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Caretaker CM orders inquiry into Gorakh Hill Project irregularities

KARACHI (INP): Caretaker Chief Minister Maqbool Baqar on Sunday has taken notice of irregularities in

Gorakh Hill Development project.

Caretaker CM of Sindh has expressed resentment over blatant misuse of funds and assets of Gorakh Hill project. The chief minister has said that the project has 140 employees on payroll but none of them performing their duties. Caretaker chief minister has also summoned explanation from Project Director of the development

project.
"The misuse of funds will not be tolerated at any cost," chief minister said.

Caretaker chief minister has directed the chief secretary to conduct an inquiry of the project.

It is to be mentioned here that the National Accountability Bureau had initiated investigation into alleged corruption in Gorakh Hill Development Authority (GHDA)

The anti-graft watchdog had also conducted raid at the office of the GHDA and had seized record of alleged corruption worth Rs seven billion.

Gorakh is located in Kirthar mountain range at an elevation of 1734m, along the border of Sindh and

Gorakh is situated on one of the highest plateaus of Sindh, spread over 2,500 acres of land, and due to its surroundings, it is a unique adventure point for nature

station attracts large number of tourists from the city due to its pristine environs.

Meanwhile Police on Sunday registered a first information report (FIR) of Saturday's shopping mall blaze that claimed 11 innocent lives in Karachi's Gulistan-e-

Sources said the police were yet to make any arrests. According to details, the fire, that broke out at 6:20 am in the fourth floor of a commercial high-rise building, RJ Shopping Mall, in Gulistan-e-Johar area, claimed at least 11 innocent lives and wounded five others.

Officials at the Shahrah-e-Faisal Police Station noted that the absence of adequate ventilation within the building contributed to the fatalities.

Following the incident on Saturday, Sindh's caretaker Chief Minister Justice ® Maqbool Baqar ordered a safety audit of commercial and government buildings across the

province in a bid to avert such tragedies in the future. Authorities, including the Sindh Building Control Authority, Provincial Disaster Management Authority, Civil Defence, and local administrative bodies, have been directed to conduct safety audits and submit their reports with recommendations.

Investigations revealed that the six-story building lacked crucial safety features, such as emergency exits and a fire alarm system, with suspicions pointing towards a short circuit as the fire's origin.



Caretaker Prime Minister Anwar ul Haq Kakar has arrived in Abu Dhabi on a two-day visit to the

rope, America, Britain, and underscored the need for

collective efforts to address

the humanitarian crisis in

Ashrafi who is also the

Prime Minister's Special

Representative on Religious

Harmony, emphasized that

Islamic countries and the

global community must ac-

tively address the ongoing

Israeli aggression in Gaza.

He called for concerted ef-

forts to put an end to Is-

raeli fascism, highlighting

the worldwide demand for 5,000 children.

Calls for peace:

Religious leaders advocate swift global

action to end oppression in Gaza

the Organization of Islamic

Cooperation, urging them to

swiftly address the perse-

cution of the oppressed

Palestinian population and

transition the current tem-

porary ceasefire into a last-

The leaders further ad-

vocated for the creation of

an independent and sover-

eign Palestinian state, des-

ignating Al-Quds as its

capital. Urging the interna-

tional community to promptly intervene, they

ing resolution.

KARACHI: Governor Sindh Kamran Khan Tessori alongwith administration and staff of PTV Karachi Center cutting 59th anniversary cake of PTV

Bilawal felicitates Sikh community on 554th birthday of Guru Nanak

KARACHI (APP): Chair- Sikh pilgrims, who came man of Pakistan Peoples from all over the world to Party (PPP) Bilawal Bhutto Zardari has ex- their Guru at his birthplace. tended felicitations to the As a custodian of the holy Sikh community on the place of the Sikh commu-Nanak Devji, which is be- and administration will globe tomorrow including at his birthplace Nankana Sahib, in Pakistan.

In his message on the eve of Guru Nanak teachings are meant to spread love, peace and har-

Pakistan to pay homage to

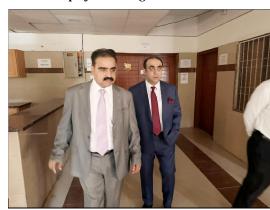
was former Prime Minis-Devji's birthday, the ter Shaheed Mohtarma PPP Chairman said that his Benazir Bhutto, who first proposed a visa-free corridor to Kartarpur shrine mony everywhere on the from the Indian border and it took 30 years to achieve

Bilawal welcomed the her dream.

554th birthday of Guru nity, the Pakistani nation ing celebrated across the provide every facility to make their pilgrimage a memorable journey, he added. He pinpointed that it

One million food handlers needed to have blood tested in Karachi on regular basis

SFA to establish centralized blood testing lab with help of KMC: Agha Fakhar Hussain



Independent Report KARACHI: An MoU will be signed between KMC and SFA for handing over the building for starting the work on the establishment of SFA Centralized Blood

Testing Lab for food handlers. This lab will be established at the premises of KMC 's non-functional centralized blood bank. This was discussed during a visit of Director General Sindh Food Authority Agha Fakhar Hussain to office of the Senior Director Medical and Health Services

DG SFA Agha Fakhar Hussain told that there were approximately one million food handlers working at Karachi only in different food businesses and it was mandatory for them to have blood tested annually for different diseases

the proposed lab would provide a subsidized fees structured blood testing facility for the food

handlers of Sindh province. He expressed his hope that this data is also required to federal government which is also working on the program of centralized data collected from all the provinces regarding food handlers. This will be beneficial for the food handlers to get job in entire country. On this occasion Director Finance SFA Masood Bhutto and were also present. Meanwhile DG SFA Agha Fakhar Hussain along with officers of KMC also visited the building of Director Health KMC situated at People's Chorangi and it was decided

that the building required for

said lab would be handed

over to SFA soon after dis-

pose off irrelevant materi-

IMF reduces estimate of Pak external debt requirement

ISLAMABAD (Online): International Monitory Fund (IMF) has reduced the estimate of loans required by Pakistan

According to sources the IMF has estimated Pakistan's external debt demand during the current fiscal year and the next fiscal year to be \$124 billion, which is \$8 billion less

than the previous estimate. 2023-24 and the next financial year 2024-25, these estimates will be discussed further in the talks in February or March next year.

It should be remembered that four months ago, the IMF estimated this at 131 billion dollars, while in this way, the external public debt will reach 103 billion dollars in the total external debt, which is 5 billion dollars less than the previous es-

The main reason for the decline in Pakistan's demand for external debt is a reduction in the current account deficit, lower external debt repayments and debt restructuring by

Another reason for the decline in estimates is the State Bank's purchase of dollars from the open market, which is reducing the demand for external

Babar Ghauri's mother passes away in US

KARACHI (INP): Mother of former federal minister and Muttahida Qaumi Movement (MQM) leader. Babar Khan Ghauri passed away in the United States.

Family of Anwaar Jehan Begum has confirmed the reports of her death. Ghauri's mother had

shifted to Houston city of

Texas, United States three

months earlier. Leaders of different political parties and local community expressed grief over the demise of the MQM leader expressed sympathies with him, prayed for the departed soul to rest in eternal peace and granting courage to bereaved family to bear this irreparable loss with forti-

backgrounds, including the Chairman of the Pakistan They extended their plea to the United Nations, Eu-**Anti-polio vaccine** drive to target over 2.585mln children

KARACHI (APP): Polio Eradication Campaign will be started from November 27 in all the 7 districts of Karachi, in which 2.585 million children will be immunised against polio.

