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US Ambassador visits CM secretariat, meets Caretaker CM: American investment in **Balochistan to help promote** mutual relations between Pak & US, says Domki

Chief Minister appreciates US cooperation in different sectors in Balochistan; Donald Blome assures US assistance for promotion of tourism and preservation of ancient civilization of Balochistan province

Monday.

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QUETTA: The caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki has stated that Balochistan is a suitable region for investment and the American investment in the province would help promote mutual relations between Pakistan and USA.

He strongly believed that both the countries (Pakistan and USA) should increase volume of trade in future

The Chief Minister

was speaking to the US Ambassador to Pakistan, discussed Donald Armin Blome who called on him along with the US Consul General Conrad

ter said that there are sus-Tribble here at the Chief Minister Secretariat on tainable and longstanding diplomatic and defence re-Earlier, the Chief Minlations between Pakistan ister welcomed the US and USA. He said that his Ambassador and Consul country values these rela-General upon their arrival tions with USA, and appreat the CM's secretariat.

During the course of meeting, the matters about world Pak-US relations, coopera-

tion in different sectors and opportunities of invest

ment in Balochistan were Later, speaking to the US ambassador and Consul General, the Chief Minis-ISLAMABAD: The Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar launches ZARRA mobile app on the eve of Universal Children's Day PM sees killing of Palestinian



development, safety, education & health terim Prime Minister Anwaarul Haq Kakar says a professional army never

targets civilians and children, expressing deep concern over the tragic events evolving in Gaza, particularly the "holocaust" of Palestinian children.

During his address at the launch of "Zara Alert App" in Islamabad, PM Kakar reiterated the government's commitment to safeguarding children's rights. He urged all segments of society to actively contribute to the improvement of children's well-being, emphasising the government's continuous efforts towards their wel-

Highlighting the importance of children as the crucial factor in future con-

ISLAMABAD (INP): In- future's assets, Kakar stated that the implementation of the app would play a crucial role in safeguarding their rights.

He condemned the ongoing massacre of children in Gaza, stressing that the killing of innocent children by the Israeli army reflected a severe violation of international laws and human

Expressing deep concern over the plight of Gaza's children, the interim prime minister urged an caust. He stressed the need human rights rather than religious colours, predicting that the ongoing crisis in Palestine could become a

APP adds: Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Monday said the government was

documents

determined to ensure inclusive development, education, healthcare, participation, dignity and security for "all our children, as envisaged in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child"

He said the children were the most precious asset of any nation and the sole guarantee for its future prosperity.

Âddressing an event in connection with the Universal Children Day, the prime minister said the government was fully devoted to the well-being and safety of

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Sarfaraz Bugti says Govt wants to solve Chaman sit-in issue through negotiations ISLAMABAD (APP):

tices, he added

Caretaker Minister for In-terior Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti said the Afghan nationals would only be permitted to enter Paki-stan through legal docu-Bugti on Monday said that the government wanted to solve the ments. The minister outlined Chaman sit-in issue

plans to regularize borders through negotiations. with Afghanistan, similar to Responding to conthe Torkham and Wagah cerns raised by senators reborders, emphasizing the garding the sit-in staged by local residents and busi-

government's commitment to treating all borders nessmen against the recently implemented border regulations, the minister equally. He said that it was not possible for the governsaid, "We held a detailed ment to allow foreigners to discussion with the repretravel and establish busi-

sentatives of the sit-in, and nesses anywhere in Pakiour preference is to resolve stan without following the issue through negotiations." The minister said that it was not possible to al-low around 40,000 people proper procedures. Earlier, senators had drawn attention to the sitin issue at Chaman by local residents and businessto the cross border daily men, expressing concerns without proper travel

about its potential adverse The government impact on the livelihoods wanted to implement a of nearly 40,000 people unified document regime in who rely on daily border line with previous prac- crossings



ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Federal Minister for Interior Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti chairing a meeting of ministerial committee on enforced disappearances.

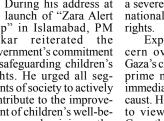
U.S.Ambassador announces new Initiatives to Strengthen **Counter Terrorism Cooperation** QUETTA (Online): U.S. dedicated gender desks



QUETTA: US Ambassador Donald A. Blome meeting with Caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki

Policy decisions on major issues, mandate of an elected govt: Solangi stable was shot dead by

ISLAMABAD (APP): issue."



immediate halt to the holoto view the situation in Gaza through the lens of

Caretaker Minister for Information, Broadcasting and Parliamentary Affairs Murtaza Solangi on Monday said that it was the mandate of an elected government to make policy decisions on major national issues.

Responding to a motion suggesting that State Bank take steps to demonetize Rs 5000 currency note, as a reason of inflation and corruption, he said: "Can the government, with limited the State Bank Act. duration and powers, should make policy decisions? It would be appropriate if we wait for the next ernment, the SBP had been parliament to decide on the granted more autonomy.



Bilawal Bhutto Zardari addressing to workers convention in City.

closure of 3,500 schools in Balochistan: Qadir

ery district.

QUETTA (APP): Caretaker Balochistan Education Minister Abdul Qadir Bakhsh Baloch has said that some 3,500 schools in the province had been closed due to shortage of teachers during the last two months.

"The Provincial Education Department has been facing acute shortage of teachers. Due to political and departmental constraints, the department has not been able to recruit the teachers since 2019. Moreover, over 300 teachers are retiring every month," he said while talking to APP.

The minister said,"

He called for a compre unknown armed men near Nawan Killi bypass in Quetta suburb on Monday hensive debate on the important issue in the presmorning ence of the caretaker Finance Minister.

According to the police sources, the jawan of Po-The minister said Rs lice Eagle Squad, Ghulam 5000 current notes were is-Murtaz was on his way to sued in May 2006, and curduty when he was attacked rently, around 905 million by the armed men with fire currency notes of Rs 4525 arms. As a result, he died billion were in circulation in on the spot. the country. Solangi clari-The police and rescue fied that the State Bank of

Police cop shot

dead by armed

men in Quetta

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QUETTA: A police con-

teams reached the spot and Pakistan issued or disconshifted the body of tinued currency notes as per martyred police jawan to the Sandeman Pro-He also said that durvincial Headquarter ing the tenure of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf gov-Hospital

Meanwhile, the police officers and other person-nel reached the Sandeman Hospital Învestigations have been started into the cold blooded murder of police

cop Later, the funeral prayer of Ghulam Murtaz was offered at the Police Lines Quetta the same af-

ternoon The Inspector General of Police, Abdul Khaliq Sheikh and other senior police officers attended the funeral prayer.

'Campaign against me an attack on judiciary': **Justice Mazahar** ISLAMABAD (INP): Justice Mazahar Ali Naqvi

"Without enrolling chil-Monday has challenged the dren in schools, it is improceedings of the compossible to increase the litplaint against the Supreme eracy rate in the province." idicial Council (SJC).

He said the caretaker He pleaded that disgovernment had decided to closed assets cannot be the upgrade 150 primary schools to middle in the basis of action against the judge and prayed there was province, four each in evnever any notice of his assets from the tax authori

To a question, Qadir ties Bakhsh said due to the last 'The campaign against year's flood, more than me is an attack on the judi-5,500 schools in the provciary," Justice Mazahar ince were destroyed, and Naqvi said. only 50 of them had been He said SJC sent notice

repaired so far. of further proceedings "The international orwithout fixing the objecganizations have assured



QUETTA: A delegation led by chief of Balochistan Youth Alliance Bahadur Khan Lango meeting with Governor Balochistan Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar

Women are grace and honour of our society: Women couldn't be given equal status in different sectors even today, regrets Governor

of the youth and women. **Independent Report** QUETTA: The Governor The Governor was Balochistan, Malik Abdul speaking to a delegation who called on him under Wali Khan Kakar has stated leadership of head of that women are grace and Balochistan Youth Alliance, honour of society, but it is Mir Bahadur Khan Lango

a sorrowful fact that we couldn't have given equal on Monday. status to them in different The Governor on the sectors even today despite occasion said that there is a they are half of our key role of welfare organizations in the backward country's population.

societies and the spirit of Therefore, on one hand, they are being deprived of service of the people assotheir due rights, while the ciated with them are really appreciable. society is not benefiting He said that we are from the potential of its half of the population fully.

proud of all those political Under the given cirand social personalities who remain in forefront in sercumstances, there is a need vice of the ailing humanity. to make comprehensive The Governor said that planning to utilise potential

Protest dharna ends after assurance: Sirki road firing incident to be probed, assures **Minister Information** leged police encounter or

Independent Report Sirki road.

As a result of protest, the traffic remained block QUETTA: The caretaker Provincial Minister for Inon Zarghoon road and adjaformation, Jan Achakzai has assured that the Sirki cent areas. road firing incident claimed Jan Achakzai said that the Inspector General of life of a person would be

thoroughly investigated and police has given assurance to conduct transparent in the responsible would quiry of the incident. The Minister Informa-He assured that action would be taken on getting tion was speaking to the

evidences against the po-On assurance made by



taken to task.

participants of dharna ob-

served at Zarghoon road on

QUETTA: Balochistan Chief Secretary Shakeel Qadir Khan presiding over a meeting regarding implementation on decisions taken in Apex Committee presided by Prime Minister

it is big achievement of the social workers to become voice of the voiceless of the society and get them to the rulers for resolving them.

He said that the importance of learning modern skills is increasing along with education.

However, we need to take concrete measures to make the technical and vocational institutions functional, adding he stressed



QUETTA: Provincial Secretary Information Imran Khan and Director General Public Relations Muhammad Noor Khetran meeting with Caretaker Information Minister Jan Achakzai

Nawaz Sharif Jan Achakzai pledges to allowed to record fight scourge of terrorism statement in

(INP): Taliban Pakistan (TTP) and OUETTA Toshakhana case Balochistan's caretaker ISLAMABAD (Online): Minister for Information The Accountability Court Jan Achakzai warns that if (AC) while accepting the militant activities from Afghanistan continue, Pakistan will take action against terrorist hideouts.

He expressed concerns that despite hosting Afghan refugees for 40 years, Afghanistan is providing shelter and advanced weaponry

to militants. Achakzai emphasised Pakistan's opposition to all forms of militancy and stated that if the situation doesn't improve, Pakistan prime minister linking rewill raid terrorist hideouts cent attacks to the Taliban

government in Afghanistan to address the issue. He highlighted the link and its deportation polibetween the Tehreek-icies

recent terrorist incidents. Pakistan has engaged with Afghanistan at the Foreign Office level and is addressing repatriation plans for illegal immigrants.

Achakzai criticised what he sees as a double game by Afghanistan.

The surge in terror ac-tivities in Pakistan, especially in KP and Balochistan, is attributed to the TTP which ended its ceasefire in November last year, with the caretaker

Afghan commanders, citing

plea for recording Nawaz Sharif statement in Tosha Khana vehicles reference has adjourned the hearing of the case till November30.

Judge Muhammad Bashir of AC took up the Toshakhana case against Nawaz Sharif, Asif Ali Zardari and others for hear ing Monday. The pleaders of Asif Ali

Zardari, Khawaja Abdul Ghani Majeed, Anwar Majeed and Yousuf Raza Gillani appeared in the

court. The court marked the attendance of court.

cal communities. The facilities will also feature assistance nationwide.

Training Facility Expantional \$2 million will be dedicated to constructing sion: A \$4 million assis-10 new police stations to tance package will facilitate the expansion of improve service to women, girls, and all Pa-Balochistan Police's Antikistanis Terrorist Force training fa-Equipment Support: cility, doubling its current

Recognizing the risks capacity, and allowing sifaced by law enforcement multaneous instruction for an additional 800 trainees. officers, the United States Upgraded Police Staannounced a \$250,000 tions: The United States equipment grant to better allocated \$2 million to reprotect enforcement officers as they undertake their pair and upgrade 10 flooddamaged police stations. duties.

These projects are funded and will be imple-These facilities will include modern infrastructure, such as digital record mented in collaboration with the Department of management and support for alternative dispute State's Bureau of International Narcotics and Law resolution mechanisms, Enforcement (INL). INL thereby supporting more currently provides apresponsive service to loproximately \$20 million in

space for vulnerable four important initiatives populations to report on Monday to bolster the crimes and receive special care for problems or injucapabilities of Pakistani ries resulting from those law enforcement in their crimes. efforts to safeguard local Construction of New Anti-Terrorist Force Police Stations: An addi-

that will provide a private



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Miscellaneous

Free, transparent election to resolve country's problems: Bilawal

NOWSHERA (APP): Chairman, Pakistan People's Party Bilawal Bhutto Zardari here Monday said that a free, fair and transparent election would resolve all the country's problems.

Addressing a big party workers convention here, Bilawal Bhutto expressed the hope that the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) would ensure a free and transparent election.

He said that PPP after winning elections would address problems of the shabby economy, unemployment and poverty

Bilawal said his party would come into power with power of votes.

He said that his party has empowered farmers, labourers and poor women through different projects including Benazir Income Support Programme

Bilawal praised the KP people's sacrifices in the fight against terrorism, saying the complete elimination of terrorism was a must for the progress and prosperity of Pakistan.

He said that democracy could only strengthen with democratic values and political tolerance rather than creating division and hatred in society.

Bilawal Bhutto said that Quaid-e-Awam Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto Shaheed and Benazir Bhutto Shaheed sacrificed their lives but never compromised on principles.

He said people still remember the so-called popularity of opposition parties as evidenced by the election in 20 NA seats results.

He said the PPP had strong roots in the masses and would achieve victory in all provinces including KP in the elections and form Government.

> ISLAMABAD (APP): The Prime Minister has

designated the Minister for

Parliamentary Affairs to

business pertaining to Sen-

ate, in respect of ministries,

prime minister, the PM

The parliamentary af-

Office said Monday.

Incharge.

Arabia.

with subject

ISLAMABAD: Chairman Senate, Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani in a meeting with the delegation of Paki stan Humanitarian Forum at Parliament House. **PM** designates parliamentary affairs minister to look after non-assigned ministry portfolios

also mentioned the list of ministries and divisions which have not been assigned ministers and thus their portfolios rest with

look after parliamentary the prime minister. These offices include divisions and offices whose the President's Secretariat, Prime Minister's Office portfolio rest with the Cabinet Secretariat, National Security Division, Poverty Alleviation and fairs minister has been des-Social Safety Division, Housing & Works Diviignated as the Ministersion, Inter Provincial Coor dination Division, Kashmir Affairs and Gilgi Baltistan Division, and

Alihasbeen selected for his ex-

and Khurram have been

port of a substantial Paki-A terrorist killed stani workforce to contribute to Saudi Arabia's ambias police, FC tious infrastructure and de-

repulse attack velopment goals. NESMA & Partners, as TANK (APP): A terrorist the leading construction company in Saudi Arabia, was killed as police and Frontier Crops(FC) reholds responsibility for pulsed a terrorist attack on numerous mega-projects a check post within the limwithin the kingdom. its of Gomal Police Station

This agreement will provide Pakistani workers with the opportunity to showcase their expertise and contribute to the success of these critical infrastructure projects.

During the meeting, Jawad Sohrab Malik exnight, but the attack was foiled as valiant police and pressed his sincere appre-FC jawans promptly reciation and gratitude to sponded, forcing the mili-Samer Essam Abdul Samad tants to flee. and NESMA & Partners

After the attack, a

here Sunday night.

According to a police

spokesman, militants stormed the Kot Azam post

within the limits of the

Gomal police station with

ment), where he was named the best batter of the tourlenging Australian condi-tions. We have kept the nament, ending as the competition's highest run-

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getter. Pakistan squad for Australia Tests: Shan Masood (captain), Aamir Jamal, Abdullah Shafique, Abrar Ahmed, Babar Azam, Faheem Ashraf, Hasan Ali, Imam-ul-Haq, Khurram Shahzad, Mir Hamza, Mohammad Rizwan (wk), Mohammad Wasim Jr, Noman Ali, Saim Ayub, Salman Ali Ágha, Sarfaraz Ahmed (wk), Saud Shakeel and Shaheen Shah Afridi.

