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Governor Balochistan maintains: **Dream of educated**

Balochistan can't be

materialized without support of Intl. institutions

people from Balochistan go

abroad to earn livelihood in

Kakar was addressing the

ceremony held for distribu-

tion of laptops among stu-

dents at the Khuzdar uni-

were Vice Chancellor

Khuzdar University, Pro-

fessor Dr Maqsood Ahmed,

Principal Secretary to Gov

ernor, Hashim Khan Ghilzai

and senior faculty members

besides a large number of

students. The Governor ex-

pressed the hope that

Khuzdar Engineering Uni-

versity would get the

prominent place at the na-

of its vice chancellor, Pro-

the Imam e Kaabah with the

highest of honors and said

that the love and respect of

people of Pakistan for

Saudi Arabia has no limits.

said a press release issued

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here Wednesday.

tional level under leadership

Present on the occasion

versity on Wednesday.

Malik Abdul Wali

the developed era even.

Independent Report QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Malik Abdul

Wali Khan Kakar has stated

that the dream of educated

province can't be material-

ized without support and

guidance of the interna-

tional institutions.
He regretfully pointed

out that it is sorrowful fact

of the society that our in-

nocent children are seen in

He said that it is a pain-

The Governor said that

ISLAMABAD (APP): Dr.

Salih bin Abdullah al

Humaid Imam e Khatib at

Masjid al Haram met with

Caretaker Minister for

Federal Education and Pro-

fessional Training Madad

The minister welcomed

Ali Sindhi the other day.

we are grieved when the fessor Dr Maqsood Ahmed.

Sindhi. Imam-e-Kaaba

discuss Pak-Saudi

educational collaboration

Caretaker Minister for Federal Education and Pro-

IHC summons care taker PM,

ministers in the case of non

recovery of Baloch students

dents.

there is 21st hearing of the

case. Earlier the case was

Minallah who was chief

justice. Commission was

constituted under the order

of court. Questions were

presented in it. Enforced

disappearance case was

forwarded to federal gov-

ernment. Not only one but

been criminal case against

them then they would have

registered the case. Read the

report which has been pre-

sented to us.

QUETTA: Director General Public Relations

Muhammad Noor Khetran meeting with Caretaker

Home Minister Captain (retd) Muhammad Zubair Jamali

Justice Athar

fessional Training Mr. Madad Ali Sindhi.

SLAMABAD (Online):

Islamabad High Court

(IHC) has ordered care

taker Prime Minister (PM)

Anwar ul Haq Kakar, de-

fence minister, interior min-

ister, defence secretary and

interior secretary to appear

before it on next hearing in

implementation of Baloch

enforced disappearance

commission recommenda-

during hearing of the case "

according to recommenda-

tions of commission 55

missing Baloch students be

presented otherwise care

taker PM should appear

Kayani remarked " today

Justice Mohsin Akhtar

before it.

The court remarked

different shops, hotels, ga-

rages and dust bins.



QUETTA: Caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki presiding over a meeting to review progress of Pirkoh Water Supply Scheme

Delay in collective nature projects of basic needs of life intolerable, warns caretaker Chief Minister

Mir Ali Mardan Domki directs to complete project of Pir Koh water supply scheme after approving release of required funds

Independent Report QUETTA: The caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki has categorically stated that the delay in collective nature development projects of basic needs of life including water supply, health and education is absolutely intolerable.

The Chief Minister was presiding over the joint meeting of Public Health Engineering (PHE) and Chief Minister Inspection Team (CMIT) regarding Pir Koh water supply scheme here on Wednesday. e directed the concerned authorities to complete the Pir Koh water supply project by end ning and Development, Abdul Saboor Khan kakar,

of the current year giving approval to the release of required funds approved for the project. Mir Ali Mardan Domki

said that the cost of development projects is increased because of stopping work on it during investigations of any complaint against it. Therefore, the development work should remain continued during the investigations even, the Chief Minister stressed adding that the transparency and quality should be ensured at every stage.

Meanwhile, the Additional Chief Secretary PlanChief Engineer PHE, Agha Imran Shah, Secretary PHE Abdul Wali informed the meeting that the Pir Koh Water supply scheme had been developed with collaboration of OGDCL however, it withdrew from the company afterwards.

Later, the provincial government took over the project fully, after which the tendering process of project was done in 2018.

They further informed ful for a conscious and senthat the cost of project of sitive person to see poor 18 kilometer pipeline from Dera Bugti to Pir Koh is Rs. parents forcing their children to earn livelihood due 451 million having capacto severe poverty, unem-ployment and back breakity of supplying over 2 lakh gallons of clean drinking inflation. ing water on daily basis.



KHUZDAR: Governor Balochistan Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar being briefed about performance of Khuzdar Engineering University

People's rule will be established after winning Feb 8 election: Bilawal

CHITRAL (APP): Paki- that veteran leaders of opstan People's Party Chair- position parties failed to man Bilawal Bhutto address the masses' prob-Zardari here Wednesday lems during their tenures said that people's rule as prime minister and they would be established after winning the February allow young leadership to 8 General Election.

He said leaders of opposition parties have disappointed people and ing now to PPP for resolutions of their problems.

Addressing a big party convention here, he said

should now sit at home and address the country's problems.

He said the people of KP would reject all those masses of KP were look- political parties who failed to deliver despite remaining in power for nearly 10

years in KP. He said people also



CHITRAL: Peoples Party (PPP) Chairman, Bilawal Bhutto Zardari addresses to his workers during Workers Convention held in Chitral.

knew about a Punjab based political party that plunged the country into a price hike affecting the lives of the common man.

He said the country suffered due to politics of confrontation and hatebased politics by two opposition parties that deceived the masses on the name of so-called change and respect for votes.

Bilawal said tha people wanted employ ment and not agitation.

SC declares Imran bail plea in cipher case maintainable

ISLAMABAD (Online) Supreme Court (SC) while declaring bail plea of chairman PTI in cipher case maintainable has issued notice to federation, interior ministry and other respondents besides seeking reply from them.

The court chided the Continued from page I

Great gesture of kindness & humanity: Domki takes responsibility of expenses & guardianship of Palestinian students in BMC

Independent Report QUETTA: Showing great gesture of kindness and humanity, the caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki has taken the responsibility of educational expenditures and guardianship of 11 students belonging to Palestine and Ghaza and studying in the Bolan Medical College (BMC).

The Chief Minister announced that the government of Balochistan would bear the complete expenditures of the Palestinian students under study in BMC.
Mir Ali Mardan Domki said that 11 students belonging to Palestine and Ghaza

are studying in BMC.

Eight of 11 students belong to Ghaza and three hail from Palestine.

These students are included a female, it was mentioned. The Chief Minister said that the families of all Palestinian students are in the war hit areas. All the students were facing financial hardships and anxiety because of don't having contact with their families, this is why, the provincial government would bear the expenditures to be incurred on their studies besides their complete guardianship.

PM directs swift solarisation of tubewells in Balochistan

Vows to ensure equitable distribution of resources in all provinces; Directs payment of hydel projects' outstanding arrears to KP

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Prime Minister Kakar on Wednesday directed for ensuring payment of Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Wednesday directed the authorities concerned to accelerate the process of solarisation of tube-wells in Balochistan province.

The prime minister, in a meeting with a 15-member delegation of Zameendar Action Committee of Balochistan, headed by Kazim Achakzai, directed the Secretary Ministry of Energy and Balochistan chief secretary to meet the delegation and ensure the just resolution of their problems. The prime minister was briefed about the problems

faced by the agriculture sector of Balochistan, including the electricity bill of the tube-wells.

Senator Maulana Abdul Ghafoor Haidri and Khalid Lango also attended the meeting.

Meanwhile Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq

He said that equitable distribution of all resources among the provinces was the responsibility of the Federal Government The prime minister chaired a meeting to review re-

all hydel projects related arrears to the Khyber

forms in the power sector and welfare of the bereaved families of Shuhada, who lost lives in the fight against terrorism, the PM Office Media Wing said in a press

The meeting was attended by Caretaker KP Chief Minister Justice (retd) Arshad Hussain Shah, Caretaker Provincial Minister for Tribal Affairs Dr Aamir Abdullah, WAPDA Chairman Lt. Gen. (retd) Sajjad Ghani and other senior officials



Pakhtunkhwa province.

ISLAMABAD: A delegation of the Zameendar Action Committee of Balochistan called on Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar.

SJC issues show cause notice to **Justice Nagvi**

ISLAMABAD (INP): The Supreme Judicial Council (SJC) issued a show cause notice to Supreme Court Justice Mazahir Naqvi after three consecutive days of continuous hearing and sought his reply within 14 days. The meeting of the

Supreme Judicial Council was presided over by Chief Justice Qazi Faiz Isa in which the complaints against Justice Mazahir Naqvi were reviewed.

According to the sources, a notice was issued to Justice Mazahir Nagvi in the light of the evidence that came out in the meeting.

Supreme Judicial Council has said in the show cause that Justice Mazahir Naqvi should respond to the show cause notice within 14 days.

Justice Mazahir

Nagvi had objected to the details of the complaints against him being recorded in the show cause.

On the other hand, ISLAMABAD: Dr. Salih bin Abdullah al Humaid Justice Mazhar Nagvi, Imam e Khatib at Masjid al Haram met with the the judge of the Supreme Court, approached the Apex Court against him, got the services of renowned lawyers in the reference against him.

The legal team of Justice Mazahir Ali Akbar Nagvi consists of 5 lawyers, the legal team of Justice Mazahir Naqvi includes Makhdoom Âli Khan, Khawaja Haris, Latif Khosa, Ali Zafar and Saad Hashmi.

GoB constitutes cabinet's committee **Independent Report**

it was matter of 51 stu-OUETTA: The Government of Balochistan con-He said matter was sent to PM. PM himself should stituted committee of the have realized. We thought cabinet here on Wedneshe would come and say they According to an offiwere our children. Had there

cial notification issued here on Wednesday, the interim Provincial Minister for Law, Amanullah Kanrani would head the cabinet committee. The provincial minis-

ters Mir Zubair Jamali and Dr Ameer Muhammad Khan Jogezai would also be part of the committee.

According to the notification, the committee would review the rules and regulations and other related matters after passage of the 18th constitutional amendment, and would submit its report in the cabi-

<u>Caretaker Minister Information maintains:</u> 2nd phase of crackdown against illegal foreign nationals started; target is to repatriate at least 1 mln by January

Jan Achakzai says remains of a terrorist involved in terrorist attack in Wali Tangi dam on September 14 this year found from same location

Independent Report

QUETTA: The caretaker Provincial Minister for Information, Jan Achakzai has stated that the second phase of crackdown has been against the illegal foreign immigrants, and it is targeted to repatriate at least 1 million immigrants to their homeland by January next year.



This was informed by the Minister Information while addressing press conference here at the Quetta Press Club on Wednesday.

The Minister maintained that although the process of repatriation dur-

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Pakistan and Kazakhstan to establish State media offices in each other's countries

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Federal Minister for Information, Broadcasting and Parliamentary Affairs Murtaza Solangi on Wednesday said that Pakistan valued its relations with Kazakhstan and was working on strengthening them in diverse fields.

During a meeting with Ambassador of Kazakhstan to Pakistan, Yerzhan Kistafin important issues including



bilateral relations, strengthening cooperation in the media sector, promoting public relations and regional situation were discussed.

Murtaza Solangi and the ambassador agreed to establish offices of state media organizations of both countries in Pakistan and Kazakhstan. "There is a need to promote public relations and exchange of cultural delegations between the two countries," he said and stressed for further promoting the cooperation between state media institu-

Cabinet committee recommends names of Imran, others be placed on ECL in Al-Qadir Trust case

ISLAMABAD (APP): In- of 41 names in the ECL to terim Interior Minister Sarfraz Bugti on Wednesday chaired a meeting of the federal cabinet sub-committee on Exit Control List (ECL) in the Ministry of

Interior here on Wednesday. The meeting was attended by Railways Shahid Ashraf Tarar and other officials of the Ministry of Interior and other institutions to review various cases related to ECL.

The sub-committee recommended the inclusion

be sent by various departments and agencies. On the recommenda-

tion of NAB, 29 people, including Imran Khan, are recommended to be placed on ECL in the 190-millionpound scam. Thirteen different types of cases were also recommended to be removed from the ECL list.

On the instructions of the judiciary, the names of 7 persons were recommended to be removed from

COMSATS inks cooperative agreements with DGST-KP & RIHS

Commission on Science and Technology for Sustainable Development in the South (COMSATS) signed two separate cooperative agreements with the Directorate General of Science and Technology, Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (DGST-KP) and Rawal Institute of Health Sciences (RIHS) on Wednesday to forge cooperation in areas of emerging technologies for tech-based solutions to developmental challenges.

The agreement be-tween COMSATS and DGST-KP was inked by Ambassador Dr M. Nafees Zakaria, Executive Director of COMSATS, and Dr Sajid Hussain Shah, Director General of DGST-KP on behalf of their respective institutions.

The areas of cooperation, inter-alia, include information technology (IT) and digitalisation, climate change and environment, human resource development, skills development, electric vehicles, renewable energy, natural resources exploitation (gemstones and mines), micro hydro plants, and biomedi-

The signing ceremony was witnessed by KP

Minister for Science and Technology and Informa-Technology Dr tion Najeebullah Marwat, and ambassadors and diplomats of Azerbaijan, Ethiopia, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Morocco, Nigeria, Syria, Yemen, as well as heads and senior officials of government departments.

The agreement with RIHS was signed by Co-Chairperson Board of Di-rectors, Mrs. Saleha Khaqan, on behalf of the Institute that formalized relations for cooperation in the field of health and edu-

COMSATS and RIHS

eas related to health sector, inter-alia, including AIbased solutions, people's health and environment, internationalization of medical education and facilities, human resource development, electric vehicles for persons with physical disabilities.

Najeebullah Marwat announced that the KP government was creating a 100 million dollar venture fund to facilitate realignment of 'research and development' with the contemporary needs of the province and the country

By M. Ilyas

PESHAWAR - The Human

Development Foundation,

commemorated its 25th

Anniversary at the Sustainable Development Confer-

ence 2023, in collaboration

with Sustainable Develop-

ment Policy Institute (SDPI). Mr. Mehboob Ul

Haq, CEO HDF, during his

opening remarks, stated,

Today, we gather not

merely to celebrate a mile-

stone but to reaffirm our

commitment to the noble

cause of human develop-

ment in Pakistan. We stand

united in our vision of Pa-

kistan where every indi-

vidual has the opportunity to reach their full potential,

where poverty is eradi-

cated, and where prosper-

The milestone event

followed HDF's triumph at

the Sustainability Invest-

ment Expo 2023 on Novem-

ber 19th and 20th, where

they took the win at the

prestigious Sustainability

Awards 2023 in the 'Water

Conservation' category for

the Afaf Dam in Soon Val-

ley, Khushab. Mr. Haq

proudly received the

ity is shared equitably.'

award, remarking, "This is

the sixth Dam that HDF

has built in Pakistan and is

unique in that it is part of

an eco-system design that

addresses the environment and multidimensional pov-

Dam was also greatly ap-

plauded by Senator Sherry

Rehman, who inaugurated the expo and emphasized

the need to replicate HDF's

model in other climate-vul-

nerable regions of Pakistan.

showcased HDF's remark-

able journey, reflecting on

decades of progress in edu-

cation, healthcare, sustain-

able environment, WASH,

livelihood, food security

and social capital develop-

ment. Emotions ran high as

on HDF's enduring commit-

ment to marginalized com-

unfolded with a dynamic

panel discussion on 'Trans-

forming Communities,' fea-

turing luminaries including

Dr. Muhammad Khalid

Riaz, Chairman HDF, Lt.

