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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 protestors from Balochistan through negotiations. Talking in a programme on "GTV" the minister said that it was desire of the interim set-up that the protestors should go back to their homes with dignity, honour and safety. "We want to solve the problems of the protestors and talks should be held in

Balochistan or Quetta instead of Islamabad," Solangi said. The minister for information said that most of the protestors 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 protestors, Murtaza Solangi informed. The minister said that it was the preference of the protestors 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 protestors do not face any kind of inconvenience", Murtaza Solangi remarked. He said that yesterday also, the negotiation committee held talks with the protestors. The minister pointed out that the demands of the protestors were decades old. When the protestors reached Islamabad, some people were already in the NPC. Murtaza Solangi added that protestors who came from Balochistan blocked the road near Chaungi No. 26 (Motorway Chowk).



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. 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.

## PTI to file application in IHC today for return of bat symbol

ISLAMABAD (Online): Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) has prepared an appeal for the return of the election symbol "Bat" which will be filed in Islamabad High Court today (Monday).

A constitutional petition along with that also been prepared against Election Commission of Pakistan's verdict, which will be filed in Supreme Court. An early hearing is also being requested in the application. The application has been prepared on the direction of Chairman Barrister Gohar, who himself will appear in the High Court and request the court to return the bat symbol. Sources said that PTI also prepared an application under Article 184(3) of the Constitution to approach the Supreme Court, which will be followed by Sardar Latif Khan Khosa Advocate.



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

## Caretaker PM stresses upon forging of unity under Quaid's guiding principles

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar has stressed the need to forge unity for the continuity of democracy, peaceful coexistence and rule of law and the elimination of extremist forces. In a message on the observance of the 147th birthday of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah, the founder of the nation, on Monday, the prime minister said that on this day, they should reaffirm their commitment to national unity and prosperous and progressive Pakistan. Quaid's principles of "unity, faith and discipline" should be the guiding principles for all as a nation to realize the democratic state as conceived by their founder," he emphasized.

## Nawaz Sharif files nomination papers for NA-130

LAHORE (APP): Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) supreme Muhammad Nawaz Sharif on Sunday filed nomination papers to contest general elections from Lahore's National Assembly constituency NA-130. Nawaz Sharif's nomination papers were submitted to the returning officer concerned by former MPA and provincial minister Bilal Yasin. The returning officer had fixed December 26 for the scrutiny of the nomination papers. At least, 24 candidates have submitted their papers to contest elections from the constituency. The other candidates include PTI's Dr Yasmin Rashid, PPP's Ahmad Khan, PML-N's Bilal Yasin and Waheed Alam Khan.

## 160 candidates file nomination papers for three NA seats of Islamabad

ISLAMABAD (INP): As many as 160 candidates have filed nomination papers for three National Assembly seats of Islamabad, as deadline concludes. According to details, Shoaib Shaheen of Pakistan Tehreek-Insaf (PTI) has filed nomination papers for all three seats i-e NA-46, NA-47 and NA-48. Aamir Mughal and Mustafain Kazmi have filed nomination papers for NA-46 and NA-47. Another PTI candidate Aamir Sheikh has filed nomination papers for NA-47 while Sardar Maroof Advocate filed nomination papers for NA-46. PML-N's Riffat Chaudhry filed nomination papers from NA-48, Zeeshan Naqvi from NA-

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

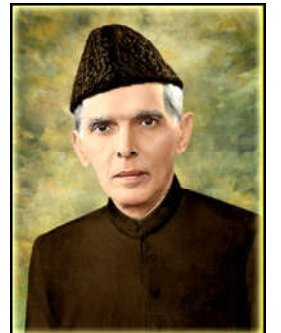
ISLAMABAD (Online): President Dr. Arif Alvi has said that Christmas has a special place in the hearts of our Christian brothers and is an opportunity to celebrate joy, contemplation and joy. He went on that the teachings of love, compassion and peace of Jesus (PBUH) are a beacon for us and guide us. 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, promote 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 Haji Ghulam Ali meeting with Governor Balochistan Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar in Balochistan House

## 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 (PML-N). 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.



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LAHORE: Caretaker Chief Minister of Punjab Mohsin Naqvi talking to people during his visit to driving license center at Police Khidmat Larkaz Liberty.

## Islamabad Capital Police beef up security for Christmas

Independent Report ISLAMABAD: Islamabad Capital Police (ICP) deployed over 1,500 officers from the Islamabad Capital Police and Pakistan Rangers to enhance security measures around Christian places of worship. According to police sources on Sunday that these efforts aim to ensure a safe environment during the Christmas celebrations. The security teams have established special search and arrest points in proximity to Christian places of worship, reinforcing the effectiveness of security protocols. Acting upon the directives of Islamabad Capital City Police Officer, Dr. Akbar Nasir Khan, a meeting was conducted by SSP Operations, Malik Jameel Zafar in Islamabad. During the meeting, officers were instructed to take all necessary measures to bolster the security of Christian places of worship in their respective areas. The directives include the establishment of search points without causing disruptions, conducting thorough searches, maintaining constant communication with event organizers, ensuring punctuality, and implementing reasonable car parking arrangements. Security measures extend to preventing any harassment in open areas, providing adequate lighting, and addressing any violations related to loudspeakers. In preparation for Christmas, SSP Operations emphasized the deployment of more than 1,500 officers to ensure foolproof security. The Pakistan Rangers are collaborating with the police to further strengthen security measures.



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.

## 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-1) 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-1). 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-1).

## 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.

## 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. The deceased persons were identified as the wife of Zakir, four daughters and four sons, including Hashim, Qasim, Hasan, and Sufyan. The community mourns the loss as authorities work to investigate the cause of the tragic incident and ensure the safety of other residents in the area.



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





