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## Negotiations underway with Baloch protesters Govt striving to go towards solution of Balochistan protestors' problem: Solangi

Baloch protesters granted bail, set to be released

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Federal Minister for Information, Broadcasting and Parliamentary Affairs Murtaza Solangi said on Sunday that it was an effort of the government to go towards the solution of the problem of protesters from Balochistan through negotiations. Talking in a programme on "GTV" the minister said that it was desire of the interim set-up that the protesters should go back to their homes with dignity, honour and safety. "We want to solve the problems of the protesters and talks should be held in

Balochistan or Quetta instead of Islamabad," Solangi said. The minister for information said that most of the protesters from Balochistan were women and at this time, they were present in front of the National Press Club. Security, ambulance and medical facilities were available for the protesters, Murtaza Solangi informed. The minister said that it was the preference of the protesters to sit in front of the NPC and register their protest peacefully. "Everyone is allowed to protest peacefully and

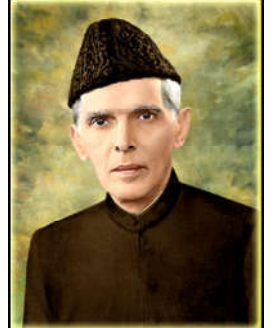
our effort is to ensure that the protesters do not face any kind of inconvenience", Murtaza Solangi remarked. He said that yesterday also, the negotiation committee held talks with the protesters. The minister pointed out that the demands of the protesters were decades old. When the protesters reached Islamabad, some people were already in the NPC, Murtaza Solangi added that protesters who came from Balochistan blocked the road near Chaungi No. 26 (Motorway Chowk).



LARKANA: Chairman Pakistan People's Party (PPP) Bilawal Bhutto Zardari submitted his nomination papers for NA 194 (Larkana-1) to returning officer for upcoming General Election 2024.

## Quaid-e-Azam's 147th birthday to be celebrated today

ISLAMABAD (Online): 147th birth anniversary of the founder of Pakistan Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah will be celebrated



on December 25. Events will be held across the country on the birthday of Quaid-e-Azam. Various events and seminars will be organized

by Pakistan Muslim League (PMLN), Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), Pakistan People's Party (PPP), NAZriya Pakistan Foundation and public and private social organizations, during which speakers will pay tribute to the valuable services of the founder of Pakistan for the country and nation. Radio and TV channels will present special programs while national newspapers will publish special editions in which tributes will be paid to the great leader of South Asia. PMLN Lawyers Forums will also organize a special event in which the father of the nation's birthday cake will be cut.

## Bilawal demands judicial investigation of cipher case

LARKANA (INP): Chairman Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) and former foreign minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari has demanded judicial investigation of cipher case. Speaking to media in Larkana on Sunday, Bilawal said the cipher case is a serious matter and a judicial investigation must be carried out in this matter. He said that relief has been given in the cipher case however the Bhutto family went through political victimization that why "we want proper investigation of the cipher case". The former foreign minister stated that the Ex-president of US Donald Trump was tried in court and classified documents were recovered from his residence hereby the cipher case also requires investigation and the people of Pakistan should know the truth behind cipher

case as it was security breach. APP adds: The Chairman of Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) and former Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari filed a nomination paper for the National Assembly seat of Larkana-Ratodero NA-194 (Larkana-I) for General Elections 2024 on Sunday. Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, along with a great number of supporters and leaders, came to the Collectorate Building to submit his nomination papers in the office of Additional Deputy Commissioner-I Larkana, Asif Raza Chandio, who has been appointed as Returning Officer (R.O.) for NA-194 (Larkana-I). On the occasion, hundreds of leaders and workers of the PPP thronged in the office of Additional Deputy Commissioner-I Larkana/Returning Officer (R.O.) for NA-194 (Larkana-I).

## Pakistan condemns custodial killing of three civilians in IIOJK

ISLAMABAD (INP): Pakistan strongly condemned the barbaric custodial killing of three Kashmiri civilians in Baffliaz, Poonch district of the Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK). The slain civilians were tortured to death at a camp of the Indian occupation Army. A purported video clip of the Indian personnel stripping three men and sprinkling chilli powder on them is viral on social media. The incident, once again, exposes India's relentless state-terrorism in IIOJK, the Foreign Office (FO) spokesperson said in a statement. The perpetrators of these custodial killings must be held accountable. India's brutal occupation is the root cause of all major issues in IIOJK. The Kashmiri people must realize their inalienable right to self-determination, as enshrined in the relevant UN Security Council resolutions, it concluded.

## Three killed, over 10 injured in bus-trailer collision

HUB (INP): At least three people including a woman were killed and more than 10 others injured in collision between passenger bus and a trailer on Sunday. According to details, an over speeding passenger bus collided with a trailer on National Highway in Windar area of district Hub. As a result of accident, three people including a woman were killed on the spot while over 10 including women and children were injured. The bodies and injured were shifted to Windar Hospital.



ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Chief Minister Punjab Syed Mohsin Raza Naqvi calls on caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar.

## Govt to thoroughly investigate complaints about hurdles in electoral process: PM

ISLAMABAD (INP): Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar has assured that the government would thoroughly investigate the complaints regarding hurdles to stop some people from taking part in the electoral process. While speaking during an interview with a private TV channel, he ruled out the policy of ousting anyone from political process and said that voters were free to elect candidates of their choice.

Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar said in his opinion those who showed disruptive behavior and were involved in the incidents of May 9 should not be allowed to hold public office. However, the Election Commission will decide about qualification and disqualification of candidates, he added. The Prime Minister said state was a guarantor of the social order and when anyone challenges this order he was an anarchist.