Gen. (Retd) Anis Abbasi,

Vice Chairman HDF, Dr.

said that the standard of

education at the IIUI has

been consistently on the rise

under the leadership of Dr.

Hathal Homoud Alotaibi.

said that 30 thousand

Madrassas have been reg-

istered in Pakistan and now

they are also providing re-

ligious, scientific and con-

The education minister

The celebration then

munities.

the documentary reflected

A riveting documentary

The success of the Afaf

erty simultaneously.



ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar chairs a meeting on power sector reforms in KP and welfare of families of martyrs of war on terror.

ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Federal Minister for Interior, Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti receiving Imam-e-Kaaba Saleh Bin Abdullah Bin Humaid, at Islamabad airport.

Dr Imtiaz Dogar says: **Drug-addiction claims** 700 lives daily in Pakistan

FAISALABAD (APP): Dr. Imtiaz Ahmad Dogar, psychologist and mental health expert, has said that drugaddiction claims lives of 700 people daily in Pakistan and the growing trend of drug-addiction among the youth will push society towards darkness.

Addressing a narcotics awareness seminar, arranged by the Department of Rural Sociology, University of Agriculture Faisalabad (UAF) here on Wednesday, he said drug-addiction and video games were posing serious threats to lives of young generation by causing depression and

other diseases. He said that besides traditional drugs, ice and internet video games addiction had taken root in society and was spreading the darkness of anxiety and other diseases.

Dean Faculty of Social Sciences Prof Dr Khalid Mushtaq said that parents should pay special attention to their children so that they could play an active role in national develop-

Chairman Rural Sociology Dr. Izhar Ahmad Khan said that character building of students had been the special focus of the

Prof. Dr. Arshad Saleem Bhati Rector Virtual University speaking at the

received this award during

the conference held at the

National Convention Cen-

ter of Costa Rica, hosted by

UNED-San José, Costa

Rica. During his remarks,

he dedicated this award to

the founding Rector, Dr.

Naveed A. Malik, and the

tended by delegates from

over 50 countries world-

wide. He mentioned that

the Excellence Prize for VU

adds more responsibility to

the participants that the es-

tablishment of VU was a

futuristic idea in 2002 and

has played a key role in

educating and imparting

skills to the youth of Paki-

stan. He also added that VU

is not hesitant to harness

the strength of generative

AI to offer knowledge and

skills to its students. Finally,

he expressed gratitude to the

Ministry of IT&Telecom

and HEC for their uncondi-

tional support.

CORRIGENDUM

NOTICE INVITING TENDER FOR PURCHASE OF PRINTING

MATERIALS

With reference to the TSE-232410359871 tender for purchase of

Printing Material published in Daily JANG, INDEPENDENT and

Express CENTUARY, Quetta vide PQR No. 901/07-11-2023 dated

08th November-2023 through E-Bidding. The corrigendum has been

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Dr. Saleem informed

deliver quality education.

The conference was at-

VU family.

national Council for Open and Distance Education (ICDE).

Virtual University

gets ICDE Prize of

Excellence 2023

ISLAMABAD (PR): The Prof. Dr. Arshad Saleem.

International Council for

Open and Distance Educa-

tion (ICDE) awarded the

2023 ICDE Prize of Excel-

lence to the Virtual Univer-

sity of Pakistan during the

29th ICDE World Confer-

ence 2023 held in Costa

Rica, Central America. The

award was presented by

the Secretary-General and

sented by the Secretary-

General and President of

ICDE, said a press release

for 2023 was unanimously

decided by an international

committee of experts in

recognition of the Virtual

University's extensive con-

tribution in the field of

open, flexible, and distance

learning. ICDE, an interna-

tional organization based in

the Netherlands, has a

membership body of more

than 200 institutions from

University of Pakistan,

The Rector of Virtual

issued as per following amendments:-

around the globe.

remain the same

This Excellence Prize

The award was pre-

President of ICDE.

on Wednesday.

Interior Minister condemns attack on army convoy in North Waziristan

ISLAMABAD (APP) Caretaker Interior Minister Sarfraz Bugti strongly condemned the terrorist attack on the convoy of Pakistan Army in Razmak area of North Waziristan or Wednesday.

He expressed deep grief and sorrow over the martyrdom of two young soldiers in the ambush.

The minister also expressed his heartfelt sympathies with the families of martyred Lance Naik Ehsan Badshah and Sajid Hussain, and prayed that may Allah Almighty raise the ranks of the martyrs in the paradise and give patience to the be-

He said that the war against terrorism would continue until the scourge of terrorism was completely eradicated from the

He said that the eternal sacrifices of Pakistan Army and law enforcement agencies were unforgettable as they were determined to root out the menace of ter

'The entire nation sa lutes the martyrs and their families," the minister said adding that cowardly acts of terrorists could not demoralize the valiant forces of Pakistan.

2023 INSTITUTIONAL PRIZE OF

THE VIRTUAL UNIVERSITY

OF PAKISTAN

EXCELLENCE



Adil Najam, President WWF, Dr. Tariq Banuri, Former Chairperson HEC, Ms. Fatima Hussain, Managing Director HDF North America, and Dr. Abid Qaiyum Suleri, Executive Director SDPI. The discussion explored HDF's transformative journey and the way forward, focusing on

Human Development Foundation marks

grassroots impact. Looking back on HDF's journey through the years and the support of the expatriates who made it possible, Dr. Adil Najam, one of the founding members of the organization,

poverty eradication and

remarked, "Human development is not about holding hands. It is not that the diaspora supports HDF but HDF supports the diaspora. HDF gives meaning to their support, that is why this partnership

Addressing the team that works tirelessly for creating positive change in the society, another one of HDF's founding members, Dr. Tariq Banuri's words, "We are happy to live whatever life God gives us but we want to make a difference in the

lives of others," resonated,

leaving the audience deeply

moved.

The event facilitated meaningful connections, bringing together industry experts, HDF founders, donors and supporters united in their passion for sustainable development. In a profound moment, HDF also solidified commitments by signing Memoranda of Understanding with SDPI and Code for Paki-

These agreements pave the way for future collaborations, steering towards a greener and more sustainable Pakistan.

Sindhi, Imam-e-Kaaba.... egation. He said that the work and efforts of Dr.

Continued from page 1

He said the relationship cultural, religious and his-

Arabia cannot be measured.

of the Muslim Umma.

(PBÚH). He said that only through true teachings of Seerat-e-Nabi, we can educate our nation and ensure

The minister said that he had prioritized the quality of education, reduction of out of school children and research on Secrat Nabi (PBUH) since taking over

cal aspect of Seerat-e-Nabi (PBUH) has not been given due importance.

ventional education. He also highlighted the need to train religious leaders of Madrassas. He said we need to enlighten our religious leaders and the Kingdom of

Saudi Arabia can help by

giving trainings to cler-

ics of Madrassas in Paki-

Madad Ali Sindhi also Muslims of Gaza and said that in such times of hardships, it was imperative that the Muslim Ummah should stand fast and present a unified front to protect our Muslim broth-

ers and sisters. Dr. Salih bin Abdullah al Humaid said that there should be collaboration on topics of mutual interest such as medicine, cyber security, climate change, engineering, artificial intelligence, distance learning, and renewable energy.

He appreciated the role of education minister in bringing the two countries together

SC declares Imran bail plea...

Continued from page 1 investigation officer of FIA for appearing without any notice.

Justice Sardar Tariq Masood remarked who has called you. Go behind and

sit therein. Chairman PTI Bail plea in cipher case came up for hearing before a 3-member bench of SC presided over by Justice Sardar Tariq Masood Wednesday. Justice Yahya Afridi and Jus-

tice Ayesha Malik are part of the bench The counsel Suleman

Justice Sardar Tariq Masood inquired this matter relates to what period. The counsel Suleman Safdar replied this matter

relates to 2022. Justice Sardar Tariq Masood remarked you have spent one year on it. There is death sentence in some clauses, life imprisonment in some clauses and 2 years imprisonment in some

Suleman Safdar read out inquiry report and charges against chairman

Suleman Safdar said allegation has been leveled that chairman PTI asked Azam Khan to give wrong colour to cipher. Allegation is that chairman PTI caused damage to state directly or indirectly.

Justice Tariq Masood inquired has the role of coaccused been determined.

Suleman Safdar said Asad Umar was left and Azam Khan was converted from accused to witness.

Justice Yahya Afridi said in the first case it was said Azam Khan is accused.



ISLAMABAD: Peoples Party (PPP) President, Asif Ali Zardari exchanging views with a PPP delegation from Punjab during meeting held in Islamabad.

Government of Pakistan Ministry of Foreign Affairs Islamabad

Tender Notice for Hiring of Janitorial/Cleaning Services for Sahibzada Yaqub Khan Block at Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Islamabad

Ministry of Foreign Affairs invites sealed bids from experienced and well reputed firms registered with Income Tax and Sales Tax authorities of Government of Pakistan and on Active Tax Payer List of the Federal Board of Revenue for Hiring of Janitorial/Cleaning Services for Sahibzada Yaqub Khan Block at Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Islamabad

The tender documents containing Scope of Work, BoQs and all other relevant details can be obtained from the following offices on working days during the office hours by submitting an application with a copy of Sales Tax Registration Certificate and National Taxation Number Certificate alongwith Pay order of Rs.5,000/- (Nonrefundable) in favor of Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Islamabad:

Director (GS) 2nd Floor Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Islamabad Ph: 0519204367

Assistant Director (SYKB) 2nd Floor Ministry of Foreign Affairs Islamabad Ph: 051-9056-9076/0335-5647771 Email: Muhammad.rehan@mofa.gov.pk

Bidding will be carried out by adopting "Single Stage-two envelope bidding" procedure as per clause 36 (d) of PPRA Rules-2014. Firms should mark both the envelopes separately with the word's technical proposal and financial proposal and the seal the two envelopes in a single package.

Proposal may be submitted to the above address by 14th December 2023 by 1130 hours and technical bid will be opened the same day at 1200 hours at Mini Banquet Hall (SYKB), Ministry of Foreign Affairs in presence of representative of bidding firms who choose to attend the same, Financial Bid opening date will be conveyed to the participants the same day. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs reserves the right to accept or reject all bids in accordance with PPRA Rules.

> Assistant Director (SYKB) Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Islamabad Dated 21.11.2023

international conference after receiving the excellence award from the Inter-

2nd phase of... Continued from page 1 ing last few days has been slowed down, but still around 2,000 immigrants have been sent to the Chaman border for repatriation after taking them into custody by different security institutions during

couple of days. He asserted that those who think that they would be saved due to different excuses are living in fool's paradise.

"No one who is a foreign national would not be left at all,", Jan Achakzai maintained.

He also said that all

government institutions are working in the campaign against the illegal immigrants, and all institutions especially police have been directed to take the illegal immigrants into custody and send back to them to their respective countries via border. In addition to this, the stop and search policy would also work under which, the police and other agencies would stop any citizen and ask him for the identity card, he maintained. e said that this is a common practice enforced all over the world including USA and UK. He on the occasion said that we are trying to repatriate at least one million immigrants to their country by the end of January next year. The Sindh and Punjab govern-

cess of repatriation. He made it clear that the repatriation of immigrants is continued from Chaman border and there is no truth in the reports of closure of the border.

ments are also being con-

tacted to expedite the pro-

Referring the terrorism incident occurred on September 14, 2023 in Wali Tangi area, the Minister Information said that some terrorists had attacked the army and FC personnel deputed on protection of the . Wali Tangi dam.

Hathal Homoud Alotaibi between Pakistan and Saudi has been exemplary. He Arabia is the strongest reappreciated upgradation of the systems lationship that Pakistan has, adding, both countries share in the International Islamic University Islamabad

Arabia is like a second home for the people of Pakistan. He said that due to Makkah and Madina, the love and respect for Saudi

Madad said that we appreciated deeply the role played by Saudi Arabia in addressing the global issues

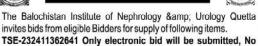
Madad said that he had put special focus on the teachings of Islam espe-Seerat-e-Nabi

that they follow the right He said that due to his instructions, a special re- highlighted the plea of the search centre would be formed through collabora-

tion of Saudi and Pakistani Universities which would focus on the Seerat of Nabi (PBUH) especially on the issues of politics, social reform and law.

as the education minister. He said that the politi-

Madad Ali Sindhi warmly welcomed the del-



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Prime Minister Kakar

He instructed the

viewed that the "Adopt a

Family" project had the

potential to become an ef-

fective strategy for the pov-

Ministry of Information

and Broadcasting to launch

awareness drives on the

social welfare projects like

the "Adopt a Family" ini-

Zardari assigns

important task

to PPP Punjab

leadership

ISLAMABAD (Online): Former president Asif Ali

Zardari is staying in

Zardari has assigned important task to PPP Punjab

leadership after their arrival

been given to leaders of PPP central, South and North.

Asif Zardari about their

contacts with influential

persons of constituencies

Former minister

Waqar Ahmed

joins PML-N

ISLAMABAD (APP)

Former Federal Minister

for Privatization Waqar

Ahmed Khan announced his

decision to join the Pakistan Muslim League-

Addressing the media alongside PML-N Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's Amir

Muqam, former minister Waqar Ahmad Khan stated

that his political orientation

revolves around serving the

people, with national inter-

est taking precedence over

parties on a common plat-form demands skill, he

noted, emphasizing the

country's requirement for

stability and experienced

leadership. He highlighted that Nawaz Sharif's team, dur-

ing his three terms as Prime

Minister, is credited with

saving Pakistan from eco-

nomic challenges and steer-

Waqar emphasized that political stability was

essential for any country,

serving as a prerequisite for

achieving economic stabil-

ity. He hoped that under the

leadership of Ishaq Dar,

PML-N would possess the

most competent economic

team to navigate the coun-

try through challenging

that, guided by Nawaz Sharif's leadership, politi-

cians nationwide are align-

ing themselves with the

PML-N. He added that nu-

merous individuals from

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa are also set to join the PML-N.

Amir Magam stated

ing clear of default.

Uniting all political

personal goals.

Nawaz (PML-N).

and election strategy.

Sources said Asif Ali

Important tasks have

PPP leaders informed

Islamabad now a days.

in Zardari house.

erty alleviation.

ISLAMABAD: Chairperson of BISP Dr. Amjad Saqib and CEO of Dunia Foun-

dation Mian Amir Mehmood called on Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-

PM emphasizes public

awareness on social

welfare projects

Amjad Saqib, and Chief

Executive Officer of Dunya

Foundation Mian Amir,

said BISP's huge database

could prove to be very ben-

eficial for the social welfare

prime minister was briefed

about the "Adopt a Fam-

ily" project jointly launched

by Dunya Foundation and

novative policy develop-

ment in shaping the future

of higher education and en-

suring the transfer of impact

on society and students glo-

Awards are also given to

startup founders, angel in-

vestors, crowd-funders,

early-stage venture capital

investors, NGO leaders

and, policy makers across

the globe, in recognition of

their services in imagining,

discussing, and shaping the

future of entrepreneurial

world. It is pertinent to

mention that the Congress

of the World Business An-

gels Investment Forum is an

event held annually for

early and post early-stage equity and capital markets

to exchange ideas on best

practices and collabora-

This award under- tions and pursue business

ISLAMABAD: Naib Ameer Jamaat-e-Islami Paki-

stan Mian muhammad Aslam addressing a press

conference regarding Children of Ghaza March,

which will be held on 23 Nov outside Faisal Mosque

Islamabad police launch

program to uncover

wanted criminals

scores the indispensable opportunities.

tions to forge new connec-

Number 10 holds crucial in-

formation about individuals

wanted by the police for

their alleged involvement in

criminal activities. The pro-

gram seeks to inform the

public about these wanted

individuals, urging citizens

to be vigilant and collabo-

rate with law enforcement

to ensure the apprehension of

these offenders. The

Islamabad Police emphasized

the importance of bringing

such criminals under the full

force of the law, stating that

their program serves as a tool

The World Excellence

In the meeting, the

ISLAMABAD (APP):

Caretaker Prime Minister

Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on

Wednesday said that the

creation of awareness on

social welfare projects

among the people was es-

a meeting with Chairperson

of Benazir Income Support

Programme and Founder of

ISLAMABAD (APP):

Chairman Higher Education

Commission (HEC) Prof.

Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed has

been conferred "World Ex-

cellence Award in Higher

Education" by World Busi-

ness Angels Forum (WBAF

an affiliated partner of the

G20 Global Partnership for

Financial Inclusion) on the

sidelines of World Congress

of Angel Investors being

held at Durban International

Convention Centre, South

Africa. Ambassador of Pa-

kistan to South Africa,

Aftab Hasan Khan received

the award on behalf of the

chairman HEC, said a press

release issued her on

Award in Higher Education is conferred upon world

leaders for their outstand-

ing achievements in higher

education globally.

in Federal Capital.

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ISLAMABAD: Islamabad

Police have initiated a pro-

gram aimed at unveiling in-

formation about wanted

criminals and their involve-

ment in various crimes. The

program, which is being

broadcast on social media

of Criminals), a comprehen-

sive record maintained by the

Islamabad Police document-

absconders involved in

The Police Register

crimes of various nature.

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Wednesday.

The prime minister, in

Akhuwat Foundation Dr Akhuwat Foundation.

Chairman HEC conferred

'World Excellence Award

in Higher Education'

sential for public benefit.

PSDP 2023-24:

Govt. releases Rs300.904b funds in four months

The Federal Government has authorized the utilization of development funds amounting to Rs300.904 billion, out of a total allocation of Rs 950billion, for various ongoing and new social sector uplift projects of the federal ministries and divisions during the first four months (July-October) of the fiscal year 2023-24 under its Public Sector De-velopment Programme (PSDP). Out of the total authorized/disbursed amount, the total amount spent so far on the development projects during the corresponding period stood at Rs 76.002 billion, according to the latest data released by the Ministry of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives.

According to the disbursement mechanism of the Planning Division, the development funds allocated in the federal budget are released at the rate of 20% in the first quarter (July-September), followed

by 30% each in the second and third quarters, and the remaining 20% in the last quarter (April-June) of a fiscal year.

The detail shows that Rs 61.344 billion out of a total allocated amount of Rs 211.777 billion has been disbursed to corporations including National Highway Authority (NHA), National Transmission and Company Despatch (NTDC) and Pakistan Electric Power Company (PEPCO), while Rs250 million have been disbursed to the Prime Minister's Initiatives and Project Liabilities schemes out of a total allocation of Rs 850 billion.

For the Aviation Division, funds amounting to Rs 1.907 billion have been disbursed and Rs 390.17 million for the Board of Invest-

Similarly, the government authorized Rs 61.282 billion to the Cabinet Division Rs 1 417 billion to the Ministry of Climate Change, Rs 385 million to

the Commerce Division, Rs 126 million to the Ministry of Communications (other than NHA), Rs 1.120 billion to the Defence Division, Rs 560 million to the Defence Production Division, Rs294 million for the Establishment Division, Rs2.975 billion to the Federal Education & Professional Training Division Rs1.127 billion to the Finance Division, Rs43.265 billion to Provinces and Special Areas (Previously Under FD/KA&GB), Rs20.895 billion to the **Higher Education Commis**sion, Rs14.238 billion to the Housing and Works Division, Rs284.90 million to the Human Rights Division, Rs1.050 billion to the Industries and Production Division, Rs700 million to the Information an Broadcasting Division, Rs2.100 billion to the Information Technology and Telecom Division, Rs665 million to

CDA seals 28 buildings in different areas of city

Inter Provincial Coordina-

tion Division, Rs3.482 bil

lion to the Interior Division

ISLAMABAD (APP) Capital Development Authority (CDA) during the operation, so far, 28 buildings have been sealed for violation of building by laws in different areas.

According to the details, the Building Control Directorate in collaboration with the Enforcement Directorate with the assistance of the district administration and Islamabad Police took strict action against the violation of building bylaws in the different areas of the city. The buildings that were being constructed without the DA's approval have been sealed and notices have also been issued to the owners.

On this occasion, the CDA administration said that the implementation of the Master Plan to beautify the city of Islamabad should be ensured in all circumstances.

Cipher case: SC accepts Hamid plea ISLAMABAD (Online):

Supreme Court (SC) has granted plea of Hamid Khan on the petition of chairman PTI against indictment proceedings In cipher case.

The court has adjourned the hearing of the case for indefinite period.

Justice Tariq Masood remarked you can file new appeal against high cour decision. The bail case of PTI chairman will be heard on its turn.

The petition against the proceedings of indictment of chairman PTI in cipher case came up for hearing in the court Wednesday. A 3-member bench of SC presided over by justice Sardar Tariq Masood heard

medicines

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and fake unregistered medicines across the country.

started on the direction of Caretaker Federal Minister for Health Dr. Nadeem Jan, spokesperson of the Ministry of Health said on Wednesday.

tors, pharmacies and medical stores are being raided in all major cities across the country. He said in Karachi, the DRAP team inspected the pharmacies and medical stores in dif-

Medicos in DHA Karachi

Gulshan Iqbal and Gulistan

sold at more than the aping sold for Rs 3500 instead of Rs 800.

These medicines were seized and sealed, he added. He said that the Minister for Health started the process of legal action against the pharmacy owners under the DRAP Act.



ISLAMABAD (APP) The AlHuda International School (AIS) organized a pated in writing, oratory contests, storytelling, advocacy, ar of expression, graphic designing, 2D, 3D, Bake Sale, and others. Following these events, an appreciation ceremony was conducted to acknowledge the efforts

> **Independent Report** economy on a sustainable

titled "Is Taxing More the Only Solution?" - "Evalu-ating Pakistan's Public "Understanding Economy of South Punjab," a news release said here.

It was 2nd round of a

Dr Maĥmood Khalid said the current focus on taxing more ignored the burden it imposed, adding "Our complex tax system and regulatory landscape contribute to a high regulatory burden. Pakistan ranks low in ease of paying taxes,

discouraging firms from growth and formalization.

tional taxation." Mukarram Ansari explained Pakistan's fiscal

collection is from customs and withholding agents. Taxing at the import stage,

BREAKING THE

PIDE's approach suggests improving the system first

Chairperson BISP urges officials to serve needy women in dignified manner

Support Program (BISP), Dr. Muhammad Amjad Saqib Wednesday urged the BISP employees to approach their work with empathy and ensure provision of financial support to needy women in a dignified manner. During his visit to BISP office in Abbottabad, Dr. Muhammad Amjad Sagib interacted with needy women, listened to their concerns and directed the staff to resolve the issues at the earliest.

Dr. Amjad Saqib emphasized that every act of kindness was a form of Masjid Taqva Abbottabad charity and serving the less fortunate was not merely a job but a noble cause.

He advocated for the

provision of facilities for

ISLAMABAD (APP): the dignity of the elderly Chairman, Benazir Income Support Program (BISP), the support they need.

The Chairman BISP said that empowering the poor was their fundamental right and BISP aims to uphold their this right.

He directed the BISP staff to ensure the timely and complete payment of stipends in a most transparent way and without any deductions. This commitment reflects BISP's dedication to transparent and efficient financial assistance delivery, he added.

and addressed a gathering of BISP staff.

Expressing a broader vision for BISP, Dr. Amjad Sagib underscored that it is the elderly using their own resources. He stressed the to make BISP the premier importance of upholding institution in the country.



Portugal to Pakistan Frederico Silval during exhibition entitled "Off Grid Goes, On Grid" at Pakistan National Council of Arts in Federal Capital.

ICP ensures robust security measures in high-security zone

ISLAMABAD (APP): Islamabad Capital Police is actively implementing robust security measures in high-security zone and maintaining heightened vigilance in the area.

The teams of Islamabad Capital Police stationed in the high-security zone are dedicatedly executing their duties to guarantee effective security arrangements for crucial court hearings.

have instructed on-duty of- citizens, with a zero-tolerficers and personnel to pri- ance policy toward any disoritize the security of vital ruptions to public peace.

government offices, superior courts, and embassies situated in the high-security zone. Emphasizing unwavering commitment, all officers and personnel have been directed to execute of their duties diligently, ensuring no lapses or complacency during duty hours, thereby upholding peace and security. The Islamabad Capital Police is proactively taking all necessary measures to protect Senior police officials the lives and property of

SC adjourns hearing of appeal pleas against sentence of Musharraf

ISLAMABAD (Online): Supreme Court (SC) has adjourned till November 28 hearing of appeal pleas against sentence of former president Pervez Musharraf. Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Qazi Faez Isa has remarked about special court decision Lahore High Court (LHC) has given more relief to the petitioner

than the request made in the petition despite no request was made by the petitioner for nullifying the establishment of special court.

The petitioner had made no request for nullifying special court. Has LHC powers to administer

powers to only SC for administering complete jus-

The petition related to decision of special court in respect of former president Pervez Musharrf came up for hearing before a 4-member larger bench of SC presided over by CJP Qazi Faez Isa here Wednesday.

Hamid Khan counsel for applicant Tausif Asif said SC had ordered special court to advance the proceedings. The SC said if Pervez Musharraf does not surrender even then proceedings can be run.



ISLAMABAD: Traffic police giving ticket to motorcyclists who riding without wearing helmet in Federal Capital.

3-day AGM and conference of PSDE organized by PIDE Panelists deliberate on country's taxation, public debt management policies

ISLAMABAD: The economic experts participating in panel discussions on Wednesday highlighted different aspects of the country's existing taxation and public debt management policies and recommended corrective measures to strengthen the national

The discussion was held on different topics Debt Management Policies and Practices" - "Growing Pakistan: FDI, Domestic Investment and Foreign Aid"- "Aid and Development in South Punjab", and

Meeting (AGM) and conference of the Pakistan Society of Development Economists (PSDE) on the theme "Breaking the Aid-Debt Chains", organized by the Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE) in collaboration with Bahaduddin Zakariya University (BZU) at the

latter's Jinnah Auditorium

in Multan. The panel discussion on "Is Taxing More the Only Solution?" was moderated by Mahmood Khalid, Senior Research Economist at PIDE and participated by panelists FBR Member Customs, Legal and Accounting Mukaram Jah Ansari, former Member at the Planning Commission Asim Saeed, NDU Professor Abdul Jalil and PIDE Se-

nior Research Economist Omer Siddique.

before considering addi-

model, highlighting an annually rising tax collection target given to the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR). "Two-thirds of the

however, hampers busi-



the retail sector. For charting a way forward, the FBR Member Customs recommended fixing how FBR worked, separating the regulator from the

Abdul Jalil criticized

He stressed that tax

Pakistan's projection as a

nation of tax evaders, em-

phasizing the need to build

collection does not cause growth, citing China and India's examples of pro-

moting growth first. Omer Siddique posed the

question of whether tax-

ing is a panacea for our

He said that even

a narrative of growth.



ISLAMABAD (APP): In- logical and religious sites National Heritage and Culture, Jamal Shah, inaugurated the mobile app and web portal for the archaeological site mapping project

in the Department of Archaeology and Museums (DOAM) on Wednesday. National Heritage and Culture Division, Humaira Ahmed; Adviser, National Heritage and Culture Division, Muhammad Kashif Irshad; and Director General, DOAM, Dr Azeem Khan, were also present on the occasion. Pakistan's cultural heritage is now accessible to the world, with 8,000 archaeological and religious sites now at your fingertips. A Gateway to Pakistan's past new mobile app launched that will promote cultural exchange and boost tourism in the country. Addressing the inaugu-

terim Federal Minister for National Heritage and Culthe website of the Department of Archaeology and Museums." He said, "Around 500 cultural and religious sites of tourism potential have been selected from all over Pakiphysical examination of these sites, recommendations have been made to the concerned provincial authorities for their preservation and development as veloped under this project is more than just a technological achievement. It is a gateway to our past, a treasure trove of knowledge, and

a bridge that connects the legacies of our ancestors. 'Through this app, users will have the power to explore the historical and ration ceremony, the Min-religious sites of Pakistan

present generation with the

tourism destinations." He said, "The mobile app de-

ister said, "Under this project, over 8,000 archaeo-significance." **Crackdown continues** against unregistered

ISLAMABAD: The crackdown is underway against illegal profiteering on drugs

The crackdown was

He said that distribuferent areas.

The team raided Irfan and various pharmacies in

He said that the Heparin injection was being proved price. He added Heparin injection was be-

Similarly, Tramal Injection and Augmentin DS Suspension Hydryline Syrup were also being sold at a higher price. He said that Ventolin Inhaler Tegeral and tablets Augmentin DS were also being sold at

higher prices.

platforms, sheds light on Register No. 10 (Monitoring week-long celebration of arts and literature with vari ous competitions for children to showcase their skills and passion. Students enthusiastically particiing proclaimed offenders and

painting and enthusiasm of the students. Irtaza Hassan, Shehzad Zia and Abdul Razzaq Sial visited the event of emerging entrepre



ISLAMABAD: A view of the encroachments on footpath by the Shopkeepers at Karachi Company area, causing trouble to pedestrian, which needs the attention of concern authority.

Daily Aoice of Masse, Independent

Thursday November 23, 2023

Devolution debate

As elections approach, there is some talk of 'revisiting' the 18th Constitutional Amendment as well as the NFC award formula. It had been reported in this paper that the PML-N was considering alterations to the 18th Amendment, though the party later claimed no such moves were afoot. In a related development, the prime minister's adviser on finance, while speaking at an event on Monday, said that the current NFC award formula needed to be revisited the screens of our phones. as it had "held us back".

Both these issues — the 18th Amendment and the NFC award — are interlinked and concern centre-province relations. This is not the first time such observations have been made; during the PTI's rule the then prime minister Imran Khan had made similar comments.

The fact is that powerful elements within the establishment and bureaucracy favour a strong centre and do not want the greater devolution the 18th Amendment envisages. However, any rollback of devolution would entail disastrous consequences, foremost of which would be a clash between the provinces and the centre. Neither the 18th Amendment nor the NFC award is scripture, and can, indeed, be altered. But it is not the job of the caretaker gies are changing the way administration to suggest or implement changes that would highly disruptive innovaaffect the very structure of the federation.

The 18th Amendment, passed in 2010, was adopted governments. E-commerce by consensus after lengthy deliberations. It restored the platforms like Amazon and Alibaba have disrupted traditional retail, while social federal structure of the 1973 media networks like ergy technologies such as ment. However, when Constitution that had been disfigured by successive dictators, and fulfilled a long-standing demand for provincial empowerment. Therefore, changes to this law, as well as the NFC formula, can only be carried out by an elected parliament after thorough discussion, and with the agreement of all federating units.

