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Rules out any negotiations PM asks terrorists to make **'unconditional surrender**

Says no person would be allowed to take the law into his hands, only the State had the legitimate right to use armed power through its security forces

Caretaker Prime Minister the law into his hands, add-Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Monday warned terrorist groups in the country to make an "unconditional surrender", saying the State would not negotiate with them.

"The State will not show any leniency towards the terrorists who committed violence and killed innocent citizens," he said in an interaction with the families of martyrs here at the Interior Ministry, where he earlier launched the country's new visa policy.

PM Kakar categorically said that no person

ISLAMABAD (APP): would be allowed to take families of the martyrs. who had paid the ultimate ing that only the State had We cannot compenthe legitimate right to use armed power through its security forces. sate those who lost their loved ones, but can make a

"No one should have any doubt about the stance gesture to acknowledge and honour their invaluable sacof the State against terror-ists," he said. "All organs rifices," he added. PM Kakar said the re-

ward for the martyrs' souls rested with Allah Almighty, of the State have the clarity to remain persistent against militancy." He said any damage inhowever, it was the responsibility of the society to curred in the past by giving a lenient space to the milihonour them with a distinguished status.

"I pay tribute to all the tants would be mitigated. martyrs - an unending list The prime minister of heroes from all segments said if someone wanted to of the society, including denounce terrorism must seek forgiveness from the police, politicians, journal-

ists, soldiers, and even children," he said.

Éarlier, at the launch of the new visa policy, the prime minister congratulated the Ministry of Interior on the achievement of "good milestone"

He said the country needed to further rationalize its visa policy with the target of attracting investment.

"Unless we open up to the world, we cannot attract investment and develop connectivity," he said, add-ing that a country's visa policy was the cornerstone

ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar while inaugurating the Martyrs' Continued on page 2 Wall in the Ministry of Interior, placing a portrait of Shaheed AIG Safwat Ghayur.



QUETTA: A delegation comprising members of committee formed resolve complaints about distribution of laptops in the University of Balochistan meeting with Governor Balochistan Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar

Governor Balochistan emphasizes: Political leadership ought to keep close & effective rapport with masses every time & situation Independent Report discrimination so as to pro-

QUETTA: The Governor tect their basic rights and Balochistan, Malik Abdul dignity. Wali Khan Kakar has em-

He was of the view that

society and country.

ship.

nity of political leader-

If we our politics is

Hindutva ideology ISLAMABAD (APP): the agenda of the UN Secu-President Dr Arif Alvi on rity Council for over seven Monday strongly rejected decades the Indian Supreme Court's While condemning the (ISC) decision to uphold the decision, the president said revocation of the special status of the Indian Illegally that it was unfortunate that Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (ÎIOJ&K).

President Alvi says

Indian judiciary succumbed to fascist

He expressed dismay over the decision, saying the Indian judiciary had succumbed to the fascist Hindutva ideology giving decisions suited to the Indian government.

He added that such decisions could not legitimize the occupation of IIOJ&K *ISLAMABAD (Online): Chief Justice of Pakistan* (*CJP) Qazi Faez Isa has remarked Customs Au-*theorities act smugale the

Indian courts had a history of giving decisions against Muslims as in the cases of Babri Masjid, Samjhuta Express, Hyderabad Mecca Masjid blast and Naroda Gam massacre during the 2002 Gujrat riots etc. He

added that the verdict of the ISC could not change the status of the IIOJ&K. He said the Judgement would further strengthen

'Travesty of justice': Pakistan rejects Indian SC's verdict on Kashmir

India has no right to make unilateral decisions on the status of this disputed territory against the will of the Kashmiri people and Pakistan: FM Jilani

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pa-kistan on Monday cat-egorically rejected the judgement, announced by the Supreme Court of India on the status of Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK), terming it "another manifestation of the pliant judiciary under India's ruling dispensation.

Jammu and Kashmir, and Foreign Minister Jalil said steps should be taken Abbas Jilani, during a press to conduct "elections" to the assembly in the Indian Continued on page 2

Zubair Jamali calls on Health | elections in-time: Solangi

OUETTA (APP): Provin-

In the meeting, secu-

in province and issues of

mutual interest were dis-

Minister while appreciating

the organization and initia-

tive of health card said that

the steps taken by the care-

taker provincial govern-

ment for the welfare of the

people are commendable.

Jogaizai said that integrated

measures are being taken to

improve the supply of

medicines on a regular ba-

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sis across the province.

Dr. Amir Muhammad

The Provincial Home

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Amir

of special status for IIOJK EW_DELHI : (APP) Illegally occupied Jammu :The Supreme Court of In- and Kashmir state by Sepdia on Monday upheld the tember 30 next year, sys a Indian government's forced report reaching here on sinister decision to abro-Monday from across the line of control (LoC). gate Article 370, which be-

India's top court upholds end

No hurdle in holding

"The Indian apex court also directed that statehood to the union territory of Jammu and Kash mir be restored at the ear-Continued on page 2

He said the government

phasized that the political leadership should keep close and effective coordination with the masses every time and every situation so that they are well aware of the issues and hardships being faced by them, and thus resolve the same timely.

The Governor was speaking to different delegations who called on him here at the Governor House on Monday.

The Governor said that political philosophy deals with the service and welfare of the people without



OUETTA: Balochistan Caretaker Information Minister Jan Achakzai, FPCCI's Ex, President Dawood Khan Achakzai and Eyes Organization's Executive Director Sami Shark signs a MoU regarding border trader.

we get thoughtful guidance vehicles themselves and then get them seize themalong with practical politics for bringing real developselves He further remarked ment and prosperity in the

this truck is not a match box that Customs authorities are He said that we have ignorant of it came from learnt from our political elders that the public serwhat wav. He gave these remarks vice is the guarantor of dig-

Customs authorities

get smuggle, seize

vehicles themselves:

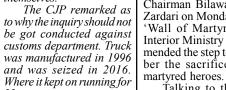
Supreme Court

thorities get smuggle the

while hearing the case of seizing of smuggled truck by KP customs authorities here Monday.

based on the increase of The CJP while rejecting rights and empowerment of customs appeal repri-manded counsel for custhe people then the democratic values, behaviour and toms public democracy can be The CJP remarked voi strengthened, the Governor

are neither giving arguments in the court nor are talking of law. The vehicle was seized inside 400 kilometers away from Peshawar border without the knowledge of customs authorities. He observed customs authorities get smuggle the vehicles by taking money and then they get seize them by themselves



<u>22 years.</u> Land of Afghanistan being used for terrorism against Pakistan: Jan Achakzai

Caretaker Minister Information terms COAS's visit to USA very important at critical juncture; says Ministry of Information sign MoUs with two NGOs for promotion of E-education & E-commerce

Independent Report QUETTA: The caretaker Provincial Minister for Information, Jan Achakzai has pointed out that the land of Afghanistan is being used for terrorism against Pakistan, and it (Pakistan) is also confronting this critical situation too.

However, the brave armed forces of Pakistan would defend every inch of the country and the terrorism would be rooted out.

The caretaker Minister Information was addressing a hurriedly called press conference at Quetta press club on Monday.

after a long time. Jan Achakzai spoke He said that the Army about the Chief of Ârmy Staff General Syed Asim chief's visit to US has come Munir's visit to United at an important juncture States of America, besides when the war is continued terrorism from Afghaniin Ukraine and Ghaza. On stan, protest rally of the the other hand, Afghanistan Baloch Yekjehti committee under Taliban failed to fulfrom Turbat, besides the fil its commitments with Memorandum of Underthe international commustanding reached between nity and has been source of Ministry of Information, terrorism in Pakistan. Government of Balochistan While it is also impor-

and Educational and Youth tant to mention that elec-Empowerment Society. tions are about to be con-The Minister Informaducted in Pakistan and Intion said that the Army dia, adding he mentioned further

cial Caretaker Home Minister Mir Zubair Jamali on Monday met with Caretaker Provincial Health Minister Dr. Muhammad Jogaizai. rity, health sector including organization of health card

ISLAMABAD: Chairman Pakistan Peoples Party Bilawal Bhutto Zardari along with Caretaker Minister of Interior Sarfraz Bugti talking to media persons during press conference after inaugurating Martyrs Wall at Ministry of Interior in Federal Capital.

Bilawal Bhutto says Wall of Martyrs - a good initiative to remember sacrifices of martyred heroes

ISLAMABAD (APP): Paate, as it has immortalised kistan Peoples Party (PPP) the sacrifices of the mar-Chairman Bilawal Bhutto tyrs," he added.

Zardari on Monday visited Wall of Martyrs' at the Interior Ministry and commended the step to remember the sacrifices of the

Talking to the media after hoisting the picture of Mohtarma Shaheed Benazir Bhutto at 'The Wall of Martyrs', Bilawal said he was grateful to Caretaker Interior Minister Sarfaraz Bugti for the initiative. 'The 'Wall of Martyrs'

the efforts of the martyrs. is an initiative we appreci-Continued on page 2

Nawaz Sharif vows to put country on road to progress

LAHORE (INP): Former N's ticket contenders, prime minister Nawaz Sharif recounted the past Sharif has said time has achievements and excome to put Pakistan on the pressed concerns over the road to progress. halted journey of development. He called for merit-

He expressed these views while addressing a based ticket allocations and PML-N meeting in Lahore stressed the importance of on Monday. serving the nation above

Sharif highlighted the personal interests. need for national unity and Sharif acknowledged emphasised the responsibilcurrent challenges, including the soaring cost of electricity, meat, flour, and

The martyrs of the **Bail granted to** country, he said, included politicians, policemen, lawyers, judges, and the army cases, Qureshi soldiers, who had been a target of terrorism and they all rendered great sacrifices. ISLAMABAD (Online): As a result of their

Anti Terrorism Court struggle, peace was achieved and terrorism was (ATC) Islamabad has approved bail of former chaireradicated from the counman PTI Imran Khan in try, he added. Unfortuthree cases and bail of Shah nately, a decision was later Mehmood Qureshi in two taken which undermined

Judge Abual Hasanat Zulqarnain approved bail pleas of founder of PTI and Shah Mehmood Qureshi.

Prosecutor Raja Navid and PTI counsels Sardar Masroof and Khalid Yousuf appeared in the court.

of the units.

Prosecutor Raja Navid took the plea PTI leaders staged protest deliberately. PTI founder tried to provoke people. Unnecessary leniency is being shown to PTI leaders. The bail pleas of Imran Khan and Shah Mehmood Qureshi be dis-

missed The court inquired were Imran Khan and Shah Mehmood Qureshi present on the occasion



stowed special status on

the erstwhile state of

formation, Broadcasting during various general elecand Parliamentary Affairs tions including 2008, 2013 and 2018. Solangi said it Murtaza Solangi on Monday said that there was no was responsibility of the Election Commission of hurdle in holding the general elections in the coun-Pakistan (ECP) to hold the try in accordance with the general elections and the schedule issued by the Elecgovernment would provide tion Commission of Pakiall-out assistance in that regard.

stan (ECP). Speaking in a private news channel talk show, he had been releasing the required funds to the ECP for said that the announcement for the election date should holding the polls. Security end all the speculations.

would also be ensured for He also ruled out any conducting the general elecchange in the polling date tions in a free, fair and transparent manner. All political and said that the elections would take place on Februparties were fully allowed ary 8, 2024. to carry out their political

The environment for activities in all the four provinces, the minister noted. holding the polls was con-



KARACHI: Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Naveed Ashraf interacts with the troops and officers during his visit onboard PN Fleet Units, at PN Dockyard in Karachi.

Naval Chief visits Coastal & Creeks areas, PN Ships to review operational preparedness

KARACHI (INP): Chief of Pakistan Navy Hospital the Naval Staff Admiral Dar Maanjah and Cadet Naveed Ashraf on Monday College at Ormara. Later on, Chief of the visited Creeks and Coastal

Areas and PN Ships to re-Naval Staff Admiral Naveed view operational prepared-Ashraf arrived on PN Ships ness and combat readiness at PN Dockyard Karachi to review the operational pre-Upon arrival at Creeks paredness and combat readiness of PN surface

Brigade Sujawal, a comprehensive operational brief ships During interactions was presented to CNS on

prevailing threat environwith troops at Creeks and ment and defences of Creeks Coastal Areas and onboard Area. During the visit at ships, Chief of the Naval Staff expressed satisfaction forward posts, CNS interacted with officers and men on operational readiness of and appreciated their readideployed elements. He also ness to respond any misappreciated the profesadventure by the adversary. sional prowess and dedica-On the second leg of his tion of officers and men in visit, Chief of the Naval ensuring impregnable de-Staff arrived at PNS fence of the motherland in AKRAM at Gwadar and challenging harsh environinteracted with the troops ment of Creeks and Coastal deployed for the security Areas and amidst prevailing regional challenges in of Gwadar Port. He also visited Jinnah Naval Base, maritime domain

QUETTA: Chief Secretary Balochistan Shakeel Qadir Khan presiding over meeting of Provincial Steering Committee regarding implementation on **Gwadar Safe City Project**



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Miscellaneous

Mainstreaming of deprived segments, fast decision-making vital for Pakistan's progress: President

ISLAMABAD (APP): President Dr Arif Alvi on Monday said the mainstreaming of the deprived segments including women and differently-abled women, leveraging artificial intelligence and fast decision-making were inevitable for the progress and prosperity of the country.



The president, addressing the Members' Convocation of the Institute of Cost and Management Accountants of Pakistan (ICMA), urged the new graduates to play their role for the welfare of their employees and environmental protection besides fulfilling their responsibilities to their respective industries as well as the society. He urged the educational institutes to produce leaders as the country faced an acute shortage of leadership which should be honest to the people and the nation besides being capable of addressing the pervading issues.