Test rubber schedule: 1st Test – Perth, 14-18 December 2023

2nd Test – Melbourne, 26-30 December 2023 double century against Faisalabad in the final of the 3rd Test – Sydney, 3-7 January 2024 tournament. He continued his form in the Pakistan



UETTA: Caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan heavy weapons late Sunday Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki presenting gift of carpet to US Ambassador Donald Blome

> Avenfield, Al Aziza References: **IHC** issues circular regarding

QUETTA: Caretaker Home Minister Captain (Retd) Muhammad Zubair Jamali opment

in a group photo with staff during his visit to University of Community Devel-Election code of

NAB organizes a seminar on Role of students in the eradication of corruption

QUETTA (Online): NAB (Balochistan) in collaboration of Mir Chakar Khan Rand University organized a seminar on the Role of students in the eradication of corruption. Director General NAB (Balochistan) Zafar Iqbal Khan was the chief guest of the seminar, while the other guests were the host Vice Chancellor Jan Wash Kareem, Pro VC Mr. Mushtaq Shahid, Director NAB.



Dr. Muhammad Rashid, Deputy Commissioner Dr. Khuda-e-Raheem, Controller of University Prof. Abdul Naeem, SSP Inayattulah Bangulzai, Deputy Director NAB Mr. Khurram Shehzad, faculty members and a large number of university students witnessed the event.

During the seminar, Controller of the University Professor Abdul Naeem welcomed the Director General NAB and other participants on their arrival at the University and expressed their views on the topic.

Senior Superintendent of Police Inayatullah Bengalzai in his address against corruption exhorted the students to live their liv s according to Islamic teachings.

ISLAMABAD (Online) Election Commission has prepared election code of conduct and decided to reease along with the election schedule.

conduct ready

for release

Election Commission has prepared code of conduct in consultation with political parties and the suggestions of political par-

ies were also included. It is said in code of conduct that political parties

will not speak against ide-ology of Pakistan and Pakistan's sovereignty and independence. Political parties will avoid mocking election commission during election

campaign. Sources told that it is mentioned in code of conduct that political parties and candidates shall refrain

Monday. from gifts, inducements or bribes to dissuade anyone.

They have to fully cooperate with security forces for the safety of political parties, candidate election staff and poling agents

An office order of the Prime Minster's Office 'Conduct of parliamenthe States and Frontier Re tary business in the Senate' gions Division. Pak signs historic agreement

with NESMA& Partners for manpower export to KSA

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan and Saudi Arabia kistan has signed a historic paving the way for the exagreement with NESMA & Partners for manpower export from Pakistan to Saudi

In a significant development for the Pakistani workforce, Special Assistant to the Prime Minister Jawad Sohrab Malik held a productive meeting with the President and CEO of NESMA & Partners, Samer Essam AbdulSamad, at the

Embassy of Pakistan in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, said a press release here on

The meeting culminated in the signing of a landmark agreement between the Pakistan Overseas Employment Corporation (POEC) and NESMA & Partners for the export of skilled Pakistani

Saim Ayub, Khurram Shahzad make to Australia-bound **18-member Test squad** Riaz told the media that Cup (One-Day tourna-LAHORE (APP): Charis-matic left-handed batter the squad has been selected keeping in mind the chal-

three centuries to his name,

including a match-winning

Saim Ayub and fast bowler Khurram Shahzad have secured their maiden call-up pitches in mind and added more pace bowling reto the 18-member Australia-bound test squad to sources to the team to enplay three-Test rubber sure that the management against Australia between can be flexible with the team December 14 and January combinations in all three 4, 2023 Chief selector Test matches, he added. Wahab Riaz, while address-Left-handed opening ing a press conference at the batter Saim Ayub has PCB headquarters Gaddafi earned his maiden call-up to Stadium on Monday, said the Test team after an imthat Muhammad Wasim Jr., pressive run in the Ouaid-Faheem Ashraf and Mir e-Azam Trophy 2023-24. Hamza have been recalled The 22-year-old scored 553 to the Test side while Hasan runs in four matches for Karachi Whites and had

perience and ability. He further said Saim

selected on the back of their domestic performances. Chief selector Wahab

We fulfill the rights of Allah but we are far away from the rights of the people and this is causing the destruction of our social life.

Chief guest of the event, Director General NAB Zafar Iqbal Khan, while addressing the students, gave them an example of developed countries.

He uttered that corruption is dealt with with iron hands in developed countries. There is a social boycott of the persons who commit corruption. Hence it is minimized there and that's why developments are increasing day by day. He said that we always talk about the corruption of others, while we have to adopt self-accountability. DG NAB requested the students to be a part of NAB's anti-corruption awareness campaign and raise their voice against corruption. The sole purpose of Seminar is that the general masses become the voice of NAB in its fight against corruption. Giving an example from the past, he said that in earlier times, corruption was considered very bad, people used to boycott the corrupt elements, but it is sad to say that now corruption has become norms in our society.



QUETTA: Caretaker Information Minister Jan Achakzai giving away award to Principal Tameere-Nau Girls School on prominent performance

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with a professional army.

PM sees killing of Palestinian....

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the children. The government and non-government organizations and the society as a whole should contribute towards the noble cause of safeguarding the children rights and to make their future safe and prosperous, he added.

The Universal Children's Day is being cel-Universal ebrated under the theme "For every child, every right" to reaffirm the commitment to safeguard the rights and well-being of children.

The prime minister on the occasion launched the ZARRA Alert App - a mobile application that can be used to report missing and abducted children. Appreciating the endeavours of National Commission on the Rights for Children (NCRC) and the Ministry of Human Rights for launching the ZARRA Alert App, he highlighted it was the collective effort of all stakeholders involved.

The prime minister said children were the most

Senators Dar & Mandviwalla to continue as Leader

of House, Chief Whip: Solangi

ISLAMÁBAD (ÁPP) Caretaker Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, and Information and Broadcasting Murtaza Solangi on Monday informed the Senate that Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar had endorsed Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar as Leader of the House and Senator Saleem Mandviwalla as Chief

Whip with status of Min ister of State. Responding to a point raised by Senator Shahadat Awan during the session on October 30 regarding the status of leaders of the House and Opposition, and the Chief Whip after completion of constitutional tenure of the last gov ernment, he minister clari fied that as per parliamen tary traditions, they would

continue to perform their responsibilities. A notification regarding appointment of Saleem Manviwalla as Chief Whip had also been reissued, he added.

precious asset of any na- condemning the Israeli tion and the sole guarantee atrocities over the for its future prosperity. defenceless people of Gaza and the West Bank. International Children's Day, we are de-'We are doing our ut

most endeavours to cease termined to ensure inclusive development, education, violence in Gaza at the plathealthcare, participation, form of Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC). dignity and security for all our children, as envisaged Later interacting with the differently-abled chil-

in the "UN Convention on the Rights of the Child". dren, the prime minister The prime minister said he was amazed by their also mentioned the Israel's intellect, perseverance, and oppression on the innocent desire to positively conpeople, especially the chiltribute to the social sphere. dren, in Gaza and called "Their spirit for proving their talents against all odds upon the world powers to help end their brutal killing. simply impressive."

Caretaker Minister for We are witnessing the children holocaust in Gaza Human Rights Khalil that must have to be stopped immediately," he George, on the occasion, said it was the state's reponsibility to protect the He maintained that the children's rights and help

Israeli armed forces had bethem become respectable come pigmies in the eyes citizens in future who of the people around the would play a vital role in world who were killing the the development and pros perity of the country. He said the ZARA defenceless people and children, instead of fighting

App was connected with all It had become an issue the police stations and of all mankind that went would be helpful in recovbeyond any religion, he ering the missing and absaid, adding the world was ducted children.

for their unwavering com labor to Saudi Arabia, specifimitment to hiring Pakistani cally for NESMA's ongoing manpower. He highlighted and upcoming projects. The the exceptional reputation agreement marks a pivotal of Pakistani workers for collaboration between Patheir dedication.



OUETTA: Prosecutor General Balochistan Barrister Jahanzeb Nasir meeting with Governor Balochistan Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar

Doha Forum Youth Edition closing ceremony Hammad Kakar joins forces with young leaders from **OIC** member countries

QUETTA (PR): In a remarkable display of unity and collaboration, President Hammad Khan Kakar of the Organisation of Islamic Youth (OIY) was seen standing shoulder to shoulder with young leaders representing various OIC Member Countries. The heartwarming group photo was captured during the closing ceremony of the highly anticipated Doha Forum Youth Edition.

This grand event, held in Doha, Qatar, showcased the immense potential and determination of the youth in addressing pressing global challenges. President Kakar known for his visionary leadership and commitment to empowering young individuals, actively engaged in discussions and dialogues on critical issues.

The OIY, a prominent organization championing the rights and aspirations of Muslim youth, continues to play a pivotal role in fostering international cooperation and understanding among OIC Member Countries. The presence of President Kakar further solidifies the OIY's dedication to uniting young minds and driving positive change

As the shutter clicked, capturing this momentous occasion, it symbolized not just a group photo but a collective commitment towards a brighter future. The combined efforts of these exceptional leaders inspire hope and serve as a shining example for the entire youth community.



The closing ceremony of the Doha Forum Youth Edition will undoubtedly leave a lasting impact on the participants and the international community. The spirit of collaboration and determination exhibited by President Kakar and the young leaders resonates as a beacon of hope, reminding us that together, we can overcome any challenge and forge a better world for generations to come

search was conducted during which the body of a terrorist was found with a M4 rifle, eight magazines and one walkie-talkie set.

He said that all the po-Registrar lice and FC personnel stationed at the post remained (IHC) has issued circular safe regarding rules and regula-

He said the dead terrorist has not been identified as yet and added that a large-scale search operation was underway to arrest the of Nawaz Sharif. fleeing terrorists.

ADC visits **Passport Office** in Gwadar

QUETTA (APP): Additional Deputy Commis-sioner (ADC) Gwadar Revenue Sana Mahjabeen Umrani Monday paid a surprise visit to the passport office and inquired about the problems faced by the people there and the provision of facilities.

The people, on this occasion, informed the ADC about the problems and difficulties related to the passport

The ADC reviewed the services provided to the people at the various counters at the passport office and issued instructions to the officials concerned of the passport office to ensure smooth delivery of services and to adopt better behavior from the staff.

Advertisement reference: NAB issues call up notice to Gillani, others

cation in Balochistan, ISLAMABAD (online): which is commendable. Accountability Court (AC) has issued call up notice to Balochistan police has been PPP leader Yousuf Raza provided vehicles, modern Gillani and other accused in equipment and goods to the NAB reference related to police force, he mentioned advertisement. Judge Muhammad Bashir took up adding that we appreciate the US cooperation for prethe case for hearing Monday. NAB prosecutor and others appeared in the court. The court issued call modern lines. up notice to Yousuf Raza Gillani and other accused persons. The accused in-

clude Yousuf Raza Gillani, formers secretary Farooq Awan, Riaz Ashar Siddiqui, PIO Muhammad Saleem, Syed Hassan, Muhammad Hanif and Inam Akbar.

The accused are facing project meant for empowthe charges of unjust distribution of advertisements. them opportunities of busi-The court adjourned ness in the province. the hearing of the case till

of US ambassador towards January 11.

Nawaz Sharif's appearance and rules and regulations

ISLAMABAD (Online): sure proper security aroffice of rangements on the occasion Islamabad High Court of appearance of Nawaz Sharif

Entry into courtroom no 1 will be subjected to setions on matter of appeals curity passes. against sentence in

It is further said in cir-Avenfield and Al Aziza cular that 15 lawyers of the petitioner's legal team will References and appearance be allowed to enter the It is said in circular courtroom.

that Chief Justice Amir Farooq and Justice Mian 5 government lawyers from each Attorney General Gull Hassan Aurangzeb and Advocate General will will hear on appeals tobe allowed to enter the courtroom.

IG Islamabad must en-

morrow



QUETTA: DG Levies Naseebullah Kakar meeting with Secretary Finance Babar Khan

American investment in...

Continued from page 1 the potential of investment cooperation in different sec-

Similarly,

in different sectors in tors, Mr. Domki said that Balochistan, the Chief Minister said that the provthe US-assisted different ince is very suitable for inprojects for peace, educavestment, and sought it tion, economic empowersaying that it would boost ment of women and communications are very imtwo-side relations between the two countries. portant and appreciable.

He added that the US He was of the strong government and people view that the volume of trade between the two counhave extended remarkable cooperation for education tries should be increase furparticularly the girls 'eduther

Speaking on the occasion, the US ambassador Mr Donald Blome said that the we are working on the projects of peace and provision of justice in Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhaw.

He referred to the cooperation of his country in different sectors and at times. He particularly mentioned that US and the world agencies wholeheartedly helped the affected people during the devastating floods in Balochistan

He said that the sustainable social development

In addition to this, we is part of our targets. He also assured that US equally appreciated the US would extend cooperation to promote tourism and ering women and providing preserve the ancient civilization in Balochistan.

In the end, they ex-Diverting the attention changed gifts and souvenirs.

vention of the terrorism and crimes and putting the investigation process on He remarked that the project meant for enhancing professional capacity and skills is very important and Sindh last year. for restoration of peace and

protection of general pub-

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ISLAMABAD: President Dr. Arif Alvi chairing the 49th Special meeting of the senate of Federal Urdu University of Arts, Sciences and Technology (FUUAST), at Aiwan-e-Sadr.

Climate change becomes an issue of national endurance for developing countries: PM

Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Monday said that climate change had become a national issue of survival for the developing nations and Pakistan despite its lesser share of below one percent carbon imprints in the global climate change was among the most affected countries. The caretaker prime minister presided over the second session of Pakistan Climate Change Council. The meeting was attended by caretaker ministers Ahmed Irfan Aslam, Shamshad Akhtar, Jalil Abbas Jilani, Umar Saif, Kausar Abdul Malik, Sami Saeed and Muhammad Ali, Gilgit-Baltistan Chief Minister Haji Gulbar Khan, representatives of the provincial governments, civil so-

ISLAMABAD (APP): tities, besides the relevant endeavours of the provinces senior officials, the PM Office Media Wing said in a press release.

The caretaker prime minister said that one third of Pakistan's population was hit hard by the previous year's floods triggered by the climate change, adding that the developing countries, including Pakistan, were facing dangers of climate induced changes due to impacts caused by the developed world. He stressed upon tak-

ing of the required steps at added the international level to save the developing countries from the perilous impacts of climate change.

The prime minister lauded the efforts of Ministry of Climate Change and the climate activists of Pakistan in that regard, be-

and their collaboration retary General Nayyar with the federation by taking of measures to avert

Hussain Bukhari Monday negative impacts of the cli expressed confidence that mate change. PPP would establish itself He said that during the as a formidable parliamen-COP-28 meeting which would be held in the United tary force in the upcoming elections of 2024 and said Arab Emirates, Pakistan that the Election Commission of Pakistan will utilize would present its stance effectively. They would send their delegation to par-ticipate in COP-28 after its all available resources to conduct a transparent election in the country.

consultations with the rel-Talking to a Private evant ministry and the pronews channel, he said that vincial governments, he the Election Commission of Pakistan will hold gen-The caretaker prime eral elections honestly as it minister also desired prepais a constitutional obligation ration of short, medium and long terms framework political stability.

to effectively warding off the harmful affects of the climate change, and stressed upon inclusion of scholars and experts in the preparahold upcoming transparent polls: Nayyar Bukhari ISLAMABAD (APP): Pa- to follow Bhutto's policies. kistan Peoples Party Sec-Furthermore, he as-

PPP confident for ECP to

sured that PPP was fully prepared for the forthcoming electoral contest. He also demanded a

'level playing field' for his party to contest the next general elections, adding, PPP has its ideology and believes in the power of **Health Minister** people, and democracy.