The rationale presented by forces that advocate for increased centralisation is that devolution leaves the centre without adequate finances. This assertion is debatable, for the There is a degree of irony reason behind Pakistan's financial woes is not devolution, but our financial mismanagement and profligate ways. Neverthe- some support because of his admiration for Israel less, there is some substance to even as it pursues a genothe claim that the provinces have | Some 55 years ago, his fafailed to deliver. This is certainly the case with post-devolution ad- of winning the Democratic ministrations in Sindh and primaries and then the Balochistan, where indicators such as health and education remain unimpressive. But the raged by the candidate's answer lies in more capacity- pledge, if elected, to send building for the provinces and Israel greater fiscal transparency, and not in rolling back devolution. In fact, for the true fruits of devolution to reach the people, all provinces should politically and financially empower their respective out of Vietnam, and apelected local governments. It peared to sincerely empathise with African should be remembered that Pakistan was created by its federating units, and centralisation tendencies, such as the One Unit scheme, have only hurt the federation.

When the next parliament is tion than the Republican elected it can discuss ways to nominee, Richard Nixon, improve the 18th Amendment F. Kennedy had narrowly and the NFC award. Bulldozing 'solutions' without democratic input will only damage interprovincial relations.

OPINION Daily Inc. Saving the world's children



Rafia Zakaria

This past Monday marked World Children's Day — a day when the international community comes together to commit to a better future for the world's children. But it has been a losing battle. This year, the date felt like a 'commemoration' of just how futile the world's efforts have been in this regard — a complete failure, in fact.

Arguably, never before have so many images of so many innocent lives lost passed in front of our eyes as we scrolled down

According to a recent report by Al Jazeera, over 5,500 children have been killed in the conflict in Gaza so far. The report asserts that since the Hamas attack of Oct 7, one child has been killed every 10 minutes in

remain missing after the Israeli response and are believed to be dead or dying under the rubble of demolished homes and buildings caused by the

Around 9,000 have been injured with "lifechanging consequences". One in every 200 children in Gaza is now dead and many more are expected to perish in the days ahead as Israel continues to rain down bombs on a helpless population. The Israeli authorities as well as much of the Israeli public seem oblivious to the utter inhumanity of the bombing.

On World Children's Day, Israel chose to accuse the United Nations of having forgotten about the children who have been taken hostage by Hamas; in the meantime, the Israeli forces have killed many thousands in the Palestinian territory.

While the children of Gaza continue to be exposed to death and suffering there are others elsewhere who are also living in precarious conflict zones, and whose been going from bad to plight calls for global at- worse

According to Unicef, one in five of all children live amidst armed conflict. They face displacement and misery of all manner, which underscores the

fact that only the wealthy get to have a childhood. Take, for instance, the children sent across the US-Mexico border every year without any adults accompanying them. Even though they are children, they are detained by US Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

These same children

who are put in detention for walking across the border would have a comoletely different life and future had they been born a few hundred miles further north in the US. It appears particularly tragic that even the privilege of having a childhood depends on the accident of birth.

The children who are not getting bombed or shot at aren't doing much better either. Although it has been 34 years since the passage of the Convention of the Rights of the Child, matters have

According to Unicef, one billion children are currently living in countries that are at severe risk from the adverse consequences of climate change These children are in danger of losing their homes and being displaced owing to the effects of climate change.

ever-hotter The world and increasing temperatures mean that a great number of children are at risk of starvation because the crops they rely on for nourishment are threatened by new climate patterns The consequences of

the Covid-19 pandemic have produced some surprising effects on the health of children as well. While Covid-19 itself did not target children, the controversies many around vaccination created an unprecedented crisis for inoculation against childhood dis-

One in five children alive today are "zerodose vaccinated or undervaccinated". One reason for this is that "in May 2020, more than half of all vaccination campaigns

cancelled or postponed" Since then, many have not gone back to what they used to be. As a result, many diseases that have been wiped out are resurfacing in all sorts of Pakistan has also

been affected by this. In addition to inadequate outreach, there have been suspicions on the part of parents about the vaccithemselves. nations Much of the reluctance to have children vaccinated is linked to the Osama bin Laden raid in 2011 and the fake vaccination drive that was initiated to identify the Al Qaeda chief's location.

The programme has faltered not only because door-to-door vaccinators became a target for terrorist attacks but also because the programme has been underfunded.

climate Unlike change and, it seems, war, the immunisation issue has solutions. One of these is to identify which of the zero-vaccinated and under-vaccinated children can be identified. In many cases, com-

munities do not vaccinate in 57 countries had to be their children because of

beliefs that they now hold about vaccination. Sometimes, these misconceptions can be easily addressed by community engagement. Similarly, it is necessary that those children who missed vaccination are inoculated. Finally, a lot more investment needs to be made in the Lady Health Workers programme since that remains Pakistan's best bet to get children vaccinated again. Now that it has been more than a decade since the Bin Laden raid; it is time to start re-educating the public about the necessity of vaccinations and the precarious future faced by children if they are not inoculated against disease.

In these bleak times, it seems that all we can offer most of the world's suffering children is our empathy and prayers. But we do have the power to influence the lives of the children around us by being cognisant of their needs, their delicate minds and hearts, their innocence and purity. It will not solve all the problems faced by children, but it will be a good beginning and can save lives.

Towards a technology-driven economy



Atta-ur-Rahman

In today's world, technology has emerged as the driv-ing force behind socioeconomic development. Its transformative impact is evident across various sectors, influencing economic education, healthcare and governance. Many disruptive technolowe live, work, manufacture, and commute. One such

tion has been the internet. The internet has evolved into a global platform that connects individuals, businesses and Facebook and Twitter have reshaped communication. advertising, and even political discourse.

Mobile innovations socioeconomic develop- areas such as data science

have revolutionized indusment. These innovations and AI development. tries such as finance (mobile banking), healthcare (telemedicine), and education (e-learning). Mobile technology has also empowered individuals in remote and underserved areas, providing access to information, services, and economic opportunities that were previously out of reach

Disruptive innovations in telecommunications, particularly the expansion of 4G and 5G networks, are transforming connectivity on a global scale. These technologies go beyond facilitating faster internet speeds; they enable the Internet of Things (IoT), smart cities, and a host of applications that enhance efficiency and connectivity. For example, the M-Pesa mobile payment system in Kenya has revolutionized financial services, particularly in regions with limited ac-

cess to traditional banking. Another important disruptive innovation has been that of renewable en- cerns about job displacesolar and wind power that harnessed strategically, AI have far-reaching implica- and ML have the potentions for both environ- tial to create new job op-

challenge traditional energy sources and contribute to the transition to a more sustainable and ecofriendly energy landscape.

Countries investing in renewable energy, like Germany with Energiewende policy, are not only reducing their environmental footprint but also fostering new industries and creating jobs in the renewable energy sec-

But perhaps the most important disruptive forces to emerge in the last two decades have been Artificial Intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML). They represent disruptive innovations that are reshaping the future of work and productivity. From automation in manufacturing to algorithmic trading in finance, AI and ML are influencing various sectors.

While these technologies enhance efficiency and decision-making, they also raise conmental sustainability and portunities, particularly in Blockchain technol-

ogy, initially developed as the underlying technology for cryptocurrencies like Bitcoin, is now disrupting and transforming many industries. Blockchain applications in finance (smart contracts), supply chain management, and healthcare (secure health records) have the potential to streamline processes, reduce fraud, and create more efficient systems that contribute to socioeconomic development.

We are also on the verge of witnessing a huge transformation in the transportation sector by the advent of lectric vehicles. Companies like Tesla, Google's Waymo, and traditional automakers are investing heavily in autonomous vehicle technology. Beyond the convenience of self-driving cars, the impact extends to logistics, public transportation, and urban planning.

Autonomous vehicles have the potential to enhance road safety, reduce traffic congestion, and create new business models in the transportation sec-

Driven by disruptive innovations such as GPS technology, sensors, and data analytics, precision agriculture is revolutionizing the way we approach farming. These technologies enable farmers to optimize resource use, monitor crop health, and increase vields. By embracing precision agriculture, Pakistan can address the challenges of food security, reduce environmental impact, and cre-

nomic development. Turning to Africa, we find that Rwanda presents a good example of how the use of technology is propelling it forward. It has emerged from the genocide of 1994, and the country's commitment to digital infrastructure, including widespread internet access. has facilitated advancements in healthcare, education, and entrepreneurship.

ate more sustainable agri-

cultural practices that con-

tribute to overall socioeco-

Under the visionary leadership of its former Shah and under the patronage of Mr Bilawal Bhutto-

Climate finance gap

precision agriculture. billion to strengthen its universities and research centres so that they can better contribute to the process of socio-economic development

The contributions of Dr Azra Pechuho in health education and research that have led to the development of the first forensic science centre, a virology centre and many others in Karachi University, deserve our unreserved praise. Kudos to Sindh Other provinces must follow the same path.

At the national level, there is stagnation with the operational budget of all government universities frozen at about Rs66 billion for the last six years. despite the Herculean efforts of the Higher Education Commission (HEC) to procure proper funding This has resulted in the transformation of our universities to colleges as their funding has been reduced by 70 per cent in real terms due to inflation and

devaluation.
What is needed is a chief minister Murad Ali visionary, honest technocrat federal government that can propel this nation tor. Zardari, the Sindh government has started contributive technology is that of Zardari, the Sindh government has started contributing a huge sum of Rs22 Courtesy TheNews to a technology driven

Phantom choices



Mahir Ali

— or déjà vu — in recent reports that putative US presidential candidate Robert F. Kennedy Jr is losing cidal military campaign. ther — who, unlike RFK Jr, had a convincing chance White House — was assassinated, purportedly by a Jordanian-Palestinian, Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, en-50 Phantom jet fighters to

That was in 1968, on the first anniversary of the Six-Day War that dramatically shifted American attitudes towards Israel. Bobby Kennedy was then seen as a progressive candidate. He vowed to pull US troops Americans still struggling for civil rights as well as the broader victims of poverty engendered by the American

Whether he might have made a decent president is hard to say, but he would no doubt have been a better opwhom his elder brother John defeated eight years earlier. There were suggestions the 1960 poll might have been rigged on the margins—JFK even joked about it. But much of that was forgotten when

he was assassinated in Dallas 60 years ago today. That tragedy haunted

RFK, who feared that in his role as attorney general in the Ke--n--nedy administration, he might have stir-red up sufficient resentment in his pursuit of organised crime to provoke a deadly bac-k-lash. There were many other factors, though. As a candidate, JFK

had placed himself on the anti-communist extreme, but as president he turned down the option of providing air cover to the CIA-sponsored invasion of Cuba by anti-Castro exiles, which had been green-lit by the previous Eisenhower administration. In his departing address to Dwight the nation, Eisenhower pointed out the risks posed by the burgeoning military-industrial complex, but the former supreme commander had done little to curtail it. It was his successor who stood up to the generals and the CIA.

JFK accepted responsibility for the 1961 Bay of Pigs disaster, when CIAtrained infiltrators were decisively thwarted by Cuban revolutionary forces. More crucially, he tu--rned down the gung-ho military commanders who advocated an assault on Cuba the following year, when it turned out that the USSR had deployed nuclear-armed missiles on the Caribbean island close to

Back-channel contacts in which RFK played a key role ascertained that Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev was as reluctant as JFK to risk a nuclear conflagration. Moscow did not hesitate to pull out its warheads as soon as Washington vowed not to invade the island, as well as to withdraw its missiles from Turkey's Soviet border. Thanks in large part to Daniel Ellsberg, we know that Kennedy was well aware of the global toll a nuclear conflagration would entail, and he wasn't prepared to go there. Whether his assassination in Dallas was blowback for any of his

policy decisions or predilections remains a mystery. A recent poll suggests that 65 per cent of Americans don't buy the single-gunman theory about the events of Nov 22, 1963.

That's not surprising, given the plethora of contradictory evidence, including the fact that Lee Harvey Oswald never owned up to the deed, and was himself murdered less than 48 hours later by Jack Ruby, a stripclub owner with underworld and FBI connections. In the absence of definitive answers, the unanswered questions keep piling up.

RFK Jr is convinced

the CIA had a role in his uncle's assassin-ation. That has never conclusi-v-ely been proved, even though the sordid nexus bet-ween the agency, the mafia and anti-Castro Cuban exiles is reasonably well documented. There are also unresolved discrepancies in the official narratives about the 1968 assassinations of Mar--tin Luther King and RFK, and some mem-bers of both families suspect that the actual killers went free. It's worth noting that a couple of those accused of Malcolm X's as-

sassination in 1965 were only recently exonerated. One of the factors RFK Jr is capitalising on is the visceral distrust of the government that went mainstream not long after his uncle was murdered, and multiplied within a decade with the Pentagon Papers that laid bare the history of deceptions about Vietnam, not to mention Watergate, which followed shortly afterwards. More recently, there was the nonsense about weapons of mass destruction that served as an excuse to invade Iraq - and echoes of that deception resonate through Israel's nonsensical allegations about Gaza's Al Shifa hospital. Distrust of the established order contributed to Donald Trump's triumph in

2016, and may serve him

well again next year. RFK Jr

is probably helping to pave

the way. -- Courtesy Dawn

Jamil Ahmad

The upcoming UN Climate Change Conference in Dubai will be tackling tough questions on how to curb rising temperatures, control carbon emission spikes, develop efficient technological solutions, learn from the first Global Stock-take, and agree on a new roadmap to realise the Paris Agreement aims. Climate finance will be one of the toughest ques-

Globally, efforts to address climate change face a lack of financial resources to support developing nations reach the Climate Convention goals. The efforts are constrained by the absence of sufficient means of implementation, ie, financial resources. Already under debt distress, many developing countries are forced to spend most of their lean budgets on debt servicing, leaving little for sectors such as health and education, and diverting investment from climate action and environmental protection. Constricted fiscal space in these countries relegates the issue of global warming to the back-burner. So, they face serious challenges in combating climate change and expect injections of climate finance from multilateral funding avenues and bilateral donors.

While there's no clear definition of what constitutes climate finance, it is accepted as a concept accommodating different types of financial contributions from a variety of sources and mechanisms. The Green Climate Fund. the Global Environmental Facility, the Adaptation Fund, and other regional

and international financial institutions are set to mobilise and disburse funds. Bilateral arrangements from donors, public and private, supplement these funds. The Loss and Damage Fund, once operationalised, will be the latest addition.

Some of these funding mechanisms are not wellendowed, while others are not replenished in a timely manner to meet the rising needs of climate finance in vulnerable countries. At a time when climate change threatens lives, the inadequacy and inaccessibility of climate finance hinders the Global South from taking urgent action while climate costs rise sharply.

A recent study published in the journal Nature Communications, found that the climate crisis resulted in average global costs of \$143 billion per year for the last 20 years. For the year 2022, which saw multiple climate-induced disasters across the world, the direct cost estimate was \$280bn due to storms, heatwaves, floods, droughts, and wildfires. Pakistan alone suffered a loss of \$40bn in the same year due to heavy floods. The indirect costs of the long-term impact associated with extreme weather events — not considered in the study — would significantly push up these fig-Vulnerable countries in

Africa and Asia, in dire need of climate finance, are left exposed to the disproportionate adve-rse impacts of global warming, with 2023 being the hottest year recorded. Last year, the United Nations Enviro-n-ment Pro-gramme's estimates for adaptation costs were in the range of \$160bn to \$340bn per year by 2030 and \$315bn to \$565bn by 2050 for developing countries. But the financial needs of developing countries for adaptation have now soared to \$215bn to \$387bn by

significantly by 2050, going by UNEP's 2023 Adaptation Gap Report, released earlier this month.

