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## "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

Caretaker Chief Minister urges all elders to take personal interest in resolving burning tribal disputes; asserts kindness of State cannot be considered as it's weakness at all; says no one to be allowed to spoil peace

#### **Independent Report**

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 secre-

tariat 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 Gorgaij, 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 al clashes through elders. *Continued on page 2* tribal clashes through elders.

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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.

#### Military College Sui emergency polio manifestation of our eradication plan national unity: Governor for high-risk areas ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Prime Minister

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

**Independent Report** 

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 the dream that comes true wholehearted part in the de-

of faculty, cadets and their parents were present at the ceremony The Governor said that

programmes in high-risk union councils. what we are seeing regard-Chairing a meeting on ing ability of the students Task Force on Polio Eradiof Military College Sui and cation, he emphasized its overall performance is monitoring of polio vaccination campaigns by using for it was established some modern tea

**PM** orders

Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Wednesday directed formu-

lation of an emergency po-

lio eradication plan and

launch of integrated

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

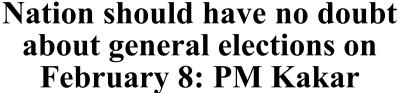
and policy-making President Alvi said Pakistan's strategic shift from geo-politics to geo-economic and the regional situation in the wake of

India's belligerence needed the policies in line with regional and systemic devel-2024opments.

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.

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ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Prime Minister people had different opin-Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar said that the nation should not have any doubts about the general elections, scheduled to be held on February 8,

"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 exfree and fair manner.

To a question, he said he did not consider the general elections of the 70s as a benchmark either as many

ions 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 arrange-ments were in place, and he was hopeful that the caretaker government would be able to give results in a rela-

tively better way. The prime minister said that he endorsed the pressed the hope that the election Commission's de-nial of any delay in the polls. nial of any delay in the polls. "They (Election Commission) have to conduct (elections). We are with there was no restriction on

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

tion Commission, the elec-

tion schedule will cover 56

days, based on which the schedule should be an-nounced by December 14.

tions of elections being as-

sociated with the decline in

Imran Khan's popularity

and his exclusion from the

electoral process, the prime

minister termed it a politi-

However, the elections

Asked about the no-

him as vet He said as per the Elec-Continued on page 2

cal analysis.

Solangi unveils 24-hour **PTV Multan Center, vows** 



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



velopment and construction of country and nation brightening name of the province.

The Governor was speaking to the cadets of Military College Sui during an annual ceremony at the Military College Sui on Wednesday.

The Commandant of Military College, Brigadier Waseem Qaiser, members

12 years ago. He said that the mar-Expressing the recent report of police cases, the velous achievement of the prime minister regretted cadets is guarantee of the

that the crippling disease, bright future of Military which was eradicated from College Sui. the globe, still existed in He stressed that the Pakistan and Afghanistan. time has come that we may PM Kakar said regarduse physical and mental ing the use of Inactivated

potential of our vounger Polio Virus (IPV) vaccine. generation in the best interbest international practices and research needed to be Continued on page 2 taken into consideration.

He directed resumption of the regular polio immunization campaign acros the country.

#### Afghan authorities close Torkham Border for crossing

PESHAWAR (INP): The Afghan authorities on Wednesday closed the (IHC) has rejected PTI Torkham Border crossing chairman Imran Khan peon their side after raising an tition seeking withdrawal of objection over installation his appeal plea against Election Commission (EC) of a "Welcome to Pakistan' signboard by the Pakistan decision in Toshakhana ref-

authorities on its side. erence The border officials said the Afghan authorities reserved judgment on PTI have closed the border chairman petition to withcrossing for every kind of draw his appeal plea against EC October 21, movement on their side as a protest. 2022 decision. The decision The Pakistani authori

ties were installing a signboard inscribed with "Welcome to Pakistan" at Torkham zero point upon which the Afghan authori-LAHORE (INP): Pakistan the party supremo.

ties raised an objection and in protest closed the bor The border authorities said the situation has led to closure of all kinds of trad-

tion here former president ing and transit traffic and Asif Ali Zardari had filed pedestrian crossing at the border. The officials further said that the Afghan move

long years. PML-N President may adversely affect the regional trader and cause commercial and financial losses to the traders on both

Shehbaz Sharif, Maryam Nawaz, Rana Sanaullah, Ayaz Sadiq and Azam

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.

#### Justice Ijaz in SJC as member appeal plea against EC decision challenged in SC ISLAMABAD (Online) ISLAMABAD (Online): Justice (CJ) IHC Aamer Islamabad High Court Farooq here Wednesday.

The inclusion of Justice Ijaz ul Ahsan as member in The court rejected Supreme Judicial Council chairman PTI petition. (SĴC) in the matter of pro-The court had reserved ceedings against Justice judgment on September 13 Mazahar Ali Naqvi has after hearing the arguments been challenged in Supreme Court (SC). It is pertinent to men-

**Inclusion of** 

Mian Dad advocate has tion here chairman PTI had filed a constitutional petichallenged EC October 21 tion in SC making federal government and secretary Chairman PTI wants to SJC respondents. withdraw the appeal from

Complete order sheet of former CCPO Ghulam Muhammad Dogar case is attached with the petition. The application regarding objections on Justice Ijaz U Aĥsan in SJC is also attached with the constitutional petition. Mian Dad has said the reference of corruption and misconduct against Justice Mazahar Naqvi is pending hearing in SĴC

#### Security forces kill terrorist in Kulachi operation

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heard the case.

RAWALPINDI (APP): The Security Forces on Wednesday gunned down Terrorist Habib Ur Rehman during an intelligence-based operation conducted in general area Kulachi of Dera Ismail Khan District. According to the Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) news release, the Army troops effectively engaged the terrorists' location, as a result of which terrorist Habib Ui Rehman was sent to hell.

nance, Revenue, and Eco-The killed terrorist had nomic Affairs Dr Shamshad remained actively involved Akhtar was honoured with in numerous terrorist activithe prestigious Award of ties against security forces the 'Most Influential as well as innocent civilians Woman in Islamic Business in the area. Weapon, ammuand Finance 2023' at the 5th nition and explosives were Annual WOMANi event also recovered from the terheld in Dubai, organized by rorist

#### to ensure transparent polls

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

MULTAN (APP): Caremanner.

taker Federal Minister for Talking to media per-Information, Broadcasting sons at the inaugural ceremony of the 24-hour reand Parliamentary Affairs Murtaza Solangi said on gional transmission of Pa-Wednesday that general kistan Television Multan, elections would be held on he said that the people February 8, 2024 and full would ultimately decide the next government of the preparations were underway to accomplish the task in a fair and transparent

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**MULTAN: Caretaker Federal Minister for Informa**tion, 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

SLAMABAD (APP): The Supreme Court (SĆ)

Additional Attorney Wednesday sought reply General Aamer Rehman from additional attorney said that the decisions of general and advocate general the top court were clear re-Balochistan in an appeal lated to the CCI. against census in the prov-

He argued that the objection was not raised by A three-member bench any relevant person.

of the top court presided Petitioner's lawyer by Justice Ijaz ul Ahsan Kamran Murtaza said that fundamental rights of the At the outset of hearcitizens were connected ing, Justice Ijaz ul Ahsan with the census.

noted that the petitioner Addressing the lawyer, had objected over the par-Justice Ahsan said that the ticipation of acting chief Chief Minister whom you minister in the meeting of elected did not object to the council of common intercensus.

#### Dr Shamshad awarded with 'Most **Influential Woman in Islamic Business and Finance 2023'**

ISLAMABAD (APP) Cambridge IFA. Caretaker Minister for Fi-

Dr. Akthar'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

injured in Mastung firing QUETTA (APP): The unbulled injuries while his known armed men gunned friend sustained injuries. down an advocate and in-Police on information jured his colleague in reached the site and shifted Mastung town area of

the body and the injured to Balochistan on Wednesday. nearby hospital where the According to police injured victim's treatment sources, the victim identiwas started.

fied as Muhammad Waris The body of the de-Advocate along with his ceased was handed over to colleague Haji Habibullah the heirs after completion was on way to the Session of medico legal formalities. Court from his house when The motive behind the armed assailants opened killing could not be ascerfire at them and fled from tained so far.

the scene near Major Police sources said the Chowk area. As a result, motive behind the attack Muhammad Waris died on could not be ascertained the spot after receiving immediately

presidential reference in SC in 2011. 6 hearing of the Advocate killed, one



The court announced

Muslim League-Nawaz

Muhammad Nawaz Sharif

on Wednesday visited the

residence of Pakistan Mus-

lim League-Quaid (PML-

Q) President Chaudhry

Shujaat Hussain after 15

(PML-N)

was announced by Chief High Court.

supremo,

**Nawaz Sharif visits** 

Ch. Shujaat after 15 years

ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar chairs a

IHC rejects Imran petition seeking withdrawal of his

of the respondents.

IHC and run it in Lahore

The two parties have

PML-N has decided to

Chaudhry Salik and

discussed electoral alliance

and seat adjustments on

support PML-Q candi-

dates on two National As-

sembly and three provincial

Tariq Bashir Cheema will

contest election on Na-

Guirat seats.

assembly seats.

2022 decision.

# meeting on Task Force of Polio Eradication.





#### Decision taken to fix for hearing presidential reference regarding murder of Zulfigar Ali Bhutto cial murder is likely to be

week.

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ISLAMABAD (Online): Decision has been taken to fix presidential reference regarding murder of former Prime Minister (PM) Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto for hearing soon.

Important progress has come to fore on hearing of presidential reference on the matter of murder of former PM Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto.

The reference for declaring the execution of reference have taken place Zulfigar Ali Bhutto a judi- so far.

fixed for hearing in next A larger bench of Supreme Court (SC) under the Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJ0) Qazi Faez Isa will hear the presidential refer-It is pertinent to menDaily A oice of Masser Independent Quetta

Thursday December 07, 2023

## **Miscellaneous**

## President for utilizing mosques to educate 28mn out-of-school children

President Dr Arif Alvi on Wednesday called for making collaborative efforts with the Masajid to impart education to 28 million outof-school children and said that Masajid and Madaris could play an important role in promoting ethical

values, besides creating awareness about important social and health issues at the grassroots level.

release

resources.

The president expressed these views while chairing a follow-up meeting on Masajid and Madaris, at Aiwan-e-Sadr. The meeting was at-

tended by Minister for Religious Affairs and Inter-Faith Harmony Aneeq Ahmad, Chairman of the

ISLAMABAD (APP): Council of Islamic Ideology and collective efforts by Professor Dr Qibla Ayaz, society to provide educaprovincial ministers and tion to out-of-school chilrepresentatives of the dren Augaf and Religious Affairs departments as well as the istry of Federal Education Ministry of Federal Educaand Professional Training tion and Professional Traininformed the meeting that

it had launched an Acceler-President Secretariat ated Learning Programme to Press Wing said in a press educate out-of-school chil-

The president said that Speaking on the occa-Masajid and Madaris could sion, the president said that imparting education to alplay an instrumental role in most 28 million out-ofreforming society and overschool children in Pakistan coming social evils by prowas a huge challenge, which moting ethical values, would require thousands of brotherhood, tolerance, new schools and additional peace, inter-faith harmony and respect for each other's

He emphasized the rights through the Friday need for innovative and mons non-traditional solutions He also underscored

the need for raising awareness, through mosques, about mental and general health issues, population The authorities of minwelfare, inter-faith harmony, women's rights, and malnutrition at the community level.

The president further called for adopting an integrated approach by the ministries of health, education, and religious affairs at the federal and provincial levels by involving the Masajid and Madaris to educate the people about social and health issues.



ISLAMABAD: President, Dr. Arif Alvi chairing a follow-up meeting on Masjid and Madaris held at Aiwan-e-Sadr in Islamabad

police and rescuers.

The mayor of

Karachi, who was

present at the site and

overseeing the rescue

efforts, confirmed the

death of three people.

#### Afghanistan lost global focus after Gaza-Israel conflict: Durrani East as well, he added. session included Mirvais

ISLAMABAD (APP): Ambassador Asif Durrani, on Wednesday, said due to the ongoing conflict between Israel and Hamas, Afghanistan has gone down the priority list for the global community.

He was speaking at the second working session of Islamabad Conclave titled Changing Regional Landscape: From Afghanistan to Middle East' organized by the Centre for Afghanistan, Middle East and Africa (CAMEA) at the Institute of Strategic Studies Islamabad (ISSI) here, a news release said.

Ambassador The stated that major power rivalries have played a major role in making this present mosaic. The breakup of the Soviet Union resulted in the making of a unipolar world. The recent crisis in

Gaza has sharpened the global divide and it shows how a small spark can turn into an inferno. Pakistan's geography had a geopolitical and geo-economic value as it is a gateway to the Middle

Yasini, former Deputy The situation in Afghanistan affects Pakistan Speaker of the Lower and the situation in Af-House of the Afghan Parghanistan post 9/11 had liament, Ms. Yara Mourad, many adverse consequences Assistant Director AUB Issam Fares Institute for for the country as it affected us economically and Public Policy and International Affairs (IFI), Ameriin the security aspect as can University of Beirut (AUB), Ms. Tamanna well He went on to say that

Salikuddin, Director of South Asia Programs at the attacks by the Tehrik e Taliban Pakistan (TTP) in Pakistan have increased. On United States Institute of Peace (USIP), Adam Weinstein, Deputy Directhe other hand, trade with Afghanistan has increased and trade within the region tor of the Middle East Prohas also increased significantly.

people in Afghanistan are living below the poverty line and humanitarian aid is also affected. Shedding light on Pakistan's proximity to the Middle East, he said that the region has a deep

economics in Pakistan. The country receives remittances from the Middle East and the Saudi Iran rapprochement is a step in the right direction. The speakers at the

Khan, Director CAMEA. Amina Khan, in her introductory remarks, stated that the geopolitical land-scape of the Middle East impact on political and geoand Afghanistan has witnessed profound transfor-

mations in recent years,

#### Three perish as fire erupts in shopping mall near Karachi's Ayesha Manzil

KARACHI (INP): At mentioned the discovery of a 'third dead

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KARACHI (INP): At menti least three people per-ished after a fire body' erupted in one of the shops located in Arshi Shopping Mall adjoin-ing Ayesha Manzil in a Karachi central peigh-Ín a previous post, Wahab said that two individuals with 'severe burn injuries' had been Karachi central neightransférred to Civil borhood, according to Hospital.

It remains unclear whether these individuals are among the deceased. Nine fire tenders were deployed to extinguish the fire, with assistance from Wahab, in a post on firefighters of the Paki-X formerly Twitter, stan Navy. stan Navy.



BAGHDAD: Chairman Senate, Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani of Pakistan being received by Iragi Deputy Foreign Minister, Mohammed Hussein Mohammed Bahr-Aluloom along with a delegation at state lounge on his arrival at Baghdad.

#### **TENDER NOTICE** The Water and Sanitation Authority Quetta invites bids from those contractors who are involved in the same nature of works. Tender Fee Rs.1000/-S. No. Name of Work/s E/Cost Bid Security Petty repair works of sluice valve 8.00 M 160.000/-

MULTAN: Caretaker Federal Minister for Information, Broadcasting and Parliamentary Affairs Murtaza Solangi cutting the ribbon to inaugurate

#### Nation should have no doubt....

Khawaja Ghulam Fareed studio block at Radio station

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"However, if something unusual comes up, I can't say anything about it had come to his knowl-. 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.

