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IHC acquits Nawaz Sharif in Avenfield property reference

Grateful to Allah Almighty over acquittal in Avenfield case: Nawaz

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Islamabad High Court (IHC) on Wednesday acquitted Pakistan Muslim League Nawaz (PML-N) Quaid Muhammad Mawaz Sharif in the Avenfield Sharif in the Avenfield property reference setting aside his conviction by the accountability court.
The IHC bench com-

prising Chief Justice Aamer Farooq and Justice Miangul Hassan Aurangzeb announced the verdict in the appeal of former prime minister against his convic-

The PML-N Quaid appeared before the court along with his legal team. During the course of proceedings, Nawaz Sharif's lawyer Amjad

Parvaiz pleaded that co-accused Maryam Nawaz and Captain ® Safdar had already been acquitted in the instant reference, and that decision had become final as it was never challenged by the prosecution.

The lawyer read out various sections of the NAB Ordinance and said that it had defined benamidar' as well.

He said the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) had to first provide a comparison of income and assets value in order to establish the point that the assets' value was higher than the income or not.

Without such comparison, the case of assets beyond sources of income could not be proceeded, he

He further said that there were cases where the value of the assets was known but not the income. In such cases, the courts declared that the case could not be instituted since the income was not known. Amjad Parvaiz said the

property in question was purchased during 1993 to 1996. The appellant had no connection with the property and the prosecution also could not prove it, he added.

To a court's query, the lawyer said that firstly the prosecution had to prove the accused as a public office holder, and then his dependents

President directs

bank to refund

KS 344,600 to

fraudvictim

ISLAMABAD (APP):

President Dr Arif Alvi,

upholding the orders of

Banking Mohtasib, has

directed Allied Bank Ltd

(ABL) to pay Rs 344,600

to a customer as the

amount fraudulently

transferred from his ac-

ted maladministration by

opening the fund transfer

facility without the con-

sent of customer which

caused him financial loss.

the President House said

resentation filed by ABL

against the decision of the

Banking Mohtasib, the

president held that the

bank failed to discharge the

burden and statutory li-

ability cast upon it under

the law and that it had

committed basic irregular-

ity and non-compliance

by activating Internet

Banking/Electronic Funds

Transfer (IB/EFT) channel

without customer con-

Sindh health

minister flays

attack on Polio

team in Bannu

KARACHI (APP): Sindh

Caretaker Health Minister

Dr Saad Khalid Niaz

Wednesday strongly condemned attack on a

polio team in district

Pakhtunkhwa and directed

to beef up security of vaccination teams across

He, in a statement issued here, termed

martyrdom of a policeman

in the attack on the polio

team in Bannu as sad

workers were playing vital

role for eradicating polio

and vowed that no

compromise could be

made on security of polio

workers during the anti-

polio campaign. The

minister directed to

increase security measures

across Sindh saying that

Police and Pakistan

Rangers Sindh have been

asked to beef up the

security of polio teams particularly in sensitive

He said

Sindh province.

Bannu

incident.

Khyber

Deciding upon a rep-

Wednesday

The bank had commit-

He further said that NAB could not prove even one of the allegations levelled against his client. In the Panama verdict, the Joint Investigation Team (JIT) and NAB investigation reports did not point out Nawaz Sharif's con-

nection with the property.

JIT's head Wajid Zia admitted that there was no evidence to prove Nawaz Sharif's connection with the property, he added. He said that it had also

to be indicated in the indictment that the one's assets did not match with the declared income. The value of properties was not even determined by NAB or JIT and in the court's verdict. Pakistan, Kuwait reiterate



KUWAIT: Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar, First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Interior of Kuwait, Sheikh Talal Al-Khaled Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, Pakistan's Chief of the Army Staff General Syed Asim Munir and Pakistani delegation in a group photo after the signing of MoUs of cooperation between Pakistan and Kuwait.

desire to further deepen

HYDERABAD: Caretaker Sindh Chief Minister, Jusice (Retd) Maqbool Baqar inspecting the different wards of Civil Hospital during his surprise visit, in

KSA extends term for a \$3 billion deposit placed with Pakistan for a year

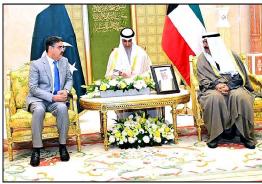
KARACHI (APP): The State Bank of Pakistan on behalf of the Islamic Republic of (SBP), Wednesday, Pakistan. informed that the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia extended the term for the deposit of US\$ 3 billion placed with

Pakistan for another year. 'The Saudi Fund for Development (SFD) on behalf of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has extended the term for the deposit of US\$ 3 billion, maturing on 05 December 2023, for another year," said a statement issued here.

The \$ 3 billion deposit agreement was SFD with the SBP in the year 2021 and the said amount has been placed with the State Bank of country, it concluded.

It is worth noting that the amount was rolled over subsequently in 2022, after the issuance of the royal directives that reflect the continuation of the close relationship between the two brotherly countries.

The recent extension of the term of the deposit for one more year is a continuation of the support provided by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, which will help initially signed through the to maintain the foreign currency reserves of Pakistan and contribute to the economic growth of the



KUWAIT: Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar meets Crown Prince of Kuwait H.H Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.

PML-N Sindh President Memon writes ECP for level playing field in Sindh

KARACHI (INP): The Pa-kistan Muslim League-N (PML-N) has requested the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) to ensure a fair and level playing field for all political parties contesting the upcoming elections in Sindh province.

In a letter to the Chief Election Commissioner, Sindh PML-N President Bashir Memon alleged that a corrupt network is operating in the province and that the ruling Pakistan People's Party (PPP) is using the local administration to its advantage.

Memon further claimed that the Sindh government is transferring PSP officers to other districts to influence the elections. He called on the ECP to investigate N's letter.

these allegations and take steps to ensure a free and fair electoral process in

Memon also expressed concerns about the neutrality of the bureaucracy in Sindh, saying that the Chief Minister is being held hostage by his own administration. He called for a thorough investigation into the guidance being provided by the Chief Minister.

The PML-N is one of the main rivals of the PPP in Sindh and is hoping to make gains in the upcoming elections. However, the party's concerns about the fairness of the electoral process could cast a shadow over the polls. The ECP has yet to respond to the PML-

The desire was expressed by Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq

Kakar and Crown Prince of the State of Kuwait Sheikh Meshal Al Ahmed Al Jaber Al Sabah during their meeting in Kuwait Wednesday.. The Prime Minister reaffirmed the importance

Pakistan attaches to its relationship with Kuwait and reiterated the desire to further expand bilateral co-

He underscored the reolve to forge deeper ecowait-including in trade, en- tions into mutually beneficial ergy, IT, Labour, Mineral economic ties.

ISLAMABAD (Online): and investments. Anwaar-Pakistan and Kuwait have ul-Haq Kakar expressed reiterated the desire to fur- satisfaction at close coopther deepen and broaden eration between the two countries at multilateral fora. He appreciated the measures undertaken by Kuwait for recruitment of Pakistani manpower in the fields of health, security and infrastructure. The Crown Prince of Kuwait reciprocated the sentiments of the Prime Minister.

bilateral relations

It is pertinent to mention that the Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar is on a two-day official operation in diverse fields. visit to Kuwait with the primary objective of signing of nomic engagement be- to transforming the six detween Pakistan and Ku- cades' long bilateral rela-

Caretaker Sindh CM visits civil hospital Hyderabad, expressing dissatisfaction on mismanagement

HYDERABAD (APP): The Caretaker Sindh Chief Minister Justice (Retd) Magbool Bagar visited the civil hospital Hyderabad on Wednesday, where he inspected various

departments of the hospital and interacted with patients, inquiring about the facilities and expressing dissatisfaction with the mismanagement observed in different sections.