In the same period, PwC's 2023 State of Climate Tech report reveals that "climate tech investments from venture capital and private equity fell 40 per cent in 2023' Meanwhile, the finan-

cial gap — the difference between allocations by developed countries versus the actual requirement for adaptation — has widened UNEP's adaptation report put the gap between \$194bn and \$366bn per year. Clearly, the \$100bn pledged by developed countries, and the doubling of "collective provision of clim-a--te finance for adaptation" ag--r-e--ed to at the Glasgow Climate Pact in 2021, will be insufficient. To boost climate finan--ce, UNEP's report identifies several innovative ways, including through "increasing and tailoring finance to small and medium enterprises", and "a reform of the global financial architecture, as proposed by the Bridgetown Initiative" The Global Stock-

take report emphasises the scaled-up mobilisation of climate finance for developing countries, while aligning the current financial flows with a pathway towards low-carbon emissions. The Paris Agreement also calls for a New Collective Quantified Goal for 2030 for climate finance. Controlling global warming will be well-nigh impossible without a robust framework that unlocks adequate, timely and accessible climate finance for effective climate action and protection of vulnerable communities by developing Policymakers at COP28 must tackle the central question of climate finance to save the Paris Agreement from falling further behind, and to save lives.

Chairman Kashmir

Council Europe Ali Raza Syed said, "The week long

programs of Kashmir's EU

week are being organized by

Kashmir Council EU for

many years and purpose of

such programs is to

highlight Kashmir issue

including miseries of oppressed Kashmiris and

beauty of the Kashmir's

people in all over the world

stood against the state

terrorism and atrocities on

the common citizens, we

hope world would also pay

attention to prevent Indian

brutalities on the Kashmiris. He asked the

international community

especially European Union

to put pressure on India to

immediately end crimes of

Indian security forces

against people of India

Illegally Occupied Jammu

& Kashmir (IIOJ&K) and

grant them right to self

determination according

He said, as currently

culture in Europe.'

Kashmir's EU Week

to begin in Brussels

next month

MIRPUR (AJK) (APP):

Kashmir's EU (European

Union) Week is all set to

begin in Brussels, the

European headquarters

early next month under the

auspices of Kashmir

Council Europe (KC-EU).

"The scheduled Kashmir's EU Week will

commence from December

05-15 in the European

Headquarters Brussels",

disclosed Chairman of KC-

EU Ali Raza Syed while

talking to APP over

telephone from Brussels

seminars, conferences, a

media conference, debates

and a photo exhibition at

European Press Club

Brussels and the European

parliament. There would

also be several meetings

with the European officials,

members of European

representatives of civil

society and human rights

organizations during the

on December 5 (Tuesday).

parliament

The events include

Minister advises students to keep themselves updated about developments in Microbiology

Caretaker Federal Minister for National Food Security and Research, Dr. Kausar Abdullah Malik on Wednesday said that the Microbiology revolutionized and it was not the same as it was around 30 or 40 years ago. Therefore all the students should keep themselves updated with regard to the developments taking place the areas Microbiology, he said while addressing a threeday14th International Biennial Conference hosted by Pakistan Society For Microbiology (PSM) in

collaboration with Salim

Habib University (SHU)

on the theme of "Disasters,

Epidemic and Public

Microbiology" at SHU collaboration here Wednesday. Dr. Kausar Abdullah

Malik said that the field of Microbiology developed tremendously, therefore the student should open their eyes and ears to excel in its specific

Speaking about the Conference, he said that one of the objectives of such conferences was to provide a platform for interaction between the senior and junior colleagues so as to facilitate the collaboration among them.

He said that it was fascinating to see diversity of topics chosen for deliberations in the conference and expressed hope that it would

LAHORE: Chief Minister Punjab Mohsin Naqvi being briefed about progress

on Walton Road and ADA drain remodeling & upgradation, Cavalry underpass

crises through the power of the neonle. "PPP's

manifesto is centered on

prosperity for the people, ensuring workers' rights,

and prioritizing the development of the

business community and

Party meeting in anticipation of the PPP's

from across the country

renew

He was addressing a

industry," he stated.

Party

dedication to democracy, Founding Day on Gilani asserted that November 30 in Quetta,

announced the Party's commitment to democratic

determination to contest values. The meeting also

elections nationwide, reviewed organizational

and Centrepoint to Walton Road CBD Punjab Quaid District projects.

PPP's manifesto

centered on people's

prosperity: Yusuf Raza

MULTAN (APP): Former address the country's

Senior Vice Chairman the people.

Prime Minister and Central

Pakistan People Party

Syed Yusuf Raza Gilani

here on Wednesday emphasized the Party's

commitment to a level

playing field for all, urging

the Election Commission

to ensure fair and

individuals with a criminal

background should be

Highlighting PPP's

ineligible for elections. He will

transparent elections.

The minister highly appreciated contribution of eminent Microbiologist of Pakistan Prof. Dr. Shahana Urooj Kazmi in the field of Microbiology and said Dr. Shahana has done commendable work in the field of Microbiology not only in Pakistan but also

He said that we were also actively working on cotton as we were comparing microbiome in disease infected cotton and comparing it with the healthy cotton.

all over the world.

He also offered PSM President Prof. Dr Shahana Urooj Kazmi, to host next International Biennial Conference after Health Challenges for materialize in meaningful two years in Lahore.

Minister for

Human Rights

calls on KP

Governor

PESHAWAR (APP)

Caretaker Federal Minister

for Human Rights Khalil George on Wednesday

called on the Governor

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

Ghulam Ali here at

general situation of the

province, especially the

situation of human rights

all human rights requirements for the

refugees from across the

the protection of human

rights and government

policies and government

initiatives were also

that Islam emphasized

greatly on human rights

Shaukat

Yousafzai

and service to humanity.

The Governor said

discussed in the meeting.

country, including Khyber

In the meeting, the

They also discussed

Legal issues related to

Governor House

was discussed.

Pakhtunkhwa.

where leaders and workers honorable return of Afghan

their



Caretaker Federal Minister for National Food Security and Research Dr. Kausar Abdullah Malik Inaugurating the 14th Biennial Micro Biology Conference at Saleem Habib University Karachi.

Chief Minister KP says: Cheap energy resources to be developed immediately

Justice ® Syed Arshad said that cheap energy ongoing

presided over the meeting of the PEDO Policy Board here. Provincial Minister of Information Technology and Chief Minister's

DERA ISMAIL KHAN

Commissioner Tank Amin

Ullah Khan on Wednesday

visited the National Database and Registration

Authority (NADRA) office Tank and instructed

the relevant staff to

provide timely services to

the public. According to

the district administration,

the AC reviewed basic

facilities put in place for

citizens at the office and

(APP):

Tank's NADRA

office visited to review

facilities for citizens

Assistant

Energy and other relevant officials attended the

issued directives to concerned authorities to prepare an immediate plan to generate maximum power in minimum time. He said this while province with immense fully utilized, he said.

Energy Department should work day and night, the Advisor on Energy besides Chief Secretary, Additional caretaker chief minister said, adding, Emergency

Pakhtunkhwa said.

Hydropower plants can not only meet the needs of electricity in the province, but industries

Four killed, one injured as roof caves in

SARGODHA (APP): Four people, including three girls of a family, were killed and one was injured in a roof collapse incident here

the incident occurred at Syduwana village in which Hafza Bibi, 32, Mehnaz Fatima, 7, Minahil Fatima and Hanja Fatima, 3, died on the spot while Saleem

The Rescue 1122 reached the spot and shifted the bodies and injured to the DHQ

Court extends

interim bail of

sisters of Imran

LAHORE (Online): Anti

Terrorism Court (ATC)

Lahore has extended

interim bail of Aleema

Khan and Uzma Khan

sisters of chairman PTI in

ATC took up for hearing

the petitions of Asad Umar

and sisters of chairman

Zareen Qureshi did not

Umar and Zareen Qureshi

presented exemption from

attendance pleas on their

behalf which were accepted

by the court. During the

hearing of the case the

investigation officer said

the accused are not joining

investigation. Investigation

has not been completed. It

is therefore, requested

some time be given. The

court while extending the

interim bail of the accused

adjourned the hearing of

Aleema Khan met the

arrested workers of PTI in

Bakhshi Khana on the

occasion of their

appearance in the court

Uzma Khan said chairman

Uzma Khan and

the case till December 9.

Judge Arshid Javed of

Asad Umar and

The lawyers of Asad

May 9 arson cases.

PTI and others.

appear in the court.



Human Rights Khalil George meeting with Khyber Pakhtunkhawa Governor Haji Ghulam Ali.

Kashmir EU Week starting the UN's resolutions

on Kashmir

Pending salaries of WSSC sanitation workers to be paid soon: CEO

DERA ISMAIL KHAN indefinite period in protest (APP): Syed Sada Hussain Shah, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Water and Services Sanitation Company (WSSC) has said that the funds would soon sanitation workers.

these sanitation workers as rill be resolved," he said.

added that the issue of salaries and release of grant has been discussed with the Provincial Secretary of Local Government during a recent meeting held in Peshawar, we hope that the salaries of the employees will be paid immediately after the grant is provided.

Earlier, sanitation workers and staff of Water and Sanitation Services Company DIKhan announced a complete strike and

against non-payment of salaries from the last two months. The employees of WSSC appealed to the caretaker government to take notice be released to pay the of the non-payment of pending salaries to the their salaries for the last two months.

"It is our priority to They said that pay the pending salaries of employees of WSSC had not been paid salaries due soon as possible, after to which their families which they will end the were facing great hardships strike as their only demand and they could not pay for the payment of salaries their utility bills, rent, fee of their children, adding Sada Hussain Shah that if the government

would not address the issue they would continue their strike till the acceptance of their demands. They asked the caretaker provincial government to resolve the issue and ensure payment of salaries to WSSC workers without any delay.

Meanwhile, sanitation and cleanliness was badly affected in the (WSSC) city due to the nonpayment of salaries to the



employees for the last

Association are holding protest demonstration for demanding immediate release of their five-month house job salaries, outside the Administration Block of Chandka Medical Hospital in Larkana.

Commissioner for expediting action against profiteers in Karachi

Commissioner Karachi, Muhammad Saleem Rajput on Wednesday asked the officers concerned to expedite action against profiteers and ensure implementation government fixed prices of

essential items. On the directives of the Commissioner, the City Administration charged 97 shopkeepers with a Rs 696000 fine for violation of notified prices of essential commodities on

Wednesday. According to the report, over 16.8 million rupees in fines were imposed against 4444 profiteers while 128 shops were sealed during 21 days of the campaign against hoarders and profiteers in

As per the districtaction against the profiteers in district South, 1028 shopkeepers were fined Rs. 4.25 million, 3 Rs.2.64 million.

and 37 shops were sealed during the 21 days of the campaign.

The administration of the district central sealed 50 shops and imposed a fine of Rs.4.76 million on 543 shopkeepers who were found selling essential food items at excessive prices. Three violators were sent to jail in the

In District East 5 shops were sealed and 4 profiteers were jailed by commissioners concerned

while a total fine of Rs.2.19 million was imposed on 546 illegal profiteers. In the West district, 518 shopkeepers were fined a total of Rs. 1.22 million.

In Malir district, 872 shopkeepers were fined a wise breakdown of the total of Rs.1.33 million while 10 shops were sealed. In district Korangi 553 profiteers were fined

Chief Secretary, Secretary

Caretaker Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Hussain Shah Wednesday resources would be developed immediately by completing work on the hydropower

The chief minister

Nature has blessed the resources that need to be

For this purpose, the

He also inquired

about the problems and

difficulties people were facing in the office. Later,

he visited different sections

of the NADRA office and

discussed with staff

various matters about

public service delivery.

Meanwhile, a spokesman

of the Tank police has said

that construction work on

building firm posts at the

NADRA office is

underway in full swing and

province self-sufficient in power generation. The speed of work on

the ongoing hydropower projects in the province should be accelerated, he said. Significant progress in this regard should be ensured in the coming months, the Caretaker Chief Minister Khyber

can also be developed here,

on Wednesday. The Rescue 1122 said ,48, sustained injuries.



Dr. Shabina Raza presenting shield to Punjab Governor Muhammad Baligur-Rehman after meeting at Governor House.

arrested at BKIA Sindh govt decides to ban sub-leasing of all

PESHAWAR (APP): Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insat (PTI) leader and former provincial minister Shaukat Yousafzai was offloaded from plane at Bacha Khan International Airport here (BKIA)

Wednesday. Yousafzai, previously served as the information minister in both PTI provincial governments, had been in hiding since the riots on 9th May. In in video message from his Facebook account Shaukat Yousafzai said that he was going to Saudi Arabia to perform Umrah He expressed his respect for the country's institutions and said he did

arrested.

58 dengue cases reported in district

not know why he was

SARGODHA (APP): A meeting of the District Emergency Response Committee for Dengue Control was held under the chairmanship of Additional Deputy Commissioner Finance and Planning Shoaib Nisowana, here on Wednesday. The meeting was attended by the district heads of all the relevant departments. Chief Executive Officer

KARACHI (APP): The caretaker Sindh

Augaf dept properties

government has decided to ban sub-leasing of all properties of the Auqaf Department.

The decision was taken in a meeting of the Augaf Department held under the chairmanship of Sindh Minister for Law and Augaf Muhammad Omar Soomro here Wednesday. The meeting was attended by Secretary Auqaf Munawer Ali Mahessar, Administrator Mumtaz Chana, Additonal Secretary and other Karachi.

instructed the officers in

the meeting and said that the sub-lease of the property of the Augaf Department should be banned. A committee has also

been formed to review the rate of the property of the Augaf Department across the province. committee will include Additional Secretary Augaf, Administrator Administrator Augaf

PMSA commemorates 'World Fisheries Day'

Pakistan Maritime Security Agency (PMSA) marked World Fisheries Day' with a series of engaging activities aimed at raising

KARACHI (APP): The establishment of welfare and medical camps. These camps provided essential items to support the daily needs of the local fishing community, according to a news release issued here on Wednesday. Moreover, educational lectures were conducted, shedding light on the importance of 'World Fisheries Day' and its relevance in sustaining

awareness about the significance of fisheries among both its personnel and the local community. Various initiatives were undertaken at Mubarak Village and Keti



Shah presides over the 14th meeting of PEDO Policy Board.

particularly focusing on southern Punjab, aiming to performance and discussed election strategies. **ECP organizes 'Voter Education's eminars** ABBOTTABAD (APP): Commissioner, Zeeshan Following the directives of

the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP), a comprehensive series of related matters has been launched on Wednesday in various girls' colleges across the district. As part of this

initiative, a seminar was also organized in Government Girls Degree Malikpura, College significant participation

During the seminar, the students presented reports highlighting the significance of voting in a democratic society.

Khan, emphasized the importance of voting not only for good governance within the country but seminars on election- also for creating awareness about the correct and transparent voter lists.

He informed the participants about the 8300 service, which facilitated citizens in verifying their voter registration status.

Zeeshan provided insights into the functioning and role of the Election Commission of Pakistan, shedding light on the preparations involved in the election process, including voting and result tabulation



Engineer Ameer Muqam meeting with President PML-N Shehbaz Sharif.

LDA demolishes illegal constructions

Lahore Development Authority (LDA) demolished various constructions during a crackdown on illegal buildings and commercial use of residential buildings in the provincial capital, here on Wednesday.

