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CTD SHO martyred, two injured in Khuzdar blast

Caretaker PM, Interior Minister strongly condemns blast

a great challenge.

Independent Report QUETTA: An official of Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) was martyred while two others sustained injuries after their vehicle was hit by a magnetic improvised explosive device (IED) in Khuzdar on Sunday noon.

The police sources in-formed that, CTD Station House Officer Mohammad Murad embraced martyrdom in the blast after his car was targeted on the Sultan Ibrahim road in Khuzdar city. Two others also sustained injuries.

Meanwhile, the wounded were shifted to the Khuzdar Teaching Hospital.

The area police and local administration reached



Khuzdar blast; seeks

report from authorities

Independent Report security forces deployed

e spot and cordoned off Sunday. the area. Investigations have been started by the row and regret over the local police.

Following the incident, caretaker Federal Minister

martyrdom of CTD SHO Muhammad Murad in the explosion while expressing of Interior Sarfaraz Bugti his condolences to the said that the whole nation martyr's family. **Caretaker CM condemns**

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cerned authorities to

present inquiry report of

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The Chief Minister

Moreover, Mir Ali

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the explosion.

rorism act to task.

He expressed deep sor-

has to fight the war against terrorism as it is becoming APP adds: Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Sunday

> QUETTA: Governor Balochistan Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar giving away laptop to a young candidate of Entry Test of IT Initiative Program at BUITEMS

Accuses Sharif family of trying to buy PIA **Bilawal says his political rivals** are contesting polls to save themselves from jail

Savs neither any player nor anyone else can compete with me in politics; PPP contesting election to provide maximum relief to underprivileged: Bilawal

KOHAT (Agencies): Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) Chairman Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari has said that he does not have any political rivals as "neither any player nor anyone else" can

Addressing the party's rally in Kohat district on Sunday, the PPP chief took a veiled jibe at his political

He said the PPP does opponents, saying that they not represent the elite as it rights.

On the other hand, the country'

"We will bury the tratesting polls against his rivals to resolve the issues of "Someone is fighting

are contesting elections for is "representative of the workers and poor of the

> ditional politics of division and initiate the politics that aims at serving the masses." The PPP chief also expressed hope that his party

would form the government after the upcoming general elections and ensure that the masses would get their

Army Chief off to US on official visit RAWALPINDI (APP) Chief of Army Staff (COAS), General Syed ment Asim Munir has left on Sunday for United States of America (USA) on his day. maiden official visit.

During his visit, General Syed Asim Munir is scheduled to meet the senior military and other government officials of USA, an Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) news release said.

ECP refutes claims of issuing general elections'

schedule ISLAMABAD (APP): The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) has categorically denied the issuance of any schedule for the upcoming general elections. A spokesman of ECP, strongly denied a news item published in daily Jang is

IT industry embarked upon for first time in Balochistan at public level: Governor

More than 3,000 candidates appear in entry test of Governor Balochistan IT Initiative for AI Web 3.0 & Metaverse free AI & other IT courses

Independent Report QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar has stated that by the grace of Allah Me Almighty, Information Technollgy industry has embarked upon for the first time at public level in the province, and it would pave the way for revolution in IT sector.

with pleasure and contentment to see over 3,000 candidates appearing in the entry test. He said that this The Governor was speaking on occasion of the entry test conducted for belief was strengthened that Governor Balochistan IT our youth are determined to Initiative for AI Web 3.0 & cope with challenges of Metaverse free AI & other new era.

IT courses at the He appreciated the efforts of vice chancellors of all public sector univer-Balochistan University of Information Technology, sities of the province, Chief Executive Officer of Engineering and Manage-Sciences (BUITEMS), here on Sun-Ultra Software System, Asif Naeem and other con-More than 3,000 male cerned for making the IT and female candidates ap-Initiative Programme suc-

The eligible candidates

Top 100 candidates

The Governor noted

would be imparted training

in different courses includ-

ing AI Web 3.0 & Metaverse free AI & other

would also be given lap top

free of cost.



QUETTA: Balochistan Caretaker Minister for Information Jan Achakzai and Balochistan Caretaker Minister for Minerals Umeer Muhammad Hosani distributing shields on the occasion of International Human Rights Day organized by Youth Forum Far Kashmir.

Intense political rhetoric testament to in-time elections: Solangi

while strongly condemning a blast in Khuzdar, ex-pressed his deep grief and sorrow over Shahadat of Counter- Terrorism Department, SHO Muhammad Murad. The prime minister expressed his condolence with the bereaved family and prayed for the high ranks of the departed soul, PM Office Media Wing

said in a press release. The caretaker Federal Minister for Interior, Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti. strongly condemned the explosion in Khuzdar on

> their vested interests PPP chief said he is conthe masses. compete with him in poli-

elections to get out of jail while someone is fighting to escape from jail," Bilawal said at the rally.

QUETTA: The caretaker for protection of life and Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki has strongly condemned the incident of blast in Khuzdar on Sunday, which claimed life of a local police officer and left two others injured.

In an official condemnation issued here on Sunday, the Chief Minister sought report of the explosion from the concerned authorities and ordered an inquiry into it.

He said that it is a conlence with his bereaved demnable act to attack the family.

Senate Chairman accepts Shaukat Tarin's resignation

ISLAMABAD (INP): Senate Chairman Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani has officially accepted the resignation of former Finance Minister Shaukat Tareen from his Senate membership.



The Senate Secretariat issued a statement confirming that Chairman Senate Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani, who had traveled to Dubai from Iraq, met with Shaukat Tareen during the visit. In this meeting, Shaukat Tareen tendered his resignation to the Chairman Senate, and after due consideration, Chairman Senate Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani approved the resignation.

Elections can be postponed in areas under security threat, suggests Qadir Baloch

ISLAMABAD (INP): PPP leader and former federal minister Abdul Qadir Baloch has suggested postponing elections in areas that are under security threat instead of delaying polls entirely.

Last month, the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) and President Arif Alvi agreed on February 8, 2024 as the date for polls. The development stirred activities in the camps of most political parties.

However, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Governor Ghulam Ali recently said it was difficult to carry out political activities in parts

of KP and Balochistan due to the security situation. Similarly, JUI-F chief Fazlur Rehman also raised questions on the feasibility of holding elections amid a "deteriorating" security

situation. Earlier this week, caretaker Interior Minister Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti, while emphasising the government's readiness to ensure peaceful general elections, acknowledged the terrorist threats faced by political leaders in the runup to the polls, highlighting a general threat to political figures, with a specific alert for the JUI-F chief.

KOHAT: Chairman Pakistan People's Party Bilawal Bhutto Zardari addressing to workers convention at Captain Zahoorul Islam Shaheed Football Stadium Babri Banda.

All projects to be completed by December 30: Syed Farooq Shah Pace of work expedited on pays glowing ongoing development tribute to Rehmat Shah Afridi projects under QDP

Independent Report QUETTA: The Editor-in-

Chief of Independent Group of Newspapers Syed Farooq Shah exwork on the ongoing development projects has been pressed his sorrow over expedited under Quetta the death of Rehmat Development Package Shah Afridi, founder and thanks to the frequent visits paid by the caretaker Editor-in-Chief of 'The Frontier Post' and paid a Chief Minister Mir Ali glowing tribute to him for Mardan Domki The concerned authorihis services in journal-

ties have given deadline of ism. He said that the ser-30th December for complevices rendered by Rehmat tion of the projects.