Replying to a quesmeets DG WHO tion, he said that construc-ISLAMABAD (APP): tive criticism is the right of Caretaker Federal Minister every political party which for Health Dr. Nadeem Jan should be promoted inhad a meeting with the Di-rector General World Health Organization (WHO) Dr. Tedros during stead of hurling abusive remarks ahead of the gen-

the Global Food Security Summit being held in London, UK. on the grave situation of health and nutrition in

The chief justice emphasized the need for lawyers to play a proactive role in diminishing the backlog of pending cases as their collective efforts were crucial in providing support to the common man within the

would be formulated. process, he added.

President for improving Federal Urdu University's affairs

timely decisions. ISLAMABAD (Online): President Dr Arif Alvi has The President exurged all the stakeholders pressed these views while and members of the Senate chairing the 49th Special of the Federal Urdu Univer-Meeting of the Senate of sity of Arts, Sciences and Federal Urdu University of Technology (FUUAST) to Arts, Sciences and Technolwork for improving the ogy (FUUAST), at Aiwanvarsity's affairs to restore e-Sadr, today.

it to its iconic position. He The meeting was atdeplored that Senate meettended by the Secretary of ings of the university could the Ministry of Federal not be held on a regular ba-Education and Professional sis and emphasized the Training, the Executive Dineed for filling up imporrector of the Higher Educatant positions to make tion Commission (HEC),

population.

children.

plies.

Dr Nadeem Jan also

shared the vision of the cur-

rent government with re-

gards to reach to the com-

munities through UHC and

focused on "Health for all"

approaches and he thanked

the WHO for extending

their support for provision

of equipment and sup-

Shah Mehmood

moves SC for

post-arrest bail

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pa-

kistan Tehreek e Ínsaf

(PTI)'s Vice Chairman Shah

Mehmood Qureshi Mon-

day filed an appeal to the

Supreme Court seeking

post arrest bail in cipher

federal government, interior

ministry and Federal Inves-

tigation Agency (FIA) as

the court to set aside the

judgment of Islamabad High

Court (IHC) dated Novem-

ber 8, and grant him post

Book on

calligraphy

artwork

launched

in AIOU

Yusuf Al-Sadidi "Jamal e

Yusuf Al-Sadidi" was

launched at Allama Iqbal

Open University (AIÔU)

yesterday. Vice Chancellor,

AIOU, Prof. Dr. Nasir

Mahmood presided over

the ceremony while the

Dean Faculty of Oriental

Learning, Punjab Univer-

sity, Prof. Dr. Moeen

Uddin Nizami was the chief

guest. On the occasion, VC

AIOU, Dr. Nasir Mahmood

said that there is no substi-

tute for calligraphy.

ISLAMABAD (APP):

Shah Mehmood.

respondents in the case.

The petitioner named

The petition prayed

case.

and other Senate members agreed that keeping in view of FUUAST.

the provisions of the The Senate approved FUUAST Ordinance, the the appointment of Prof. President of Anjuman Taraqqi-e-Urdu Pakistan Dr Rubina Mushtaq as the Acting Vice-Chancellor of would continue to serve as FUAAST. The meeting also the ex-officio member of the discussed the formation of Senate. a Search Committee for the It was also agreed to

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appointment of a regular form an inquiry committee Vice Chancellor of to conduct an inquiry into FUAAST and it was agreed the allegations of irregularito complete the process of ties in HEC's fact-finding appointment within 60 report and submit its recommendations to the Sen-

The meeting also ate



ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Hao Kakar chairs the 2nd meeting of the Pakistan, Climate Change Council.

IG-SI hosts seminar on gender equality, women's empowerment issues

ISLAMABAD (APP): Azam Temuri Helena Igbal, The International Governance and Sustainability Institute (IGSI) hosted a seminar on Women's Empowerment to address crucial issues surrounding gen-He expressed his grief der equality and women's empowerment, with a fo-cus on fostering positive the flood affected areas change in Pakistan. The in Pakistan affecting event was held at Islamabad more than 33 million Model School I-10/4, bring-ing together students, fac-He appreciated the efulty, and distinguished forts of Government of Pakistan in addressing this guests. Speaking on the occasion, the School's Princichallenge faced by the country especially the vulner-able groups including adopal, Ms. Fatima Mobeen, highlighted the importance lescent girls, mothers and of empowering women in society. She introduced dis-

Ms Esin Gulsen and Dr.Sultan Azam Temuri former Inspector General of Police and CEO of Institute. She also shed light on the global perspective on women's empowerment, em-

phasizing key principles advocated by the United Nations, such as gender equality, gender mainstreaming, and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. She also informed that Goal 5 of the agenda specifically focuses on achieving gender equality and empowering all women and girls, with tar-gets ranging from the end of discrimination and violence tinguished guests and the team of Institute Dr. Sultan to equal participation in leadership and decision-making.

Quaid-e-Azam Trust **UK delegation calls** on Chairman Senate

ISLAMABAD (Online): A House to discuss various delegation from Quaid-e- critical issues concerning Azam Trust UK, led by its the underprivileged regions Chairman Raja Ishtiaq held of Pakistan.

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa,

Balochistan, and remote ar-

figures such as PHF Coun-

try Director Asif Shirazi,

IRC Committee's Country

Director Shabnam Baloch,

and other key representa-

tives, the delegation engaged

in talks regarding the en-

hancement of public wel-

fare in Chagai, Balochistan,

and expedited rehabilitation

efforts for flood-affected

communities in remote ar-

eas of Balochistan.

Comprising notable

eas of Punjab and Sindh.



ISLAMABAD: Chairman Senate, Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani in a meeting with Raja Ishtiaq, Chairman Quaid-E-Azam Trust UK along with the delega tion at Parliament House.

Children have first right on country's resources: Bilawal

children.

pledged their commitment elections", he added Laws to hold court trials via video link on cards: IHC CJ

ISLAMABAD (APP): Islamabad High Court (IHC) Chief Justice Aamir Farooq on Monday said that the laws pertaining to present imprisoned accused before the court via video link were on the cards.

Addressing the inaulegal system. gural ceremony of the law-The facility of e-filing was set to resume, enhancyers' lounge, he announced that a judicial policy aligning the efficiency and accessibility of the legal filing ing with modern practices

eral polls. "Pakistan needs a govand linked to the country's ernment that has the man-He affirmed that his date to make difficult longparty's candidates would term decisions to fix the economy of the country in the next five years after the

wholeheartedly contest the upcoming elections and

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chairman Pakistan People's Party (PPP) Bilawal Bhutto Zardari Monday said that the children had the first right on country's resources and reiterated that investing in children's education, health and safety would be among the top priorities of his party's government after winning the upcoming general elections due on February 8 next year. "Our children are the most valuable treasure and bright future of the coun-'he said in a statement issued by the party secretariat on the occasion of World Children's Day.

He expressed his best wishes that the future of children all over the world, including Pakistan, be filled Nashonuma'.

ISLAMABAD (Online): with peace, love and prosperity. Bilawal Bhutto said Supreme Court (SC) has imposed fine of Rs one lac

on husband for not giving that PPP had always taken Haq Mehar to his wife. revolutionary steps for the The SC has slapped protection and welfare of fine Rs one lac on the hus-

band hailing from Bhalwal "The 1973 constitufor running case for six tion guarantees all the rights years in the court and not children. Shaheed giving Haq Mehar to his Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto wife introduced vaccination pro-The case came up for gram to protect Pakistani hearing before a 3-member children from infectious disbench of SC presided over eases like polio," he pointed

SC imposes fine

on husband for

not giving Haq

Mehar to wife

by Chief Justice of Pakiout, adding that the Benazir stan (CJP) Qazi Faez Isa Income Support Programme (BISP), which Monday. The CJP remarked i was President Asif Ali you dislike Pakistani law Zardari's gift to the then at least you should recountry's poor citizens, spect Islam. Haq Mehar is also included components right of wife . Why you did

not give this right to your

SOS Foundation **ICP** to ensure safe road environment and maximum convenience to citizens

Independent Report ISLAMABAD: Islamabad Capital Police is endeavoring its best to ensure a safe road environment in the city and would further continue its efforts for maximum convenience to citizens, a police public relation officer said.

He said that the Chief Traffic Officer (CTO) Islamabad visited various wings of traffic headquarters at Faizabad and reviewed their performance. He appreciated the performance of the traffic staff and issued special instructions for further improvement. He said that Islamabad capital police would enhance the professional capacity of its perzens with the best of its capabilities.

Following the special directions of Islamabad Capital City Police Officer (ICCPO) Dr. Akbar Nasir Khan, Chief Traffic Officer (CTO) Islamabad conducted visits to various wings of traffic headquarters including digital driving license, one window hall, driving test area as well as different branches and

wife.

instructed the staff to further improve their performance. CTO Islamabad said that Islamabad capital police is known as a model force across the country and its personnel should interact with citizens in a Shakir

celebrates World Children's Day ISLAMABAD (APP): In a concerted effort to address the educational needs of unsonnel and to serve the citiderprivileged children resid-

such as 'Benazir Wasila-e-

Taleem' and 'Benazir

ing in the slum areas of Sohan, Islamabad Capital Territory, the SOS Foundation in collaboration with Basic Education Community Schools (BECS), Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training organized a special event or World Children's Day. The event was graced by esteemed personalities including Faiza Fatima (Assistant Director, Min-

istry of Education), Nishat Fatima (Director, SOS Foundation), Nabgha Najeeb Hashmi (Assistant Director, BECS), Abdus Salam, Major ® Tariq Mehmood, and Naumar

the court.



decent way.

ISLAMABAD: A view of the massive traffic at Express Way as large number of the people are on their way towards offices on the first day of the week in Federal Capital.



ISLAMABAD: Shehzad Roy, renowned singer and the founder and President of the Zindagi Trust along with Mariam Chughtai the Director of National Curriculum Council (NCC) called on the Federal Minister for Education and Professional Training Madad Ali Sindh.

Roy, Mariam meet education minister

ISLAMABAD (INP): The Shehzad Roy's efforts. founder and President of Sindh Government ap-Zindagi Trust Shehzad Roy proved the "Teacher Perforalong with the Director of mance Evaluation" format National Curriculum Coundeveloped by Zindagi cil, Mariam Chughtai called Trust for the government on the Federal Minister for teachers across the prov-Education and Professional ince, the National Assem-Training Madad Ali Sindhi bly also recognized on Monday. The minister welcomed Shehzad Roy Shehzad's efforts and passed a law criminalizing and appreciated his contricorporal punishment. Shehzad Roy, who is bution towards education

reform in the country, esalso a renowned singer pecially for his work on the briefed the minister about integration of Child Protecthe contribution and aim of tion into the provincial cur-Zindagi Trust. He discussed riculum of Sindh. His conthe initiatives taken by tribution in the field of edu-Zindagi Trust to make education was highly com-mendable, he added. cation accessible to all children in Pakistan and espe-

Sindhi said due to cially in Sindh.

IHC allows to meet his lawyers, family members

ISLAMABAD (Online): court Fawad Chaudhry has been kept in security ward.. Upon it Faisal Chaudhry said the matter Islamabad High Court (IHC) while allowing former minister Fawad Chaudhry to meet his counof talking to children is mentioned in the law. Get it sels and family members has directed to provide amenities to the petitioner implemented as per law. Faisal Chaudhry said as per jail manual. in the court our talk is noted The petition filed by

and they allow us to meet Fawad Chaudhry seeking provision of facilities in jail Fawad Chaudhry only on Friday and allowing him to meet The court remarked

why on Friday only. Give his lawyers and family them some other day for members came up for hearing before a single bench of meeting. I order. The court inquired

IHC led by Justice Arbab Tahir Monday. Faisal Chaudhry advofrom investigation officer what threats have been cate, brother of Fawad given by Fawad Chaudhry. Chaudhry gave arguments. FIR is of what thing. Deputy Superinten-

The investigation ofdent Adiala Jail appeared in ficer told there is FIR of 502 against Fawad DSP Adiala told the Chaudhry.

The meeting focused on addressing challenges in a meeting with the Chairman Senate.

Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani underscored the pivotal role of overseas Pakistanis as significant assets to the nation's growth and encouraged their active participation in the investment landscape, particu-larly in Gwadar, emphasizing the area's emergence as a burgeoning economic centre.

With a collective vision for a more prosperous Pakistan, the discussions concluded on a promising note, highlighting the importance of continued collaboration between the government and humanitarian organizations for the holistic development of the country.

A delegation from the Pakistan Humanitarian Forum (PHF) also held a meeting with Chairman Senate Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani at the Parliament

Recognizing the indispensable contributions of PHF and associated organizations, the Chairman Senate emphasized the urgent need for collaborative efforts to tackle pressing issues encompassing health, education, poverty,

Inspection team visits Passport Office after receiving complaints

Independent Report Passport Office. ISLAMABAD : On the directions of Wafaqi Mohtasib. an inspection team visited the Passport Office on Monday after receiving com-

The team interviewed a large number of people who had come to get their passports in the Passport Offices located in the G-8 and G-10 Sectors.



suing passports.

Taking notice of complaints, the inspection team visited the Passport Office Islamabad, on the direction of Ombudsman Wafaqi Mohtasib Ejaz Ahmad Qureshi, said a press release

The administration of the Directorate General of The inspection team led by the Senior Advisor Immigration and Passports informed the visiting indiscussed in detail the enspection team that the tire process of issuing passprinting of passports got ports to ascertain the delayed due to the noncauses of inordinate delay availability of lamination and breakdown of efficient paper. delivery of services in the

formed by the applicants that they had been visiting the Passport Office to collect their documents for many months and their visas had expired in the process.

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Familiar message

Only the state has a monopoly on the use of force, while armed action by non-state actors is out of the question. Moreover, intolerant behaviour against minorities and other disadvantaged groups cannot be countenanced, while religious, sectarian and linguistic differences need to be overcome. This was the gist of the message the army chief gave to an assemblage of divines who had gathered at GHQ on Friday.

The COAS also reiterated the salient features of the 2018 Paigham-i-Pakistan fatwa that over 1,800 clerics belonging to all confessional backgrounds had endorsed to shun militancy was produced for the claim and extremism. that, in any case, did not

It is assumed the conclave was arranged in the context of the rising terrorist violence across Pakistan, in which large numbers of security personnel, as well as civilians, have been martyred. It is hard to disagree with the message of this meeting, and it needs to be amplified further.

However, it appears that the army chief was preaching to the converted. Pro-state ulema are not the problem; extremist preachers who wish to dismantle the state and replace it with their own polity are the main hurdles to peace.

Along with kinetic operations, it is the facilitators of militancy in Pakistan who must be confronted. For example, amongst the sectarian groups and hard-right outfits in the



Maleeha Lodhi

The world watched in horror when Israeli forces at-tacked Al Shifa hospital in Gaza in another atrocity committed by a barbaric occupying power. Backed by tanks, the ground assault rained down terror on terrified patients at the hospital, endangering the lives of people, including thousands of civilians sheltering there Eyewitnesses spoke

of Israeli soldiers destroying medical equipment, interrogating medical staff at

Rida Tahir

Children are not just our

future, they are our present

too, which is why World

Children's Day is celebrated

on November 20 each year

to promote and advocate

for the rights of the child.

gunpoint as well as stripping, blindfolding and detaining people, who were taken to unknown locations. Its pretext for the raid was that the hospital was a base for Hamas — a patent lie. No credible evidence

justify the hospital attack, prohibited by international humanitarian law.

As the horrific invasion of the hospital unfolded condemnations came from countries across the world. UN officials, global aid and human rights organisations slammed the action

Both the UN's relief chief Martin Griffiths and head of the World Health

Organisation, Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, said, "Hospitals are not battlegrounds", and that protection of newborns, patients, medical staff and all civilians must override all other concerns". As global criticism mounted, the White House denied it gave Israel a green light for the military raid.