LAHORE (APP): The lead-

ers from various faiths on

Sunday collectively im-

plored the international

community to promptly

intervene in putting an end

to Israel's aggressive ac-

tions and brutality in Gaza.

Addressing a press conference here at Lahore Press

Club, the scholars and lead-

ers from diverse religious

More than 11,000 polio workers will perform their duties to achieve the target of vaccination of children under 5 years of

The meeting chaired by the Commissioner Karachi Muhammad Saleem Rajput reviewed the arrangements for the campaign and decided to provide full security to the teams, said a statement on

It was informed at the meeting that two polio cases were reported from Karachi in October, becoming the first cases outside of the endemic region since January 2021.

Ulema Council, Hafiz

Mahmood Ashrafi, and the Chairman of the All Paki-

stan Minorities Alliance, Dr. Paul Bhatti emphasized

that the events unfolding in

Gaza transcend religious af-

filiations, asserting that these

actions were not targeted

against any specific faith but

rather against humanity.

Muhammad

The first child is a 24month-old, who had an onset of weakness in his limbs on October 3, while the second child is a 31month-old who had an onset of weakness on October 15.

Both cases were reported from the same UC Gujro of Karachi East from a high-risk population. Virus isolated from both children belongs to the YB3A cluster.

Karachi weather turns cold after moderate rain

weather turned cold on Sunday after several parts of Karachi received light to moderate rain.

According to the meteorological department, the drizzle was reported in parts of Karachi, which turned the weather cold in the city.

The city's temperature dropped to 23 degrees centigrade at midnight, while the percentage of humidity remained at 44%

Whereas, the weather will be cloudy and more rain is expected in several areas of the metropolis during the next 24 hours.

The parts of Karachi which received include Landhi, Saddar, Old City area, Baldia, Nazimabad, Site Area, Sohrab Goth, Korangi, Malir, Shah Faisal.

KARACHI (INP): The and Gulshan-e-Iqbal. Yesterday, the port town of Gwadar and sur-

rounding areas received winter rainfall. Turbat and Kech districts of Balochistan also received sporadic heavy rainfall amid a forecast of downpours in western and southwestern Balochistan by the Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD).

The Met Office has

forecast cold and cloudy

weather for most parts of the country with chances of rain-wind/thunderstorm in Balochistan. he met office has predicted rain with wind or thunderstorms in Chaghi, Nokkundi. Dalbandin, Kalat, Khuzdar, Noshki, Washuk, Kharan, Panjgur, Kech, Turbat. Pasni, Makran, Lasbela, Gwadar and Jiwani districts

LAHORE (APP): Care-Information, Broadcasting and Parliamentary Affairs Murtaza Solangi said on

vision, the national broadcaster of Pakistan had come a long way during past 59 years. This he said while de-

livering his speech at PTV's 59th anniversary celebration ceremony here.

ployees of PTV on the 59th anniversary of the founding of Pakistan Television, Murtaza Solangi said 59 years ago in Lahore, his teacher Aslam Azhar started broadcast of PTV transmission by pitching a tent in the lawn of an old building.

PTV has come long way during past 59 years: Solangi Chief Minister Punjab niversary on Sunday, Fed-

Sunday that Pakistan Tele-Solangi remarked. Appreciating the per-

Congratulating the em-

taker Federal Minister for Mohsin Naqvi himself had been a broadcaster and journalist, who had seen this journey himself, Murtaza

LAHORE: : Caretaker Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting,

Murtaza Solangi along with Caretaker CM Punjab Mohsin Raza Naqvi sitting on

the stage during a program related to 59th Anniversary of PTV Lahore Center

formance of the caretaker set up of Punjab, he said due to the changes in Punjab, Mohsin Naqvi was now looking like a benefactor to everyone. He said that Punjab had witnessed so many changes during his tenure as he would become "Sher Shah Suri" of the

Meanwhile in a celebration hosted by Paki- ting, joined by Punjab stan Television Corpora- Chief Minister Syed tion (PTV) for its 59th an- Mohsin Naqvi.

province.

eral Minister for Information and Broadcasting Murtaza Solangi lauded the staff for their contributions

cessation of the conflict in

Gaza to facilitate humani-

Israeli attacks, the Church Hospital opened its doors to Muslims. He

underscored the gravity of

the situation, characterizing

the conflict as a war

against humanity, result-

ing in the tragic loss of

13,000 lives, including

Ashrafi lamented the

tarian relief operations.

Leading the presser, hrafi who is also the me Minister's Special presentative on Religious presentative on Religious

He highlighted the beginning of a renaissance period for PTV, honoring the legacy of its first Managing Director Aslam Azhar. Solangi expressed gratitude to the dedicated PTV team, acknowledging their pivotal role in the television network's successful 59year journey.

The event concluded with a ceremonial cake cut-

Mayor opens Karachi's first zip line at Safari Park

KARACHI (INP): Karachi in intentions. Mayor Murtaza Wahab said on Sunday that critics are free to continue criticising, as the Pakistan Peoples Party remains confident in its public service.

Interacting with media on the occasion of the inauguration of a new zip line at Safari Park, Wahab said that uniform developmental work was underway in all seven districts of

The PPP leader expressed his belief that the issues of poverty and criticism in Karachi would come to an end, making it evident to the citizens that the problem lied not in authority but

Wahab said that while people claimed the 18th Amendment was flawed, they did not specify what

The mayor stated that building more parks in the ty was his party's target.

the flaw was.

He, however, acknowledged that due to financial constraints, many projects were facing slow progress, but added that efforts were being made to revive the Adventure Park as well, providing standard recreational

facilities to the public. Wahab announced that Karachi's first zip line had been opened for the public



Palestine, in Karachi

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Lessons in complicity

If there is one takeaway from Israel's war on Gaza – other than the fact that Israel is more than happy to commit a genocide and get away with it – it is that world powers, media (Western and some in the Global South), the entertainment industry, and even the human rights industry, are all more than capable of not just cynicism but sheer hypocrisy when it comes to their practise of rights-based discourse. As the 'truce' in Gaza began not two days back, some of the most heartbreaking scenes unfolded: Palestinian families reuniting with their children and loved ones released by Israel, some after years and years of detention for crimes as small as stonethrowing. Some children arrested years back have returned as full-blown adults, having spent years in Israeli prisons without recourse to a justice system or anything resembling justice at all. Some of the Hamas-held Israeli captives too got to see their families as a result of the temporary truce. More hostages on both sides are set for release. In total, 39 Palestinians and 13 Israelis were released, while Hamas also released ten Thai and one Filipino hos-

As Gazans return home to a flattened city, whose every corner screams of the genocidal war waged on it, there are questions over what possible justification could ever be used for what Israel did to Gazans and those also in the West Bank. Nearly 15,000 Palestinians – including more than 6000 children – have been killed in Gaza since October 7 while more than 200 Palestinians were killed by Israeli forces and settlers in the West Bank. These numbers could have been far less had Israel agreed to Hamas' demand for a prisoner swap early on after October 7. But Israel seemed to have had one goal: flatten Gaza. Which it has, rendering its 2.3 million people starved, dehydrated, buried under rubble or running for cover from skies that rained down bombs relentlessly. With 137 aid trucks entering Gaza on Friday, aid agencies have already said much more will be needed for a starving population that also stakeholders, especially faces growing incidence of disease. Just one look at the Palestinian prisoners' details is enough to understand the brutality of Israeli occupation, many of the Palestinians having been arrested for offences such as carrying and manufacturing knives and daggers, illegally entering Israel without a permit, throwing stones or associating with hostile organizations. In the past 20 years, 13000 Palestinian children have been arrested or detained by Israel. No tears were shed by the international community, no opeds were written, no panels were arranged by incensed American or European politicians – not for these children. Israel had held 5200 Palestinians in total in its prisons, a number that increased by 3000 after October 7.