The president reiterated his condemnation of the ongoing killings in Gaza and rejected the Indian Supreme Court's decision to uphold the revocation of Article 370 in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir.

He questioned the conscience of the developed world over the barbarism in Gaza and said the world was in dire need of an order anchored on morality which legacy of the Muslims.

He said, unfortunately, the vested interests had overpowered the humanitarianism in world affairs.

President Alvi, who earlier awarded certificates to



QUETTA: Caretaker Provincial Information Minister Jan Achakzai in a meeting with Caretaker Health Minister Ameer Muhammad Khan Jogezai

UoT's entry test schedule for spring 2024 admissions to

undergraduate programs on Dec16 QUETTA (APP): University of Turbat (UoT) announced on Monday the schedule of the Entry Test for the Spring 2024 Semester for various Undergraduate Programs.

Dr. Nadeem says Thankful to WHO, other stakeholders for humanitarian aid in Gaza

ISLAMABAD (INP): the new graduates and medals to the council members, Caretaker Federal Minister for Health Dr. Nadeem Jan said that around 28 million Pakistani children were out has said that we are thankof school and needed supful to World Health Orgaport to brighten their funization and other stakeholders for providing health

He said the country services to war affected faced a shortage of profespeople in Gaza. sional graduates so the ap-He was addressing the

proach of encouraging them participants of a special meeting of the Executive to go abroad and send remittances was unjustified. Board of World Health Or-The president said afganization held here on ter joining the practical life, Monday to discuss the they should strive to prohealth situation in Palesvide a secure working envi-

tine ronment to the women in Dr. Nadeem Jan said their businesses as well as their respective fields bethat the risk of infectious sides creating opportunities for the differently-abled diseases in the war affected area was increasing.

women Earlier, in his welcome address, ICMA President Shahzad Ahmed Malik said the Institute was committed to imparting quality education as it had con-

Senate stantly been improving its standards by adopting the best global practices. He said ICMA was one decision by the Indian Su-

of the oldest institutions in preme Court upholding the the region with 8,000 qualiabrogation of Article 370, fied members and 18,000 diminishing the autonomy of Indian Illegally Occuactive students. The institute is also affiliated with pied Jammu and Kashmir the world's renowned pro-(IIOJK). fessional bodies and com-The Senate chairman,

> tiality of the court, suggesting it might have been com-

Affairs Murtaza Solangi on Monday expressed deep grief and sorrow over the demise of well-known intellectual, poet, novelist, translator and editor Ahmed

Salim. Using his X account, formerly Twitter, the minister said that during his entire life, Ahmed Salim remained steadfast and glued

working class, democracy, marginalised, vulnerable, oppressed people and the wretched of the earth.

Solangi said he equally shared the grief of the bereaved family and Ahmed Salim's death was a per-

Indian SC decision ISLAMABAD (APP): its non-applicability to the Chairman occupied Jammu and Kash-Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani mir, recognized internaon Monday rejected the

Sanjrani rejects

tionally as a disputed territory He reiterated the stead-

fast rejection by the Kashmiri people of any unilateral actions taken by India in the region, reaffirming Pakistan's unwavering support for their

quest for freedom from Indian occupation. Calling for international attention, the chairman urged the global community to consider the implications of the Indian Supreme Court's decision.

He emphasized the need for a resolution to the Kashmir issue in accordance with United Nations Security Council (UNSC) resolutions, reiterating Pakistan's commitment to

Sadiq Sanjrani undera diplomatic and internascored that the Kashmiris tionally sanctioned resoludid not recognize the In- tion to the longstanding dian constitution, asserting dispute.

Tetra Pak extends nutrition partnership with Islamabad United for sixth year

LAHORE (PR): Tetra Pak Pakistan announced the extension of their partnership with Islamabad United as its official nutrition partner during the upcoming season 9 of the Pakistan Super League (PSL), scheduled between February to March 2024. The agreement was signed by Mr Awais Bin Nasim, Managing Director of Tetra Pak Pakistan and Mr Ahsan Latif, CEO of Islamabad United,



ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Prime Minister, Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar chairs a meeting regarding the matters related to Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) held in Islamabad.

PM for comprehensive strategy to organize PSL-9 matches

tional level," he added.

started immediately to hold

international cricket matches

there. Similarly, he pointed

out that Gwadar Cricket

Stadium and Pissan Stadium

in Nagar area of Gilgit-

matches.

emergency basis.

stadiums equipped with

modern facilities along with

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Monday directed to evolve a comprehensive strategy to

organize the cricket matches of Pakistan Super League Season 9 ((PSL-9)across the country.

He was chairing an important meeting regarding the affairs of Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) here. The prime minister was

informed during the briefing presented by the PCB officials, that the PSL would be held in February 2024. The e Niaz Stadium should be League matches would be held in Karachi, Lahore, Rawalpindi and Multan.

The prime minister emphasized that the country's interest and dignity should be kept on priority while appointing trainers, support staff and other officials in the PCB.

Moreover, he directed to conduct the elections of to conduct an immediate the Cricket Board Management Committee in an efficient manner.

PM Kakar highlighted that the game of cricket played an important role in uniting the entire nation culminating national spirit.

He said only through team work, Pakistan cricket team could unite and achieve success in every field. The prime minister

> **Pakistan rejects** Indian SC's....

stressed the need to promote and shopping areas to procricket in remote areas of the mote the tourism as well. country as well. He also directed to hand

"There is immense over the four cricket grounds cricket talent in Sindh, in Islamabad to the PCB for Balochistan, South Punjab, the development of cricket.

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Gilgit-Baltistan, newly The meeting was told merged districts of Khyber that Pakistan would host the Pakhtunkhwa, and Azad Cricket Champions Trophy. Jammu & Kashmir, that It was further told that the number of cricket associaneeded to be given a chance to be represented at the nations in the country had been increased from six to 16 The prime minister diwhich would highlight the rected that the restoration regional talent. Additionally, work of Quetta's Bugti Staconstruction of cricket infradium and Peshawar's Arbabstructure is underway in

Islamabad, Lahore, Karachi, Gujranwala, Peshawar and Bahawalpur. Gaddafi Stadium Lahore, National Stadium Karachi and Multan Stadium are being converted to solar energy.

Baltistan could also be made The meeting was also capable of holding cricket apprised about the measures being taken for the promo-The prime minister also tion of women's cricket in directed the Cricket Board Pakistan.

Federal Minister for Privatization Fawad Hasan Fawad, PCB Chairman survey of Pissan Stadium in the Nagar District, adding that work for the rehabilita-Muhammad Zaka Ashraf tion of the existing cricket and Chief Operating Ofstadiums be started on an ficer Salman Naseer, Chief Selector Wahab Riaz and In addition, the prime relevant government offiminister directed that a plan cials attended the meeting. should be prepared for the PCB officials Muhammad establishment of new cricket Hafeez, Umar Gul and

Saeed Ajmal participated

via video link from Austra-



lia.

mitted to fulfilling the in a statement, voiced seriemerging needs of industries and businesses, he added. Solangi grieved over demise of poet Ahmed Salim

ÎSLAMABAD (APP) Caretaker Federal Minister for Information, Broadcasting and Parliamentary

to his values of serving the

ous concerns, describing the Indian Supreme Court's ruling as a "mockery of justice that runs contrary to established norms of morality and lacks historical evidence". He raised questions about the impar-

promised by Hindutva ideology, referring to the influence of what he termed "Hindutva goons".

The Entry Test is scheduled to be conducted at the Main Campus of the University of Turbat on Saturday, December 16, 2023 at 09:30 AM

According to the details, the Entry Test for various Undergraduate Programs including BBA, BS (Economics), BS (Commerce), BS (Balochi), BS (English), BS (Political Science), BS (Sociology), BS (Chemistry), BS (Biochemistry), BS (Biotechnology), BS (Botany), and BS (Computer Science) will be conducted at the Main Campus of the University of Turbat on Saturday, 16th December 2023. All the candidates are directed to report at their respective centers at 09:30 AM on the given date along with their Entry Test Admission Slip, and original CNIC or Form-B.

The candidates can obtain their Entry Test Admission Slip from the Admission Cell, Main Campus, or the Law Department of the University of Turbat. Additional instructions and Test Patterns are outlined on the Entry Test Admission Slip.

Land of Afghanistan being used for...

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He said that the role of Army Chief has been excellent at the critical juncture of history in Pakistan, as he not only strengthened the army but also countered the internal and external challenges faced by the country.

Jan Achakzai said that General Asim Munir foiled the conspiracies of anti-Pakistan forces at every front. He also played important role in bettering the country's economy, he added. He on the occasion criticized Baloch Yekjehti Committee for taking out protest rally what he said, to declare a terrorism innocent.

He said that the BYC and other so-called human right activists didn't speak nor lodge protest when the terrorists' banned organizations kidnapped innocent people, tortured them and murdered them mercilessly.

Similarly, those mis-

leading the general public in the name of BYC now had also been adopted mum over assassination of the labourers, who were engaged in development of the province, the Minister Information said alleging that they are real enemies of the country. However, they have been exposed now, Jan Achakzai maintained.

Referring the MoU, the Ladakh. Minister said that Ministry of Information is signing a MoU with Educational and Youth Empowerment Society to ensure public welfare in the prov-

The signing of MoU is aimed at making combined efforts for establishment of digital lab, advance E-educational system and skill centers to highlight the mental skills of youngsters, the Minister explained.

In addition to this, joint efforts would also be made to set up Kidney center in

sonal loss for him. during a special ceremony hosted at the Pakistan Cricket He prayed to Allah Al-Board (PCB) headquarters in Lahore on December 11, mighty to rest the departed 2023. Since 2019, Tetra Pak has remained the official soul in eternal peace and nutrition partner of Islamabad United for PSL making it grant courage to the bethe sixth time this year for this continued support. The ceremony was attended by top officials from both sides. reaved family to bear this loss with fortitude.

India's top court... Continued from page 1

liest", the report said. The report continued as say ing "writing the judgement for himself and Justices

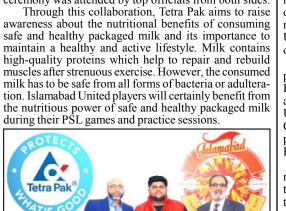
Gavai and Surya Kant Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud said Article 370 of the Constitution was a temporary provision and the president has the power to revoke

The apex court also upheld the validity of the decision to carve out the union territory of Ladakh from Jammu and Kashmir on August 5, 2019. On that day, the Indian government abrogated Article 370 and bifurcated the state into two union territories-

Jammu and Kashmir, and The erstwhile state does not have internal sov ereignty different from other states of the country the CJI said. "... all provi sions of the Indian Constitution can be applied to J-K," the CJI said.

We hold the exercise of presidential power to is sue constitutional order abrogating Article 370 of Constitution as valid," the CJI said. Jammu and Kashmir became an integral part of India and this is evident

from Articles 1 and 370, he said while pronouncing the Quetta city, he added. judgment.



While commenting on this partnership, Mr Awais Bin Nasim, Managing Director of Tetra Pak Pakistan said. "Safe and healthy milk is the most ideal form of nourishment especially to regain lost energy after a vigorous activity or exercise. This is why the milk must remain safe from bacteria and adulteration, achieved with our 6-layer packaging technology that protects milk's nutritional integrity without using any chemicals or preservatives. Our collaboration with Islamabad United increases awareness about the importance of safe and healthy milk consumption in our lives.

PM asks terrorists to make

Continued from page 1 tabase Registration Authorof its economic roadmap. ity (NADRA) is managing

the visa process and has The minister was briefed that the new visa also deployed its staff at the SIFC. policy includes the intro-The prime minister induction of investor visas augurated a memorial galand the revision of the exlerv where the pictures of isting business visa cat-

martyrs were put on dis-The investor visa has play. He mounted on the wall a photograph of Addibeen introduced in line with the Special Investment Fational Inspector General of Police Safwat Ghayur who cilitation Council (SIFC) initiative. The hassle-free was martyred by the terrorists He also visited the social media cell where he was given a briefing about its

members of the martyrs

inctioning The process requires ter Sarfraz Bugti received minimal documentation PM Kakar on his arrival at the Ministry of Interior. A contingent of the Islamabad Police presented a salute

The prime minister and guard of honour to the was informed that the busiprime minister. The family ness visa category was revised with the introduction of SIFC Business Entry and its extension. The business visa will be issued in 24 hours for a six-month shortterm entry visa and a fiveyear long-term visa.

The National and Damartyred heroes

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conference at the Ministry of Jammu and Kashmir. termed Jammu and Kashmir an 'internationally-recognized dispute, which remained on the agenda of the UN Security Council for over seven decades.'

Jilani said the final disposition of Jammu and Rashmir was to be made in accordance with relevan United Nations Security Council Resolutions and as per the aspirations of Kashmiri people.

'India has no right to make unilateral decisions on the status of this disputed territory against the will of the Kashmiri people and Pakistan," he said.

The foreign minister said Pakistan did not acknowledge the supremacy of the Indian Constitution over Jammu and Kashmir.

public. "Any process, subservient to the Indian Constitution, carries no legal significance," he said.

He said India could not abdicate its international obligations on the pretext there. of domestic legislations and judicial verdicts

"India's plans to annex huge numbers in the tribal IIOJK are bound to fail,' areas, the very same regions he added

"The judicial endorsement of India's unilateral and illegal actions of 5 Auduring the unity governgust 2019 is a travesty of ment, publicly accepted justice, based on distorted that terrorists were resettled historical and legal arguin Pakistan which was the cause behind the country ments," he said.

FM Jilani said the Indian Supreme Court's verdict failed to recognize the internationally-recognized disputed nature of the Jammu and Kashmir. "It further fails to cater

to the aspirations of the Kashmiri people, who have already rejected India's illegal and unilateral actions of 5 August 2019," he Earlier, Interior Minisadded.