He said while in hiding, they would have sec-ond thought to leave PTI nomic situation, he exor politics which was their pressed his satisfaction

personal decision with his government's efforts so far to improve the He said that no evidence of 'state coercion' national economy. blueprint for the rest of the edge, and even none of those people had spoken work to the next governof 'state coercion'. Until ment," he remarked then, it's just allegations, he added.

rubbished the allegations Prime Minister Kakar of any malpractice in disagreed with the view privatisation process and said such conspiratorial asthat the decision of May 9 arson should be left to the sumptions had brought the country to that extent. people for elections. He also rejected the allegations He said that expert advisors had been appointed of not having a level playfor privatization.

Coming to the eco-These are not union level talks. Best practices are being imple-

now.

mented They will advise in accordance with the global market trend. They can be audited even 50 years from

the prime ministe

'They will leave the

Discussing the PIA, he

LAHORE (APP): Sixth edition of Maritime Security Workshop (MARSEW-6), a national level forum being military which include senaorganized by Pakistan Navy (PN), with the theme tors/parliamentarian, senior

commences at PN War College economy. This national kistan Navy to shield the level forum brings together country's maritime interparticipants from public and private sectors and

6th Maritime Security Workshop

ests Maritime Security Workshop is designed in two phases, the first being



gram, Quincy Institute for Responsible Statecraft and He said that 95% of Ms. Elizabeth Threlkald, Seniour Fellow and Direc-

tor South Asia at Stimson Center. The session was moderated by Ms. Amina

marked by a complex interplay of regional, global, and internal dynamics.

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Government of Kazakhstan has conferred its national award upon Dr Hathal Homoud Alotiabi, President, of International Islamic University (IIU), in recognition of his services.

Kazak govt confers national

award upon President IIUI

ing field.

The award was conferred by the Ambassador of Kazakhstan to Pakistan, Mr. Yerzhan Kistafin, and Dr. Bulat Sarsenbayev, Chairman of the Board of Governors of Kazakhstan's Institute for Development of Intercivilizational Dialogue, on behalf of the President of Kazakhstan, in the concluding ceremony of a conference on the Sirah of the Prophet (PBUH) held at the Faisal Masjid campus of the university.



The two-day international conference titled Sirah, Civic Sense, and Tolerance was organized with a joint institution. venture of Pak-Saudi governments by the International Centre of Excellence for Sirah Studies, the Islamic Re-Solangi unveils... search Institute, and the IRI of the International Islamic Continued from page 1 University.

The concluding ceremony of the conference was country and formally give chaired by the Minister for Religious Affairs and Interthe mandate on elections faith Harmony, H.E. Aneeq Ahmed. The Minister of Reday through the ballot. He ligious Affairs said that the life and teachings of the Holy dispelled any doubt by Prophet (PBUH) teach us peaceful coexistence, mercy, some quarters about the and good behavior. Anees Ahmad said that the Quran and holding of general elections. Sunnah are the only ways that tell the rules of how to build a society and to live a life. Preamble of the Constitu-

Addressing the youth, he said that the life of the tion had indicated that Prophet (PBUH) is the best role model for them; they elected representatives should connect with religion because it shows the way to would ultimately run the the betterment of this world and the hereafter. affairs of the country.

#### Pakistan needs dynamic...

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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.

The president recalled that decades ago, the world after several war-related massacres in Europe had arrived at the culmination of peace treaties and bodies like the League of the Nations and the United Nations (UN). However, he pointed out that now every rule made by the civilized world as a lesson learned after several wars was being undermined. Dr Alvi said allowing few states the right of veto power was in fact the first failure of mankind to bow before the vested interests.

War, he said, was not a solution to resolve any consaid. Military College Sui...

Continued from page 1 est of the country and nation. He said that the guidance and grooming of the youth by parents besides their teachers is also very important, and as such they

Secure Seas, Prosperous Pakistan' commenced here have to pay focus on it. at Pakistan Navy War Col-The Governor on the lege (PNWC) on Wednesoccasion urged the parents day. to have close coordination

Commandant Pakistan with the college teachers for Navy War College Rear education and grooming of Admiral Javed Iqbal inautheir children, and play their gurated the workshop wholehearted role in their aimed at generating undercharacter building. Mr. standing on dynamics of Kakar believed that the maritime security, awareyouth of Balochistan are ness of the blue economy equally talented and intelliand exploring the untapped gent and have ability to maritime potential of Pakicompete youth of other stan. The workshop also provinces. He appreciated seeks to highlight challenges the administration and facand opportunities available ulty of the Military College in maritime sector of Paki-Sui for playing the excellent role in development of the support country's

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The Chief Minister

However, the relaxation

He said that it would



bureaucrats, maritime sector, business community, academia/think-tanks and media

In his welcome address, the PNWC Commandant highlighted rundown of workshop activities including familiarization on maritime potential of Pakistan in the context of policy formulation. He dilated on the need to reposition 'our strategic gaze towards sea and comprehend the transpiring developments in the wider Indian Ocean which casts bearing on Pakistan's national security'. He alluded stan and the manner it may to wide ranging challenges

Grand tribal Jirga invites "enraged"....

campus and second field tours to various maritime organizations, Pakistan Navy commands and coastal/creeks installations. The participants will also have an opportunity to visit Gwadar port and witness various on-going development projects under CPEC

Maritime Security Workshop is being held annually at Pakistan Navy War College since 2017. The workshop aids in cultivating integrated approach in developing the maritime sector and Blue and formidable role of Pa-Economy of Pakistan.

#### Spindles etc. for the year 2023-2024

CONDITION Procurements shall be made under the Balochistan Public Procurement Rules 2014. Eligibility of Bidders: (a) Registration with relevant taxation departments. (b) Registration with Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC) in relevant category. Method of Procurement: Single Stage-One Envelope Procedure. Bid Security: The bids must accompany Bid Security in the form of Call Deposit or Bank Guarantee of amount specified above in the name of the Managing Director WASA from a scheduled bank. Tender Documents: The bidding documents can be obtained from the office of the undersigned upon payment (non refundable) bidding document fee (amount mentioned above) through Allied Bank on account No.1170-7. New Zarghoon Road Quetta Branch. (The NIT & Bidding Document can also be downloaded from www.bppra.org.pk under TSE No.232412365023 Issuance of tender Documents: From the date of publication of NIT to 21-12-2023, during office hours on working days. Last Date of bid submission: The Tenders must be submitted latest by 21-12-2023 till 11:00AM at the office of the Managing Director WASA. Tender opening: All tenders will be opened on same day at the office of the Chairman Procurement Committee WASA at 12:00 PM Address: Q-WASA Head Office near NADRA office New Zarghoon Road, Quetta, Phone no. 081-9211614 Fax no. 081-9211610 Email:mdwasagta@gmail.com



Only electronic bid will be submitted, no physical bid is required. Note: In All Procurements of GOB Whether Through Electronic or Manual Bid Submission, It is Mandatory For All Bidders to Get Registered At Electronic Public Procurement System of BPPRA GOB. Tender Fee Not required

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Procurements shall be made under the Balochistan Public Procurement Rules - 2014. Eligibility of Bidders: 3 Assignments of Similar Nature and Complexity 5,000,000 in Previous3 Turnover of at least 4,500,000 PKR in 3 Subsequent Previous Years Presence in Active Tax Payer List. Sales Tax Certificate. The bidding firm must not be currently blacklisted by any procuring agency of Pakistan. JV is not permissible. Submission of the required Bid Security Incase Bid Security is not found as required during financial evaluation the bidding firm shall be declared as in-eligible and non-responsive. Firm must be registered with income tax authorities. Must unconditionally agree with all the instructions, terms and conditions specified in the bidding documents and contract agreement. Firm Must Agree to serve the contract within the stipulated time period The firm must quote the financial bid/rates in Mounds/per 40 kg Procedure of Procurement: Single Stage Two Envelope Bidding Procedure Bid Security: The bids must accompany Bid Security in the form of Deposit at Call of 2% specified above in the name of the undersigned from a scheduled bank. Tender Documents: The NIT 8 Bidding Document can be obtained electronically from www.bppra.gob.pk Issuance of tender Documents: Complete Bidding Document can be viewed at www.bppra.gob.pk Last Date of bid submission: Bid can only be submitted electronically latest by 25 December, 2023 till 11:00 AM through supplier dashboard. Tender opening: All tenders will be opened on same day at 12:00 PM on EPPS System Sample of firewood (dry mixed gutka) will only be demanded from technically qualified and financially lowest bidder to be presented before the procurement committee. The deliver/supply of firewood shall be make as per approved samples. Address: office of the Additional Inspector General of Police/Commandant Balochistan Constabulary, Headquarters, Baddar line, Gulistan Road Quetta. Phone no: 0819201472 Fax no: 9201401 Email: balochistanconstabulary@gmail.com



flict and always resulted in a never-ending vicious cvcle of violence. He expressed disappointment over the approach of democratic countries supporting wars and said morality must be the anchor of human thinking. He said the world at the moment direly needed the approach of love, empathy and forgiveness. In Pakistan's current political scenario, he said, the same spirit of forgiveness and empathy was lacking and added that the nations evolve on the basis of these factors. Besides conflicts, he said, the world faced several threats such as skewed development, immigration problems in first world countries as re-

world countries, increasing poverty, artificial intelligence, nuclear weaponization, and environmental changes.

he said the media was free and the judiciary was independent in the country. Solangi said that mul tiple 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 gov-

He pointed out that

Answering a question,

ernment 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 sult of the conflicts in third task of caretaker government, and it was surely the responsibility of an elected government and elected parliament.

spection Team Umeed Ali Khokhar being briefed by XEN Irfan Ali regarding under construction road

Addressing the Jirga, his family has presented the tribal chieftain of sacrifices of lives for the Shahwani tribe, Nawab country. Muhammad Khan The former militant Shahwani stressed that it is Gulzar Imam Shambay said

necessary to restore trust that he waged armed among the government and tribal personalities for establishing sustainable peace in the province.

tribal elder Sardar Umar Khan Gorgaij emphasized to ensure promotion of livelihood can be created for the youth mobilizing resources of the province.

countless sacrifices, so we tion of all the matters can be found out through nego-

Mir Jamal Raisani said that he belongs to

stream.

Earlier, the Minister Home welcomed the tribal elders and highlighted the aims and objectives of the Jirga. He said that the tribal

tiations

Jirgas have been an important part of the national traditions. He said that we can find

He stressed that there

He said that the solu-

solution to the issues together as it has been the same course of our forefathers.

USTA MUHAMMAD: Member Chief Minister In-

struggle for 15 years and then he reached the conclusion that solution of the issues of Balochistan is pos-Another prominent sible through political dialogue. He strongly believed that the opportunities of

peace for resolving smaller disputes of local level at the local level. Meanwhile, addressing

the Jirga, caretaker Provinis a need to make youth of cial Minister for Youth Afthe province that solution fairs and sports, Mir Jamal of issues lies in the parlia-Khan Raisani said that Pamentary politics. kistan came into being after

have to value it.

Mr. Shambay said that a lot of angry Balochs are the family of martyrs and in his contact and want to join the national mainIndependent

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She recalled that a

She mentioned that

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## Samina Alvi for inclusive approach to mainstream persons with disabilities

ISLAMABAD (APP): Samina Alvi, wife of President Dr Arif Alvi on Wednesday emphasized the need for providing opportunities to persons with disabilities to help them become part of mainstream economic activities.

Speaking at the graduation ceremony of the Network of Organizations Working with Persons with Pakistan Disabilities (NOWPDP), she said it was the joint responsibility of the State and the society to accommodate such people by ensuring the inclusive approach.

Samina Alvi said persons with disabilities comprised 10 to 12 percent of the country's population, however, they lacked enough representation in assistive technology and

society and public domains. rehabilitation services. She regretted that due comprehensive awareness to negative attitudes towards disability, the famicampaign was launched from the platform of the lies restricted their such members to homes and Presidency to raise awareavoided their outdoor acness about mainstreaming tivities. Also, the lack of inpersons with disabilities. frastructure such as access ramps at public buildings the campaign was sup-

and parks restricted the ported by non-governmenmobility of persons with tal organizations, chambers disabilities, she added. of commerce, and the me-Samina Alvi urged for dia. Also, the Pakistan Teleproviding education to such communication Authority students at mainstream relayed 120 million shor messaging services on sen schools to ensure their in-

clusion in society. sitization about persons She stressed for the with disabilities. She urged the public and private sec training of teachers and sensitizing society that pertor departments including sons with disabilities could banks, chambers of com play a positive role in socimerce, and welfare founda ety if provided with ample tions to adopt inclusive opportunities including policies to accommodate persons with disabilities.



ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of Turkiye to Pakistan Mehmet Pacaci along MD Bait-ul-Mall Amir Fida Parcha and others are visiting the different stalls during an event "Pakistan Bait-ul-Mall at a Glance" at Fatima Jinnah Park in Federal Capital.

#### NAC reviews performance **AIOU** ranked in top 300 of affiliated institutions world greenest

ISLAMABAD (APP): The 6th meeting of the National Accreditation Council (NAC) of NAVTTC, reviewed the performance of the institutions affiliated to the council across the coun-

try. The meeting held here yesterday under the chairmanship of NAC Chairman Mian Waqas Masood, while Executive Director of National Vocational and Technical Training Commission (NAVTTC) Aamir Jan also During the meet.

Fida Bazai and representacampuses tives of public and private institutions. In the meeting, ISLAMABAD (APP) the affairs of the organiza-Allama Iqbal Open Univertions affiliated to NAVTTC sity (AÎOU) has been were also discussed.

ranked 8th amongst the In the meeting, the afgreenest Pakistani universi fairs of accredited instituties while it stood at 293th tions with the council were position worldwide in rankfinalized. During this time, the affiliated institutions belonging to other regions including the four provinces were also evaluated regard-

ment measures.

Speaking at the meet-

ing of 'UI's GreenMetric for the year 2023. According to AIOU as for as the federally chartered universities of Pakiing the performance and stan are concerned, the



First Lady Begum Samina Alvi giving certificates to students with disabilities at the graduation ceremony of the Network of Organizations Working with Persons with Disabilities Pakistan (NOWPDP) students, in Islamabad

Trial of Imran,

Fawad will be

held in Adiala

**Jail: EC** 

Commissioner matter.

Decision was read out

According to details,

#### **IHC sends delimitation** matters to ECP

by senior lawyer Ahsan

The chief justice in-

quired that when the ECP

ISLAMABAD (APP):

Caretaker Federal Minister

on Wednesday launched

app for online registration

revolutionize drug registra-

for registration and li-

The step was taken to

and licensing of drugs.

the country.

cense

system

drugs, he added.

notice in this case.

ISLAMABAD (APP): people have challenged the The Islamabad High Court delimitation before the (IHC) on Wednesday sent court the matters to Election

The court said that Commission of Pakistan these were just minor issues (ECP) pertaining to the dewhich should be addressed limitation in various conby the electoral body as stituencies of the country. early Ahsan Bhoon Advo-Chief Justice Aamer Faroog heard the case filed

cate said that there was no (EC) has announced reany constituency in the served judgment regarding country where the popula-tion was more than 1.3 miltrial in Adiala Jail. by Deputy Director of Law

Bhoon regarding the delimi-tation in Hafizabad. At the outset of hearlion. He said that the total ing, the ECP's lawyer population of Hafizabad adopted the stance that he was 1.319 million but only EC has approved to have trial of Founder Chairman one constituency was was in court in another case, adding that the departmade. ment has not received court The court asked the

PTI and Fawad Chaudhary ECP to address the issues in Adiala Jail. Hearing will be held in Adiala Jail on 13 Decemafter hearing the complainants as soon as possible and was going to announce pass orders along with. The ber

schedule for general elec-tions. He said that several ECP. In the decision, Interior Ministry has been directed to prepare adminis-**Dr Nadeem launches app** trative report and submit it in EC within 2 days.