Regarding arrival of protesters from Balochistan to Islamabad, he said everyone had the right to protest with lawful behavior. However, if a situation of law and order would be created then law enforcement agencies would come into action. Referring to situation in Palestine, PM Kakar said Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu was a war criminal and war crimes of Israel should be investigated as 7000 children were martyred.

## Governor for following Quaid principles to strengthen Pakistan

QUETTA (APP): Governor Balochistan Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar on Sunday urged to follow the principles of the father of the Nation Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah in its true spirits. "For the real development and prosperity of the country, we have to follow the principles of unity, faith and discipline, he said in his message on the eve of Quaid's birthday. He said "The best way to pay tribute to Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah is to not only stick to the principles he gave but also to make honest and conscious efforts for the uplift of the country and the nation to pave the way for the formation of a successful welfare state. Today is a very important day in the history of the sub-continent of Pakistan because this day is the birthday of this great personality. Thanks to the vision, and leadership skills of our Quaid, we are living in an independent country Pakistan. Governor Balochistan further said that today we as a nation are struggling with multiple external and internal challenges.



ISLAMABAD: Baloch protesters stage sit-in outside National Press Club

## To cope with challenges facing country CM calls for following golden principles of Quaid-e-Azam

Independent Report QUETTA: The caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki has underlined the need to follow the golden principles of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah to cope with the challenges facing the country. He also stressed the need to forge unity among our ranks. In a message issued here on the eve of birth anniversary of the father of nation Muhammad Ali Jinnah being observed today (Monday), the Chief Minister said that the golden principles of Quaid-e-Azam I.e., Unity, Faith and discipline provide base to make

the country stronger. He said that we need to follow and truly implement these principles more than ever. He said that we can pay tributes to the Quaid by promoting harmony, enlightenment and democracy in the country. The Chief Minister said that the enemy of Pakistan has bent upon destabilizing the country, however, we are determined to foil their nefarious designs through unity. The caretaker Chief Minister said our forefathers got the country after great sacrifices and thus the people of the country and province would not let waste these sacrifices.

## Nine family members die as house catches fire

ABBOTTABAD (APP): At least 9 persons of the same family were killed as their house engulfed in flames due to an electricity short circuit in Qalandarabad here Sunday. The local emergency response team, Rescue 1122, swiftly mobilized its teams and recovered 8 bodies. The Rescue 1122, along with three ambulances and locals made concerted efforts to extinguish the fire and rescue the residents. Unfortunately, the wood and clay

house quickly caught fire, impeding rescue activities. Consequently, nine family members were trapped within the collapsing structure and lost their lives. After hours of intense efforts, Rescue 1122 successfully recovered all the bodies buried in the debris, marking the completion of the search operation. Emergency Officer Hafeez ur Rahman is overseeing the operation, ensuring a coordinated and efficient response.

## Religions, cultures diversity is a source of stability for Pakistan: Dr. Arif Alvi

ISLAMABAD (Online): President Dr. Arif Alvi has said that Christmas has a special place in the hearts of our Christian brothers and is an opportunity to celebrate joy, contemplation and hope. He went on that the teachings of love, compassion and peace of Jesus (PBUH) are a beacon for us and guide us. The diversity of religions and cultures is a source of stability for Pakistan. Our Christian community has played a significant role in the social and economic development of the country. President also acknowledge the commendable services rendered by the Christian community for the promotion of peace, tolerance and harmony in the country. On this festive occasion, let us celebrate the spirit of Christmas, pro-

mote unity, understanding and goodwill among all communities. Alvi continued that may the Christmas message of love, mercy and hope resonate in our hearts and guide us to a future filled with peace, joy, harmony and prosperity. He said that I am proud to say that minorities have all political, economic and social rights in Pakistan according to the Constitution of Pakistan. Our religion Islam fully recognizes and protects the rights of minorities. Founder of Pakistan, Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah, in his historic speech on August 11, 1947, said that everyone will have equal rights, privileges and responsibilities regardless of color, caste and religion, and complete religious freedom will be achieved in the new state of Pakistan, President mentioned.



ISLAMABAD: Governor Khyber Pakhtoonkhwa Hajji Ghulam Ali meeting with Governor Balochistan Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar in Balochistan House

## Jan Achakzai says Baloch marchers tabled unconstitutional demands

QUETTA (INP): Caretaker Balochistan Information Minister Jan Achakzai Sunday termed the demands tabled by the Baloch marchers 'unconstitutional' and also rejected any kind of torture on women or use of water cannon in Islamabad. While addressing a press conference, Jan Achakzai claimed that women were neither tortured in Islamabad nor anyone targeted with water cannon. He said that Baloch marchers tabled unconstitutional demands. He said that the state could not unarm its institutions to leave the terrorists freehanded. Achakzai claimed that some elements were attempting to create chaos ahead of the general elections. The caretaker information minister said that the surrender of disgruntled Baloch leaders shocked India.

He added that every Baloch is loyal to Pakistan like a Punjabi, Pathan and Sindh. He vowed to make Balochistan a peaceful place. He alleged that a small group of people marched towards Islamabad from Turbat with an agenda. He added that the marchers were demanding to free terrorists. Jan Achakzai said that hundreds of non-Balochs were brutally killed in Balochistan but no commission was formed to hold a thorough investigation. He added mostly missing persons were BLA members who were residing in India or hiding in the mountains. Yesterday, the government committee formed by the Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar, held talks with the Baloch protesters in Islamabad tonight, the state news agency reported.



