

PM commends UAE's \$30bn climate fund as historic

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar while lauding the United Arab Emirates announcement of a \$30 billion fund to channel investments to mitigate climate change, has said that the climate fund initiative by the UAE is promising and will be translated into tangible projects, especially in the Global South. However, at the same time, the prime minister noted that the challenge was global, and the contribution has to be global as well. "It is not just the UAE who should cater to climate mitigation," he opined during an interview with Alethad, a UAE newspaper.

The caretaker prime minister also highlighted the importance of modern knowledge-based economies and the transformation towards low carbon, add-

ing that Pakistan considered the climate change a "national security challenge" and a shared global issue. He said the climate change was a common challenge to all of them, whether it was a small nation or a large nation. Elaborating his viewpoint, the caretaker prime minister further said that one could not rely on the assumption that drought would only affect a particular country, or a hurricane would target a specific nation, or the melting of a glacier would only occur in certain regions.

"Yes, there will be more vulnerable countries, but that vulnerability does not protect others. Climate change is changing its face, shape, and form, affecting more or less the entire globe," the media outlet quoted the prime minister as saying.



DUBAI: Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar meets the Pakistani students who won the award in one of the categories of Zayed Sustainability Awards 2023.

Levies rendered great sacrifices in war against terror: Jan Achakzai & Zubair Jamali pay homage to martyr Levies personnel

QUETTA: The caretaker Provincial Minister for Information, Jan Achakzai and Minister for Home, Mir Zubair Jamali have expressed condolence and deep grief and sorrow over the martyrdom of two Levies force cops in Duki.

In their separate condolence and commendation statements issued here on Sunday, they paid homage to the Levies force personnel martyred in exchange of fire with armed criminals. Jan Achakzai said that we are proud of sacrifices of the martyrs. He said

that our brave Levies jawans embraced martyrdom during the operation against criminals.

He expressed condolence with the bereaved families of the martyrs and prayed for them.

He also prayed that may Allah Almighty rest the departed souls into its eternal peace and give enough strength and patience to the bereaved families to bear the tragic loss.

Similarly, Mir Zubair Jamali said that Levies force has rendered great sacrifices in the war against terrorism.

Peace, love, hospitality woven into tapestry of Sindhi culture: Zardari

KARACHI (INP): Former president Asif Ali Zardari on Sunday felicitated all Sindhis on the occasion of Sindhi Culture Day, PPP Sindhi Culture Day.

In his felicitation message, the PPP leader said that nations are identified by their cultures, and the culture of Sindhi has a history of peace, love, bravery and hospitality. Zardari recalled that the PPP founding leader, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, had established a ministry to preserve the cultures of all communities residing in Pakistan.

He said that the Lok Virsa Museum in Islamabad narrates the history of the cultures of the communities residing in the country.



QUETTA: Members of Supreme Welfare Society and disable persons participate in awareness walk, in connection of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, held at Quetta press club.

Missing facilities exposing citizens to health hazards

QUETTA (APP): Insufficient facilities of standard Intensive Care Units (ICUs) and Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) laboratories as well as ineffective scientific approach to deal with epidemics exposed thousands of Balochistan residents to hazardous spread of epidemics. Application of scientific approaches like Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) and Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) was also yet to be fully in place as witnessed in recent emergence of Crimean-Congo Haemorrhagic Fever virus (CCHF).

Healthcare staff including doctors, nurses and paramedics was also seen falling short of meeting international standards of treatment for CCHF as its recent spread claimed four lives and many had to be shifted to Karachi hospitals.

Although timely efforts of the caretaker government yielded some positive results, minimizing the risk of the epidemic spread to a great extent, yet one doctor, a paramedic and two other citizens lost their lives in recent sudden outbreak of the epidemic. However, the year-wide figure of deceased and infected people had been.....and..... respectively. This situation raises multiple questions on existing flaws within the health system urging the need for better adherence to global guidelines designed for best healthcare and curbing the spread of antimicrobial resistance (AMR) and pathogens. "Soon after the CCHF outbreak in Quetta, the health department shifted the infected patients including doctors, nurses and health workers to Karachi to control the situation.

tion, essay writing in Urdu and English, calligraphy and poster making for college students in Quetta, Pishin and Chaman districts. The NAB arranges annual competitions for students in universities,



LAHORE: Special Assistant to Prime Minister on Interfaith Harmony Maulana Tahir Ashrafi addressing during Interfaith Harmony Conference at local hotel.