The Chief Minister Shah Afridi in the field Delivery Unit has issued the of journalism will be remembered for long. He review report of the prayed for peace to the progress of ongoing comdeparted soul and courmunication sectors continage to the bereaved famued under the Quetta Deily to bear the irrepavelopment Package, in light rable loss.

Independent Report concerned authorities. According to the re-QUETTA: The pace of port, 95 percent work has been completed on Sariab road while 92 percent work completed on Anscomb road

Similarly, 92 percent has been completed on the link Badini road with 84 percent completed on Sabzal road and 84 percent completed on the Radio tower link road.

The Commissioner Quetta, Muhammad Hamza Shafqaat said that the opinion of Islamic Ideological Council has been taken about the mosques affected under the Quetta of the data provided by the Development Package.

General elections must for breaking status-quo in politics: Jam Kamal

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QUETTA: The former Chief Minister Balochistan, Jam Kamal Khan has stated that holding general elections is very necessary to break the status-quo in country's politics and every party must has right to participate in them.

Jam Kamal Khan was speaking during his visit to Dhadhar, Bolan on Sunday. Upon reaching Dhadhar, the tribal and political elder Muhammad Waris Barda welcomed Jam Kamal Khan

Speaking on the occasion, the former Chief Minister said that holding general elections are need of the hour to break the political status-quo.

He insisted that the general elections must be conducted in time.



GWADAR: Caretaker Provincial Minister for Sports and Culture Nawabzada Mir Jamal Khan Raisani presiding over a meeting regarding Gwadar Youth Festival

unfounded and having no basis

The spokesperson clarified that the schedule circulating on social media is fraudulent. The Election Commission spokesperson formation and Broadcasting noted that false information and Parliamentary Affairs about the election is con-Murtaza Solangi on Sunday sistently appearing in both said the intense political print and electronic media. rhetoric in the country was He said pay attention a testament to the conduct

only to statements from the official spokesperson of the Election Commission, and disregard any others claiming to be from the Commission. Applications filed in the Commission underwent no consultations. clarified the spokesperson. Additionally, such state-ments should not be construed as policy declarations of the Election Commission, as per the spokesperson.

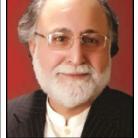
watchdog.

TV talk show.

Rehmat Shah Afridi laid to rest

PESHAWAR (APP): Funeral prayer of Réhmat Shah Afridi, Editor-in-Chief of Frontier Post Peshawar was offered here on Sunday. Funeral prayer of the deceased was held at Hayatabad Peshawar and was attended by a large

number of people, journal-



ists, civil society members and well wishers

Rehmat Shah Afridi was later laid to rest at his ergy plant on a public-private partnership basis in ancestral graveyard. He the provincial capital to passed away last night due generate electricity and bioto a protected illness. The gas from domestic waste. people are coming to his residenceand offering Fateha.

Government, Administrator of Quetta Metropolitan Corporation and District administration have been working to establish a solid waste energy plant in the city and reviewed various

> proposals regarding the project. A feasibility study will be conducted regarding the waste supply, recycling and other factors of the solid waste energy plant.

ISLAMABAD (APP): under the constitution and Caretaker Minister for Inlaw for electioneering.

To a query, he said the courts were dispensing justice to everyone despite questions raised by a handful of people.

Accountability should of the election on a date be done across the board, announced by the electoral the minister said. "The history suggests that some of "With the will of the the governments could not complete its demo-cratic terms," he said, Almighty, the elections will take place on Thursday, February 8, 2024," said the adding the case hearing for minister while talking to a former prime minister private media channel on a Zulfikar Ali Bhutto has been scheduled after four decades.

The Election Commis-He, to another query, sion of Pakistan (ECP) would issue the general elecsaid the caretaker governtion schedule, he said, addment was bound to impleing all political parties would be given 54 days ment the orders of the apex court



LAHORE: Participants take part in the Marathon to express their solidarity with Palestinians, at Jail road to Liberty chowk in Provincial Capital.

GoB to establish solid waste energy plant in Quetta

QUETTA (APP): On the poration Quetta would condirection of Chief Minister duct a survey and compile data to provide waste to the Ali Mardan Khan Domki, plant daily so that the plant the Balochistan governcould run smoothly. ment was making efforts to Talking to APP, Comestablish a solid waste en-

missioner Quetta Division Muhammad Hamza Shfqaat said that the city has produced thousands of tons of waste daily, which can be used to meet energy and The Secretary of Local other needs, and the city will

also remain clean. He said projects like solid waste management plants and energy plants will make the city clean and free from garbage and it will also generate substantial revenue for the government. He said that a solid waste energy plant would enhance the energy production in Quetta as the city produces around 1.5 million tons of

The Metropolitan Corgarbage annually.

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Liberties lost

As Pakistan marks Human Rights Day today, it confronts a troubling panorama of human rights violations. Rights bodies, local and international, have consistently drawn attention to the country's abysmal record but to no avail. Despite constitutional guarantees, the reality for many Pakistanis is a pervasive sense of insecurity. The use of enforced disappearances as a tool against dissent is particularly alarming. With at least 2,210 unresolved cases, the state's role in these disappearances paints a picture of repression.

The failure to enact legislation criminalising enforced disappearances, despite repeated attempts, suggests a lack of political will at the highest levels. The cases of journalists Nafees Naeem, Arsalan Khan, Imran Riaz and Baloch student Bebagr Imdad, who were all abducted — some for months — and later released, highlight a disturbing trend of targeting critical voices.

Some progress was made, with safety laws for journalists passed first by the Sindh Assembly followed by the National Assembly in late 2021, but their implementation remains a distant dream. The curtailing of freedom of assembly and expression is another area of grave concern. The authorities' use of force to disperse peaceful protests, and the intimidation and arbitrary detention of protesters, all indicate shrinking space for civil liberties.

Religious intolerance continues to ignite violence, with blasphemy allegations leading to the lynching of both minorities and Muslims. The Supreme Court's warnings against the misuse of blasphemy laws are welcome, yet much more is needed to protect the vulnerable from societal prejudices.

Violence against women remains a pervasive issue. While the conviction of Zahir Jaffer for the murder of Noor Mukadam is a significant step, systemic changes are crucial for addressing the broader issue of genderbased violence. The lack of enactment of the Domestic Violence Bill speaks volumes about the state's failure to uphold women's rights. The rights of transgender individuals, despite legal recognition, continue to be ignored. The challenge to the Transgender Rights Act and the continued violence against this community reveal deep-seated societal and institutional biases. Torture and custodial deaths remain unchecked, and the passage of the Torture and Custodial Death Act, while a positive development, requires rigorous enforcement.

This bleak landscape of human rights is reflective of a deeper malaise affecting the country's democratic fabric. The manipulation of democratic processes, the establishment's shadow over political life, and the selective application of justice all contribute to an environment where human rights are easily trampled upon. As Pakistan prepares for national elections, it is imperative that these issues are brought to the forefront. The protection of human rights is not just a moral obligation but a prerequisite for a stable and functioning democracy. On this Human Rights Day, let Pakistan recommit itself to these ideals, not just in rhetoric but in concrete actions.