QUETTA: Caretaker Provincial Information Minister Jan Achakzai addressing a Press conference

## Inauguration ceremony of restoration: Karachi-bound Bolan Mail due to be restored today

Independent Report QUETTA: All is set to restore the Bolan Mail for Karachi from today (Monday). The inauguration ceremony of the restoration of the Karachi-bound Bolan Mail is scheduled to be held at the Quetta railway station. All the necessary arrangements have been made by the Pakistan Railways. As per the schedule, Bolan Mail would depart for Karachi from Quetta. It may be mentioned here that the caretaker Chief Minister had announced to restore the Bolan Mail on occasion of the Sibi-Harnai railway section on October 29, 2033. Needless to mention here is that the Bolan Mail, which was suspended due

to the floods and heavy rains in August last year, is being restored after one year and four months because of the special interest of the caretaker Chief Minister Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki. The inauguration ceremony of the restoration of the Karachi-bound Bolan Mail is scheduled to be held at the Quetta railway station. All the necessary arrangements have been made by the Pakistan Railways. As per the schedule, Bolan Mail would depart for Karachi from Quetta. It may be mentioned here that the caretaker Chief Minister had announced to restore the Bolan Mail on occasion of the Sibi-Harnai railway section on October 29, 2033. Needless to mention here is that the Bolan Mail, which was suspended due



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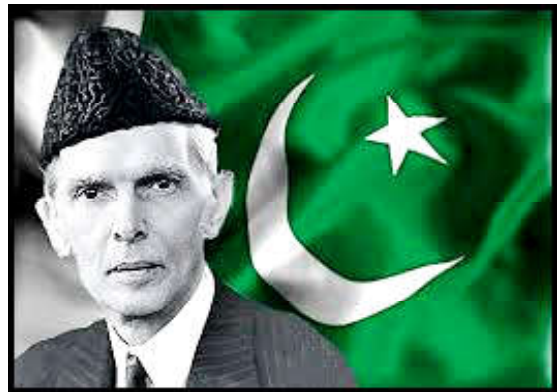


## Nation salutes Quaid on his birthday

The nation celebrates the 146<sup>th</sup> birthday of Pakistan's founder and sub-continent's most prominent leader Quaid-e-Azam Mohammed Ali Jinnah today (December 25).

Since its creation in 1947 and the untimely death of the Quaid about a year later, Pakistan has looked for someone to become his successor and take the country towards the heights which the Quaid thought was the destiny of the newly formed country.

Quaid remains the uniting factor for the country 72 years after his death. His words are still sacred for all the parties and groups in the country which was formed to



grant full rights to the Muslims of the sub-continent.

Mohammed Ali Jinnah was born on December 25, 1876 in Karachi, then part of British-controlled India. His father was a prosperous Muslim merchant.

Jinnah studied at Bombay University and at Lincoln's Inn in London. He then ran a successful legal practice in Bombay. He was already a member of the Indian National Congress, which was working for au-

tonomy from British rule, when he joined the Muslim League in 1913.

The league had formed a few years earlier to represent the interests of Indian Muslims in a predominantly Hindu country, and by 1916 he was elected its president.

In the early years, the Quaid advocated Hindu-Muslim unity, helping to shape the 1916 Lucknow Pact between the Congress and the All-India Muslim League.

Later he became a key leader in the All India Home Rule League, and proposed a fourteen-point constitutional reform plan to safeguard the political rights of Muslims. In 1920, however, he resigned from the Congress when it agreed to follow a campaign of satyagraha, which he regarded as political anarchy.

By 1940, Jinnah had come to believe that Muslims of the Indian subcontinent should have their own state to avoid the possible marginalised status they may gain in a Hindu-Muslim state. In that year, the Muslim League, led by the Quaid-e-Azam, passed the Lahore Resolution, demanding a separate nation.

During the Second World War, the League gained strength while leaders of the Congress were imprisoned, and in the elections held shortly after the war, it won most of the seats reserved for Muslims.

Ultimately, the Congress and the Muslim League could not reach a power-sharing formula for the subcontinent to be united as a single state, leading all parties to agree to the independence of a predominantly Hindu India, and for a Muslim-majority state of Pakistan.

As the first Governor-General of Pakistan, the Quaid-e-Azam worked to establish the new nation's government and policies, and to aid the millions of Muslim migrants who had emigrated from the new nation of India to Pakistan after independence, personally supervising the establishment of refugee camps. The Quaid died at age 71 in September 1948, just over a year after Pakistan gained independence from the United Kingdom.

## Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah

Quaid-e-Azam, Muhammad Ali Jinnah was born on 25th December 1876 at Vazeer Mansion Karachi, was the first of seven children of Jinnahbhai, a prosperous merchant. After being taught at home, Jinnah was sent to the Sindh Madrasah High School in 1887. Later he attended the Mission High School, where, at the age of 16, he passed the matriculation examination of the University of Bombay. On the advice of an English friend, his father decided to send him to England to acquire business experience. Jinnah, however, had made up his mind to become a barrister. In keeping with the custom of the time, his parents arranged for an early marriage for him before he left for England.