He inspected the male and female dialysis units, where he expressed extreme dissatisfaction with the dirty condition of beds and washrooms.

According to the spokesperson of the Chief Minister, Justice (Retd) Maqbool Bagar also visited the surgical ICU and expressed satisfaction with

the arrangements there, he on which the CM also checked the medication stock in the Surgical ICU. which was reported to have 12 beds and 8 the operation theater technicians available in

different shifts. The Chief Minister said that although the Director-General (DG) Health had inspected the hospital, but the desired objectives were not achieved. He directed the DG

health to conduct inspections of each unit. He also visited the Medical ICU, checked the duty roster, and examined the medication stock.

He was informed that the "Laal Batti" was not scheduled. functional and was being

checked the order. Chief Minister visited

complex and also checked the operation theaters of neurosurgery the department, where he was told that all the types of equipment were functional and 25 surgeons serving over there adding that, at that time, no operation was being done in the operation

theatre, on which the chief minister expressed his indignation that no surgery is scheduled in 6 operation theatres. surgeries should have been done because patients are on the waiting list and no surgery He also went to the

imported, an order has endoscopy suite and been placed in this regard, interacted with patients.

COAS General Asim holds in-depth talks with **Kuwaiti Crown Prince**

KUWAIT City (INP): Chief of the Army Staff General Asim Munir on Wednesday called on Kuwaiti Crown Prince Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and held a detailed meeting with him involving discussions on matters of mutual interest.

The Army Chief was accompanied by Minister for Law and Justice and Minister for Climate Change and Environmental Coordination Ahmad Irfan Aslam.

The meeting was also attended by Pakistan Ambassador to Kuwait Malik

Mohammad Farooq. Earlier, COAS General Asim Munir arrived in Kuwait, along with his delegation for an official

KUWAIT: First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior of Kuwait Sheikh Talal Al-Khaled Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah shak ing hands with Chief of the Army Staff of Pakistan General Syed Asim Munir. Meanwhile, care-

taker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar also arrived in Kuwait on two-day official visit after concluding his UAE tour on Tuesday.



leader Shazia Marri addressing a press conference held at Quetta Press Club

Chief Ombudsman Thailand visits Sindh Ombudsman

Independent Report

KARACHI: On the invitation of Provincial Ombudsman Sindh Mr. Ajaz Ali Khan, Honorable Chief Ombudsman Thailand / President, Asian Region, International Ombudsman Institute (IOI) Mr. Somsak Suwansujarit along-with Mrs.

Suwansujarit, President Rayong Province Red Cross Chapter, Thailand, reached Karachi, Pakistan, on 28th and visited the office of Ombudsman Sindh on 29th November, 2023.

The Honorable guests during their visit planted palm trees in the garden of Sindh Ombudsman Office, met with the officers and attended the presentation about the working of Sindh Ombudsman and complaint handling/investigation process followed by detailed discussions and interaction about working of both the offices. The Honorable Ombudsman Sindh pre-sented shields and souvenirs to both the dignitaries and discussed the issues of mutual interests.

SIFC under army chief emerges as game changer ISLAMABAD (INP): The strengthening against the

Special Investment and Facilitation Center (SIFC) set up about five months ago by the Pakistan government has turned out to be a game changer for the national economy, ensuring billions of dollars' investment.

Friends of Pakistan are set to invest 60 billion dollars in Pakistan in the near

The success is attributed to the leadership of army chief Gen Syed Asim Munir who assumed his office a year ago amidst economic challenges. Passing through multiple challenges, Pakistan has gained success on different fronts and removed the shadows of uncertainty.

Following the estab-lishment of the SIFC, Pakistan is progressing through economic stability. The stock market is breaking all records and producing good results and the rupee is also strengthening against the US dollar. Efforts are afoot by the caretaker government to curb inflation. In a bid to exploit the condition of Pakistan, the

rivals sowed confusion and frustration with the help of social media. Under the dynamic

leadership of Gen Asim Munir, the armed forces started initiatives to transform the hopelessness into a robust and stable Pakistan. Stern action is under way against the smuggling mafia which was hitting the national economy, making life of common man miser-

The agriculture sector also is producing good re-

As many as 464 terrorists were arrested or killed during the intelligencebased operations. A campaign was also launched against the foreigners living illegally in Pakistan.



LARKANA: Sindh Caretaker Minister for Health, Dr. Saad Khalid Niaz is talking to media persons after visiting the Chandka Medical College Hospital in Larkana.

KARACHI: Governor Sindh Kamran Khan Tessori addressing a delegation of officers of the second mid-career management course at Governor House. PPP set to hold powershow in Quetta today

Independent Report
QUETTA: All is set to
stage the grand public meeting of the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) on occasion of its 56th founding day in

Quetta today (Thursday). The top leaders of PPP including its chairman, Bilawal Bhutto Zardari and former President Asif Ali Zardari would be addressing the public meeting in the spacious football ground of the Ayub Sports Complex. Politically stable,

economically strong Pakistan vital for protection of Indian minorities: Solangi ISLAMABAD (APP)

Caretaker Federal Minister for Information. Broadcasting and Parliamentary Affairs Murtaza Solangi on Wednesday said that a politically stable and economically strong Pakistan was vital for the protection of the rights of minorities in India, especially Kashmiris who had been struggling for their right to self-determination for over seven decades.

Addressing the Kashmir seminar, jointly organised by the Friends of Kashmir and the Kashmir Media Service, he said Pakistan had always extended its moral, political and diplomatic support for just cause of Kashmiris

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The story of Palestine

The yearning for liberation from oppression is part of the human condition. Whether the fight against colonial rule, oppressive regimes, or systemic injustice, resistance movements represent the resilience of humanity to shape its own destiny. And what better example of this yearning for freedom and justice than the decades-old resistance waged by the people of Palestine against the settler-occupier coloniser than is Israel. Today the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People - is a UN-sanctioned reminder of the Palestinian struggle, a tale of unwavering bravery and resilience in the face of relentless brutality and tragedy. The day this year holds even new meaning after the genocide unleashed by Israel on Gaza in October. It is due to the sheer determination of the people of Gaza and the rest of Palestine that the world has finally seen Israel unmasked. While most mainstream media in the West even today is acting as apologists for Israel, social media has hundreds of thousands of videos showing the true face of the horrors unleashed by Israel against the children of Gaza, the women and men of Gaza, the doctors, nurses, teachers and journalists of Gaza. Despite the US and the entire world powers siding with Israel, for the first time in many years, Israel has lost its PR war – but only after bombing Gaza to rubble and killing conundrum demands a strathousands of Palestinian, including children who had not even turned one.

Central to the spirit of solidarity is the understanding that liberation is not a one-size-fits-all concept. From the fight for indigenous rights to the quest for racial equality and the battle against authoritarianism, each resistance movement contributes to the broader tapestry of human rights and dignity. It is also crucial to emphasize that solidarity is not synonymous with interventionism. Rather, it involves listening to the voices of those at the forefront of their struggles, amplifying their narratives. The people of Palestine need to be at the centre of every discourse regarding their destiny. This is important at a time when the world has collectively failed them, turning away as the most ruthless example of ethnic cleansing was enacted on Gaza by Israel.