By Qamar Bashir

Former Press Secretary to the President; Former Press Minister to the Embassy of Pakistan to France; Former MD, SRBC

> gotten wealth in Lon- tions. don-all seemingly within the blink of an eye. The sudden about-face in treatment and legal proceedings surrounding Sharif's return left an indelible impact, defying previous norms and expectations in a manner that resonated

> > The political ana-

Nawaz Sharif was an outdeeply cast in Pakistan-branded However, a lingering

a convict, an absconder, and unease persisted despite a proclaimed offender, these developments. The marred by allegations of intelligentsia, thinkers, deep-seated corruption. He analysts, and the general had been disqualified for life public found themselves and ousted from the coundeeply unsettled by the try. Sharif's persistent deapparent manipulation of fiance in challenging the esthe country's systems, tablishment had resulted in initially against Nawaz multiple confrontations. Sharif and then abruptly leading to repeated punishin his favor. Individuals ments. The prevailing, with analytical minds widely accepted perception grappled with this abrupt was that the establishment. turn of events, finding it through extensive efforts, deeply disquieting, illogistate resources, and macal, and difficult to comnipulation of the judicial, prehend. As they ponadministrative, and civil dered various scenarios, systems, had imprisoned ironically, many did not him and orchestrated his envision Mr. Nawaz exile. It seemed inconceiv-Sharif reclaiming the poable that they would, in sition of Prime Minister their right mind, reinstate for the fourth time. him to a position of

power. lysts were assuming that Contrary to all exthe army as an institution pectations, Nawaz Sharif has deep memories. It folreturned in a blaze of lows a cyclical process to glory, defying every perensure that armed forces ception, estimate, and remain adaptable, welllogic. He, once a convicted prepared, and continufigure whose mere mention ously evolved to meet the challenges of dynamic and in the media was deemed a grave offense, transdiverse conflict scenarios. formed overnight into the The process began with media's darling-a remarkthe clear definition of obable shift akin to a magical jectives and parameters. transformation. Even the Develop scenarios by cre-Interior Minister, who ating a realistic setting initially asserted Sharif's that encompassed geopoimminent arrest upon his litical factors, terrain dereturn due to his convict tails, and enemy capabilistatus, hastily retracted, ties. The war game unshowering him with folded through real-time praise, acknowledging his decision-making. Data is eminence, and granting meticulously collected on him VVIP treatment upon decisions, outcomes, and arrival resource utilization dur-In an astonishing turn ing the war game. Insights gleaned from the war game guided the refine-

of events, the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) swiftly withdrew ment of strategies, tactics, corruption charges against and operational planning, him, while the courts refeeding back into future markably absolved him of simulations and realallegations regarding illworld military opera-

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reinstate him as Prime Minister for the fourth time, the army would have followed specific procedures. They would have developed various scenarios focusing on questions like (a) What if Nawaz Sharif returns as Prime Minister for the fourth time? (b) Why should he not receive support for a comeback, and C what if an alternative nominee representing Nawaz Sharif is appointed as Prime Minis-

Scenario A: Given His ability to initiate dialogue and focus on economic stability and governance reforms makes him a strong counter-weight to Mr. Khan.

Mr. Sharif's past accomplishments in economic development and public infrastructure can be highlighted through a strategic public relations campaign. He could reach out to disenchanted segments of society, pledging accountability and reforms to address previous concerns. Civil society, recognizing his experience and the call for stability, might lend support. The establishment could opt for a working relationship based on mutual respect and com-

mitment to national interests, reinstalling him as Prime Minister for the fourth time.

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over his ambitions, ensuring he holds a slim majority or no majority in Parliament, he might need to form a coalition government with members favored by the establishment. This would keep his government reliant on their support, keeping his authority in check.

Scenario B: Opposition factions and certain elements within the military consistently highlight Nawaz Sharif's past dismissals and allegations of corruption. They argue that his return to power could jeopardize national interests and financial integrity, reigniting past controversies and instability

Nawaz Sharif, during his tenure as Prime Min-

ister of Pakistan, had several notable confrontations with the military establishment. His political career was marked by moments of strained relations and power struggles with the military leadership. These confrontations often stemmed from differing approaches to governance, control over key policy decisions, and the exercise of authority. Sharif's attempts to assert civilian supremacy and consolidate power occasionally clashed with the military's influence and perceived interests, tion. leading to tense standoffs and moments of significant political instability

in Pakistan. A substantial portion of the public remains skeptical of Sharif's leadership due to lingering allegations and a perception of political opportunism. His reinstatement as Prime Minister might spark protests and deepen social divisions, leading to increased unrest.

Given Imran Khan's popularity, the establishment might need to manipulate elections in favor of Nawaz Sharif, under-To maintain control mining the credibility of kistan. Maintaining a fa-

the electoral process. Such vorable relationship with interference could lead to the military gives Shahbaz widespread rejection of more flexibility, a crucial factor for the military to the resulting government. retain a semblance of ci-If allegations of election rigging gain traction, intervilian control. His apnational financial institupointment ensures contitions like the IMF might nuity, minimizing disrupwithhold support, worstions and safeguarding the ening the country's almilitary's interests. ready fragile economic condition. This could plunge the nation into further instability and turmoil. International part-

tration.

versies

Unlike

leadership.

politician willing to col-laborate with different parties, Shahbaz's approach is valued by the ners are expected to exmilitary. They prefer leaders capable of navigating press concerns about Sharif's potential return, Pakistan's intricate political landscape without unfearing its impact on diplomatic relations and renecessary conflicts. gional stability. This skep-

Among the three sceticism complicates efforts narios, Scenario C emerges to secure international as the most promising support for his adminiscompromise. By nominating Shahbaz Sharif as Scenario C: To navi-Prime Minister while regate resistance and controtaining Nawaz Sharif's influence behind the scenes, surrounding Nawaz Sharif's leaderit offers stability, continuity, and a leader perceived ship, the Establishment might orchestrate condias more cooperative totions where Nawaz willwards the military. This ingly presents his brother, compromise could address Shahbaz Sharif, as a comconcerns raised in other scenarios, providing a promise candidate for the prime ministerial role. In pathway to navigate the controversies surrounding this scenario, Nawaz Sharif could retain sub-Nawaz Sharif's leaderstantial influence behind ship. It presents a stratethe scenes, effectively gic balance, potentially guiding the party and satisfying the military's Shahbaz in governance preferences for a less conmatters allowing him to frontational leader while maintain control while maintaining a sense of stability within the governprojecting a cooperative image to subdue opposiment

Seen as a pragmatic

Reflecting on the Nawaz, abrupt ousting and subse-Shahbaz is perceived as quent return to power of less likely to challenge miliboth Benazir Bhutto Shaheed and Nawaz tary authority. He has a Sharif, orchestrated by the history of cooperative establishment, it becomes dealings with the military, avoiding direct confrontaapparent that history might repeat itself. In a tions—something favored by the military in civilian few years, we could find ourselves recalculating Shaĥbaz boasts a and envisioning various

scenarios for Khan's poreputation as a competent administrator with a tential return to the power proven track record in deequation. The pattern of leadivering economic projects. He is expected to prioriers being removed from tize economic develop-

office and later reinstated ment, aligning with the seems to be a recurring military's desire for a theme, hinting at a posstable and prosperous Pasible similar trajectory for Khan in the future.

along with inflation.

"Selling dry fruits is the

only source of income for

me and it would be difficult

to feed my children and run

household expenditures if

I didn't earn maximum

"The trend of offering

He said that he sells

As an analyst with past experiences closely working with both civil and military establishments, I have no doubt that before absolving Nawaz Sharif of all allegations and attempting to

ter? the PTI's popularity, there's a need for a prominent leader with public appeal and experience to counter Mr. Khan. Nawaz Sharif, with his extensive experience and stature, could emerge as a unifying figure across various political factions.