According to a kesman for the spokesman authority, the operation was launched in Awan Town, Sabzazar, Allama Iqbal Town, Qazi Town and adjacent areas, resulting in demolition of multiple illegal/commercial properties. The LDA teams partially demolished illegal shops in Awan Town, removed shutters of illegal

LAHORE (APP): The shops in Qazi Town, and Lahore Development demolished Neelam Ghar [auction house], illegal sheds at plot No. 766H, Sabzazar scheme. In plot No. 14A, Marghzar scheme, commercial encroachments cleared.An showroom was sealed at plot No. 15H/I, Sabzazar scheme. Support nets were removed from plot No. 22D and 58C, Sabzazar

> Block, Allama Iqbal Town. An illegal underconstruction restaurant was demolished at plot No. l, Kamran Block, Allama Igbal Town.

scheme. Boards were

removed after sealing plot

No. 1050 and 1051, Ravi

Dr Saif says:

Plan finalized to transform optical fiber cable network into global digital gateway

Caretaker Federal Minister Telecommunication Dr

Umar Saif on Wednesday said that the government had finalized a plan to transform Pakistan's optical fiber cable network into a global digital

The implementation of the proposed project would benefit Pakistan by millions of dollars, he disclosed while speaking in a high-level meeting.

The meeting was representatives of key organizations, including Telecommunication Facilitation Council Authority (PTA), Special platform would also be

Commerce and Industry.

LAHORE (APP): Federal

Board of Revenue's Input

Organisation (IOCO)

Director General Irfanur

Rehman Khan has assured

the All Pakistan Textile

(APTMA) of resolving issues of exporters related

certificates by the next

According to the APTMA spokesman here

on Wednesday, he also

sought a proposal from the

Association to make the

determination process

Co-efficient

Association

FBR has promised

to resolve exporters'

issues, says APTMA

to determination of Input decade ago. He was

Output Ratios (IROs), responding to the queries Wastages and Analysis raised by the textile certificates by the next industry representatives on

Organization, Pakistan Telecommunication Company Ltd (PTCL), Trans World, CyberNet.He said that all the necessary resources and facilities had been provided for the digital gateway initiative.

Dr Saif said that the existing optical fiber cable infrastructure, existing from Karachi to Gwadar, could be connected to global marine cables. It would facilitate digital access to regions spanning the Middle East, Central Asia, China, and Europe at competitive rates, he added. The minister said that the Special Investment

ISLAMABAD: Head of CDA Territory Mian Tariq Latif in a group photo

with acting President ICCI during his visit to Islamabad Chamber of

more viable and export-

consideration. He agreed

that Textile Notes might

serve as reference and

guidance for determination

of Input Output ratios.

However, these Notes need

to be reviewed as they were

compiled more than a

his visit to APTMA

accompanied by Chaudhry

Director IOCO, Ms.

Muhammad

Ammara Durrani,

DG IOCO was

Akram,

friendly after

Google and Meta, indicating that soon Pakistanis would hear developments regarding connectivity.

At present, Pakistan nearly 180,000 kilometers of fiber optic cable and 6,000 mobile towers. With ongoing projects aiming to increase the installation of optical fiber cables to 300,000 kilometers and 20,000 mobile towers, the expansion is poised to enhance connectivity providing consumers with improved Internet services

SECP bans

advertisements

promoting illegal

investments

ISLAMABAD (INP)

The Security and Exchange

Commission of Pakistan

(SECP) has imposed a ban

investment schemes on

spate of cases involving

fraudulent investment

platforms that have fleeced

unsuspecting investors of

In a notification issued today, the SECP directed

all media outlets to refrain from publishing or

advertisements promoting

illegal investment schemes.

The notification also

directed other companies, including the Pakistan Super League (PSL), not to

enter into business contracts with such

platforms and to cancel

had taken this action in

response to a surge in the

number of websites

advertisements marketing

unapproved investment

misleading

any existing contracts. The SECP said that it

large sums of money.

broadcasting

This follows a recent

promoting

Wednesday.

advertisements



ISLAMABAD: The Dutch Ambassador to Pakistan H.E. Henny Fokel de Vries meeting with Minister of Commerce and Industries Dr. Gohar Ejaz.

Sufficient gas available to meet consumers needs in capital: SNGPL Spokesperson

ISLAMABAD (APP): Sui complaints Northern Gas Pipelines substantially decreased in the region, and valued sufficient gas to meet the needs of consumers in the capital, said spokesperson of the

A spokesperson established at the regional Shahid Akram said that to office I-9 Islamabad for address the issue of low gas pressure in the Islamabad region, the company is connecting multiple largediameter pipelines to the

SNGPL on Wednesday.

He said that regional complaint centres are operating 24/7 to swiftly consumer complaints. He said, that due to the rapid response of these area complaint centres, individual and area informed that numerous

Railways Minister Shahid

Ashraf Tarar has directed

the administration to

ensure achieving the

revenue targets, set for

development of the

session at the Railways

headquarters here on

Wednesday, he praised the

administrative efficiency

for increase in revenue and

number of freight trains.

He emphasised expediting

completion of processes of

outsourcing of railways

project to shift railway

Presiding over a

consumers are enjoying the facility He further said that a "Situation Room" had been

monitoring gas pressures and resolving complaints through dedicated teams. The spokesperson said that an effective load management strategy has devised and implemented throughout the region, including Islamabad, Attock, Wah,

and Kahuta.

Taxila, Fateh Jang, Murree,

distribution companies in

various railway residential

units, including the Mayo

Gardens. The minister

expressed satisfaction over

the ongoing operation

against encroachments and

sought a report from all

divisions after 15 days to

assess the progress and

the administration to link

the performance of officers

with the anti-encroachment

activities. He applauded

management efficiency in

reducing accidents and

tracks in all divisions.

The minister ordered

encroachment.

Railways minister orders

achieving revenue target

provided an update on the complete inspection of

installations to solar Updates were also given on

energy. He instructed to the construction of

accelerate the process of executive washrooms at

major pipeline projects Islamabad region, including multiple large-diameter pipelines from Rawat to Faizabad. Additionally, rehabilitation work on old pipelines is in progress to eliminate low-pressure problems, he said.

He said that the objective of these pipeline projects is to ensure a consistent and reliable gas supply for the residents of the capital.

Regarding LPG cylinder services, Shahid Akram said that SNGPL provides cylinders to consumers at competitive adhering to international quality and safety standards.

IT export

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Federal Minister

on November 23.

"This has been developed in collaboration with a top-tier international consulting firm — Price water house Coopers (PwC) - for Board (PSEB)" he shared this on social media

Govt to launch first national strategy

Information

expressed the hope that due the initiative.

report today

Technology Telecommunication Dr Umar Saif on Wednesday said that the government would launch first national IT export strategy report



Shamrez taking oath from newly elected members, in City.

stitching machine at factory, in school going age, to earn daily wages for the livelihood of his family. **Dutch envoy calls on** Dr. Gohar Ejaz to foster trade growth

FAISALABAD: A younger boy is working on

ISLAMABAD (APP): potential for a formidable Ambassador of the Netherlands to Pakistan Henny Fokel de Vries, on Wednesday called on Minister of Commerce and Industries Dr. Gohar Ejaz and discussed ways and means to explore avenues for further collaboration. The envoy expressed

satisfaction with the strong trade ties between the countries, particularly in the textile sector, and conveyed the Netherlands' interest in livestock and potatoes from Pakistan, said a news release here. While highlighting the

partnership in agriculture, she emphasized the abundance of land and labor in Pakistan.

The ambassador also expressed the Netherlands' commitment to exploring additional opportunities for trade growth, citing technology and academic exchange as potential areas for collaboration.

Acknowledging the Netherlands as one of Pakistan's top ten foreign trade partners, the minister outlined Pakistan's vast investment potential, particularly in IT, agriculture, and mining.

Rupee gains 66 paisa against Dollar ISLAMABAD (APP)

schemes.

Pakistani Rupee on Wednesday gained 66 paisa against US Dollar in the interbank trading and closed at Rs 285.12 against the previous day's closing at Rs 285.78. However, according

to the Forex Association of Pakistan (FAP), the buying and selling rates of the Dollar in the open market stood at Rs 283.65 and Rs 286.5 respectively.
The price of the Euro

decreased by Rs1.96 to close at Rs 311.32 against the last day's closing of Rs 313.28, according to the State Bank of Pakistan

The Japanese Yen lost 02 paisa to close at Rs 1.91; whereas a decrease of



ISLAMABAD: Vendors displaying fruits to attract the customers at Fruit and Vegetable Market in Federal Capital.

Increasing local production only way to address gas crisis: Shahid Rasheed

ISLAMABAD (INP): Former President of Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI), Dr. Shahid Rasheed Butt has said that for last 15 years, the masses and economy are suffering due gas crisis.

In a statement issued here on Wednesday, he said that increasing local gas production which was currently insignificant, was the only solution to country's gas crisis.

said that after wasting gas businesses for decades, now this clean exploration and production fuel was less than its have declined.

requirement in the country. He said, "Importing gas from Central Asia and Iran has become very difficult. Domestic resources do not allow importing expensive LNG according to the requirement, so, the only solution to the problem is

to increase local production."The business leader said that the gas crisis continues throughout the year, but its severity increases in winter, which Shahid Rasheed Butt affects people and

APSEA appeals govt to stop ALCR to avoid repercussions

MULTAN (APP): The persisted with its 100 Edible Oil Extraction percent ALCR on Industry has urged the government to halt Axle it might cause severe Load Control Regime economic repercussions (ALCR) to avoid potential that could arise if the axle surge in foreign exchange in fuel prices. Chairman All remained in effect. The new Pakistan Solvent axle load regime Extractor's Association substantially diminishes (APSEA), Mian the lifting capacity of each Muhammad Ahmed said in truck (by 40 percent on a statement issued here on 22-wheelers and 100 Wednesday that if it percent on 10-wheelers).

Shipping activity at **Port Qasim**

KARACHI (APP): Seven ships namely, carrying Containers, Palm oil, Gas oil, Chemicals and LPG, berthed at Container Terminal, Liquid Terminal, Oil Terminal, Engro Terminal and Sui Southern Terminal respectively on Tuesday.

Meanwhile, three more ships, scheduled to load/offload Rice, Coal and Gas oil also arrived at the outer anchorage of the port during the last 24 hours.

A total of eleven ships were engaged at PQA berths during the last 24 hours, out of them, two ships, Al-Dayyan and Blue Majesty left the port on Wednesday morning and six more ships are expected to sail on today afternoon.

The cargo throughput of 172,955 tonnes, comprising 118,288 tonnes of import cargo and 54,667 tonnes export cargo, including containerized cargo carried in 6,679 Containers (4,160 TEUs Imports and 2,519 TEUs export) was handled at the port during last 24 hours. There are 09 ships at Outer Anchorage of Port Qasim, out of them three ships, Abraham Schulte, CMB Chicago and Ceilo Di Houston & another ship Cap Andresa scheduled to load/offload Rice, Coal, Gas oil and Containers.

Emirates world's first airline to operate A380 demonstration flight

Independent Report KARACHI: Emirates has become the world's first airline to operate an A380 demonstration flight using 100% Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF). Today's flight, proudly commanded by Captain Khalid Binsultan and Captain Philippe Lombet, took off from Dubai International Airport (DXB) with one of four engines powered on 100% SAF, helping demonstrate its potential as a drop-in replacement that matches jet fuel's technical and chemical requirements, while being more sustainable alternative.

SAF can reduce carbon emissions by up to 85%* over the fuel's life cycle when compared to conventional jet fuel.

The Emirates A380 demonstration flight comes compatibility across the as the aviation industry, aircraft's existing systems.

international organisations, regulatory bodies and highlevel officials driving policy-related decisions converge in Dubai for the Third International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Conference on Aviation and Alternative Fuels (CAAF/3). Dedicated collaborators from Airbus, Engine Alliance, Pratt & Whitney, Neste, Virent and ENOC have been working on the testing, technical assessments and data analysis for today's flight.

The 100% drop-in SAF used on today's flight includes renewable aromatics and closely mimics the characteristics of conventional jet fuel. This is the first time that drop-in SAF has been used on an A380 aircraft, with the expectation of full



QUETTA: Provincial Secretary Industries Imran Zarkoon meeting with Provincial Secretary Finance Babar Khan.

AJK PM invites intending entrepreneurs to enjoy investment opportunities

MIRPUR (AJK): (APP): generation, tourism, mining Azad Jammu and Kashmir Prime Minister Chaudhry Anwar ul Haq, while highlighting the bright investment opportunities in Azad Jammu Kashmir, has said that the government was ready to provide maximum facilities to the intending investors seeking investment of their capital in the region.

Prime Minister Haq made these remarks while talking to CEO Hashu Group Murtaza Hashwani who called on him in the federal metropolis on Wednesday.

the AJK offers massive Hashwani said that the investment opportunities Hashwani group was

sector. He said that steps were being taken to improve the road infrastructure in Azad Kashmir in order to promote tourism. He said that Azad Kashmir has a lot of potential for tourism hydel-power generation.

Referring to the investment friendly and peaceful atmosphere in the region, the PM said that the liberated territory was the best place for investment. While expressing his

satisfaction over the prevailing business Speaking on this friendly environment in occasion, the PM said that Azad Jammu Kashmir, in different fields including looking forward to launch

Exports in Pak currency up 29.96% in first 4 months of current financial year

been recorded in exports in rupees), oil seeds, nuts and Pakistani currency during the first 4 months of the current financial year.

million), towels (Rs 26,312 million), cotton

According to the data, exports of 2,767,606 recorded during the period of July to October, compared to 80 million rupees last year. Exports of Rs.2,129,652 million were made during the period. The report said that

exported during October (104,025 million rupees),

LAHORE (INP): An million rupees), cotton increase of 29.96% has cloth (47,758 million fruits and grains (Rs 33,897 yarn (Rs 25,838 million), basmati rice (Rs 18,783 million rupees were million) and towels and other manufactured goods

(Rs 17,980 million).

The main goods imported during October 2023 included petroleum products (181,138 million rupees), crude petroleum the main commodities (151,331 million rupees), natural gas, liquids (78,020 2023 were knitwear million rupees), electric machinery and equipment ready-made garments (73,778 million rupees), plastic materials (57,994 million rupees), rice (66,558 million rupees).

Tetra Pak shares hope at 26th **Sustainable Development** Conference and Expo 2023

Independent Report ISLAMABAD: Tetra Pak Pakistan, a frontrunner in sustainable food processing and packaging solutions, proudly bespan, the conference aimed to instill hope and optimism in the face of unprecedented challenges,

"Light at the End of the Tunnel: Hope in Times of Despair," the conference



participated in the 26th Sustainable Development Conference and Expo, held from November 19th to 20th in Islamabad. The annual flagship event, hosted by Pakistan Development Policy Institute (SDPI), brought together thought leaders, policymakers, and industry experts to address pressing issues and pave the way for a more sustainable and

such as political and economic conflicts, climate change, and post-pandemic transformations. Tetra Pak Sustainable contributed to the dialogue, emphasizing commitment sustainable and hopeful

future. At the Sustainability Expo, Tetra Pak Pakistan showcased its dedication to recycling resilient South Asia. Under with a display featuring a the overarching theme, recycled bench

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We must think how to stop 'the tragedy' in **Ukraine: Putin**

Monitoring Desk MOSCOW: Russian President Vladimir Putin told the Group of 20 leading economies on Wednesday that it was necessary to think about how to stop "the tragedy" of the war in Ukraine, and said Moscow had never refused to participate in peace talks with

Putin's decision to send troops into Ukraine in February 2022 triggered Europe's deadliest conflict since World War Two and the gravest confrontation between Russia and the West since the depths of the Cold War.

