, all the way to the rugged landscape in the Arctic north. There are currently nine crossing points, with one dedicated

to rail travel only. 'Operations of the Russian border authorities have changed," Finnish Prime Minister Petteri Orpo told reporters, adding that the four crossings would remain closed until Feb. 18. He referred to dozens of migrants, mostly from the Middle East and Africa, who have arrived in the Nordic nation over recent days without proper documentation and have sought asylum after allegedly being helped by Russian.

to sail under bridges and the blockage prevents vessels sailing to Switzerland. Magnitude 6.7 quake shakes

many remain closed to ship-

ping on Friday after a rise in

water levels following heavy

rain this week, German au-

Rhine river shipping has been stopped around

Maxau in south Germany

since Wednesday night, the

WSA Inland Waterways

navigation agency said.

High water means vessels

do not have enough space

thorities said on Friday.

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MANILA: A magnitude 6.7 earthquake struck the southern Philippines on Friday, killing one person, injuring dozens and damaging buildings, authorities said. The quake struck off Mindanao island at a depth of 60 km (37.3 miles), according to the German Research Cen-

Angel Dugaduga, a disaster response official in the coastal town of Glan near the epicentre, said at least one person died and 18 others were injured based on an initial report. The town's municipal office building and gymnasium were also damaged from the quake and electricity had been knocked out by the tremor.

Parts of river Rhine in south Germany closed to shipping **Monitoring Desk** whose top leadership is ei-HAMBURG: Parts of the river Rhine in south Ger-

for her fourth straight term.

The country of

on Thursday.
"What's the point in Bangladesh.'

south Philippines, kills one

ter for Geosciences (GFZ).

enforced. It asked the court before the case was filed. **Monitoring Desk**

ing women and children, are afloat off the coast of Indonesia after two attempts to land were rejected by local residents. Officials said the boat most recently tried to land

It is the fourth boat to reach Indonesia's northernmost province since Tuesday. Three others arrived in a different district and were

comfort to the residents.



Innovating fisheries industry in Gwadar is government's priority, says PM

(PM) Anwar-ul-Haq Kakar said that Gwadar port will be a major center of sea trade in near future. Innovating fisheries industry in Gwadar is the priority of Government.

Steps are being taken to establish industries in Gwadar port and improve communication links with industrial areas.

Delegation of Gwadar Shipping Clearing Agents Association met with Caretaker PM in Islamabad.

Gwadar Shipping Clearing Agents Association President Abdul Raheem Zafar, Secretary General Hamid Baluch and Faisal Dashti have participated in the meeting.

Delegation has requested to Caretaker PM to make Gwadar port fully functional, initially some of the government cargo should be imported from Gwadar port to Pakistan.

Caretaker PM has directed the concerned authorities to submit a comprehensive report in this

ing employment and international standard facilities to local people of Gwadar is the key to development of this important CPEC

Delegation has also informed PM about the issues of shipping clearing

PM has assured the delegation of solving their problems on priority basis. Delegation has also informed PM about the

problems of fishermen in Caretaker PM said that it is government's priority to innovate fisheries

industry in Gwadar.

Modern machinery, engine and navigation equipment in boats and professional training for fishing methods as per international standards are being provided in Gwadar. He said that delegation

appreciated government's measures to provide employment to fishermen, provide professional training and solve the overall problems of



ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif Alvi virtually addressing the 12th biennial conference of the Pakistan Society of Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgeons held in Peshawar, from Aiwan-e-Sadr.

Dietary, lifestyle changes crucial to prevent cardiovascular diseases: Alvi

President Dr Arif Alvi has stressed preventive rather curative approach to prevent cardiovascular diseases and said that dietary and lifestyle changes hold key importance in this regard. In his video-link ad-

dress to the 12th biennial conference of the Pakistan Society of Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgeons held in Peshawar on Friday, he said preventive measures not only decreased the risk of disease but also reduced the burden on the national healthcare system.

Dr Arif Alvi said cardiovascular diseases were also being diagnosed in

young people and men- training and professional tioned that the lengthy treatment and surgery of cardiac diseases became unaffordable for the patients. Therefore, he said, consuming a healthy diet and quitting a sedentary lifestyle and smoking had positive effects on the control of cardiac diseases.

He recalled that the country made relentless and coordinated efforts to manage the COVID-19 pandemic extremely well. He emphasized adopting similar passion and targeted action to prioritize the prevention of CVDs.

stressed investment in the about the intake of healthy

man, of the Pakistan

People's Party, Bilawal Bhutto Zardari here Friday

said the welfare of the

people was the cornerstone

of the PPP election mani-

festo and his party would

address all problems includ-

ing unemployment, infla-

tion and price-hike after

coming into power in the

workers convention here

attended by people from all

section of society, Bilawal

Bhutto said that the youth

of Pakistan would be pro-

vided jobs while the men-

ace of poverty as well as

unemployment would be

eradicated through the pro-

motion of investment and

economic-friendly policies

He said the Pakistan

and projects.

