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Sindh's diversity its strength, not weakness: Solangi

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Federal Minister for Information, Broadcasting and Parliamentary Affairs Murtaza Solangi said on Sunday that Sindh has been a multi-lingual, multi-religious and multi-ethnic unit for centuries. Delivering his speech at the Sindh Cultural Day ceremony here, he said Sindh had united different regions and races from different regions of the world. "Sindh's diversity is its strength, not its weakness," Murtaza Solangi re-

marked. The Sindh Cultural Day this year was linked with the celebration of Sindh women's event, Murtaza Solangi said. The minister said that humility and resilience were embedded in Sindh culture like steel, which could be moulded but not broken. He said it was significant that in the poetry of great Sindh poet Shah Abdul Latif Bhittai, seven ragas were named after women.

Fazl firmly declares to take stand against those resorted to target Muslim Ummah

MULTAN (APP): Chief of Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (JUI) Maulana Fazlur Rehman on Sunday expressed JUI's commitment to fostering moderation in political discourse while maintaining and promoting religious identity. While addressing to workers at Jhok Wanis, on occasion of Malik Sajjad Wains, a local political figure in JUI, Fazlur Rehman acknowledging the critical role of public leaders, emphasized his dedication to solving societal issues and dismantling prejudices in order to pave the way for a harmonious future. Maulana Fazlur Rehman firmly declared to take stand against those who resorted to target Muslim

Ummah. Underlining ideology, belief, and attitude as the political foundation, he stressed the importance of compassion towards the impoverished and the collective responsibility of safeguarding their lives, wealth, and honor. The chief outlined a policy of wisdom and fairness in dispute resolution, underscoring the historical sacrifices of Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam elders as a testament to the people's trust. JUI always rejected sectarianism, Fazal added. He promised to serve people if voted to power. He also expressed resolve to propel the party forward, uniting communities, and fostering a future marked by justice, compassion, and resilience.

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

KARACHI (INP): Former president Asif Ali Zardari on Sunday felicitated all Sindh on the occasion of Sindh Culture Day. In his felicitation message, the PPP leader said that nations are identified by their cultures, and the culture of Sindh 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. Extending congratulations to the people of Sindh and the entire country on Sindh Culture Day, PPP Women Wing Central President Farayal Talpur said that the culture of the Indus Valley is a mirror of a 5,000-year-old and great civilisation. She said that Sindh's topi, Ajrak, art and the Sindh language are distinct identities.



KARACHI: Folk singer performing Sindh song during celebration of Sindh 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 supremo and the former PTI chairman. The JI 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 JI 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.



DUBAI: Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar addresses a ceremony on Living Indus Initiative at COP-28 Pakistan Pavilion.

Adapting Indus Basin key to adapt Pakistan to climate change: PM

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DUBAI (APP): Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar said on Sunday that adapting Pakistan to climate change was vital to adapting the Indus Basin to the impacts of climate change as the majority of the population was linked to the river. He said Pakistan's climate challenge was primarily a water challenge that needed immediate action to be addressed. Addressing an event on 'Living Indus Initiative' held here at the Pakistan

Pavilion at the venue of the United Nations' 28th Conference of Parties (COP 28), the prime minister said Pakistan was the 8th most vulnerable country in the world to the impacts of climate change. He said Living Indus was an umbrella initiative aimed at restoring the ecological health of the Indus within the boundaries of Pakistan, which was most vulnerable to climate change. He maintained that the government of Pakistan was

clear on its priorities with the Living Indus. "This umbrella initiative emerged from extensive consultation with stakeholders, resulting in a set of 25 living interventions that emphasize nature-based solutions and ecosystem-based adaptation approaches." The prime minister said what was more important was that the Living Indus initiative sought to mobilize a moment that prepared and restored a healthy Indus for today and tomorrow. "And we are here to collaborate and give voice to our rivers. The Indus River needs a voice, and we are here to give that voice. The industry feeds us, and if we do not take care of it, it will not be there to take care of us," he remarked. This initiative, he said, suggested that "we need a minimum indicative investment between US\$11 and US\$17 billion over the next 15 years to mobilize from the public sector.

Firing on passenger bus leaves 9 dead, several injured in Chilas

Monitoring Desk CHILAS: Unidentified attackers opened fire on a passenger bus on Karakoram Highway in Gilgit-Baltistan's Chilas city, leaving at least nine dead and 20 injured. The firing led to a collision between the bus and a truck. Resultantly, the truck caught fire. The bus was traveling from Ghizer district of Gilgit-Baltistan to Rawalpindi, the police added. Diامر police on Sunday lodged a first information report (FIR) and arrested six suspects in connection with an attack on an Islamabad-bound bus in Gilgit-Baltistan's (GB) Chilas a day earlier. The official said all entry and exit points of GB had been closed and security in the region was on high alert.