Saima Janjua.

**Qawwali legend Aziz Mian** remembered on his 23rd

deathanniversary ISLAMABAD (APP) Legendary Qawwal, poet and musician Aziz Mian was remembered Wednesday on his 23rd death anniversary where people from all walks of life through various media platforms paid glowing tributes to his lifetime unforgettable services in the entertainment industry. Aziz Mian was born as Ábdul Aziz in Delhi in 1942. The exclamation

Mian, which he often used in his qaw-walis, became part of his stage name. He was also famous for singing ghazals in Qawwali style.

**DG PNCA** 

grieved

over demise of

**Ustad Gullu** 

ISLAMABAD (APP)

The Director General (DG)

Pakistan National Council

of Arts (PNCA) Ayub

pressed his heartfelt grief

over the demise of re-

nowned classical maestro

singer Ustad Hussain

Bakhash Gullu, he was a

shining star of musical

world who felt the nation

and country proud with his

PNCA Ayub Jamali said that the world of music has

lost a shining star with the

passing of Ŭstad Hussain

Bakhsh Gullu, a renowned

classical singer who capti-

vated audiences with his

mesmerizing voice and soul-

ful renditions and his death

marks an end to an era, si-

lencing a voice that echoed

the essence of classical mu-

sic. Hailing from the illus-

trious Sham Chaurasi

Gharana, Ustad Gullu was

the son of the legendary

Ustad Nathu Khan, who

himself was the teacher of

the revered Ustad Bade

Ghulam Ali Khan. He was

born into a lineage of musi-

cal brilliance, Ustad Gullu

inherited the profound

mastery of his forefathers

Director General

art

Jamali on Wednesday ex-

#### Senate Secretariat, **IPC sign MoU**

Independent Report ISLAMABAD: A Memo-ISLAMABAD (Online): randum of Understanding Important progress has (MoU) was signed between the Secretariat of the come to fore in contempt Senate of Pakistan and the of Election Commission (EC) and Chief Election International Parliamentarians' Congress (IPC) for Election Commission Institutional Cooperation.

Secretary of the Senate Mohammad Qasim Samad Khan and Secretary General of IPC Sitara Ayaz signed the MoU, marking a pivotal step towards increased cooperation in areas of mutual interest and of the Senate of the Islamic recognizing the need for

MoU outlines a range of joint initiatives, including the enhancement of international representation, collective advocacy for global human rights, exchange of research-based materials to bolster legislative support, addressing the impacts of climate change on food security, and collaboration on health-related initiatives to tackle global health challenges. This collaborative effort between the Secretariat

lenges and promoting col-

laborative initiatives. The



closer collaboration, said a news release issued here. The signing ceremony, preceded by detailed discussions, reflects the commitment of both entities to

Republic of Pakistan and the International Parliamentarians' Congress for Institutional Cooperation exemplifies a shared commitment to global progress, forge a deeper partnership cooperation, and address for addressing global chal- the pressing challenges. cooperation, and addressing

#### **Senate body on Maritime Affairs convenes**

ISLAMABAD (APP): ing of relevant stakeholders Meeting of Senate Standing and resolve the issue within Committee on Maritime 15 days. Affairs was held at Parlia-Furthermore, the

ment House on Wednesday committee discussed the with Senator Rubina Khalid current status of the Gwadar Shipyard Project. The Senate Commit-Dr. Iram Anjum Khan, Secee deliberated on the acquiretary Maritime Affairs, sition of the remaining land informed that the Ministry for the railway track from of Defence Production Gwadar Port to the Rail-(MoPD) initially marked way Container Yard. The the Kappar area for the shipyard. However, due to said project was approved by ECNEC in 2007. Offi- its location 50 km away and above sea level. MoDF

mated system will lead to increase in export and enhanced confidence of international organizations in Pakistan's medicines. The minister said the

foundation of merit and transparency has been laid tion and licensing system in DRAP.

Due to merit and According to spokestransparency, the efficiency person of the Ministry of of institutions increases significantly. This initiative Health, pharmaceutical companies will be able to will increase public confisubmit online applications dence in the regulator.

Dr. Nadeem Jan said 'We are vigorously pursu-Earlier, applicants had to visit DRAP to apply for registration or licensing of ing the implementation of reform agenda in the Ministry of Health."This initiative will promote transpar-

He said that registration and licensing of new A complaint app was multinational companies is also launched by Dr. also digital under the new Nadeem Jan to ensure direct communication with

ISLAMABAD: A group of students and faculty members of the Balochistan

The official said the

He said, "The inter-

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ested firms and bidders

may purchase the bidding

documents upto December

18 during working hours.<sup>3</sup>

bidding documents can be

obtained through draft and

pay order Rs 10,000 non-

refundable against written

residential college, Zhob visiting senate museum at Parliament House.

He said that auto- the regulator.

for drugs' registration

ing NAC also discussed the ing, NAVTTC Executive measures to further improve the performance of Director Aamir Jan emphaaccredited institutions.

The meeting was also attended by the Joint Secretary of the Ministry of Education, DG National Accreditation Council Dr. tation Council.

sized the need to resolve all issues amicably and said that concrete steps will be taken to further improve the quality of the Accredi-

Islamabad Capital police

with dedication and com-

mitment adding that his ser-

vices to make Islamabad

capital police as an ideal

force will be remembered

joined Islamabad capital

police as a Probation ASI

and served various posts

SP Muhammad Ayub

forever.

I'abad Capital Police host farewell for outgoing SP

Independent Report ISLAMABAD: Islamabad Capital police hosted farewell for the outgoing Super-

intendent of Police (SP) Islamabad Muhammad Ayub who retired from his services after serving the force, a police public relations officer said.

He said that the farewell ceremony was attended among others by Islamabad Capital City Police Officer (ICCPO) Dr. Akbar Nasir Khan and all other senior including Deputy Superin-

tendent of Police and Su-ICCPO Dr. Akbar perintendent of Police.

## **Police implement** enhanced measures at high security zone

Independent Report ISLAMABAD: Islamabad police have diligently deploying all available resources to fortify security within the federal capital, with a particular focus on the high security zone.

Police spokesperson said that Islamabad police have actively ensured comprehensive data registration, meticulous examination of identification documents, and searches of individuals entering the high security zone on a routine basis. Notably, the police took action against 2,905 vehicles and 1,613 motorcyclists for traffic rules violations at various checkpoints within the high se-

curity zone. In the preceding the ranking of these univer-

Vice Chancellor, AIOU, Prof. Dr. Nasin Mahmood has expressed his gratitude for the honor and stated that the credit of this achievement goes to the Office of Research Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC) and the gardeners of the University for which they deserve congratulations

He further said that the Nasir Khan appreciated the University will pay special services of SP Muhammad attention to make the cam-Ayub and said that the ofpuses greener so that we ficer had served in can get a better position

As compared to previous year's ranking, the Allama Iqbal Open University has significantly improved its position worldwide by taking practical steps to green the main campus as well as the regional campuses.

bal universities in 2021, the AIOU was ranked 485th among the greenest universities in the world, while in 2022, the University was ranked 331st among global universities.

**CDA decides** to start bus service in Islamabad

ISLAMABAD (Online) CDA Administration has decided to start bus service for the first time in sectors Federal Capital of Islamabad

between centers of the sec-

detail of tender notice can be seen on the FGEHA website www.fgeha.gov.pk and PPRA website www.ppra.org.pk while the valid PEC registration in category C-5 and above along with relevant codes

request along with attested copies of NTN Certificate. He said the Single

ISLAMABAD: Senator Syed Ali Zafar, Chairman Senate Standing Committee on Law and Justice presiding over a meeting of the committee at Parliament Lodges.

ials apprised that the railways have yet to acquire approximately 340 acres of land required for the project.

in Chair.

The ministry is in negotiations with the District Administration, Gwadar Development Authority and Gwadar Port Authority for the acquisition of the remaining land. Railway officials highlighted the issue of 5 acres of railway land that overlapped during the construction of the Eastbay Expressway. Senator Rubina Khalid stated that the railway track is the backbone of the Gwadar project and should be com-

pleted at the earliest.

changed the site from Kappar to Sur Bandar in October 2023. Senator Rubina Khalid inquired why these factors were not considered beforehand, stating that the whole process reveals the incompetence of the department. The Committee referred the matter to the Senate Standing Committee on Defence Production for further deliberation.

The Senate body was briefed on the hurdles in the execution of the Korangi Fisheries Harbour Authority, Modification of Fish Auction Hall, Establish-

The committee recment of Business Park, and ommended the ministry to Establishment of Cold Storage and Freezing tunnels. form a committee compris-



ISLAMABAD: A view of the awareness placards on Pole at Jinnah Avenue regarding the "Corruption Free Pakistan" by National Accountability Court" in Federal Capital.

#### Shehla Raza urges political parties not to make election process controversial

ISLAMABAD (APP): Senior PPP leader and former Deputy Speaker of the Sindh Assembly, Shehla Raza Wednesday urged all political parties to avoid making the election process controversial and transparent elections are the only way to ensure political sta-

bility in the country. Talking to the PTV news channel, she said despite all allegations, PPP only focused on election campaigns, and all parties need to allow sufficient space for each other in the electoral process.

are increasingly conscious of upcoming elections, and we must trust our voters instead of blaming to others

PPP always efforts to mprove the conditions of the common man during their governance, she highlighted 'The MQM only

want delimitation in line with their desires, which is not possible, she said, adding, that only PPP standing with the people and would form the next government.

Shehla also expressed confidence that the People's Party would sweep Sindh, adding, that national action plan implementation is also need of hour with letter and spirit. Replying to a query, she said every budget will be unconstitutional and discriminatory until the National Finance Commission (NFC) is given.

She further said that She said that people the PPP would not compromise on the economic rights of the people, the constitution of Pakistan and equal distribution of funds to all provinces.

> To another question, she said the PPP had worked a lot in Sindh for the development of the people, while the other parties only paid lip service.

month, the Islamabad Capital Police undertook measures such as removing tinted glasses and improper number plates from 2,849 vehicles, impounding 56 vehicles lacking proper documentation, and issuing challan tickets to 1,613 motorcyclists for violations

related to helmets and overspeeding. Stringent directives have been issued to police officers and officials stationed at high security zone checkpoints, emphasizing the need for responsible duty execution.

Paramount importance is placed on the protection of crucial public and private properties, as well as embassies situated in the high security zone, police spokesperson added.

next year.

In the ranking of glo

sectors

the Federal Board of Rev-Selection of 13 routes

enue (FBR). The official said the tors will be connected to Orange and Green lines. CDA has signed an agreement with Transport

Industry Pakistan, a subsidiary of the Ministry of Defense, to run public transport on 13 routes.

160 electrical vehicles CE-09 CE-10 (v). will be operated on 13 routes.

horticulture & landscaping in sectors G-13, G-14 Stage Two Envelope (SSTE) Bidding Procedure ISLAMABAD (APP): The Federal Government

Employees Housing Auwould be adopted and the thority (FGEHA) has inenvelopes containing techvited sealed bids from renical information of bids puted firms for Operation must be clearly marked as and Maintenance (O&M) Technical Bid', and the of horticulture and landenvelopes containing the scaping development work bid price must be clearly marked as 'Financial Bid' in sectors G-13 and G-14/4 of the federal capital.

**FGEHA** invites bids for

The horticulture and envelopes of financial bids landscaping development must be accompanied with work in the sectors included minimum three percent of green belts, parks, playbid amount as bid security ground and the green areas, in shape of deposit at call an official in the FGEHA in favor of Deputy Directold APP here. About the tor (DD) Maintenance conditions, he said the firms FGEHA in Islamabad.

should be eligible to handle It should have an unthe work and to have valid dertaking in technical bid registration with Pakistan that security is sealed with Engineering Council (PEC) the envelope of financial in relevant fields of specialbid issued from any schedization along with valid inuled local bank (Islamabad / Rawalpindi only) against come tax registration with firm's account.

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OPINION Women dying everywhere

#### Daily **Independent**

## Daily Aoice of Masse Independent Thursday December 07, 2023 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. the fact that women live in

According to a statement the other day, the Manila-based lender said the projects will focus on improving domestic resource mobilisation, rehabilitating schools est circumstances. The UN damaged by the devastating August has estimated that two-2022 floods and enhancing agricultural productivity to improve food security.

"This significant new wave of financing will help Pakistan recover physical trauma. Many from the impacts of last year's costof-living crisis and super-floods and return to the path of long-term development that is sustainable and inclusive," said ADB Director General for Central and West Asia Yevgeniy Zhukov.

This multifaceted approach is part of ADB's strategic engagement in Pakistan and cohesively deploys our programme lending and project investments to enhance support for Pakistan's efforts to improve its economic situation and enhance the quality of life for its people."

Improved Resource The Mobilisation and Utilisation Reform Programme will support the government to realise its ambition of achieving economic growth that is sustainable, broad-based, and inclusive

The \$300 million policy-based loan will support the initiative's first sub-programme, which focuses on laying the foundation for reforms to policies, laws, and institutional capacity that will improve domestic resource mobilisation and utilization

The programme is helping to transform tax administration, public expenditure management, and other institutional structures to economic development. strengthen resource mobilisation including non-debt resources such measures that need to be as private investment and savings. The ongoing Sindh Secondary that can contribute to the Education Improvement Project will receive additional financing - a \$275 million emergency assistance loan that is part of ADB's \$1.5 billion pledge of support for Pakistan's recovery from the devastating 2022 floods. The additional financing will help reconstruct up to 1,600 flooddamaged schools using disaster- and climate-resilient and gender-re-sponsive designs. This will boost resilience and inclusivity in the education system in Pakistan, helping recovery of learning and earning losses especially for girls in the most disadvantaged and vulnerable districts of Sindh. An \$800,000 technical assistance grant will be provided to help plan and monitor the status of reconstruction in all flooddamaged schools and provide implementation support, including for introducing inclusive design features. A concessional loan of \$80 million for the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Food Security Support Project, which is also part of ADB's \$1.5 billion pledge of support for Pakistan's recovery from the 2022 floods, will help Israeli ground operations address climate vulnerabilities, enhance food security, and boost the livelihoods of rural farm households in the most flood-damaged districts in the province. The project will provide essential agriculture inputs and in the latest Israeli offentraining to smallholder farmers, including women, and improve household nutrition and women's empowerment. It will also enhance digital access and availability, especially with regard to market opportunities people continues unabated. and climate information. The bank tive US support. It is eviwill administer a \$3 million grant dent that the Israeli war effor the project from the Japan Fund for Prosperous and Resilient Asia and the Pacific that will finance activities for women farmers related been used in some of the to seed cleaning and the safer handling of agrochemicals. Pakistan was a founding member of ADB. Since 1966, ADB has committed over \$52 billion in public and private sector loans, grants, and other forms of financing to promote inclusive economic growth in Pakistan and improve the country's infrastructure, energy and food security, transport networks, and social services. ADB is committed to achieving a prosperous, inclusive, resilient, and sustainable Asia and the Pacific, while sustaining its efforts to eradicate extreme poverty.



year, UN Women is commemorating 16 Days of circumstances.