Addressing a big party

general election.

PPP to address

unemployment,

price hike: Bilawal

development of healthcare practitioners specialized in cardiovascular and thoracic care. He highlighted the importance of telemedicine and technology to facilitate remote consultations, diagnostics, and monitoring. This, he said, would be especially crucial for patients in remote and rural areas of the country who faced challenges in reaching out to

healthcare facilities. He said cases of malnutrition and obesity were being reported in the country side by side and termed it the responsibility of the president State to raise awareness

perienced political leader-

ship with abilities to take

the country out of all exist-

people of KP to exercise the

right of franchise wisely in

the election as the political

leaders of opposition par-

ties, who were tested be-

fore on several occasions

could not address the

President Asif Ali Zardari

has restored the 1973 Con-

stitution in its original

form and granted identity

to the people of Khyber

Pakhtunkhwa through a

constitutional amend-

ment. He said the PPP

Government had restored

peace in Swat and resettled

all TDPs in a record short

He said that former

country's issues.

Bilawal urged the

ing challenges.

diet instead of junk food. Besides practicing their curative medicine, Dr Alvi urged the doctors and medical practitioners to make a service to society by encouraging preventive care and convincing the general public to adopt the routine of walk and specific exercises. The president also spoke about mental stress in society and said an overall 24 percent population suffers from it and around 60-80 percent of students of higher studies deal with it. In this regard, he suggested a helpline that could provide assistance to people in need by filtering them

through artificial intelligence EC decides to issue election

of December ISLAMABAD (Online): Election Commission (EC) has decided to issue election schedule in the first

schedule in

first week

week of December.
The DROs and ROs are likely to be appointed by the end of this month. However the lists for taking DROs and ROs from judiciary have not been received so far from registrar.

According to E C sources the service record of administrative officers has been reviewed. The final lists of DRoS and ROs are likely to be approved by summoning the meeting

There is likelihood of taking DROS and ROs from administration.

EC has prepared el-ementary list of DROs and ROs. The proposed schedule for their training has also been worked out.

British Army Chief arrives in Pakistan on 3day visit

ISLAMABAD (Online): British Chief of General Staff General Sir Patrick Sanders has arrived in Islamabad on a three-day

It has been said in a statement issued by British high commission General Sir Patrick Sanders will meet army chief of Pakistan General Ásim Munir.

He will watch match between polio teams of Pa-

kistan and UK in Lahore. The British high commission said this visit is manifestation of the commitment to maintain defence relations between Pakistan and UK. Several defence exchanges have taken place between Pakistan and UK during 12 months. joint naval training and high-level military visits were exchanged between the two countries.

Court seeks details of cases against Sheikh

RAWALPINDI (Online): Justice Chaudhry Abdul Aziz of Lahore High Court Rawalpindi bench has sought details of cases against former interior minister Sheikh Rashid.

The court while issuing notices to the respondents directed that court should be told on next hearing Sheikh Rashid was nominated where and in what cases after May 9 in-

The court issued these orders during pre-liminary hearing of Sheikh Rashid's petition on the fears expressed by him through his supplementary statements that he will be involved in May 9

Sheikh Rashid, his counsel Sardar Abdul Raziq and junior lawyer Sardar Shahbaz Khan were also present in the court.

The counsel for Sheikh Rashid took the plea the petitioner is being subjected to political vendetta while supplementary statements have no legal posi-

Pak-China joint naval drill Sea Guardian ends

closing ceremony of bilateral exercise Sea Guardian -2023 between the Pakistan Navy and the Peoples Liberation Army (Navy) of China was held at the Pakistan Navy Dockyard on

Friday.

The exercise was conducted at Karachi and North Arabian Sea, in which six Chinese Navy units, including Destroyer, Frigates, Submarine, Oil Tanker and Rescue Ship along with a detachment of marines participated, a Pakistan Navy news release said.

The exercise included a wide range of operational manoeuvers encompassing major facets of Anti-Surface, Anti-Air, Mine Warfare and Special Operations in simulated multi-threat environment to provide optimum training value.

The aim of exercise was to further enhance maritime cooperation and defence relations through

KARACHI (APP): The mutual exchange of maritime experience and interoperability between the two navies.