Beyond corridors: empowering Pakistan



By Syed Ali Nawaz Gilani

Pakistan's ability to maximize the benefits of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) hinges on the formulation of a practical and inclusive industrial policy. The success of CPEC in fostering Pakistan's industrial development necessitates a strategic approach that actively involves stakeholders, particularly those from medium and small industries. Without a comprehensive policy framework addressing the needs of a diverse industrial landscape, the nation may fall short of fully capitalizing on CPEC's transformative

As Pakistan navigates the transformative corridors of CPEC, the wisdom of inclusive industrial policies becomes paramount. The journey towards sustainable progress echoes the sentiment that a nation's strength lies in empowering every facet of its economy. With this in mind, a pertinent question arises: Can Pakistan truly harness the full potential of CPEC without a wellcrafted industrial policy that actively involves those from medium and small industries.

A critical examination of the committees overseeing CPEC's industrial policies becomes imperative. How can the composition of these committees be scrutinized to ensure diverse representation, particularly including stakeholders from medium and small industries, fostering an inclusive approach to

decision-making? In the pursuit of trans- tives but of ensuring their ing and considering the gilani@gmail.com.]

formative change, there's continual inclusion and contributions of different toward genuine success.

an inherent risk of bias. How can CPEC strike a balance to ensure that industrialists, benefiting from the current system, do not resist reforms that might disrupt their positions, and how can diverse stakeholder interests be accommodated? Considerations must extend beyond immediate

gains. In the intricate web CPEC, how might we ensure that the lens through which industrialists view their involvement doesn't solely focus on the gains of their enterprises? Instead, how can it broaden to encompass broader socio-economic considerations—such as ensuring fair resource distribution, prioritizing the welfare of workers, and championing environmental sustainability?

The historical imbalance in Pakistan's industrial landscape is a challenge that CPEC must confront. How can policies be crafted to rectify historical disparities where large industrialists have thrived, leaving smaller enterprises struggling, and how can the inclusion of diverse stakeholders be a driving force in achieving a more equitable distribution of bencomprehensive

analysis of the committees

responsible for overseeing the industrial policies within CPEC is of utmost importance. It is essential to scrutinize the intricacies of how these committees are structured and operate to guarantee a fair and effective decision-making process. In seeking an answer to this question, the wisdom of iconic industrialist Henry Ford reverberates: "Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success." The essence of this quote encapsulates the essence of our inquiry. It underscores the importance not just of assembling diverse perspec-

collaboration, fostering a synergy that propels us

As we envision the committees overseeing CPEC's industrial policies, we must view them not merely as bureaucratic entities but as dynamic hubs where the collective aspirations of a nation converge. Inclusive decisionmaking, where the voices of both large and small industries are harmonized, paves the way for a transformative journey. The success of these committees lies not just in their composition but in their commitment to maintaining a vibrant, ever-evolving collaboration that mirrors the diversity and dvnamism of Pakistan's industrial terrain.

The journey toward comprehensive and inclusive decision-making within CPEC is a journey toward unlocking the true potential of Pakistan's industries. To echo the sentiments of Nobel laureate Amartya Sen, "Inclusive development is possible only when we foster the capabilities and participation of all individuals." It is in this spirit of fostering capabilities and participation, especially from medium and small industries, that the committees overseeing CPEC's industrial policies can truly become architects of transformative change. As they navigate the intricacies of decision-making, let them be guided by the understanding that true success lies in a collaborative and inclusive journey toward a more prosperous and harmonious future.

This scrutiny is indispensable for fostering an inclusive approach to decision-making, ensuring that the diverse needs and interests of all sectors within the industrial landscape are considered and addressed. This review is essential for ensuring fair

industries, no matter their size, when creating the overall industrial plans for

As Pakistan confronts challenges in its industrial landscape, there arises a critical necessity for substantial reform, aligning with China's commitment to fostering progress and innovation. How can committees involved in CPEC navigate complexities without being encumbered by the fear of disrupting the status quo, and how can an inclusive policy approach be the cornerstone for meaningful and sustainable change? Examining global ex-

amples from places like Vietnam, Bangladesh, South Korea, Ethiopia, and Colombia sheds light on how committees unafraid to challenge established norms have propelled significant progress, and what lessons Pakistan can glean from these instances to ensure that its current initiatives become a catalyst for genuine and lasting industrial advancement. Reminding again that the success of Pakistan in harnessing the transformative potential of CPEC lies in the formulation of a practical and inclusive industrial policy. As the nation embarks on this crucial journey, the path to progress demands a collaborative approach that actively includes stakeholders from medium and small industries. Only through such an inclusive strategy can CPEC evolve into a catalyst for genuine and sustainable industrial progress in Pakistan.

[The writer, serves as Secretary General of the Pakistan China Friendship Association's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa chapter. With a passion for fostering international bonds, he also lends his expertise as a Senior Media Consultant based in Peshawar, can be congrowth. It means recogniz- tacted through syeed.

Geoeconomic pivot



By Aizaz Ahmad

Chaudhry For nearly two years, the subject of geoeconomics has been discussed in Pakistan's academic and official echelons. In an article published in this paper in December 2021, this writer had discussed the prospects

geoeconomics benefiting Pakistan by leveraging our economic geography to address geostrategic challenges — it being understood that geoeconomics is not a replacement for geopolitics and that both must work in tandem.

However, it is important to recognise that Pakistan's pivot to geoeconomics is different from the way the term evolved in the Cold War context. US strategists proposed to geoeconomics to gain geopolitical advantage against adversaries. An elaborate menu of economic instruments was developed: promoting or blocking investments, market access, or infrastructure projects and imposing economic sanctions, tariff wars, and technology wars. This represented a skewed dimension of geoeconomics suiting only stronger economies, while working against vulnerable ones. is not the geoeconomic pivot to which Pakistan aspires. For Pakistan, the pivot to geoeconomics would mean benefiting from our unique

economic geography. Pakistan is at the confluence of three major theatres of global contestation. First is the Indo-Pacific region, which extends from Japan through the Pacific and Indian Oceans and ends up in India to our east. The region is at the heart of the ongoing US-

China competition. Pakistan, as a neighbour of both India and China, cannot shy away from the challenges emanating from this

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Second is the Middle East, which extends from North Africa across the Arab heartland and ends in Iran to our southwest Momentous winds of change are sweeping across this vast region. We can witness these in the Iran-Saudi rapprochement brokered by China, waning US influence in the region, and the Israel-Hamas conflict, which has disrupted Arab-Israel

normalisation process. As a neighbour of Iran, and located in the vicinity of the Gulf countries, including Saudi Arabia, which itself is undergoing a socioeconomic transformation of historic proportions, Pakistan cannot stay aloof from these developments.