How to reform trade



By Dr Muhammad

Zeshan Pakistan's economy faces a pivotal juncture, marked y the imperative need to structure. Recent trade data underscores the urgency for policy reforms to stimulate economic growth, foster competitiveness, and integrate seamlessly into the global market.

According to the Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE) Pakistan's import tariff structure reflects a patchwork quilt of rates across various sectors. Average effective tariff rates range from 1.2 per cent for agriculture to 40 per cent for manufacturing where automobile is the most protected industry with more than 45 per cent protection

While protective tariffs aimed at shielding local industries have been in lace, they inadvertently hinder international trade and exacerbate the cost of living for consumers. This tegic overhaul

Rationalizing tariffs on essential goods and raw materials, where local production is inadequate, can significantly reduce costs for consumers and invigorate industries reliant on imports. Additionally, aligning tariff rates with comparative advantage sectors can spark growth, creating a fertile ground for innovation, employment, and export potential.

Yet, tariff adjustments alone cannot carve a path to economic resurgence. Robust policy reforms must march hand-in-hand. Streamlining bureaucratic processes, enhancing trade facilitation mechanisms, and fortifying institutional frameworks are vital to at-

tract investments, stimulate business growth, and

amplify competitiveness. Recent global shifts underscore the urgency for Pakistan to pivot towards greater trade integration. Engaging in strategic alliances through free trade agreements (FTAs) or preferential trade arrangements can open new vistas for the nation's exports, diversify market access, and attract foreign direct investment. However, such agreements must be approached with a clear understanding of their implications and calibrated to safeguard na-

Crucially, data-driven reforms should be complemented by a comprehensive approach. They will safeguard the vulnerable segments of society through a shift of welfare gains from producers to consumers to ensure equitable outcomes amidst structural changes.

tional interests.

A stable long-run plan will mitigate potential adverse impacts on specific industries and establishing a transition plan are crucial for social cohesion and ecomic stability.

Furthermore, bipartisanship is key. Building consensus across political divides and fostering collaboration with stakeholders including industry leaders, economists, and civil society ensures a more inclusive and effective policy formulation and implementation process.

In tandem with tariff and policy reforms, embracing technology emerges as a catalyst for progress. Implementing digital solutions across customs procedures, logistics, and supply chain management can significantly reduce transaction costs, eliminate inefficiencies, and bolster trade volumes, propelling Pakistan into a more competitive global arena. PIDE finds that digitalization and elimination of unnecessary documents cut the time cost by around 40-60 per

Nonetheless, the path to reform is riddled with challenges. Addressing entrenched interests, bureaucratic inertia, and navigating resistance to change necessitate unwavering commitment and visionary leadership. However, the potential dividends of a revitalized economic land-

scape far outweigh these

initial hurdles. Now is the opportune moment for Pakistan to embrace transformative reforms that leverage its strengths, capitalize on global opportunities, and prioritize the welfare of its citizens. The road ahead demands bold and decisive actions towards a more prosperous and inclusive economic future.

However, embarking on these reforms demands a phased and coordinated approach. Here's a roadmap for the way for-

Phase-out approach: This is a three-phase scenario. In the first phase, reduce import tariffs on the most protected intermediate industries until their tariff rates reach the average tariff rate (around 12 per cent at present), which will boost producer welfare.

In the second phase, achieve a uniform import tariff rate of 12 per cent by reducing tariffs on all other industries facing higher tariff rates, which will increase consumer welfare.

In the third phase, uniformly reduce tariffs on all industries until we achieve a tariff rate of 5.0 percent. It is believed that the tariff revenues from this approach will be higher due to a higher size of the economy than the current revenues.

Comprehensive policy overhaul: Simultaneously, embark on a comprehensive policy overhaul. Streamline bureaucratic processes, enhance trade facilitation mechanisms. and fortify institutional frameworks to attract investments and amplify competitiveness. Strategic trade part-

nerships: Evaluate existing and potential FTAs and preferential trade arrangements. Negotiate agreements that unlock new markets for Pakistani exports while safeguarding vital domestic industries.—Courtesy

Cities left behind



By Rafia Zakaria

Every year, thousands of tourists visit the ruins of the Italian city of Pompeii. This city, which sits at the foot of Mount Vesuvius, was destroyed by a volcanic eruption in 79 AD. The vegetation that covered the mountain had hidden some of the signs of the oncoming eruption but eventually the rivers of molten lava began to flow into the city.

Even then, many of the city's inhabitants did not leave. Most of those people would perish as the volcano erupted and the ash and fiery lava covered everything.

One reason that the ruins of Pompeii still attract so many people so many centuries later is because many of the people whose corpses were found in Pompeii were 'frozen' in the positions in which they died. There are crouching and cowering women and children, people trying to get away, people with their belongings.

This provides a picture of the crisis unlike that provided by any other city — it shows why this one city was destroyed and abandoned. People who visit the ruins can clearly envisage the last moments of the living city. After those moments, the city as it once was died, never to live in that form again.

In fact, many cities die. But in several cases, there are no definitive answers as to why they were abandoned or left behind. One such city is located in the American Midwest, just east of the contemporary city of St Louis in the state of Missouri.

Driving on Interstate-70, all that can be seen of

the city is a series of were created by the inhabitants of the ancient city of Cahokia which was established around 700 AD and had grown in prominence by around 1050 AD. While it would be impossible to tell now, at its height the city was said to have rivalled London or

Unlike Pompeii, it is not exactly known what happened to Cahokia. It is said that when the city was at its peak the mound-like structures that still remain, housed markets, temples and space for all sorts of rituals. It was home to razed to the ground. nearly 20,000 people, making it one of the most populous of its time.

The culture was rich and there is evidence of beautifully sculpted vessels and statues made of clay. Farmers were responsible for maize cultivation. And yet 200 years after the city was at its peak, it declined and was eventually abandoned.

One of the many theories as to why Cahokia was abandoned was that the people who lived there cut down too many trees from the adjoining farmlands. It was theorised that, as a result of the deforestation, there was nothing to prevent the area from repeated flooding and consequent devastation.

However, recent research published in National Geographic revealed that the soil around the mounds was not disturbed all the way until the 1800s. This meant that there was no significant deforestation by the Native American

Western researchers who had been analysing the city again. Immigrants remounds had just imposed their own understanding of the human relationship with nature on the question of why Cahokia was abandoned.

It is far more likely that the city declined reference repeatedly in their gradually because of conflicts among the elites and some natural phenomena,

It is only natural to remounds. These mounds flect on these cities of long ago at a time when the whole world is witnessing the deliberate devastation in Gaza City and other parts of the Gaza Strip by İsraeli bombing. No one knows whether Gaza City will live again.

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The mass trauma of the hundreds of thousands of Palestinians who have suddenly been displaced or have become homeless while the world looked on is simply unimaginable. However, our generation of witnesses will know why and how this particular city was

These are stories of cities that were literally devastated. But, there does not have to be an actual destruction or even ruination of a city for it be lost forever. In a live performance that famous ghazal artist Tina Sani gave in Kathmandu, she prefaced her performance of one of Faiz Ahmed Faiz's poem with a wistful remembrance of Karachi as it was in the

The city has changed so much she noted, too many of the people who made it what it was have gone. The poem is Kuch Pehlay Inn Ankhon Aagay (before my eyes a little while ago)

Tina Sani's words and Faiz's poem remind one of the fact that cities can be lost when the people that make them leave, or even when one leaves oneself. It is often said that one does not step into the same river twice — this could also be said about cities. Once a city is left behind, the pas-It turns out that the sage of time ensures that one does not step into that count this phenomenon again and again when they return to the cities they once lived in after a long period of time. In their minds, the frozen city that they left behind, one they mind's eve. is more alive than the actual version of that city as it actually exists.—Courtesy Dawn

Commerce News

Govt's top priority to provide quality telecom services to masses: Saif

Caretaker Federal Minister and

Telecommunication Dr Umar Saif said on Wednesday that providing that the tech-neutral quality telecom services to the masses was the government's top priority.