A day earlier a US administration spokesman announced it had intelligence information that supported Israeli claims of Hamas using Al Shifa hospital for its military operations. But he offered no substantiation

Subsequently, President Joe Biden defended the raid despite global outrage at the action and without providing proof that the hospital was a Hamas com-

mand centre. The raid on Al Shifa tute for a ceasefire. Ostensibly aimed at protecting took place in the sixth week civilians especially chilof Israel's war on Gaza dren, these pauses can only which has left over 11,500 provide narrow windows to Palestinians dead, including get humanitarian aid into 4,600 children. Over 1.5 Gaza. But as Israel has long million people have been defied UNSC resolutions, forcibly displaced. Despite Tel Aviv is unlikely to abide by it even though it is legally binding. The Israeli ambassa-

Crisis of humanity

dor to the UN Gilad Erdan denounced the resolution as "meaningless", indicating his country will not comply with it. The Palestinian envoy Riyad Mansour expressed his disappointment with the resolution stressing that what was needed was a ceasefire and cessation of hostilities. The Security Council's first action since the war began failed to match the catastrophic situation on the ground.

Nevertheless, with Israel escalating deadly bombings in Gaza, intensifying raids into the West Bank and Palestinian casualties mounting, the White House came under growing pressure from dissent within the US administration, public protests demanding a ceasefire and growing disquiet among its allies.

French President Americans

Emmanuel Macron called ceasefire. A Reuters/Ipsos for a ceasefire and said Ispoll found over two-thirds of people backed a ceasefire and that support rael must stop bombing and killing babies and women in Gaza. Cracks in the G7 for Israel was waning. were also evident from Cawar has been the extent of nadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's call to Israel disinformation and deliberate lies Israeli leaders and to end the "killing of women, of children, of baits military have spread,

Strip

tary campaign.

edged.

which have been echoed unbies" in the besieged Gaza questionably by much of However, this has yet the Western media. Worse, to affect Washington's unsome publications have toconditional backing for Istally disregarded Palestinrael. This was evident from ian casualties, with few ex-Biden's remarks at his ceptions. presser after the meeting of Reports that some Arab countries opposed the Asia Pacific Economic

and prevented even mini-Cooperation forum in San mal actions proposed by Francisco. He reiterated his other states, which could opposition to a ceasefire and defended Israel's milihave mounted significant diplomatic pressure on Is-He again accused Hamas of beheading babies, rael and the US, only added to the popular discontent. even though earlier reports Inaction by Arab and Musof this proved to be totally lim governments reprefalse, which the White sented in the OIC was House too had acknowlwidely seen as a betrayal of the Palestinians. But He also said Israel's then, it is the entire interwar in Gaza will only end national community that

A striking aspect of the

has failed the people of when the military capacity of Hamas is degraded. Any Gaza hope that the US would re-It has singularly failed strain Israel seemed to fade in its response to what UN Secretary General António by these pronouncements. Guterres has called a "cri-This despite poll findings in the US that indicate most sis of humanity". -- Courtesy Dawn want а

For every child, every right

seventh combined periodic as per Unicef. report in August 2023. The Even the Committee UNCRC adopted the concluding observations on the fifth periodic report of Pakistan at its meeting held on June 3, 2016

In the concluding observations on the fifth periodic report of Pakistan, the UNCRC Committee reiterated its previous recommendation to Pakistan that it "ensure the full harmonization of its legislation as regards the definition of the child so as to define a child as any human being below the age of 18 years Pakistan has a wide

On November 20, 1956 the UN General Aspopulation of children. Acsembly adopted the Declacording to the Pakistan Demographic Survey 2020, ration of the Rights of the about 29,855,239 people in Child. On the same day in Pakistan belong to the 5-9 age group, 26,929,952 to 1989, the UN General Assembly adopted the Convention on the Rights of the the 10-14 age group and 23,420,804 to the 15-19 age Child (UNCRC). group. About 45 per cent This year's theme for Children's Day is: 'For evof Pakistan's estimated ery child, every right'. Papopulation of 212 million to the aims of terrorist groups Like within a way of adolescents and the terrorist groups to the aims of terrorist groups and the terrorist groups the terro its adoption on November years Birth registration rates 12, 1990 – 33 years ago. for children are estimated Pakistan submitted its first and initial report to the to be 30 per cent for children under one year and 14 per cent for children beof the Child in January 1993 and the latest sixth and tween one and four years,

Even though almost half of Pakistan's population are children (below 18 years as per Article1 of the UNCRC) and despite the fact that the country rati-fied the UNCRC 33 years ago, it is unfortunate that

Pakistan's provincial and national laws are inconsistent in terms of definition of a 'child'. This confuses stakeholders and has contributed to numerous child rights abuses and violations. which include child marriages, child labour, children in conflict and contact with the law and children's in-

volvement in armed conflict, etc Children who require social affirmative actions, such as girls, refugee and internally displaced children, children from religious and ethnic minorities, children without parental care. children with disabilities and children in street situations are disproportionately affected due to the

inconsistent definition of a

'child' and low birth regis-

every four households in Pakistan employs a child in domestic labour (CDL). Ultimately, one of the reasons contributing significantly towards this crisis is the inconsistent age limits.

While Article 11(3) of the constitution prohibits children under 14 years from being involved in "any factory or mine or any other hazardous employment" it contravenes their right to education up to 16 years of age, as provided by Article 25A of the constitution.

Additionally, there is no single operational definition of 'hazardous' and 'light' child labour. Different categories of child labour are also not adequately defined, such as CDL and children engaged in home-based work such as those making bangles. Child labour laws in all provinces are inconsistent with their laws related to the right to compulsory education (up to 16 years of age).

For example, at the Capital Territory Domestic federal level, Section 3© of the Mines Act 1923 (appli-

in 2022 revealed that one in Islamabad) defines a 'child' as "a person who has not completed his fifteenth

vear Even though the provinces have the prerogative to enact provincial legislation on child labour after the 18th Amendment, inconsistences exist in different legislation regarding age of the child in the same province. For example, Sindh's Home-Based Workers Act 2018 defines a 'child' as a person who is 14 years or below (Section 2(v)) whereas the Sindh Child Protection Authority Act 2011 and 2022 Amendment define a 'child' as a person who has not attained the age of eighteen years (Section 2(g)). Additionally, inconsistencies regarding a child's age also exist in the legislation governing the same subject in each province. In Punjab and the Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT), Section 3 of the Punjab Domestic Workers Act 2019 and the Islamabad

tion and Regulation) Act 2021 is applicable. Section 3(2) prohibits a child (defined as person who has not completed 14 of years of age, under Section 2[®]) or adolescent (completed 14 vears but not completed 18 years of age, under Section 2(b)) from being employed or permitted to work in the processes mentioned in Part II of the Schedule. 'Domestic Child Labour' is mentioned in Serial no 38 in Part II of the Schedule.

Today, children in Pakistan face multiple challenges that are restricting their access to their rights. including the climate crisis, racism and discrimination. Pakistan is struggling to provide children their rights. The country has dropped seven places in the Human Development Index (HDI), ranking 161 out of 192 countries in the 2021-2022 period, according to the UNDP report. It also has the highest baseline neonatal mortality rate (NMR) in South Asia at 42/ Workers Act 2022 prohibit 1,000 live births. World the employment of children Children's Day offers each 1,000 live births. World of us a chance to advocate and promote children's rights, translating into dialogue and actions that will In build a better world for children. -- Courtesy TheNews

to support a truce has stood in the way of bringing hostilities to an end At the UN, the Security Council considered another resolution to address the humanitarian dimension of the war. After four

> moved by Malta calling for urgent and extended humanitarian pauses" in Gaza for "a sufficient number of days" to allow full and unhindered access for UN agencies and partners.

It was adopted by 12 votes of the 15-member Security Council. The US and UK abstained as the resolution did not condemn Hamas. Russia abstained as it did not provide for a ceasefire

Humanitarian 'pauses' will not halt the genocide and forced displacement perpetrated by İsrael. They are no substi-

the growing global clamour for a ceasefire, US refusal failed attempts to pass a resolution, a fifth draft was

like the TTP and IS-K.

Yet these outfits remain active, free to organise and operate. While sectarian death Committee on the Rights of the Child in January squads that were very active up till a decade ago may have been neutralised by the state, their political and ideological supporters remain free to preach their toxic views.

Hence the establishment's wish to deradicalise the nation will remain unfulfilled as long as these elements are operating at will. Secondly, a catharsis is needed within the establishment. For decades, the state encouraged jihadi actors, firstly in Afghanistan and then held Kashmir.

Changed geopolitical realities, and the fact that many of these groups went rogue and It is important to note that brought their battle to Pakistan, forced a U-turn, first during the Musharraf era, and then again after the APS Peshawar atrocity. Therefore, the establishment needs to acknowledge that mistakes were made when it supported jihadi actors, and dispassionate manner belearn from its errors.

Yet beyond the kinetic, legal meet with failure. and administrative actions against extremism, the under- the Karachi Beautification lying factors that fuel militancy must also be examined. While there have been numerous cases of 'educated' militants, it design competitions for is mostly the dispossessed and traffic roundabouts — the-matic and general monuthe disadvantaged that become ments were to be crafted for cannon fodder for terrorist groups.

When an uncaring, distant state does nothing for their the Tariq Road and welfare, many feel that religious militancy is the only so- sores wrapped in concrete lution. Therefore, were the and steel. A conspicuous flaw was the absence of state to ensure rights, educa- trees and foliage. Experts tion, jobs and above all respect say Karachi was nicer withto deprived segments, it could simple yet pleasing New go a long way in quelling mili- M.A. Jinnah Road roundtancy. lined with appropriately tration rates.

An estimated 22.8 million children aged 5-16 vears are out of school in Pakistan. A study conducted by the International Labour Organization (ILO)

Decorating Karachi

cious piece of urban land-

made during Niamatullah

Khan's term. Many munici-

form the now defunct City

District Government

Karachi. Parks and play-

grounds in various localities

were among CDGK's feats:

some 300 parks were reno-

vated, 24 model parks were

developed in different

neighbourhoods, including

Gulshan-i-Iqbal, North

Nazimabad, F.B. Area,

and

Another attempt was

scaping.



Dr Noman Ahmed In a recent meeting, Sindh's caretaker chief minister expressed his resolve to 'beautify' Karachi. Addressing bureaucrats, heads of civic agencies and archi-

During

Metroville-I tects, he spoke about the Nazimabad, and older largepoor state of the entrance scale parks, such as the Sato the city from the airport. fari Park and Zoological Gardens, were restored the so-called beautification considerably. has come about on many Positive land-use conoccasions with almost neg-

version of the old Sabzi ligible results. Despite Mandi into a park with exspending hundreds of milecutive assistance from lions of rupees, no enhancemilitary authorities was a ment in the aesthetics of the step in the right direction. urban built environment I.I. Chundrigar Road was could be achieved. These also revamped by a comattempts should be remittee led by the State Bank viewed in an objective and governor, but the move made little impact due to fore moving ahead with inlimited support from powterventions also likely to erful stakeholders for this crucial artery.

Farooq More recently, in July Sattar's tenure as mayor, 2023, a face-lift of Sharea Faisal was announced; with Committee, comprising hefty budget of municipal managers, civil Rs195.71m, the project society members and archiaims to improve facilities tects, was created. One of for pedestrians, landscapits tasks was to conduct ing and installation of artistic works along the Metropole Hotel-Jinnah terminal corridor. A wall is being constructed at Moria an artistic environment. As Khan Goth and another a result, dozens of struc-Gaza-like façade is under tures were built, but with consideration. Perhaps, the the exception of a few such wall's purpose is to 'hide' as Allah Wali Chowrangi at the mundane and provide a pleasing impression to Shahrah-i-Quaideen intersection, most were eye-

those entering Karachi from the airport. Meanwhile, locals are struggling to convey to city authorities that the wall will ruin business and retail activities as it will out them. In contrast, the sever the visual connection between shops and customers. One hopes that about is worth emulating; good sense prevails and a tree-clad metallic fence is up.

spaced palm trees it's a pre- installed at this junction. Also, numerous overhead pedestrian bridges are in a shambles and the absence of railings and balustrades makes them perilous for pal agencies were merged to users. Concerned agencies must repair them before an accident occurs.

> Another variety of bizarre structures built in the name of beautification are the mighty gate complexes found at the entrances of gated communities, defence establishments, universities and educational institutions. Cheap copies of existing monuments in distorted proportions abound; for instance, Bab-i-Khyber is possible in Karachi instead of KP. A dubious real estate development along the M-9 Motorway is

ish President Erdogan sent mar-ked by a giant gated complex created to disa medical task force, accomplay the financial strength panied by a special forces and political clout of the unit and dared the Israelis developer. to shoot at them.

If our chief minister actually happened, or is cares for Karachi, he should expedite the prolikely to happen outside the world of WhatsApp. In cess of preparing the Greater Karachi Region the real world, Saudi Arabia Plan 2047. The process is annoved the screams began during the previous from Gaza are interfering government but is facing with its ongoing coming out snags. It must be an apparty, while the UAE propriate plan that can which normalisation with Israel ---tackle the aesthetic chalis pretending nothing is lenges and offer a range of solutions, incorporate the happening.

feedback of beneficiaries reportedly isn't happy and affectees of all development works, and be a with Hamas taking such binding statute. action on its own, and as An empowered and far as Jordan and Egypt go, independent urban planthe less said the better. That

ning agency should be esleaves Turkey which, detablished to implement it spite Erdogan's rhetoric, as the present situation of hasn't yet taken anything Karachi's management is that even remotely reproof of essential prereqsembles concrete action. uisites being a long way away. These challenges are states further physically not insurmountable with removed from the theatre of the induction of compemurder have shown greater tent planners, architects, moral fibre: Belgium openly engineers, demographers, condemned Israel's collecsociologists, cartogrative punishment of the Palphers, IT specialists, field estinians, while also exsurveyors and others in pressing support for the the proposed agency. The International Criminal capacity to take on these Court's role and its ongo-

assignments can be shored

-- Courtesv Dawn

who has not completed his fifteenth year", and the any

Zarrar Khuhro

In the world of WhatsApp,

Muslim and Arab countries

have taken a serious stance

against Israel. In that little

chamber — isolated from

fact, reason and logic — the

emir of Qatar has threatened

to cut off global LNG sup-

plies if the West keeps sup-

porting Israel the way it al-

ways has and likely always

More recently, Turk-

Nothing of this sort

spearheaded

Iran, for all its bluster.

Instead, we see that

ing investigation into the

Palestine crisis

will

cable in all provinces) deunder the age of 15 (Punjab) and 16 (ICT) from fines a 'child' as "a person working in a household in capacity. Factories Act 1934 (appli- Balochistan, the Employcable in Balochistan and ment of Children (Prohibi-

South remembers

Norway's parliament has called on its government to be ready to recognise a Palestinian state, and Spain's Ione Belarra, minister for social rights and leader of the leftist Podemos party, has not only called for an end to the genocide but also for Spain to end all diplomatic ties with Israel.

sponse so far has come from Latin and South American states: Bolivia has cut ties with Israel while Chile, Colombia and Honduras have withdrawn diplomats from Tel Aviv. Brazil's left-wing President Lula has said that Israel is "killing innocent people without any criteria'

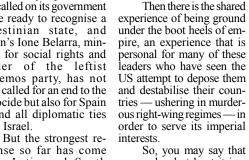
Even Argentina, which hosts the largest Jewish community in South America, called Israel's attack a "violation of international humanitarian law" Meanwhile, US President Joe Biden carries on quoting 'evidence', that has long since been debunked, in support of Israel's barbarous actions.