In London he joined Lincoln's Inn, one of the legal societies that prepared students for the bar. In 1895, at the age of 19, he was called to the bar. While in London Jinnah suffered two severe bereavements—the deaths of his wife and his mother. Nevertheless, he completed his formal studies and also made a study of the British political system, frequently visiting the House of Commons. He was greatly influenced by the liberalism of William E. Gladstone, who had become prime minister for the fourth time in 1892, the year of Jinnah's arrival in London. Jinnah also took a keen interest in the affairs of India and in Indian students. When the Parsi leader Dadabhai Naoroji, a leading Indian nationalist, ran for the English Parliament, Jinnah and other Indian students worked day and night for him. Their efforts were crowned with success, and Naoroji became the first Indian to sit in the House of Commons.

When Jinnah returned to Karachi in 1896, he found that his father's business had suffered losses and that he now had to depend on himself. He decided to start his legal practice in Bombay, but it took him years of work to establish himself as a lawyer.

It was nearly 10 years later that he turned toward active politics. A man with their interests demanded the preservation of their separate identity rather than amalgamation in the Indian nation that would for all practical purposes be Hindu. Largely to safeguard Muslim interests, the All-India Muslim League was founded in 1906. But Jinnah remained aloof from it. Only in 1913, when authoritatively assured that the league was as devoted as the Congress to the political emancipation of India, did Jinnah join the league. When the Indian Home Rule League was formed, he became its chief organiser in Bombay and was elected president of the Bombay branch.

"Ambassador of Hindu-Muslim unity," Jinnah's endeavours to bring about the political union of Hindus and Muslims earned him the title of "the best ambassa-

1909 but hitherto resisted by the Congress.

Meanwhile, a new force in Indian politics had appeared in the person of Mohandas K. Gandhi. Both the Home Rule League and the Indian National Congress had come under his sway. Opposed to Gandhi's Non-co-operation Movement and his essentially Hindu approach to politics, Jinnah left both the League and the Congress in 1920. For a few years he kept himself aloof from the main political movements. He continued to be a firm believer in Hindu-Muslim unity and constitutional methods for the achievement of political ends. After his withdrawal from the Congress, he used the Muslim League platform for the propagation of his views. But during the 1920s the Muslim

League, and with it Jinnah, had been overshadowed by the Congress and the religiously oriented Muslim Khilafat committee.

When the failure of the Non-co-operation Movement and the emergence of Hindu revivalist movements led to antagonism and riots between the Hindus and Muslims, the league gradually began to come into its own. Jinnah's problem during the following years was to convert the league into an enlightened political body prepared to co-operate with other organisations working for the good of India. In addition, he had to convince the Congress, as a prerequisite for political progress, of the necessity of settling the Hindu-Muslim conflict.

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## Muhammad Ali Jinnah The Greatest Leader of the Century

By Muhammad Zahid Khan Lodhi

No single individual had a greater role for the liberation of Indian Muslims and the creation of a sovereign and independent state for them, than the Quaid-e-Azam, Muhammad Ali Jinnah. His achievement lies in the fact that the single-handedly fought two rival nations i.e. the Hindus and the British. Within a short span of seven years after the Lahore Resolution was passed in March 1940, he successfully steered the ship of his nation to an independent state.

The year 1940 is considered as a landmark in the history of Indo-Pakistan subcontinent as it proved a turning point in the Hindu-Muslim relationship. The Muslim League categorically declared that the Hindu-Muslim unity was "neither possible nor practicable" because Hinduism and Islam were not only two different religions but also two paradoxical, different and distinct social orders. The working of Congress ministries in the Hindu dominated provinces had also given the Muslim a bitter experience. So the Lahore resolution was passed on 23rd March, 1940 under the charismatic leadership of the Quaid-e-Azam. The Muslim League declared that nothing short of the demand of Pakistan shall be acceptable to the League.

In order to counter the determination of a separate homeland for the Muslims, the Indian National Congress and its Hindu leaders restored to negative secret overtures with the British government. Lord Wavell, the British Viceroy in India, had still to complete his tenure of office. An impartial and neutral Viceroy amongst the two nations was unsuited to the Hindus. They wanted a new viceroy who could possibly yield to their wishes.

With the change of government in London i.e. overthrow of Churchill's Conservative ministry and installation of Atlee's Labour government the Congress leaders thought that it was high time for them to avail of the opportunity. In order to gain their ulterior motives, the Hindus started a high level propaganda against Lord Wavell. The services of pro-Congress ministers, like Sir Stafford Cripps and Lord Pethick Lawrence were also fully utilised. Consequently, Wavell was recalled and Mountbatten appointed for a brief period of 143 days as the last Viceroy of the British government of the shortest tenure in the history of British India.

It was almost a mission with Mountbatten and the

British government to leave behind a United India after their departure from the subcontinent. The Hindu leaders urged Mountbatten to play a "historic" role in this connection. Mountbatten himself confessed:

"Nothing I have seen or heard in the past few weeks has shaken my firm opinion that with a reasonable measure of goodwill between the communities a United India would be by far the best solution of the problem."

To quote him again: "My own feeling was that a united India was, of course, the right answer..."

He "argued endlessly the case of a unified India." A unified India with a strong Centre was his best

Azam wanted that after the departure of the British the Muslims should also have real freedom like the Hindus. Mountbatten acted upon the wishes of the Hindu leaders and considered it as a "very great tragedy" if the Quaid would force him to give up the idea of a united India.

However, due to the firm stand of the Quaid, Mountbatten and the Hindus had to yield the partition to India.

By 1947, there existed no practicable alternative to some kind of division of the British Raj between Muslims and non-Muslims, though this might have been achieved in practice in a number of ways. In the event, by May 1947 the type of Partition proposed

sected subcontinent a "stepping-stone" to a united India and Mountbatten acted accordingly. Their object was to pressurise the Quaid-i-Azam and the Muslim leaders not to manage the affairs of Pakistan in a haste.