Incentives to overseas Pakistanis to multiply remittances: LCCI

LAHORE (APP): Trust the remittances stood at incentives building, encouragement and the lucrative incentives to the overseas Pakistanis can multiple the foreign remittances which are the major part of the country's economy

Lahore Chamber of resolved now, it is Commerce and Industry expected that remittance (LCCI) President Kashif Anwar, Senior Vice President Zafar Mahmood Chaudhry and Vice President Adnan Khalid Butt said in a media statement here Sunday that 6.3 billion. the overseas Pakistanis are playing a great role in the economy of Pakistan

through their remittances. They said that the remittances in 2022-23 dropped by around four billion dollars to USD 27.3

billion . It is worth mentioning that in 2021-22,

USD 31.3 billion. One of investment made by the main reasons of drop expatriate Pakistanis. They in remittances in 2022-23 said that the government was the difference between should encourage the expats to invest in energy, the inter-bank and open agriculture market dollar rate. Since this issue is

telecommunication and Information Technology. They said that a large will pose a sound growth number of overseas in 2023-24. In the first Pakistanis are keen to three months of the invest in Pakistan. They financial year (July-September 2023-24), the said that the government would have to discourage remittances stood at USD the Hawala system as annually billions of dollars They said that the

are being sent through this government should take illegal way. The LCCI officemeasures to ensure that bearers said that at a time these remittances are invested in productive when the country is experiencing various economic challenges, rise in sectors. They said that foreign remittances could easily reach USD 50 billion home remittances would in the next few years if the provide much-needed government announces support.

> **Railways** collect Rs 67.3 million from ticketless passengers ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan Railways has collected over Rs 67.3 million from ticket-less passengers during a crackdown during the last two months with the help

HYDERABAD: Labourer women busy in sorting of railway police and train staffers. "Around 51,347 passengers found traveling the good quality green chili at vegetables market.

PCMEA calls for continuity in long-term export policy

LAHORE (APP): The and its draft should be Pakistan Carpet protected so that any Manufacturers and Exporters Association (PCMEA) has welcomed the proposed roadmap of USD 100 billion exports under Vision Pakistan and called for continuity in such long-term export policies to ensure their success. "After fin

final preparation, it should be

the Ministry told APP. They said that it was not the first time that political situation and action was taken on a large change of governments scale against ticket-less cannot affect it," these passengers, adding that views were expressed in these types of crackdowns a joint media statement by the PCMEA Senior had taken place daily. The sources said that Vice Chairman Usman ticketless traveling was

Ashraf, Carpet Training illegal, and those who were (CTI) Institute caught without a ticket Chairperson were charged a ticket price Ijazur Rahman and senior for the whole journey of the declared a national policy members here on Sunday. train besides the penalty.



SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SAARC CCI) delegation led by its President Muhammad Jashim Uddin, alongwith businessmen from South Asia called on H.E Secretary General, SAARC, Ambassador Golam Sarwar on SAARC Charter Day at Kathmandu, Nepal.

Disbursement of quarterly tranche (Oct-Dec) of **Benazir Kafaalat continues**

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Baltistan simultaneously. disbursement of the The payment of Rs disbursement of the quarterly tranche (October– 8,500 per household is December) of Benazir being disbursed among Kafaalat cash assistance to around nine million beneficiaries is continuing registered beneficiary smoothly across the families. The beneficiaries, country. According to an in case of any complaint, can official source, the payment approach the nearest BISP process has already Tehsil offices or call the tollfree helpline number commenced across the 080026477 of the Benazir country, including Punjab, Khyber Income Support Program. Pakhtunkhwa, Balochistan, The special control room has Kashmir, and Gilgitbeen activated in the BISP

headquarters to address the complaints of t beneficiaries promptly. the

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However, beneficiaries can also contact them WhatsApp numbers including 0305-917-1917 (Sindh), 0325-5365520 (Punjab), 0325-5365469 (Balochistan), 0325-5365476 (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa), Azad Jammu and Kashmir, and Gilgit Baltistan.

Buying dry fruits becomes a distant dream for common buyers amid soaring prices

ISLAMABAD (APP): dry fruits has increased Dry fruits as the most popular and consumed delight of the winter season have turned into a lavish commodity for a common man to buy due to the exorbitant rates amid the prevailing price hike profit", he said. situation.

The majority of the discounts on special citizens especially those occasions is no longer belonging to the low- and limited to the clothes, food middle-income groups are items and other accessories finding it hard to buy their of daily life but also being daily eatables like vegetables, fruits, wheat adopted by sellers like me to attract buyers due to its flour etc. due to the price high price", Sajid Khan hike situation so buying dry addec fruits is no more a priority for many.

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almonds (without shell) at nutritional Rs. 2800 per kg, Walnut benefits of dry fruits (without shell) at Rs. 2200, cannot be ignored in terms Pistachio for Rs. 3600, of increasing the immunity apricot for Rs. 1200, dried level to fight diseases due apricot for Rs. 1600, dried to the cold weather in the figs for Rs. 3200 and Raisin ongoing Winter season. for Rs. 1700, dates Sajid Khan, a dry

Rs.1200, Afghani Rewari fruits seller at Karachi for Rs. 1200 and Cashews Company, said the price of for Rs. 3600.



QURTTA: A women buying seasonal fruit Pomegran from a roadside vendor.

Time to regulate real estate for common man's benefit without tickets in different leaving them in lurch.

trains and collected the said ISLAMABAD (APP): their own abode, some of a society in the suburbs amount from them, which Having one's own house is is deposited in the official dream of every citizen. But bank account of the in a society plagued with department," sources in exploitation and weaker regulations, this dream often lands these citizens in real trouble when they fall prey to property tycoons.

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Playing with their emotion of having a house, the housing societies owners first trap them by showing pleasant dreams and then exploit them fleecing their hard earned monev

invest their pension or gratuity money and others sell their ornaments or household. But, after sometime they come to know that either the society was illegal or the owner had invested the collected money elsewhere delaying development and

possession of plots. The investors are charged repeatedly either in the name of development charges or other expenditures other than the ey. specified plots price as In a desire of having recently surfaced in the case

of Rawalpindi. Social media is seen flooded with hue and crv by investors against owners of this society, the heirs of a big gun in real estate business, for bv charging massively development expenses.

They have become a per their will. Moreover. mafia. Weaker regulations strict laws must be enacted encouraged them to act to ensure that both the without fear. Under the developer and the investor garb of specific laws, they freely fleece the people," or end user could equally benefit from these said an investor Rashid projects Mahmood. "It is very rare

that there is any compatibility in actual societies' owners disappear with the investors' money

land price and the price charged by buyers.'

Many societies' owners There is dire need to sell the same plot or file transparently maintain the more than once to earn data of files or property double or triple money selling by housing societies against the actual price, flaring disputes among the the government owners and leaving them to departments not leaving the developers to play as strand for years to settle disputes.

Astonishingly these developers sometimes operate hand in glove with the government authorities with a few among them becoming so influential that they have a say in

In many cases the making or breaking the governments

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No seat adjustment or alliance with anyone in Punjab: Javed

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MULTAN: Visitors are taking a keen interest in

the calligraphy exhibition on the second day at

with ANP in Karachi, KP

Swabi,

Pakhtunkhwa

Javed Latif – a diehard PML-N leader – on Sunday said they had neither formed any alliance nor would go for seat adjustment with any other party in Punjab – a statement which follows field, but not the one reports of the Istehkam-e- attacking sensitive Pakistan Party (IPP) installations. "The party finalising a long list of constituencies to get threetime prime minister Nawaz

level-playing field – a term which is part of political debate nowadays because of the PTI's narrative – so far and added that the party supremo was getting

justice at a snail's pace. Anyone creating

Punjab Council of Arts.