What explains the support for the Palestinian cause in so many Latin and South American countries? The Palestinian diaspora America has played a part, given that Colombia's military often accused of murder -

some 700,000 people of Palestinian descent live in was well armed and trained that continent — the progby Israel, and when in Veneny of those expelled by ezuela Juan Guaidó at-Israel — with the largest tempted to take power in a contingent in Chile. US-backed coup, Israel was This diaspora has been one of the few countries that politically active, has deep recognised him as a legitimate cultural roots, and has made ruler. As usual, Israel is not common cause with indigshy to make alliances with enous groups and left-leaneven the most anti-Semitic of ing political groups. The countries, such as Alfredo links go beyond South Stroessner's Paraguay. A America. In fact, one South Nazi American activist recalls that Stroessner made Paraguay a during his exile in Germany, haven for Nazi war criminals it was a Palestinian who and despite this, was courted taught him the German word by Israel for the simple reafor 'refugee'. son that the left, with its

Another reason is that emphasis on decolonisation the Cold War and its legacy and rights - was a greater threat to Israel than the conditioned leftist leaders in the region to support the Nazis. The world may have Palestinian cause; Fidel willingly forgotten, but the Castro was the first Latin South remembers. -- Cour-American leader to snap ties tesy Dawn

with Israel.



on one level at least it is a shared history and experience that draws them closer. Having suffered colonialism and West-backed dictatorships, the people of these countries un---derstand the Palestinian struggle

Ideology plays a part too. In Colom-bia's case, it has been prioritised over strategic interests. By condemning Israel, Colom-bia has jeopardised its military deals with Tel Aviv, which suspended arms sales to Colom-

However, before the 'pink tide' swept these states, the right-wing governments that had taken power had tilted towards Israel. Jair Bolsonaro was a prominent supporter of Israel, which has always been a close friend of regressive forces in South

sympathiser,

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Punjab Governor says: Prosperous and sustainable future depends on modern knowledge and research

LAHORE: Governor owners, Muhammad Punjab Balighur Rehman today attended the closing ceremony of All Punjab Universities Innovation Expo 2023 organized by the Punjab Higher Education Commission and provincial universities as a special guest at the Expo Center Lahore. Around 450 research projects were exhibited on this occasion.

Chairman Punjab Higher Education Commission Dr Shahid Chairman Muneer, APSUP, Chaudhry Abdul Rahman, Vice Chancellors of Universities, Deans of

Independent Report universities, local industry projects and ideas, adding officials, that this platform will government policy makers, students and a large number of people belonging to different walks of life were present

ceremony,

organizing

exhibition

important

industrial

Punjab

Addressing the monv. Governor the Muhammad are very talented. Balighur Rehman said that such an is very for our educational institutions to understand the modern and contemporary needs and to

students and guide them accordingly. He said that it is very gratifying that the students various departments of the have come up with new gaming apps in the world.

foster new opportunities for them. He said that the young population is the demographic dividend of the country, and we should capitalise on it. He further said that Pakistani youth Governor Punjab said

that in 2013-18, the funding of research grants of universities was increased. The laptop scheme yielded good results. This reduced the digital divide and created Edevelop the talent of their

employment opportunities for the youth. He said that Independent Report Pakistani youth have made LAHORE: a name for themselves in

Caretaker Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi, in principle, granted approval for a relief package equivalent to that provided to police martyrs to be extended to the families of officers or employees who sacrificed their lives while serving any government

department. The CM emphasized extending a comparable aid package to injured government employees. Directing the formation of a committee led by the Additional Chief Secretary, Mohsin Naqvi tasked it with reviewing cases and formulating final

recommendations. The 13th meeting of the Cabinet Standing Committee on Finance and Development, chaired by the chief minister, addressed the financial assistance case for the family of Excise Inspector Muhammad Rafi martyred in the line of duty, and the injured Inspector Sanaullah Bhatti. Prompted by the

incident, the CM ordered an immediate review. approving an aid package equivalent to the police martyrs package for the



LAHORE: Governor Punjab Muhammad Balighur Rehman addressing the closing ceremony of All Punjab Universities Innovation Expo 2023 organized by the Punjab Higher Education Commission and provincial universities.

Naqvi approves package for families of martyred employees of all depts

Muhammad Rafi and the Punjab injured Excise Inspector Sanaullah Bhatti. Notably, Inspector Rafi lost his life, and Inspector Bhatti sustained severe injuries and disabilities due to gunfire by drug dealers in Rahim Yar Khan.

Board of Revenue, Chairman Planning and Development Board, and secretaries of relevant departments attended the

Provincial Ministers meeting

CM, Australian High **Commissioner discuss** bilateral cooperation **Independent Report**

LAHORE: In a meeting held at the Chief Minister's Office, Australia's High Commissioner Mr. Neil Hawkins engaged in a productive meeting with Punjab's Caretaker Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi.

The CM extended congratulations to the Australian High Commissioner and the people for Australia's 6th World Cup win. As a gesture, the High Commissioner presented a cricket ball signed by Australian captain Pat Cummins and Mark Taylor to the chief minister, said a handout issued here. During the conversation, the Australian High Commissioner commended Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi as a diligent and active leader, noting his continuous efforts, including visible work on parks and the upgradation of Lahore Zoo, Safari Park and Gardens. Expressing pleasure over Naqvi's commitment, he pledged steps to provide kangaroos to Lahore Zoo and affirmed Australia's readiness to enhance cooperation with Punjab across various fields.

CM Naqvi emphasized the implementation of measures to combat smog, making masks mandatory for citizens and securing advanced technology through collaborations with friendly countries.



KP CM emphasis need for development of merged districts

PESHAWAR (APP): Caretaker Chief Minister of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Justice (retd) Arshad Hussain Shah here Monday said that merged districts need special attention to its development and redressal of its deprivations. He said that all-out

efforts would be made to

steer the province out of

this financial crisis.

important

on Monday.

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for redressal.

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IGP Akhtar Hayat Khan Gandapur, Additional Chief Secretary Planning and Development Syed Imtiaz Hussain Shah, Additional Chief Secretary Home Muhammad Abid Majeed, Senior Member Board of Revenue Ikramullah Khan, Secretary Finance Aamir Sultan Tareen and other relevant officials attended the

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The CM said this meeting. Caretaker provincial minister for Tribal Affairs while presiding over an meeting regarding financial issues Amer Abdullah also of the province held here attended the meeting via at Chief Minister's House video link. Briefing the meeting about the current financial situation of the meeting discussed in detail the province, it was informed financial issues of the that the administrative province, especially of the merger of the erstwhile merged districts related to FATA into Khyber the federal government, and decided to take up Pakhtunkhwa province had been completed, but those issues with the financial integration is still caretaker prime minister incomplete due to which, the provincial government financial

Secretary is facing Chief Nadeem Aslam Chaudhry, problems.



PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Governor Haji Ghulam Ali administered the oath from Barrister Feroz Jamal Shah Kakakhel as caretaker Provincial Minister at Governor House.

Smog in Punjab: LHC orders to keep all educational institutions closed till end of January

LAHORE (Online): Lahore High Court (LHC) has ordered to keep all educational institutions closed on Saturday till end of January due to smog. Court has directed to issue notification to close schools, colleges and

should take departmental action against officers who do not take action against universities. Justice Shahid Karim smog. has issued a written order on the petitions filed for elimination of smog.

According to AQI, Lahore is ranked 3rd in the list of most polluted cities It is said in written this morning while the nollution in the air has

home on 2 days in the

week. The word of gym

closure is suspended in the

the court, it is said that the

meteorological department

In the written order of

notification.

LAHORE: Chief Minister Punjab Mohsin Naqvi inspecting progress of "Band Road Controlled Access Corridor" Projects

CS Punjab inaugurates **Baqir**, Iranian envoy discuss e-Procurement System bilateral trade

outlined

LAHORE: Artist giving final touches to the

painting in Deewane Aam Painting Competition at

Anti-Polio task force

decides to take action against

officials sending fake data

that

children.

all

The Chief Secretary

Independent Report LAHORE: 'The e 'The e-Procurement System' developed by the Punjab Addressing the Information Technology ceremony, the chief Board (PITB) in secretary highlighted that Board (PITB) in secretary highlighted that collaboration with the the e-procurement system Federal and Provincial Public Procurement toward good governance, Regulatory Authority (PPRA) Boards, was inaugurated by Chief Secretary Zahid Akhtar Zamen et Arfo C. Zaman at Arfa Software Technology Park (ASTP) Board team for the on Monday. successful launch,

Azim, PITB Chairman KARACHI Ambassador of Iran to Faisal Yousaf and DG e-Pakistan, Reza Amiri Moghaddam called on Governance Sajid Latif. Sindh Caretaker Chief

Minister Justice ® Maqbool Baqar in Karachi was a significant step on Monday. During the meeting, matters pertaining to bilateral trade and other issues of mutual interests

came under discussion. Ongoing ruthless violence by Israel against

(INP)

Chairing a meeting of

was greenlit for the

telemedicine systems

The initial phase is

of

introduction

across all prisons.

family of the late Inspector SM Tanveer, Amir Mir, and Mansoor Qadir, along with Chief Secretary, Inspector General of Police, Senior Member

The system has been introduced by the Punjab government in departments to streamline the public procurement process.

The ceremony presided over by Chief Secretary Zahid Akhtar Zaman was attended by key officials and stakeholders, including SMBR Nabeel Javaid, Additional Chief Secretary Ahmed Raza Sarwar, Planning & Development Secretary Mazhar Sial. PPRA Punjab MD Waqar and Contract Awarding.

Shahi Fort.

Eradication on Monday

decided to take stern action

against the staff sending

Health Dr Javed Akram

and Chief Secretary Punjab Zahid Akhtar Zaman

attended the meeting held

at the Civil Secretariat

while Minister for Primary

Health Dr Jamal Nasir

participated through video

Minister Dr. Jamal Nasir

said that five officials have

been suspended in

Rawalpindi for submitting

fake data regarding polio

and an inquiry is being conducted against these

suspended polio team

Punjab said that the special

campaign to administer

polio vaccine to 22 million

children in 36 districts of

the province would

continue from November

27 to December 1.

The Chief Secretary

Health

Primary

Minister Specialized

fake data.

link.

officials.

the innocent Palestinians expressing hope for the system's success in in Gaza was condemned by both sides on the occasion. achieving its goals. PITB Chairman Faisal

Chief Minister Maqbool Bagir said that Yousaf stated that the the border market between system incorporated the two countries has been opened and the annual trade modern techniques to make between the two countries government procurement secure and efficient. He has reached two point four billion dollars. the computerization of various Both leaders agreed to

enhance trade volume and processes, including Procurement Planning, discussed need to make a Online Advertisement. banking formula system Online Bidding, and issues related to trade e-Submission, e-Evaluation, and cordial relations between two countries.

Feroz Jamal caretaker Minister

Kakakhel here Monday took oath as caretaker Provincial Minister, raising total strength of the ministers to 10.

facilities to enhance inmate Ghulam healthcare while reducing Haji Ali costs and minimizing risks administered the oath at Governor House. associated with external Chief Caretaker hospital visits. Minister Justice retired Arshad Hussain Shah was the Sindh Prisons Policy

also present. The governor Board at the IG Prison expressed best wishes and office here, Brig. Nawaz congratulated Feroz Jamal emphasized the pivotal Kakakhel.The caretaker need for this initiative. provincial Ministers, Chief Under the directive of Secretary Nadeem Aslam the Sindh Prisons Policy Board (SPPB), a proposal

LAHORE (APP): A He said that meeting of the Provincial Task Force on Polio national agenda, adding Chaudhry, politicians and members of civil society attended the ceremony.

meeting to be held in administered to the Gujranwala

today

said that the child who LAHORE (APP): Punjab misses the polio vaccine becomes a 'problem child' for the whole world. He said that all deputy commissioners should ensure reporting of correct data, warning that fake data is not acceptable in any case. He directed that special steps be taken to cover the 'missed

cover the children'. The meeting decided to call a special meeting to review the cases of missed children in Lahore.

The officials of the Health Department briefed that five cases of polio have been reported in Pakistan.

deputy commissioners must work on priority basis for complete eradication of **Punjab** Cabinet polio. He directed that action be taken against the staff in the areas where polio drops could not be

Caretaker Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi has called a meeting of the Punjab Cabinet in Gujranwala on Tuesday (November 21 2023), said a notification issued here. After Lahore, Multan, Rawalpindi and Faisalabad, Gujranwala is the 5th division where the Punjab Cabinet meeting will be held. Important development agenda will

be discussed in the meeting. All Provincial Ministers, Advisors, Chief Secretary, Inspector General of Police and concerned officials wil

are visiting the different stalls during exhibition of "Scientific Inventions" by Punjab University at Expo Center, in Provincial Capital. Sindh Prisons embrace halls sealed, 91 telemedicine for inmate fined in 16 days healthcare: Minister FAISALABAD (APP): (APP): serving as a pilot project. Caretaker Sindh Minister Plans are underway to set for Home and Prisons, up telemedicine desks at various hospitals, including NICVD and Brig. (Retd.) Haris Nawaz, Monday highlighted the significant strides towards SIUT. The recommendations of the implementing telemedicine SPPB will be forwarded to correctional

LAHORE: Caretaker Health Minister Punjab Dr Javed Akram along with

Chairman Punjab Higher Education Commission Shahid Munir and others

the government for final approval and execution. The minister underscored the importance of establishing

District Oversight Committees and Welfare Committees to address several critical aspects, such as improving the lives of vulnerable prisoners, enhancing health and hygiene conditions, establishing dedicated spaces like Sweet Homes for children residing with their mothers in jails,

setting up well-equipped libraries, and initiating slated to begin with the vocational training

The district administration sealed 11 marriage halls in addition to imposing heavy fine on the managers of 91 other halls and marquees on charge of violating one dish and marriage act during last 16 days in Faisalabad. A spokesman of local administration said here on Monday that on special direction of Deputy

Commissioner Abdullah Nayyar Sheikh a vigorous campaign was launched against violators of one dish and marriage act. During this drive, the assistant commissioner and other officers of district government inspected 808 marriage halls and marquees during last 16 days and found violation of one dish and

marriage act in 91 halls. Therefore, they imposed a total fine of Rs.5.948 million on the violators in addition to

11 marriage

(DC)

that Puniab government is taking steps been recorded at 245 regarding working from particulate meters.

Measures underway to provide quality health care facilities: Minster KARACHI (APP): Sindh health care staff to provide

Caretaker Minister for better medical services to Health, Social Welfare, the people by exhibiting Public Health Engineering more responsibility in and Rural Development, pursuance of initiatives of Dr Saad Khalid Niaz on the Sindh government, said Monday said that the a statement issued here. government was taking all out measures for improving the condition of wards and medical facilities of the hospital and inquired public sector hospitals and about the issues being faced by the hospital.

providing quality healthcare facilities to the people. The minister during

Acting Chief Executive NICVD Dr. Tahir Sagheer presented a the visit to the National detailed briefing in which Institute of Cardiovascular Dr. Saad Khalid Niaz Disease (NICVD) also assured the immediate urged the doctors and allied solution to the problems.

He inspected various

Chief



MUZAFFERABAD: Speaker Legislative Assembly of Kashmir Chaudhry Latif Akbar presents shield to participants during ceremony by Social Welfare Department at school, to express solidarity with the oppressed Muslims of Palestine, in the Capital ofAJK.

Taxila Chaupal holds special talk on Journey of Human Cultures

Gandhara Resource Center Pakistan-GRCP under its flagship program Taxila Chaupal in collaboration of Taxila Baithak organized a special talk titled "Journey of Human Cultures" here on Monday.

The event was hosted by Taxila Baithak Talib Ansari, who is not only an anchorperson but also a poet conducted the event, a news release said.

The keynote speaker for the event was Farrukh Sohail Goindi, а distinguished figure known for his roles as a columnist, author, political advocate,

TAXILA (APP): The avid traveller, media personality, and journalist. He engaged in an extensive and captivating discussion that delved deeply into the intricacies of human civilizations worldwide. The discourse was so

compelling and absorbing that it held the undivided attention of the audience throughout the entire event. The event saw a significant number of participants, including prominent figures such as Malik Fatah Khan (Advisor National Rural Support Program-NRSP), Waheed Ahmed (former IG KPK).

Central Prison Sukkur, sealing 11 halls. programs

KARACHI: Activists of Pakistan Federal Union of Journalists holds protest rally in the favor of their demands from Governor House to CM House, in **Provincial Capital.**

takes oath as KARACHI PESHAWAR (APP) Barrister Feroz Jamal Shah

K h y b e r Pakhtunkhwa Governor

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ML-I project consistently remains on top of govt's priorities: Shahid Tarar

Pakistan, China vow to successful implementation of ML-1 project

for action." Minister Communications, Maritime Affairs and Railways Shahid Ashraf bilateral cooperation in the understanding Tarar on Monday realms of transport and reiterated that the Main communication, with a Line-I (ML-I) project has particular emphasis on consistently been on top of government's I project. During the meeting, the priorities.