He emphasized that people will have to combat restoration of statehood the terrorists and defeat conduct of State Assembly them," he added. elections or similar steps could not serve as a substitions, Bilawal said that those tute to the grant of the right involved in the process and decision making should be to self-determination to investigated and their inten-Kashmiri people. ions should be made clear.

including veteran politician "The judgement cannot Mian Iftikhar Hussain distract the international whose son was martyred community's attention by the terrorists, expressed from the gross and systemgratitude to the caretaker atic human rights violations government for recognizing the sacrifices of the being perpetrated in IIOJK," he said.

ISLAMABAD: General Secretary of the Jamiat Ulama-e-Islam Abdul Ghafoor Haideri talking to media persons during press conference at Parliament Lodges in Federal Capital.

Wall of Martyrs - a good....

Continued from page 1 U-turn will be taken again and resultantly their efforts Bilawal Bhutto said will be futile. Our demand when the transition of is that this issue should be power was taken place in investigated, because such a Afghanistan, a decision that momentous decision was was taken without the intaken without taking the put of the Parliament or the Parliament or the people into people, allowed for engageloop. This is imperative for ment with the very terrorensuring that a decision with ists who had been defeated such grave consequences is by the police, army and

not taken again," he added. Bilawal said that the He said the terrorists country's priority should be mprisoned in Pakistan were to bring the terrorists inreleased and side by side volved in grave crimes those responsible for attackagainst the State to book. ing Pakistan from Afghani-We will continuously enstan were also released gage with Afghanistan, as we

did during the unity govern-They then were invited ment. Neither Pakistan nor by Imran Khan to settle in Afghanistan can get rid of terrorism without working together. We believe in free from where they had been and fair elections as well as chased out, he added. Imran 'One Man, One Vote'," he Khan, while in opposition said.

He said that it had been proved once again that India was grossly violating the international law and norms, as well as the resolutions of having to suffer through the the United Nations.

same crisis again, Bilawal He said the international said. "Our army and police powers would now need to are still targets of terrorism review their support for Inand the State should ponder dia, as it was repeatedly upon how this can happen abusing international laws. through a U-turn taken 'Be it the Parliament or the overnight without the perjudiciary of India, they canmission of the Parliament not rewrite the UN resoluand the people despite the tions and international country's continuous struggle to get rid of terroragreements. No matter how many times they reiterate ism. Once again, our army their claim over Kashmir, as soldiers, policemen and far as international law is concerned, Kashmir is a disputed territory and the matter is to be resolved as per Responding to ques-

the law and resolutions. Responding to a question, he said that when Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto was alive, she was the Chairperson of Paki-"It should also be enstan Peoples Party, while sured that such a decision is Makhdoom Ameen Faheem not taken in the future, othwas heading the parliamenerwise, it shall be difficult tary wing of the party, Pafor us to convince our kistan Peoples Party Parpeople to fight if they are liamentarians. under the impression that a

QUETTA: Vendors huddled around a fire due to the drop in temperature at Joint Road.

process allows visa approval within 24 hours with a short-term (1-3 years) and long-term entry visa (5 years)

egory

with the option of converting the entry business and investor visa into a longterm investor visa

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ceremony of the 39th batch of police constables at the Police Lines Islamabad.

Dr Nadeem says: **Sehat Card Program** to remain functional

sustainable.

the government."

research's success.

ISLAMABAD (APP): lar co-payment mechanism Caretaker Federal Minister for an affordable segment of for Health Dr Nadeem Jan on Monday inaugurated the groundbreaking OPD pilot project under the Federal Sehat Sahulat Program.

Addressing the cer-emony, he said that this project marks a crucial step towards universal health coverage for all Pakistani citizens.

He emphasized that Federal Sehat Sahulat Program will continue as per the Prime Minister's vision of unified universal health insurance for every citizen of the country with a simi-



ship

ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaarul-Haq Kakar planting a sapling in the lawn of Ministry of Interior.

Vandalism case against PTI leaders: **Proceedings could not** move ahead due to non

Mushaal criticizes Indian SC for behaving like a 'kangaroo court'

their consistent presence at

the forefront. She com-

mended the Islamabad Cham-

ber of Commerce and Indus-

try for organizing the event

aimed at raising awareness

She highlighted that India has established a grim

record of the most severe

human rights violations in

the Indian Illegally Occu-

pied Jammu and Kashmir

(IIOJK). Mushaal la-mented the lack of visual

evidence of these violations,

attributing it to India's strin-

gent information and com-

harsh realities faced by the

India on the people of

She said that under the

To shed light on the

munication blockade.

about human rights.

the population to make it ISLAMABAD (APP): Special Assistant to Prime Dr Nadeem said, "We Minister for Human Rights will strengthen the public and Women Empowerhealth system and integrate ment, Mushaal Hussein Qaumi Sehat Card Program Mullick Monday strongly with primary healthcare to criticized the Indian Sumake it more sustainable for preme Court, for shamelessly behaving like a 'kan-He expressed sincere garoo court' and endorsing

appreciation for the SSP Modi's unlawful decision team's tireless efforts and on August 5, 2019. the pivotal role of the Fed-India should avoid eral Sahulat Program in the pushing peaceful Kashmiri

youth to resort to alterna-He thanked the WHO tive forms of resistance", Representative in Pakistan she said while addressing an for their invaluable partnerevent commemorating International Human Rights Day organized by Islamabad Chamber of

Commerce and Industry (ICCI) Źafar Bakhtawari, Secretary-General of UBC and former President of ICCI, along with Habib Malik Orakzai, President of the International Human Rights Commission and Vice President of Red Crescent Pakistan were also present at the event. Naveed Malik, President of the Islamabad Bar Association, and Asma Malik, a prominent social activist

IIOJK. also attended the event, said guise of revoking Article a news release.

370 and 35A, India is ac-Mushaal appreciated tively transforming the the support of the Business Muslim-majority region of challenges they face.

Community of Pakistan for Jammu and Kashmir into a the people of Jammu and Hindu-majority colony. Kashmir and acknowledged

She pointed out that through the persecution of Muslims in Jammu and Kashmir and across India, Modi, along with his associates from the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSŠ), harbours ambitions of establishing Akhand Bharat. Emphasizing the need for global vigilance, especially during Indian elections, she cautioned against potential false flag operations by India. Mushaal affirmed that the struggle for the people of Jammu and Kashmir persists. She highlighted the resilience of Kashmiris, who are courageously facing off against a force of one million Indian troops, underscoring their steadfast com-

people of IIOJK, she recounted leading a delegation of the All-Party Parliamenmitment to achieving freedom from India. tary Group (APPG) to meet She said that the inrefugees from IIOJK in domitable spirit of the Azad Jammu and Kashmir brave Kashmiris cannot be shaken by brutal, coercive, (AJK), providing a plator unlawful tactics and deform for the victims to share firsthand accounts of cisions. the brutality inflicted by

According to Mushaal, their determinated to expanding aid and resources for underprivition remains unyielding, and leged individuals seeking they will inevitably break medical treatment support from Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal free from the shackles of Indian oppression and sub-(PBM). jugation, regardless of the

Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal's Managing Director engaged in discussions with Roche's Head about pro viding cost-effective medications, particularly for breast cancer patients, expressing contentment with Roche's dedication. overall had a 98 percent re-The meeting emphacovery rate from breast sized the need to enhance cancer, however, pointed mutual cooperation and exout that in Pakistan, insufplored detailed discussions ficient mammographic facilities led to a high mortalon providing cost-effective medications for other critiity rate due to the deteccal illnesses. tion of malignancy at a late

Roche Pharma,

PBM unite for

medical support ISLAMABAD (APP):

Adriano Trio, Head of Glo-bal Pharma at Roche, met

with Amir Fida, Managing

Director of Pakistan Bait-

ul-Mal, and pledged contin-

ued support for medical

treatment assistance to

Both entities commit-

those in need.

Sarfraz Bugti says: Fight against terrorism still persists due to lack of continuity of policies

'APITAL NEWS

Independent Report ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Federal Interior Minister Sarfraz Bugti on Monday, reiterating the government's resolve to rid the country of the scourge of terrorism, said that Pakistan had won the battle against the menace but due to lack of continuity of policies, it was again in the state of war.

It was not a war of the Pakistan Army and the civil armed forces but that of the State, the minister said while addressing the swearing-in ceremony of the 39th batch of police constables at the Police Lines Islamabad. The Chief Commis-

sioner Islamabad, Inspector

General of Police Islamabad, Islam was the prime target diplomats, and former po-lice officers attended the of enemies. "Islam unites the whole nation, but the ceremony. The minister war was imposed on us to said that at present the govdamage this unity. Howernment was facing two types of challenges - terrorever, our all security forces fought the menace bravely. He said that the memory of the martyrs ism on the basis of religion and terrorism on the basis of nationalism although the who sacrificed their lives in two things had nothing to the war against terrorism would always remain alive

do with the menace. He said "proxies" in the hearts of every Pakiwere out to weaken the stanı country, but to defeat them clear that only the State had Pakistan's armed forces and civil armed forces had set a the authority to use force, new example by standing and those treading the path of violence would be taken on the frontline with great spirit of sacrifice. to task

The minister said that He said that a CTD Pakistan being the citadel of inspector was martyred in

a terrorist incident in Balochistan yesterday and another one embraced martyrdom a few days ago, but unfortunately cases were also being instituted against the Counter-Terrorism De-

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partment. He regretted that some people sitting in the assemblies and media-persons were becoming the voice of anti-national elements under an organized conspiracy, who were be-The minister made it

ing monitored closely. "No force can stop us from succeeding in the war against terrorism," the minister said, adding that when the institutions became apolitical, they became

stronger.



is being presented shield at event organized by Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry in connection with Intl Human Rights Day in Islamabad.

Begum Alvi says: Advanced breast cancer cases declining amidst ongoing awareness campaign She emphasized the

ISLAMABAD (APP): First Lady Begum Samina need for collective efforts Alvi on Monday said the in raising awareness about breast cancer, especially ongoing breast cancer awareness campaign in the country is helping reducing the number of cases being reported at the advanced stages (third and fourth stages) of the disease but still more efforts are required in this regard.

through healthy activities to adopt a healthy lifestyle. She also called for promoting awareness about mental health and well-being, as well as advocating for the rights of persons with disabilities to enable

"I feel pleasure when them to become productive I see a commendable surge part of society. "These topics should in first and second-stage

completion of attendance

ISLAMABAD (Online): The proceedings in riots and vandalism case against PTI leaders could not move ahead in Anti Terrorism Court (ATC) due to non completion of attendance of the accused persons.

The case came up for hearing before judge Abual Muhammad Hasnat Zulqarnain here Monday.

The accused including former members of assembly Raja Khurram Nawaz and Aamir Mehmood Kiyani appeared in the court.

Masroof and Aamna Ali





ISLAMABAD: Managing Director PTDC Aftab Ur Rehman Rana presenting certificate to the Mountaineer during the conference on "Sustainable Mountain Tourism in Pakistan organized by Pakistan Tourism Development Corporation (PTDC) on the occasion of International Mountain Day 2023 at Pakistan Nation Council of Arts (PNCA).

also appeared in the court. The accused signed their rolls during the hearing of the case

The lawyers took the plea the case to the extent of the accused who come should be moved ahead.

The court remarked the proceedings cannot go ahead unless the attendance of all accused is completed. The attendance of all the accused be ensured on next hearing. Action will be taken against the absent accused

rt. The hearing of the PTI lawyers Sardar case was adjourned till January 18



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Culture Jamal Shah cuts the ribbon along with others to inaugurates an event "16 Days of Activism, titled Lighting Up Pakistan for Equality and Empowerment" at Jinnah Convention Center in Federal Capital.

Violence against women, children #KoiJawazNahi 16 days drive concluded ISLAMABAD (Online):

The capital city of Islamabad has successfully concluded the #KoiJawazNahi 16 Days Campaign, a collaborative initiative by UN Women, generously funded by the Government of Japan.

This landmark campaign not only addressed the critical issue of violence against women and children but also marked the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Constitution of Pakistan, reinforcing the commitment soms for every citizen of to fundamental rights and Pakistan".

equality. Nilofar Bakhtiar Chairperson of National Commission on the Status of Women in her welcome speech said, "As we con-

clude these 16 Days of activism, let's intertwine the principles of our Constitution with the dynamic spirit of the Trade Fair.

Through collective effort and economic exchange, let's pave the way for a Pakistan where equality flourishes, violence dissipates, and prosperity blos-

BISP sets up control room for redressal of complaints regarding Kafaalat payments

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) has set up a special control room for the redressal of public complaints regarding disbursement of Benazir Kafaalat payments. The disbursement of

the quarterly tranche (October-December) of Benazir Kafaalat cash assistance to beneficiaries is continuing smoothly across the country

According to an official source, the payment process has already commenced across the country, including Punjab, Sindh.

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Balochistan, Kashmir, and Gilgit-Baltistan simultaneously. The payment of Rs 8,500 per household is being disbursed among

around nine million registered beneficiary families. The beneficiaries, in case of any complaint, can approach the nearest BISP Tehsil offices or call the tollfree helpline number

080026477 of the Benazir Income Support Program. The special control room has been activated in the BISP headquarters to address the complaints of

3 drug peddlers arrested for supplying drugs in educational institutions

Independent Report ISLAMABAD: Islamabad police have apprehended three notorious drug peddlers involved in supplying narcotics at educational institutions and recovered 11,900-gram drugs from their possession, a public relations officer said.

He said that Islamabad police have intensified crackdown against the drug peddlers involved in supplying drugs at educational institutions in order to eliminate this menace from the city.

Giving further details he said police teams arrested three notorious drug peddlers namely Mubashir,

Mudasir and Afzal and recovered a total of 11,900 grams of narcotics from their possession.