Pakistan People's Party

(PPP) leadership have

contacted Awami National

Party (ANP) on forming an

electoral alliance and seat

adjustment in Karachi and

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

(KP) for the upcoming

has discussed seat

adjustment with ANP on

Karachi's two National

parties also discussed

forming an electoral alliance

in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

Assembly (NA) seats.

Sources said that PPP

Moreover, the two

PPP and ANP are elections.

general elections.

SHEIKHUPURA (INP): doubts about general Ali Zardari] didn't do so, elections wasn't sincere to Pakistan, he remarked and stressed that Nawaz was the last ray of hope for the people of Pakistan. He said every party

chairman] deserved level-playing inexperienced. sensitive Bilawal who has been installations is a terrorist presenting himself as a [group], not political prime minister material.

Sharif's endorsement. Addressing a ceremony in his hometown, Latif said the PML-N hadn't enjoyed a is considered a close aide regularly. of Nawaz and believed to be regularly explaining his viewpoint on different

> Why they should destroyed Sindh during the take Bilawal's statements when even his father [Asif province.

Punjab

Transport department has provided relief to ensure fitness of rickshaws till Januarv 2

have been assigned the task of monitoring the desilting of canals which is being conducted after a gap of ten years. The Chief Minister rickshaw owners to get fitness of their rickshaws done and get immunity from fine.

PPP mulls seat adjustment relaxtion date would end. ISLAMABAD (INP): likely to make a seat **PFA discards**

substandard meat LAHORE (APP): The Punjab Food Authority (PFA) enforcement teams raided a meat processing unit in Shamkay Bhattian and discarded 1,000kg substandard and stinky and PPP Chairman Bilawal meat, and lodged an FIR

PFA Director General a week and ban on contributed to already Muhammad Asim Javed on Sunday.

he remarked – a reference to the interview in which the former president had told a private TV channel that his son [the PPP was These remarks were in complete contrast to the speeches delivered by

'We will reply when PESHAWAR: A delegation of teachers and students from Balochistan Residential College Zhob in a group photo with Khyber Pakhtunkhawa Governor Haji Ghulam Ali during their study tour. **Punjab CM orders** He also advised the PPP to contest elections on the basis of its effective measures to performance and said it

15-year-long rule in the

Transport deptt provides relief to rickshaws LAHORE (APP): Punjab

Official sources said on Sunday that it was a golden opportunity for

while chairing a meeting on Sunday in Lahore directed

Immunity from fine had been given till January 2 and fine would be applicable once the

1,000kg

LAHORE

lockdown for three days

prevent canal water theft LAHORE (INP): On the remain in the field during theft and desilting instructions of Punjab the desilting and will programs were reviewed. instructions of Punjab Chief Minister Mohsin supervise all other matters. Naqvi, desilting of 1,112 He instructed that canals of the province will be launched from attention should also be paid to the repair of canals December 26 which will last until January 20. along with desilting.

Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi ordered to take effective measures to check canal water theft. The CM directed that

administrative officers should take effective action in their respective districts to address water theft. In the meeting,

work

that the commissioners will measures to prevent water

Despite efforts, smog continues to haunt authorities

In this regard all the

divisional commissioners

could not change the (APP): Unbridled growth, ill situation exposing planned development millions of historic city projects and poor time residents to different management by the city pollution related diseases. authorities had led Lahore Environmentalists to endure another smoggy and common people believe winter, once again that untimely initiation of projects like Controlled maintaining its unfortunate position as the most Access Corridor on Bund polluted city during last Road, Shahdara, Akbar Chowk and Imamia Colony flyover and other

Even a smart construction vehicular traffic on the injurious airborne dust Mall road on Sunday particles.

International News

Additional Chief retary, Chairman

Secretary, Planning and Development Board. Secretaries Agriculture, Irrigation, Food Information. Commissioner Lahore and concerned officers of Agriculture Department

attended the meeting. Provincial Agriculture Minister SM Tanveer and Divisional all C ommissioners participated in the meeting through video link.

LWMC working on plan for dust free Lahore

LAHORE (APP): The Waste the seminar on "Jinnah's Lahore Management Company Vision for Eradication of Poverty" organized by has started implementing a plan to Jinnah Iqbal South Asian make the provincial capital dust free as per Forum Anjuman Faiz-Ul-Islam the direction of caretaker Punjab Chief complex, he said that there was a lack of self-Minister Mohsin Naqvi. accountability in our According society, adding every tc

poverty.

South China Sea.

LWMC sources here on poor person who has Sunday, mechanical health and safety should washing and sweeping of consider why he is poor. roads have been started during night shift in the change the financial supervision of Chief Executive Officer Babar.

Minorities play a vital role in the development of the country; Dr Jamal

RAWALPINDI (APP): and constructive role in the Provincial Caretaker Minister for Primary and Secondary Health and Population Welfare Punjab Dr Jamal Nasir on Sunday said that minorities played a vital role in the development and progress

development of the country while leaders and followers of all religions played a key role in communal harmony in Pakistan.

Dr Jamal congratulated the Christian community on the coming of the country and were an integral part of the society. Christmas and also cut the He expressed these views while addressing a cake. A large number of Christian communities function organized in including Pastor Justin connection with Christmas celebrations at the IFGF

Church. The minister said that the minority communities





LAHORE: People visit and enjoying flower show at Race Course Jillani Park.

Wealthy work together to reduce poverty; DG NAB

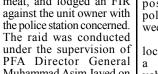
RAWALPINDI (APP): overcome our shorts", he Deputy Chairman of added. National Accountability

Justice (R) Sohail Bureau(NAB) Justice (® Nasir on the occasion Sohail Nasir on Sunday announced to bear the emphasized that all the expenses for the complete wealthy people needed to education of two children work together to reduce in the Jinnah Iqbal Education System and said While addressing that "we should do a lot of work for the promotion of education.

He paid tribute to the chairman of the forum, (JISAF)at Rana Abdul Baqi, who every year distributes warm quilts and monthly rations to deserving families. Forum Chairman Rana Abdul Baqi, referring to the speeches of Quaide-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah in April 1943 and November 1944, said "Working hard can that the Quaid-e-Azam position so we all should had declared that the work tirelessly to new state of Pakistan.

adjustment in Peshawar, Charsadda, Malakand, Mardan, Karak Bannu and Dera Ismail Khan (DI Khan), say sources. The latest development comes a day after ANP Khyber (KP) President Aimal Wali Khan met PPP Parliamentarians President Asif Ali Zardari

Bhutto Zardari at the Zardari House Islamabad. They discussed on electoral alliance and seat adjustment in KP province for the upcoming elections. for the forthcoming general



week of November.

UN chief says he will not | give up appeals for ceasefire in Gaza

said.

Rohingya Muslim men are inspected by an Indone-

sian millitary officer, following their arrival in

Fight fire with fire:

Controlled burns stem

Blang Raya, Pidie, Aceh province, Indonesia.

Monitoring Desk

SANTA CRUZ: In a forest

in northern California, a line

of people spread out

through the trees, setting

fire to shrubs and fallen

branches in an act of inten-

tional arson aimed at mak-

ing the woodland better

able to cope with future

Santa Cruz is part of a grow-

ing number of prescribed

burns intended to reduce the

amount of fuel that can feed

natural wildfires in an era

when human-caused climate

change is increasing the like-

The operation near

conflagrations.

blazes.

Guterres added.