Activism against Gender-Based Violence from Nov 25 to Dec 10. This annual observance is meant to fo-89,000 women were killed cus renewed attention on last year. It said that 55 per a world that has been made cent "of all female homiunsafe largely by men. cides are committed by Naturally, the women family members or intimate that are at the forefront of partners...". It is quite likely that these statistics global conflict face the dirdo not even capture the full number of femicides. The thirds of the casualties in number is chilling because Gaza are women and chilin the popular imagination few would think that the dren. Those who have not died are facing tremendous vast majority of young women who die in the emotional, mental and Americas, which means North and South America, women have lost children die at the hands of men or husbands and their testimonies are all over TikTok they know and love. The and other social media plattragedy of these statistics forms

is that despite the dark re-Of the two million ality they represent, most eos that purportedly go

people displaced by the conflict, women are facing people living in societies in which these crimes occur do the most difficult circumnot pay much attention to stances because there is no them

clean water or sanitation This is especially true available anywhere in the of North America, and par-Gaza Strip because of ticularly the US. Being an Israel's merciless siege and affluent and white-majority country, most in America think that bombing campaign. It is inevitable that the women who survive the conflict women have it better will be the ones to bear most there than women in of the burden of salvaging South Asia and the Middle East where they what is left of their families amid the most traumatic of would be subjected to, for instance, 'honour' crimes For the rest of the committed by family world's women, things are members. The horrible not much better. According to a UN report, almost

murder of the young girl in Kohistan in Pakistan (this is, in fact, true of most cases of honour killing) is given big media coverage to underscore this point for the benefit of women living in the US. Focusing on the women 'there' allows the focus to be shifted from those who should be working harder to prevent intimate partner violence and provide better security for women. This does not excuse

men in places like Kohistan or anywhere else in Pakistan where women are killed on the basis of dodgy viral vid-

against the tribal code and curbs that conservative societies have decided to impose on women. The

unspeakable tragedy of this most recent case is that, according to the police, the viral video contained a doctored image of the girl. The remote region and the tight-knit community means that it will quite likely be extremely difficult to establish whether tribal elders ordered the men, who are considered suspects in the murder, to carry out the horrible crime.

Activism around honour killings also needs to change its strategy in Pakistan. It is crucial to remember that the reason these crimes are called 'honour crimes', while those in the West are referred to as 'intimate partner violence', is a colonial mindset. It is the latter that suggests that femicides taking place in countries like Pakistan are endemic to the culture and are thus 'honour

crimes rise. This is in contrast to when crimes that are remarkably similar in both circumstances and frequency are committed in ther a decolonised form of Courtesy Dawn

white and Western culactivism around feminism tures. The term 'intimate which focuses on the common thread that partner violence' is a sterilised one that even whether it is so-called honour or ego (which is inevitably behind intimate neglects to mention that women have actually been killed. The point of such partner violence) it is sterilisation is to undermale violence against score the point that when women that is being exa crime takes place in, cused.

All cultures, because say, Vancouver or Washthey are controlled by men, ington state (where a man recently killed his wife, are complicit in the deaths daughters and brother-inof women. Similarly, all law) or Alaska, which last cultures have the ability to year and several years bestop excusing male fore it, had the highest behaviour and looking femicide rate among away from the suffering of American states, these women. These sorts of terare not a cultural problem ritorial divisions do no but rather represent an favours to women anyaberration. This is conwhere. Women living in Patrary to the reality that kistan need to believe in the fact that their culture is one of the top causes of death for women under 35 perfectly capable of conin the US is intimate partdemning all forms of vioner violence. Just like lence against women and honour killings enjoy a taking swift and fast action degree of community tolagainst murderous men. It erance, so too does intiis time that the annual 16 mate partner violence as days of gender activism is the money allocated to decolonised so that it is not prevent such crimes in sidetracked by colonial precepts that suggest that America decreases every year even as the cases white and Western cultures are somehow more capable of being gender equal and committed to gender jus-

The point of 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence tice than the 'savage' cultures they colonised. this year should be to fur-

## How to achieve growth



Atta-ur-Rahman

To progress rapidly, Pakistan must create an Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) environment conducive to

economic growth, innovation, and entrepreneurship. The EoDB refers to the regulatory and administrative framework that facilitates and encourages business activities within a nation. A high EoDB ranking signifies a businessfriendly environment, at-

tracting domestic and foreign investments, fostering job creation, and driving There are a number of important transformative

taken to promote EoDB

our regulatory processes. Cumbersome bureaucratic procedures, lengthy approval timelines, and excessive paperwork deter entrepreneurs and investors from engaging in business

We therefore need to simplify and digitize all approval processes to reduce the time and effort required for compliance. This can be achieved through the implementation of online portals, electronic document submission, and automated approval systems with complete absence of duced human intervention that fosters corruption.

Easy access to finance is a critical factor in the success of businesses, especially for small and medium enterprises (SMEs). Pakistan should implement policies and initiatives that facilitate easier access to credit for businesses. This may involve creating a robust credit information system, establishing credit guarantee schemes, and promoting financial literacy among

venture capital and angel investor networks can also digital connectivity. be instrumental in supporting innovative startups and

fostering a culture of entrepreneurship. The death blow to the Pakistan industry has been the huge increase in interest rates on IMF bidding. This has destroyed most industries of Pakistan in one fell swoop. The maximum limit to interest on loan to industries should be 3.0 per cent, so that industries can flourish, jobs become available, and poverty is rerupt officials

The State Bank needs to intervene immediately for this to happen. At present the banks become fatter and fatter with prohibitively high interest rates of about 20 per cent to 24 per cent while the industry of Pakistan dies. Most industrialists are therefore shifting their operations to other countries while Pakistan dies a slow death

Another crucial factor SITE. to be considered to attract foreign investment into Pa-

kistan is the need for ad-

essential for the smooth

functioning of businesses.

businesses. The situation in roads, ports, airports, and Pakistan is dismal in this Efficient transportarespect with repeated tion systems reduce coorpower failures, necessitat-

dination costs, improve ing most industries to insupply chain efficiency, and stall and operate expensive enhance overall competielectricity generators. Also, a robust legal tiveness. In the SITE area and judicial framework is in Karachi, for instance, most textile dyeing indusessential for protecting tries have closed down as

property rights, enforcing water pipes supplying wacontracts, and resolving dister essential for dyeing have putes. We should focus on not been repaired for the implementing legal reforms last 15 years. Complaints that simplify contract enfall on deaf ears, and there forcement and provide are no punishments for cortimely resolution of disputes. This involves establishing specialized commer-As a result, the once booming textile industry in cial courts that have a manthe SITE area lies devasdatory limit of resolving tated and most industries disputes within three weeks, introducing alternahave closed down; many either shifted to Korangi, tive dispute resolution Karachi or left for mechanisms, and ensuring Bangladesh. The incumbent the complete independence

of the judiciary Singapore streamlined Clear and enforceable its business registration intellectual property rights process through the BizFile are vital for instilling confionline portal, reducing the dence among investors. We time and paperwork required. The Inland Revenue need to work towards modernizing land registration Authority of Singapore systems, reducing the com- (IRAS) introduced the plexity of property trans- myTax Portal, allowing

tional standards as presently we live in the stone ages in this respect

Facilitating a digital infrastructure and promoting the use of emerging tech-nologies such as artificial intelligence, blockchain, and the Internet of Things (IoT) can enhance productivity and efficiency. Establishing public-private partnerships (PPPs) can be particularly effective in addressing infrastructure gaps and promoting sustainable development.

We can learn in this respect from the successes of other nations. Singapore consistently ranks high in global EoDB indices. The city-state's success can be attributed to its commitment to regulatory efficiency and digitalization.

entrepreneurs. Also, fostering a comeconomic transformation of

clave.

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petitive and diverse finannations. Pakistan is ranked at a lowly 108 in the EoDB cial sector can provide businesses with a range of fiindex. This deters foreign nancing options. Encouraginvestment.

in developing and maintaining the development of ing infrastructure such as We must streamline

## It is America's war now

Among the casualties,

And the carnage is be-

the UN chief said the occu-

pied territory has turned

into "a graveyard for chil-

ing carried out with the

bombs and other weapons

supplied to the Zionist re-

gime by the US. Washing-

ton has reportedly pro-

vided thousands of large

bombs and artillery shells

a surge of US arms to Is-

war has included 15,000

bombs and 57,000

155mm artillery shells.

The US administration

has remained silent on the

level of weapons support

is the fact that the US re-

cently supplied "bunker-

buster" bombs, along with

an array of other munitions

to Israel, which has esca-

lated its bombardment of

the besieged territory. The

WSJ report said these bomb

carry warheads weighing

more than 900 kilograms

and that have previously

been used by the US in its

wars in Afghanistan, Iraq

used those bombs mainly

in open places, Israel, ac-

cording to some media re-

ports, is using them in

densely populated areas

in Gaza, causing massive

Unicef says that the

But while the US

What is most alarming

to Israel

and Syria.

The WSJ report said

for Israel's war on Gaza.



Zahid Hussain

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. now extend to the entire Strip and are being conducted with a ferocity not

witnessed before. Tens of thousands of people have been displaced sive, making it extremely difficult for any kind of humanitarian aid to reach them. All communication services have been cut off as the genocide of a hapless It is all happening with acfort is being backed by the Biden administration.

American-made bombs have reportedly deadliest Israeli strikes on Gaza that have killed thousands of children and de-

stroyed most of the occupied Strip. That makes the administration Biden equally responsible for the ongoing massacre in the occupied territory.

destruction of property According to a report and human life. Some of published in the Wall Street these bombs have report-Journal recently, Israeli edly been used by the Isforces used powerful bombs supplied by the US raeli forces in areas close to hospitals, rendering in the attack on a refugee the latter non-functional. camp that killed more than 100 people.

situation has become so It was not the only bad that hospital staff in such incident where Amerisouthern Gaza "cannot can weapons have been continue". The world has

used by Israeli forces in not seen such barbarism Gaza. The Biden adminisin recent times. tration has massively inten-Despite growing in-

sified the supply of the ternational pressure, the most modern and lethal kind Biden administration is of weaponry to Israel for not willing to call for a the war on the besieged enceasefire. US officials claim they have repeatedly asked the Israeli leadmore than 6,000 children ership to try to limit cihave been killed so far. As vilian casualties, even as Zionist forces lay siege to

Gaza's main hospitals. Israel has already extended its military opera-No one who lived anywhere tions to the West Bank. in the world through the Hundreds of Palestinians 1970s could ignore Henry have been killed in Israeli Kissinger as he bestrode the military actions in the world like a colossus, not territory. It's all happening with encouragement so much as the peacemaker he pretended to be than as from Washington. American officials consolidator of the Ameri-

claim the war could provide a long-term solution to the Palestinian issue. rael since the start of the But the situation is completely the opposite. The genocide and mass destruction causing the displacement of millions of people has made things worse. It has become more difficult to resolve the major cause of the

> the colonisation of Pales-What is more shameful is the report that the Biden administration is seeking the support of Egypt and Jordan for the homeless Gaza popula-

countries Such suggestions are what US Vice President

It is now apparent war to end. -- Courtesy

past week — alongside some unrelenting critiques - do not suggest that Kissinger ever lost any

Dawn

ply is another crucial factor for businesses to operequate infrastructure that is ate seamlessly. Investment protection of intellectual in renewable energy sources not only contributes to stan Patent Office needs a Governments must invest sustainability but also en- complete overhaul with sures a stable and cost-ef- competent staff and evalu-fective energy supply for ation systems of interna- Courtesy TheNews

Reliable energy sup-

chief minister of Sindh is

known to be a just admin-

istrator and he needs to have

a survey conducted and

water supply resumed to

all industrial areas within

businesses to file taxes elecactions, and ensuring the property rights. The Paki-

tronically. Such initiatives exemplify how embracing digital platforms enhances the

subordinate in 1970.

anything that moves.'

"Anything that flies, on

egy 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 Viet-

This ingenious strat-

## **Deadly diplomacy**

taken for granted that rectly responsible for ev-Kissinger would be en- ery airstrike — "It's an sconced in the US foreign order," Kissinger told a policy establishment, regardless of who won the 1968 election. Richard Nixon probably would not have been his first choice as a boss, but once Nixon emerged as the Republican nominee, Kissinger curried favour by helping to prevent a Vietnam peace agreement that might have benefited the Democratic alternative.

namese humanitarian intervention. Kissinger's crimes of The US war in commission also include Indochina dragged on for the fate of a democratic soanother five years. As cialist interlude in Chile, Nixon's national security where Nixonger - as Isaiah Berlin dubbed the adviser, Kissinger was largely responsible for the duo - decided Salvador Allende was intolerable death toll in not just Vietnam but also Cambodia and even before was inaugu-

rated. With an office in the "I don't see why we White House, Kissinger need to stand by and watch was conveniently placed to a country go communist take away the foreign due to the irresponsibility policy initiative from of its people," Kissinger Nixon's first secretary of commented in 1970. And state, William Rogers the US did not stand by. who, inter alia, was willing Allende was overthrown to collaborate with the and assassinated three USSR in ushering in a years later, and Augusto Middle East peace agree-Pinochet, as well as Argentina's Jorge Videla ment that would have disappointed the Palestinians, among other military tybut might have reduced the rants, revelled in Kissinger's imprimatur as Willingly serving a they went on a killing profoundly antisemitic spree.

president, Kissinger himself Kissinger did nothing was not particularly wedto tame Nixon's racist and ded to the interests of Ismisogynist aversion to Inrael beyond seeing it as an dians and particularly Indira Gandhi. Yahya invaluable asset that could help the US win over Arab Khan, who diligently states that leaned towards served as Nixonger's emissary to China, was amply the Soviet Union, esperewarded when he inaugu-

Within its limitations, rated a civil war in 1971. his shuttle diplomacy suc-Despite the countless skeletons in his cupboard, ceeded on that front, but its appalling consequences Kissinger remained a source continue to be demonof advice to successive US strated half a century later administrations — and to as the US aids and abets an many other governments via unfolding genocide in the his firm, Kissinger and As-Gaza Strip and the West sociates, whose client list he wasn't prepared to re-Genocide was never veal even when tapped as

the head of the 9/11 Commuch of a moral dilemma for Kissinger. He was mission. Perhaps because happy to pursue it in Viethe was unwilling to acnam and extend it to Laos knowledge the consequences of his decisions. and Cambodia. In the latter instance, he was di-- Courtesy Dawn

marvel at Super K, the realworld incarnation of Superman as he shuttled through war zones and beyond, sprinkling his enormous wisdom along the way. week ago at the overripe age of 100, has been cast as a diplomatic superstar who pursued US interests to the conflict that is rooted in end of the world. That is not an inaccurate assumption, provided one recognises that the interests

were exclusively those of the imperium that the US sought to usher in after World War II: they served the aims of the political and tion to be settled in their economic elites who were determined to make the

world safe for capitalism. quite contradictory to tioned at the outset of the Kamala Harris said in a Declaration of Indepenstatement that "under no dence had nothing to do circumstances will the with it. It logically follows United States permit the that people anywhere simforced relocation of Palestinians from Gaza or

ply did not matter. The encomiums and panegyrics the West Bank" that have flowed in much of the Western media in the that Washington is fully behind the Israeli war on Gaza. In fact, it is now America's war that has serious implications for global peace. The war has politically divided the US, with the majority of Americans wanting the

## sleep over the human devastation his policies

wrought from Latin America to Asia, the Middle East and Africa It was more or less

#### **Mahir Ali**

We were meant to

Kissinger, who died a

'We the people" men-

Laos.