CDA decides to build citywide bicycle lanes ISLAMABAD (APP): To reduce carbon emissions and promote cycling in the federal capital, the Capital Development Authority

(CDA) has decided to build citywide bicycle lanes along major routes in three phases

A PC-I in this regard has been prepared, and the CDA board will take up this summary. Only 2.73 per cent of the population is above 65 years of age, so the majority is young enough to make use of this project," senior official CDA said while talking to APP. For everyday mobil-

ity, a large number of capital residents rely on public transport, such as metro and vans, or ride-hailing services, the official said. the beneficiaries promptly.

openly tention," she said while adthroughout the year, dressing an event after a cricket match here. She said that the world

whether it is breast cancer, rights of differently abled person or mental health, Begum Samina Alvi said

"In this regard, we will need the support of not only the government but also the society as a whole," she said adding that there was a need to work to increase the existing facilities in Pakistan. The first lady

Begum Samina Alvi said that 44,000 deaths due said that a five-minute selfexamination every month to breast cancer in Pakistan could help detect breast cancer at an early stage, thus was an alarming situation that needed raising constant saving thousands of the awareness about early dilives of women in the country.



ISLAMABAD: Italian Ambassador to Pakistan Andreas Ferrarese presents award to Artist Raja Changez Sultan during Pakistan Mountain Festival at Pakistan National Council of Arts.

HEC, CAB Int'l agree to promote access to agri, biosciences resources

ISLAMABAD (APP): emony. Under the LoI, the The Higher Education two sides will collaborate Commission (HEC), and the for the integration of CAB International have CABI's knowledge resigned a Letter of Intent sources that are made avail-(LoI) to cooperate for the able for free in Pakistan into implementation, distribu-Pakistan's higher education tion, adoption and developinstitutions' curricula and ment of educational relibrary catalogues. sources in Pakistan within They will also prothe domains of agriculture

and biosciences.

mote CABI Academy's free digital learning courses to Executive Director learners in higher education, HEC Dr. Zia Ul Qayyum establish connections beand Senior Regional Directween CABI and pertinent tor (Asia) CABI Dr. Babar agriculture universities and E. Bajwa signed the LoI. Advisor HEC Global Enresearch centres, and carry out needs assessments to gagement Awais Ahmed, identify skills and knowl-Director General HEC Reedge gaps in Pakistan.

The partners will search & Innovation Divijointly work on co-creation sion Hazrat Bilal, Director and co-fundraising for the (R&I) Noshaba Awais, Managing Director National development of learning re-Academy of Higher Educasources in climate-smart tion (NAHE) Noor Amna agriculture (Climate Smart Malik, Deputy Director Agriculture Compendium) Business Development Dr. and food security, and the Sabyan Faris Honey, and development of bespoke other senior officers from CABI Academy digital both sides attended the cerlearning products.

tourism destination: MD PTDC ISLAMABAD (APP): Pa-Mountains cover around 27 kistan Tourism Developpercent of the Earth's land ment Corporation (PTDC) surface and host about half Managing Director Aftab ur Rehman Rana on Monday of the world's biodiversity hotspots. As the water highlighted the country's potential as a global mountain tourism destination with its diverse landscapes,

rich heritage, and archeological sites. Addressing the sustainable mountain tourism conference in connection with International Moun-

tain Day organized by PTDC in collaboration with Hashoo Group and Lakeshore City at the Pakistan National Council of Arts here, he said the day highlights the crucial role that mountains play in our lives and the need to protect them.

He further said that this year, the theme of Mountain Day is Restoring Mountain Ecosystems.

towers of the world, they supply freshwater to almost half of humanity. MD PTDC emphasized the government's commitment to prioritizing tourism development in mountain areas, intending to catalyze economic growth and employment opportunities

Pakistan's wonderful global mountain

He stated that the fast melting of our glaciers has enhanced the Climate change threats and changed the pattern of flow of waments ter in the country's rivers. and fast-rising temperatures are forcing mountain species and the people that

depend on these ecosystems to adapt or migrate. Focused on the theme "Restoring Mountain Eco-

tiatives. It featured two enlightening panel discussions. The first, themed "Restoring Mountain Ecosystems," saw the participation of representatives from IUCN Pakistan, WWF Pakistan, IWMB and the Ministry of Cli-

PMD savs:

Fog/smog likely

to persist in plain

areas of country

ISLAMABAD (APP)

Fog/smog is likely to per-sist in plain areas of Punjab

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and

upper Sindh during morn-

ing and night hours, as per

Pakistan Meteorological

Department (PMD) fore-

optic situation, continental

air was prevailing over

systems," the conference

served as a platform for in-

sightful discussions and ini-

most parts of the country.

According to the syn-

cast

mate Change. The second discussion, centering on "Sustainable Mountain Tourism Development," brought together senior figures from

the private sector and relevant government depart-Panelists emphasized the critical importance of

restoring mountain ecosystems for environmental equilibrium, shedding light on the escalating threats

posed by climate change and human activities

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OPINION

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Future plans

Nawaz Sharif is planning ahead. Perhaps confident of his chances in the next election, he seems keen to want to avoid the run-ins he has had with security establishments during past stints in pected to usher in a new power.

In general, it seems like he bility of all political parties wants to take a strong stance on civilian supremacy and wants some guarantees that he will be able to run the country unhindered this time around. It is a carefully calculated power move.

The state seems to have all but run out of options, and Mr Sharif is leveraging the opportunity to push back on the issues that are most important to him. For example, he has repeatedly tested the waters by reiterating his demand for the accountability of those who 'conspired', in his view, to push him out of power in 2017.

Demanding such accountability just months ago could have rapidly backfired on the PML-N. Younger brother Shehbaz Sharif would always be quick to soothe nerves each kistanis, roughly one in evtime Mr Sharif publicly put ery six individuals, go to bed hungry each night. forth this demand.

Not so more recently, while Mr Sharif has gradually grown more insistent on this 'accountability drive'.

"Who ruined the country? Who brought the country to this point today? Why are the poor starving today? [...] All these things are eating up the country," Mr Sharif noted while once? addressing party leaders on



manifestos are surfacing as we move towards the evolving reality of the February 2024 election, which is exgovernment There is a real possi-

agreeing on some mandatory reforms that are compelling, and adopting them across party lines. Primary discussions at the moment are focusing around economic revival Before the next election

campaign becomes skewed in the direction of financial strategies, it is important to broaden the discussion to include other catalysts for economic growth. It is time to focus on human development not as a separate agenda, but as an essential prerequisite for Pakistan to

Human development on hold

turn its economy around. For the last two decades, Pakistan has practically put its human development objectives on hold. There has been insufficient investment in quality education, primary healthcare and skills development, leaving the country in the midst of an acute human capital crisis. This approach is premised on the belief that the human development agenda can wait till the part in creating the looming economy is revived. human capital crisis.

However, the World Bank's 2023 Human Capital report and the accompanying Reforms for a Brighter terms with the fact that eco-Future challenge this notion. incorporate human develop-The policy note expresses grave concern over Pakistan's failure to deliver ment to ensure growth and productivity for economic recovery. When countries such as Vietnam, India and on human development. It prioritises actions to address the alarmingly high figures Thailand faced similarly unof child stunting and out-ofprecedented economic crischool youth. ses, they were able to over-

The data highlights the come economic challenges. policy failures of the last However, they embarked on two decades, marked by a their recovery pathways lack of priority regarding the with stronger human capidevelopment agenda. This tal profiles and in the later neglect has led to high mastages of their fertility tranternal mortality, amounting sitions to nearly 11,000 deaths each year. Infant mortality rates follow a similar trend. with around 360,000 babies dving each year.

Furthermore, high policy objective in order to abortion rates have been respur economic developcorded as an outcome of ment. The success story of millions of unwanted preg-Bangladesh is a testament to nancies. A large number of a well-supported populaclosely spaced children due tion planning programme to high fertility rates conthere, which significantly tribute to these indicators brought down fertility rates, including malnutrition among children and consethereby enabling a country previously considered a basquent stunting. Poor popuket case, to evolve into a successful development lation planning and resulting high population growth model. rates have played a central

Under the National Security Policy 2022, human development has en-Even economists who tered the agenda of security traditionally shun human think tanks. Population development must come to planning is now under discussion at high-level secunomic reforms will have to rity dialogues as a policy imperative for dealing with Pakistan's non-traditional

threats It is now widely accepted that if state resources are freed from catering to the pressure of keeping up with the ever-expanding six million children being added to our population each year, we can focus on other investments. In particular, 2m to 3m youth looking for employment each year are now presenting one of the biggest A consensus has to be threats to our economy and

reached among several influand security. ential quarters, especially economists, that reducing fertility rates ought to be a

for the last few years to achieve a carefully crafted consensus on the part of the clergy on the need to endorse family planning and birth spacing to reduce maternal and child mortality. Let us build on that and not lose ground. The new population narrative termed 'tawazzun' (balance) endorsed both by religious and political parties, calls for a balance between resources

and population numbers. Due to limited economic growth and lack of population planning, the country is unable to meet the basic needs of people, such as food, education, health and employment. People are thus being deprived of their fundamental human

rights.

our state's future viability fewer pregnancies. The Population Coun- quently be motivated to

cil and UNFPA have worked make wiser decisions related

to children's health, nutrition and schooling. Parents, if their offspring are offered free and decent quality education, as guaranteed under Article 25-A of the Constitution, would certainly make an informed choice to send their children to school. A clear narrative is criti-

cally important to bring political parties on board regarding the issue of available resources and the needs of an ever-growing population. Many politicians are ready to include most aspects of 'tawazzun' in their election

manifestos. Of course, more needs to be done to ensure a strong political will after the polls to lower the pressure on resources by investing in population planning. Reduc-Agreement by political ing the burden on resources parties to prioritise popuwill allow for greater investlation planning is only posment in health, education sible if it is seen as improvand youth's capacity build-

ing the lives of millions of ing. families, particularly women and children. The The country must focus on the human developargument is that women ment of 240m Pakistanisonce inclined towards the who range from a stunted idea of birth intervals will child, to a girl who never see improvements in their goes to school or a young own health as a result of woman looking for a job after persuading her family to They will subsesupport her ambition of

pursuing higher education. - Courtesy Dawn

Pakistan's climate heroes

use, and aid in carbon sequestration.



Mariam Saleem

As many as 40 million Pa-Couple that with extreme

weather conditions, rising cost of living, and water scarcity, and you have a disheartening recipe of compounding challenges that cast a long shadow over the nation's wellbeing.

But what if there was a single, unassuming word, resounding with profound potential, that could present itself as a holistic solution to tackle these interrelated challenges at

Nature's gifted crops financial commitment to the planet's sustainable fulfill it, Pakistani farmers inadequate seed improveare reluctant to embrace ments. A survey found that protein superheroes pulse cultivation and in fact half of farmers rely on open global dietary protein. every year pulse yields are declining?

high-vield wheat and rice

varieties, heavily supported Their economic viabilby the government, offering profitable international ity, low resource requirements, and benefits in crop trade prospects. Conserotation can boost farm inquently, farmers concencome, disrupt disease trated on these cash crops, cycles, ensure food secuneglecting pulses due to rity, and support sustainperceived high risks and a able agriculture. Thriving in lack of focus on yield improvement. This relegated challenging conditions, they are remarkably wateregume production so far

efficient, a lifeline for wainto the background that ter-scarce regions like Patoday local demand remains kistan. Until 2008, Pakistan significantly unmet. The was a pulse exporter. Howpublic sector's failure to ever, in response to the 2006 global grain shortage, the government imposed a 35 per cent export tax and eventually banned all pulse exports, in an attempt to secure domestic food supplies. Today, pulse production is a meagre 382,000 tons, while total annual consumption is estimated at 1.3 million tons, leading to a nearly \$1 billion import cost. So then why is it that even in the face of this bursting local demand and

provide high-quality source seeds, limited private-sector involvement in seed production and distribution, and a complete lack of institutional support have resulted in a shortage of improved seed varieties, with seed corporations primarily focusing on cereals and cotton. In over seven decades since Independence, only a few pulse varieties have been released for commercial use. Currently, about 80

cent of chickpea growers use seed from previous crops, leading to lower pro-ductivity. In FY22, Pakistan needed 42,674 metric tons of certified pulse seed, but only 3,182 metric tons were available. In Pakistan, the lack of

specialized machinery for planting, harvesting, and threshing pulses hampers yields. Unlike in countries like Australia and Canada, where mechanical harvesting is common, in Pakistan, manual methods predominate, causing crop damage when using wheat threshers for pulses. Labour shortages during pulse harvests worsen the issue. Post-harvest losses and underdeveloped value chains lead to significant price disparities. Shockingly, Pakistan suffers \$1.3 billion in annual post-harvest losses, four times the combined agriculture budgets of the federal and Punjab governments, which amounts to approximately tor-wide performance de-

\$250 million per year. Pakistan's consistent underinvestment in re-

search and development

(R&D) is a critical factor

behind the nation's ongoing

struggles. Despite a wealth

Huma Yusuf

policy framework does not support climate-smart agriculture and is marred by distortions and government inaction

When a nation with a rich agricultural heritage fails to cultivate pulses, it lays bare the systemic flaws in its governance, administration, and agricultural policies. Pakistan's prolonged neglect of food legumes by its policymakers has given rise to a jarring disparity between supply and demand, driving prices to unprecedented heights and burdening its federal reserves. The inability of those in positions of authority to keep pace with evolving trends and patterns has placed Pakistan at a critical crossroads, as the nation struggles to cope with food scarcity and economic crisis in the woes of climate change. emphasizing the urgent and pressing need for innovative solutions

Relentless inflation has already rendered meat a luxury for many leading citicline. Today, Pakistan is in zens to rely on the 'poor the firm grip of climate man's meat' or pulses. The

role of agricultural R&D in ensuring global food security and environmental sustainability, Pakistan has allocated a mere 0.18 per cent of its GDP to this vital sector. This stands in stark

contrast to its neighbouring countries, with India and China dedicating 0.3 per cent and 0.62 per cent of their GDP, respectively. As a result, Pakistan faces high production costs, low yields, and challenges in the international market due to outdated technology. Moreover, the 18th Amendment, enacted in FY11, exacerbated R&D funding woes by transferring power to provinces, exposing gaps in sectoral growth, causing coordination and resource allocation issues, and service disparities. This lack of integrated planning strained trust between federal and provincial bodies, causing poor agricultural yields, notably in the pulse sector, and a sec-

Friday.