In order to implement the Hindu scheme of making Pakistan an inherently weak state, the newly emerged state was deprived of its military and financial assets. Mountbatten not only announced the premature closure of Supreme Headquarters but also failed in the performance of his legal and moral duties to hand over to Pakistan its just share of assets. He deliberately manipulated indefensible and vulnerable boundaries between Pakistan and Bharat in order to make defence an uphill task for them, particularly for the new state of Pakistan.

The early period after the independence was very crucial for the survival of Pakistan. Those were the days of great turmoil in its history. Pakistan's enemies were out and out determined to wipe out its existence; and openly declared that it would not survive. Pakistan's financial assets were not released, and its 36% share of military assets was also withheld by India. The withholding of cash balances and military assets could practically jam the working of its administrative machinery and render its defence weak and vulnerable. The country had yet to coin its money and establish its State Bank. Pakistan was almost penniless. Its borders with India were indefensible. Pakistan had to start everything from a "scratch".

The refugee problem and the Muslim genocide in India were threatening issues for the independence of Pakistan which the newly born country was "unprepared to stand". Even our friends said that Pakistan would not survive the refugee problem.<sup>14</sup> One million Muslims lost their lives in the communal riots while 7 million refugees came to Pakistan from across the border.

The man who faced and solved all these problems with courage and determination was the Quaid-i-Azam. With his failing health, weak and feeble physique, he roared like a lion: "Pakistan has come to stay and play its great role for which it is destined.... Nothing on earth no can undo Pakistan."<sup>15</sup> Being undaunted he could not be subdued by anybody and stood firm like a rock in angry seas. He had to accomplish his mission of a separate homeland for the Indian Muslims and look after the management and consolidation of Pakistan.

Before Mountbatten left for India in March 1947, he gave no indication in London of the necessity for the hurricane speed for the transfer of power. The British government had declared to grant independence to India in June 1948. Mountbatten wanted to shift the date of independence ten months earlier. The question arises why did he precipitate the date of independence? Was he too eager for the independence of India than the Indians themselves? Nehru saw in the hurriedly vivi-



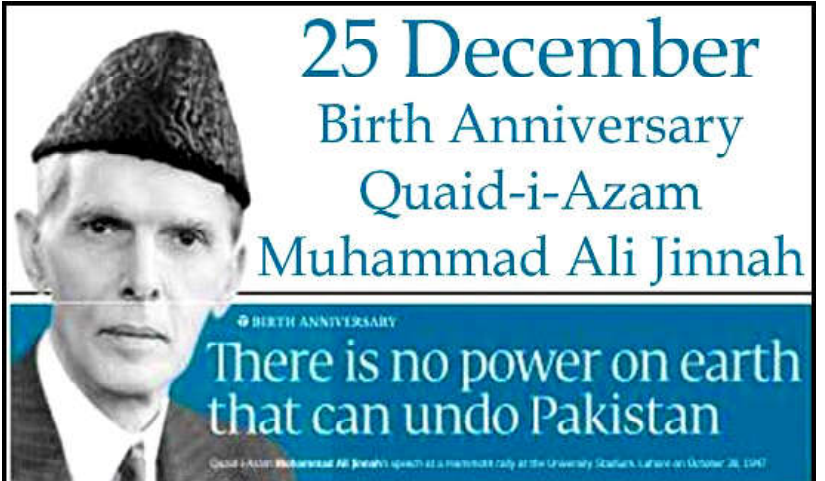
choice, while a United India with a weak centre was his second best.

The Quaid was most distressed at the way Mountbatten's mind was working for a united India because it meant permanent and complete subjugation of the Muslims by the Hindus i.e. freedom not for the Muslims but for the Hindus only. Mountbatten considered it as a "very great tragedy" if the Quaid would force him to give up the idea of a united India.

It was on account of the unshakable stand taken by the Quaid-i-Azam that the "reluctant" Mountbatten, the British government and the Congress leaders had to bow and agree upon the division of India.

Mountbatten called the Quaid as "a psychopathic case" who was "intent on his Pakistan".

Like the Hindus, Mountbatten never wanted to divide the subcontinent. In other words, he wanted to give freedom to the Hindus but not to the Muslims of Indo-Pakistan subcontinent. In his ideal state for India (united India with a strong centre) the Muslims would have been ruined forever. In fact, the Indian National Congress and the Hindu leaders had always worked for a strong Centre prior to independence. Even, in Mountbatten's sub-ideal Indian State (united India with a weak centre) the Muslims would have been at the mercy of the Hindus. The Quaid-i-



## Jinnah as a role model

Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah is the founding father of Pakistan. But to Pakistanis, he was something more: he is their role model. A role model if only because of the principles he had owned up and practised during his long political career, and, moreover, because of the congruence of his behaviour pattern and politics with his professed principles throughout his public life.

While Jinnah's own public life and political behaviour provide a role model for the rulers, administrators and politicians, he showed a remarkable perspicacity in identifying the problems that would be encountered in building up Pakistan as he envisaged it — as a welfare state.

