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ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif Alvi addressing the inaugural session of the Islamabad Conclave 2023 titled "Pakistan in a changing world", at the Institute of Strategic Studies.

"Balochistan entangled in long-standing tribal feuds": Grand tribal Jirga invites "enraged" Balochs to join national mainstream to play effective role in dev. of country

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QUETTA: The grand tribal Jirga has called for resolving all long-standing tribal disputes and invited the "enraged" Balochs to join the national mainstream. The Jirga unanimously decided to expedite the efforts for establishing sustainable peace in the province. The Jirga was of the strong view that the solution can be found out to resolve the issues being faced, and invited the angry Baloch leaders to come on the dialogue table. The tribal Jirga was held at the Chief Minister secretariat here on Wednesday. Prominent among those present in the tribal Jirga were the caretaker Chief Minister Mir Ali Mardan Domki, tribal elder Nawab Muhammad Khan

Shahwani, Sardar Umar Khan Gorgaj, caretaker Provincial Minister for Youth Affairs, Mir Jamal Khan Raisani, Minister for Home, Mir Zubair Jamali, former militant commander, Gulzar Imam Shambay besides other notables. Addressing the participants of Jirga, the caretaker Chief Minister Mir Ali Mardan Domki regretfully pointed out that Balochistan is entangled in the long-standing tribal disputes. He said that the efforts can be expedited to end the tribal clashes through elders. The Chief Minister minced no words when he said that we are ready to hold talks with everyone. However, the relaxation of the state may not be considered as it's weakness.

He said that it would be our humble request to all elders to take personal interest in resolving the burning issues of the tribal disputes. He invited the angry Balochs present abroad or on mountains through tribal Jirga to join the national mainstream. He said that the state has always played the role of great mother and kind father and would continue to do so in future. He asserted that no one would be allowed to sabotage peace of the province. Addressing the Jirga, the tribal chieftain of Shahwani tribe, Nawab Muhammad Khan Shahwani stressed that it is necessary to restore trust among the government and tribal personalities for establishing sustainable peace in the province.

Pakistan needs dynamic approach to address threats to regional peace: President

ISLAMABAD (APP): President Dr Arif Alvi on Wednesday said amid the challenging global scenario, Pakistan required a dynamic approach to address the threats to regional peace. Addressing the inaugural session of Islamabad Conclave 2023 themed "Pakistan in a changing world" organized by Institute of Strategic Studies Islamabad (ISSI), he said Pakistan must consciously rediscover its vision in the wake of super power rivalries and interference of neighbouring states. The president, in this regard, emphasized close liaison among politicians and parliamentarians, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Defence for effective deliberations and policy-making.

President Alvi said Pakistan's strategic shift from geo-politics to geo-economic and the regional situation in the wake of India's belligerence needed the policies in line with regional and systemic developments. President Alvi said the civilized world today had forgotten the principles of morality and was witnessing prevalence of wars waged by powerful against weaker segments. The situation in Gaza, he said, was an alarming sign of the apathy of the world which could not stop the massacre of innocent people including women and children. He regretted that even the gory imagery of Gaza killings could not shake the world's conscience, terming it a failure of the intellect of mankind.

Nation should have no doubt about general elections on February 8: PM Kakar

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar said that the nation should not have any doubts about the general elections, scheduled to be held on February 8, 2024. "I have no doubt about it... The concerns are often associated with our political system. We have a history of our own," he remarked in an interview with Independent Urdu, published on Wednesday. The prime minister expressed the hope that the elections would be held in free and fair manner. To a question, he said he did not consider the general elections of the 70s as a benchmark either as many people had different opinions about those polls. "Of course, they were very transparent. At that time, it was already decided

before the elections which way they would go to, so I consider it a problem," he added. He said as the arrangements were in place, and he was hopeful that the caretaker government would be able to give results in a relatively better way. The prime minister said that he endorsed the Election Commission's denial of any delay in the polls. "They (Election Commission) have to conduct (elections). We are with them." He said as per the Election Commission, the election schedule will cover 56 days, based on which the schedule should be announced by December 14. Asked about the notions of elections being associated with the decline in Imran Khan's popularity

and his exclusion from the electoral process, the prime minister termed it a political analysis. However, the elections would judge the popularity of any political leader, he commented. To a question about the participation of Imran Khan or his party in the general elections, he that there was no restriction on him as yet. "However, if something unusual comes up, I can't say anything about it. As of today, they are in a position to contest elections and they will contest." About the disappearances and resurfacing of PTI leaders, the prime minister said such people went into hiding, fearing arrest for their involvement in attacks on state institutions on May 9.



ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar chairs a meeting on Task Force of Polio Eradication.



QUETTA: Caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki expressing his views at Grand Jirga regarding peace and reconciliation process in the province

Solangi unveils 24-hour PTV Multan Center, vows to ensure transparent polls

Says PTV Multan transmission thru satellite to open new avenues of opportunities for poets, artists

MULTAN (APP): Caretaker Federal Minister for Information, Broadcasting and Parliamentary Affairs Murtaza Solangi said on Wednesday that general elections would be held on February 8, 2024 and full preparations were underway to accomplish the task in a fair and transparent manner. Talking to media persons at the inaugural ceremony of the 24-hour regional transmission of Pakistan Television Multan, he said that the people would ultimately decide the next government of the country and formally give the mandate on elections day through the ballot. He dispelled any doubt by some quarters about the holding of general elections. He pointed out that Preamble of the Constitution had indicated that elected representatives would ultimately run the affairs of the country.

Answering a question, he said the media was free and the judiciary was independent in the country. Solangi said that multiple voices and slogans were the hallmark of democracy and no one should worry about the democratic norms. "Democracy does not harbour sheer silence just like a graveyard," he remarked. He said at the moment, the performance of the next parliament and government could not be assessed in advance. "We will hand over affairs of the country to the next government in a better state than the point when the caretaker government took over the charge," he added. He categorically stated that fundamental decision-making was not the task of caretaker government, and it was surely the responsibility of an elected government and elected parliament. However, he said the

present caretaker regime would do whatever the possible within next two months for the betterment of the country. To a question, he said that Ministry of Food Security was doing its job in an efficient manner, and steps were being taken for agriculture sector development under SIFC. He said the Federal government would work with provinces for the development of this sector despite the fact that agriculture was the provincial subject. He said that Pakistan Television has officially commenced the 24-hour regional broadcasting from Multan Center. The minister said that the PTV Multan Center would broadcast eight current affairs programmes in a week. Moreover, it would also produce music, literature and children programmes from PTV Multan.

IHC rejects Imran petition seeking withdrawal of his appeal plea against EC decision

ISLAMABAD (Online): Islamabad High Court (IHC) has rejected PTI chairman Imran Khan petition seeking withdrawal of his appeal plea against Election Commission (EC) decision in Toshakhana reference. The court announced reserved judgment on PTI chairman petition to withdraw his appeal plea against EC October 21, 2022 decision. The decision was announced by Chief

Justice (CJ) IHC Aamer Farooq here Wednesday. The court rejected chairman PTI petition. The court had reserved judgment on September 13 after hearing the arguments of the respondents. It is pertinent to mention here chairman PTI had challenged EC October 21, 2022 decision. Chairman PTI wants to withdraw the appeal from IHC and run it in Lahore High Court.



MULTAN: Caretaker Federal Minister for Information, Broadcasting and Parliamentary Affairs Murtaza Solangi unveiling plaque to inaugurate the PTV National Multan 24/7 transmission at PTV Centre.

SC seeks reply in appeal against census in Balochistan

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Supreme Court (SC) Wednesday sought reply from additional attorney general and advocate general Balochistan in an appeal against census in the province. A three-member bench of the top court presided by Justice Ijaz ul Ahsan heard the case. At the outset of hearing, Justice Ijaz ul Ahsan noted that the petitioner had objected over the participation of acting chief minister in the meeting of council of common interests. Additional Attorney

General Aamer Rehman said that the decisions of the top court were clear related to the CCI. He argued that the objection was not raised by any relevant person. Petitioner's lawyer Kamran Murtaza said that fundamental rights of the citizens were connected with the census. Addressing the lawyer, Justice Ahsan said that the Chief Minister whom you elected did not object to the census. "Now the solution may be that you should not vote for this person again in the future," he said.