Monitoring Desk

DOHA: United Nations Council to press to avert a Secretary-General Antonio humanitarian catastrophe Guterres said on Sunday he will not give up appealing for a humanitarian ceasefire in Gaza, adding that the war undermined the credibility and authority of the Security Council.

Gueterres was speaking at the Doha Forum conference as Washington vetoed on Friday a proposed UN Security Council demand for an immediate humanitarian ceasefire in the war between Israel and Palestinian militant group Hamas

"I urged the Security ing" chances. Qatar, where several political leaders of Hamas are based, has been leading and I reiterated my appeal for a humanitarian ceasefire to be declared," Guterres negotiations between the group and Israel.

Sheikh Mohammed Regrettably, the Sesaid hostages were released curity Council failed to do it, but that does not make from Gaza because of negotiations and not because it less necessary," he said. of Israel's military actions. "I will not give up,

The head of UNRWA, the UN aid agency for Palestinians Qatar's Prime Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin said the dehumanization Abdulrahman Al Thani of Palestinians has al told the gathering that lowed the international Doha will continue to prescommunity to tolerate sure Israel and Hamas for Israel's continued attacks a truce despite "narrowon Gaza

King Charles

photo for Christmas card Monitoring Desk

LONDON: A photograph of Britain's King charles and Queen Camilla crowned in Buckingham Palace the previous day into wa-

after their coronation has been chosen for called Diaoyu in China and the royal couple's Christmas card, inhabited islands are con-Buckingham Palace trolled by Japan but also claimed by China. said.

Charles was China's coast guard said

Monitoring Desk

'Today, the more we

crowned king in in a statement it had taken May, eight months necessary measures in accor-

after he ascended to the throne, in a majestic ceremony at London Westminster Abbey that traces its history back more than

palace said.

Demonstrators wave flags and carry placards while calling for a ceasefire in Gaza during the 'National March for Palestine' in central London.

China, Japan trade blame over confrontation near disputed islands

Monitoring Desk dance with the law to warn selects coronation BEIJING: China and Japan away the Japanese vessels. accused each other of mari-Japan's coast guard said on Saturday that two Chinese time incursions after a confrontation between their maritime patrol boats left Japan's territorial waters coast guards in waters around disputed islands in around the islands after receiving warnings. It said its the East China Sea.

China's coast guard patrol vessels were protectsaid on Sunday that a Japaing a Japanese fishing boat newly nese fishing boat and sevthat had been approached by eral patrol vessels intruded the Chinese ships. Similar incidents occurred in November and Octers around the tiny islands, tober. Asian maritime dis-Senkaku in Japan. The un-

putes involving China have been escalating. China and the Philippines traded accusations on Sunday over a collision between their vessels in a part of the South China Sea

each nation claims.

Iran says reviving nuclear deal 'useless' in prison

curbs on its nuclean programme in exchange for

a lifting of sanctions. But while the deal was signed with several world powers - including China, Russia, Britain, France, and Germany it was rendered effectively useless when the United States unilaterally withdrew under Trump in 2018.

With the US reimposing sanctions, international banks and businesses have stayed away from Iran for fear of falling foul of US regulators.

after violent clash in central Mexican town **Monitoring Desk**

MEXICO CITY: A violent confrontation between suspected criminals has left at least 11 people dead in the town of Texcaltitlan in central Mexico, state security officials said on Friday.

Eight of the deceased were suspected to be tied to criminal activities, the security ministry for the state of Mexico said in a statement, adding that three victims were members of the community.

State police were working with the National Guard and other authorities to provide more details on the incident, the statement added.

Iranian Nobel winner to start hunger strike

Monitoring Desk OSLO: Nobel Peace Prize winner Narges Mohammadi

will begin a new hunger strike from her prison cell in Iran as the prize is awarded in Oslo on Sunday, her family said on Saturday. Mohammadi, who has campaigned against the compulsory wearing of the hijab and the death penalty in Iran,

also jailed or in exile. will go on hunger strike "in solidarity" with a religious minority, her brother and husband told a press conference in the Norwegian capital on the eve of the Nobel award ceremony

Washington, allies to 'stand up' for stability in Taiwan's periphery **Monitoring Desk**

ally and Washington's rival SEOUL: US National Secureaffirmed the need to rity Adviser Jake Sullivan hold a trilateral summit at the said on Saturday Washing-"earliest" possible time. The ton and its Asia allies United States and its Westwould "stand up" for sta-bility across the Taiwan ern allies have increased "freedom of navigation" Strait, and reiterated their crossings by naval vessels in commitment to freedom of both the Taiwan Strait and navigation in the disputed the South China Sea, to reinforce that both are international waterways, angering His comments came

Beijing. "We will continue to during a joint briefing with his Tokyo and Seoul counterparts, after a trilateral stand up for peace and stability across the Taiwan meeting in South Korea. Late Strait and freedom of navilast month the top diplomats of South Korea, Japan and gation in the east and South China Seas.'



Argentina's new Vice President Victoria Villarruel and Argentina's President Javier Milei embrace during their swearing-in ceremony at the National Congress, in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Navalny camp sets strategy to disrupt Putin's path to new term Monitoring Desk

nerable. Putin declared his

candidacy for another six-

year term on Friday and

there is no serious rival to

challenge him, with oppo-

sition leader Alexei Navalny

rare opportunity to draw Russians into a political LONDON: With his hands on all the levers of power conversation and convince them that the Ukraine war in Russia, Vladimir Putin appears unbeatable in a and the economic strains it has brought are problems of presidential election but Putin's making. opposition activists scent a chance to show he is vul-

"Of course it's impos-sible to beat Putin in the 'elections'," top Navalny aide Leonid Volkov told Pautora "The circuit" Reuters. "The aim of our campaign is to change the political agenda in Russia."

serving more than 30 years The Kremlin says Putin will win another sixin prison and other critics year term because he com-With the Kremlin in mands overwhelming support across Russian socifull control of state media and able to decide who can ety, with opinion poll ratand cannot run, the Navalny ings of around 80%. So far only three people have decamp says this is not a real election. But it sees the 100clared their intention to day campaign window as a run against him

California blazes Portia Halbert, senior environmental scientist with California State Parks, who is supervising the burn. Before the undergrowth is ignited, the earth

is turned with shovels to create a containment line. Branches and shrubs

too close to fully grown trees are removed, and hoses are deployed to stop flames from getting out of control. The idea is to encourage the fire to consume only the forest floor, without spreading to the oaks and redwoods that loom over it. When wildfire breaks out in the future -

as it certainly will - it will have less fuel and will burn cooler and slower.

lihood of devastating "The best way to fight fire is with fire," says

1,000 years. Camilla, Charles FEHRAN: Iran said on Saturday that attempting to resecond wife, was vive its landmark nuclear crowned queen. deal with world powers that was effectively scrapped by former US president Donald Trump Charles is pictured wearing the Imperial State Crown, Robe of Estate and Coronation was increasingly "useless" Tunic, while Camilla wears Queen Mary's advance, the more the Crown, Robe of Estate and a dress designed by Bruce Oldfield.

JCPOA becomes useless," Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian said in a The photograph speech to students at the was taken by Hugo University of Tehran, us-Burnand in the ing the initials of the offi-Throne Room, the cial name of the nuclear deal. In 2015, Iran agreed to

At least 11 dead

Daily **Independent**, Gwadar

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Kashmiris' to continue struggle

till achievement of their

said

the PM said that India can

not suppress Kashmiris'

legitimate struggle by the

Kashmiris' ongoing struggle

for right to self determina-

tion would continue till they

achieve their cherished goal

of freedom from the Indian

occupation.Referring to the

Kashmiris' unwavering

commitment to the noble

cause, he said, "The torch

of freedom shall remain

alight as long as a single

said

Kashmiri is alive"

He

He said that the

dint of force.