Concurrent to the Chinese PLA (Navy) ships' visit, Commander Qingdao Naval Base Rear Admiral Liang Yang also visited Pakistan. Besides attending the closing ceremony, the Flag Officer called on Commander Coast, Commander Pakistan Fleet and other senior PN officials. During interaction matters of bilateral naval collaboration and regional maritime security were dis-

Exercise Sea Guardian - 23 proved mutually rewarding to hone professional skills of the two navies and a forum to learn from each other's experiences. Regular conduct of bilateral naval exercise is a manifestation of mutual resolve to further enhance bilateral cooperation between

the two navies.



QUETTA: Provincial President PML-N Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail addressing the party workers on the eve of joining of party by Fatima

Influential feudal lords responsible for plight of southern Punjab: Siraj

LAYYAH (INP): Ameer to challenge the entrenched Jamaat-e-Islami (JI), Sirajul Haq voicing concern over the longstanding influence of feudal lords and waderas in southern Punjab has held them responsible for the plight of the people of the area. Addressing a women's workers convention on Friday, he said some political parties are functioning as familial entities and believed that governing the nation is a divine right for them and

Emphasizing the need outdated customs.

influence of waderas and dynastic politics, Sirajul Haq underscored the pivotal role of women's votes in dismantling the corrupt system. He urged the public to cast their votes in favor of JI in the upcoming elections. He outlined the JI's commitment to addressing gender disparities, vowing that, if in power, the party would ensure women receive a fair share of property and would eliminate

Protest continues against one document regime in Chaman; grand rally taken out

Independent Report
QUETTA: The protest

against the government's single document regime policy at the international border wit Afghanistan in Chaman on 26th consecutive day, Friday.

A large number of people from Chaman, Killa Abdullah and other adjoining areas are participating in the protest sit-in being staged in the border town.

Meanwhile, a grand protest rally was also taken out in the Chaman city as part of the protest against the enforcement of the single document regime and implementation on the

The coffin clad people and children also participated in the protest rally.

protesters chanted slogans against the one document regime policy. They also demanded of the government to withdraw the condition of passport for local tribesmen for the border crossing imme-

Otherwise their protest would remain continued, they asserted.

It may be mentioned here that the participants of dharma have also give call of Pak-Afghan road in Chaman from November 20, against the issue.



OUETTA: Activists of Balochistan National Party (BNP) are holding protest demonstration against low sui gas pressure, outside Sui Gas Office.

Women's votes will be decisive in the upcoming elections: Samina Zehri

Independent Report QUETTA: Vote is a national trust and duty and its correct use is the right and responsibility of every Paki-

We can make a better decision for our future only with the correct use of vote. Women are more than half of the population in Pakistan and the importance of their vote is unquestionable and women can play an important role in electing sincere leadership and representatives for the coun-

The role of women in the upcoming elections will be very important.

These views were expressed by Senator Samina Mumtaz Żehri in a meeting

with a delegation of women. She said that the correct use of vote is the duty of every Pakistani and using the right to vote with-

We can elect sincere leaders and representatives for the future and in this regard the importance of the women's vote increases. More than half of the population means half of all votes and if registered women are not prevented from casting votes and all votes are cast, only women's votes will be decisive in the upcoming

cion is a constitutional right.

Talking to the delega-tion, she said that it is the responsibility of all of us to raise awareness about the power and use of women's vote. She said that we decide our good and bad only through voting in the elec-

elections

With the right use of vote, good and sincere leadership can be brought, while on the other hand, wrong people can also come to the assemblies with wrong use



KARACHI: Group photo of Pakistan and Chinese Navy Senior Officials after closing ceremony of Bilateral Exercise Sea Guardian 2023 in Karachi.

MCH & MNCH nutrition programs among priorities of Health Dept: Abdullah

Balochistan Secretary of Health Abdullah Khan on Friday emphasized the im- Dr. Shako, Coordinator portance of vertical Nutrition Programme Sulprogrammes in improving tan Tareen, and Staff Ofpublic health in the province. He said that all obstacles hindering the achievement of set objectives in the health sector programmes will be addressed to maximize their benefits. Khan's remarks came during a briefing on the Maternal and Child Health (MCH) programme and the nutrition programme. The briefing was attended by Director Technical Dr. Amin Khan Mandukhel, Chief Planning Officer Abdul Rasool Zehri, Provincial Coordinator MCH Programme Dr. Samiullah Kakar, Provincial Coordinator Nutrition Programme Dr. Naeem Zarkoon, Project Director

Balochistan Health Capital

® Saad Bin Asad Friday

presided over a meeting re-

garding the improvement of

the traffic system and

elimination of illegal park-

tended by Secretary RTA

Quetta Manzoor Ahmad,

SSP Traffic City Circle

Malik Javed, President of

Anjuman Tajiran Rahim

Kakar and General Secre-

tary Yasin Mengal along

with Metropolitan Corpo-

ration Officer, Special

It was decided in the

Magistrate and others.