Dr Shamsah awarded with 'Most Influential Woman in Islamic Business and Finance 2023'

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Minister for Finance, Revenue, and Economic Affairs Dr Shamsah Akhtar was honoured with the prestigious Award of the 'Most Influential Woman in Islamic Business and Finance 2023' at the 5th Annual WOMANi event held in Dubai, organized by

Cambridge IFA. Dr. Akhtar's outstanding contributions to the field were recognized, especially her unwavering commitment and groundbreaking efforts in advancing Islamic finance and economics globally. The Ministry of Finance Wednesday posted on X.

PM orders emergency polio eradication plan for high-risk areas

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Wednesday directed formulation of an emergency polio eradication plan and launch of integrated programmes in high-risk union councils. Chairing a meeting on Task Force on Polio Eradication, he emphasized monitoring of polio vaccination campaigns by using modern technology. Expressing the recent report of police cases, the prime minister regretted that the crippling disease, which was eradicated from the globe, still existed in Pakistan and Afghanistan. PM Kakar said regarding the use of Inactivated Polio Virus (IPV) vaccine, best international practices and research needed to be taken into consideration. He directed resumption of the regular polio immunization campaign across the country.

Military College Sui manifestation of our national unity: Governor

Exhorts cadets of Military College to take wholehearted part in development and construction of country and brighten name of province

QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar has stated that the Military College Sui is manifestation of our national solidarity, adding he exhorted the cadets to take wholehearted part in the development and construction of country and nation brightening name of the province. He said that the marvellous achievement of the cadets is guarantee of the bright future of Military College Sui. He stressed that the time has come that we may use physical and mental potential of our younger generation in the best interest of the country and nation.

of faculty, cadets and their parents were present at the ceremony. The Governor said that what we are seeing regarding ability of the students of Military College Sui and its overall performance is the dream that comes true for it was established some 12 years ago. He said that the marvellous achievement of the cadets is guarantee of the bright future of Military College Sui. He stressed that the time has come that we may use physical and mental potential of our younger generation in the best interest of the country and nation.

Inclusion of Justice Ijaz in SJC as member challenged in SC

ISLAMABAD (Online): The inclusion of Justice Ijaz ul Ahsan as member in Supreme Judicial Council (SJC) in the matter of proceedings against Justice Mazhar Ali Naqvi has been challenged in Supreme Court (SC). Mian Dad advocate has filed a constitutional petition in SC making federal government and secretary SJC respondents. Complete order sheet of former CCPO Ghulam Muhammad Dogar case is attached with the petition. The application regarding objections on Justice Ijaz ul Ahsan in SJC is also attached with the constitutional petition. Mian Dad has said the reference of corruption and misconduct against Justice Mazhar Naqvi is pending hearing in SJC. He further said SJC has issued second show cause notice to Justice Mazhar Naqvi on his complaint. In showcase notice question has been asked from Justice Mazhar Naqvi about three audio leaks. The three audio leaks relate to bench fixing of cases and Ghulam Muhammad Dogar case.



Governor Balochistan Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar addressing participants of a ceremony at Military College Sui

Decision taken to fix for hearing presidential reference regarding murder of Zulfikar Ali Bhutto

ISLAMABAD (Online): Decision has been taken to fix presidential reference regarding murder of former Prime Minister (PM) Zulfikar Ali Bhutto for hearing soon. Important progress has come to fore on hearing of presidential reference on the matter of murder of former PM Zulfikar Ali Bhutto. The reference for declaring the execution of Zulfikar Ali Bhutto a judicial murder is likely to be fixed for hearing in next week. A larger bench of Supreme Court (SC) under the Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJ) Qazi

Faez Isa will hear the presidential reference. It is pertinent to mention here former president Asif Ali Zardari had filed presidential reference in SC in 2011. 6 hearing of the reference have taken place so far. First hearing was held on January 02, 2012. First five hearings of presidential reference were conducted by 11-member larger bench of SC under former Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Iftikhar Muhammad Chaudhry. The last hearing of the case was conducted by larger bench.



LAHORE: Muslim League (PML-N) President, Nawaz Sharif along with Shahbaz Sharif, Maryam Nawaz and others exchanges views with Muslim League-Quaid (PML-Q) President, Chaudhry Shujaat during meeting to discuss electoral alliance and seat adjustments on Gujrat seats, in Lahore.

