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KARACHI (APP): Caretaker Federal Minister for Religious Affairs Dr. Aneeq Ahmed on Wednesday declared a significant reduction of 0.1 million rupees in government Hajj expenses while 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

at aiding pilgrims. This app will offer navigation assistance and keep pilgrims in constant contact with relevant officials. Initially available in English and Urdu, the app will later include various regional languages. Emphasizing improvements 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

20-day short Hajj package, 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 pilgrims. Highlighting the allocation of Hajj seats, Dr. Ahmed mentioned that Pakistan has secured 179,000 Hajj seats, with half reserved for private Hajj operators. The Ministry of Religious Affairs will oversee these operators to guarantee the well-being of pilgrims, holding the ministry

responsible for any issues faced by those performing Hajj through private operators. Dr. Ahmed also noted the ongoing renovation work at the Haji Camp Karachi building, reinforcing the commitment to enhance pilgrimage facilities. Regarding expenses, Dr. Aneeq clarified that the announced package excludes Qurbani (sacrifice) expenses during Hajj. Additionally, intending pilgrims opting for a shorter stay in Medina will receive a further reduction of Rs. 35,000 in Hajj expenses.



ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Federal Minister for Interior Sarfraz Ahmad Bugti chairing a meeting of 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

**Independent Report** 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 province. 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 products in prepared form. The Governor was

speaking on occasion of the briefing about agriculture in Khuzdar district on Wednesday. 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 province. He said that there is suitable situation for cultivation and production of olive in different districts of the province, and at the moment, local zamindars are also cultivating it.

He stressed the need to make encouragement and financial assistance of all zamindars and growers of the province. The Governor said that we can increase the reservoirs of foreign exchange by cultivating and developing olive and with it's marketing. 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 the zamindars and growers to identify the dry fruits and vegetables which may increase in the profit ratio.

## Heavy machines fall on miners, kills three at Lakhra

**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 while 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 at a mine. 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 Sharah 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 has 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 workers. 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

day and night and our efforts 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 the party.

## Shehbaz Sharif says Getting rid masses of inflation, other crises PML-N's top priority

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 of his party. He stated this while talking to former Senator Waqar Ahmed and President of PML-N Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) Engr Amir Muqam who called on him in Lahore on Wednesday and congratulated Shehbaz for his acquittal in the Ashiana Iqbal reference. Speaking on the occasion, Shehbaz Sharif thanked former Senator Waqar Ahmed and Engr Amir Muqam and discussed with them the overall situation of the country and preparations for general

elections. The PML-N President said that under the leadership of Nawaz Sharif, his party has always lived up to the trust and expectations 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 of his party. He further stated that saving Pakistan and its people from the economic crisis was a national agenda, Pakistan's economic interests require political stability to counter these crises. Former Senator Waqar Ahmed also appreciated Shehbaz Sharif's efforts to save Pakistan from default during his 16 months as Prime Minister.

## 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, matters of mutual interest, bilateral relations and increasing cooperation in various fields of health were discussed.

Dr. Nadeem Jan appreciated continued support from the British government in diverse areas of the health sector in Pakistan. The British Health Minister appreciated Pakistan's position in the nutrition sector. "We will continue the malnutrition program as per our vision. Apart from supplying nutritional supplements, we will also set up plants in Pakistan."



KHUZDAR: A delegation of lawyers led by President Balochistan Bar Association Khuzdar Advocate Abdul Khaliq meeting with Governor Balochistan Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar.

## US has no favourite in Pakistan for political office: Miller

WASHINGTON (INP): United States (US) does not favour anyone for political office in Pakistan, said Matthew Miller, the spokesman for the US State Department said Tuesday. "We do not take a position — a position on candidates for political office in Pakistan or any other country," he said while addressing a press briefing in Washington. Miller confirmed millions of dollars in aid for the security forces in Balochistan. He detailed recent reports of aid packages for security forces in

Balochistan so they could 'serve' their community. "We're going to provide \$4 million in assistance to expand the anti-terrorist force training facility — \$2 million to repair or replace 10 flood-damaged police stations; 2 million to construct 10 new police stations that incorporate the same model to improve service to women, girls, and all Pakistanis; and an additional \$250,000 in equipment to protect law enforcement officers in the course of conducting their work," Miller said.

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

PESHAWAR (INP): Ameer Jamaat-e-Islami (JI), Sirajul Haq has said that former governments failed to fulfill their promises of reinstating student unions, thereby depriving students of their rights. Addressing a convention on student rights at Peshawar University on Wednesday, he highlighted the lack of understanding among rulers regarding the

challenges in the education 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 previous administrations for neglecting the education of over 25 million children.

## 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 holdings 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 Sec-



etary 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 in Saudi Arabia, the company is presently engaged

## Pakistani Afroz Nama included in list of 100 influential women of World

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

## PM to represent Pakistan in COP-28 high-level segment

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar will represent Pakistan during the high level segment of 28<sup>th</sup> Conference of Parties (COP-28) being held in the United Arab Emirates on December 01-02. The prime minister chaired an inter-provincial review meeting with regard to the COP-28. The meeting was attended by the caretaker federal ministers 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 Pakistan was playing a posi-

tive role in the global climate 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 changes. One third of the country's population was badly affected by the climate induced floods, he added. The prime minister 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 issues 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 irresponsible driving has been started and the concerned driver has been suspended immediately.

The Secretary Transport Balochistan, Yasir Khan said that the Green bus driver who demonstrated irresponsible driving has been suspended. He said that the Green bus service has been introduced to provide better travelling facilities to the people. He said that the standard of the Green bus service would be maintained at every cost.



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

## Pak, Denmark agree to further enhance coop. in multiple fields

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan and Denmark, expressing satisfaction at the positive trajectory of bilateral relations, agreed to further enhance cooperation 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 Shafiq Ali Khan, and Denmark's Under Secretary for Foreign Policy Ambassador Anders Tang Friberg 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-to-people contacts.



QUETTA: Additional Chief Secretary Home Zahid Saleem presiding over a meeting regarding safety measures of CPEC project.