In a meeting with both parties engaged in Chinese Ambassador to constructive dialogue on Pakistan Jiang Zaidong, the various topics of mutual minister reiterated the interest, affirming the current political will to translate these priorities into tangible on-ground China. developments.

We are determined for the Chinese expertise to expedite the and participation in the implementation of ML-I ML-I project, the minister and with the political will commended in place, we are poised to collaborative

ISLAMABAD (APP): transform plans into between the two countries. Jiang The discussions highlighted the project' focused on enhancing foundation on mutual

> underscored its integral role in fostering cooperation and development. "We are fully committed to working with advancing the crucial MLthe Pakistani side, and our

Zaidong

and

products

reported.

product

joint efforts aim to accelerate the realization of the ML-I project," he added. The meeting concluded with both interest, affirming the longstanding friendship between Pakistan and parties reaffirming their dedication to the successful Expressing admiration implementation of the

ML-I project, a symbol of the enduring friendship and strategic the partnership betweer efforts Pakistan and China.



LARKANA: Peasants use thrasher to get paddy grains with help of heavy machinery to earn their livelihood to support their families, at an agricultural field located on Shahmir Khan Dahani village in Larkana.

SCCI, Iranian diplomat agree to further strengthen **Pak-Iran trade ties**

PESHAWAR (APP): Sarhad Chamber of Sanaullah Khan, Vice Commerce and Industry President Ijaz Khan Afridi, (SCCI) President Fuad Ishaq and Consul General of Iran in Peshawar, Ali the Consulate of Iran were Banafsheh Khah have agreed to start a series of online meetings to bring talking about the Pakistan-Iran business memorandum

community closer to each understanding (MoU) other and bringing duties/ signed between the SCCI tariffs structure equal and the Mashhad

Vice President of the SCCI Secretary General Sajjad Aziz and the translator of at Rs 286.49. present on this occasion.

Fuad Ishaq while of Dollar in the open market stood at Rs 286.2 and Rs 289 respectively. The price of the Euro asized the er er

embarked **Rupee gains** 53 paisa against Dollar ISLAMABAD (APP) companies

the previous day's closing However, according to the Forex Association of Pakistan (FAP), the buying and selling rates of the

from the World Bank (WB), be generated.

ISLAMABAD (APP): textile The Pakistan exported textile commodities that worth witnessed positive growth \$5,565.079 million during in trade included raw cotton, the exports of the first four months of the which grew by 137.13 current financial year percent, from \$9.845 million last year to \$23.346 (2023-24), the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) million this year.

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Communications, Railways & Maritime

Affairs Mr. Shahid Ashraf Tarar hosting a meeting with Chinese Ambassador

Mr. Jiang Zaidong at the Ministry.

The exports of the Likewise, the exports duct however of cotton yarn increased by 42.85 percent, from \$285.315 million last year percent during July-October (2023-24) when to \$407.564 million this year, cotton carded or \$5,940.992 million during combed by 142.76 percent, from \$0.213

WAPDA launches project for 300 MW floating solar power generation

Development Authority (WAPDA) Monday has

witnessed a decline of 6.33

compared to the exports of

July-October (2022-23).

groundbreaking project aimed at producing 300 megawatts of cost-effective electricity

Ă delegation from approximately 21 foreign keenly interested in securing contracts for the project on-site inspections at the Ghazi Expansion Project.

The project, set to be impressive

Pakistan exports textile International Centre for Trade Transparency & Monitoring (ICTTM) as products worth \$5.565 a key speaker. Mr. Irfan Iqbal Sheikh pointed out that bln in 4 months Pakistan needs to adopt Advanced Data Analytics & Modeling for Foreign Trade Data (ADAMftd) – million to \$0.518 million,

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tents, canvas and Tarpulin by 1.09 percent, from \$37.355 million to \$37.763 initiative – in particular these have the scope to million and towels, the revolutionize and influence exports of which grew by 6.67 percent, from \$316.860 million to trade data to decode worldfrom wide trading patterns. ADAMftd platform will \$337.987 million. textile ensure transparency, The

commodities that witnessed negative growth include cotton cloth, the exports of which declined by 13.94 percent, from \$750.115 million to \$645.535 million.

No change in local gold price, international rate declines by \$2

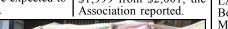
ISLAMABAD (APP): The per tola price of 24 karat gold witnessed no change in prices on Monday and was sold at Rs.215,100.

The price of 10 grams of 24-karat gold and 10 grams of 22-karat gold remained stagnant at

Detailed briefings on the project's specifics Rs.184,414 and were presented by the Rs.169,046 respectively, the All Sindh Sarafa Jewellers Association General Manager and Project Director (PD) Tarbela Dam Zahoor reported.

Atiq, along with Waseem Raza, Chief The price of per tola and ten-gram Silver also witnessed no change and Engineer of the Tarbela was sold at Rs.2,550 and

Upon the project's 2,186.21 respectively. successful completion, an However, the price of gold in the international three market decreased by \$2 to \$1,999 from \$2,001, the



International trade data **FPCCI** supports transparency, security & monitoring: Irfan

Independent Report KARACHI: Mr. Irfan Iqbal Sheikh, President commitment to enhance the transparency and compliance in international trade, Mr. Sheikh added. FPCCI, has said that it is very important to establish

Mr. Irfan Iqbal Sheikh added that the transparency, security and monitoring mechanisms in international trade is the global trade. It creates heavily concerned with confidence among trading customs and trade nations; and, ultimately procedures; and, the enhances bilateral, regional fundamental mechanisms and multilateral trade. He for facilitating trade for was addressing the hightransparency, profile session of the predictability and consistency vis-à-vis procedures, formalities, rules & legal frameworks on exports and imports.

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explained that improving worldwide coordination and cooperation in the international trade and related services would which is an ICTTM reduce the transaction costs - fostering the growth of global transactions. Nonetheless, both historical & real-time the importance of reliable and authentic data are the key factors that influence cross-border trade.

Mr. Sheikh stressed security, and efficiency in that advanced technologies international trade have already automated global supply chains significantly. The scope It is pertinent to note and potential for using the that Pakistan's apex body, FPCCI and ICTTM have latest technologies to crossed a significant facilitate cross-border milestone by signing a trade is far greater than the of costs; and, have been Understanding (MoU) explored by international and, this partnership or g a n i z underscores a shared governments. organizations,



QUETTA: A school-going age boy selling eggs to support its family at a roadside near Koyla Patkha.

Zeba Hai assures APTMA of removing all irritants of **EFS** for promoting exports

LAHORE (APP): Federal Farooq, Additional Board of Revenue (FBR) Collector Customs Lahore, Member (Customs) Ms. Muhammad Akram.

through solar panels.

Pakistani Rupee on Monday gained 53 paisa against US Dollar in the interbank trading and closed at Rs 285.96 against

conducted

Barotha Dam and Barotha Jail locations.

completed within 27 months, secured a megawatts of affordable substantial financial boost electricity are expected to

TARBELA (APP): Thewith a funding allocation ofWaterandPower\$326 million.WAPDA has taken significant measures on

in advancing the initiative, focusing on the utilization of floating solar panels, also referred to as floating solar panels

On the occasion, need to implement the Fuad Ishaq emphasized the need to trade in local

currency and sign free trade agreements with Iran, Afghanistan and China.

Consul General of between Iran in Peshawar, Ali Banafsheh Khah held a meeting with President of Sarhad Chamber of different chambers of Iran Commerce and Industry, to come to Khyber Fuad Ishaq here at the Pakhtunkhwa and Sarhad Chamber House, said a Chamber is ready to host press release issued on them. Monday.

On this occasion, the business community is Commercial Attaché keen to improve mutual Peshawar Consulate trade between Pakistan and Hossein Maliki, Senior Iran.

decreased by Rs 2.12 to close at Rs 312.36 against agreement. the last day's closing of Rs chamber The president said that the

310.24, according to the State Bank of Pakistan online meetings should be (SBP). immediately The Japanese Yen went up by 02 paisa to close at Rs 1.92; whereas SCCI and Mashhad Chamber. He also invited the an increase of Rs 2.22 was business community of witnessed in the exchange rate of the British Pound,

as compared to the last closing of Rs 354.79. The exchange rates of Fuad Ishaq said that the Emirates Dirham and the Saudi Riyal increased by 15 paisa each to close at Rs 77.85 and Rs 76.24 respectively.

which traded at Rs 357.01

Shipping

activity at

Customs working to bring main items into valuation ruling net

promote

started

LAHORE (APP): Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) Member (Customs Operations) Zeba Hai has said that working to bring main items into valuation ruling net is well on the

Way. He said there were problems not only with smuggling but also with regard to mis/underinvoicing and the percentage data is not available but virtual assessment has been started.

Talking to the business community here at Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry consignment has been (LCCI) on Monday, she said that valuation was very important. Zeba Hai

Port Qasim KARACHI (APP): Shipping activity was KARACHI said that they were looking at the issue of exemptions in FATA. "Implementation of the rules and regulations should be taken seriously," she said, adding that the focal persons would be appointed and a classification committee would also be established in the North. LCCI President

Kashif Anwar said that the Customs Department and Dayyen the business community should work together to business activities in the country. He said that the condition of keeping the documents in removed in federal budget 2023-24 which has given a relief to the importers.

reported at the port where three ships namely, MSC Jemima, Blue Majestyand JiproNefts scheduled to oad/offload Containers Chamber of Commerce and Bitumen and Chemicals berthed at Container Terminal, Multipurpose Terminal and Engro Terminal respectively on Sunday, 19thNovember. Meanwhile two more ships, MSC Rida and Alcarrying

Containers and LNG also arrived at outer anchorage of the port on Monday morning.A total of seven ships were engaged at PQA berths during the last 24 hours, out of them, three ships, MSC Jemima, Mineral Olympia and Sea

Bulk left the port.



from vendor at Cloth Market. **ICCI delegation leaves** LCCI President appointed as for Thailand to explore business opportunities business

explore ISLAMABAD (APP): A delegation of Islamabad collaborations with them.

In his statement Industry (ICCI) led by before departure, Zafar Bakhtawari said that Pakistan and Thailand had Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari its President has left for Thailand to explore the great potential to enhance business opportunities in business relations and the that country. The delegation is purpose of the visit of ICCI delegation to Thailand

cooperation between the two countries. He said that Thailand's annual exports

in 2022 were over US\$ 285 billion and imports were Commerce & Industry to its bilateral trade with hold B2B meetings with Pakistan in 2022-23 was Thai counterparts and less than US\$ 1 billion.

Infrastructural landscaping of CBD completed

also known as Central Business District Punjab (CBD Punjab), has completed infrastructural landscaping development work, within the ambits of Lahore Prime on Monday.CEO CBD Imran Amin talking to APP said that the landscaping work of the Central Business District has been completed while the 'Quaid District' as an attached formation of the 'Lahore Prime Central Puniab

LAHORE (APP): The Business District' has also Punjab Central Business been materialised.Now as District Development the project has been Authority (PCBDDA), completed, the local and foreign investors can now initiate construction works on five mixed used all commercial plots auctioned in September 2021 at a price of Rs21.59 billion.He said that the Punjab Central Business District Development Authority (PCBDDA) on December 19, 2022 had registered the Central Business District (CBD) as a flagship project on the development landscape of

board member of Punjab **Council of Arts** LAHORE (APP): Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI) President Kashif Anwar has been

appointed as member Board of Governors of Punjab Council of Arts and an official notification has been issued in this regard. Director General of Punjab Council of Arts,

Information and Culture Department Punjab Dr. Syed Bilal Haider met Kashif Anwar at LCCI on Monday and congratulated him on his appointment. Dr. Syed Bilal Haider

said that the board of directors of Punjab Council of Arts was very

important. Chief Minister Punjab was the Chairman of the boards of governors. He stated that by taking some measures, Pakistan's arts and culture could be turned into a billion dollar industry, adding that there was a lack of linkages between academia, industry and the government due to which industry the potential of this sector could not be fully explored.

He said that this sector in France had become a billion dollar industry but supporting edifice was missing in Pakistan. Due to unemployment, 80 percent artists lived on the Punjab government's countries, stipends, he added.

Zeba Hai Azhar has assured Director IOCO, Ms the APTMA of removing Ammara all irritants in Export Facilitate Scheme (EFS) and other customs procedures, formalities to facilitate exporters by helping them focus on how to boost exports. She visited APTMA

operations, he added.

Memorandum

Lahore office-bearers on Monday to hold an interactive session on exports and other Customs related issues. She was accompanied by Ms. Rabab Sikandar, Chief Collector Customs Lahore, Ms. Azmat Tahira, Collector Customs Lahore, Mr. Saeed Wattoo, Collector Adjudication, Ms Saima Inam, Collector Customs Sialkot, Asdaq

Durrani. Additional Director IOCO, Usman Tariq, Secretary Operations, Abbas Ali Babar, Secretary Customs FBR and Syed Kareem Adil, DG IOCO. Chairman APTMA (North) Mr Kamran Arshad, Vice chairman Ahmed Shafi, Senior executives M.I. Khurram, Anjum Zafar, Ismail Fareed, Muhammad Ali and Secretary General APTMA Raza Baqir were

also present. Highlighting the importance of exports in general and the textile industry in particular, she instructed all the officers concerned to leave no stone unturned in facilitating the Afzal, Sensor Collector textile industry for Faisalabad, Ms. Farah promotion of exports.



RAWALPINDI: A vendor displaying peanuts to attract the customers at Rawat.

Economy main target of terrorists to keep country destabilized: Mian Zahid

KARACHI (INP): make decisions about Chairman of National investing in any country in Business Group Pakistan, the light of IMF opinion Pakistan President and economic rating. When Businessmen and the IMF's opinion about Intellectuals Forum, and Pakistan and the rating of All Karachi Industrial international organizations Alliance, and former start to improve, terrorism provincial minister Mian starts to stop investment, Zahid Hussain has said that which is worth considering. The government, army, most of the political the economy is the main target of the terrorists because enemies want to parties and other keep Pakistan destabilized. institutions were on the Interacting with same page about the business community on economy, which was Monday, he said that having a better effect on the whenever economic overall situation, he added. conditions in the country However, business leader said, at start to improve and the environment such a time, terrorism has was favourable for investment, started which is disturbing terrorism starts which and condemnable and

revive the economy.

wastes all the efforts to against the interests of Pakistan.Due to the efforts Mian Zahid Hussain of the caretaker said that almost all government and the army, foreign there has been a reduction institutions and investors in smuggling, hoarding.

the



KARACHI: Pakistan fishermen unload their catch, along the bank of sea to supply across the country as to acknowledge the efforts of fishermen, there is day "World Fisheries Day", which commemorate annually on 21 November.

representing various is to explore all untapped sectors including areas of mutual sectors pharmaceuticals, textiles, construction, edible oil, marble, light engineering, hospitality, retail sector, importers and exporters. The delegation will visit Thailand Chamber of around US\$300 billion, but

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the hospital and was told

that more than 80 people were buried there," said a

WHO report released on

occurred over the previ-

"Patient deaths have

China welcomes Arab and Muslim foreign ministers for talks on ending the war in Gaza

Palestinian people."

diate cease-fire and the entry

of humanitarian aid and re-

"There are still danger-

lief to the Gaza Strip.

Monitoring Desk BEIJING: China's top diplomat welcomed four Arab foreign ministers and the Indonesian one to Beijing on Monday, saying his country would work with "our brothers and sisters" in the Arab and Islamic world to try to end the war in Gaza as soon as possible.

The ministers from Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Jordan, the Palestinian Authority and Indonesia chose to start a tour of world capitals in Beijing, a testament to both China's growing geopolitical influence and its longstanding support for the Palestinians.

Chinese Foreign Min-ister Wang Yi told the foreign diplomats that their decision to start in Beijing shows their high level of trust in his nation.

China is a good friend and brother of Arab and Islamic countries.