Ashrafi emphasises collective efforts to promote interfaith harmony

LAHORE (APP): Special Representative to the Prime Minister on Religious Harmony and the Pakistani Diaspora in Middle East and Islamic Countries Hafiz Tahir Mehmood Ashrafi has stressed the need for collective efforts from all stakeholders to promote interfaith harmony in the country, as it is the key pillar of development.

He was addressing the Interfaith Harmony Council conference, hosted by International Interfaith Harmony Council here at a local hotel on Sunday. The

conference was arranged with an aimed to bringing together a diverse array of religious scholars and leaders from various faiths, all united under the common goal of promoting harmony and thwarting divisive agendas. Ashrafi, who is also the chairman of Pakistan Ulema Council, said the most important thing for interfaith harmony was mutual respect between religious denominations and the acceptance of others, adding that nobody should abandon their religion and beliefs, nor should they attack the reli-

gion and beliefs of others.

The Pakistan's Constitution guaranteed the rights of every citizen living in the country, he remarked and mentioned that minority communities should come together for development of the country. He said that every religion teaches peace and love and discourages hatred, adding that the government and security forces had always stood shoulder to shoulder with the minority communities. Ashrafi said that Pakistan always desires peaceful and produc-

tive relations with all neighboring countries, adding that peace is the only message of Pakistan as it is curtail for any country's development. He said that state-of-the-art facilities were being provided to religious tourists as per direction of Caretaker Prime Minister and Army Chief. He said Pakistan always wholeheartedly welcomed all religious tourists coming from across the world. Kartarpur Corridor was made operational as a gesture of peace and the Sikh pilgrims were invited to visit their holy places.

Pakistan defeats India, bags vice-chairmanship of UNESCO executive board

ISLAMABAD (INP): Pakistan has been elected as Vice Chair of the UNESCO executive board defeating its historical opponent India by 20 votes for the term 2023 to 2025. Pakistan was elected as Vice Chair of the UNESCO Executive Board for the term 2023-2025 from the Asia Pacific Group. The elections were held at the 218th Session of the UNESCO Executive Board held in Paris.

In the elections, Pakistan secured 38 votes whereas India got 18. The re-election of Pakistan for the UNESCO Executive Board will be very beneficial for the country.

The re-election is proof of Pakistan's longstanding support and constructive role in the United Nations.

The Executive Board plays an important role in shaping the organization's policies and programs. The vice-chairmanship of the Executive Board of UNESCO will provide Pakistan an excellent opportunity to enhance its diplomatic relations and cooperation with other member countries. Pakistan will play an important role in global advocacy and cooperation on issues of education, culture, science and communication.

PM greets people on observance of Sindhi Cultural Day

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Sunday congratulated the people of Sindh province on observance of Sindhi Cultural Day and said that the Sindhi culture was one of the fascinating colours of different civilizations and cultures of Pakistan. In a message shared by PM Office Media Wing in a press release, the prime minister said the Sindhi Cultural Day was being celebrated to mark the centuries-old beautiful culture and customs.



KARACHI: Folk singer performing Sindhi song during celebration of Sindhi Ajrak Topi Culture Day at Karachi Press Club.

Sirajul Haq deems PM 'selection' between blue-eyed, super blue-eyed persons unacceptable

LAHORE (INP): Jamaat-e-Islami chief Sirajul Haq on Sunday said that the 'selection' of the prime minister based on being either a blue-eyed person or a super blue-eyed person in the next general elections is not acceptable—an obvious reference to the PML-N supreme and the former PTI chairman.

The JJ leader, during a press conference at Mansoor, stressed the need for a systemic change

in the country, saying that it went beyond merely changing faces.

He expressed his concern over the escalating injustice and despair in the country, highlighting the distress of the common man as the entire nation remains entangled in a quagmire.

"The country's youth will continue their efforts from December 10 to February 8 for the elections. We are hopeful that the elections will be held in the

country. The country will have to face severe hardships if the democracy is derailed," he said.

The JJ chief berated former rulers for prioritising stashing of their bank balances over public welfare. According to Siraj, the past decade has been a nightmare for the people, witnessing a sequence of governments, including the PTI, a coalition government for 16 months, and now a caretaker setup.

NAB Balochistan inspires student talent with divisional competitions

ISLAMABAD (APP): The National Accountability Bureau (NAB) Balochistan in collaboration with the Education Department, on Sunday conducted divisional-level competitions, featuring declama-

colleges, and schools, aiming to cultivate awareness and vigilance against corruption.

Dr. Saeed Ahmed Khan from Mercy Corps Balochistan served as the chief guest, alongside the

from other educational institutions were present.