Addressing G20 leaders for the first time since the start of the war, the Kremlin chief said some leaders had

they were shocked by the soldier has left its territory, ongoing "aggression" of Russia in Ukraine. "Yes, of course, military actions are always a tragedy," Putin told the virtual G20 meeting called by Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the current chair.

"And of course, we should think about how to stop this tragedy," Putin said. "By the way, Russia has never refused peace talks with Ukraine. A senior Russian offi-

cial said on Tuesday that Moscow could not co-exist with the current government in Kviv and that it would continue what it calls its special military operation to "demilitarise" Ukraine.

Ukraine has vowed to

and its Western allies have said they will continue to support Kyiv. Along with Crimea,

which Moscow annexed in 2014, Russia controls nearly a fifth of Ukraine's internationally recognised territory. Putin says that territory is now part of Russia. Ukraine's counter-offensive has failed to make any significant gains this year against well-dug in Russian forces. Putin skipped previous G20 summits in New Delhi and Nusa Dua, Indonesia, sending Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov instead

The Russian leader addressed the 2021 and 2020 summits from Moscow. He last attended a G20 gathering in person in

Russia says

three Ukrainian

over Crimea

Monitoring Desk

three Ukrainian drones over

Russian defence ministry

on the territory of the Rus-

sian Federation was pre-

vented," the defence minis-

manned aerial vehicles were

destroyed over the terri-

tory of the Republic of

Crimea by air defences," the

Crimea from Ukraine in

2014. Ukraine says it will

not rest until every last

Russian soldier is ejected

Hundreds of

Rohingya come

ashore in Indonesia,

joining about

1,000 this week

Monitoring Desk

AKARTA: More than

200 ethnic Rohingya came

ashore in Indonesia's

Aceh province late on

Tuesday, taking total ar-

rivals of members of the

Myanmar Muslim minor-

ity to more than 1,000 for

the week, a leader of the

province's fishing com-

munity said.During No-

vember to April, when

the seas are calmer, many

members of the perse-

cuted minority leave

Myanmar on rickety

boats for Thailand, Mus-

Malaysia and Indonesia.

community chief Miftach

Cut Adek told Reuters

that the latest arrivals,

216 mostly of them

women and children

"weak and lacking nutri-

tion", had arrived near

Sabang, off the northern

lim-majority Bangladesh,

Acehnese fishing

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try said.

ministry said.

Russia

from its territory.



Croatia's President Zoran Milanovic, Albania's Prime Minister Edi Rama (back to camera), Montenegro's Prime Minister Milojko Spajic, NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg and North Macedonia's Prime Minister Dimitar Kovacevski attend a round-table meeting, in Skopje, North Macedonia.

UN peacekeepers no 'magic wand' for crises, their chief says

Monitoring Desk UNITED NATIONS: The presence of United Nations peacekeepers, whose shortcomings can frustrate local populations, is not a "magic wand" for conflict zones, said their leader Jean-Pierre Lacroix, who supports an expanded tool kit to protect civilians in increasingly

complex territory. From Lebanon to the Democratic Republican of Congo (DRC), from South Sudan to the Western Sahara, some 90,000 so-called Blue Helmets serve under the UN flag, engaged in 12 separate operations.

These missions do not always meet with unanimous approval on the ground, as in Mali, where UN peacekeepers have been forced by the government to leave, or in the DRC where some inhabitants

drones destroyed have expressed hostility. MOSCOW: Russian anti-Yet the peacekeepers aircraft units destroyed

protect "hundreds of thousands of civilians" daily, Lacroix, the UN under-secretary-general for peace operations, told AFP in an interview. Sometimes such pro-

tection mandates "raise expectations that we cannot ties that we have, because of the budget that we have, because of the terrain and the logistical constraint," he acknowledged.

"It raises frustrations from those who are not protected," and such resentments are manipulated "by those who would prefer the continuation of chaos.

According to Lacroix, countries where UN peacekeepers operate face "the weaponization of fake news and disinformation.

Britain to launch **South Korea trade** talks as president visits

Monitoring Desk LONDON: Britain rolled out the red carpet for South Korea's president at the start of a state visit in-

tended to deepen diplomatic and business ties between the two countries as they launch talks on a new free trade agreement. King Charles greeted President Yoon Suk Yeol

with a royal guard of honour following his arrival in London, and then rode with him by carriage to Buckingham Yoon, a conservative who has cited a

"polycrisis" of global challenges as a reason for seeking closer ties with likeminded partners, then addressed lawmakers from both houses of parliament on Tuesday before a state banquet in his honour.

We must stand in solidarity and respond to many of the world's challenges," Yoon said in his speech, where he celebrated 140 years of diplomatic ties between the nations.

'Korea stands united with the United Kingdom and the international community to fight against illegal aggression and provoca-

"Through our new Downing Street Accord, we will drive investment, boost trade and build a friendship that not only supports global stability, but protects our interests and lasts the test of time," Sunak said.

In a statement announcing that talks on a new Free Trade Agreement (FTA) would also start on Wednesday, Sunak said: "I know a Free Trade Agreement fit for the future will only drive further investment, delivering on my promise to grow the economy and support highly skilled jobs.



Pope Francis meets with Palestinians whose relatives are stranded in Gaza, amid conflict between Israel and the Palestinian Islamist group Hamas, at the Vatican.



Overchuk attend the G20 virtual summit via a video link in Moscow, Russia.

South Korea boosts surveillance after North launches spy satellite

Monitoring Desk SEOUL: South Korea on Wednesday suspended part of a 2018 military agreement with North Korea after it defied warnings from the United States and launched a spy satellite.

The suspension of a clause in the agreement will see South Korea step up military surveillance along the heavily fortified border with the North.

in orbit on Tuesday. Phobe leader Kim Jong Un their responsive posture", watching the fiery launch of it said.

a rocket from a base. Kim was later briefed begin its reconnaissance

on the satellite's operations at the control centre of the space agency in Pyongyang and viewed images taken above the U.S. Pacific territory of Guam of U.S. military installations, including the Andersen Air Force Base, the North's KCNA news agency said.

Kim stressed the need for more reconnaissance North Korea said it satellites on different orbits placed its first spy satellite to give his armed forces "abundant valuable realtographs in state media time information about the showed what appeared to enemy and further promote

mission on Dec. 1, after adjustments, KCNA said. South Korea's military said North Korea's

The satellite would

military reconnaissance satellite was believed to have entered orbit, but it would take time to assess whether it was operating normally. Earlier, the Pentagon said the U.S. military was assessing whether the launch was a success. U.S. National Security Council spokesperson Adrienne Watson called the launch "a brazen violation of multiple U.N. Security Council reso-

India PM Modi tells Israel bombing **G20** Israel-Hamas conflict must not spread

Monitoring Desk NEW DELHI: Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi urged leaders of the world's 20 big economies on Wednesday to do whatever necessary to ensure the Israel-Hamas conflict does not expand into a wider conflict as insecurity and instability

He was speaking at the opening of a virtual summit of G20 nations, of which India holds the presidency before Brazil takes the Crimean peninsula, the over next month.

in West Asia is worrying.

Modi hosted the summit to review progress on "An attempt by the policy suggestions and Kyiv regime to carry out a terrorist attack with airgoals announced at the ancraft-type UAVs on objects nual G20 summit organised Palestinians jailed in Israel.

in New Delhi in September, and to determine how to speed up progress towards objectives.

That meeting was overshadowed by Russia's war in Ukraine although members overcame deep divisions over it to produce a consensus document and move forward on issues like overhauling institutions such as the World Bank.

Modi's comments on the Israel-Hamas war came as the two sides agreed a ceasefire in Gaza for at least four days, to let in aid and release at least 50 hostages captured by militants in exchange for at least 150

Gaza's south to force exodus: Egypt **Monitoring Desk**

ministry has said that bombing targeting displaced people in south Gaza has "a clear objective", and that is to force the enclave's resi-

of any enforced displacement attempt of Palestinians," the ministry's spokesman posted on the social media messaging platform X.

He also said Egypt has drafted a new resolution to be submitted to the Security Council by the Arab and Islamic groups to deal with existing obstacles and imbalances of humanitarian aid entry to Gaza.

DUBAI: Egypt's foreign

dents to leave.
"Egypt has clearly declared its utter rejection



lite control center in Pyongyang.

Pope says Israel-Hamas conflict has gone beyond war to 'terrorism'

Monitoring Desk VATICAN CITY: Pope Francis on Wednesday met separately with Israeli relatives of hostages held by Hamas and Palestinians with family in Gaza and said the conflict had gone beyond war to become "ter-

Speaking unscripted remarks at his Wednesday general audience in St. Peter's Square shortly after the early morning meetings in his residence, Francis said he heard directly how "both sides are suffering" in the conflict.

This is what wars do. But here we have gone beyond wars. This is not war. This is terrorism," he said. He asked for prayers

so that both sides would "not go ahead with passions, which in the end, kill evervone" Both groups were

holding separate news con-ferences later on Wednes-

The meetings and the pope's comments came hours after Israel's government and Hamas agreed to silence the guns in Gaza for at least four days, allow in

Taiwan ruling party powers ahead as chaos engulfs opposition campaign Monitoring Desk opinion polls to

TAIPEI: Taiwan cannot afford chaos or "experiments" when it comes to being president, the front-runner to be the island's next leader said on Wednesday as the opposition remained mired in a bitter dispute on mounting a joint presiden-

The Jan 13 election will shape Chinese-claimed Taiwan's relations with Beijing at a time China has stepped up military pressure to assert its sovereignty claims.

Vice President Lai Ching-te of the ruling Democratic Progressive Party (DPP), who China views as a separatist, leads

opinion polls to be Taiwan's next president. Talks between the two main opposition parties to team up and take him on have floundered and are in dead

Lai and his running mate, Taiwan's former US envoy Hsiao Bi-khim. formally registered with the election commission on Tuesday to run in the election, but it remains unclear what the opposition will do. The deadline to register is Friday after-

Lai told reporters he and Hsiao were "confident and determined to lead Taiwan steadily in the chaotic situation"

'Halal' products banned in India's Uttar **Pradesh Monitoring Desk**

LUCKNOW: Auth-orities

in India's Uttar Pradesh state have banned the distribution and sale of Halalcertified products, including dairy, garments and medicines, saying it was illegal.

Bakery products, sugar, edible oil and other products which were labelled as 'Halal-certified' by companies manufacturing them would be banned from distribution and sale, a state government notification said on Saturday.

Car ploughs into supporters of Liberia's president-elect killing two, say hospital staff

Monitoring Desk MONROVIA: A car ploughed into a crowd celebrating the election victory of Liberia's president-elect Joseph Boakai in the capital Monrovia on Monday evening, killing two people and injuring around 18 others, two hospital staff said.

It was not immediately clear if the incident, which took place outside Boakai's party headquarters, was deliberate or an accident. A video of the aftermath shared on Facebook showed badly injured people sprawled over the road.

party visits China to bolster frayed ties

Japanese political

Monitoring Desk BEIJING: The junior coalition partner of Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) sent a delegation to Beijing in a bid to improve ties on a trip delayed from the summer amid strains between Asia's two largest economies. A Komeito party delegation led by Natsuo Yamaguchi on Wednesday met with Cai Qi, head of the powerful Secretariat of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee that oversees day-to-day affairs of the CPC.

The ruling parties of both countries should "accurately grasp each other's development and strategic intentions," Chinese state media quoted Cai as telling the Japanese delegation.

Both sides should

work together to promote "positive" and "friendly" mutual understanding, said Cai, also the five-ranked member of the CPC's seven-person Politburo Standing Committee, the highest tier of political power in China helmed by President Xi Jinping. The visit came on the

heels of rare face-to-face talks between Xi and Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, also LDP's leader, on the sidelines of an Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit in the United States last week during which both sides affirmed their strategic relationship. Bilateral ties have come under tension after the two Asian neighbours clashed over issues from

Iran's barring of inspectors is serious blow to IAEA's work, Grossi says

Monitoring Desk VIENNA: Iran's barring of some of the UN nuclear watchdog's most experienced and expert inspectors from the team allowed to operate there is a "very serious blow" to the agency's work, the watchdog's chief

Wednesday. Tehran informed the International Atomic Energy Agency in September that it was taking the step, known as de-designation. The IAEA said at the time that while Iran is allowed to do that, the way it was done was unprecedented and harmful to its work.

Rafael Grossi said on

"It's a very serious blow to our capacity to do that," Grossi told a news conference when asked to what extent the move had affected the IAEA's ability to carry out meaningful inspections in Iran. He is urging Tehran to recon-

Uranium enrichment is the heart of Iran's nuclear programme, and the process by which ura- fewer than five.

nium is purified to levels as high as 60 percent, close to the roughly 90 percent that is weapons-grade. Iran denies seeking nuclear weapons but no other state has enriched to that level without producing

The IAEA will not say how many inspectors were de-designated. Diplomats put the number at slightly more than a handful. While that is a fraction of the more than 100 inspectors assigned to Iran, they are among the IAEA's top experts on uranium enrichment, officials said.

One diplomat put the number of inspectors barred in this wave at eight, all of them French and German. That left only one enrichment expert in the team assigned to Iran, they added.

One senior diplomat put the number of other enrichment experts available with the required know-how at probably

Hungary's ruling party submits bill on 'protecting national sovereignty'

Monitoring Desk BUDAPEST: Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban's ruling Fidesz party submitted a bill on "protecting national sovereignty" to parliament to defend against what it called undue political interference by foreign persons or groups. The legislation comes as nationalist Orban, who over the past 13 years has clashed repeatedly with the European Union over democratic rights in Hungary, has stepped up his party's campaign ahead of European Parliament elections next June. Orban, in power since 2010, has de-

dermining democracy in the ex-Communist satellite. The bill would set up a separate authority to explore and monitor risks of political interference and recommend changes in regulations. It would also punish banned foreign financing for parties or groups running for election with up to three years in prison.

nied accusations he was un-

also carries a heightened risk to national security—if political power gets into the hands of persons or organisations dependent on any foreign power, organisation or person," the bill said. Lawmakers will need to debate the bill before its final approval.

Orban, who has a twothirds majority in parliament that allows Fidesz to change any legislation, scored his fourth landslide victory in 2022. The EU has suspended billions of euros of funding to Hungary over a rule-of-law dispute during the tenure of Orban, who has appealed to conservative voters by portraying himself as a defender of Hungary's national interests. The legislation, first proposed in September, coincided with the launch of a billboard campaign vilifying European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen and a survey with anti-EU tunes about the bloc's policies including funding for Ukraine "Hungary's sovereignty is impaired—and it with the war-torn country."

UN warns food aid for 1.4 million refugees in Chad could end over limited funding

Monitoring Desk ABUJA: Food assistance to 1.4 million refugees in

Chad who fled the conflict in parts of the Sahel could end because of limited funding, the United Nations food agency warned Tues-Most of the refugees

escaped the war in Sudan and crossed into Chad in the last six months in numbers not seen in the last 20 years, the U.N.'s World Food Program said in a statement.

"This forgotten crisis has metastasized as the world's eyes are on other emergencies ... We cannot let the world stand and allow our life-saving operations grind to a halt in Chad," said Pierre Honnorat, WFP's country director in Chad.