Third is the Central Asian region, which is connected to both Russia and China, and straddles the energy and mineral-rich lands down to Afghanistan, Pakistan's northwestern neighbour. Russia sees this region as its backyard, while China and Turkey are both seeking to extend their influence. Here, too, the US seems to be losing ground. Any changes across Central Asia, particularly in Afghanistan, are bound to be of direct concern to Pakistan.

While this economic geography is throwing up geostrategic challenges as major power competition intensifies in all the three regions, there will also be opportunities which Pakistan can avail only if it plays its geoeconomic hand in tandem with pursuing its geopolitical goals, while understanding its limitations. These challenges and opportunities have been discussed at length in a recent book-

Pakistan's Geoeconomic Pivot, authored by Moeed Yusuf and Rabia Akhtar, which was discussed at a recent conference Islamabad.—Courtesy Dawn

Commerce News

UN FAO's 40 ambitious projects to revolutionize agriculture in Pakistan: Country Rep Iqbal

ISLAMABAD (APP): The United Nations Food and Agriculture
Organization's (FAO) has
unveiled a dynamic
portfolio of 40 diverse
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interview with the development, and Associated Press of implementing food security Pakistan (APP), Country programs to alleviate

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She explained that

on a thorough consultative process, aligning with the United Nations Sustainable **Development Cooperation** Framework (UNSDCF) 2023–2027. The FAO's Country Programming Framework (CPF) for 2023–2027 involves consultations with relevant ministries, departments, academia, UN agencies, and resource partners at both federal and provincial levels. The FAO's involvement extends traditional beyond agricultural support.

Pakistanis and Human

Resource Development Jawad Sohrab Malik

visited Tamkeen Human

Resources along with Deputy Head of Mission

Moazzam Ali, Community

Welfare Attaches, DG

Bureau of Emigration, and

Joint Secretary Emigration

on Sunday. He was received

by CEO Tamkeen Faris Al-

Hanaki.He was briefed by



RIYADH: SAPM, Jawad Sohrab Malik visits Tamkeen HR in KSA. **SAPM visits Tamkeen HR**

livestock and fisheries LAHORE: People enjoying the second day of exhibition at the Pak China Industry Exhibition at the Expo Center.

40% windfall tax on banks' profits faces uncertainty

ISLAMABAD (INP): measure. The FBR issued (FBR) Revenue's notification imposing a 40% additional tax on banks' windfall profits has as it requires approval from the National Assembly by February 19, 2024. The formation of the general implementation of the tax such a tax measure.

The Federal Board of SRO 1588(I)/2023 on November 21, 2023, invoking its powers under Section 99D(2) of the Income Tax Ordinance to been met with uncertainty tax banks' windfall profits. The notification outlines the calculation method and formula for determining the 40% tax. However, Section National Assembly is not 99D(3) of the Income Tax expected until after the Ordinance mandates that the federal government elections, raising concerns obtain approval from the about the timely National Assembly for

FBR releases updated Income tax rules 2023

ISLAMABAD (INP): The Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) has released an updated version of the Income Tax Rules 2002, incorporating all amendments made up to

November 24, 2023. These amendments include those introduced in the current fiscal year's federal budget, as well as any changes made since June 30.

The primary goal of issuing these updated rules is to simplify the tax process for taxpayers.

the CEO about the working sector in which there was of the Company, said a great demand. Momin urges Govt to prioritize uninterrupted power supply for industrial, agri sector

President of Pakistan Business Forum Lahore Momin Ali Malik Sunday urged the government to prioritize uninterrupted power and gas supply for the industrial sector and agriculture sector during the winter season. Talking to a delegation of industrialists, he said, "The industrial sector plays a pivotal role in the economic growth and uninterrupted gas and power

ISLAMABAD (APP): supply is essential for its smooth functioning," said a news release issued here.

office to discuss paramedical

manpower job opportunities

that there was a lot of

demand for manpower,

especially in the healthcare

sector, particularly for

fully cooperate and engage

with OEC and other

companies to increase the

manpower import from

Pakistan. He also informed

that the hospitality sector

was another potential

Tamkeen was ready to

paramedical staff.

"This will not only sustain production but also safeguard jobs and contribute to overall economic stability besides help meeting export targets."He said, "Timely availability of power is crucial for agricultural activities, especially during winter, to support processes such as crop drying and irrigation."

ISLAMABAD (APP): press release. SAPM a SAPM on Overseas CEO HR informed cooperation expeditious export of manpower from Pakistan.

He also informed that a new Saudi desk has been set up in the Ministry of OP&HRD Pakistan for solving all the issues of Saudi recruitment companies.

SAPM also requested cooperation in enhancing the level of skills of Pakistani workers and professionals to meet the market demands of KSA.

Energy secretary to brief senate committee

ISLAMABAD (Online): The matter of nonimplementation of the recommendations of the Senate Energy Committee, Secretary Energy will give a briefing to the committee

today (Monday). The meeting of the committee will be held in the Parliament House under the chairmanship of Senator Saifullah Abru. In the meeting, Secretary Energy and MD NESPAK will explain the non-implementation

PR all set to procure 230 passenger coaches, 820 **High Capacity Wagons** ISLAMABAD (APP): Ministry of Railways.

Pakistan Railways is set to procure 230 passenger coaches and 820 High Capacity Wagons under the Public Sector Development Programme (PSDP) aiming help to improve the speed of the trains and ensure adherence to fixed timings. "Out of the total,

around 46 Completely-Built-Up (CBU) passenger coaches have been procured up till now while the remaining 184 would be manufactured in the country and the couches would be able to travel at the speed of 160km/h," being revamped, he said an official in the added.

"Pakistan Railways is putting maximum efforts to complete rehabilitation and reconstruction work on the railway track, improving the speed of the locomotives to carry passengers to their respective destinations on time," he added.

The infrastructure, including the track and signalling system from Karachi to Peshawar, Main Line-I (ML-I), and doubling of track from Lahore to Peshawar (462.20 Km) was also

Pak Olive National Gala concludes

ISLAMABAD (APP): In served as a platform for a concerted effort to raise awareness about the Virgin Olive Oil industry, a Virgin Olive Oil The conclusion of Organoleptic the competition marked a

The competition

producers to showcase their commitment to quality standards in the delivering superior virgin olive oil products.

The conclusion of Competition recently significant moment as center stage, awards were distributed spotlighting excellence to commend outstanding and fostering a culture of achievements, said a news quality within the sector. release issued here on Sunday

Naqvi inaugurates Cavalry underpass completed in record time of two months

Reviews police data report, praises crime reduction trend

Mohsin Naqvi inaugurated Lahore's Cavalry Ground Underpass on Sunday, which has been completed in a record time of twoand-a-half months, instead of six months.