"The government is taking all possible steps to improve connectivity in the country," he said during a meeting with the Group Chief Executive Officer of VEON, along with CEO Jazz, Aamir

Matters of mutual interest related to the telecom sector were also discussed during the

meeting, said a news that Pakistan has release.

with the VEON delegation, Dr Umar Saif mentioned spectrum would be auctioned soon to enhance telecom services for the

he expressed that the smartphones. Ministry of IT and Telecommunication would provide every possible cooperation to the telecom phones would be provided in easy installments soon, country

conducive investment During discussions atmosphere, urging Jazz to

> in e-agriculture, eeducation, and e-health

He also commended the VEON Group for its efforts in the technology Vowing to launch 5G, field and the provision of

VEON, CEO Aamir Ibrahim stated that stable telecom systems are vital for the foundation of the industry. Smart mobile digital ecosystem and the economic stability of the

The meeting was also Umar Saif attended by senior officers informed the delegation of the IT Ministry.



ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Minister for Information Technology, **Telecommunications Dr. Umar Saif in a meeting with Group Chief Executive** Officer of VEON Kaan Teziogly.

(SMEs) are the future of

the country and the

primary objective of the bill

is to boost these

enterprises by providing

them a reasonable grace

period for filing statements

Committee deliberated on

the non-payment of salary

to daily-wage teachers

working in the Islamabad

Mrs. Rabia Waheed, one of the affected

individuals, apprised that

AGPR has not been paying

salaries to teachers and

Territory

Furthermore, the

accounts establishment.

Senate body on Finance and Revenue convenes

Independent Report ISLAMABAD: Meeting of Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Revenue was held here at Parliament House on Wednesday with Senator Saleem Mandviwalla in

Committee unanimously passed the "Limited Liability Partnership (Amendment) Bill, 2023" with an amendment, extending the grace period for filing statements of accounts from 30 to 90 days. Senator Shahadat Awan, the bill's mover, emphasized that Small and Medium Enterprises working staff despite having an allocated budget.

Rupee gains 14 paisa against Dollar ISLAMABAD (APP):

Pakistani Rupee on Wednesday gained 14 paisa against US Dollar in the interbank trading and closed at Rs 285.38 against the previous day's closing at Rs 285.52.

However, according to the Forex Association of Pakistan (FAP), the buying and selling rates of the Dollar in the open market stood at Rs 285.4 and Rs 288 respectively. The price of the Euro increased by Rs 1.10 to close at Rs 313.49 against the last day's closing of Rs 312.39, according to the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP).

(APP): government MULTAN Agriculture experts have advised farmers crops sowing for spring season from Dec 1, save resources. Spokesman said

Farmers told to begin

sunflower sowing from

Dec 1 in south Punjab

to begin sunflower 2023 and complete the process by Jan 31, 2024 in south Punjab to gain maximum yield from the vitamin rich food crop that carry 40-45 per cent oil content.

In a statement issued here Wednesday, agriculture spokesman said that Pakistan spend a whopping Rs 300

encouraging farmers to opt for oil seed to lessen dependence on imported edible oil and

that sunflower contains vitamins A, B, E and K and experts want farmers to sow this nutrition rich oil seed crop from Dec 1 to Jan 31 in south Punjab districts including Dera Ghazi Khan, Bahawalpur, Rajanpur, Rahim Yar Khan, Multan, Vehari, billion every year to Bahawalnagar, import edible oil to Muzaffargarh, meet the food needs at Layyah, Lodhran, home adding that Bakharand

Railways upgrade 181 un-manned crossings in country

181 un-manned level crossings to manned level crossings across the department over the entire provincial government provided the finances to Pakistan Railways for the

ISLAMABAD (APP): up-gradation of un-Pakistan Railways has manned level crossings in converted approximately the country," official sources in the Ministry of Railways told APP.

They said country, out of 550 department was taking identified by the several steps including the up-gradation of unmanned railway network in over and vulnerable railway one year. "The relevant level crossings across the country in collaboration with respective provincial

KUWAIT: Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar witnessing the signing of MoUs between private sectors of Pakistan and Kuwait. Railways announces

5pc freight

rate hike

LAHORE (APP): The Pakistan Railways has announced a five per cent increase in freight rates across categories starting Friday, December 1. The decision, as per an official notification released

Wednesday, exempts cargo express services 501-Up/502-Dn and 503-Up/504-Dn from the rate adjustment.

freight rates table, detailing the calculated rates per ton for distances up to 5000 kilometers, will soon be disseminated divisional superintendents. These officials are

facilitating

with distribution of the updated rates to all

(BISP), Dr. Muhammad Amjad Saqib here Wednesday said that BISP is committed to providing impoverished families to financial assistance to nearly one core deserving While addressing a gathering of BISP Saqib also emphasized the need for dialogue with

BISP committed to provide

financial support to 10m

employees at City University Mosque in Peshawar, Dr. Muhammad Amjad Saqib underscored the moral responsibility to alleviate the financial difficulties of needy families, outlining a strategic approach to lift

PESHAWAR

Chairperson

them out of poverty.
Highlighting BISP's data for deserving families, Dr. Amjad Saqib urged philanthropists to adopt the principles of 'Mawakat', fostering collaboration to support underprivileged families.

He proposed the Benazir Income Support establishment of an Program an exemplary

families: Dr Amjad (INP): endowment fund dedicated Benazir to the welfare of needy Income Support Program

families. In his address, Dr. Amjad Saqib advocated for linking children from technical skill areas, promoting holistic development. Dr. Amjad

Point of Sale (POS) agents for stipend payments to ensure transparency. During his visit to BISP Tehsil Office in Peshawar, Dr. Amjad Saqib personally engaged with needy women, instructing staff to provide facilities using available resources.

Dr. Amjad Saqib possession of authentic urged employees to maintain cleanliness standards in offices, displaying kindness to needy Emphasizing collective responsibility, he stated, "It is our duty to make the



ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Federal Minister for National Food Security & Research Dr. Kausar stations that cater to Abdullah Malik presiding over 46th Board of goods traffic bookings. Governors meeting of PARC at NARC.

Mardan Chamber signs MoU with KP Radio for business industry promotion

PESHAWAR (APP): The President of the Chamber of Commerce Mardan, Zahir Shah and the Station Manager of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Radio Mardan, Aftab Ahmad, signed the memorandum of understanding for business promotion. A special ceremony was held in which a large number of traders participated. Addressing the ceremony, President Zahir Shah said that the purpose of the memorandum of understanding is to resolve the issues of the business industry through the platform of the radio.

He emphasized the need for business leaders to embrace the demands of the new era beyond traditional methods. He also highlighted the role of social media in engaging youth in business. Aftab Ahmad, the Station Manager of Radio Mardan said that Radio Mardan serves as a bridge between the public and government and non-governmental organizations, contributing to its increasing popularity.

Governor

here on Wednesday.