The most critical problems confronting Pakistan today are, above all, those of law and order, corruption, nepotism and jobbery, and of greed, ineptitude, hypocrisy, and the insensitivities of those in power, whether in the government at various levels or in the opposition. On these problems Jinnah dwelt repeatedly during his tenure as governor-general, beginning with his August 11, 1947, address to the Constituent Assembly. Now, consider how relevant are the following guidelines he had set out in that memorable address.

i) "The first duty of a government is to maintain law and order, so that the life, property and religious beliefs of its subjects are fully protected by the state."

ii) "... everyone... no matter to what community he belongs, ... no matter what his colour, caste or creed, is first, second and last a citizen of this state with equal rights, privileges and obligations... we are all citizens and equal citizens of one state." (This dictum in the present context should logically be extended to include various sects and ethnic groups.)

iii) "... always be guided by the principles of justice and fair play, without any... prejudice or ill-will... partiality... or favouritism."

iv) "... the evil of nepotism and jobbery... must be crushed relentlessly... Never tolerate any kind of jobbery, nepotism or any influence directly or indirectly..."

v) "One of the biggest curses... is bribery and corruption. We must put that down with an iron hand..." This includes political bribery and corruption and saleable loyalty as well, which have corroded our entire political system and institutional structures, and have spawned the present political crisis.)



one state", with equal rights, privileges and obligations is the most important. Therein, he laid down the doctrine of a united, indivisible Pakistani nationhood, without any distinction of language, culture or ethnicity.

During the struggle for Pakistan period, it is true, he had pronounced Hindus and Muslims as two major nations in the subcontinent and, on that basis, demanded a separate homeland for Muslims. But with both the nations having attained statehood, there was a paradigm shift, and the two nations in the post-partition context were and are India and Pakistan. Jinnah was the first statesman to recognize this basic shift. Hence he declared Pakistan, which was and is multi-racial, multi-linguistic and multi-religious, to be a pluralist state, with equal rights, privileges and obligations for all its citizens, whatever their race,

religion or creed. He had invoked the Madinitic model of statehood in his reply to Lord Mountbatten on August 14, 1947, and that model was based on the Misaq-i-Madina, which Dr. Hamidullah describes as the first written constitution in the world. The Misaq-i-Madina, promulgated by the Prophet (PBUH), had envisaged a pluralist state (articles 1, 2, 25-35, and 46), bearing in mind the multi-racial, multi-lingual and multi-religious character of Madina, and its defence was made the collective responsibility of all its citizens (articles, 24, 44, 45a, and 45b). Hence Jinnah's pluralist doctrine for Pakistan is, by no means, in conflict with his declaration of Pakistan being an "Islamic democracy". And his pluralist doctrine continues to be extremely relevant in the context of the divisive forces and voices that have for long plagued Pakistan.



Caretaker Federal Minister for religion Affairs and interfaith Harmony Aneeq Ahmad addressing the Tazeem Al Harman Shareef conference at Karachi.

## ECP defers delimitation grievance hearing, prioritizing elections

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) postponed the delimitation grievances hearing until after the General Elections 2024, prioritizing the election schedule in line with the Supreme Court's directive to avoid disruptions.

Referring to recent Supreme Court orders on the delimitation issue, the Election Commission of Pakistan in its orders emphasized that challenges to delimitation by the ECP will no longer lead to election delays. In a specific case, the Supreme Court underscored the importance of General Elections as a fundamental democratic principle, diminishing the procedural significance of delimitation.

The notification, endorsed by Chief Election Commissioner Sikandar Sultan Raja and four members of the Election Commission, conveyed that the Supreme Court of Pakistan, in the proceedings related to the delimitation of District Zhob, Sherani (Civil Petition No 4305/2023 - Gul Khan and Others Vs. Saeed-ur-Rehman and Others), underscored that the execution of General Elections is not merely a procedural necessity but a fundamental principle upholding democratic ethos.



QUETTA: Chairman Senate Mir Sadiq Sanjrani giving away ticket of PB-45 to Ziaur Rehman Ishaqzai

## Victory of Atif and Saquib is the victory of business community

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QUETTA/PISHIN: The victory of Atif Ikram Sheikh and Saquib Fayyaz is the victory of business community.

Their young leadership struggle is not for power, rather for the service of the business community beyond personal interests they will work for the improvement of the country's economy and FPCCI.

While addressing joint meeting of PCCI Executive Members and

## IG, DC Islamabad transfer becomes challenge for ECP

ISLAMABAD (Online): Inspector General (IG) Islamabad and Deputy Commissioner (DC) Islamabad has become a test case for Election Commission of Pakistan. On August 17, a letter was sent to the Establishment Division regarding the change of Deputy Commissioner Islamabad and IG Islamabad on August 17, the Election Commission has given the powers to the federal government in the constitution.



LAHORE: Participant giving final touches to the painting during the event in connection with 147th birth anniversary of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah.

## Tosha Khana case: PTI's appeal ready to end appeal against IHC verdict

ISLAMABAD (Online): A bench consisting of Acting Chief Justice Sardar Tariq Masood and Justice Athar Minallah can hear on Principle seat at Islamabad. PTI founder Imran Khan filed an appeal in the SC to suspend the decision of the IHC in Tosha Khana case. It was said that the sentence in the Tosha Khana case has already been suspended. High Court only suspended the sentence, not the entire decision. Election Commission took advantage of the error in the verdict of the High Court.

It is said in the petition that the Election Commission has issued a notification of the disqualification of the founder of PTI, the elections are near.

## Bilateral naval exercise Thamar Al Tayyib 2023 culminates in Arabian Sea

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan Navy and the Royal Navy of Oman Bilateral Exercise Thamar Al Tayyib 2023 (TAT-23) was conducted in the Gulf of Oman.

This was 11th edition of the series of Thamar Al Tayyib exercises being conducted between Pakistan Navy and Royal Navy of Oman since 2002, a news release said on Sunday.