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can empire.

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## Cope with requirements of modern era Vital to adopt new technology, especially artificial intelligence, says Punjab Governor

#### **Independent Report**

LAHORE: Governor has provided a platform to Punjab Muhammad many national and Balighur Rehman today inaugurated the first International Electrical Vehicle Expo 2023 at the University of Lahore and attended the event as a special guest.

while addressing the ceremony stated that it is very important to adopt new technology, especially artificial intelligence, to cope with the requirements of the modern era.

international companies to results. showcase their products and collaborate with one that in this exhibition, another. Governor Punjab electric vehicles including said that today, the world motorcycles and cars have is going through the fourth been displayed, which will industrial revolution in promote environment-Punjab Governor which technology and friendly transport. He said collaboration play a very that the interaction of academia and industry in important role.

He said that better this exhibition is a welcome thing. He further said that results can be achieved by working together. He said the promotion of electric that governments also vehicles will help in work together with public- tackling issues like smog.

He said this exhibition private partnership and He said that he is happy to institutions on various see that international projects, which yield good companies in electrical vehicles and artificial

Governor Punjab said intelligence are bringing their expertise and technology to Pakistan, which will help us accelerate the adoption of these technologies in our country and create new opportunities for our citizens. Governor Punjab said that the expo is a testament to the power of innovation and collaboration and shows that when government.

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Polluted city in the world in term of air quality, The various forms of pollution have increased at Karachi which has caused widespread environmental and health problems.



LAHORE: Governor Punjab Muhammad Balighur Rehman inspecting the stall after inauguration of first International Electrical Vehicle Expo 2023 at the University of Lahore.

#### Decision taken to increase the number of city council committees to 37: Mayor

KARACHI (APP): Mayor Juman Darwan, and other Karachi Barrister Murtaza Wahab has said that it has been decided to increase the number of city council committees to 37, and will work together with the political party that supports them to solve the basic problems of Karachi.

Ĥe expressed these views while addressing the press conference held on Wednesday at the lawn of the KMC head office.

On this occasion, Deputy Mayor Karachi Salman Abdullah Murad, People's Parliamentary Leader the city council will be held Najmi Alam, Chief Whip in a pleasant atmosphere.

officials were also present. Barrister Murtaza Wahab said that he wants to bring everyone together in the wider interest of Karachi and the unanimously approved resolution of the city council will have more priority to solve the long-standing important problems faced by the city. He expressed confidence that the City Council needs to play its role, and he is very hopeful tomorrow's that Party (December 7) meeting of

sign MoU LAHORE (APP): The University of the Punjab (PU) and Memorial University Newfoundland (MUN) Canada Wednesday signed

PU, MUN

Canada

memorandum of understanding (MoU) to stride towards fostering international cooperation in education and research. The MoU was signed by President MUN Dr

Neil Bose and PU Vice Chancellor (VC) Prof. Dr. Khalid Mahmood at the vice chancellor's office here. Under the MUN, the PU and MUN will jointly work on faculty and exchange students programmes, exchange of publications, research

materials, newsletters,

joint projects related to

research, teaching and faculty development,

initiatives including joint or

collaborative degree

programs to offer students

diverse educational

institutions will collaborate

in various areas for

enriching the academic

experiences of students

and faculty.Prof. Dr

Saleem Haider of the PU

President Research and

Graduate Studies MUN

Dr. Mumtaz Cheema, will

be the focal persons for

collaboration.Dean Faculty

of Agricultural Sciences

Prof Dr Saleem Haider,

Director External Linkages Dr Sobia Khuram and

Associate Vice

Both the

pathways.

and

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa entrance of the hospital. He directed the Governor, Haji Ghulam Ali Director General Peshawar here Wednesday directed the authorities concerned to resolve problems related to the main entrance of the IRNUM cancer hospital. He passed these directives while presiding over a high-level meeting

(APP):

**KP** Governor directs

resolution of problems of

**IRNUM** hospital's entrance

about problems at the central entrance of patients. IRNUM hospital, Peshawar. The

Pakhtunkhwa. patients, relatives, and

The hospital is the Pakistan Atomic meeting exchanged views on Commission providing parking problems and various kinds of healthcare ease services to oncology in communication between patients of Khyber

Development Authority, high-ups of the police, and Peshawar University to address these problems at the earliest. The Governor praised the long services of the hospital regarding the treatment of cancer

working under the aegis of

other people at the main



FAISALABAD: Speaker National Assembly Raja Pervaiz Ashraf is addressing a press conference at Samundri Road.

#### **PPP to contest election on** its performance: Kundi

issues.

party

percent

revolutionary measures free and fair elections on

were not hidden from the time in the country and his

inflation and poor youth. He said that this

He maintained that

considers

country's

the PPP always demands

transparent elections quite

vital for the political and

economic stability of the

country. Kundi said that 65

population consisted of

youth and PPP Chairman

was representing the

DERA ISMAIL KHAN people's issues (APP): PPP Information eliminating inflation.

Secretary Faisal Karim

Kundi said that his party

has a comprehensive plan

to steer the country out of

crisis and to put it on its

way to progress and

masses and PPP would take

part in elections based on

its track record of best

party worker at his

residence, Kundi remarked

that people were faced

with difficulties due to

faculty members were present at the MoU-signing economic conditions in the country. He claimed that PPP would address of transparent elections.

**PML-N** policies revolve around

strong economy, national security,

well being of people: Awais

Awais Leghari said adding

that the Party, whenever in

power, always extended to

relief to the poor segments

of the society at grass roots

level. He criticized the PTI

relief to them.

He was talking to the

services towards them.

He said that PPP's

prosperity.

## Women should take legal ways to claim their rights: Ombudsperson

FAISALABAD (APP): Woman Ombudsperson Punjab Nabila Haƙim Ali Khan said on Wednesday that women should not remain silent for their rights, instead they should adopt legal ways to claim their rights where they were denied.

She was addressing a seminar for the protection of women's rights here at Govt College Women University, Madina Town. RPO Dr Abid Khan, SSP Operation Dr Rizwan, Incharge Protection Center Gul Naz, faculty members and students were also present on the occasion.

**IDPD** day

observed

in Peshawar

The Ombudsperson said women, their development the government was taking and rights. all possible steps to ensure She urged the women rights in the students and women to bring out their hidden province, so do not allow abilities and improve their

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anyone to take away your rights or abuse you by confidence. She further keeping silent. said that several initiatives "If you (women) do were being taken by the not get a share in the government at national and inherited property, file a provincial level for women complaint for your share rights and their protection. the with local administration and if you thanked the government for are not listened then report taking initiatives regarding to the office of the Woman women rights and Ombudsman Secretariat, providing strong support to women in today's era "she said. The

Woman through electronic media, Ombudsperson said that cameras, various apps and today was the day of social media.

#### Minister hails medical team over recovery of domestic violence survivor

PESHAWAR (Online): International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD) 2023 was observed at the Special Education Complex (SEC) in Hayatabad, Peshawar. Dr. Aneela Mehfooz Durrani, Secretary Zakat. (APP): LAHORE Caretaker Punjab Health Minister Professor Dr. Javed Akram expressed Durrani, Secretary Zakat, Ushr, Social Welfare, Special Education, and Women Empowerment Department Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, was the

nation," Dr. Javed Akram announced her referral to Child Protection and Welfare Bureau and Social Welfare and Baitul Mal for education and training. A committee, comprising the Chairperson of Child Protection and Welfare Bureau and officers from In a press conference the Department of Social at Lahore General Hospital Welfare and Bait ul Mal, has been f

care for

The Nabila Hakim

gratitude to the dedicated team of doctors and nurses who played a crucial role in the recovery of Rizwana, a victim of domestic violence.

Caramullah Barrister Murtaza Wagası, Wahab said that the main Deputy Parliamentary Leader Dil Muhammad, task of the city council.



FAISALABAD: Provincial woman ombudsman Nabila Hakim Ali Khan leading a walk after seminar for the protection of women's rights at Government College Women's University.

#### LHC issues written order on contempt of court petition against Parvaiz Elahi's arrest

LAHORE (Online): and he should appoint an Lahore High Court (LHC) officer for judicial has issued written order on assistance in this matter. contempt of court petition filed against arrest of Former Punjab Chief Minister (CM) Chaudhary Parvaiz Elahi despite Court order.

Justice Sultan Tanvir Ahmad of LHC has issued written order for hearing on petition of Parvaiz Elahi's wife Oaisara Elahi.

It has been said in said in court order that written order the court neither both the officers kept restored warrants of IG Islamabad.

Copy of written order should be sent to Secretary Establishment Islamabad December 18.

concerns

on journalists' requests,

presentation of these

requests to the committee

Court has written in the order that it is RAJANPUR suspected that IG Islamabad and SSP were

wrongly advised of the jurisdiction. Repeated arrest warrants and non-bail able warrants were issued to IG Islamabad and SSP.

It has been further appeared in the court nor did they give any reply. interests

further hearing

General Secretary Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) Punjab Sardar Awais Ahmad Khan Leghari has said that the Party's policies always remained focused on

strengthening the national economy, passing on its benefits to the ordinary people and securing the country's Court will hold While talking to APP

here Wednesday, the former

the

of

government tenure saying federal minister said no one that it aired big slogans but can overlook the fact that ended up causing harm to whenever PML-N came to the country due to its power, its coordinated failures on the foreign strategy kept the economy affairs front and the stronger, national national economy. They

national

(APP):

development process in hurt the image of the motion, national interest country, he added. safeguarded and extended Awais Leghari said

the fruits of development that in its last short term tenure, PML-N accepted to the people by providing the challenge of repairing a The PML-N tenures troubled economy and improved country's image are considered as the periods of prosperity, at international level.

motorbike at Alipur Jhang He said that PML-N road on Wednesday. According to the rescue source, the incident Quaid Mian Nawaz Sharif will never step back from offering any sacrifice needed for the country and occurred due to the negligence of the trailer its people. PML-N was the driver in which two only party that rise above persons died on the spot. all prejudices in serving the country and its people deceased refused to take under the leadership of legal action. Mian Nawaz Sharif and that

Police have registered is why the noted political case and started investigation. personalities.

Dr. Awlad Hussain Shah, Ms. Humaira Naz and Mukhtiar Gul of Sarhad Rural Support by He said that law and Program (SRŜP) order, economy, inflation, Taimoor Jahangii and unemployment were Provincial Advisor KP of to recovery. main issues and PPP has PPAF, Ms. Mehjabeen Qazi of UNFPA. the solution of all these

Two people

killed as trailer

hit motorbike

MUZAFFARGARH

(APP): Two people were

killed in a collision

between a trailer and

The heirs of the

chief guest at the occasion.

Wednesday the m highlighted that Rizwana continued underwent 13 surgeries Rizwana during her four-month treatment at the hospital and was now on the path

Principal Ameer-ud-Din Medical College Professor Dr. Sardar Zafar Al Farid highlighted Addressing Rizwana Rizwana's remarkable progress.



KARACHI:Pakistani fire fighters struggle to control a fire which broke out at furniture shops, apartment building at Ayesha Manzil in Karachi.

#### <u>Al-Qadir trust case</u> Interim bail of former chairman PTI, **Bushra Bibi extended**

RAWALPINDI (Online): Accountability Court (AC) Islamabad has extended interim bail of former chairman PTI and his wife Bushra Bibi till December 13 in Al-Qadir trust case. The court has fixed

the next date for giving final arguments on the petitions. The AC was led by Judge Muhammad Bashir. Chairman PTI and Muzaffar

the hearing of the case. The court has also started proceedings for declaring 3 accused as proclaimed offenders who are nominated in Al-Qadir trust case because of their persistent absence.

Sardar Latif Khosa counsel for former chairman PTI and NAB prosecutor Sardar Abbasi his wife Bushra Bibi were along with his team present in the court during appeared in the court.

#### Money distribution under **BISP** continues to be transparent: DD BISP

JHANG (APP): Deputy Director Benazir Income Support Program (BISP) Ahsan ullah Kamboh said on Wednesday that the role of touts had been distribution of money to poor and deserving women under BISP was continued in an excellent manner throughout the district Jhang. While talking to journalists, the Deputy money cuts Director BISP said that all distributing money.

possible arrangements had been managed for transparency distribution of money and eliminated from the registration of needy women for the program.

Action had been taken against all those retailers who were taking illegal while

**Journalists WEF** PESHAWAR (APP): challenging roles journalists Minister of Information, play in ensuring Firoz Jamal Shah, has transparency government affairs and directed the swift resolution of journalists' facilitating issues and expedited dissemination efforts on the Journalists government actions to the Welfare Endowment Fund public.

**Minister directs to** 

expedite work on

to address their financial Peshawar Press Club, Arshid Aziz Malik, highlighted financial issues During a meeting of the Journalists Welfare Endowment Fund, he faced by journalists in the emphasized urgent action meeting.

The minister reassured that necessary urging a comprehensive support provided would be to ailing journalists and those in old

President of

for timely assistance. He acknowledged the age unable to work.



PESHAWAR: A delegation of Public Representatives from District Bannu meeting with Khyber Pakhtunkhawa Governor Haji Ghulam Ali.

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## Dr. Alvi for marketplace to promote Pakistani startups through linkages

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

The president, addressing the Angels Investors Summit & products to the people as Startup Showcase, said the startups needed to effectively market their products and enhance their outreach for benefit of the local population as well as

investors.

the innovators. the foreign ideas by The president modifying them in appreciated the 11 accordance with their local the intellectual properties.

He lauded the sector, President Alvi said messaging and awareness 'tremendous' innovative the telemedicine was the drives. only solution to Pakistan's also gave presentations on health care problems as it would save the poor from gradually getting recognition in the market. paying the transport and other hassles besides The president suggested the summit organizers to record detailed video messages of reducing burden on the

system. He also called for utilizing the AI and other technologies to address the the startups so that they could better explain their issue of mental health as around 24% of the population suffered any well as the potential form of stress. Around 60-He told the gathering that in the initially, the 80% of college students

were also under mental developed countries had stress which sometimes led also been benefiting from to violence or suicides.

He also stressed the need for addressing the taboos associated with the shortlisted startups for the needs. Emphasizing the use diseases like breast cancer, way they were developing of technology and artificial which he said was being intelligence in the health overcome through frequent

Chairperson of Aspire Pakistan Hassan Syed apprised the audience of the journey of bringing the startups under the network, the establishment of the National Ideas Bank, Pak Angels and Startup

Pakistan platforms. He said around 8,000 trainings had taken place under the National Ideas Bank and 11 shortlisted startup had to go through screening process which examined their ideas and scope of their products.

Founder of Pak Angels Anwar Khan, in his remarks, said the innovation was a must for a prosperous Pakistan as country's exports.



it could boost the 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.