Inaugurate solarization project in PPC CM KP launches 'Khushal Pakhtunkhwa' campaign

PESHAWAR (APP): Caretaker Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Justice (Retd) Arshad Hussain Shah here Wednesday launched the "Khushal Pakhtunkhwa" campaign and inaugurated the solarization project at Peshawar Press Club

completed at a cost of Rs6.4 million.

Accompanied by Caretaker Information Minister Feroz Jamal Shah Kakakhel, Chief Secretary KP, Nadeem Aslam Chaudhry, and other relevant authorities, the Chief Minister KP has launched in the province under which problems of formally inaugurated the mega project. The CM was

informed that installation of the 25KV solar system people's service delivery, destinations for tourism.

their voice against Israeli aggression.

and provide uninterrupted profiteering, adulteration, journalist community helping them to fulfil their professional duties with ease. Upon arrival at the press club, the Chief The project has been received by the President said that training through his cabinet and journalists in large numbers. Later

> 'Khushal Pakhtunkhwa' campaign has been people would be addressed at their doorsteps.

Ashrafi urges UN tribunal to probe

Israeli aggression in Gaza

LAHORE (APP): Special Representative to the Prime Minister and Chairman of the Pakistan Ulema Council Hafiz Tahir Mehmood Ashrafi has said that a United Nations

(UN) tribunal should be established to investigate Israeli aggression and war crimes

He was addressing a seminar, organised at Jamia Manzoor-ul-Islamia on Wednesday, to express solidarity with the Palestinian people. He said Israel was an

occupier, aggressor, and oppressor. "We are working towards a permanent ceasefire

in Gaza and the government is maintaining open and direct communication at the

global level, in this regard," he said. Ashrafi said today, the entire world observed the

Day of Solidarity with Palestine. He said the atrocities of Israel were evident not only

to Islamic nations but also to the people of Western countries, who continue to raise

RAWALPINDI: SAPM for Human rights and Women Empowerment,

Mushaal Hussein Mullick, distributing souvenirs during the opening

ceremony of the two day international conference on Transformative Nexus:

higher education and women empowerment at Fatima Jinnah University.

talking to reporters, the

chief minister said a

would help save Rs2 he said that a strict million under the head of campaign against electricity to the press club encroachment, price hike, power supply to the crimes, traffic problems and drugs were launched in KP under the campaign.

Seeking the cooperation of journalists in the fight against Minister was warmly narcotics, the chief minister of PPC, Arshad Aziz agriculture and livestock Malik, elected members of departments would be provided to people and farmers enabling them to get maximum production from crops. The Khushal campaign's positive effects would soon become visible.

Tourism in KP would be promoted through awareness, linkages with tourist operators and Besides improving hotel unions besides

Gilani for revolutionary steps to address terrorism, poverty, inflation issues

Prime Minister, Syed Yusuf Raza Gilani on Wednesday emphasized importance of addressing the issues of terrorism, poverty, and inflation through revolutionary actions for the betterment of the

people. In a statement issued here in connection with Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) 56th Foundation Day, he stated that the PPP is a mission whose foundation was laid by Zulfikar Ali Bhutto.

Its purpose was the establishment democracy and the struggle for the rights of the people, he said adding that PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto committed to the mission of Zulfikar Ali Bhutto and Benazir Bhutto.

PESHAWAR: Caretaker Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Justice (R)

Syed Arshad Hussain Shah and President of Press Club Arshad Aziz Malik

inaugurating the solar system and renovation work of Press Club.

They are advancing the Charter of Democracy (CoD), initiated by Benazir Bhutto and Nawaz Sharif, to strengthen democracy. The PPP has worked extensively on the (CoD), and the remaining tasks will be included in the new manifesto, the senator

This year foundation day ceremony was being organized in Quetta which aims to end a sense of deprivation in smaller provinces. Gilani praised significant achievements of Zulfikar Ali Bhutto and Benazir Bhutto, followed by Bilawal Bhutto Zardari.

Iranian CG, KP minister holds deliberations on promotion of tourism

Independent Report

PESHAWAR: The Consul General of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Ali Banafsheh Khah and KP Minister for Information, Culture and Tourism, Barrister Feroz Jamal Shah Kakakhel held extensive deliberations here on Wednesday

meeting underscored the profound historical, cultural, and cities.

religious bonds between the people of Iran and the province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

The meeting emphasized the pivotal role of people-topeople connections, promoting cultural exchange, and unlocking the tourism potential inherent in the rich tapestry of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Iranian

Students from friends of Police visit PSCA

LAHORE (APP): delegation of students from Friends of Police, comprising participants from various universities, paid a study visit to the PSCA, here on Wednesday.

Commander DSP gave a detailed briefing on the functioning of the Authority.

The delegation was shown the workings of different departments within Safe City, including the Emergency Call Centre 15, Media Management Centre, and Women Safety App. They were also briefed on the Electronic Data Analysis Center, the Traffic Management

Punjab Governor says: Pak values its ties with Germany, wants to further expand in various fields

Independent Report last year due to climate LAHORE: Ambassador of change. He said that the the Federal Republic of Pakistani government and people are grateful to the Germany to Pakistan Alfred Grannas called on German government for helping the flood victims. Punjab Muhammad Balighur He said that both countries need to continue coordinated efforts to Rehman and discussed matters of mutual interest, promotion of cooperation tackle the challenges of climate change and finalize in education, environment the climate partnership and trade during a meeting agreement soon. at the Governor's House,

The Governor Punjab said, "We are thankful to Speaking on the occasion, Governor Punjab Germany for continuous support to Pakistan for GSP plus status." He Muhammad Balighur Rehman said that Pakistan further emphasized the values its relations with Germany and wants to need of students exchange programme between Pakistan and Germany. He further expand relations in various fields, especially education, environment, said that the academic technology, energy and trade. He said that exchange program will strengthen people to people contact between the devastating flash floods



LAHORE: Ambassador of Germany to Pakistan, Alfred Grannas, called on Governor Punjab Muhammad Balighur Rehman at Governor House.

Governor stresses youth to divert attention toward modern educational research

PESHAWAR (APP): Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Ghulam Ali Wednesday said that we should prepare our children to meet challenges of the current century and divert their attention toward research and modern fields

of education. Addressing a dinner hosted by Dir Chamber of Lower Dir, the Governor stressed youngsters to

of the current world.

The dinner was also attended by the former caretaker minster, Fazal Elahi, Provincial Chairman, Federation of Pakistan Chamber, Qaisar Khan, President Malakand Chamber, Shoaib Khan, President Haripur chamber, Tayab Swati, Haripur presidents of Bajaur and Chitral Chambers besides Commerce and Industry at members of FPCCI executive body.

He said that world improve their capabilities nations have achieved

term policies while our people are more attracted towards benefits despite that our country has been richly endowed by countless precious resources and reserves adding that sixty percent of our natural resources remained unused due to lack of policies and

Governor said that we should work to change the mindset of the young generation and help them to enter new fields of and meet the requirements success by following long-technology and science.

International News

Disease, fueled by Israeli-imposed blockade, could be bigger killer than bombs in Gaza: WHO

ing to result in the delivery of sufficient aid in Gaza, UN officials on Tuesday warned that the spread of disease could soon begin killing more Palestinian people than the deadly Israeli bomb attacks.

They said that priorities include transporting fuel to the north of the war-torn enclave, so that it can be rendous wounds of war, (lying) in carparks on makeused to power hospitals, provide clean water and maintain other vital civilian infrastructure.