The Pakistan Navy Flotilla comprising of Pakistan Navy Ship ASLAT with embarked helicopter, Fast Attack Craft PNS QUWWAT and PN Maritime Patrol Aircraft along with Special Operations Forces participated in the exercise.

The bilateral exercise was conducted in two phases. Harbour phase included operational and tactical level table top discussions and exercise planning conferences.

During the Sea Phase of the exercise, both the navies conducted range of advanced operational exercises encompassing major facets of maritime operations related to Anti-Air, Anti-Surface Warfare and Counter Terrorism exercises.

The exercise also involved Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT) by ships of both Navies with an aim to curb illicit activities at sea. Ex TAT- 23 provided an avenue to enhance mutual learning, improve inter-operability and opportunity for both navies to further hone their professional skills.

Pakistan and Oman share a common maritime area and both the navies closely cooperate with each other to maintain good order at sea. Regular conduct of bilateral Exercise Thamar Al Tayyib 2023 is a clear manifestation of strong fraternal and brotherly relations between Pakistan and Oman in general and Pakistan Navy and Royal Navy of Oman in particular.

## Zardari's message on the occasion of Christmas

ISLAMABAD / KARACHI: Former President of Pakistan and President Pakistan Peoples Party Parliamentarians, Asif Ali Zardari has congratulated the Christians all over the world, especially members of the community living in Pakistan on the occasion of Christmas. He said that the role of the Christian community for the development of Pakistan is unforgettable.

President Asif Ali Zardari said that Quaid-e-Azam, Shaheed Zulfikar Ali Bhutto had given all non-Muslims the right to be equal citizens in the 1973 Constitution. Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto had defended the fundamental rights of non-Muslim citizens.

## Bilawal Bhutto paid rich tributes to Quaid on birth anniversary

KARACHI / ISLAMABAD (Online): Chairman Pakistan People's Party (PPP) Bilawal Bhutto Zardari has paid rich tributes to Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah on his 147th Birth-day anniversary being celebrated on Monday (tomorrow). According to the press statement issued by Media Cell Bilawal House, the Chairman PPP, in his message to nation, said that as we celebrate the birthday of our Quaid, let us reflect on his steadfast commitment to justice, equality, and the principles that define the essence of Pakistan. He further said that Quaid-e-Azam was a democratic visionary leader, whose unwavering dedication paved the way for the creation of our beloved country, Pakistan.

"Our Quaid's indomitable spirit and unparalleled leadership continue to inspire generations, reminding us of the ideals upon which our great nation stands," he added.

Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari said that PPP steadfastly upholds the visionary ideals and objectives of the nation's founder, working towards the realization of an inclusive, democratic, and progressive Pakistan. He pointed out that Quaid-e-Azam Shaheed Zulfikar Ali Bhutto fulfilled Quaid-e-Azam's vision by presenting the historic unanimous Constitution in 1973—a democratic structure grounded in the principles of equal rights for all.



MUZAFFRABAD: Activists of Pasban-e-Hurriyat shouting slogans during protest in favor of their in the city.

## SC 2-member bench consist to hear 75 cases

ISLAMABAD (Online): 75 cases have been appointed for hearing in front of two member bench comprising of Acting Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Sardar Tariq Masood and Justice Athar Minallah on Principal Seat Islamabad.

These cases include various types of cases and bail cases.

The said bench will hear more than fifteen cases every day and this process will continue till December 29. The bench will hear more than 75 bail cases throughout the week, including pre-arrest, post-arrest, tax matters, tenancy law cases, family and family cases.

Information notices have also been issued to the parties for this.

## PTI leaderless party in fresh ECP's list of registered political parties

ISLAMABAD (INP): Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) has been mentioned as leaderless political party in fresh list of registered political parties of country released by ECP. Name of PTI founder Imran Khan has been removed by ECP from the party heads as it released the fresh list of 175 registered political parties in Pakistan.

Meanwhile, Pervaz Khattak-led Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Parliamentarians has been included in the list.

Earlier, PTI lost their electoral symbol 'bat' as the ECP announced the reserved verdict on the party's intra-party elections.

The election commission earlier reserved its verdict on pleas challenging the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf's (PTI) intra-party elections after hearing arguments from all the parties.

Announcing the reserved verdict, a five-member bench of the Election Commission of Pakistan, headed by Chief Election Commissioner, Sikandar Sultan Raja, declared the PTI's intra-party elections null and void.

Following the ECP verdict, the newly elected PTI chairman Gohar Ali Khan who replaced Imran Khan earlier, will no longer remain as the party's head.



LAHORE: The Jinnah Khamita Foundation is providing free wedding supplies to people at an event held at Bagh Jinnah.

## PM felicitates Christian community on Christmas, lauds their role in progress of Pakistan

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar felicitated the Christian community on the occasion of Christmas and said the nation on this day should pledge to make Pakistan a model of religious tolerance and inter-faith harmony.

In a message on the occasion of Christmas, he said, "The Christian community is celebrating Christmas in Pakistan and across the world and I and the whole nation felicitate the Christian brothers and sisters on the happy occasion of Christmas. Christmas is the name of love, brotherhood, patience and sacrifice."

These values were critical in putting a society on the path of development, he added.

The PM said the Prophet of Allah, Hazrat Essa (AS) healed the pain of humanity and took the message of God to the whole humanity.

Hazrat Essa (AS) reformed humanity with teachings of peace, brotherhood, tolerance and forbearance which led to the success of humans.

The moral teachings and the guidance of the Prophet were a beacon for humanity for all times to come, he continued.