Addressing inaugural ceremony, he congratulated the people of Lahore on completion of added. "We had to close the the Bund Road project and the underpass. He felicitates people of residents of Gulberg and Defence on the completion of the Cavalry underpass. He said that people

smog. They should not come out of their houses care of our environment, then positive changes will come into effect," he has reduced due to lessening of traffic during previous three days, he main road due to

construction work and underpass was a difficult

within their houses on become signal- free from holidays for reduction in the Centre Point up to Defence Mor. About two lakh vehicles would pass unnecessarily. "If we take through the road daily after opening of Cavalry underpass. People had to stop at three signals earlier, added. The level of smog he added. "We are focusing more on the three important projects namely Lahore, Rawalpindi Ring Roads and striving for an early



LAHORE: A group photo of Caretaker Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting, Murtaza Solangi along with Caretaker CM Punjab Mohsin Raza Naqvi and other members during 59th Anniversary of PTV Lahore Center.

Azam Khan slapped hefty fine for Palestine sticker on bat in National T20

Sports Desk

KARACHI: Pakistani batter Azam Khan has found himself at the centre of controversy during a National T20 Cup match against Lahore Blues, reports on social media claim. The batter has been fined 50% of his match fees for affixing a sticker of the Palestine flag on his bat. The authorities have warned Azam Khan of potential suspension if he persists in using the flag sticker, reports say.

Earlier during the world cup 2023 match against Sri Lanka, wicket keeper batter Muhammed Rizwan chose to dedicate the win to the oppressed Palestinians in Gaza. Rizwan took the opportunity to express his deep-rooted solidarity with the Palestinian cause via X. It was reported that Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) had asked Rizwan to delete the post, but he did not comply with it.

Notable, Pakistan ex-skipper Babar Azam also posted in favour of Gaza right after the team's return to Pakistan, and after he had left captaincy.



SWABI: Khyber Pakhtunkhawa Governor Haji Ghulam Ali, Chairman Higher Education Commission Professor Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed and ViceChancellor Prof Dr. Nasir Jamal Khattak addressing the 3rd Convocation of University of Swabi.

CM visits MDCAT center at AWKUM

PESHAWAR Caretaker Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Justice ® Syed Arshad Hussain Shah paid a short visit to Abdul Wali Khan University Mardan on Sunday to take stock of the arrangements put in place for holding Medical and Dental College Admissions Test (MDCAT) in the centre established in the

concerned authorities on duty in the centre briefed the Chief Minister about the arrangements made for the MDČAT, and said that foolproof arrangements in all respects have been put in place for holding the test in a transparent manner.

The Chief Minister was informed that a total of 5443 candidates were of all irrelevant persons into the premises of the centre is prohibited whereas all kinds of electronic gadgets including cell phones, wrist watches, etc. are banned in the premises. It was further told that a complete body search of all the candidates and supervising staff has been ensured while mobile service in the area has been suspended through the a k i s t a n Telecommunications Authority.

was further informed that the required strength of supervising staff has also ensured for conducting the test in the desired manner whereas Section 144 of CrPC has already been invoked by the district administration registered in Mardan centre to ban the use of all kinds

The Chief Minister

for appearing in the of electronic gadgets in the MDCAT adding that entry vicinity of the centre. **Smog lockdown**

smog was observed across the district on Sunday.

Action was also taken against industrial units, brick kilns, vehicle owners and farmers who caused air pollution and smog. Since April 1, Rs. 5.9 million fines and 61 cases have been registered.

These details were (Rtd) Shoaib Ali about the implementation of smart o'clock.

SARGODHA (APP): A lockdown orders to smart lockdown to contain smog was observed across taken by the district

administration. The DC said that after following the instructions of the Punjab government, educationa institutions remained completely closed in all tehsils of the district from Friday to Sunday, while shops, given by Deputy shopping centers, hotels Commissioner Captain and restaurants were allowed to open after 3

China gears up to mitigate smog in Punjab

ISLAMABAD (INP): China and Pakistan are collaborating to tackle the hazardous smog and air pollution threatening the lives of over 100 million residents in Punjab province.

Three areas have been identified for China-Pakistan partnership to help Punjab address the dangerous atmospheric toxicity that has enveloped many districts over the last two months, Gwadar Pro reported on Sunday.

One area of cooperation is conducting artificial rain in smog-affected lo-

A Punjab government

Hotels business centres sealed for violating

smog lockdown

SIALKOT (APP): The local administration sealed six hotels, eight business centers and Sunday Bazar Imam Sahib for violating the smart lockdown to combat smog.Similarly,

business centers including a school were sealed in Daska and 12 people were detained.Over 108 business centers have been sealed since Friday and 52 people were arrested for violating government instructions and a fine of Rs.5,80,000 was imposed. Meanwhile, during the smog lockdown in Lahai Bazar under the supervision of Assistant Commissioner Sialkot Ghulam Sarwar, a trader resisted and took

that cloud seeding is the most effective method for inducing artificial rain, adding that arrangements with Chinese experts have been finalised.

"Chinese experts will soon visit Pakistan," he added. Artificial rain, or cloud seeding, is a weather modification technique involving the dispersion of chemicals into clouds from an aircraft to encourage precipitation.

It is used to induce rainfall in drought-stricken or pollution-laden areas.

The second area of col-

official told Gwadar Pro Chinese anti-smog technology by installing smog towers in Lahore and other parts of the province. Progress was made fol-

> lowing a successful meeting between Punjab CM Mohsin Naqvi and Chinese Consul General Lahore Zhao Shiren.

According to the Chinese Consul General, good air quality is essential for the people of Lahore.

The Chinese Consulate Lahore has provided comprehensive documents regarding smog-eating towers built in China to the Chief Minister Office Task

Cycling rally held in Lahore to raise awareness about smog

to raise awareness about dangers of smog and cycling promotion, here on Sunday.

The personnel of the Police Friendly

Patrolling Unit (PFPU) also took part in the rally specially. The look of the city fades due to smog, an elderly citizen told APP while taking part in the rally. He said the blurring was not due to fog but smog, whose damages to human health

were numerous. took party in the bicycle road everyday, adding to

LAHORE (APP): A also participated in the bicycle rally was held from Liberty to Valencia Town reiterated their commitment to make the city smog-free.

The Police Unit,

participating in the event, specially arrangements to create awareness about causes of smog and the preventive measures.

The rally passed through Barkat Market, Jinnah Hospital, Johan Town and Shaukat Khanum before reaching Valencia Town. An official at Deputy Commissioner's office said millions of Around 300 people vehicles ply The Mall rally. Women and children smoke pollution.

International News

continues in Sargodha

Thousands march in Indonesia, Canada calling for permanent ceasefire in Gaza

JAKARTA: Thousands of Indonesian protesters turned out for a peaceful march in solidarity with Palestine on Sunday, as they called for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza.

Indonesians from various cities marched through the streets of Karawang, West Java, mostly dressed in white and wearing traditional Palestinian scarves, as they waved Palestinian flags and chanted "Free Palestine."

The demonstration in Karawang was the latest in

several huge protests staged across Indonesia since Israel began its deadly onslaught on Palestinian civilians in Gaza last month. Indonesians in Bali, North Sulawesi and Depok, West Java, also took to the streets over the weekend in similar marches. Sunday's protest came on the third day of a four-day cease-fire that has allowed humanitarian aid into the be-

sieged strip, after Israel agreed to stop the daily bombardment in exchange for the release of its hostages held by the Gaza-based militant group Hamas. 'We are calling for a permanent ceasefire ... We also demand the immediate delivery of critical humanitarian

aid to Palestinians in need," protest coordinator Cecep Jasim told Media. These protests are important, especially for the international community, so that we can show what Israel is doing to Palestine is an act of terrorism that we must

fight against," he said. "The situation in Gaza right now is a product of Israeli violence that has hurt people's hearts across the globe."