On Saturday, with Shehbaz pulses provide a third of Sharif by his side, he went fur- These smart crops are afther, "Those who have brought the country to this point, they should also be held accountable. They should be asked how you meted out such treatment [to] this country."

In the same gathering, the former prime minister also defended his position on the Kargil issue, while stressing the need to improve ties with neighbouring countries, especially India.

He also recalled the visits of Atal Bihari Vajpayee in 1999 and Narendra Modi in 2015, rhetorically asking if anyone had come to Pakistan before them. that binds the government It was clear that the thriceousted prime minister was keen tax-to-GDP ratio which, in to assert himself from the outset this time around.

It is encouraging to see that state starts taxing all sec-Nawaz Sharif remains commit- tably. This includes the ruted to a strong civilian government and an independent foreign policy, and he is fully entitled, as a former chief execu- of Pakistan's \$350 billion tive, to pursue accountability economy. If the sector was and push the overreaching fifth of the current year's arms of the state back into their tax collection target of respective domains.

However, Mr Sharif should perhaps not consider himself ideal amount. There is a the 'ideal' candidate just yet. It is clear that he still has a weak agriculture is exempt from understanding of the Pakistani economy, which seems heavily income tax. It is not. In-come from agriculture is taxed like any other ininfluenced by the thoroughly discredited ideas of Ishaq Dar. only difference is that this

Therefore, while his ideas tax is collected by provinabout civilian supremacy and Federal Board of Revenue. assertive policymaking are commendable, until both he and his ous arguments against agparty figure out what good fiscal management entails, there since they are already is not much they can offer inflation-weary Pakistanis desperate for growth and meaning-of controlled commodity ful change.

fordable, nutrient-rich, and eco-friendly. They enhance revolution soil health. reduce fertilizer Pakistan's agriculture with

the government's immense

grain market seeds, a quarter use saved seeds, and In the 1960s, the green only 2.0 per cent buy from reshaped registered dealers or companies. Similarly, 85 per

per cent of pulse crops use

farmer-saved seeds due to

Taxing agri incomes



Aijaz A. Nizamani Pakistan's inability to generate enough revenue means it invariably finds itself at the mercy of international lenders. Currently, we are signatories to an IMF deal to increase overall revenue

generation and improve the our case, is among the lowest in the world. This cannot be possible unless the tors of the economy equiral sector, where great potential lies in efficiently taxing agricultural output.Agriculture accounts for about one-fifth Rs9,415bn would be coming from farm output. However, actual collection is a tiny fraction of the need to correct the common misconception that come as per the Income

Tax Ordinance, 2001. The cial authorities and not the Farmers and other interest groups advance variriculture income taxes. They generally feel that heavily taxed indirectly, they should not be made to pay income taxes as prices, which is an im-

plicit tax on their incomes. However, while such complaints are not unreasonable, the doubling of wheat prices in 2022 has rendered price controls ineffective. In any case, other commodities like

cotton and rice are free for export; in fact, the latter is encouraged for export under government policy. Sugar, among the major crops, is the only exception. It remains subject to strict government controls and usually faces export restrictions. To offset this, sugar import is heavily taxed in order to benefit local industry and large farmers.

Many tax experts feel agricultural taxes are unenforceable due to a lack of documentation of the economy and its vast geographic spread. Perhaps this is the reason why our colonial overlords levelled presumptive taxes on agricultural revenue and based it on land rental value instead of actual production or productivity potential. However, assuming there is sufficient commitment at the policy level, taxing agriculture should no longer be an issue in the age of satellite imagery and machinelearning technologies. In fact, farmers should advo-

cate for such an approach if they want agriculture in Pakistan to formally be considered part of the larger economy and documented as a part of national supply chains. It is preposterous that agricultural revenue collection is still done manually by revenue staff as it was 100 years ago.

In the prevailing system, if someone does not pay or is overcharged, there is no way of monitoring or to redress the injustice. Therefore, the time has come for the entire system to be modernised. In this regard, the lead has to come from the IMF, international lenders and farming practices. -- Courbilateral donors, as our tesy Dawn

domestic system seems too subservient to vested interests which are unlikely to allow tech-enabled transparency in the farm and rural economies. International lenders

and development partners should provide grants to digitalise the farmlands and make land records easily searchable. As a second step, all imagery of farmlands should

Promises are meant to be be made available yearbroken. That's why we round to individual farmshould respond to the outers (irrespective of their come of COP28 with a landholding size) as well healthy dose of scepticism. as to the government. The The headlines will focus on imagery service should the language agreed regardenable farmers to assess ing the fate of fossil fuels: the condition of their 'abate', 'phase down', 'phase out'. Whatever the crop on a periodic basis (ideally, daily), and help agreement, it is unlikely to the government monitor be fettered with concrete and aggregate crop data. targets or firm deadlines and This will greatly help the will rely on fantasies of government in its tax colhow quickly we can scale lection, as not much can carbon capture technolobe hidden in this digital gies. In all scenarios, you age. Lastly, machinecan expect the ongoing, unlearning can help the govapologetic use of fossil fuels But let's not fully dis-

ernment and farmers interpret this satellite imagery in depth and even miss COP28 yet. In other assess the yield potential areas, the summit has been of various crops at the more productive. Foremost time of harvesting if the among these is the new systems used to analyse Declaration on Climate, the imagery are properly Relief, Recovery and Peace, trained in this task which calls for "bolder col-Given Pakistan's relective action to build cli-

source constraints, agriculmate resilience ... in highly tural taxation as well as fisvulnerable countries and cal transfers need to be communities, particularly technology-based. At the those threatened or affected farmer level, those who by fragility or conflict". refuse to pay taxes must Seven out of 10 of the be penalised, for example most climate-vulnerable

by not being able to sell or countries are also ranked as gift their property to felfragile states. COP28's folow family members withcus on intersections beout first clearing their dues tween climate and security with the government. This is thus a welcome addition. is only possible when farm The declaration enshrines and land records are dilia two-fold recognition: gently digitalised. Technolone, that climate change exogy will also help net the acerbates security challarge farmers, who account lenges: two, that state frafor merely four per cent of gility and conflict impede all cultivators but own nearly 40pc of all farmland. It will help recover hundreds of billions of rupees in agri income tax while also enabling modernisation of

exposed to both violence and climate risk. These topics have relevance to Pakistan. According to the

crucial question remains change, its impact unmistakable as heatwaves and erratic can Pakistan act decisively rainfall patterns wreak havoc to prevent basic sustenance across the nation, a factor from becoming an unattainable extravagance for ordicritically important for pulse of international evidence production, which is heavily nary people? -- Courtesy underscoring the pivotal reliant on rainfall. Yet, the TheNews

Conflict and climate

Pakistan Institute for Conflict and Security Studies, our country witnessed a 34 per cent increase in militant attacks in November as compared to the previous month, bringing the number of attacks this year until Nov 30 to 599. Security concerns are also cited as the reason why Pakistan is expelling undocumented Afghans in a controversial move. Though under-researched, there can be no doubt that cycles of drought and flooding in Pakistan and Afghanistan are exacerbating these trends. The links between climate change and security

factors are at play too.

space for non-state actors.

aims as they are increasingly pulled into rescue and reconstruction efforts. This year, from Spain to the US and East Africa, militaries were involved in responses to wildfires and floods, tapping resources and blocking capacity in unpredictable ways. In this context, Nato Secre-t-a--ry General Jens Stoltenberg said at COP28 that climate change would be at the top of Nato's agenda and that member states would be more cautious about considering issues such as food and energy sec-urity while supporting the just transition.

challenges are increasingly Including a climate better understood. Until lens to security policymaking is arguably now, the focus has primarily been on resource commore easily achievable than petition, the idea that food ensuring that insecure areas receive adequate access to and water scarcity drives competition between difclimate finance and adaptaferent groups (for example, tion and mitigation initia-Kenya's herders, farmers tives. A UNEP report reand conservancy owners) leased ahead of COP28 leading to conflict. But other found that there is an adaptation finance gap in low-In an article titled income countries of be-How Climate Change tween \$215 billion and Helps Violent Non-State \$387bn per year, at least Actors, Noah Gordon un-50pc larger than thought. derscores how climate

The issue is worse in fragchange undermines state ile and conflict-affected arlegitimacy by reducing eas, due to concerns about states' capacity for service funding flows and project delivery and creating more viability in these areas. Given that Pakistan is

Gordon discusses how the eyeing Loss and Damage spread of inhospitable en-Fund support to build clivironments, particularly in mate resilience, including in agricultural economies, many parts of the country will lead to farmers being that would be categorised desperate and more susas fragile or conflict-hit, we ceptible to militant recruitshould pay close attention ment. He also points out to the plans for better partnering with local govhow climate migration will increase the demand for ilernments and community licit activities such as networks, such as schools people smuggling, which and NGOs, to deliver cliwill provide militant mate finance in difficult groups with a new funding contexts, groups that are stream. Most importantly, sadly disempowered in our climate injustice post-dipolitical set-up. Ultimately, sasters will further weaken vulnerable countries themselves will also have to play a role in tackling the vicious cycle of climate and security by improving demo-There is also growing cratic norms and

prioritising climate-related concerns. -- Courtesv Dawn

climate adaptation and state legitimacy and spread mitigation efforts. This is anger that can be channelled through non-state actors' a vicious circle, leaving the narratives. most vulnerable further awareness that climate disasters distract security forces from their prime

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CM forms technical body to evaluate rates of Karachi Safe **City project equipment, software**

Caretaker Sindh Chief needed project, but as the Minister Justice (Retd) Maqbool Baqar presided over a decisive meeting on the Karachi Safe City Project here at CM house on Monday and in my team regarding the principle, approved the estimates," he said and project subject to the constituted a technical rationalization of the rates of different equipment and software and the payment of taxes. "I want to start work market price.

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on the much delayed and custodian of public funds, it is my responsibility to ensure transparent utilization. Therefore, the NRTC must satisfy me and the Chairman of P&D, Shakil Mangnejo, would continue his sessions with committee under Secretary the NRTC team on Home Iqbal Memon to different components of evaluate equipment prices and compare them with the prices. The chief minister

The committee would its cost with the NRTC representatives, and they select its technical members from universities, agreed to reduce the cost and they would be empowered to delete of the equipment and software and delete the duplications and insert items included missing items. However, duplication.

'In principle, we have decided to approve the PC-I [by the P&D], but even then, a technical committee, to be selected the project and their from the universities' experts headed by the discussed every item and Home Secretary.

KARACHI: Caretaker Chief Minister Sindh Justice Maqbool Baqar presides over the meeting regarding **KP** govt decides to launch **Punjab cabinet approves** amendments to Motor

ational

ews

Vehicles Rules Independent Report LAHORE: The 34th meeting of the provincial cabi-

Vehicles Rules of 1969, extending legal recognition to Qingqi rickshaws. These rickshaws will now be categorized as three-wheelers. with the regional transport authority designated as a special registration authority for the temporary registration of existing motorcycle rickshaws.

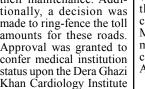
Following temporary registration, motorcycle rickshaws will undergo a four-month window for specific size and redesign modifications. Subse-

quently, they can obtain a registration number from the excise department upon

Safe City Project.

tioned the permanent fortification of the infrastructure for 18 major roads, allocating toll revenue for their maintenance. Additionally, a decision was made to ring-fence the toll amounts for these roads.

Approval was granted to confer medical institution status upon the Dera Ghazi Khan Cardiology Institute under the Punjab Medical and Health Institutions Act





PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Governor, Haji Ghulam Ali addresses during Annual Convocation Day ceremony of the Sarhad University of Science and Information Technology

Gilani says:

PPP fully prepared

Khushal KP programme

people.

Board, and other officials.

PESHAWAR (APP): Caretaker Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Justice (Retd) Arshad secretaries. Hussain Shah has said that government is determined for the welfare of the people of the province in its short of financial problems,

period, saying for this purpose, a Khushal Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Programme will be bringing improvement in the law and order situation, service delivery system, launched soon.

He expressed these views while presiding over the 17th meeting of the caretaker cabinet here on Monday. Besides, members of the caretaker

cabinet, Chief Secretary, Additional Chief Secretary

Relief for Qingqi, rickshaws till January 2 LAHORE (APP): The

Independent Report Punjab Transport department has provided relief to ensure fitness of 'Qingqi' and rickshaws till Planning and Development Bilal Afzal, along with Chairman P&D Board Iftikhar Ali Sahu, presided January 2. According to official sources here on Monday it was a golden opportunity for rickshaw over a meeting to review owners to get fitness of proposals from the committee established by their rickshaws done and get immunity from fine. the Punjab government to Immunity from fine had provide been given till January 2 and fine would be applicable once the relaxation date would end. motorcycles to students, here on Monday. relaxation date would end. attended by Secretary briefing on a 'Post-Purchase Sources said that fitness of P&D Board Muzaffar Reimbursement Model' for

system station

Three killed

in clash over

land dispute

KARACHI (APP): Three individuals lost their lives

in a confrontation between

two factions sparked by a land dispute. The clash

rupted near the Umar Bin Khattab Mosque in Machar Colony, with a property disagreement fueling the conflict. During the encounter a man

the encounter, a man identified as Siraj, also known as Siraji, and his

two associates were killed.

swiftly responded to the

situation after receiving the

report. The Assistant Superintendent of Police

(ASP) from the Kemari Division and the Station

House Officer (SHO) from

accompanied by personnel, Hub.