MUZAFFRABAD: Activists of Pasban-e-Hurriyat shouting slogans, to express their solidarity with Palestinians and Kashmir's during a protest rally on the eve of Human Rights Day, at Azadi Chowk.

Founder's legacy upheld: Pakistani govt, nation stands firm on Palestine issue: Ashrafi

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister's Special Representative on Religious Harmony and Pakistani Diaspora in the Middle East and Islamic Countries, Hafiz Muhammad Tahir Mahmood Ashrafi. on Sunday asserted that the government of Pakistan and the nation had remained steadfastly united on the issue of Palestine since day

one Speaking at a press conference held at the Press Information Department, he emphasized that on this International Human Rights Day, he aimed to spotlight Israeli atrocities in Gaza at the global stage.

Ashrafi who is also the Chairman of Pakistan Ulema Council underlined that both Palestine and

Kashmir were not only is- from 2004, 2006, and presues of humanity but also vital concerns for the Muslim Ummah. He stated that Pakistan had consistently shown unwavering support for Palestine throughout its history He emphasized the

significance of acknowledging the vision of Pakistan's founder, Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah, who advocated for an independent and sovereign Pal-estine state with Al-Quds bally as its capital.

Ashrafi said Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar reaffirmed this position at the recent Arab-Islamic Summit in Rivadh, aligning with Pakistan's consistent support for the two-state solution exaddress Israeli crimes in pressed in OIC meetings Gaza

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chairman Water and Develceding years. Following the opment Authority (WAPDA) Engr Lt Gen Gaza events on October 7 Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar, Foreign Affairs Minister Sajjad Ghani (Retd) on Sunday visited Diamer Basha Jalil Abbas Jilani, and Chief of Army Staff Gen-Dam Project to review the river diversion system. which is operational since eral Syed Asim Munir had last week after partial diactively engaged in unwavering efforts for peaceversion of River Indus at Diamer Basha Dam Project building and voicing their concerns against Israeli agsite. The diversion system gression in Palestine at all

the relevant forums glo-E m p h a s i z i n g Pakistan's stance in the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and the United Nations, he said dam site, said a press re-Pakistan highlighted the nation's call for the establease lishment of a tribunal to

Diamer Basha Dam tially last week through the diversion system constructed for the purpose. Now-a-days, mighty River Indus is flowing mainly through diversion tunnel and diversion canal while

MIRPUR

mir State.

Reviews river diversion system

Chairman WAPDA visits

(APP)::Azad Jammu Kash-

mir Prime Minister

Chaudhry Anwar ul Haq

has said that India was

committing serious viola-

tions of human rights in

Occupied Jammu & Kash-

expressed these views

while addressing a seminar,

which was organised by

Kashmir Policy Research

Institute to mark world hu-

man rights day in the fed-

eral metropolis on Sunday.

Speaking on the occasion

Prime Minister Haq

partly through its natural course Chairman WAPDA also reviewed construction progress on different sites of the project CEO GM Project Director Diamer Basha Dam and represen-

consists of about one Kilometer (Km) - long diversion tatives of the Consultants tunnel, 0.857 Km-long diand the Contractors were also present during the version canal and two coffer (starter) dams – one at Chairman's visit. the upstream and other at The Chairman was the downstream of the main briefed about the test-run

of the diversion system. The diversion tunnel and WAPDA succeeded in diversion canal both are

diverting River Indus par- functioning satisfactorily.

Governor Balochistan meets Sindh counterpart; discusses various issues Independent Report

cussed.

Speaking on the occa-

Mubasher said upon attaché stated that the trade

cherished goal of freedom Kashmiris can go to any eties where humanity is alive"

extent to get their motherland freed from Indian oc-While condemning induction of a regime of new cupation. He said that the price of freedom has to be laws in Kashmir by the Inpaid with blood. "The freedian government, he said dom is something that canthat these laws were meant not be achieved through to change the region's deany intellectual debate", he mography and to convert Muslim majority into a mi-

Citing to rising ties of nority in Kashmir. xenophobia, religious ex-He said that India tremism and persecution of must realize that it cannot religious minorities in the hold the Kashmiri nation Indian society and utter dishostage for a long on the regard for human rights, the basis of oppression. PM said, "Human rights and values flourish in soci-

India, he said, was trying to mislead the world.



OUETTA: Former MNAAgha Hassan Baloch addressing on the occasion of International Day of Human Rights organized by Voice for Baloch Missing

SA assessing advancements in FTA to enhance trade with **Pakistan: Commercial Attache**

ISLAMABAD (APP): Saudi Commercial Attaché in Pakistan, Mubasher bin Abdullah Al-Shohri on Sunday said the Kingdom's officials were currently assessing advancements in the initial Free Trade Agreement (FTA) aimed at enhancing trade with Pakistan, with the anticipated commencement of the third

presence of specialized inphase in the near future. Talking to media, he stitutions facilitating trade said following the initial exchanges between the two trade agreement reached in fraternal nations, adding Rivadh on September 28, that these entities meticuinvolving Gulf Cooperalously were assessing the tion Council member counopportunities and facilities tries and Pakistan, the offered by both countries, pertinent legal committee strategically leveraging was meticulously scrutithem to augment the volnizing progress on various ume of bilateral trade. issues

volume between Saudi Arabia and Pakistan had surged to 61 billion riyals (\$16.3 billion) from September 2020 to 2023, underscoring the trust and cooperation between the two brotherly nations.

He said both sides were actively engaged in concerted efforts to double this figure, aiming to elevate trade further. "There is optimism that we will successfully attain our goals in this regard," he maintained.

Mubasher said the commercial department at the Saudi Embassy worked together with the cooperation of the relevant institutions in order to identify significant opportunities The Saudi commercial and promote bilateral trade with Pakistan.

PESHAWAR: Jamat-e-Islami (JI) Chief, Siraj-ul-Haq addresses to his supporters during public gathering meeting held in Peshawar.

Balochistan Education Board sports trials start on Dec 13

profound grief over sad demise ofAfridi KARACHI (PR) The

APNS expresses profound grief over the sad demise of Mr Rehmat Shah Afridi, a senior journalist and founder of Daily Frontier Post

Mrs Nazafreen Saigol Lakhani President and Sarmad Ali Secretary General of the All Pakistan Newspapers Society in a joint statement have appredifferent sectors and other ciated the contribution of Mr Afridi in the promotion

APNS expresses

QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar met the Governor Sindh, Kamran Khan Ressori at Governor

House. Karachi the other During the course of meeting, the matters about enhancing inter-province cooperation as well as the exchange of delegations in

mutual interests were dis-

sion, Governor Sindh said that both provinces would benefit from mutual cooperation in education, health and other sectors. Governor Balochistan on the occasion appreciated the initiatives taken by the Governor Sindh saying that the general public are benefitting from the exemplary initiatives.

the completion of this review, the legal committee would formulate a comprehensive action plan, paving the way for the initiation of the third phase. This phase would specifically address legal matters, ensuring their organization and subsequent implementation, he added. He highlighted the

QUETTA (INP): In preparation for the selection of teams representing the cember 14 at Yazdan Khan School. The girls' badminton trials are scheduled for Balochistan Education Board, trials for various sports are set to kick off on December 13. Organized by the Balochistan Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education, the trials will be conducted to scout talented individuals for participation in the upcoming All Pakistan Inter Board Sports Gala, scheduled to take place from December 20 to December 28.