DUBAI: Federal Minister of Health Dr. Nadeem Jan had a special meeting with the Minister of Health of the United Arab Emirates, Abdul Rahman bin Muhammad Al Awais, on the sidelines of COP 28 UN Climate change summit.

5th WMS encourages global media to build consensus, work together for high-quality development

ISLAMABAD (APP): The leaders of the 5th World Media Summit (WMS) on Sunday encouraged global media organizations to build consensus, work together for high-quality development, and pool powerful media strength for building a community with a shared future for humanity and a better world. According to the joint statement for the 5th World Media Summit, the leaders of the media outlets agreed to strengthen cooperation, promote the common development of the world media industry, and facilitate mutual understanding and communication among countries and peoples with different historical backgrounds, cultural traditions, and development status to deliver greater stability and positive energy to a volatile world. The joint declaration further stated, "We note that the world today is undergoing accelerated changes unseen in a century. Uncertainties and unforeseen factors are on the rise, posing unprecedented challenges for human society. The international community needs to strengthen unity and cooperation more than ever before." "Global media should build a bridge of communication to answer questions posed by the world, by the times, and by history," it added. "We believe that amid the rapid development of new technologies in the information age, global media should adhere to journalistic ethics and meet professional standards while actively carrying out innovation and making rational use of emerging technologies.

Dr. Nadeem meets UAE Health Minister

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Federal Minister for Health Dr. Nadeem Jan had a special meeting with the Minister for Health of the United Arab Emirates, Abdul Rahman bin Muhammad Al Awais, in Dubai on the sidelines of the COP 28 UN Climate change summit. During the meeting, Dr Nadeem invited him to attend Global Health Summit in Islamabad. He congratulated his counterpart on the successful conduct of COP 28. Dr. Nadeem Jan also briefed his counterpart on the ongoing reform agenda in the health sector of Pakistan. The minister informed his counterpart about the Global Health Security Summit to be held in January 2024.

PM strongly condemns firing incident in GB's Chilas area

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar strongly condemned the firing incident on a passenger bus in Gilgit-Baltistan's Chilas area on Sunday. The prime minister expressed deep sorrow over the martyrdom of innocent citizens in the previous day's incident. He prayed to Allah Almighty to rest the departed souls in eternal peace and grant courage to the bereaved families to bear this loss with courage.



GILGIT: Chief Minister Gilgit-Baltistan Haji Gulber Khan with other people attending the funeral prayer of martyrs of Hudur incident by terrorist attack on passenger bus.

ECP's delimitation: NA reduced to 366 Gen Seats, six slashed

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP), in its recent notification of the final list of constituencies, has revised the number of National Assembly (NA) general seats to 366, indicating a decrease of six seats from the previous count of 342. The constituency list released by the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) signifies a decline in the general seats of the National Assembly (NA) from 272 to 266. Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's (KP) representation in the National Assembly has been reduced from 51 seats to 45. After the process of delimitation, the National Assembly seats for the merged districts have been reduced to six from the previous 12. This adjustment aligns with the provisions of the 25th Constitutional Amendment, following the merger of the Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA) with KP, and is determined by population considerations. Punjab will have 141 general seats in the NA, Sindh 61, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa 45, Balochistan 16, and three will be from Islamabad. Women will have 60 reserved seats, while minorities will have 10 seats. Punjab would have 371 seats, of which 297 would be general seats. Sindh would have 168 seats, of which 130 would be general seats.

Senior US officials to visit Pak to bolster bilateral talks

ISLAMABAD (INP): Pakistan will witness back-to-back visits by senior US officials starting today, the foreign office spokesperson confirmed on Sunday. "Pakistan and the United States continue to hold consultations on a range of issues," foreign office spokesperson Mumtaz Zahra Baloch said in a statement. "To advance these consultations, exchange of visits also takes place." Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration Julieta Valls Noyes is scheduled to visit the country from December 4 to 6, she said.

ANP ready for general election: Aimal Wali

PESHAWAR (APP): Provincial President of Awami National Party (ANP), Aimal Wali Khan here Sunday said that free, fair and transparent election would help strengthen democracy on the country and his party was ready for February 8, 2024 election. Addressing a big public gathering here, the ANP leader said that his party would remove the 10 years long sense of deprivation of people of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa as according to him PTI had failed to address masses issues.



QUETTA: Senior Politician, Nawabzada Haji Lashkari Raisani addresses during celebration ceremony on the occasion of Sindh Culture Day organized by Jamote Students Council Balochistan, held at Quetta press club.

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

PESHAWAR (APP): Pakistan Tahreek-e-Insaf Parliamentarians (PTIP) Chairman, Pervez Khattak here Sunday said that the intra-party election of PTI was against the principles of democracy and the right to vote. Expressing his concerns over the intra-party election of Pakistan Tahreek-e-Insaf, Pervez Khattak termed the PTI's intra-party election as a political gimmick and merely paperwork. Talking to media persons here, Pervez Khattak said the PTI election has 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.