Since early October, Israel has killed at least 14.800 people in the besieged Palestinian enclave and wounded tens of thousands more. The Israeli military has dropped about 40,000 tons of bombs on Gaza, authorities in the strip said, and carried out attacks on crucial public facilities, including hospitals and schools.

Indonesia has long been a staunch supporter of Palestine, with its people and authorities seeing Palestinian statehood as mandated by their own constitution, which calls for the abolition of colonial

INP adds: Thousands of protesters carried placards, waved Palestinian flags and chanted slogans before Canada's Parliament in Ottawa, demanding a permanent ceasefire in the war between Israel and Hamas

The diverse group included Palestinian, Arab, Muslim, Jewish, anti-war, labor and social justice organiza-

The rally followed an online petition presented to lawmakers on Friday with 286,719 signatures—said to be the most of any parliamentary e-petition—urging Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to press for a permanent ceasefire



A Palestinian checks the damage in a street in the aftermath of an Israeli raid in Jenin, in the Israeli occupied West Bank,

제10차 한일중 외교장관회의 대한민국 부산, 2023.11.26. The Tenth Trilateral Foreign Ministers' Meeting The Republic of Kores, Japan ar Peor Republic of China

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi, South Korean Foreign Minister Park Jin and Japanese Foreign Minister Yoko Kamikawa pose for a photo prior to the 10th trilateral foreign ministers' meeting in Busan, South Korea

China, Japan, South Korea agree to boost trilateral ties, seek summit

News Desk

SEOUL: The foreign ministers of China, Japan and South Korea agreed on Sunday to restart cooperation among the Asian neighbours and pave the way for a summit of their three leaders in the latest move to ease tensions in the vital region. Even as China and the United States mend frayed ties, including a summit this month between Presidents Xi Jinping and Joe Biden, Beijing is concerned that Washington and its key regional allies

are strengthening their three-way partnership. Beijing, Seoul and Tokyo had agreed on annual summits from 2008 to bolster diplomatic and economic exchanges, but two-way rows and the COVID-19 pandemic

interrupted the plan, with the three leaders last meeting in 2019. The three top diplomats met in the South Korean port of Busan for their first such meeting since 2019, after officials of the three countries agreed in September to arrange a trilateral summit at the "earliest convenient time'

The three ministers did not specify a timeframe for the trilateral summit.

61 trucks deliver aid in northern Gaza: UN

WASHINGTON (INP): The United Nations said 61 trucks carrying medical supplies, food and water had delivered their payloads in northern Gaza, as a pause in fighting allows aid to enter the besieged

coastal territory.

Another 200 trucks had been dispatched to the Gaza Strip from Nitzana, Israel, the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) said in a statement, with 187 of them having made it past the border by the early evening local time.

Eleven ambulances, three coaches and a flatbed were delivered to Al-Shifa hospital, which had seen heavy fighting in recent days, "to assist with evacuations," the statement said.

"The longer the pause lasts, the more aid humanitarian agencies will be able to send in and across Gaza, it added, thanking the Palestinian and Egyptian Red

Crescent groups. The day prior, when a temporary truce between Israel and Hamas began in order to facilitate the hostage and prisoner exchange, a total of 137 trucks had delivered aid in Gaza, ac-

cording to the UN. "We welcome the release of more hostages today and renew our call for the immediate and unconditional release of all hostages, the OCHA said.

"And we hope the release of more Palestinian detainees brings relief to their families and loved ones.'

Exchanges continued into early Sunday, local time, with Hamas expected to free a total of 50 hostages during the four-day truce in exchange for 150 Palestinian prisoners, under an agreement brokered by Qatar, Egypt and the United

Hamas snatched around 240 people when they broke through Gaza's militarized border with Israel on October 7 killing about 1,200 Israelis and foreigners, according to Israeli authorities.

Following the deadliest attack in its history, Israel launched an air, artillery and naval bombardment alongside a ground offensive to destroy Hamas, killing nearly 15,000 people, mostly civilians and including thousands of children, according to the Hamas government in Gaza

'Act immediately,' says UN chief on visit to frozen but rapidly melting Antarctica

(APP): Ahead of the COP28 conference in Dubai, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres says that while the frozen but rapidly melting Antarctica has been called the sleeping giant, the continent is now being awoken by the adverse impacts of climate

The UN chief is on a three-day official visit to Antarctica, which regulates the planet's climate because its ice and cold waters drive major ocean currents. Chilean President Gabriel Boric joined him for an official

George Island. He was also scheduled to visit the Collins and Nelson glaciers by boat.

"Fossil fuel pollution is heating our planet, unleashing climate anarchy in Antarctica," said Guterres, adding that the Southern Ocean has taken the majority of the heat from global warm-

"That means ice is melting into the ocean at record rates. Melting ice means sea levels are rising at record

rates," he explained.
"That directly endangers the lives and livelihoods

visit to Chile's Eduardo of people in coastal com- year.

Frei Air Force Base on King munities across the globe. It means homes are no longer insurable. And it threatens the very existence of some small island

states.

Antarctic sea ice is at an all-time low. New figures show that this September, it was 1.5 million square kilometers smaller than the average for the time of year—"an"area roughly the size of Portugal, Spain, France, and Germany com-

Guterres noted that the Greenland ice sheet is also melting fast, losing over 250 gigatons of ice every

Another Israeli-owned ship seized in **Indian Ocean amidst rising tensions**

WASHINGTON (INP): An Israeli-owned ship became the target of a suspected drone

The information was disclosed by an anonymous US defense official. The vessel in uestion, CMA CGM Symi, fell victim to the attack in international waters, amidst heightened concerns for regional shipping routes during Israel's conflict with Gaza. The assault on the CMA CGM Symi occurred shortly before the commencement

of a four-day ceasefire on Friday, according to Lebanon's Al-Mayadeen news network. The risk management company Ambrey suggested that the attack was likely aimed at the vessel due to its Israeli association through the Israeli-owned shipping management company, Eastern Pacific Shipping.



others pose for a group photo during the party's workers convention in Kamoke

Speakers underscore significance of CPEC for Pakistan's prosperity, global collaboration

Speakers at a seminar on Sunday underscored significance of China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) for Pakistan's prosperity and global collaboration and stressed the importance of converting these challenges into opportunities.

Secretary Agriculture Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Javed Marwat has heralded the CPEC as a transformative game-changer for both Pakistan and the broader

He said that this significant project not only presented challenges but also offered unprecedented opportunities for the nation. The seminar was or-

ganized by the China Window, a Peshawar-based Chinese Cultural Center, in collaboration with the Institute of Management Sciences (IMSciences). A large number of male and female students participated in the

Javed Marwat emphasized that CPEC presented both challenges and opportunities for the region.

He said Pakistan

needs to improve its industries and generate youth employment through

Javed Marwat expressed optimism that the establishment of the Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC) would at-

tract investment not only from China but also from other countries from around the world, including the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia.

The Secretary of Agriculture underscored the potential for agricultural evelopment.