Docks arrived at the scene

securing the area.

Law enforcement

(P&D), Additional Chief implemented immediate effect while Secretary (Home & Tribal Affairs) and administrative long-term steps would be other proposed for the upcoming concerned authorities also elected government. A roadmap would be provided to the upcoming elected government, so it attended the meeting. Under the proposed programme, steps would be taken for the resolution

could keep public welfareoriented steps continuing. He appreciated the efforts of the Chief Secretary and guaranteeing of good administrative secretaries governance, generation of in the preparation of Khushal Khyber employment opportunities for youth and provision of Pakhtunkhwa Programme. He said that the Chief

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maximum facilities to the Secretary and his team had The chief minister prepared a good and said that short-term feasible programme within measures would be a short time.

Minister reviews proposals to provide electric bikes to students

Transport Secretary LAHORE: Caretaker Ahmed Javed Qazi Provincial Minister for provided a comprehensive briefing during the meeting, covering various manufacturers, prices, and market analysis of electric bikes. He elucidated the proposed entry conditions for applicants, details of the computerized draw, electric and the online application process facilitated by PITB. Additionally, the Bank of Punjab presented a The meeting was three wheelers should be obtained from vehicle inspection and certification PITB, Members P&D different proposals for participation and discussion

credit value and discount.

PESHAWAR Governor Pakhtunkhwa.

Hospital Lahore.

province's resources.

The expressed these views as the chief guest at the 16th Annual Convocation of the Sarhad University of

(APP): Technology. During the for increased production, Khyber event, degrees were industrial and commercial Khyber event, degrees were Haji awarded to 337 male and Ghulam Ali has highlighted female students, with the critical importance of 68 outstanding education focused on students received gold modern technology along medals. Governor Ghulam

LAHORE: Caretaker Chief Minister Punjab Mohsin Naqvi offering

Dua after unveiling the plaque of re-construction of Lady Willingdon

Governor urges universities

to focus on research &

development activities

with mental development and training of youth. He emphasized that He mphasized that educated youth need to region to support their resources. The governor research the proper education. In his address, praised the achievements of utilization of the Governor Ghulam Ali successful students, natural stated that education must be aligned with the vision

governor and research of students for the progress and prosperity province.

development, and the eradication unemployment. He emphasized the adoption technology not only for

farmers but also for the correct use of natural successful students, parents, and faculty members. He encouraged students to face challenges in practical life, stating that of the successful nations are those who think about

of

new

He urged universities the future and conduct held at SUSIT in Peshawar. Science and Information to promote new research research.

Concept of book bank being | KP Bar Council delegation calls

net held under the chair of the issuance of a fitness cer-Chief Minister Punjab Mohsin Naqvi at his office. tificate. The CM emphathe sized the need to stream-The cabinet approved amendments to the Motor line the registration process and requested the forms to be prepared in Urdu. The meeting also sance

of 2003

introduced in schools to meet shortage of books: Rana

KARACHI (APP): Sindh Education Sadaf Anees Caretaker Education Minister Rana Hussain on Monday said that the concept of a book bank is being introduced in schools to meet the shortage of books.

She expressed these of teachers in Sindh, the views while addressing a joint press conference along with the Sindh which has helped in the Caretaker Minister for restoration of educational Information, Minority Affairs, and Social Protection Muhammad Ahmad Shah at the Sindh curriculum is being worked Assembly Committee on in Sindh and our Room here

Education Shireen Narejo, positive feedback from Secretary College UNICEF.

Secretary Sindh Shaikh. Minister Information Rehman Nadeemur Memon and others were also present.

Rana Hussain said that after the recruitment problem of shortage of teachers has been solved, which has helped in the fraternity. The activities in schools in

remote areas. She said that the curriculum is better than Secretary School other provinces with

Tremendous potential exists between Pak and South Korea: Dr Jamal

large

Independent Report RAWALPINDI: Caretaker Minister for Primary and Secondary Healthcare, Punjab Dr Jamal Nasir has said that the 40th in a peaceful an anniversary of Pakistan prosperous South Asia. and South Korea's diplomatic ties was a major opportunities milestone for further strengthening cooperation between the two countries in the fields of technology and industry. The minister was talking to the visiting South Korean ambassador H.E Park Kijoon, who called on him. Dr Jamal said that a large number of

Pakistani technicians and experts were contributing to the development of South Korea, adding both countries were interested in a peaceful and women

There have been a number of for cooperation between the two countries, including in Monday. the fields of cultural The chief guest of the

heritage. The ambassador of South Korea on the occasion said that South

Seminar held in school SARGODHA (APP):

Violence against women is an important issue in society that needs to be stopped by educating

These views were expressed by the speakers at a seminar held a Government Girls High School Madi Lak here on

seminar was Deputy Director Development Mehtab Yasin while

Korean companies were working in Pakistan in Headmistress Saima Arshi and others were also energy and other sectors. present.

MUZAFFERABAD: People of AJK holds placards and shouting slogans during protest against the verdict of Indian Supreme Court about IIOK.

to contest elections

ON CM KP PESHAWAR (APP): A 9-MULTAN (APP): Former that he was missing member delegation from the prime minister and Pakistan Peoples Party KP Bar Council met with the Caretaker Chief (PPP) central leader Yusuf Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Justice ® Syed Arshad Hussain Shah here on Monday. fully prepared to contest

Led by the Vice elections While talking to courts. Chairman of the KPK Bar Council, Zarbadshah, the media persons, he delegation apprised the expressed unwavering Chief Minister of ongoing confidence in the upcoming issues faced by the legal elections, dismissing any possibility

delegation of postponement. emphasized the need for of Shah Mehmood, he effective implementation of the Lawyers' Protection asserted that with Shah Mehmood's presence, the and Welfare Act.In response, the Chief Minister directed the Law reached unprecedented heights. Secretary to consult with He however added relevant authorities and

lawyers to propose actionable recommendations for resolving the issues faced by the legal community.

criticism by Shah Mahmood Qureshi.

(PPP) central leader Yusuf To a query, he stated Raza Gilani said on that Asif Ali Zardari was Monday that his party was also jailed in past. Many cases were registered but he was acquitted through

> Gilani stated that the PPP was a democratic party and it would go to people court.

To another question, Gilani dismissed security Reflecting on the absence concerns, highlighting his commitment to engaging with the public directly. He underscored the

GILGIT: Chief Minister Gilgit-Baltistan Haji Gulbar Khan in a meeting election would have responsibility of the with the delegation of Para Medical staff Association, Minister Health Gilgitcaretaker and supervisory Baltistan Syed Sohail Abbad also present in meeting at CM Secretariat. setup to ensure clean and transparent elections.

HYDERABAD: Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) Chairperson, Dr. Muhammad Amjad Saqib visiting the Dynamic Registration Center in Hyderabad.

LDA demolishes properties on illegal commercial use

LAHORE (APP): The demolished on Military Lahore Development Account Plot Number 31 Authority (LDA) on

Monday sealed and demolished several properties during its ongoing crackdown against commercial illegal activities.

According to a Plot Number 111 in spokesman for the Al-Hamra Town was authority, on directive of demolished for illegal Commissioner Lahore and DG LDA Muhammad Ali Randhawa, the action was taken by under the illegal commercial use. supervision of Operation Plot number 331 in Chief Town Planner II

Azhar Ali The LDA teams took action against multiple illegal constructions/ commercial properties in Johar Town and affiliated schemes; illegal commercial construction was

An illegal commercial shop in Military Account Society on Plot Number 16 was sealed, while plot number 227, Block Y, UET Society, was sealed for illegal commercial use. Plot Number 111 in

commercial construction, plot number 334 and 9 in Sunny Park were sealed for

Sunny Park, plot number 413 in J-3 Johar Town had illegal commercial constructions which were demolished. Al-Burga

reported. Pharmaceuticals in Johan Town faced sealing while plot number 13 in J-Block Ĵohar Town.

HYDERABAD (APP): The Chairperson Benazir Income Support Program meeting Dr. Muhammad Amjad

Saqib on Monday said that strict actions against officials will be taken if complaints about deductions from the beneficiary's funds are

He expressed these views while talking to the and families living below

media during his visit to the office of Benazir the poverty line.

Dynamic Survey in of Rs. 471 billion has been Hyderabad and during a

allocated for supporting 9.3 million deserving households under BISP.

He shared that under the educational support program, 8.3 million children are acquiring education in schools, over 1.5 million students are support is being given to taking benefit from undergraduate scholarship programs and more than 1.3 million families are availing

He said that a budget Nashonuma program.

ANF seizes 1416 kg drugs in 12 operations RAWALPINDI (APP): hashish was recovered Anti-Narcotics Force from two accused going in (ANF) while conducting 12 a vehicle and a rickshaw. operations across the netted from Ring Road country managed to recover 1416 kg of drugs and arrested 12 accused, Peshawar. Three kg of heroin, 1370 grams Ice and 7 kg of said an ANF Headquarters 200 grams of hashish were spokesman here on recovered from a house in Rawat. 950 kg hashish was recovered from a vehicle He informed that 500 grams of hashish and three

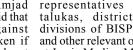
kg of opium were recovered from the intercepted near Yaro Chowk Pishin while an possession of three accused was also arrested suspects arrested from a during the operation. bus at Chongi number 26,

55 kg hashish was recovered from a vehicle 18 kg hashish was near Jamshoro Toll Plaza recovered from three Sukkur and two accused near Jamshoro Toll Plaza suspects coming from were arrested. ANF also Quetta to Karachi on a bus recovered 54 kg of hashish intercepted on RCD Road from the possession of an

b. accused rounded up near A total of 48 kg Sher Shah Karachi.

Chairman BISP orders strict measures against individuals involved in fund deductions

with representatives of all talukas, districts and divisions of BISP Sindh and other relevant officials at Jamia Madina Masjid. He said that through the BISP every possible the deserving, poor, needy



Monday.

Islamabad.

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PM directs to ensure supply of urea fertilizer on controlled rates

ISLAMABAD (APP): framework should be the deserving farmers. Caretaker Prime Minister prepared and presented in The prime mini Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Monday directed the departments concerned to prepare and submit an chairing an emergency action plan immediately for uninterrupted supply of urea fertilizer on priority basis. country.

He also ordered to ensure its availability to the farmers at government controlled rate and submit a report in this regard by tomorrow (Tuesday). "To ens

ensure uninterrupted supply of uninterrupted supply of He said the urea fertilizer during crop government subsidy on sowing, a comprehensive urea fertilizer must reach

The prime minister directed the Ministry of consultation with the provinces and the relevant Industry and the Ministry of Food Security to industry," he said while provide the production and review meeting regarding demand and supply, and price of urea fertilizer in the supply statistics of urea fertilizer to the provincial governments, and ensure coordination in operations

During the meeting, against its hoarders. the prime minister asked He said transportation of fertilizer the district administrations should be monitored at all to take immediate action against the hoarders of the provincial borders, while ensuring that no hurdle fertilizer, and identify and punish those responsible. was made in its supply to the meet the provincial

requirements. He said all the

provinces should bear the burden of subsidy on urea fertilizer in proportion to their consumption

Earlier, a detailed briefing was given in the meeting on the recent production, demand and supply of urea fertilizer to farmers in the country. The meeting was told that the production and stock of urea in the country was sufficient for the wheat crop, whereas 220,000 metric tons was being imported for buffer stock, and its first consignment would would reach

the

Pakistan by next week.



ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Kakar chairs a meeting regarding uninterrupted supply of Urea fertilizer to the farmers on Government control rate.



BEIJING: Commerce Minister Dr. Gohar Ejaz meeting Zhang Xinmin, Chairman of the China Chamber of Commerce for Import and Export of Textiles (CCCT).

UAE Ambassador calls on Privatization Minister

United Arab Emirates to Pakistan Hamad Obaid Ibrahim Salem Al-Zaabi on Monday called on the Caretaker Minister for Privatisation, Fawad Hasan Fawad.

Issues of mutual interest and cooperation came under discussion at length, said a press release.

The Ambassador recalled the recent visit to UAE by Caretaker Prime Minister, Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar as an outstandingly successful visit and conveyed the desire of His Royal Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan to extend full

support and cooperation

Pakistan.

ISLAMABAD (APP): implementation of recently The Ambassador of the signed MoUs on a fast track in order to enable Monday, losing 211.31 Pakistan to meet its points, a negative change economic challenges. of 0.32 percent, closing at The Ambassador also 66,012.33 points against

brotherly relations.

investment that may arise

investment remained

vectored towards with its

flexible product structure

and robust ability to

incorporate dynamic

shared compliant solution

both for retail and

NBFCs serve as a conduit,

seamlessly connecting the

supply and demand side of

innovative investment and

savings solutions, the

report said. Money Market funds dominated

the AUMs of the mutual

fund industry with the

largest share of 55%,

followed by Income Funds

having a share of 23%. The

assets under investment

In essence, the

corporate segments.