Mohammad Bakhsh Marri, Director of Sports at the Balochistan Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education, outlined the schedule for the trials. The athletics trials for both boys and girls are slated for December 13 at Ayub Stadium. Following this, table tennis trials for boys and

December 15. The selected teams will have the opportunity to compete in the All Pakistan Inter Board Sports Gala, where girls' competitions will unfold from December 20 to 23, and boys competitions will be held

from December 25 to 28. The gala will witness the participation of teams from various boards across the country, engaging in a range of sports events including athletics, table tennis, badminton, hockey, volleyball, Former federal minister and kabaddi.

The culmination of the event will see the distribution of prizes among accepted. the victorious players, adding a competitive edge and celebratory spirit to the Anti-Corruption Establish-

ment and would be now presented before an anticorruption court on Monday, December 11. Fawad was presented before the duty judge Ghulam Mustafa at the ju-

dicial complex Rawalpindi authorities to present the accused in the relevant court after approving the plea for the physical re-

with PML-N dates for a strategic seat

lim League-N (PML-N). The committee representing the Istehkam-e-Pakistan Party, comprising Ishaq Khakwani, Aoun Chaudhry, and Nauman Langriyal, collaborated closely with the party' leadership to compile the comprehensive list. The IPP leadership is scheduled with the power of people's

The JI chief held the N later tonight.

aims to propose seat adjust-

province. They stated that under his leadership daily Frontier Post played a prominent role to safeguard the freedom of press in the country. The APNS office bear-

of English Journalism in the Khyber Pakhtoonkhwa

ers offered their condolence to the bereaved family and colleagues and prayed that Allah may rest the departed soul in eternal peace.

Fawad's 1-day physical remand accepted RAWALPINDI (INP)

Fawad Chaudhry's oneday physical remand in a corruption case has been After the decision, he was handed over to the Affairs Murtaza Solangi on

Sunday said that the future of aesthetic physicians was bright, everyone wants to look good. Addressing a function organized by the Association of Aesthetic Physicians of Pakistan here, the minister congratulated

The judge asked the the management for organizing the event. physicians and their busi-

IPP prepares lists for seatsharing deal

LAHORE (INP): The Istehkam-e-Pakistan Party (IPP) has meticulously crafted a list of constituencies and potential candi-

Mumtaz Zehri has expressed her disappointadjustment with the Musment over the United Nations' disappointing performance regarding Palestine and America's once again vetoing the ceasefire resolution. She said that rejecting the ceasefire resolution in Gaza in the United Nations Security Council is tantamount to enmity

against humanity. to present the seat adjust Mumtaz Zehri said in her ment roster to the commitstatement that the role of tee designated by the PML the United Nations is getting weaker and Israel and Sources reveal that the the United States seem to Istehkam-e- Pakistan Party

be dominating the United ments for 20 seats in the Nations, while the silence of the Muslim countries is National Assembly, with beyond comprehension. 19 of them located in Punjab She said that the martyrand one in Karachi. dom of innocent Palestin-

Future of aesthetic physicians bright: Murtaza Solangi RAWALPINDI (APP): was everyone's desire. He said that the expansion of Caretaker Federal Minister for Information, Broadthe scope of the Associacasting and Parliamentary

tion of Aesthetic Physicians of Pakistan will significantly improve the aesthetic health scenario in Pakistan and it will also benefit the people at the grassroots level. He said that the man-

date and duration of the caretaker government were limited, but it would try to address the complaints of the He said that aesthetic Aesthetic Physicians Association of Pakistan and pronesses had a prominent vide it with all possible faposition in the health sci- cilities within the legal ences because looking good framework.

ians in the recent attacks

international human

rights organizations and a

blot on the name of hu-

ticle 99 to stop the ongoing

human tragedy in Palestine,

there has been a severe

shortage of food, fuel, wa-

Life in the holy land

Senator

ter and medicines.

Despite invoking Ar-

manity

last day. Ministry of Religious Affairs is considering extending the submission him in court. period by 7 to 10 days to

cations and ensure wider participation in the Hajj pilgrimage. Despite slashing Hajj expenses and introducing short-term Hajj facilities, the number of applications has dropped this on Gaza and Khan Yunis year too. is a moment of concern for

Nadeem Afzal Chan Govt likely to refuses to testify against ex-PM in £190 mln case

> ISLAMABAD (INP): compiled the list of wit-Former special assistant to the ex-prime minister on parliamentary coordination Nadeem Afzal Chan has refused to testify against Khan in court. According to details,

Nadeem Afzal Chan has denied becoming a witness against the PTI founding chief in the £190 mln settlement case. He stated that NAB had inquired into the case and he shared whatever information he had and added not to testify against the former prime minister in the court. Nadeem Afzal Chan mentioned that since the PTI founder is in jail,

lion scandal which includes former defense minister Pervaiz Khattak, Zubaida Jalal, Nadeem Afzal Chan and Azam Khan. The witnesses list

nesses in NCA £190 mil-

also includes Asset Recovery Unit, Federal Investigation Authority (FIA) and cabinet division officer.

Earlier, former PTI Minister Zubaida Jalal made startling revelations before National Accountability Bureau (NAB) in the National Crime Agency (NCA) £190 million scan-

Zubaida Jalal told he will not testify against NAB in her statement that she urged the cabinet for "When he [Khan] was investigation into this matin power, I used to tell him ter but former prime minister Imran Khan didn't listen to her.

She further revealed that the NCA £190 million was approved despite objections from cabinet members and the minutes of the Accountability Bureau has meeting were kept secret.

these things. However, he is in jail now and my school of thought is not that of talking against someone who is oppressed or incarcerated," he stated. Meanwhile, National

the UN Security Council has failed miserably in fulfilling its responsibility. Samina Mumtaz Zehri further said that most of the population in Gaza and Khan Yunis have been displaced and

of Palestine is dying and the unwashed Palestinians, including children, elderly and QUETTA: People purchase used goods due to price hiking, at makeshift women, are fighting for surweekly market located on Benazir Flyover Joint road. vival in hunger and thirst.

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Samina

Independent Report

QUETTA: Senator Samina

Senator



QUETTA: A view of dry leaves scattered on the ground during cold and dry weather in the city.

JI chief vows ethical social media engagement for a brighter Pakistan (INP):

and propaganda.

Siraj said that his party would use social media for the sake of Allah's religion. "We will also employ the power of social media against corruption.

convention on Sunday, as-Siraj emphasised that serted that his workers would utilise social media until February 8, the power for campaigning, but would of social media should be not engage in false propaharnessed for the bright fuganda against anyone. ture of the country. He Siraj stated that the added that the future government would be formed

while

purpose of JI's social media efforts was to identify the leadership of the new generation. "Our goal is to light the candle of hope for the people of Pakistan."

PESHAWAR

Sirajul Haq,

Jamaat-e-Islami chief

emphasising the signifi-

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ing the party's social media

The JI chief mentioned that the Islamabad High Court had examined the social media departments of all parties and found that the JI's social media wing was free of lies

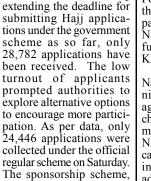
view that only with the power of social media could an effective response be given to those who supported Israel.

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He expressed that the people of Pakistan were standing by the oppressed Muslims of Gaza.

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aimed at facilitating pilgrims, received a modest 174 applications on the