Such services have been massively impacted by tize" weeks of Israeli bombardment since Oct 7.

Gazan health authorities have reported that more than 15,000 people, mostly women and children, have been killed in attacks to date.

In an update from southern Gaza, UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) spokesperson James Elder said that a doctor from Al-Shifa hospital in the north had told him that the threats to children were "very much from the air and now very much on the ground", in the form of diarrhoea and respiratory infections.

"He was terrified as a medical professional in terms

UNITED NATIONS (APP): With the brief "humani- of the disease outbreak that is lurking here and how that tarian pause" between Israel and Palestinians so far fail- will devastate children whose immune systems and lack of food...is making them perilously weak," Elder added.

As negotiations continue for the release of more hostages in return for a prolongation of the pause in fighting, the UNICEF spoke of his dismay at seeing so many youngsters fighting for their lives, "with horshift mattresses, in gardens everywhere, doctors having to make horrendous decisions on who they priori-

Another boy whose leg had been blown off in the violence had spent "three or four days" trying to reach the south, delayed by checkpoints, Mr. Elder continued. "The smell (of decomposition) was clear... and that boy had shrapnel all over. Potentially, he was blind and had burns to 50 per cent of his body.

Echoing deep concerns over the scale of needs in Gaza, the UN World Health Organization (WHO) noted that an assessment carried out in the north at the start of the pause in fighting on 24 November had shown that "everybody everywhere has dire health needs"



KUWAIT: Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar meeting with Kuwaiti Cabinet Ministers during the welcoming ceremony at Bayan Palace

After 17 days trapped in tunnel, India workers say hope kept them alive News Desk

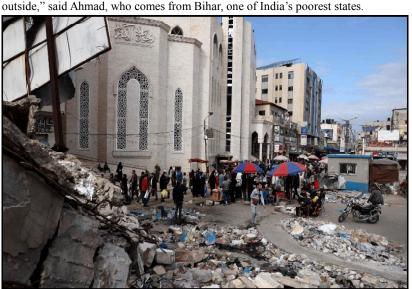
NEW DELHI: After 17 days trapped inside a collapsed Himalayan road tunnel they were building, Indian workers described the horror of their ordeal, and the hopes and prayers that kept them strong.

'We were really scared, every moment felt that death was standing nearby," rescued worker Deepak Kumar told AFP on Wednesday.

"We were not sure whether our lives would be saved or not." The men were welcomed as heroes after being hauled through 57 metres (187 feet) of steel pipe on

stretchers specially fitted with wheels late Tuesday, the culmination of a marathon

Draped in garlands of orange marigolds, they were greeted with wild cheers. "The world is again beautiful for us," rescued worker Sabah Ahmad told AFP, describing the heartache of hearing his wife's "worried and hopeless" voice while he was trapped. "I know it was a difficult moment for those inside and more difficult for families



People walk past destroyed buildings, opposite the Grand Mosque of the southern Gaza Strip city of Khan Yunis

Nikki Haley's getting buzz, but faces tough math to beat Trump

News Desk

WASHINGTON: Nikki Haley is having a moment: The 2024 Republican presidential candidate is seeing a swell in media coverage, new interest from bigdollar donors and increasing chatter that she is poised to make a real run at Donald Trump.

But there is buzz, and there is reality. The reality is that Haley, 51, faces a massive uphill battle to take down the former president and gain the Republican presidential nomination but the sooner the race can be whittled down to her and Trump, 77, the better her still-remote chances.

"I don't think you can look at the numbers right now and see much of a path for anyone other than Trump," said Kyle Kondik, an elections analyst at the University of Virginia Center for Politics.

Trump, according to aggregates of national opinion polls, holds about a 50percentage-point lead over her, with Florida Governor Ron DeSantis also in the mix. Trump also has large leads in early Republican nominating states such as Iowa and New Hampshire. Still, Haley has been

gaining ground in some polls on the back of strong performances in debates. The polls show her tied with DeSantis in Iowa and surpassing him in New Hamp-

shire.
"There is a narrow for Haley, path" to victory for Haley, said Republican pollster Whit Avres.

That path involves top-tier finishes in both Iowa and New Hampshire and perhaps a victory in her home state of South Carolina, where she served as governor

That would provide Haley with the things she would need most to have a chance against Trump: momentum, media coverage and money flowing in from anti-Trump donors.

From there, it would be a matter of trying to compete in the larger states later in the calendar such as California and Texas. which award large swaths of delegates. "Momentum matters a tremendous amount in these things," Ayres said.

Georgians fear Russian army at separatist frontier

'Powder keg':

Ergneti, Georgia (AFP/ APP): Sitting among fading rose bushes in her yard in northern Georgia, Lia Chlachidze said locals live under "a permanent threat" from Russian troops stationed nearby in the separatist Tskhinvali region. The 70-year-old's vil-

lage of Ergneti lies just metres from a Russian checkpoint at the border of the breakaway enclave, which Moscow has controlled since it invaded in 2008

"The locals' number one challenge is the problem of security. Russian soldiers could come at any moment and arrest us, Chlachidze told AFP.

Her concerns—echoed in villages throughout the region—were validated this month when authorities announced that Russian troops had killed a 58-yearold civilian.

They said the man, Tamaz Ginturi, along with several other villagers, went to pray in a church that Russian soldiers had denied

Authorities in the capital Tbilisi say that hundreds of ethnic Georgians have been detained by Russian troops since the five-day war 15 years ago.

In a particularly egregious incident in 2018, one of the detainees, a 35-yearold vegetable seller Archil Tatunashvili, was tortured to death in a South Ossetian His mutilated body was

only returned to his family after weeks of diplomatic negotiations by Western countries.

'We're afraid of the Russians. They're too close," said Levan Iluridze, 58, a resident of the village of Tirdznisi. Tskhinvali sits in the autonomous South Ossetia enclave—created by the Bolsheviks upon Georgia's annexation in 1921 due to the largely Ossetian population.

Russia invaded Georgia in August 2008 after Tbilisi launched a large-scale military offensive against South Ossetian militia who were Georgians access to earlier shelling Georgian villages.

After routing Georgia's small army in just five days, Russia officially recognised the pro-Kremlin authorities in Tskhinvali and in another secessionist Georgian region, Abkhazia, and sta-

Moscow still controls the breakaway regions, where Russian is widely spoken, even though the territories are recognised internationally as part of

tioned military bases there.

Since 2008, Russia's military has been building barbed wire fences between the enclave and the rest of Georgia, with the aim of transforming the line into a "state border."

The process has been dubbed borderisation" by international observers and has forced almost a quarter of the local population to move deeper into Georgia.

"As the line divides communities and families, the fence along it produces an array of difficulties for people living on both sides," the International Crisis Group said last year.

PPP determines to complete unfinished mission of ZAB, Benazir Bhutto

Chairman Pakistan Peoples (PPP) Bilawal Bhutto Zardári Wednesday said that his party is determined to complete the unfinished mission of the party's founding chairman Quaidi-Awam Shaheed Zulfikar Ali Bhutto (ZAB) and Chairperson Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto.

In a message on the 56th Foundation Day of PPP, he said that Shaheed Zulfikar Ali Bhutto had founded the party on political wisdom and a far-reaching vision, following which we have to build a prosperous and strong Pakistan, in which the rights and interests of all countrymen are taken care of equally.

Paying glowing tribute to Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto for her unparalleled struggle and sacrifice, he said that Shaheed

Bibi resisted dictatorship, centralism and extremism throughout her life and protected the fundamental rights of the people and fought for their prosperity.