**<u>AHK representative</u>** 

Germany keen to expand

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

According to official MOITT under the comprehensive plan, "Each freelancer is set to receive working spaces, benefiting financial assistance of Rs half a million freelancers

Highlighting the of initiative's significance, "Despite approximately 1.5 million freelancers in Pakistan having undergone government training, many still face challenges in acquiring essential resources like computers

and dedicated work "To address this issue, the government has allocated an impressive Rs 50 billion investment to establish private-sector co-

**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.

While exchanging the views during meeting, the Indonesian CG said that We have to deeply understand the patterns and structure of challenges

hindering trade between the two countries. He congratulated the newly-elected president of SCCÍ Sukkur and hopes to see his contribution towards enhanced Indonesia-Pakistan

cooperation. He said that as the

exports

2023.

of

ISLAMABAD (INP): metric tons in 2022-23. Caretaker Minister for The minister said that National Food Security & various steps have been Research Dr Kausar taken to this end, including Abdullah Malik on the enactment and Wednesday said that maize implementation of the is a strategic crop Plant Breeders Rights Act, concerning national food DNA fingerprinting to security needs and the ensure transparency in the ministry will make all intellectual right protection efforts to promote the of seed companies and latest technological independent breeders, and innovation and provide an streamlining of operating enabling policy for the standards for seed crop's continued growth. companies to improve the He expressed these overall quality of seed views during the meeting research and supply. The CropLife with the CropLife Pakistan delegation, which apprised representatives further the minister of their added that its member contribution to the seed companies collectively

**Efforts to promote** 

technological innovation

for crops growth

sector, in particular, maize, market more than 80% of where over the past two Pakistan's hybrid maize decades yields have grown seed and have invested four-fold and overall significantly towards production has increased from a little over 1 million metric tons to an farmer impressive 10.5 million programs.

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

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan's export of goods month-on-month basis, the and services to Afghanistan exports to Afghanistan rose witnessed an increase of by 29.49 per cent during 2.65 per cent during the October 2023 as compared first four months of the to the exports of \$40.217

business ties with Pakistan KARACHI (APP): Pakistan's representative in the German Emirati Joint Council for Industry and (AHK) Usman, Commerce Muhammad Wednesday, said that the German government and businesses were keen to strengthen business and investment ties with issued here.

Pakistan. Germany desires to stated that AHK was expand ties of German extending cooperation for Small and Medium connecting the business Enterprises (SMEs) with communities of the two Pakistan and it would be countries fully facilitated by AHK networking, business-tothat has established business meetings and Pakistan's desk in Dubai, visits of trade delegations. said Muhammad Usman who led the AHK trade Germany-based AHK was delegation during its visit represented in 93 countries to the Karachi Chamber of through more than 130 Commerce and Industry

## Meeting held of action for privatization

Caretaker Minister for Privatization, Fawad Hasan Fawad here on Wednesday chaired a

of

the

Mission at the German Pakistan by opening a Pakistan desk in Dubai. Consulate in Karachi Agreeing Andreas Wegner, President KCCI's KCCI Iftikhar Ahmed President suggestions about potential Sheikh, chairmen of the

chamber's subcommittees sectors, he said that the German Ministry of and KCCI Managing Committee members were Economic Affairs and also present on the Climate Action also occasion, said a statement underlines Renewable Energy as one of the Muhammad Usman potential sectors along with sustainable textile and

leather sectors. "We are working on different initiatives of the German government especially the market through development program of German SMEs who will be He informed that fully facilitated and encouraged to collaborate with Pakistani counterparts," he said Chambers of Commerce adding that as most of the and in March 2022 it German Companies are expanded services to based in Dubai

Coordinator PAJCCI

He said a lot of trucks

The minister said that

burdening

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

PESHAWAR (APP): Pak- zero point inscribed with Afghan Joint Chamber of wording of 'Goodbye Commerce and Industry Pakistan'. He also informed (PAJCCI) has expressed that pedestrian crossing is concern over closure of open, but trucks are not Pak-Afghan border at allowed to cross border

Torkhem for trade for the from both the sides.

meeting

introducing the latest highyielding hybrids and education

Meanwhile, on a

of FWBL ISLAMABAD (APP):

Deputy Head of to discuss plan

100,000 to establish their nationwide. The goal is not own e-working center. This strategic move is anticipated to revolutionize the freelance landscape in the country, significantly enhancing the economic contributions of freelancers.

infrastructure but also to create an ecosystem fostering creativity and productivity," he informed. Expressing optimism, official hope that, with the

HYDERABAD: Labourers busy in sorting good quality corns at Vegetable Market.

#### SBP launches 'RAAST' **Person to Merchant** payment service

issued here.

payments

Independent Report KARACHI: State Bank of Pakistan (SBP), Wednesday launched an interoperable RAAST Person-to-Merchant (P2M) payment service to facilitate digital payment acceptance for merchants and businesses.

As part of Raast implementation project, the SBP instructed banks, Micro Finance Banks (MFBs), Electronic Institutions Money (EMIs), Payment System Operators (PSOs) and Payment Service Providers

Indonesian government was always keen to only to provide necessary support business people, hence, the Indonesiar Consulate and its embassy in Islamabad remain support of this initiative.

extensively engaged beyond the call of duty in identifying opportunities and fully facilitating during July-October (2023-24) against exports businessmen of both countries. To enhance Indonesia-Pakistan trade of US \$176.019 million during July- October (2022-23), SBP data ties, he advised the business community of Karachi to participate in revealed. trade fairs, meet Indonesian business people and send business delegations so

that the Indonesian business community could be acquainted about trade opportunities.

Shipping activity at

**Port Qasim** KARACHI (APP): Five ships, MSC Jemima, MSC Greenwich, Maersk Meratus Chicago, Jayawijaya and Ardmore Cherokee Carrying Containers and Palm oil P2M service for their berthed at Container Terminaland Liquid customers, said a statement Terminal respectively on The Raast P2M

Tuesday. system will enable Meanwhile two more merchants to accept ships, FMT Efes and Eget through Bulker carrying Coko and different modes including Chemicals also arrived at Unified Quick Response outer anchorage of the por (QR) Codes, Raast Alias during last 24 hours . (such as mobile phones).

Double Eagle Marathopolis, MSC Rania bank accounts (IBAN), and Request to Pay (RTP). The CM ACGM Nabucco, Altechnical specifications in SDhafra and Umm Althis regard have already AmadGolden Denise. A been shared with REs. total of 11 ships were engaged at PQA berths A circular issued by

SBP's Digital Finance during the last 24 hours, Group requires all out of them, a chemical carrier Horizon.

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HYDERABAD: Growers hold banners and placards during a protest rally against rise in the rates of fertilizers and shortage in markets, under the banner of Sindh Abadgar Ittehad, in City.

current fiscal year (2023million in September 2023, the SBP data revealed. 24) as compared to the Overall Pakistan's the exports of the corresponding period of last year, State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) reported.

exports to other countries witnessed an increase of (FWBL). The minister was 1.13 per cent in the first briefed regarding the proposed plan of action The overall exports to four months, from US Afghanistan were recorded \$9.666 billion to US \$9.776 billion, the SBP data revealed. On the other at US \$180.686 million hand, the imports from Afghanistan into the country during the months under review were recorded at US \$1.898 million On a year-to-year against US \$10.151 million basis, the exports to last year, showing a decline Afghanistan also surged by of 81.30 per cent in July-October (2023-24). On a 6.57 per cent from \$48.862 million in October 2022, vear-on-vear basis, the against the exports of \$52.077 million in October imports for Afghanistan witnessed a decrease of

pre-qualification. 57.60 per cent.

for the privatization of FWBL. Farrukh Iqbal, CEO and President of FWBL apprised the meeting on the status of audited accounts and the management accounts, said a press release. The minister directed the Financial Advisor and the management to expedite the process and to ensure that there are no delays. The timelines for completion of

necessary prerequisites for

growers association in MCCI and PCGA offices. MULTAN (APP): Caretaker provincial minister for commerce, he was in touch with industry and agriculture, SM Tanveer, said on industrialists and traders Wednesday that the country's development for their welfare and ready to approach any forum for was related to industrial solving their problems.

prosperity. On this occasion, a He said that the detailed discussion was made on the problems faced by the industrialists, traders and growers association. The provincial

minister said that development in the industry and production He expressed these sector was a top priority views during meetings with of the Punjab government various business and exemplary steps are organisations and cotton being taken in this regard.

#### **COAS** vision sparks **\$9 million donation from Tanweer Ahmed to NUST** in boost for Pakistan's IT

ISLAMABAD (APP): an Endowment Fund for Tanweer Ahmed, a unprivileged students prominent businessman of which will benefit nearly American-Pakistani origin, 200 students who would has contributed \$9 million be able to get scholarships to Islamabad's National

every year. University - \$9 University of Science & million is one of the single Technology (NUST), motivated by the dedicated vision for Pakistan's IT largest donations by any overseas Pakistani for any sector expressed by Army Pakistani. Expressing Chief General Asim Munir. enthusiasm, Tanweer Ahmed stated, "Learning Houston-based businessman Tanweer about the visionary stance of Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Syed Asim Munir, particularly his fervour for the IT sector, left me excited and thrilled. I firmly believe NUST has confirmed that the active involvement that Tanweer Ahmed has of the Army in the Special entered into a partnership with the university through Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC).

problems. ISLAMABAD: Members of Crop Life Pakistan Executive Committee Tallal Hakeem, Muhammad Asim, Irfan Ul Haq, Azeem Niazi, called on the Caretaker Federal Minister for National Food Security & Research Dr. Kausar Abdullah Malik at Minister office. Saif expresses **Top Chinese cotton** 

## producer welcomes collaboration with Pak

BEIJING (APP): "Our entirely feasible," she said 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 varietv specific requirements," said Ms. Zhang Yan, the interim CEO of WinnerMedical. "While we do not

approach primarily utilizing involves platforms like China Cotton to select the most suitable global supply chains. Collaboration with major cotton-producing nations like Pakistan is

at the conclusion of the inaugural China International Supply Chain Promotion Expo, in an interview with China Economic Net.As a leading Chinese cotton product manufacturer, in response to the national "Belt and Road" initiative, the Winner Group has expressed strong interest in collaborating with cotton-producing giants like Pakistan, extending its directly procure from trade network worldwide. cotton farmers, our Pakistan's domestic Pakistan's domestic

delegation cotton industry faces various challenges, Special including the need for research and development of high-quality cotton varieties and innovative approaches to cotton product manufacturing.

Caretaker Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunication. Dr. Umar Saif Wednesday expressed gratitude for the warm hospitality and professional reception extended by Qatari authorities and business groups

A delegation from the Ministry of Information Technology, led by Dr. Umar Saif, has returned to Islamabad after a fruitful 4day visit to Qatar.

Ahmed has donated \$9 The government egation included million to NUST to help included students from poor backgrounds gain access to representatives from the Investment quality education through Facilitation Council and scholarships. notable IT companies, including PASHA, said a

news release. During the tour, Dr. Umar Saif held crucial meetings

gratitude for warm hospitality by Qataris

ISLAMABAD (APP):

Privatization Commission last almost 24 hours. with the Financial Advisor In a press statement said it is very concerning and Management of First issued here on Wednesday, Women Bank Limited

for business community Coordinator PAJCCI, Zia because closure of border ul Haq Sarhadi said the inflicts heavy losses on border crossing at Torkham business community of has been closed for goods both the countries. laden trucks at around 4:00 p.m of Tuesday.

are carrying perishable Regarding reason behind closure, Zia shared goods which can be rotten if delayed for a couple of that the decision of closing days, border has been taken after businessmen with huge erection of a signboard at losses.

**Country's uplift** relates to industrial prosperity: Tanveer







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## Putin, escorted by fighter jets, lands | in Saudi Arabia for MbS talks

**Monitoring Desk** RIYADH: Russian President Vladimir Putin landed in Saudi Arabia on Wednesday for hastily arranged talks with Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman on oil, Gaza and Ukraine.

It was not immediately clear what Putin, who has rarely left Russia since the start of the Ukraine war, intends to raise specifically about oil or geopolitics in a face-to-face meeting with the crown prince of the world's largest crude exporter.

Advertisement · Scroll to continue Putin's meeting with MbS, as the prince is widely known, comes after oil prices fell despite a pledge by OPEC+, which groups the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and al-

lies led by Russia, to further cut output.

members pump more than 40% of the world's oil, add-The Russian defence ministry showed the Kreming that they would discuss lin chief's Ilyushin-96 airthe Israeli-Hamas conflict craft flanked by Sukhoiand Ukraine. 35S fighter jets on its flight from Russia to the United flew to Saudi Arabia for his Arab Emirates, his first first face-to-face meeting

with MbS since October 2019. His last visit to the region was in July 2022, In Abu Dhabi, President Sheikh Mohammed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan welwhen he met Supreme comed his "dear friend" Leader Ayatollah Ali Putin, while UAE jets Khamenei in Iran. greeted him with a fly-past

part of OPEC+, whose

After the UAE, Putin

The trip to meet MbS, only days after a key trailing the colours of Russia's flag. "Our rela-tions, largely due to your OPEC+ meeting was de-layed, appeared hastily arposition, have reached an unprecedentedly high level," Putin told him. "The UAE is Russia's main trading partner in the Arab

German Chancellor Olaf Scholz and Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, President of Brazil, hold a press conference at the Federal Chancellery on the occasion of the 2nd German-Brazilian intergovernmental consultations, in Berlin.

## **Turkey's Erdogan calls** for reinforced trust before Greece trip

**Monitoring Desk** ATHENS: Greece and Turkey should reinforce trust and deepen cooperation on common challenges as they try to solve their differences, Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan said on Wednesday before a trip to Athens.

"There is no problem we cannot solve through dialogue on the basis of mutual goodwill," Erdogan told Kathimerini newspaper in an interview, a day before

Council (HCC) in Athens. The neighbours and NATO allies have been at odds for decades over issues including where their continental shelves start and end, energy re-sources, overflights of the Aegean Sea, and ethnically split Cyprus. They reached the brink of war

in the 1990s. Erdogan and Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis agreed in July



Putin said Russia and the UAE cooperated as officials

**Monitoring Desk** DUBAI: Countries at the COP28 climate conference are considering calling for a formal phase-out of fossil fuels as part of the UN summit's final deal to tackle

global warming. The proposal is set to spark heated debate among the nearly 200 countries, with some Western and climate-vulnerable states pushing for the language to be used and many oil and gas producers keen to leave

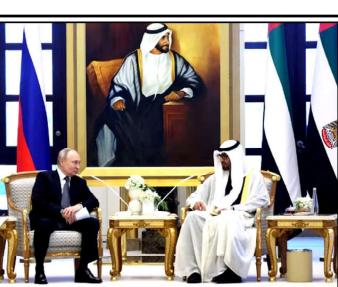
it out. The draft of what stage, the CEOs of several could be the final agreement major energy firms argued from COP28, released by the UN climate body on Tuesday, proposed "an or- in areas such as cutting the

## Indonesia rescuers evacuate all climbers from Marapi volcano

Monitoring Desk TANAH DATAR: Rescuers have evacuated all of the climbers who were trapped in Indonesia's Marapi volcano, a spokesperson for the search and rescue agency said on Wednesday, after it erupted this week,

killing 23 people. There were 75 climbers at the time on 2,891-metre (9484.91 ft) high Marapi, one of Sumatra's most active volcanoes. when it began spewing gray clouds of ash as high as 3 kilometres (2 miles) into the sky on Sunday.

spokesperson for the res- Datar region.