The students conveyed their perspectives on the detrimental effects of corruption in their own and unique ways. Throughout the program, the chief



guests of honor Director NAB Balochistan Haroon Rasheed and Director of Higher and Technical Education Colleges Professor Dr. Kaleemullah. Apart from them, a large number of teachers and students

guest, Director NAB Haroon Rasheed and other guests shared their sentiments opposing corruption. In their speeches, they underscored the vital role of educational institutions in combating corruption.

Greets Sindhi people on Sindhi Culture Day: CM stresses need to celebrate important days of all nationalities at national level

INDEPENDENT REPORT QUETTA: The caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki has stressed the need to celebrate important days of all nationalities at national level in order to promote peaceful environment. In a message issued on the Sindhi Culture Day observed on Sunday, the Chief Minister congratulated the Sindhi brethren and sisters living all over the world on their Culture Day.

He said we need to celebrate the important days of all nationalities so that they could play their role in development and prosperity of the country. The Chief Minister

said culture spreads the colour of happiness in life of the people. He said that the culture of Pakistan is a combination and bouquet of different cultures and the Sindhi culture is prominent among them. He also said that the Sindhi culture is the culture of peace, love, beautiful tradition and solidarity. He said that it is our top responsibility to keep alive all cultures of Pakistan and motivate the younger generation to get education and consciousness.

He said that culture, civilization, love and human respect is the name of connecting with the motherland.

Bugti flays firing incident on passenger bus in Chilas

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Federal Minister for Interior Faraz Ahmed Bugti on Sunday strongly condemned the firing incident on a passenger bus in Gilgit-Baltistan's Chilas area on late Saturday evening.

Deeply saddened by the loss of precious lives due to firing by terrorists, the Minister expressed sorrow and grief over the martyrdom of the passengers due to firing by the terrorists and expressed heartfelt sympathy with the bereaved families of the martyrs and injured.

Targeting civilians is a cowardly act, the minister said in his message adding that Anti-national elements are trying to sabotage the peace of Gilgit-Baltistan however such cowardly acts boost the morale of our valiant forces to fight the terrorism with more vigor and bravery. The minister further said that the enemies of the country want to destroy the peace of a peaceful area like Gilgit-Baltistan but they will be failed.

He said that the sacrifices of the Pakistani nation in the war against terrorism will not go in vain.



QUETTA: President of Local Councils Officers Association, Hafiz Munir Ahmad Kurd along with others addresses to media persons during press conference held at Quetta press club.

Speakers for holistic, inclusive strategy to address PWDs challenges

QUETTA (APP): The speakers at a seminar in connection with the Person With Disabilities (PWDs) global day called for a holistic and inclusive strategy to address the challenges faced by the marginalized communities of the society that demand urgent attention to become an active member of the society.

On the occasion, Secretary Social Welfare Syed Sikandar Shah, Commissioner Quetta Division Hamza Shafiqat, Senior Area Program Manager of Islamic Relief Afzal Haider Khan, President Quetta Online Zia Khan, DG Social Welfare Tariq Mengal, Dr. Humayun Amiri, Dr. Saeed Ullah representative of Mercy Corps, Dr. Sarmad, Dr. Ayub Akbari, Nasir Iqbal, Dr. Tahir Rashid from BRSP, Ahmed Jalal, Riyaz Baloch,

Zarghuna Wado were present. Balochistan Caretaker Chief Minister Ali Mardan Khan Domki and Adviser to CM for Social Welfare Shania Khan were also participated in the ceremony. Secretary Social Welfare Syed Sikandar Shah called to play a joint role to utilize the talent of persons with disabilities and make them useful citizens in order to put the country on the path of development and prosperity. He said "we have to provide them with education and training, rehabilitation services and access to information and communication technology to meet the demands of the present age." The Secretary while addressing a ceremony organized in the collaboration of Islamic Relief, Quetta Online, Social Welfare Department, UNICEF, Mercy Corps and other organizations.



QUETTA: Balochistan Archery Association leader, Asif Lango addresses to participants during seminar organized by Balochistan Archery Association, held at Quetta press club.

PTI's intra-party election against principles of democracy: Khattak

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revealed a lack of democracy in the party.

He claimed that the former chairman of PTI did not tolerate anyone and his irrational decisions caused the dissolution of Punjab and KP assemblies. Following the end of the PTI Government in the centre, Pervez Khattak claimed that the former PTI chairman thought he would not let the country run and wanted to spread political chaos in the country, and KP and Punjab assemblies were prematurely dissolved.

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Talking to media persons here, Pervez Khattak said the PTI election has