He said in the present age there is an acute need to follow Hazrat Essa's message of human compassion, affection, tolerance and fraternity.

In the last few years at the international level, human society had been facing an adverse situation due to a wave of religious intolerance, he observed.

"To reverse this negative trend we have to spread Hazrat Essa's message of brotherhood and religious tolerance and follow his teachings to make the world a cradle of peace. In this way we can forever end hatred from the world," he remarked.

He said the white colour in Pakistan's green flag represented the minorities including the Christian community which played a vital role in the progress and development of the country, and in all fields including defence, judiciary, arts, sports and education made their countrymen proud.

The prime minister said the Christian community laid down their lives for strengthening the foundation of the country and for its integrity and solidarity. He said in the Quaid of Pakistan every person had complete religious freedom and the constitution of Pakistan provided special protection to minorities, adding every citizen was given equal rights and they had complete freedom of worship and had liberty to perform religious rituals and celebrate religious occasions. "The State and every citizen have the responsibility to protect their places of worship," he asserted.

He said, "The issues faced by Pakistan can only be resolved when we rise above the distinctions of colour, ethnicity, and religion and work day and night as a united nation for the progress of the country."

"Pakistan is our home and on this occasion of Christmas we should pledge that together we will make Pakistan a model of religious tolerance and brotherhood."



Special Service Group of Pakistan Navy demonstrating drill onboard PNS ASLAT during Pakistan Navy-Royal Navy of Oman Bilateral Exercise Thamar Al Tayyib.

## Senate committee to be briefed on Palestine, Kashmir

ISLAMABAD (Online): A briefing will be given to the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee regarding Israel's barbaric bombing of Gaza and the termination of the special status of Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK).

Committee will meet tomorrow (Tuesday) at Parliament House under the chairmanship of Chairman Senator Farooq H. Naik.

In the meeting, the officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs will give a briefing to the committee on the role of the Muslim Ummah and especially Pakistan regarding the ongoing barbaric bombardment by the Zionist forces in Gaza. In the meeting, the committee will also be informed about the situation created by the biased decision of the Indian SC.

## WAPDA chairman visits K-IV project to review construction progress

LAHORE (APP): WAPDA Chairman Lt-Gen (ret'd) Engineer Sajjad Ghani visited Greater Karachi Bulk Water Supply Scheme (K-IV Project) to review progress on the project.

According to WAPDA spokesman here on Sunday, the K-IV project envisages to provide 650 million gallon per day (MGD) to Karachi from Keenjhar lake. The project will be completed in two phases. At present, WAPDA is constructing Phase-I, which is scheduled for completion in October 2024. Phase-I of K-IV Project will supply 260 MGD to Karachi. PC-I cost of the project is Rs 126 billion, expenditure till date is Rs.40 billion and accumulative progress of 40 per cent has been achieved.

General Manager (Projects) South, Chief Engineer/Project Director K-IV and representatives of the Consultants and the Contractors were also present during the chairman's visit.

The chairman visited in detail several sites of the project and witnessed construction work going on there. The project team briefed the chairman about the progress achieved so far. It was briefed that construction activities are continuing on all eight sites of the project. These sites include intake structure, pumping stations, water conveyance system consisting of pressurized pipes, reservoirs and filtration plants, project offices, colony and the approach road.

## GM Taj passes away

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QUETTA: The former Vice Chancellor, University of Balochistan and senior bureaucrat, civil service of Pakistan, Ghulam Muhammad Taj passed away after brief illness on Sunday.

The late Ghulam Muhammad Taj was father of the Secretary Government of Balochistan, Shehryar Taj, and brother of Engineer Umar Farooq Fatch Hussain, Fatch Ali Taj.

The Fatcha Khawani for departed soul would be held at Arman Manzil located in front of Sariab police station, Sariab road Quetta which would continue for three days.

## Political party's accounts involved in smear campaign against judges

ISLAMABAD (Online): Social media accounts linked to political parties were involved in the recent social media smear campaign against Chief Justice Qazi Faiz Isa and Supreme Court judges.

An old letter exempting the wives of judges from checking at airports was used with regular planning, the matter was thrown out without investigation and a smear campaign was launched on social media against the judiciary, judges and their families. Investigations by the institutions revealed propaganda accounts believed to be linked to a political party behind the campaign to defame judges.

According to government sources, the Aviation Division's post dated October 12 was first posted on December 16 (after about 2 months) by an account named JB affiliated to a political party, followed by the account of Umar Mehmood Hayat. The above post was posted on December 16th at 11:49 PM. From this account, the judges and judiciary have been criticized for the cases of PTI founder chairman.

According to government sources, a few social media activists also pushed the targeted agenda of that particular political party, and accounts linked to a political party actively participated in the campaign to assassinate judges and took the lead in spreading false propaganda virally.

Social media activists and a few vloggers who support a particular political party have been at the forefront of creating social media trends. Even by taking screenshots of the news broadcast on a few TV channels, the nefarious purpose was furthered by the trolls connected to the political party on social media.

Propaganda was later countered by the clarification issued by the Supreme Court, but by then the character assassination campaign had reached its peak.

The sad thing is that the spreaders of this fake news did not even give an explanation to their followers, nor did they apologize.

This is not the first time, the political party has tried every trick in the past to put the judiciary and judges under pressure.

Former chairman of the political party has openly threatened Judge Zeba, this case is still under hearing.

According to analysts, Judge Humayun Dilawar, who sentenced the former chairman, was also attacked by political party workers in London.