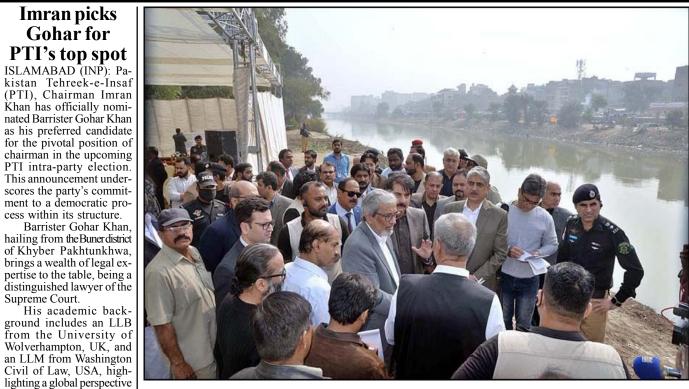
Bhuttoism as well as the philosophy and vision of Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto are beacons of light in our struggle," he

Bilawal Bhutto said that the China-Pakistan Corridor (CPEC), Eighteenth Amendment, NFC Award, transfer of unfettered presidential powers to the Parliament, Aghaz-e-Haqooqe-Balochistan, Benazir Income Support Program (BISP) and "Pakistan Khappý" are reflection of President Asif Ali Zardari's vision, adding: "We will carry forward President Zardari's brilliant and timeless vision to develop and

strengthen Pakistan." He paid glowing tribute to the party workers, who endured the hardships of imprisonment and exile, faced flogging, and bravely kissed the gallows for the sake of democracy in the country. He also reiterated that the party will not let the sacrifices of its great cadres go in vain.

Chairman PPP once again expressed solidarity with the people of Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK) and strongly supported their right to self-determination.

"We will never forget that PPP was founded on the Kashmir issue," he said, adding that his party would continue to support Kashmiri brothers politically, diplomatically and morally till independence from Indian occupation of the occupied valley.



HYDERABAD: Caretaker Chief Minister Sindh Justice (R) Maqbool Baqir visit at Phuleli canal.

Govt to try to resolve missing person issue: Sarfraz Bugti

Candidates seeking vote

will face public reaction

in polls: Sheikh

RAWALPINDI (ÎNP): Former interior minister and Awami

Muslim League (AML) chief Sheikh Rashid Ahmed said

on Wednesday that candidates approaching to people for

vote would face the music for what they had done with

the former interior minister said Chief Justice Qazi Faez

Isa had stated categorically that elections were going to

elections. Rashid said people had no feelings or enthusiasm for general elections. Hunger, poverty and inflation

Talking to media outside District Courts Rawalpindi,

He said he had no authority to say anything about

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Interior Minister, Sarfraz Bugti said on Wednesday that the caretaker government would try its best to resolve the issue of missing

Imran picks Gohar for

PTI's top spot

PTI intra-party election

This announcement under-

scores the party's commit-

ment to a democratic pro-

hailing from the Buner district

of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa,

brings a wealth of legal ex-

pertise to the table, being a distinguished lawyer of the

His academic back-

ground includes an LLB

from the University of

Wolverhampton, UK, and an LLM from Washington

Civil of Law, USA, high-

lighting a global perspective

in his legal education.

Supreme Court.

Barrister Gohar Khan

cess within its structure.

persons Talking to media persons after appearing before the Islamabad High Court's Chief Justice, he said that chief minister Baluchistan had constituted an inquiry commission to probe the murder allegations on Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) and if allegation was proved correct, an action would be

taken according to the law. The minister said that the issue was sub-judice and should not be discussed

be held in February.

had hit them hard, he said.

publicly however the commission earlier constituted for missing persons would present its report on the recovery of 25 missing persons to the court.

Responding to a quarry, Bugti said that there was a very thin line between selfdisappearance, enforced disappearance and missing, adding there were many cases of self-disappearances however the cases of enforced disappearances yet to be decided under the JN charter. The minister further

said that the commission would categorize the cases of self-disappearances, enforced disappearances and missing persons after reviewing all the cases.

ever evolving world. She was addressing the opening ceremony of the two-day international conference at Fatima Jinnah Women University Rawalpindi The two days international conference would bring together distinguished guests, scholars, and

powerment.

RAWALPINDI (APP):

Special Asssistant to Prime

Minister for human rights

and women empowerment,

Mushaal Hussein Mullick,

has said that higher educa-

tion is not just a pursuit of

knowledge but a gateway to critical thinking and skills acquisition. It provides in-

dividuals, especially women, with the necessary

resources to navigate an

policymakers to explore

the nexus between higher

education and women em-

Mushaal Hussein Mullick threw light on the systematic obstacles women had faced in accessing higher education in the past. She said that though some milestone in this regard had been achieved, challenges such as gender bias, cultural norms and economic disparities are still hindering women's educational access. SAPM said that

Zainab Alert Response and

place to protect and empower Women: Mushaal Recovery Act, 2020; Enforcement of Women's country's economy, leading to a more diverse and ing to a more diverse and innovative workforce and Property Rights Act 2020; The Anti Rape (Investigation and Trial) Act 2021; and

> 2022 are significant legislation enacted by the Government. to protect and empower women. She stressed the connection between women's education and economic

The Protection against Ha-

rassment of Women at Work-

place (Amendment) Act,

Significant legislations in

progress. Spending on women's higher education is an investment in the

reduced poverty rates, she Mushaal Mallick high-

lighted that education goes beyond academic accomplishments to critical thinking, problem-solving, and communication skills which are essential for effective leadership. Women with education are not merely economic contributers but also act as agents for driving social transformation, She further said.



OUETTA: PPP General Secretary, Syed Nasir Hussain Shah interacting with media after visiting Saylani Welfare Trust free food outlet/ langar khana near Science College Chowk.

PPP to form next govt, Shah claims

People's Party Syed Nasir Hussain Shah has said the next

stan has suffered international isolation for almost 16

He expressed these views during his visit to the Sailani

and Asif Ali Zardari will participate in the historic politi-

dation Day of the party. However, he stressed that special care should be taken regarding the rights of the people

Trust is doing a good job all over the country.

QUETTA (APP): The Secretary General of Pakistan

government will be of Pakistan People's Party. He alleged due to the wrong policies of PTI, Paki-

Welfare Trust Quetta here on Wednesday.

PPP General Secretary said Bilawal Bhutto Zardari

cal show to be held in Quetta. He said PPP's top leadership will address the foun-

who are returning to their native country. Syed Nasir Hussain Shah said that Sailani Welfare

DC South administers polio vaccine drops to children in school



KARACHI: Captain ® Altaf Hussain Sario visited Beacon House School as part of his DHQ tour of various today. The school administration welcomed DC South by presenting him a bouquet of flowers.

DC South administered polio drops to the children, and the young ones expressed gratitude through "Thank You" cards for his efforts in polio prevention. The school administration actively participated in

the vaccination process with enthusiasm. DC South, in consultation with the polio team, provided directives to enhance and optimize the polio vaccination process and reach the maximum numbers of children. The school administration acknowledged and expressed gratitude for the collaborative efforts of DC South and all administrators in this regard.