Sudan plunged into conflict in April when longsimmering tensions escalated between the country's military and the rival Rapid Support Forces, resulting in the death of more than

5,000 people and displacement of at least 5.2 million people amid reports of mass killings, rapes, and widespread destruction, according to the U.N. Many of the displaced

found their way to neighboring Chad, piling pressure on the already impoverished country as it becomes host to one of the largest and fastest-growing refugee populations in Africa, the WFP said. 'Collectively we must find a way to support

the women, children and men who are bearing the full brunt of this crisis. Cutting our assistance is simply not an option because it will have untold consequences for millions of people, jeopardizing years of investment in fighting hunger and malnutrition in

Chad," Honnorat said. The WFP said that malnutrition is a major concern, with nine in 10 new arrivals reporting "poor or borderline food consump-

Govt announces reduced Hajj expenses, enhanced facilities for pilgrims

KARACHI (APP): Care-taker Federal Minister for at aiding pilgrims. This app will offer navigation assis-Religious Affairs Dr. tance and keep pilgrims in Aneeq Ahmed on constant contact with rel-Wednesday declared a evant officials. Initially significant reduction of available in English and 0.1 million rupees in government Hajj expenses ensuring uncompromised facilities.

Notably, the pilgrims will receive a 30kg suitcase each and female pilgrims will receive scarfs (Abaya) featuring the national flag, a first-time provision.

During a news conference at the Haji Camp Karachi, Dr. Ahmed highlighted the introduction of a mobile application aimed

Urdu, the app will later include various regional lan-

provements in the Hajj process, Dr. Ahmed revealed that Islamabad and Karachi have been incorporated into Saudi Arabia's Road to Makkah project. This inclusion allows Karachi airport to complete the immigration process for Hujjaj, streamlining their journey.

Moreover, the government has introduced a

striving to make Hajj more financially accessible to citizens. Efforts are underway to ensure Pakistani Hujjaj are accommodated in tents at Old Mina, as the distance to New Mina poses challenges for pil-

Highlighting the allocation of Hajj seats, Dr. Ahmed mentioned that Pakistan has secured 179,000 Hajj seats, with half reserved for private Hajj op-

The Ministry of Religious Affairs will oversee these operators to guarantee the well-being of pilgrims, holding the ministry

faced by those performing Hajj through private opera-

Dr. Ahmed also noted the ongoing renovation work at the Haji Camp Karachi building, reinforcing the commitment to enhance pilgrimage facili-

Regarding expenses, Dr. Aneeq clarified that the announced package excludes Qurbani (sacrifice) expenses during Hajj. Additionally, intend-

ing pilgrims opting for a shorter stay in Medina will receive a further reduction of Rs. 35,000 in Hajj ex-

LAHORE (INP): Pakistan

Muslim League-Nawaz

(PML-N) President and

former prime minister

Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif has said that helping

the masses to get rid of the

inflation was top priority

talking to former Senator

Waqar Ahmed and President of PML-N Khyber

Pakhtunkhwa (KP) Engr

Amir Muqam who called on

him in Lahore on Wednes-

day and congratulated

Shehbaz for his acquittal in

the Ashiana Iqbal reference.

thanked former Senator

Waqar Ahmed and Engr

Amir Muqam and discussed

with them the overall situ-

ation of the country and

Speaking on the occa-

Shahbaz Sharif

preparations for general Prime Minister.

He stated this while

of his party.

Shehbaz Sharif says Getting rid masses of

inflation, other crises

PML-N's top priority

The PML-N Presi-

dent said that under the lead-

ership of Nawaz Sharif, his

party has always lived up

to the trust and expecta-tions of the nation. He said

that political stability and

collective efforts were

needed for economic self-

reliance and saving the

people from confronting

challenges was top priority

saving Pakistan and its

people from the economic

crisis was a national agenda,

Pakistan's economic inter-

ests require political stabil-

ity to counter these crises.

Ahmed also appreciated

Shahbaz Sharif's efforts to

save Pakistan from default

during his 16 months as

Former Senator Waqar

He further stated that



the Cabinet Sub-Committee on ECL.

ISLAMABAD: The Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar chairs a meeting on preparations with regard to COP-28.

Governor Balochistan says We can boost our exports, have job opportunities by setting up refineries & other industries

QUETTA: The Governor

Balochistan, Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar has stated that we can boost our exports and get ample opportunities of jobs by establishing refineries and other industries in the prov-

We can also make our exports profitable and meaningful by doing so as the minerals and dry fruits are exported from the province in form of raw material even in the developed era. Surely we can make more profit by exporting our

speaking on occasion of the briefing about agriculture in Khuzdar district on

The head of Directorate General of Khuzdar Engineering University, Dr Khair Muhammad Kakar conducted the briefing.

The Governor said that there are bright chances of development in agriculture sector in the

He said that there is suitable situation for cultivation and production of olive in different districts of the province, and at the products in prepared form. moment, local zamindars The Governor was are also cultivating it.

He stressed the need to make encouragement and financial assistance of all zamindars and growers of

The Governor said that we can increase the reservoirs of foreign exchange by cultivating and develop-ing olive and with it's mar-

The Governor said that it is our good luck that a refinery has already been set up for producing olive oil in the province.

He urged zamindars and growers to identify the dry fruits and vegetables which may increase in the profit ratio.

Dr. Nadeem Jan meets **British Minister of** State for Health

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Federal Minister for Health, Dr Nadeem Jan on Wednesday met British Minister of State for Health, Andrew Stephenson to discuss further bolstering cooperation in the health sector between the two countries. During the meeting, continue the malnutrition matters of mutual interest, bilateral relations and increasing cooperation in vari- nutritional supplements, ous fields of health were

preciated continued support from the British gov ernment in diverse areas of the health sector in Pakistan. The British Health Minister appreciated Pakistan's position in the nutrition sector. "We will program as per our vision.

Apart from supplying we will also set up plants

KHUZDAR: A delegation of lawyers led by President Balochistan Bar

Association Khuzdar Advocate Abdul Khaliq meeting with Governor

Balochistan so they could

'serve' their community.

vide \$4 million in assistance

to expand the anti-terrorist

force training facility – \$2

million to repair or replace

stations; 2 million to con-

struct 10 new police sta-

tions that incorporate the

same model to improve ser-

vice to women, girls, and all

Pakistanis; and an addi-

tional \$250,000 in equip-

ment to protect law en-

forcement officers in the

10 flood-damaged police

"We're going to pro-

Balochistan Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar.

US has no favourite in

Pakistan for political

office: Miller

United States (US) does

litical office in Pakistan, said

Mathew Miller, the

spokesman for the US State

Department said Tuesday.

sition – a position on can-

didates for political office

in Pakistan or any other

country," he said while ad-

dressing a press briefing in

Washington. Miller con-

firmed millions of dollars in

aid for the security forces

in Balochistan. He detailed

'We do not take a po-

not favour anyone for po-

Pakistan signs LOI with KSA to boost employment opportunities for Pakistani workers

ISLAMABAD (APP): Special Assistant to Prime Minister (SAPM) on Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development, Jawad Sohrab Malik signed Letter of Intent (LOI) with Saudi Based Global Conglomerate Al-Bawani Holdings to Boost Employment Opportunities for Pakistani Workforce in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA).

Jawad Sohrab Malik undertook a visit to the renowned headquarters of the Al-Bawani ĥoldings in Riyadh. Upon arrival, he received a warm welcome from Engr. Fakher Al-Shawaf, CEO and Chairman of Al Bawani Holdings. The SAPM was accompanied by key dignitaries, including HE Ambassador Ahmad Farooq, Community Welfare Attache, DG Emigration Akram Khawaja and Joint Secre-

tary Emigration Aurangzeb, said a press release received here on Wednesday. Al-Bawani Holdings, a diversified Saudi conglomerate, holds a substantial

position among the top five general contracting entities in the construction sector. With an impressive portfolio of completing and delivering around 250 projects with world wide projects valued at billions of dollars. During the visit, SAPM Malik received a comprehensive briefing on Al

Bawani's ongoing projects. Expressing his confidence in the capabilities of Pakistani workers, Jawad Sohrab Malik conveyed to the company Chairman that Pakistani workforce in Saudi Arabia, the com- was well-trained and pos-

Pakistani Afroz Nama included in list of 100 influential

LONDON (Online): British Broadcasting Cooperation has released the list of 100 most influential and impressive women of the World. Pakistani Women Afroz Nama is also included

According to media report, Afroz Nama from Pakistan is also included in most influential and impressive

JUI-S chairman

holds inclusive

meeting with

Imam-e-Kaaba

ISLAMABAD (APP):

Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam

(Sami) Chairman Maulana

Hamid-ul-Haq Haqqani on

Wednesday held an inclu-

sive meeting with Imam-e-

Kaaba Sheikh Saleh bin

Humaid in the Federal

Capital. Hamid who is also

the Deputy Head of Darul

Uloom Haqqania, extended

a warm welcome to Imam-

e-Kaaba upon his arrival in

Pakistan, emphasizing the

longstanding fraternal rela-

tions between Pakistan and

Saudi Arabia. Both leaders

lauded the bilateral ties be-

Man killed

in Bajaur

blast

PESHAWAR (APP): A man

was killed when his vehicle

was targeted with an impro-

vised explosive device

(IED) in Peshtoo area of

Tehsil, Khar in Bajaur dis-

trict on Wednesday morn-

erful blast totally destroyed

the vehicle and a man,

whose identity could not be

ascertained, was killed.

The police said a pow-

The police collected

tween the two countries.

PM to represent Pakistan in COP-28 high-level segment women of World ISLAMABAD (APP): tive role in the global cli-

Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar will represent Pakistan during the high level segment of 28th Conference of Parties (COP-28) being held in the United Arab Emirates on December 01-02.

for finance, foreign affairs, climate change and planning, and relevant officials, the PM Office Media Wing said in a press release.

PM Kakar said that climate change was an issue of national endurance for the countries like Pakistan and observed that Pa-

mate debate through climate diplomacy.

He said that despite its less than one percent imprints in the global climate change factors, Pakistan was amongst the countries hugely affected by the The prime minister changes. One third of the chaired an inter-provincial country's population was review meeting with regard badly affected by the clito the COP-28. The meet- mate induced floods, he ing was attended by the added. The prime minister caretaker federal ministers also lauded the relevant institutions and organizations of the country for their best role in the reconstruction efforts in the post-flood period. He also directed the relevant authorities to make full preparations for representing Pakistan's stance during the COP-28 on climate finance and other is-

kistan was playing a posi- sues effectively. CM complaint cell takes notice of irresponsible driving of Green bus service driver

Independent Report QUETTA: The Chief Minister Secretariat complaint cell has taken notice of the irresponsible driving of a

driver of Green bus service in Quetta. According to an official handout issued here on Wednesday, an inquiry of the incident of irrespon-

driver has been suspended

immediately

Khan said that the Green bus driver who demonstrated irresponsible driving has been suspended. He said that the Green bus service has been intro-

duced to provide better travelling facilities to the He said that the stansible driving has been started and the concerned

The Secretary Trans-

port Balochistan, Yasir

dard of the Green bus service would be maintained at



Muhammad Baloch Advocate enquiring about health of a patient during his visit to Nawab Ghous Bakhsh Memorial Hospital Mastung

Pak, Denmark agree to further enhnance coop. in multiple fields

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan and Denmark, expressing satisfaction at the positive trajectory of bilateral relations, agreed to further enhance cooperation tary for Foreign Policy between the two countries in various fields.

The bilateral ties were discussed in the Third Round of Pakistan-Denmark Annual Bilateral Political Consultations (BPC) held in Copenhagen, according to a press release on Wednesday.

Additional Secretary (Europe), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Shafqat Ali Khan, and Denmark's Under Secre-Ambassador Anders Tang Friborg led their respective sides. Both sides extensively reviewed the entire ambit of bilateral relations covering political relations, trade, climate change, green energy cooperation, investment, and people-topeople contacts.

Heavy machines fall on miners, kills three

Independent Report JAMSHORO: Three miners died and five suffered injuries in different accidents while busy working in coalmines in Lakhra area. 11 kilometres from Jamshoro, the other day.

A heavy stone-cutting machine collapsed over six labourers during the process of digging out coal from a mine. The other workers rushed to rescue their colleagues and retrieved all labourers from under the machine, said sources.

Three escaped unhurt 20-year-old Najeebullah, Farhad Rahim and Abdul Razzak suffered

injuries. Later, Najeebullah and Farhad died on their way to a government health facility in Khanoth, and Razzak was admitted for treatment.

In the other incident, labourers Haji Khan, Khan and Mohammad were injured when a generator collapsed on them during work

They were also taken to Khanot hospital where Haji Khan died due to lack of required facilities and staff. Another accident occurred on 16 Nov: at PMDC Sharagh one miner Mr. Shakir died due to fall of mines.



LONDON: Caretaker Federal Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination, Dr. Nadeem Jan met with the British Minister of State for Health, Andrew Stephenson.

Selfless service to people our manifesto: Samina Zehri

QUETTA (APP):Power day and night and our efhas never been our goal, but service to the people is our manifesto and motto. All resources are being used to provide basic facilities to the people. These views were expressed by Central Vice President Balochistan Awami Party (BAP), and Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri in a meeting with a delegation of party work-

She said that sincere workers are the asset of the party and they cannot be ignored, the roots of the party are in the hearts of the people due to the hard work of the party workers day and night.

She said while talking to the delegation that the platform of Balochistan Awami Party is serving the people of Balochistan without color, caste, and prejudices, we are working hard

forts are continuing for the service, development, and prosperity of the public saying that we will leave no stone unturned to complete the ongoing development projects so that more and more people can benefit from these useful schemes.

She further said that the axis of politics of Balochistan Awami Party is to serve the people and solve their problems with sincere intention and this is the reason why BAP is becoming more popular among the people day by day. Samina Zehri said that the era of politics of lies and deceit is over and the people have become conscious and know good and bad, the people of Balochistan want peace and prosperity in the province and this is the manifesto of

PM strongly flays terror attack on army convoy in NW

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Prime Ministér Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Wednesday strongly condemned the terrorist attack on a military convoy in Razmak area of North Waziristan.

The prime minister expressed his condolence over the martyrdom of two security personnel, including Lance Naik Ihsan Badshah and Lance Naik Sajid Hussain, and sympathised with their bereaved families.

He prayed to Allah Almighty for the elevation of the martyrs' ranks in paradise.

The prime minister reiterated the resolve to continue the war against terrorism till elimination of the scourge. He said the sacrifices of the Pakistan Army and the law enforcement agencies for the country's survival were unforgettable and the whole nation felt proud of its martyrs and heir families.

Repatriation of illegal foreigners

ISLAMABAD (INP): Re patriation of illegal foreign nationals including Afghans citizens continues to their homeland. As many as 2990 illegal Afghan nationals returned to their country the other day.

So far, 243165 Afghan nationals have been repatriated to Afghanistan.

Meanwhile, Pakistan has introduced a One Document Regime on the international border with Afghanistan. According to Director Zonal Immigration Balochistan, 10 counters have been established for implementation of One Document Regime and to facilitate the people. He said the step will make border crossings legal and ensure transparency in movement.

Sirajul Haq says Former govts failed to reinstate student unions depriving students of rights

recent reports of aid pack- course of conducting their

ages for security forces in work," Miller said.

Ameer Jamaat-e-Ìslami (JI), Sirajul Haq has said that former governments failed to fulfill their promises of reinstating student unions, thereby depriving students of their rights.

tion on student rights at Peshawar University on Wednesday, he highlighted the lack of understanding

sector, pointing out that their own children study abroad. Sirajul Haq pledged that, if JI came into power, it would allocate seven percent of the GDP to education, making girls' education compulsory. He said the JI would restore student unions. He criticized the

Addressing a convenamong rulers regarding the

previous administrations





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