Wang said in opening re- ous developments ahead of us and an urgent humanimarks at a state guest house before their talks began. tarian crisis that requires an international mobilization to deal with and counter it," "We have always firmly safeguarded the legitimate rights and interests of Arab he said. He added they appre-(and) Islamic countries and

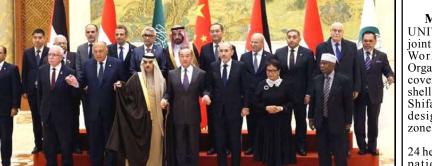
have always firmly supciated the resolution issued ported the just cause of the by the United Nations Security Council, calling for China has long backed urgent and extended huthe Palestinians and been manitarian pauses in Gaza, quick to denounce Israel over "but we still need more efits settlements in the occuforts and cooperation. pied territories. It has not China — the world's sec criticized the initial Hamas ond-largest economy after attack on Oct.7 - which the U.S. — has become inkilled about 1,200 people creasingly outspoken on while the United States and international affairs and even gotten directly inothers have called it an act of terrorism. However, volved in some recently, al-China does have growing beit cautiously. In March, economic ties with Israel. Beijing helped broker an agreement that saw Saudi The Saudi foreign minister, Prince Faisal bin Farhan Arabia and Iran reestablish Al Saud, called for an immeties after seven years of ten-

sion in a role previously

reserved for longtime glo-

bal heavyweights like the

U.S. and Russia.



Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi attends a family photo session with Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Faisal bin Farhan Al Saud, Ĵordanian Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ayman Safadi, Egyptian Foreign Minister Sameh Shoukry, Indonesian Foreign Minister Retno Marsudi, Palestinian Foreign Minister Riyad Al-Maliki and Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) Secretary-General Hissein.

US Defense Secretary Austin meets with Zelenskyy in Kyiv to show steadfast support for Ukraine

Monitoring Desk Umerov and was scheduled KYIV: U.S. Defense Secreto meet with Chief of Staff tary Llovd Austin made an Gen. Valerii Zaluzhnyi.

In Kyiv, Austin said unannounced visit to Kyiv Ukraine's effort to defeat on Monday in a high-profile push to keep money Russia's invasion "matters to the rest of the world" and and weapons flowing to Ukraine even as U.S. and international resources are stretched by the new global risks raised by the Is-

rael-Hamas conflict. Austin, who traveled Ukraine. to Kyiv by train from Po-land, met with President support," Zelenskyy said, Volodymyr Zelenskyy, Defense Minister Rustem as the American people for

that U.S. support would continue "for the long haul." Zelenskyy said Austin's visit was "a very important signal for

thanking Congress as well invasion

Nearly 200 Gaza evacuees to arrive in Turkey

Monitoring Desk the steps we have taken provide a contribution, though very small," Koca told reporters at the airport. The priority for evacuations was now Gazan children, babies, and wounded civilians, he added. Koca said last week

that Ankara wanted to bring Health Minister back as many as possible Fahrettin Koca said 61 paof nearly 1,000 cancer patients, accompanied by 49 tients from Gaza - most of relatives, had arrived in whom are former patients Ankara on Monday afterof a Turkish-Palestinian noon after being brought out hospital that shut down to Egypt on Sunday. Footdue to Israeli attacks. The age showed Koca at the first 27 patients arrived in Esenboga airport in Ankara Ankara last Thursday. greeting the people who He said on Monday were taken to hospital on that 150 Gazans had been

brought to Turkey in total. "In terms of protect-Most of the patients are cancer sufferers

their backing. This is Austin's sec-

ond trip to Kyiv, but he's making it under far different circumstances, as the world's attention is drawn to the Middle East and signs of fatigue set in with the almost 21-month Russia-Ukraine war.

Austin's first visit occurred in April 2022, just two months after the start that Seoul could suspend an of the war. At the time, inter-Korean agreement to Ukraine was riding a wave reduce tensions and resume of global rage at Moscow's in response.

Turkish ship, 12 crew missing in storm

Monitoring Desk ANKARA: A Turkish cargo ship and its 12 crew are missing in a storm off the northwest coast of the country, Turkish authorities said on Sunday.

The Kafkametler vessel sent out a distress signal at 10:29am, according to a subdivision of the ministry of transport, which added that it gave off its last signal off the northwestern city of Eregli. "Our efforts to contact the vessel and its crew have been unsuccessful," the General Directorate of Maritime Affairs

said. "Due to bad weather, it is currently impossible to reach the vessel's location or establish close visual contact.

Al Shifa Hospital a 'death zone': WHO

Monitoring Desk UNITED NATIONS: A joint UN team, led by the World Health Organisation (WHO), dis-covered evident signs of shelling and gunfire at Al Shifa Hospital in Gaza, designating it a "death zone"

deaths.

ation as "desperate".

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ous two to three days due to the shutdown of medical services," it said. The hospital, with 24 health workers and 291 patients, including 32 "Lack of infection control measures and antibiotics has resulted in severely critically ill infants, is no infected wounds, particularly in trauma patients," longer operational, resultit added. ing in recent patient

Sunday.

The report expressed deep concern, urging im-Due to time limits asmediate efforts to restore sociated with the security functionality to Al Shifa situation, the team spent and other hospitals. A only an hour inside the hospital, describing it as a press release reiterated the "death zone", and the situplea for a ceasefire, sustained humanitarian assis-"Signs of shelling and gunfire were evident. tance, unhindered access, and the cessation of attacks on healthcare and vi-The team saw a mass

grave at the entrance of tal infrastructure. Seoul warns North Korea not to launch spy satellite and hints 2018

military deal could be suspended

in an interview with public broadcaster KBS on Sun-SEOUL: South Korea's day the launch was exmilitary warned North Korea not to go ahead with its pected later this month and that South Korean and U.S. planned spy satellite authorities were monitoring launch, suggesting Monday North Korea's moves.

The U.N. Security Council bans any satellite launches by North Korea front-line aerial surveillance because it views them as a North Korea failed in its disguised test of its missile first two attempts to put a military spy satellite into technology. Kang said while North Korea needs a spy satellite to improve its orbit earlier this year and monitoring of South Korea, didn't follow through with a the launch is also aimed at vow to make a third attempt in October. South Korean bolstering its long-range officials said the delay was missile program.

Foreign governments likely because North Korea and experts say North Kois receiving Russian technolrea is seeking Russian techogy assistance and that a launch could happen in comnologies to enhance its ing days. "Our military will nuclear and other military capabilities in return for come up with necessary supplying conventional measures to protect the arms to support Russia's war in Ukraine. Both Moslives and safety of the people, if North Korea pushes ahead with a milicow and Pyongyang have dismissed as groundless the alleged arms transfer deal, tary spy satellite launch but both nations - locked despite our warning," a sein separate, protracted tennior South Korean military sions with the United States officer, Kang Hopil, said in - have been openly push-

ing to expand their coop-South Korean Defense Minister Shin Wonsik said eration in recent months.

The junta's post-coup

NATO's Stoltenberg Finland's concerned by secessionist rhetoric in Bosnia porters in Sarajevo, his first

Monitoring Desk SARAJEVO: NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg said on Monday the alliance was concerned by secessionist rhetoric in Bosnia, as well as by Russian influence in the country, after months unity, build national instiof Serb leaders increasingly saying they want to split ciliation.

U.S. embassy in Kyiv.

Western Balkans region. "This undermines the stability and hampers reform," Stoltenberg said, adding that all political leaders must work to preserve

stop during a tour of the

after the war that claimed

100,000 lives, the deadliest of the wars that followed

the breakup of Yugoslavia

in the 1990s, Bosnia re-

mains divided, its economy

stagnating and people leav-ing en masse. NATO had

deployed about 60,000

troops in Bosnia after the

war, which were replaced

by an EU peacekeeping force, EUFOR, in 2004.

Last year, the EU almost

tutions and achieve recon-

come impossible to return asylum seekers who do not meet the criteria for protec-

tion, and that this had to be

taken into account when policies are set. Finland on

closed four crossing points

on its border with Russia

as Helsinki seeks to halt a

flow of asylum seekers it

says was instigated by

Moscow, leaving only four

stations open. The Kremlin has de-

nied sending migrants and

said on Monday Finland's

decision to shut border

crossings reflected Helsinki's adoption of an

Kremlin notes

Argentina

President-elect

Milei's comments

anti-Russian stance.

ANKARA: Nearly 200 evacuees from Gaza are set to arrive in Turkey on Monday, including dozens U.S. Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin, right, speaks to employees of the of patients who will receive medical treatment there, Turkey's health minister and foreign ministry spokesman said.

president says impossible to return asylum

seekers **Monitoring Desk** HELSINKI: Finland's President Sauli Niinisto said on Monday it had be-

ambulances.

ing human dignity, I think

away

Bosnia emerged from a 1992-1995 war with a federal structure uniting a Serb-dominated republic with a federation of Croats and Bosniak Muslims. The leader of Serbian entity, Milorad Dodik, has increasingly said in recent months that he aims to secede and join neighbouring Serbia.

We are concerned by secessionist and divisive rhetoric as well as .. foreign interference including Russia," Stoltenberg told re-

doubled the EUFOR size to 1,100 troops. Bidens serve meals to military families at 'Friendsgiving' event in Norfolk

NAVAL STATION NOR-FOLK: US President Joe Biden and first lady Jill Biden donned aprons and served Thanksgiving dinners to military personnel and their families on Sunday at an early holiday meal dubbed "Friendsgiving." The event took place in a flag-bedecked hangar at Naval Station Nor-

The Bidens participation in the gathering for friends known as "Friendsgiving" kicked off friends the week ahead of the US Thanksgiving Day holiday on Thursday. Biden served up portions of mashed potatoes and Jill Biden spooned out sweet potato casserole as the diners passed in front of them.

The Friendsgiving event included service members and military families associated with the Dwight D. Eisenhower and

folk in Norfolk, Virginia.

terranean in response to tensions from the Israel-Hamas conflict. "You literally are the spine, the sinew, the backbone of this operation,' Biden said. Of the family members of those deployed abroad, he added: "You fam-

ebrates his 81st birthday on policies. Milei has also ex-Monday. While in Norfolk,

the Bidens kicked off an advance screening with service members and their families of "Wonka," a new musical fantasy film focusing on a young Willy Wonka

other nations to return Monitoring Desk MOSCOW: The Kremlin said on Monday it had taken note of statements about Russia from Argentina's **Monitoring Desk** President-elect Javier Milei BEIJING: Mongolia on who has said he wants to Monday called for more

support from Russia, Britain and other countries to tural artefacts, some dat-Milei, a right-wing ing back over two millen-

first prime minister declaring independence from China's Manchu dynasty, currently held at the British Library in London, the Mongolian government said in a statement.

Seoul, South Korea.

Artefacts associated collections.

UK says new science initiative to work on climate-resilient crops global food insecurity," Sunak said.

Mongolia urges Russia,

cultural artefacts

Monitoring Desk ONDON: British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak will announce a new science ini-Russia's war in Ukraine, to the effect of major natural tiative to bring together disasters on food production work on developing climate-resilient crops as his alongside our partners, the UK is playing a leading role government hosts a Global Food Security Summit in in finding solutions to some of the greatest global chal-lenges of our time." Britain

London on Monday. The summit, a joint initiative between Britain, hub would be led CGIAR, a Somalia, the UAE, the Children's Investment Fund Foundation and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, is due to be attended by representatives from more than 20 countries.

'We must take action that can withstand the imto address the underlying, pacts of climate change and are more disease resistant and often unseen, causes of

US-Mexico border with the Persian statesman **Monitoring Desk** Rashid al-Din who worked in the courts of several Mongol rulers of Persia in the 13th and 14th centuries repatriate hundreds of cul- are being kept at the Museum of Edinburgh, it also said

South Korean military officer Kang Hopil speaks at the Defense Ministry in

In recent decades, Key artefacts include many countries, including a letter from Mongolia's former colonies of European empires, have requested the return of cultural and historical artefacts taken away

years ago, many of which are housed in museums reluctant to surrender their

Three more journalists killed in Gaza in Israeli offensive,

relatives say **Monitoring Desk**

GAZA CITY: The head of "From the impact of a prominent media institution in Gaza and two other journalists were killed during the weekend in Israel's offensive in the territory, their relatives said on Sunday, adding to the dozens of reporters who have died said the new virtual science in the six-week conflict. The New York-based

from the first two meetings. Committee to Protect Jourglobal research partnership which unites international nalists (CPJ) said the weekorganisations working on end deaths raised to 48 the food security, and would link number of journalists and UK scientists with research media workers it had coninitiatives to develop crops firmed killed in the region since the Oct. 7 Hamas attack on Israel and the subsequent Israeli offensive.

problem for ASEAN

Philippines' Marcos says

Mvanmar a difficult

ASEAN to address, with little progress made towards a resolution and intensifying fighting, Philippines President Ferdinand

Marcos said. it replaced Myanmar as host that year. Tens of thousands more people have been displaced since last month as the military battles a coordinated of-

pact. groups and pro-democ-The United Nations racy fighters. ses of the recent escalation, said the junta had already lost support from its own

military He said the humanitarian cost of conflict had 'grown exponentially" in recent years, with the Philippines also impacted with its citizens among victims of human trafficking there.

Marcos, citing analy-

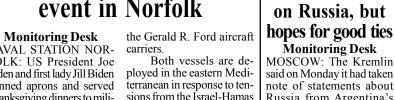
Weeklong negotiations for landmark treaty to end plastic pollution close, marred in disagreements

cided to move forward with NAIROBI: The latest a revision of the draft, which has become longer during round of negotiations to this third round of negotiacraft a treaty to end global tions and will be even more plastic pollution closed late on Sunday after strained talks in Nairobi, Kenya, difficult to advance, participants said. States also failed where delegates failed to to reach a consensus on intersessional work to disreach a consensus on how cuss crucial parts of the to advance a draft of the treaty after a week of negodraft to be done ahead of the fourth round of nego-Environmental advo-

tiations. 'These negotiations have so far failed to deliver on their promise," said Ana Nations-led meeting on Lê Rocha, the director of the global plastics program producing countries sucat the Global Alliance for cessfully employed stalling tactics designed to weaken Incinerator Alternatives. the treaty. Delegates were ex-'The bullies of the negotiations pushed their way pected to discuss a draft through, despite the majority countries, with leader-ship from the African Bloc published in September and other nations in the Global South, in support of an ambitious treaty.

gotiating Committee for Throughout the week, Plastics is mandated with creating the first internadelegates suggested options to strengthen proposed glotional, legally binding treaty on plastic pollution in five bal rules across the entire lifecycle of plastic from production to disposal. Member states de-

Supporters of Argentine president-elect Javier Milei celebrate the results of Argentina's runoff presidential election, in Buenos Aires, Argentina.





pressed support for Ukraine in its conflict with Russia and has said he sees the United States and Israel as Argentina's main partners



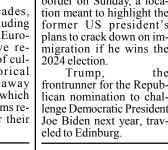
Trump wins

Texas governor

Abbott's

endorsement at

Trump, the frontrunner for the Repubthe lican nomination to challenge Democratic President Joe Biden next year, trav-



Monitoring Desk MANILA: The conflict in military-ruled Myanmar crackdown on opponents gave rise to a resistance has been a difficult issue for the Southeast Asian bloc

a televised statement.

movement that has been growing in strength. ASEAN has barred the top generals from attending its meeting until they commit to the bloc's two-year-old peace roadmap. The Philippines will chair ASEAN in 2026 after

Speaking at a forum in Hawaii streamed live in the Philippines on Monday, Marcos said there was commitment from the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), but the issue was complex, includfensive by an alliance of ing the humanitarian imthree ethnic-minority

says more than a million people have been displaced since Myanmar's military staged a coup in 2021, upending a decade of tentative democracy and plunging the country into conflict and economic ruin. "There is a great deal of impetus for ASEAN to solve this problem. But it is a very, very difficult problem,

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cates criticized the outcome

of the weeklong United

plastic pollution, saying oil-

that represented the views

The Intergovernmental Ne-

rounds of negotiations.

tiations.