66,223.63 points the previous trading day. complimented the current government's policy A total of 1,215,932,469 shares valuing Rs.33.423 billion initiatives for supporting economy and investment. The minister thanked

the ambassador and the were traded during the day UAE government for their as compared to 1,329,550,091 shares longstanding and valuing Rs.33.377 billion continuous support for Pakistan and observed that the last day. both countries have a long Some 386 companies

history of cordial and transacted their shares in the stock market; 159 of Fawad Hasan Fawad them recorded gains and also apprised the 224 sustained losses, Ambassador of the ongoing whereas the share prices of privatisation process in 03 remained unchanged. The three top-trading Pakistan and the of companies were K-Electric

ADB approves \$155m to help boost Pakistan women's access to finance

SLAMABAD (INP): lend to The Asian Development entrepreneurs; and a \$5.5 Bank (ADB) has approved million grant that will \$155.5 million in financing finance related activities. for Pakistan that will "Inclusive, resilient support policy reforms and sustainable enhancing women's access development cannot be to finance and provide achieved if women do not credit to women-led micro, have equal economic small, and medium-sized enterprises. The financing comprises a \$100 million policy-based loan that

Yevgeniy Zhukov. 'AĎB's new program will help transform Pakistan's current financing ecosystem to help women to access empower them to boost

their livelihoods while women contributing significantly to the economy," Zhukov added. According to ADB press statement received ĥere Monday, female labor force participation in Pakistan currently stands at about 23%. The country also has among the lowest rates of women's entrepreneurship in the world at 4% of female working age adults. While Pakistan's financial inclusion has been improving, women are increasingly left behind

Minister of Commerce Dr Gohar Ejaz, who is leading a 20-member delegation to China, on Monday held meetings with Chinese businessman and exporters to boost trade and remove trade imbalances.

> Chairman of the China Chamber of Commerce for Import and Export of Textiles (CCCT) Zhang Xinmin, and President of the COFCO Group Luan Richeng - a key player in China's food processing sector, a Commerce Ministry press release said.

to boost trade ties ISLAMABAD (APP): and trader," it added. The delegation already held series of Business-to-Business (B2B) meetings, providing a platform for Pakistani and Chinese businessmen to engage in discussions that e imbalances. would fortify trade The minister met relations between the two nations, the press release said.

Gohar Ejaz holds meetings

with Chinese businessman

Gohar Ejaz, in the meetings, underscored the importance of private sector collaboration, particularly Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs), which could bring prosperity in Pakistan.

This visit comes "The meetings denote after the successful trip of the pivotal part of Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Pakistan's strategy to Haq Kakar to China in augment non-textile October, highlighting the exports, leveraging the commitment to further strength of COFCO enhance the economic Group's position as ties between Pakistan China's largest food and China," the press processor, manufacturer, release said.

Energy Minister, Azerbaijan envoy discuss bilateral ties

gas (LNG) from Azerbaijan for the month for Energy Power and of December to meet Petroleum Ali Muhammad country's energy and Ambassador of requirements.

Azerbaijan to Pakistan Khazar Farhadov on Monday discussed bilateral ties to explore new 28th Conference of the avenues for economic Parties to the UN

Azerbaijan

The



ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of Azerbaijan H.E. Khazar Farahdov called on Federal Minister for Energy Muhammad Ali.

SCCI, CG agree to further improve Pak-US hilateral economic ties

with a large gender finance gap which currently stands at 34%. **Rupee sheds** 02 paisa against Dollar ISLAMABAD (APP):

Pakistani Rupee on Monday weakened by 02 paise against the US Dollar in the interbank trading and closed at Rs283.89 against the previous day's closing at Rs283.87.

However, according to the Forex Association of Pakistan (FAP), the buying ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Federal Minister and selling rates of the Dollar in the open market stood at Rs284 and Rs286.5 respectively.

The price of the Euro decreased by 63 paise to close at Rs305.36 against the last day's closing of

regulatory reforms that **PSX loses** will help women to better 211 points million ISLAMABAD (APP) The 100-index of Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) witnessed bearish trend on

access finance; a \$50 financial intermediation loan that will enable participating much-needed finance and financial institutions to

opportunities and benefits," said ADB Director General for Central and West Asia supports legal and



Counselor

US

The envoy apprised in the near future which can that his government wants provide a very good return on investment to move towards the

for the development of opportunities



BEIJING: B2B meetings between Pakistani business delegates and Chinese counterparts.

NBFC posts 35.9% growth in FY23

ISLAMABAD (APP): The collective base sector of the Non-Banking Financial Sector (NBFC) stood at Rs 2.87 trillion during the fiscal year 2022-23 as compared to Rs 2.11 trillion during the same period of last year, showing a promising annual growth of 35.9%.

According to the annual report issued by the Security and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP), within the NBFC sector, the Fund Management segment of the mutual fund industry emerges as a key player.

As of June 30, 2023, the Assets under Management(AUM) of the Mutual fund industry stood at Rs 1,675 billion, showing substantial growth from Rs 1,281 billion in June 2022, marking a remarkable 30.8% increase.

The report said that the surge in AUMS can be attributed to the prevailing monetary policy situation, the major thrust of (Voluntary Pension.



LAHORE: Farmers holds placards and shouting slogans during protest outside press club in Provincial Capital.

Rs.4.49 per share WorldCall Telecom with PESHAWAR 93,320,115 shares at

with 164,643,140 shares at

Rs.1.71 per share and Kohinoor Spinning with 65,314,000 shares at Rs.4.74 per share. Petroleum Mari Company Limited witnessed a maximum increase of Rs.101.41 per share price, closing a Rs2,168.82.

PoG directs provision of urea at

certified rate LAHORE (APP) Commissioner Lahore Muhammad Ali Randhawa has said that there is a clear direction of Punjab

government to ensure provision of urea to farmers at certified rate. He presided over a

meeting on availability of urea, desilting of canal and anti water theft measures here on Monday. Dealers would declare supply of urea fertilizer

would sale on and government rate, he added He directed to launch crackdown on report of special branch against urea hoarding and illegal profiteering. Regarding canal desilting, the commissioner said that in

in Lahore would be carried out from December 16 to January 13. Gold rates

first phase desilting of canal

advisory portfolio management also showed a positive trajectory by decline by posting 34% growth year **Rs.200** on year basis and amounts to Rs. 476 billion as of June ISLAMABAD (APP) 30, 2023. The report said The per tola price of 24 that as of June 30, 2023, karat gold decreased by the total assets under Rs.200 and was sold at management of 24 pension Rs.215,400 on Monday funds managed by 13 Pension Fund Managers

compared to its sale at Rs. 215,600 on last trading day. The price of 10 grams of 24 karat gold also decreased by Rs.171 to Rs.184,671 from Limited Rs.184,842 whereas the price of 10 gram 22 karat Estimated gold went down to Rs.169,282 from Rs. 169,439, the All Sindh Sarafa Jewellers Association reported.

revenue requirement at Rs. The price of per tola 179,160 million, including and ten gram silver Rs. 697 million on account remained stagnant at of LPG Air-mix project for

Rs.2,600 and 2,229.08 increase in its average cost of gas/RLNG. respectively.

(INP): Peshawar, Dean President of the Sarhad Honorary Corps Peshawar KP Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI) Fuad chapter and former senior Ishaq and Shante Moore, vice president of the SCCI U.S Consul General in said in a press release Peshawar on Monday issued here on Monday. agreed on

further Pak-US Mr Ayub Zakori, President of the Industrialists Association improving Pak-US bilateral trade and economic relations, besides Peshawar, Nawabzada Fazal Karim Khan, Honorary Consul General development of young entrepreneurs, enhancing of Japan in Peshawar,

their abilities and promotion of exports. representatives and Fuad Ishaq invited members of the business

U.S. companies and community were present investors to invest in during the meeting. potential sectors in Shante Moore on the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa occasion said they have through joint ventures to committed to enhance further cement mutual bilateral U.S-Pak trade trade ties between the two relations friendly countries. He said close liaison

According to a press has been established with release issued here, a the business community to meeting was held between resolve issues with mutual the U.S Consul General in consultation.The Peshawar Mr Shante diplomat ass ured that further steps Moore and prominent

members of the business would be taken to improve community in residence of the bilateral trade and Mr Ammad Rasheed, economic ties between the Honorary Consul General, two friendly countries Republic of Tunisia, Fuad Ishaq in his remarks



factory on Sargodha road to earn daily wages for the livelihood of their families.

OGRA conducts public hearing at Lahore

The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority holds public hearing at Lahore to on the Sui Northern Gas Pipelines (SNGPL's) petition for Review of its Revenue Requirement / Prescribed Prices for F.Y.2023-24.

projected a shortfall in its

seeking total average prescribed Rs.2,961.98/ MMBTU with effect from 1 st

including the cost of RLNG diverted molecules to domestic consumers, as part of cost of gas in the light of the decision of Federal Cabinet dated 30-10-2023. The petitioner has also included Rs.427,830 million against previous years shortfall, thereby

July, 2023 to FY 2023-24 seeking compensate for increase in

Rs305.99, according to the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP). The Japanese Yen went down by 03 paisa and closed at Rs1.93; whereas a decrease of 84 paise was witnessed in the exchange rate of the British Pound,

which traded at Rs355.83 compared to the last closing of Rs356.67.

cooperation. Framework Convention on During a meeting with Climate Change). the Azerbaijani envoy, the envoy said that both minister emphasized the importance of partnership countries shared a strong between Azerbaijan and bond as brotherly nations.

Pakistan in the field of He expressed a strong commitment to transform energy The minister said that their fraternal relationship Pakistan had recently into enhanced economic purchased liquefied natural collaboration



ISLAMABAD: The UAE Ambassador, HE Hamad Obaid Ibrahim Al-Zaabi called on the Federal Minister for Privatisation, Fawad Hasan Fawad.

Wheat sowing completed

over 92% areas, crop sown

over 20.62 mln acres: Imtiaz

Shipping activity at **Port Qasim** KARACHI (APP): Two

ships namely, Basrah and Chem-road Quest scheduled to load/offload Rice and Chemicals, berthed

at Multi-Purpose Terminal and Engro Vopak Terminal respectively on Sunday. Meanwhile four more

ships, Stamina SW, Gaschem Warnow, DSI meet staple food requirements as well as to Drammen and El-Giznui maintain strategic reserves CEBI scheduled to load/ throughout the year. offload Rice, Cement, Chemicals and Coal also targets for the current arrived at outer anchorage season (2023-24) were of the Port during last 24 fixed at 22.23 million acres hours.

A total of six ships were engaged at PQA berths during the last 24 hours, out of them a bulk cargo carrier 'Armonia GR' left the Port on today morning and another ship Egret Bulker is expected to sail on today afternoon.

Cargo volume of 54,456 tonnes, comprising 30,940 tonnes imports cargo and 23,516 tonnes export cargo carried in 1,087 Containers (164 TEUs Imports and 923

TEUs export) was handled at the port during last 24 hours.

ISLAMABAD (APP): crop sowing over 16.16 The wheat crop has been sown across more than million acres as compared to the fixed targets of 16.00 20.62 million acres of land million acres during the current season, he said in various crop-growing regions during the current adding that more areas to come under crop cultivation Rabi season in order to during the days to come.

Meanwhile, Sindh Province has achieved 87.54 per cent of its targets The crop sowing as wheat cultivation in different divisions of the province was completed over 2.60 million acres as as the cultivation targets against the set targets of 2.97 million acres, he

achieved by 92.77 per cent, said Food Security added. Commissioner Imtiaz Ali So far the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has achieved Gopang. Talking to APP here wheat sowing over 96.87

on Monday, he said that the crop sowing was in full per cent of its set targets and crop cultivation was swing across the wheatcompleted over 1.86 producing areas in the million acres as compared country as Punjab Province to the set targets of 1.93 has surpassed its wheat million acres during the sowing targets and completed cultivation of current sowing season, he added. He informed the over 101 per cent areas against the set targets.

wheat cultivation data from the Balochistan Province The Punjab, which is was still awaited, adding the largest wheat- that the province was producing province of the assigned a task to grow wheat over 1.33 million.

ISLAMABAD (Online): prescribed price by Rs. 506.35 per MMBTU effective July 01, 2023 The petitioner has

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France, Germany, Italy back EU sanctions to target Hamas

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BRUSSELS: France, Germany and Italy called for the European Union to set up a special sanctions scheme to target Hamas as EU foreign ministers met on Monday to consider possible next steps in response to the Middle East crisis.

Among the possible measures up for discussion at the meeting are a crackdown on Hamas' finances and travel bans for Israeli settlers responsible for violence in the West Bank.

In a letter to EU foreign policy chief Josep Borrell, the foreign ministers of the bloc's three biggest countries said it was important the EU take "all necessary measures against the terrorist group Hamas tightened. If EU members agreed in principle, the next and its supporters" This implies a stron-

step would be for experts to draw up the legal frameger European commitment work to figure out which both to combating Hamas' individuals or entities infrastructure and financial would be targeted. The EU support, and to isolating said on Friday it had added and delegitimising Hamas Mohammed Deif, Cominternationally, which in no mander General of the miliway represents the Palestary wing of Hamas, and his tinians or their legitimate deputy, Marwan Issa, to its aspirations," said the letter, list of terrorists under sancseen by Reuters. Hamas is tion. It is also considering already listed by the Euroadding Hamas Gaza chie pean Union as a terrorist Yahya Sinwar to the list organisation, meaning any according to diplomats.

funds or assets that it has in the EU should be frozen. The letter said a separate sanctions scheme far-It was not immediately geting Hamas would send a clear from the brief letter the 'strong political message' details of how sanctions about the EU's commitment against Hamas would be broadened or

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Licypriya Kangujam, an Indigenous climate activist from India, holds a banner during the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP28) in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

Russia calls for int'l monitoring mission in Gaza strip

Monitoring Desk MOSCOW: Russia on Sunday called for an international monitoring mission to go to Gaza to assess the humanitarian situation, and said it was unacceptable for Israel to use Hamas' Oct 7 raid as justification for punishing the Palestinian people.

Russian Foreign Minis-ter Sergei Lavrov condemned the Oct 7 raid, however, at the same time "we do not believe it is ac-

for the collective punishment of the millions of Palestinian people with indiscriminate shelling.