President of the United Arab Emirates Sheikh Mohamed bin Zaved Al Nahvan and Russian President Vladimir Putin attend a meeting at Qasr Al Watan in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

## **COP28 deal may demand** phase-out of fossil fuels

derly and just phase-out of fossil fuels" which if adopted would mark the first global deal to end the oil age. But even as NGOs

slammed the record number of fossil fuel lobbyists at the UN climate talks this year, the industry showed it wouldn't browbeaten, with the OPEC cartel hosting a chat on "climate initiatives" and one of the heads of the "Big Oil" ma-

jors sparring with activists. On the COP28 main in favour of oil and gas, highlighting their progress

# after eruption killed 23

cue team, said one missing climber was found on Wednesday afternoon. On Tuesday, the rescuers evacuated 22 bodies from the volcano. All the climbers were accounted for, following the rescue earlier of dozens, many of whom were wounded or burned by the eruption. The evacuation pro-

cess was hampered by the difficult terrain and seven small eruptions, Jody said On Wednesday, a fu-neral was held for 20-yearold climber Yasirli Amri in the village of Turawan in

Jody Haryawan, a West Sumatra's Tanah

greenhouse gas methane. "We are big guys and we can do big things. We can deliver results and we will have to report them

very soon," said Jean Paul Prates, CEO of Brazil's state-run oil company Petrobras. "The energy transition will only be valid if it's a fair transition," he added.

At least 2,400 fossil fuel lobbyists registered for this year's summit, an analysis of UN registration data published by Kick Big Polluters Out showed, outnumbering the delegates from the 10 most climate vulnerable countries combined

#### Iran sends up rocket with test living capsule

**Monitoring Desk** DUBAI: Iran sent up a rocket with a test living space capsule on Wednesday, the semi-official Tasnim news agency reported, as the country pressed on with plans to send astronauts into

space. The announcement came 10 years after Iran announced it had sent two live monkeys into space and brought them back

safely. The capsule reached an altitude of 130 km (80 miles) on Wednesday, the report said.

two-month war.

### Qatar emir slams 'shameful' inaction on Gaza crisis

**Monitoring Desk** DOHA: Qatar's ruler hit out at "shameful" international inaction over the Israeli aggression against Gazans as he opened a Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) meeting in Doha on Tuesday.

bin Hamad Al-Thani

Qatar was a key me-

said.

truce, which saw scores of Israeli prisoners exchanged for Palestinians prisoners and humanitarian aid, until it ended on Friday.

Its foreign ministry said that GCC summit was aimed at forming a united approach to end the aggres-

"It is shameful for sion in Gaza. Now the ceiling the international commushould be raised to talk nity to allow this heinous about a sustainable truce" crime to continue for nearly two months, durthat could lead to ending this ing which the systematic unrest, Majed Al-Ansari, and deliberate killing of spokesperson for Qatar's innocent civilians continforeign ministry, told Al ues, including women and Jazeera children," Sheikh Tamim

Qatar's ruler said his country was "constantly working to renew" the truce, but added this was "not an diator in negotiations that alternative to a permanent resulted in a seven-day ceasefire".

#### Germany and Brazil hope for swift finalization of a trade agreement between EU and Mercosur

**Monitoring Desk** BERLIN: The chancellor of Germany and president of Brazil expressed hope Monday that decades-long negotiations might soon yield a finalized free trade agreement between the 27member European Union and a bloc of four South American nations. German Chancellor Olaf Scholz and Brazilian President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva told reporters in Berlin that they support the trade deal for the EU and Mercosur, comprised of Brazil, Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay. The two blocs are holding a summit Thursday in Rio de Janeiro, but final approval of a preliminary trade agreement has remained elusive.

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militants through streets and

Israeli

ized swiftly," Scholz said after a meeting of senior officials from both countries in the German capital.

Lula also vowed to fight for the deal, and said he hoped for a breakthrough at the Rio de Janeiro meeting. "As long as I can believe that the agreement is possible, I will fight for it," the Brazilian president said. "I'm not giving up."

Such a trade deal would create one of the world's largest free trade zones, with more than 700 million inhabitants. The EU and Mercosur states have been in talks for more than 20 year. A basic agreement between the sides that was reached in 2019 was not be implemented due to various concerns including the pro-"We are strongly committed to ensuring that tection of the rainforest in the agreement is now final- South America.

## Israeli forces encircle main southern Gaza city

Gaza's city of Khan Yunis, forcing already displaced GAZA STRIP: Israeli forces civilians to pack up and flee were encircling southern again, witnesses told AFP. Gaza's main city on Wednesday, battling Hamas

"Our forces are now encircling the Khan Yunis buildings in some of the area in the southern Gaza most intense combat of the Strip," Israel's army chief Herzi Halevi said late Tuesmonth war. The focus of the con-tract the he-"We have secured

China says its fighters shadowed **US** Navy patrol plane over **Taiwan Strait** 

**Monitoring Desk** 

BEIJING: China's militar said on Wednesday it sent fighter jets to monitor and warn a US Navy patrol aircraft that flew over the sensitive Taiwan Strait, a mission that took place weeks before Taiwan holds elections

United States dispute that saying the Taiwan Strait is an international waterway.

China claims sover eignty over democratically governed Taiwan, and says it has jurisdiction over the strait. Taiwan and the

the two countries' fifth to resume talks and confi-High-level Cooperation dence-building measures.

## I won't be a dictator if I become US president again: Trump:

election

**Monitoring Desk** WASHINGTON: Donald Trump said on Tuesday that he will not become a dictator if he becomes US president again except "on day one", after warnings from Democrats and some Republicans that America was in danger of becoming an autocracy if he wins the 2024 election.

Republican presidential candidate Trump had to be asked twice during a televised town hall event in Iowa to deny that he would abuse power to seek revenge on political oppo-Joe Biden.

nents if re-elected to the White House.

"No. No. Other than day one," Trump said when asked to deny he commitment to a free and open Indo-Pacific. would become a "dictator" if he wins the November

Trump said on the "day one" he referred to, he would use his presidential powers to close the south-ern border with Mexico and Sikh plot expand oil drilling.

Trump, seeking a second White House term in a likely election re-match with Democratic President

Italy tells China it is leaving Belt and **Road** Initiative Monitoring Desk vital infrastructure. How-

was pulling out.

ROME: Italy has officially informed China that it is quitting the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), two government sources told Reuters on Wednesday, ending months of doubt over Rome's future in the ambitious project. Italy in 2019 became the first and so far only major Western nation to join the programme, dismissing concerns from the United States that it would enable China to gain control of sensitive technologies and

ever, when Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni took office last year, she said she wanted to withdraw from the deal, which is modelled on the old Silk Road that linked China to the West, saying it had brought no significant gains to Italy. The 2019 accord expires in March 2024 and would have been automatically

Finer met Indian foreign minister S. Jaishan-kar and National Security Adviser Ajit Doval. Last week, the US Jus-tice Department al-

renewed unless Rome gave at least three months written warning that it ist on US soil.

Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskiy addresses to service members during award ceremony on Day of the Ukrainian Armed Forces, amid Russia' attack on Ukraine, in Kviv, Ukraine.

The US Navy's 7<sup>1</sup> Fleet said the P-8A Poseidon maritime patrol and reconnaissance plane, which is also used for antisubmarine missions, flew over the strait in international airspace. "The aircraft's transit of the Taiwan Strait demonstrates the United States'

US official in New Delhi for talks on

Monitoring Desk WASHINGTON: White House deputy national security adviser Jon Finer led a US delegation to New Delhi on Monday where he noted the formation of an investigative panel by In-

dia to probe an unsuccess-**Monitoring Desk** ful plot to assassinate a Sikh separatist on US soil 'Mr Finer acknowledged India's establishment of a Committee of Enquiry to investigate lethal plotting but some analysts said the in the United States and the government's official reacimportance of holding action was more restrained. signalling Beijing's own countable anyone found responsible," the White worries about surging debt.

fouse said in a statement. Chinese officials often respond with aggressive statements to international scrutiny. After Moody's

leged that an Indian government official directed an unsuccessful plot to assassinate a Sikh separat-



United Arab Emirates' President Sheikh Mohammed bin Zaved al-Nahvan (L) being welcomed by Qatar's Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani during a GCC meeting, in Doha.

## Chinese media calls Moody's 'biased', govt reaction seen more restrained

slammed the ratings agencies BEIJING: Chinese state media called Moody's "bias "biased" during a G20 ased" on Wednesday for its negative rating outlook on the world's No. 2 economy,

pressed "disappointment." On Wednesday, a foreign ministry spokesperson said China is capable of deepening reform and address-

it welcomed "all friends" and S&P Global's previous from "all over the world" to invest in its economy.

## **Sudanese warring** parties dig in as Jeddah talks falter again

#### **Monitoring Desk**

DUBAI: Saudi and USbrokered talks aimed at halting fighting between Sudan's warring parties have faltered again, and the country's army and paramilitary Rapid Support Forces have pressed on with military campaigns that have caused a major humanitarian crisis.

The lack of progress at the talks in Jeddah dashed hopes for resolution of a conflict that has displaced more than 6.5 million inside and outside Sudan, decimated the economy, and triggered ethnically driven massacres in Darfur

a plan for a new transition. Sudan's army has es-

tured the leader of a British meeting in Washington. gang involved in drug smug-But in the official gling, illegal gun trade and robbery in an operation in statement responding to Istanbul. Interior Minister Moody's move on Tuesday, the ministry only ex-Ali Yerlikaya said Shaun Monaghan, leader of a gang

operating in northeast England, was being sought by an Interpol red notice. ing its challenges, and that

Interpol notice was published on Tuesday, Yerlikaya said. Turkish police had found Monaghan to be living in Istanbul's Fatih district and captured him on Wednesday

#### India to be third-largest economy by 2030: S&P

**Monitoring Desk** BENGALURU: India will

remain the fastest-growing major economy for at least the next three years, setting it on course to become the world's third-largest economy by 2030, S&P Global Ratings said in a report

S&P expects India, currently the world's national Energy Agency fifth-largest economy, to (IEA), a grouping of 29 industrialized nations, exgrow at 6.4 per cent this pects world oil consumpfiscal year and estimates growth will pick up to 7pc tion to hit its zenith at the by FY27. In contrast, it end of this decade at 103 million barrels per day, afexpects China's growth to 2021, but conflict erupted ter making regular adjust-ments from its 2017 foreslow to 4.6pc by 2026 between them in April over from an estimated 5.4pc cast of a nearly 105 million this year.

flict has shifted into the bemany Hamas strongholds in sieged territory's south following fierce fighting and the northern Gaza Strip, and now we are operating bombardment that reduced much of the north to rubble against its strongholds in and forced nearly two million the south. people to flee their homes.

The fighting on Tuestanks. day was "the most intense armoured personnel carriers day since the beginning of and bulldozers were seen on the ground operation" in Tuesday near southern late October.

Orban demanded that

Ukraine's membership in

the European Union and

billions of euros in funding

country be taken off the

agenda at a summit of the

In a letter to Euro-

#### Hungary's ruling party submits resolution opposing Ukraine's **EU** accession talks

**Monitoring Desk** BUDAPEST: Hungary's ruling party has submitted a resolution to parliament callmeant for the war-torn ing on the government to not support the start of talks on Ukraine's EU accession.

bloc's leaders next week. The moves comes as Prime Minister Viktor Orban is stepping up pressure on Brussels ahead of a crucial pean Council President Charles Michel, who will chair the Dec. 14-15 sum-EU summit next week. His mit in Brussels, Orban inruling party said the start of accession talks with Ukraine should be based on a consensus among member states future and warned that and "conditions are not there for that today'

is already making a surpris-

ingly big dent in demand.

tric vehicles in recent years

have led forecasters to

speed their projections for

when global oil use will

peak, as public subsidies

and improved technology

help consumers overcome

the sometimes eye-pop-

ping sticker prices for bat-

tery-powered cars, accord-

The Paris-based Inter-

ing to industry experts.

Growing sales of elec-

sisted that a "strategic discussion" is needed first about Ukraine's European

hat today". AP adds: On Monday, destroy EU unity.

## **Electric vehicles** accelerating end of oil age

bpd peak in 2040. **Monitoring Desk** 

NEW YORK: There is The game-changer has been the policy supplenty of hand-wringing on display at the COP28 cliport for the shift to electrification quite substantially mate conference in Dubai reducing oil demand from about the slow pace of retransportation sector, ducing the consumption of which has been the key fossil fuels to fight climate driver of global oil demand change. But one positive growth," said Apostolos that delegates can point to Petropoulos, an energy is the growing fleet of electric vehicles worldwide that

modeler at the IEA. Oil giant BP (BP.L) has pushed forward its global peak oil demand projections, while the governments of both the United States and China - the world's two biggest oil users - have ratcheted back their domestic consumption forecasts. Transportation is responsible for about 60% of world oil demand, with the United States alone accounting for around 10%, according to the IEA. That share should fall, as the IEA expects EVs will have erased some 5 million barrels per day of world oil demand by 2030

Global EV sales now make up about 13% of all vehicle sales and are likely to rise to between 40%-45% of the market by the end of the decade.

#### calated its rhetoric and residents say it has intensified air strikes in the capital Khartoum, while its rival, the paramilitary RSF, has secured advances in the Darfur and Kordofan re-

"They are firing artillery aggressively, and it of-

gions ten lands in civilian homes," said Ahmed Abdallah, a 51-year-old in Omdurman, a city that adjoins Khartoum where the

rivals are battling over army bases. The RSF and army worked together to oust former ruler Omar al-Bashir in 2019 and stage a coup in

Monaghan arrived in Turkey in October and the



#### Daily **Independent**, Quetta

## Pakistan urges India to ensure safety of minorities particularly Muslims

ISLAMABAD (INP): Pakistan has urged the Indian government to ensure the safety, security, and protection of minorities, particularly Muslims and their places of worship.

The Foreign Office in a statement issued on Wednesday, on the comple-tion of 31 years to the demolition of the historic Babri Mosque said that the day was a sad reminder where a mob of Hindu zealots demolished the centuries-old mosque in Ayodhya city of Uttar Pradesh state in full view of Indian law enforcement authorities.

The statement said, it is lamentable that India's superior judiciary not only acquitted the criminals responsible for this hateful act but also allowed the construction of a temple on the site of the demolished Mosque.

The Foreign Office



**BEIJING: Mr. Cui Jun, President China Economic** Net called on Ambassador Khalil Hashmi at Pakistan Embassy Beijing; discussed different areas of bilateral cooperation including media exchanges between China and Pakistan.

#### Husband bound to pay 'mehr' whenever his wife demands: SC wife, it added. The order

said that the mehr (dower)

can be demanded during the

subsistence of the marriage,

and that the husband is un-

der an obligation to pay it

ing a challenge to it.

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Supreme Court on Wednesday declared that the 'haq mehr' (dower) has to be paid to a woman whenever she demanded it from her husband.

The court imposed a fine worth Rs1,00,000 on petitioner for six-year delay in payment of the 'mehr' amount to his wife and also directed him to pay the expenditures of litigation to the woman. A threemember bench, headed by Chief Justice of Pakistan Qazi Faez Isa issued the three-page written order in untenable defence, and peran appeal filed by a citizen petuated it probably be-

said the temple was expected to be inaugurated in January 2024 - months before the next general elections in India. It said the anti-Muslim frenzy that caused the Babri Mosque's destruction remains un-

abated. A few weeks ago, the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh publicly cited the Mosque's demolition as a template to reclaim parts of Pakistan. The statement said the elements belonging to the ruling dispensation in India continue to incite hysteria and hatred against Muslims. "Today, Hindu supremacist groups are demanding conversion of many other mosques into temples, including the ISLAMABAD (Online) Gyanvapi Mosque in Varanasi and Shahi Eidgah .S. Assistant Secretary of Mosque in Mathura," it said. State Julieta Valls Noyes The Foreign Office said that

visited Pakistan December several mosques and shrines 4-6 to reaffirm the United had already been demolished States' steadfast commit under the garb of different adment to the protection and ministrative measures or ju

safe, efficient resettlement and relocation of eligible Afghan refugees to the United States. In meetings with se nior Pakistani government

officials, Assistant Secreary Noves discussed how both countries can work ogether to accelerate the processing of Afghan naionals eligible for relocaion or resettlement in the United States, expressed the U.S. desire to continue working with the Govern ment of Pakistan as we process individuals in U.S. resettlement pathways, and

encouraged upholding inter national humanitarian prin ciples, including nonrefoulement, and protecting vulnerable refugees and asylum seekers.