He pointed out that 1.1 million acres of land in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa was currently barren, emphasizing the need to leverage CPEC to cultivate this land. Javed Marwat suggested that adopting China's successful agricultural model could lead to significant progress in the

Javed Marwat urged

bal conditions as an opportunity to turn challenges into positive outcomes. He anticipated that the SIFC would attract investors from various countries worldwide, contributing to Pakistan's economic

Professor Dr. Usman Ghani, Director of IMSciences, highlighted that CPEC encompasses not only industrial investment but also educational collaboration between Pakistan and China. He acknowledged the thousands of Pakistani students benefiting from scholarships to study in top Chinese uni-



HYDERABAD: Members of Jeay Sindh Rehbar Committee are holding protest rally for acceptance of their demands, at Hyderabad press club

Lighting kills two people, **over 100** cattle in Tharparkar

THARPARKAR (INP): Lightning killed two family members and more than 100 cattle in different areas of Sindh, rescue sources said on Sunday. According to details, heavy rain lashed different areas of district Tharparkar of Sindh. Lightning struck a house in Chachro area killing two people including father and son. Meanwhile, more than 100 cattle were killed in lightning incidents in Chachro and Nagarparkar

ECP appoints 32 RMCs for effective 2024 election monitoring

ISLAMABAD (APP) The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) appointed 32 Regional Elec-Commissioners (RECs) as Regional Monitoring Coordinators (RMCs) to ensure effective monitoring of the 2024 General Elections.

As stated by the ECP spokesperson, the appointed Regional Coordinators will play a crucial role in guaranteeing comprehensive monitoring at the division level. They are also responsible for guiding and supervising the monitoring teams within their respective districts during the upcoming General Elections.

The ECP will establish four-tier monitoring control rooms, with Provincial, Divisional, and District Monitoring Control Rooms operating under the superrision of the Central Monitoring Control Center in Islamabad

Legal action will be initiated by the monitoring teams for any violations of the code of conduct in the upcoming elections.

Meanwhile, the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) conducted a oneday online training workshop for Regional Monitoring Coordinators (RMCs) where all Regional Election Commissioners in Pakistan were equipped with the necessary skills for their roles as RMCs.

Afghan transit trade gets relief as bank guarantee

requirement waived ISLAMABAD (INP): The caretaker federal government has decided to waive the newly imposed requirement of a bank guarantee equal to the value of duties and taxes imposed on imported goods. The government has also scrapped the condition of a cashable fi-

nancial guarantee. According to media reports, the decision was taken after considering the concerns raised by stakeholders regarding the implementation of the new rules, which were introduced through SRO 1402(I)/2023 issued on October 7, 2023. The rules had made it mandatory for importers to provide bank guarantees for goods imported under Afghan tran-

MQM-P says no change in consumer service seen in HESCO

HYDERABAD (APP): a hope that the change in The Muttahida Qaumi the hierarchy would bring Movement-Pakistan (MQM-P) has deplored that the officials of Electric Company Hyderabad Supply Company (HESCO) still exhibited anti-consumer approaches despite changes in the

company's hierarchy. In a statement issued here on Sunday by MQM-P Hyderabad chapter's Organizer Zafar Ahmed Siddiqui and other office bearers of the party, they

a change in the workforce's

though the company had recovered billions of rupees from the defaulting consumers and power thieves since it began the crackdown on September 7, the problems of the consumers were far from being addressed.

They claimed that prolonged outages, serving of detection bills, defects



HYDERABAD: Members of Peoples Hari Committee are holding protest demonstration for acceptance of their demands, at Hyderabad press club

Chairman BISE Larkana removed from post in harassment case

HYDERABAD (APP): Provincial Ombudsman Sindh has penalized the Chairman Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education (BISE) Larkana district with removal from his position and a fine of Rs 300,000 in case of harassment. According to hearing, it was established that Chairman Nasim Ahmed Memon had harassed, intimidated and

Shah during his previous stint as Principal of Public School Hyderabad. Shah lodged a complaint in that regard in 2017 through advocate Sajjad Ahmed Chandio. The ombudsman stated in the order that Memon used to send text and video messages to Shah after working hours the order, during the and that he even tried to interfere in her personal life. The ombudsman noted that the accused Memon did not challenge the caused mental agony to allegations levelled against school teacher Shgufta him by Shah.

Chairman Safoora Town **Inspects repaired tractor** and met DGM K.E.

Independent Report KARACHI: Chairman Safoora Town Rashid Khaskheli said that despite less machinery Safoora Town is engaged in resolving the problems, the residents of Safoora Town will not be allowed to face the punishment of power load

shedding and overbilling.

He expressed these views during a meeting with The Repaired Tractor and Deputy GM Sajjad Zaheer of K.E along with Vice Chairman Abdul Haq Baloch. During inspection of tractor after repairing he said



that it will be used to resolve various municipal problems, machinery will be increased in a phased manner in safoora town, daily steps are being taken for the improvement of parks including fumig ation.

Deputy GM, K-Electric Sajjad Zaheer met Chairman Safoora Town, Rashid Khaskheli at his office in which the Chairman discussed the problems faced by the residents of Safoora Town.

Pak, China committed to IPP to ensure stability cooperation on sustainable in country: Aleem Khan development of rivers: Hashmi Istehkam-e-Pakistan Party

and China are committed to cooperation for sustainable development and preservation of their rivers.

In this regard, the two countries signed a cooperation agreement focusing on the Indus and Yangtze rivers to explore the challenges and opportunities faced by river cultures, ecosystems and economies and engage establish a global netin discussions on sustainable development of major rivers, Pakistan Ambassador to China, Khalil Hashmi said on Saturday.

Both countries have learnt from the historic role that all these rivers and

for the civilization, human settlements and cultures," he said while talking to APP on the sidelines of the Yangtze Culture Forum held in Nanjing, China.

The forum brought together guests from all over the world to discuss and promote the shared values of humanity and work for dialogue and collaboration among major river cities.

Ambassador Hashmi acknowledged theme of the nections with humanity,

stration for appointment letters, at Jinnah Bagh in Larkana

(www.uokadmission.edu.pk)

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Security Advisor Dr

Salman Zubiar, Medical

Officer and the member of

Muhammad Hassan Khan

Auj, and others were

present on this occasion and

monitored the admission

test proceedings.
The KU Clinic staff

along with an ambulance

were also present during the

test proceeding. The Watch and Ward and Directorate

of Admissions staff were

also present for the guid-

ance of students and sepa-

rate waiting areas near the

examination classrooms

were established for the

parents and guardians of the

Asim Jofa's business resilience and crisis

management strategies integrated into

LUISS guido Carli University's curriculum

candidates

Syndicate

Meanwhile, the KU

by December 07, 2023.

455 candidates appear in

KU VS Admission Test 2024

KARACHI (INP): As

many as 455 candidates ap-

peared in the admission

test of the Department of

Visual Studies, University of Karachi, which was held

in 12 examination rooms at

the departments of eco-

nomics and history on Sun-

rectorate of Admissions Dr

Saima Akhter mentioned

that aspiring candidates ap-

peared in the admission

test for B. Arch, B. FA, and

B. Design, in the disciplines

of Architecture. Fine Art.

Ceramics and Glass, Islamic

Arts, Graphic Design, In-

dustrial Design, Textile Design, Film and Animation of

the visual studies depart-

ment of the University of

Karachi. She mentioned

that a two-hour long test

KU would inform the can-

didates about the provi-

sional merit list through

email, and SMS, and they

would also be able to see

their results along with the

necessary directives on the

official web portal

According to her, the

was started at 11:00 am.