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ADB's vital support for Pakistan's development

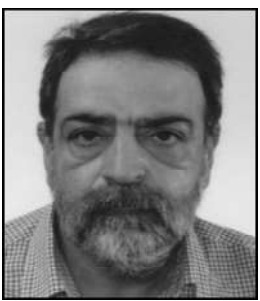
In a latest important development, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved three projects worth \$658.8 million to help Pakistan achieve its goal of more inclusive and sustainable growth and development.

It is America's war now



The UN has warned that "an even more hellish scenario is about to unfold" in Gaza. Israel has now launched its heaviest bombardment yet on the Strip killing hundreds more people after the collapse of a weeklong pause that saw the exchange of some Israeli and Palestinian prisoners.

Deadly diplomacy



No one who lived anywhere in the world through the 1970s could ignore Henry Kissinger as he bestrode the world like a colossus, not so much as the peacemaker he pretended to be than as consolidator of the American empire.

"It's an order," Kissinger told a subordinate in 1970. "Anything that flies, on anything that moves." This ingenious strategy paved the way for the Khmer Rouge regime that killed an estimated two million Cambodians — and enjoyed US backing after it was displaced by a Vietnamese humanitarian intervention.

Commerce News

Dr. Alvi for marketplace to promote Pakistani startups through linkages

ISLAMABAD (APP): President Dr Arif Alvi here Wednesday called for establishing a marketplace to provide Pakistani startups a platform for promoting their indigenously developed products through linkages with the investors as well as the global markets.

He lauded the 'tremendous' innovative ideas of the startups who also gave presentations on their products which are gradually getting recognition in the market. The president suggested the summit organizers to record detailed video messages of the startups so that they could better explain their products to the people as well as the potential investors.



President Dr. Arif Alvi being briefed about innovative technological startups and their products, at the Angels Investors Summit & Startup Showcase held at Aiwan-e-Sadr, Islamabad.



ISLAMABAD: The Caretaker Federal Minister for Privatization Mr Fawad Hasan Fawad chairing a meeting of Privatization Commission with the Financial Advisor and management of First Women Bank Limited.

MOITT announces initiatives to empower freelancers

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Ministry of Information Technology and Telecommunication (MOITT) has announced a groundbreaking initiative, offering interest-free loans to freelancers to empower independent professionals by enabling them to establish e-working centers, addressing the critical challenge of inadequate workplaces.

Shipping activity at Port Qasim

KARACHI (APP): Five ships, MSC Jemima, MSC Greenwich, Maersk Chicago, Meratus Jayawijaya and Ardmore Cherokee Carrying Containers and Palm oil, berthed at Container Terminal and Liquid Terminal respectively on Tuesday.

Pakistan's exports to Afghanistan increase by 2.65% in 4 months

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan's export of goods and services to Afghanistan witnessed an increase of 2.65 per cent during the first four months of the current fiscal year (2023-24) as compared to the exports of the corresponding period of last year, State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) reported.

CG Indonesia visits SCCI

SUKKUR (APP): Consul General of Indonesia Dr June Kuncoro on Wednesday visited the Sukkur Chamber of Commerce and Industries (SCCI) Sukkur.

Efforts to promote technological innovation for crops growth

ISLAMABAD (APP): He expressed these views during the meeting with the CropLife Pakistan delegation, which apprised the minister of their contribution to the seed sector, in particular, maize, where over the past two decades yields have grown four-fold and overall production has increased from a little over 1 million metric tons to an impressive 10.5 million metric tons in 2022-23.

PAJCCI expresses concern over closure of Pak-Afghan border for trade at Torkhem

PESHAWAR (APP): Pak-Afghan Joint Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PAJCCI) has expressed concern over closure of Pak-Afghan border at Torkhem for trade for the last almost 24 hours.

Top Chinese cotton producer welcomes collaboration with Pak

BEIJING (APP): "Our cotton consumption still falls short of achieving complete self-sufficiency, leading our company to consider importing cotton. In the future, we plan to collaborate with leading cotton-producing nations globally, tailoring our partnerships based on specific variety requirements," said Ms. Zhang Yan, the interim CEO of WinnerMedical.