#### **Delegation of Senators visits**

Iraq to enhance bilateral ties BAGHDAD (INP) Headed by Chairman Sen-

It said that the woman ate Muhammad Sadiq had to file a suit for recov-Sanjrani, a high-profile del ery of the 'mehr ' and maintenance, and the petitioner unnecessarily involved her in litigation, which reached this Court after six and half years. The court said that this kind of frivolous litigation is paralysing the judi-Affairs cial system of the country. The petitioner took up an

egation of Senators arrived Baghdad, Iraq on Wednesday with an aim to enhance bilateral relations between the two countries Undersecretary of the Iraqi Ministry of Foreign Mohammed

Hussein Mohammed Bahraluloom along with senior officials of the Iraqi Parlia-



ISLAMABAD: President of Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam Fazal-ur-Rehman, Chief of Jamat-e-Islami Sirajul-Haq, Moulana Taqi Usmani and others rises hand together to show solidarity with the oppressed Muslims of Palestine during " Hurmat-e-Al-Aqsa Conference" at Convention Center.

#### **Religious scholars, leaders unite US reaffirms** to protect against Israeli aggression, resettlement call for global solidarity ofAfghan **Refugees to US**

#### JUI-F chief urge Muslim World not to recognize Israel

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prominent religious scholars and leaders representing diverse schools of thought on Wednesday gathered at the Jinnah Conhumanity, vention Centre for the Namosques, churches, hospitional Conference titled The Sanctity of Al-Aqsa Mosque and Responsibility of the Muslim Úmmah.

Organized by Majlis Ittehad-e-Ummah Pakistan, the conference saw a joint declaration expressing full solidarity with the freedom of Al-Aqsa Mosque and condemning the oppression faced by Palestinian brothers. Addressing the gather-

its original inhabitants, coning, the religious scholars demning the unjust settleand leaders highlighted ments established by Zionists. They urged the people Israel's relentless aggression, branding it as a violaof Palestine to resist this agtor of international law gression, emphasizing the since its illegal establishreligious duty of Muslims ment. They emphasized the to support the cause. recent brutal bombings in

Gaza, resulting in the marconflict as a grand defensive

tyrdom of over 15,000 Pal-Jihad rooted in pure Islam estinians, including 6,000 the scholars and leaders stressed liberating the Alchildren and numerous Aqsa Mosque and the land women. They declared these actions as war crimes against of the Last Prophet Peace Be Upon Him from Ziontargeting

ist dominance. tals, and even newborns. The They demanded basic Ulema and Mashaykh critirights for the people of Palcized Western powers for estine according to United their complicity in sup-Nations resolutions, calling porting Israel's crimes for an end to military interthrough financial, practical, vention, the siege on Al-Quds, Gaza Strip, and the and military assistance. They called for an immedi-West Bank, and the permaate end to the brutal bombnent opening of the Rafah ings, war crimes, and all border. Jamiat Ulema-e-Isforms of support for Israel. lam-Fazl (JUI-F) Chief They asserted that the entire Maulana Fazlur Rehman has land of Palestine belonged to urged the Muslim World not to recognize Israel. Speaking at the National Conference on "The Sanctity of Al-Aqsa Mosque and the Responsibility of the Muslim Ummah' organized by Majlis Ittehad-e-Ummah Pakistan here on Wednesday, he asked international organizations to respect

Labelling the current public opinion.



Jamal Khan Raisani visiting staff during inaugural ceremony of Education Expo 2023-12-06.

**CPEC** paving foundation Govt. ends free electricity of sustainable development facility for of Pakistan: Chinese CG

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## ADB approves \$658.8mln financial support for Pak sustainable development

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ploys our program lending

and project investments to

enhance support for

Pakistan's efforts to im-

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he added. The Improved

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SLAMABAD (APP): The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved this week three projects amounting to \$658.8 mil-lion to help Pakistan achieve its goal of more inclusive and sustainable growth and development. The projects would

Resource Mobilization and focus on improving domes-Utilization tic resource mobilization; Programme would support rehabilitating schools damthe government to realize its aged by the devastating ambition of achieving eco-August 2022 floods; and nomic growth that is sustainenhancing agricultural proable, broad-based, and incluductivity to improve food sive. The \$300 million security, a news release said policy-based loan would support the initiative's first on Wednesday.

This significant new subprogram, which focuses wave of financing will help on laying the foundation for Pakistan recover from the reforms to policies, laws, impacts of last year's costand institutional capacity of-living crisis and superthat would improve domesfloods and return to the path tic resource mobilization and of long-term development utilization. The programme that is sustainable and incluis helping to transform tax sive," ADB Director General administration, public expenfor Central and West Asia diture management, and other Yevgeniy Zhukov said.

institutional structures to This multifaceted strengthen resource mobiliapproach is part of ADB's zation including non-debt strategic engagement in Paresources



QUETTA: Former Provincial Minister Umar Khan Jamali meeting with caretaker Home Minister Captain (Retd) Muhammad Zubair Jamali.

## **Education & Skills Expo begins: Interim Govt resolves to work** on project of sending youth abroad for making them skilled

**Independent Report** QUETTA: The caretaker Provincial Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports, Mir Jamal Khan Raisani stated that the interim provincial government is resolved to send youth of the province abroad to make them skilled so that they may play effective role in development of the country by learning skills in different sectors. These views were ex-

high ups of different nongovernmental organizations and Education department Addressing the ceremony, the caretaker Provincial Minister exhorted the children to learn skills

occasion were Director

Schools, Abdul Wahid

Shakir, Director Monitor-

ing and Evaluation,

Munir Ahmed, Director

PITE, Sher Ahmed

Samalani, representatives

of UNICEF and other

pressed by the caretaker Minister Mir Jamal Khan along with education. Raisani while addressing the He appreciated the ceremony held marking in-Education department, UNICEF and other organiauguration of the Education and Skills Expo 2023 at zations for organizing the Balochistan University of Education and Skills Expo Information Technology, in Quetta. Engineering and Manage-ment Sciences (BUITEMS) He said that the Expo would provide the opporon Wednesday. tunities of business in future. Also present on the 

Khalid Pervaiz.

The order said that 'mehr' is an Islamic concept and it is specifically recognised by the law of Pakistan. It has to be paid whenever demanded by the



QUETTA: Caretaker Human Rights Minister, Khalil George along with "Pastor Imran Afzal and others are cutting cake during a ceremony on the eve of Christmas Day "coming ahead.

#### Lasbela Women Empowerment Summit sparks inspiration and development

The

Independent Report QUETTA: In a momentous collaboration, the Ministry of Information Government of Balochistan, and Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Funds(PPF) join hands to host the Lasbela Women Empowerment Summit, a beacon of change aimed at uplifting women across diverse fields.

The summit, organized by Information Ministry and PPF, has garnered significant attention for its commitment to fostering inspiration and progress among women in the region.

Held in Uthal, Lasbela, the summit witnessed the presence of distinguished guests, with Mr. Naeem Umrani, ADC (R) District Lasbela, gracing the occasion as the Chief Guest. Mr. Umrani, in his address, applauded the impactful strides taken towards women empowerment, emphasizing the importance of collaborative efforts to bring about positive change. He also distributed prizes, certificates and shields

The summit, held un-

nent warmly received the cause costs were not imdistinguished delegation. posed upon him and the During his stay in Iraq courts did not insist that the Chairman decision of the Family Court should first be complied with before entertain-

Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani was scheduled to engage in meetings with senior Iraqi leadership and parliamen tary heads including acting Speaker of the Iraqi Parlia

growth of Pakistan. The people of Pakiment. stan started reaping the ben-efits of the CPEC journey These discussions were expected to focus on strengthening diplomatic as several major projects ties, fostering collaboration have been completed while on key regional issues, and many more were in the completion process. exploring avenues for mu-

Senate

tual cooperation. PHC eases rules for Afghan refugees marrying

Pakistanis PESHAWAR (INP): The Peshawar High Court on Wednesday relaxed the rules for Afghan refugees who have married Pakistani men or women.

The detailed judgder the theme "Empowerment, penned by Justice Waqar Ahmed, spans 33 pages and marks a signifiing Change," provided a platform for women to engage in meaningful discuscant step towards facilitatsions, share experiences, ing the lives of Afghan refuand gain insights from gees who have chosen to

prominent figures in varibuild their lives in Pakistan. ous fields. Workshops, The court's directive panel discussions, and inallows Afghan nationals married to Pakistanis to apply for Pakistan Origin teractive sessions were designed to address challenges and opportunities, encour-Cards (POCs), a document aging women to excel in that grants them certain their respective domains. rights and privileges asso-Balochistan ciated with Pakistani citi-

Government's commitment zenship. This move aims to to supporting initiatives streamline the process for that empower women was Afghan refugees seeking to evident throughout the regularize their status in summit. The Information Pakistan and integrate into Ministry and PPF played society seamlessly. The depivotal roles in ensuring the cision emphasizes the imsuccess of this collaborative portance of simplifying the effort, reflecting a shared marriage registration provision for a more inclusive cess for Afghan-Pakistani and progressive society. couples, eliminating the

The important highmandatory requirement of a lights of the summit inpassport and ID card for POC applications in cases of cluded discussions on enmarriage. Additionally, the court mandates that POC trepreneurship, education, healthcare, and technology, showcasing the multifaccards be issued promptly foleted nature of women's lowing security clearance contributions to society. ensuring that eligible indi-Attendees were inspired viduals are not subjected to by success stories unnecessary delays.

Corridor which is paving the

foundation of sustainable

development and economic

These views were ex-

pressed by the Consul Gen-

eral of the People's Repub-

lic of China in Karachi, Yang

Yundong in an exclusive in-

terview with the Associated

Consulate.

KARACHI (APP): Paki-Regarding progress on CPEC projects, Yang stan and China achieved Yundong said the Gwadar concrete progress under the Port had become opera-China-Pakistan Economic

tional for a few years, free zones were also in operation while the New Islamabad Airport, Sukkur Multan Motorway and other major projects have been completed under the Economic Corridor.

The Consul General was stated the federal cabisaid the Havalian-Thakot net section of Karakoram Highway, Jakla-DI Khan Motorway, Optical Cable, Eastern Expressway and Orange Line Metro Train Lahore projects were also completed which had Press of Pakistan here at the started giving fruits to the common men



**QUETTA: Provincial Election Commissioner** Sharifullah meeting with Secretary Finance Babar Khan.

#### **Chief Secretary directs DCs to ensure** implementation of ECP's decision

OUETTA (APP): Balochistan Chief Secretary (CS) Shakeel Qadir Khan on Wednesday directed all Deputy Commissioners (DĈs) to ensure the implementation of instructions given by the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) and to complete repair work of polling stations in their respective districts as soon as possible.

He shared these views while chairing a meeting of divisional commissioners and deputy commissioners regarding the prevention of smuggling, provision of quality education and best facilities in the health sectors, price control committee, and Quetta water treatment plant, in which various related issues were re-

The meeting was at-

viewed

QUETTA: Chief Secretary Balochistan Shakeel Qadir Khan addressing Divisional Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners Conference.

tended by Senior Member Board of Revenue Hafiz He said that provision of health facilities and qual-Muhammad Tahir, Additional Chief Secretary Inteity education are essential rior Zahid Saleem, Secretary for the betterment of soci-Imran Zarkoon, Secretary ety and in this regard, the Health Abdullah Khan, Secprovincial government was retary, Education Saleh taking steps for improve-Mohammad Nasir, Comment in both sectors missioner Quetta Hamza He said that all deputy

Shafqaat, Deputy Comcommissioners should visit missioner Quetta while hospitals, primary health other Divisional Commiscenters, and educational insioners and Deputy Comstitutions in the respective missioners participated it districts and ensure attendance of absent staff and through video link. Addressing the meetthe supply of medicines in

ing, the Chief Secretary said hospitals should be ensured. that all the Deputy Com-On this occasion, the meeting gave a detailed briefing by missioners (DCs) should ensure the implementation all the divisional commissionof the instructions given by ers regarding their respective divisions and told that all the the Election Commission and all DCs should comcommissioners and deputy plete the repair work of commissioners have made more than 1200 visits to all polling stations in their respective districts as soon as the districts.

#### had approved monetisation of free electricity units admissible to the employees of Wapda. ex-Wapda companies, including distribution companies (Discos), generation companies (Gencos), Na-

tional Transmission and Dispatch Company (NTDC) and Power Information Technology Company (PITC).

According to the noti-fication, 17 to 21 officers of the power companies will get a utility allowance instead of free electricity units from now onwards.

The notification further said the grade-17 employee of Discos and Wapda, who are allowed 450 units per month.

QUETTA: The scrutiny of different development projects is continued by the Chief Minister Inspection Team (CMIT) in the prov-

In this regard, the Member CMIT, Umeed Ali Khokhar visited Usta Muhammad on Wednesday where he presided over a meeting to review the

projects the same day. Deputy Commis-sioner Usta Muhammad, Muhammad Hussain, Senior Superintendent of Police, Javed Iqbal Gharsheen,

other concerned district high ups were in attendance at the meeting held at the Deputy Commissioner Usta Muhammad.

The concerned high ups briefed the meeting about the progress of difdevelopment ferent projects being executed by their respective departments

The Member CMIT expressed anguish over absence of few officers.

Addressing the meeting, Umeed Ali Khokhar stressed the need to resolve the issues being faced in Assistant Commissioner, Abdul Nasir Kakar and early execution of the projects.

Israel's actions, including

the arrest of approximately

16,000 Palestinians and

desecration of holy sites,

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tional norms.

#### **Ismail Haniyeh for** Pak support against **Israeli occupation**

ISLAMABAD (APP): Seestinian people. Haniyeh stated that

nior Political Leader of Hamas, Ismail Haniyeh on Wednesday virtually addressed the National Dialogue on 'The Sanctity of Al-Aqsa Mosque and Responsibility of the Muslim Ĵmmah' held at the Jinnah Convention Centre and sought Pakistan's support against Israeli occupation.

Accords, citing an increase Organized by Majlis Ittehad-e-Ummah Pakiin the occupation of Palestinian territories. stan, he emphasized Israel's against the establishment of occupation of Palestinian territories, addressing the challenges faced by the Paldiplomatic relations between Islamic countries.

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#### DISCOs, **GENCOs** officers ISLAMABAD (INP):

Government has ended free electricity units for the DISCOs and GENCOs, WAPDA and NTDC officers, effective from December 1, reported on Wednesday. In a notification issued by the power division, it

**QUETTA: Ending violence Against Woman &** Girls members hold awareness walk regarding "16 days of Activitisim Against Gender Based Violence" outside OPC.

## Scrutiny of various dev. projects continues by CMIT in Usta Muhammad