The in-charge KU Di-

'As the largest river in China, Yangtze has played a significant role in economic and cultural development of several big cities along it," he added. "There are a number of ports along the Yangtze River and China has significantly preserved and used this river for not only development of human life but also for food security and connectivity." "Pakistan has also launched a big project called Living Indus Initiative that mainly deals

forum that focused on with environmental protec-Yangtze River and its contion and climate change," he

be extended.

says Ashrafi

Prime Minister on Inter-

Religious Harmony Tahir

Mehmood Asharfi has said

that Palestine is the prob-

lem of entire humanity and

people of all religions in

Pakistan have talked about

conference at the Lahore

Press Club, he demand that

the war be ended and peace

be established in Palestine.

The ceasefire should be

extended and negotiations

be held for lasting peace. In

Palestine, Muslims and

Christians also have holy

places. But Christians do

not go there because they

do not want to get a visa

rity and stability of Paki-

stan is dear to all of us. The

All Pakistan Minority Al-

liance aims to raise voice for

social justice and humanity

in the country and abroad

We have done a lot of work

Rumors spread in the name of

religion harm the country.

He said, "Peace, secu-

from Israel," he added.

Addressing a press

peace from day one.

leadership, the party would not entertain any dissent against the military.

the citizens of Kamonke.

(IPP) President Abdul Acknowledging challenges including inadequate healthcare facilities, lack of Aleem Khan on Sunday lauded the role played by the Pakistan Army in enclean water, and subpar insuring stability of the nafrastructure, he pledged tion. Addressing a workers' that if the IPP assumed convention in Kamoke, he power, Kamonke would be asserted the current state of transformed into a model stability owes much to the city. Khan also promised unwavering commitment of the establishment of a carthe armed forces, stating, "If this country is stable, then it is because of the Pakistan Army." The IPP president, while taking a dig at previous regimes, criticised the previous governments for making grand promises but failing to deliver. The seasoned politi-

Talking on the local

cian asserted that, under his

diology hospital and an overall improvement in the town's amenities. He pointed out that the 18-month PDM government, which he refer-

enced, was remembered for achievements and failures alike, with electricity bills becoming a lingering reminder of its tenure.

The IPP president accused previous rulers of corruption, asserting that the people's trust in the system had been eroded.

Zardari, Nawaz fear criticising Israel will jeopardise return to power: JI Chief

DERA GHAZI KHAN (INP): Jamaat-e-Islami (JI) Emir Sirajul Haq Sunday launched a scathing criticism against the rival Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) and Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N), claiming that the top leadership of the parties includ-ing Asif Ali Zardari and LARKANA: PST and JEST passed candidates are holding protest demon-Nawaz Sharif fear that speaking against Israel would jeopardise their Gaza ceasefire chances of forming a government in future. Speaking at a political gathering in Dera Gazi Khan, Punjab, the JI emir questioned as to AHORE (APP): Pakistan why mainstream politicians Ilema Council Chairman including Nawaz, Shehbaz, and Special Assistant to Zardari, and Bilawal are silent over the issue of Pales-

tine, Geo News reported. They believe that if they speak against Israel they won't be able to come into power [in future]," Haq said while referring to the Israel-Hamas conflict which has seen more than 15,000

over 5,000 children — being martyred due to Israeli bombardment, offensive in the besieged Gaza Strip fol-lowing Hamas's October 7

The JI emir also lambasted the former rulers belonging to PPP and PML-N along with Maulana Fazlur Rehman-led Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM) government for failing to deliver. "What did they do? [other than] embezzling foreign loans," Haq said accusing the former ruling parties of destroying the country's agricultural sector. His remarks come as political parties in the country ramp up their electioneering ever since the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) in light of the directions from the Supreme Court — held consultations with President Arif Alvi and announced the date of general elections which are sched-

uled to be held on February



KARACHI: Warm clothes are being selling at roadside stalls as the demand of warm clothes increased in city on the arrival of cold waves of winter season, at Saddar area

Soomro

SONA Public School and lic School.

Irfan Gul, Col. Shujaat Minhas, Principal SONA Public School Ibrahim Amanullah Shar, Ahmed Ali Soomro and a large number of male and female students from 4 different schools of district Ghotki

Excellent display of intellectual ability Chairman Sona Welfare Society Muhammad Cheema distributed prizes to the students who achieved success, next year more schools of district Ghotki will be invited, it is a pleasure to see the ability of the students. Chairman Sona Welfare Society Brigadier Muhammad Salim Cheema addressed

According to the details, the best educational institution of Sona Public School and College in Mirpur Mathelo, district

Obavoro stood second. Muhammad

Ghotki headquarters, which is managed by FFC administration of District Ghotki. Shayan Shan Festival of Brain Brown Fusion Festival was organized yesterday in which Chairman SONA Welfare Society Brigadier Muhammad Salim Cheema, Colonel Shakeel Chatha, Secretary SONA Welfare Colonel Irfan Gul, Colonel Shujaat Minhas, Prof. Amanullah Shar, including Ahmed Ali Soomro, hundreds of students from 4 different schools of District Ghotki, IBA Ubauro University of

University was the champion, Chairman Sona Welfare Society, Brigadier Cheema, addressed the cer-

Brain Brown Fusion Festival Science Carnival held in SONA public school

Langhrah, participated.

Montessori System and Mari and Model School showed their intellectual prowess, in which IBA While the Children's

nowned Pakistani fashion designer Asim Jofa's exemplary business resilience and crisis management recently earned him a unique distinction. His adaptive strategies, honed through years of experience, have become a vital case study at LUISS

KARACHI (PR): Re-

Guido Carli University, an esteemed university based in Rome, Italy. The integration of Jofa's case study into the curriculum stands as a testament to the invaluable insights it provides for future global business leaders, particularly in the fields of

business and fashion. study into the academic curriculum came from Prem S. Menghwar, a distinguished faculty member of LUISS Guido Carli's Business and Management department. Recognizing the exceptional nature of Jofa's business journey, Menghwar sought to impart the entrepreneur's adaptive strategies and crisis management techniques to students, aiming to prepare them for the dynamic

The invitation to incor-

porate Asim Jofa's case as a breath of fresh air, dichallenges of the global business landscape.

Asim Jofa then took center stage at LUISS Guido Carli University, captivating students and faculty with his insightful discourse on business resilience and crisis management. Jofa shared his transformative journey, weaving a narrative of adaptability and success. His compelling talk left an indelible mark, inspiring the next generation of global business leaders and fashion enthusiasts at the prestigious university. Asim Jofa's foray into

the fashion industry began verging from the family's established jewelry business. Twelve years ago, he embarked on his journey by establishing the highly exclusive and one-of-a-kind diamond boutique, 'The Diamond Gallery.' Armed with a design certification from the prestigious Central Saint Martins, Jofa rapidly made waves in the fash ion industry, garnering acclaim for his collections showcased on runways in fashion capitals worldwide.

By Tanveer Ahmad MIRPUR MATHELO:

College management organized a grand ceremony in connection with Brain Brown Fusion Festival Science Carnival in Sona Pub-Shakeel Chatha, Secretary SONA Welfare Col.

Ghotki, A& Saleem

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