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President for constructive role to improve children lives in Pak

ISLAMABAD (APP): President Dr Arif Alvi on Monday called upon the relevant Government organizations, civil society, human rights groups, media, UN agencies, community, parents, teachers, Ulema and children themselves to come together and play their constructive role in the national effort to improve the lives of children in Pakistan.

"Children in Pakistan are vulnerable to several challenges like stunting, malnutrition and lack of access to quality education and health facilities," the president said in a message on the occasion of Universal Children's Day.

Besides, he said chil- stan also ratified Optional dren were facing various Protocols to the UNCRC protection challenges like on the sale of children, child child trafficking, child marprostitution and pornograriage, child labour, corporal phy and the involvement of punishment, child abuse, children in armed conflict. children in conflict with the As a signatory to the law, and harmful traditional UNCRC, Pakistan remains practices. Today, Universal at the forefront to advocate, Children's Day is being celprotect and promote child ebrated under the theme rights. President Alvi said "For every child, every children were the most preright" to reaffirm our comcious resource of any nation and the sole guarantee mitment to safeguard the rights and well-being of chilfor its future. Pakistan is dren. Pakistan is a signatory fully alive to its responsito seven core international bilities towards its children Human Rights Convenand is making all efforts to tions, including the United ensure children's inclusive Nations Convention on the development, birth registra-Rights of the Child tion, education, health care, (UNCRC). Besides, Pakiparticipation, dignity and

security as envisaged in our Constitution and UNCRC.

He said Pakistan had promulgated a number of legislations including the ICT Child Protection Act, 2018, the Juvenile Justice System Act, 2018, the Zainab Alert Response and Recovery Act, 2020 and the insertion of "Child Domestic Labour" in the list of occupations of the Employment of Children's Act, 1991. Similarly, the National Commission on the Rights of Child, ICT Child Protection Institute, Zainab Alert Response and Recovery Agency (ZARRA) and ICT Child Protection Advisory Board have also been established.



ISLAMABAD: President Dr. Arif Alvi in a group photo with a delegation of children representing four provinces, as well as, Gilgit-Baltistan and Azad Jammu and Kashmir nominated by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) at Aiwan-e-Sadr.

Rs 40 billion recovered

in six-week of anti-power

theft campaign: Minister

mitigating losses.

26,000 MW, and the quar-

terly adjustments of elec-

tricity prices based on fuel

charging Rs. 90 per unit for

He refuted claims of



ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of UAE to Pakistan Hamad Obaid Ibrahim Salem Al-Zaabi called on Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar.

PM stresses upon further strengthening of Pak-UAE cooperation in energy, trade

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Prime Minister was one of the leading coun-Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on tries in climate change ne-Monday expressed satis- gotiations and the UAE was faction at the robust and wide-ranging engagement between Pakistan and the United Arab Emirates, and stressed the need to focus on strengthening cooperation in energy, trade and investment

The prime minister was talking to Ambassador of UAE to Pakistan Hamad Obaid Ibrahim Salem Al-Zaabi, who called on him at the Prime Minister's House, the PM Office Media Wing said in a press release.

The Emirati ambassador presented a formal invitation to the caretaker prime minister for attending the forthcoming COP-28 meeting in Abu Dhabi.

He said that Pakistan hopeful that Pakistan would play its part in en-suring the success of COP-28. The caretaker prime minister congratulated the UAE for hosting the important global climate change conference and assured of

Pakistan's active participation in the event. Progress on bilateral cooperation was also discussed During discussion on

the situation in Gaza, Prime Minister Kakar urged the Muslim countries to speak with a united voice to urge the international community to end the violence and brutal murder of innocent civilians in Gaza

at the hands of Israeli occu-

children's delegation meets Arif Alvi ISLAMABAD (Online): A dren with skills will help delegation of Children nomithem get employment. Chil dren asked President vari-

UNICEF nominated

nated by UNICEF met with President Arif Alvi in regard ous questions about climate of International Children's change, girl education, spe-Dav lenges they face. Children

In the meeting, the del-egation also shed light on told President about their various problems and challenges faced by children.

President Dr. Arif Alvi said that Pakistan is determined to take steps for the rights and welfare of children. Steps are being taken to equip children with education, skills and training. There is need to provide comprehensive education to special children in regu-

tion was representing chil-President further said

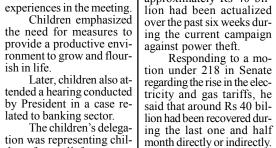
that equipping special chil- Azad Jammu and Kashmir.

Justice (R) Hameed Baloch elected as Chairman BHC **Independent Report** Wahid Baloch, Muhammad

Hasan Kasi, Muhammad QUETTA: The former Nasim Lehri, Muhammad Judge of Balochistan High Court, Mr. Justice (Retd) Jalal Khan Mandokhail, Abdul Hameed Baloch was Agha Faisal, Justice (Retd) Abdul Hameed Baloch unanimously elected as the Chairman Balochistan Chief Planning Officer, Healthcare Commission Abdul Rasool Zehri, Planning Officer, Dr. Shako and here on Monday.

The election was conducted in the first meeting Zahoor Khan participated in the meeting. It was menof Balochistan Healthcare Commission here.

The Secretary Health, Healthcare Commission has been formed for the first time Abdullah Khan, and memin Balochistan with the basic bers of Commission including Dr. Masood Oadir aim of improving healthcare Nosherwani, Dr. Farooq services, accountability in Azam Khan, Dr. Abdul the health sector.



dren from all four provinces, Gilgit-Baltistan and

cial children and other chal-

CJP writes letter to president **HEC**, ministry of education

The motion was initiated by

JI Senator Mushtaq Ahmed.

knowledged the reduction in

line losses and a higher re-

covery ratio during this pe-

The minister ac-

ISLAMABAD (APP):

Caretaker Minister for

Power and Petroleum,

Muhammad Ali on Mon-

day said the recovery of

approximately Rs 40 bil-

ISLAMABAD (Online): Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Qazi Faez Isa has written a letter to president Section Officer, Admin, HEC and federal education ministry demanding investigation into administration tioned in the meeting that the of International Islamic University (IIU).

The CJP expressed grave concern over appoint-ment of vice president Nabi Bakhsh Jamani.

A copy of the letter has been sent to Chief Justice Shariat Court and IIU

average price was Rs. 42 per unit and Rs. 14-15 per unit Affirming higher electricity rates than neighborfor the protected category.

ing countries, he attributed Addressing cumulative this to past contracts, line losses in SNGPL and SSGC, amounting to Rs. losses, and unpaid bills. Despite these challenges, he 2,100 billion with an annual emphasized the effectiveincrease of Rs. 400 billion, ness of the aggressive antithe minister explained reapower theft campaign in sons for the gas price adjustments to eventually The minister also dis-

curb these losses. cussed the lack of invest-Despite gas price inment in electricity districreases, the protected catbution and transmission, egory had been charged and the country's total less, benefiting 57 percent transmission capacity of of consumers, he said.

He acknowledged the challenges faced by the rural population in purchasing LPG at a higher price than LNG and other gases, and stressed the need to electricity, stating that the provide relief to villagers.



QUETTA: Inspector General Police Balochistan Abdul Khaliq Sheikh meeting with Governor Balochistan Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar.

Senate terms quality education as fundamental right of every child to provide right to educa-ISLAMABAD (INP): To promote literacy among the tion to out-of-school chilchildren in the country, the dren and youth with a spe-Senate on Monday cial focus on girls' education to facilitate life-long adopted a unanimous resolution, seeking urgent steps learning and initiatives by the gov-The resolution stressed to take steps in Moved by Senator order to promote gender Sana Jamali, the resolution equality in education and eliminate disparities by enhighlighted the fundamensuring girls' and women actal right of every child to cess to quality education, access quality education, emphasizing the need for besides eliminating any bargender-neutral, geographiriers, impeding their access cally inclusive, and socioto education It further called for economically equitable educational opportunities. launching comprehensive The resolution asked awareness campaigns to inthe government to take efform both urban and rural fective steps to promote the literacy for children and communities about the significance of education youth in general and girls in through outreach programmes, workshops, particular across the counand community events in try, and also strengthen the non-formal education collaboration with the (NFE) system on an urgent stakeholders and partners. basis to deliver the The resolution pleaded for prioritize and programmes. It further asked for substantially increasing the promoting skills-based and funding for education and innovative learning models literacy programs

Minister Home condemns firing incident in Nawan Killi **Independent Report** QUETTA: caretaker Provincial Minister for Home, Captain (Retd) Mir

Muhammad Zubair Jamal has strongly condemned the incident of firing that claimed life of a police jawan in Nawan Killi area of Quetta on Monday morn-

In a condemnation statement issued here, the Minister Home expressed sorrow and sympathy with the bereaved family over the martyrdom of police

cop in the firing incident. He said that our po lice and other forces are rendering sacrifice of their lives for protection of life and property of the masse. He prayed that may

Allah Almighty rest the departed soul into Its eternal peace and and give enough strength and patience to the bereaved family to bear the

PTA reaffirms

commitment to

ensure safety,

security of

children in

lar schools

to work together to improve Quetta

Commissioner says:

All stakeholders ought

pation forces.

in the meeting.

Independent Report QUETTA: The Commissioner Quetta Division, Muhammad Hamza Shafqaat has emphasized that all institutions and stakeholders would have to work together to bring improvement in Quetta city.

In this regard, implementation would be made on recommendations after consultation, adding he stressed

The Commissioner vowed to develop Quetta as beautiful city making it free of the issues.

The Commissioner traffic, as a result the people are facing mental agony. was addressing the meeting



QUETTA: Members of Balochistan Union of Journalists (BUJ) are holding protest demonstration against killing of Senior Journalist Jan Muhammad Mahar and demanding to arrest his murderers, at Quetta press club.

Global Security: Pakistan ready to extend all sorts of int'l **cooperation: Bugti** ISLAMABAD (INP): tire world. He said the re-

China

curity

cent visit of Prime Minis-

ter Anwar-ul-Haq Kakar to

strengthen cooperation in

various fields including se-

fidence that next target was

to implement the agree-

ments made during the

Prime Minister's visit. He also commended the Chi-

nese President Xi Jinping's

all possible measures have

been taken to ensure the

in Pakistan

Sarfraz Bugti said that

global security initiative.

He expressed the con-

will further

Caretaker Interior Minister Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti has said that Pakistan was ready to extend all sorts of international cooperation for boosting global se-

curity. This was stated by him while speaking to Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan, Jiang Zaidong, who called on him in Islamabad on Monday.

The two sides discussed matters of mutual interest including bilateral relations during the meeting and it was agreed to further enhance cooperation in the field of security.

Sarfraz Bugti said the a challenge; we have dedecades-long friendship between Pakistan and China was an example for the enin future as well

held to review the issues of Quetta here on Monday. The matters about digital realm beautification of Quetta city SLAMABAD (APP): On and ridding it of the traffic problems were also disthe occasion of World cussed. Deputy Commis-Children's Day, the Paki-

sioner Quetta, Lt (Retd) stan Telecommunication Saad bin Asad, Administra-Authority (PTA) has retor Quetta Metropolitan stated its unwavering com-Corporation, Abdul Jabbar mitment to ensuring the Baloch and other concerned safety and security of chil high ups were also present dren in the digital realm.

Acknowledging the The Commissioner digital impact on children, Quetta said that the most the authority is dedicated important issue being conto ensuring a safer internet fronted in Quetta city is of that meets their educational needs and promotes positive online interactions, said news issued here on Mon-

day The PTA has collaborated with Meta, TikTok, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), and other prominent organizations to pursue the cause of promoting a safer online envi

worship was among the reronment for the youth. sponsibilities of the state. Through these partnerships and collaborative inaugural ceremony of efforts, the regulator is Bankers Training regarding striving to create a digital Hajj portal for Hajj 2024 space where children can here, said that for the first learn, play, and connect time in the country not only without compromising a significant decrease had their personal and digital been witnessed in Hajj exsecurity. penses but the ministry

Four private member bills introduced

in Senate ISLAMABAD (APP) Private member bills includ-

ous year while negotiations were underway with airing the State-Owned Enterprises (Governance and lines for reduction in air-Operations) (Amendment) Bill, 2023, the Criminal

air ticket the corresponding art buses Laws (Amendment) Bill. 2023, the Smart Institute of Sciences and Technology (Amendment) Bill, 2023

and the Right of Access to Information (Amendment) Bill, 2023, were formally introduced in Senate on Monday. The bills were introduced by Senators Bahramand Khan Tangi, Fawzia Arshad, Dilawar Khan and Dr Zarga Suharwardy Taimur respectively, in the Upper House.

security of Chinese citizens Senate Chairman Senate Muhammd Sadia He said terrorism was Sanjrani referred all the bills to the standing committees feated it in the past, and concerned for detailed dewill eradicate it completely liberation after no objection

by the government.



QUETTA: Caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki presenting shield to US Consul General Karachi.

Govt determined to provide best facilities to Hajj pilgrims: Aneeeq

to provide the best facili-

ties to Hajj pilgrims as fa-

cilitating citizens in per-

forming religious rituals and

was striving to ensure maxi-

mum facilities to pilgrims

throughout their entire pil-

penses had declined to

Rs10,75000 this year from

Rs 1175000 of the previ-

He said that Hajj ex-

grimage

He was addressing to

KARACHI (APP): Care- amount would be trans ferred into accounts of taker Federal Minister for Religious Affairs and Inter-Hujaj-e-Karam, he added. faith Harmony, Aneeq Another innovative Ahmed, Monday said that facilities being introduced government was determined

this year was launch of an App for Hujaj that would provide updates to pilgrims from filing of the Hajj application to their return from the Hijaz-e-Muqadas, the minister informed.

'Road The Makkah' program, a facility being offered by Saudi government to Hujaj, was earlier limited to Islamabad only but this year it will be extended to Karachi airport as well, Aneeq Ahmed said adding that MORA was striving to expand the facility to other major airports of the country for better

facilitation of pilgrims. The minster said that another positive progress made this year was provision of tent space in Old Mina area to Pakistani Hujaj while they would

also be provided commuting facility through dedi-In case of cut down in cated fleet of state of the



QUETTA: DG Health Muhmmad Noor Qazi briefed Provincial Ombudsman Balochistan Nazar Muhammad Baloch Advocate regarding non-functional Shaheed Benazir Hospital Ghausabad Quetta.

administration. It has been said in CJP's letter IIU has lost its international standing due

to maladministration. The university has lost its Islamic norms too due to maladministration continuing ernment since years.

Irfan Siddiqui says **PML-N not** considering proposal to revisit 18th Amend. or **NFC Award**

ISLAMABAD (Online): Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) Monday said it was not contemplating to revisit the 18th Amendment or the National Finance Commission (NFC) Award.

We neither received any proposal nor held any deliberations to revisit the 18th Amendment or NFC Award," said Senator Irfan Siddiugi who heads the party's manifesto committee.

IHC extends its order for staying trial proceeding against Imran

ISLAMABAD (Online): Islamabad High Court (IHC) has extended its order for staying proceedings of trial in cipher case against

chairman PTI for 24 hours The hearing will commence again at 11 a.m today on Monday.

The court has sought report about security concerns facing chairman PTI. Intra court appeal by chairman PTI against his jail trial.



QUETTA: Caretaker Information Minister Jan Achakzai meeting with caretaker Provincial Health Minister Dr. Amir Muhammad Jogezai.

Provincial Ombudsman notes with concern: SBH Ghousabad couldn't be made functional even after 4 years of construction

Ombudsman, Nazar Baloch

Independent Report Hospital Ghousabad on QUETTA: The Provincial Monday.

Director Ombudsman Saeed Ahmed Shahwani, Deputy Director Syed Abdul Hafeez, Protocol Officer, Aftab Ahmed and others

The Ombudsman pointed out that the provincial government had got constructed the Hospital after spending huge amount for providing free medical treatment facilities to the people, however, it's still non-functional.

Later, the Ombudsreport to the provincial man visited different parts of the Hospital and sought The Provincial Omdetails of furniture medibudsman was speaking to cal equipment and other the concerned authorities goods required for the hosduring his visit to the nonpital functional Shaheed Benazir

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