Third nationwide polio immunization drive continues

SLAMABAD The third nationwide polio mmunization campaign of current year continued on Wednesday to vaccinate over 44.3 million children under five years of age in 159 districts. In a message, Caretaker Federal Minister for Health Dr Nadeem Jan urged parents to ensure vaccination of their children during ongoing polio immu-

nization drive. He said that all thee children deserved a healthy life and future.

dren like this." He said that protecting children's wellbeing was a collective responsibility. "Every country that has eliminated polio so far has done so with the support of communities, parents, religious leaders, and social organizations." Dr Nadeem said, We need the same in Pakistan, for communities to join the government in its fight against polio.'

"We cannot allow a

vaccine-preventable disease

to continue to harm our chil-



High Court after appearing before a graft case

Climate change serious threat to country, can't be ignored: Mian Zahid

KARACHI (INP): Chairman of National Business Group Pakistan, President Pakistan Businessmen and Intellectuals Forum, All Karachi Industrial Alliance, and former provincial minister Mian Zahid Hussain has said that climate change has become serious threat to country. Ignoring this danger would be tantamount to suicide; thus, efforts should be made to manage resources to deal

with the problem, he said. Talking to the business community on Wednesday, he said that Pakistan was among the ten countries in the world that were most

affected by climate change. Mian Zahid Hussain said that millions have been affected, while more than 1700 precious lives have been exposed to the devastating rains caused by climate change. Yet, unfortunately, no comprehensive plan has been put in place to deal with this menace permanently, he added.

He said we must work independently because the international community was doing nothing except making promises.

The business leader further said that the IMF has also realized this weak-

ness and advised the government to make progress in this regard, give importance to this sector in the budget, and pave the way

He informed that the IMF wants to create a better database for these matters, allocate funds in the budget, and ensure trans-

He said that the incumbent government should speed up the work in this regard so that the incoming government can get a complete plan to implement to secure the country's future. All political parties and other stakeholders should be consulted to move for-

ward better. Mian Zahid Hussain further said that the United Arab Emirates' decision to invest 20 to 25 billion dollars in Pakistan was welcome, positively impacting the country's economy while increasing the business community's confi-

The friendly country will invest heavily in various sectors, including energy, port operations, minerals, banking, and food security, which was good news for the economy, he



HYDERABAD: Members of Pakistan Wapda Employees Paigham Union are holding protest demonstration for acceptance of their demands, at Hyderabad press club

Police locate three individuals in missing persons case

KARACHI (INP): The local police on Wednesday successfully traced three individuals including a woman during a hearing of a petition in Sindh High Court (SHC) for recovery of missing persons.

According to the report, the police confirmed the trace of three individuals named Muhammad Iqbal, Saima Bibi, and Shahnawaz all three were wanted by police in several cases.

The report stated that Muhammad Iqbal is under the custody of Zaman Town police in a case, while the other two are fugitives as a case has been registered against them at Mehmoodabad police sta-

The court dismissed the case related to the recovery of the three missing persons.

Earlier this week, the police declared the arrest of a missing person during the Sindh High Court (SHC) hearing of petitions for the recovery of 10 disappeared

The police confirmed the arrest of a missing citizen Saddam in its progress in the case. The court dismissed the petition about recovery of Saddam.

Justice Naimatullah Phulpoto directed action against the people involved in enforced disappearances. 'It is the responsibility of the state to search a missing citizen," Justice Phulpoto said. "It was said that a missing man Usman has been in Landhi Jail, a letter was written to the jail authorities, but they replied that the man was not in prison," the investigation

officer informed. the court.

withdrawal robbers KARACHI (APP): The

CTD held

bank cash

Sindh Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) announced on Wednesday the capture of two suspected street criminals accused of targeting individuals withdrawing money from banks.

According to a CTD spokesperson, the apprehension took place within the Soldier Bazaar jurisdiction.

The detainees, Muhammad Munir and Rizwan Ali, were found in possession of two firearms, and it was revealed that had incarceration related to various cases.Initial investigations disclosed their involvement in robbing individuals withdrawing cash from banks across multiple areas such as Defence. Gulshan Iqbal, Surjani, Ferozeabad, Azizabad.

MOM-P, PML-N discuss electoral alliance, seat adjustment

ISLAMABAD (INP): Muttahida Qaumi Move-ment Pakistan (MQM-P) and Pakistan Muslim League Nawaz (PML-N) on Wednesday held another round of talks on electoral alliance and seat adjustment ahead of the general elec-

tions 2024, citing sources. The fresh round of talks was held at PML-N leader Ahsan Iqbal's resi-

The session was attended by MQM-P's central leaders Dr Farooq Sattar, Mustafa Kamal, Syed Aminul Haque, PML-N's Ahsan Iqbal, Zahid Hamid, Bashir Memon and Chawaja Saad Rafique.

Both sides mulled over different options for political alliance, seat adjustment and others.

Shahid Khaqan Abbasi records statement before Faizabad sit-in commission

ISLAMABAD (INP): Former prime minister and Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz dis-gruntled leader, Shahid Khaqan Abbasi on Wednesday recorded his statement before the Faizabad sit-in probe commission. The fedgovernment

formed the inquiry commission under the chairmanship of retired Inspector General (IG) Akhtar Ali Shah in`thé case after the Supreme Court rejected the factfinding committee re-

Level playing field is this he and Nawaz Sharif are appearing in courts: Shehbaz

LAHORE (Online): Former Prime Minister (PM) Shehbaz Sharif has said level playing field is this he is appearing in the courts of Lahore and Nawaz Sharif is appearing in the courts of Islamabad

'No one knew it that the then PTI would turn into devastation movement and it will stoke devastation in the entire country, he said this while talking to media men outside Accountability Court (AC) here Wednesday.

Facilitating those who are facilitators of May 9 incidents is anti state step, he added. Treason was committed against this country and heinous bid was made to conduct a coup in army. The entire Pakistan condemned it. This should be kept in mind the democracy does not tolerate treason.

He went on to say "first thing we always respected the judiciary. We think it our duty to appear in the court indiscriminately for the sake of justice. They all are respectable for us. The second thing is this whatever difficulties and hardships have been suffered by Nawaz Sharif, Sharif family and PML-N leaders are part of the

WORLD AIDS DAY-2023

LARKANA: Participants are holding awareness walk in connection of World

AIDS Day organized by Bridge Consultant Foundation held at Sachal Colony

He underlined Nawaz Sharif went to jail, he was handcuffed and he saw his daughter arrested before him. He went to exile twice. He has returned to country now a days. He has surrendered himself before law. He claimed only Nawaz Sharif governments were toppled and and not some one else. Nawaz Sharif was overthrown in

two in motorcycle theft; recover stolen bike KARACHI (APP):The Docks Police Station apprehended a two-member gang involved in motorcycle theft. Acting on a tip-off, the

> Kolachi Road, as confirmed by SSP Keamari Arif Aslam The individuals taken into custody have been identified as Altash and Akhtar Igbal. Upon their arrest, law enforcement recovered a sto-

arrest took place on Mai

Docks police arrest

accused was reported stolen from the Docks area. It's worth noting that Altash, one of the arrested individuals, has a history of criminal activities, having been arrested in five separate cases previously.

len motorcycle from their

possession. Notably, the

motorcycle found with the

The apprehended suspects have since been handed over to the Anti-Vehicle Lift. ing Cell for further investiga-



KARACHI: On the directions of DC South Karachi, AC Aram Bagh Nida Saman has actively contributed to the Polio awareness campaign by installing the banners with the assistance of UC Councilors and UC Chairman in Sub-Division Arambagh. These banners aim to disseminate information about the polio disease and raise awareness about the ongoing polio campaign.