The meeting was at-

ing stands in the city.

Investment Project Saqib Kakar, Divisional Director Dr. Lubna, Planning Officer ficer Health Secretary Mir Shaukat Baloch.

During the briefing, the Provincial Coordinator MCH Programme Dr. Samiullah Kakar and Provincial Coordinator Nutrition Programme Dr. Naeem Zirkoon provided information about the programmes.

Khan said that Maternal and Child Healthcare (MCH) and Maternal, Newborn, and Child Health nutrition programmes are among the top priorities for the health department. He acknowledged the challenges of providing health facilities across the vast expanse

of Balochistan and reaching the

targeted population for ver-

of traffic system

and Surajganj Bazaar will be

shifted to Circular Road

parking plaza. The employ-

ees of Shahrah Iqbal and

Jinnah Road shopping malls, general stores and all

banks employees should

park their motorcycles in

the parking plaza on Circu-

lar Road. Strict legal action

will be taken in case of vio-

lation in this regard, he said.

consisting of district admin-

istration, traffic police and

Metropolitan Corporation

was formed which will

work daily to improve the

An operation team

tical programmes.



CHAMAN: Large numbers of children protesting in front of DC Complex against Passport Regime at Pak-Afghan border.

US envoy says: Relationship with Pakistan is economic, not security

ISLAMABAD (Online) US Ambassador to Paki stan Donald Bloom said that Pakistan-US relations have gone beyond security and are now focused on eco nomic stability.

He expressed his views in a meeting with delegation from United States (US). In 76 years, security has been the main focus of the relationship between Pakistan and United States.

US Ambassador said during a meeting with New York's Deputy Speaker Phil Ramos and delegation of American Pakistani Public Affairs Committee in Islamabad that these rela tions are now focused on economic stability of Pakistan

fice for the next week.

ISLAMABAD (APP): A three-member bench of the Supreme Court would take up the bail petition of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf chairman in the cipher case on November 22, for hearing. The bench headed by Jus tice Sardar Tariq Masood and comprising Justice Yahya Afridi and Justice Ayesha Malik, will hear the petition according to the cause list issued by the Registrar Of-

SC to hear bail petition of **İmran** on Nov 22

and the meeting of the provincial and wing officials of the party to be held on not run away from the DC Quetta chairs meeting November 19 at the PPP country. regarding improvement

QUETTA (APP): Deputy cycle parking stands from Commissioner Quetta Lt. Shahrah Iqbal, Jinnah Road of traffic jams. Addressing the meeting, Deputy Commissioner said that all possible steps would be taken to improve the traffic system in Quetta city saying that in this regard, no exception would be taken in action against parking and stands on major highways.

He said that all relevant departments were mobilized to deal with the traffic problems in Quetta city saying that the public should cooperate with the traffic police by ensuring compliance with traffic

Jahanzaib to take part in elections from Rakhni: Mir Tariq

QUETTA: Advisor to CM for Irrigation Mir Danish

Lango meeting with Provincial Secretary Agriculture Sohail ur Rehman Baloch.

Transparent elections

brings country out of

economic crisis: Tareen

Quetta Division office at

has fought for the rights of

the people since its incep-

tion till date, for which the

party workers and leaders

were martyred and some of

the PPP leaders were also

imprisoned and tortured.

but the party leaders never bargained for the rights of

ership of PPP endured all

kinds of oppression but did

He said that the lead-

He said that the PPP

Airport Road.

the people.

QUETTA (APP): Pakistan

People's Party (PPP)

Quetta Division President

Khair Muhammad Tareen

on Friday said that only fair

and transparent elections

could bring the country out

of the current economic and

views on Friday while ad-

dressing a meeting regard-

ing the preparations for the

establishment day meeting

He expressed these

political crisis.

provincial minister Mir Tariq Mehmood Khetran held a special meeting with close friends, political friends and people belonging to the Rothar and other tribes of Union Council Rakhni at his residence in Rakhni. The general elections of 2024 and other issues of the areas were discussed in the meeting.

While, former provincial minister and veteran politician Mir Tariq Mahmood Khetran has been participating in politics and elections since

QUETTA (APP): Former 1977, where he served the people of his area for 47 years. After consultation with public opinion and like-minded political friends, Mir Tariq Mehmood Khetran has decided to field his political Khetran in the elections of February 8, 2024. As Mir Jahanzaib will participate in the elections for the seat of the National Assembly (NA).

said that he has served the

successor Mir Jahanzaib Speaking on this occasion, former provincial minister Mir Tariq Mehmood Khetran

people for 47 years.

meeting that all the motortraffic system in the city QUETTA: Deputy Commissioner Quetta Saad Bin Asad presides over meeting regarding improvement of traffic system in city.