Lavrov told Al Jazeera in an interview aired on Sunday at the Doha Forum conference that for there to be "humanitarian pauses" in Gaza "some kind of monitoring on the ground" was needed. "We addressed the Secretary General [Antonio Guterres] suggesting that he use his authority to consider

Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskiy speaks with Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban during the inauguration of newly-elected President Javier Milei, in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Israeli tanks blast their way into Khan Yunis

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southern Gaza Strip — the

refuge for hundreds of thou-

sands of civilians who fled

other parts of the enclave

on Tel Aviv's orders — as

Hamas said Israeli forces

lent raids'

war so far.

said on Sunday that it had struck over 250 targets in GAZA: Israeli tanks blasted their way into the the previous 24 hours. heart of Khan Yunis in the

The fighting has claimed at least 17,700 lives in Gaza since Oct 7. Residents of Khan Yunis said tanks had reached the main northsouth road through the

middle of Khan Yunis after intense combat through the east. Warplanes were pounding the area west of the assault. The air rumbled with the constant thud of explosions and thick col-

Gaza City's Shejaiya district, while the Israeli army over the city.

were mounting "very vio-At the opposite end of night that had slowed the the Gaza Strip, residents also described some of the Israeli advance from the

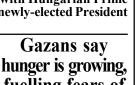
most intense fighting of the Intense fighting was reported in Jabalia and umns of white smoke rose

Nobel Peace Prize winner says Iranian people will prevail against rulers

human rights for all, in a rebuke to Tehran's theocratic leaders. Her 17-year-old twins Kiana and Ali Rahmani collected the prize, a gold medal and diploma, lost legitimacy and public support, Nobel Peace Prize at a ceremony in Oslo's City Hall attended by several hundred guests. The prize winner Narges Mohammadi said from prison in a speech

includes a cheque for 11 million Swedish crowns (about million). In her speech, sent

from Iran's notorious Evin prison, Mohammadi said continued resistance and non-violence.



fuelling fears of exodus into Egypt

Monitoring Desk GAZA: Fighting between Israel and Hamas intensified across Gaza on Monday, fuelling fears flagged by the United Nations at the weekend of a breakdown in public order and a mass exodus of Palestinians into Egypt.

The narrow coastal strip has been under a full Israeli blockade since the start of the conflict more than two months ago and the border with Egypt is the only other way out. Most of Gaza's 2.3 million people have been driven from their homes.

> **China's actions** in S. China Sea undermine regional stability, US says

said.

Monitoring Desk MANILA: The United States has called out China for interfering in the Philippines' maritime operations and undermining regional stability, urging Beijing to stop "its dangerous and destabilising conduct" in the South China Sea.

The Philippines and China have traded accusations over a ramming incident during the weekend while Manila's vessels were on a resupply mission to Second Thomas Shoal.

Myanmar military

meets rebel

groups with

Myanmar's military

The demonstrations

Paris and in London drew

tens of thousands of people. There have also been many

pro-Palestinian rallies, of-

ten drawing large crowds.

Ukraine allies provide ships to ward off Russia in the Black Sea

Monitoring Desk X. "The U.K. will bring PARIS: The U.K. and Nortogether our allies in a way will lead a coalition new coalition to give aimed at helping Ukraine Ukraine the power to rule the waves." The UN says comsecure its maritime export routes against Russian interference, the U.K.'s Ministry of Defence said on Dec. 11

modity shipments in the Black Sea continue to face significant risks" from air The long-term goal is to help Ukraine transform strikes and sea mines, and several cargo and grain its navy to become more ships reportedly hit mines

compatible with Western in the area in recent allies, and to bolster secumonths. Russia's Black Sea rity in the Black Sea, the blockade has "signifi-cantly" reduced Ukraine's ministry said. The U.K. is transferring two minehunter ships to two ability to move exports by

Ukraine as a first step. sea, and bolstering the 'The rebuilding of country's ability to the Ukrainian Navy has counter the sea-mine threat will help restore begun," U.K. Secretary for Defence Grant maritime Shapps said in a post on the U.K. maritime trade, according to

China's leaders meet to discuss growth targets for 2024, say sources

Monitoring Desk concerns, slowing global growth and geopolitical tensions. The Politburo, a BEIJING: China's leaders started a closed-door meeting on Monday to discuss top decision-making body of the ruling Communist economic targets and map out stimulus plans for Party, said on Friday that 2024, four sources familiar fiscal policy would be with the matter said.

moderately strengthened and will be "flexible, mod-The annual Central Economic Work Confererate, precise, and effecence, during which Presitive", to help spur the dent Xi Jinping and other economic recovery. A flurry of policy top officials chart the course for the world's support measures have proven only modestly second-largest economy next year, is likely to end beneficial, raising pressure on Tuesday, the sources on authorities to roll out

more stimulus. Investors are closely China's government watching for clues on next advisers have told Reuters year's policy and reform that they would recomagenda as China's mend economic growth economy has struggled to targets for 2024 ranging mount a strong post-panfrom 4.5% to 5.5%, with demic recovery amid the the majority favouring a deepening housing crisis, target of around 5% - the local government debt same as this year.

Egyptians vote in election likely to give Sisi third term

the country's nearly 106 **Monitoring Desk** CAIRO: Egyptians went to million people were living on or below the poverty the polls on Sunday in a presidential election with line. Voting will take place little doubt the incumbent until Tuesday, between Abdel Fattah al-Sisi would 9:00am and 09:00pm (local secure a third term. In a time) each day, with the of-

Monitoring Desk NEW YORK: A growing number of US business lea--ders are rallying be-hind former South Carolina governor Nikki Haley as the Republican Party's presidential hopeful, seeing her as more stable than rival Donald Trump, and more favorable to business interests

'Even if you're a very liberal Democrat, I urge you: help Nikki Haley too. Get a choice on some kind of monitoring the Republican side that might be better than Trump," said Jamie Dimon, who as head of JPMorgan Chase bank is

often seen as one of the

country's most powerful

CEOs.For the last month

ceasefire in Gaza, claiming

the veto showed Washington's "double stan-

Big US donors rally around **Monitoring Desk** Nikki Haley OSLO: The Iranian people will ultimately overcome authoritarianism imposed by a government that has

read by her children on Sunday. The Norwegian Nobel committee in October awarded the prize to Mohammadi, 51, for her non-violent fight "against oppression of women in

than incumbent Joe Biden. Iran" and the promotion of

ceptable to use this event but so far to no avail

Navalny camp sets strategy to disrupt Putin's path to new term

Monitoring Desk LONDON: With his hands on all the levers of power in Russia, Vladimir Putin appears unbeatable in a presidential election but opposition activists scent a chance to show he is vulnerable.

Putin declared his candidacy for another six-year term on Friday and there is no serious rival to challenge him, with opposition leader Alexei Navalny serving more than 30 years in prison and other critics also iailed or in exile.

With the Kremlin in campaign is to change the full control of state media political agenda in Russia."

or so, a growing list of entrepreneurs and business leaders have been lining and able to decide who can up behind Trump's former UN ambassador, and cannot run, the Navalny camp says this is stumping for her, swellnot a real election. But it sees the 100-day campaign ing her campaign coffers or considering doing so window as a rare opportunity to draw Russians into as her standing in polls a political conversation and strengthens. convince them that the

Ukraine war and the eco-North Korea nomic strains it has brought condemns US veto are problems of Putin's making. "Of course it's imposof Gaza ceasefire

sible to beat Putin in the call at UN 'elections'," top Navalny Monitoring Desk SEOUL: A North Korean aide Leonid Volkov told Reuters. "The aim of our senior official criticised the United States for blocking a UN resolution calling for an immediate humanitarian

day.

Chennai flooded as heavy rains from cyclone dards", North Korean state media KCNA said on Sun-Michaung batter south India

homes.

Monitoring Desk CHENNAI: Rescuers used boats to reach people stranded in their homes amid widespread flooding in the India's Chennai on

Wednesday after cyclone Michaung barrelled into the southern coast, bringing in heavy rain and winds that uprooted trees and damaged roads.

An estimated 13 images of rescue workers people, most of them in the manufacturing hub of Tamil Nadu, have died in the flooding that was triggered by the torrential rains that preceded the cyclone, which made land-

The United States vetoed a resolution calling for a ceasefire in the war between Israel and Hamas in

Rescuers used inflatable rafts and ropes to pluck people out of their homes in Chennai, a city of more than 6 million people and a major automobile and technology ain abstained. manufacturing hub.

Local media showed wading through waistdeep water and of submerged vehicles. Air force helicopters also dropped food rations to people stranded in flooded

fall in Andhra Pradesh state on Tuesday afternoon.

Gaza at the United Nations Security Council on Friday. The ceasefire resolution at the UN failed to pass after the United States vetoed the proposal and Brit-"The United States

abuse of its veto power to protect an ally that massacred tens of thousands of civilians is not only a manifestation of illegal and unreasonable double standards, but also the height of inhumane evil," Kim Son Gyong.

Boys hold containers while they line up, as displaced Palestinians, who fled their houses due to Israeli strikes, shelter in a tent camp near the border with Egypt, amid the ongoing conflict between Israel and the Palestinian Islamist group Hamas, in Rafah in the southern Gaza Strip.

Hong Kong seeks to boost turnout in 'patriots only' election

popular opposition figures in the China-ruled city.

The pro-China government has been seeking to boost turnout, as some observers see large numbers spurning the polls, in con-

Rohingya face rejection in Indonesia after surge of boat arrivals

Monitoring Desk Myanmar's Rohingya face a wave of

More than 1,200 Rohingya have landed in Indonesia since November, data from the United Nations' refugee agency (UNHCR) shows, with at least 300 more arriving last weekend. "There are still many poor people here," said Ella Saptia, 27, a resident of Pidie in the province of Aceh, where people have been sympathetic to the men, women and chil-

PIDIE:

district council seats by nearly anti-junta offensive, state 80% from four years ago. media reported a junta All candidates must

spokesperson as saying now undergo national secuon Monday. rity background checks and secure nominations from prois battling armed opponents government committees, effectively barring democrats.

on several fronts, in the fiercest challenge to its grip trast to the last council elec- including moderates and even tions in 2019, during Hong some pro-Beijing figures. on the Southeast Asian country since it seized power from an elected government in a 2021 coup. **Thousands march**

in Europe in the latest rallies against dren among the Rohingya antisemitism stoked refugees brought by dilapidated boats for years. by the war in Gaza 'Why should we take

Monitoring Desk care of thousands of Rohingya who cause many problems?" she added. BRUSSELS: Thousands of people marched in the Bel-They have a bad influence. gian and German capitals on Some of them escape, and Sunday to protest soaring engage in sex outside of antisemitism since the outmarriage and drugs.' break of the Israel-Hamas

A spokesperson for war in Gaza. the Aceh government did not immediately respond in Brussels and Berlin were to a request for comment. the latest in a series of ral-This year the refugees have lies in European capitals encountered animosity and that have expressed supthreats that their boats will port for Jewish communities. Previous marches in

Last week, protesters on Aceh's island of Sabang removed tents set up as temporary shelters for the

country gripped by the most severe financial crisis ficial results announced on December 18. In front of one in its recent history - inflation has hovered near 40 per cent after the currency lost half its value and drove up the cost of imports the economy is at the centre of Egyptians' concerns. Even before the current

Cairo polling station, posters bore messages to "get out and participate" while a DJ played nationalist songs. Some 67 million people are eligible to vote,

five million of whom had cast their ballots by 4:30pm crisis, about two-thirds of (local time) on Sunday.

Seeking better life, **Ethiopians 'trapped** between life and death'

Monitoring Desk DUBAI: Ethiopian sea in pursuit of a better life have one goal in mind as they hide in the Saudi mountains: avoid border guards, and their deadly shots. Only when night falls on this part of south-

find them a job.

home.

Monitoring Desk

six decades this year, Sta-

that trend is gradually tak-

of 2023 some 42,000 indi-

85.927 exits in 2021, offi-

tistics Canada said.

ing hold.

cial data show.

"Every day we are scared of dying. We beg migr-ants who crossed the people in the village to give sea in pursuit of a better life us flour and bread, and then we go back into the mountains," said Mohammed, 30. "People here are very scared to help us find job opportunities since it's illegal, so we consider ourselves trapped between life and death." Hundreds of ern Saudi Arabia do the undocumen-ted migrants thousands of African midare venture into nearby grants each year brave the villages to sca-v-enge for perilous "Eastern Route" food, returning with scraps across the Red Sea and they hope will keep them through war-scarred Yemen alive until smu-gglers can to reach Saudi Arabia.

Canada's surging cost of living fuels reverse immigration

The rate of immigrants TORONTO: The dream of leaving Canada hit a twodecade high in 2019, accordmaking it big in Canada is turning into a battle for suring to a recent report from the Institute for Canadian vival for many immigrants due to the high cost of liv-Citizenship (ICC), an immigration advocacy group. ing and rental shortages, as rising emigration numbers While the numbers went down during pandemic lockdowns, Statistics Canada data shows it is hint at newcomers being forced to turn their back on a country that they chose once again rising. to make their adopted

While that is a fraction of the 263,000 who came Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has made immigrato the country over the tion his main weapon to same period, a steady rise in emigration is making some observers wary. blunt Canada's big challenge of an aging and slowing

population, and it has also helped fuel economic growth. That drove Canada's population up at its fastest clip in more than cir decades this year. Sta For a nation built on immigration, a rising trend of people leaving Canada risks undermining one of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau government's signature policies, which granted permanent resi-But now a reversal of dency to a record 2.5 million people in just eight In the first six months years.

Reuters spoke with a half a dozen people who have either left the country viduals departed Canada, adding to 93,818 people who left in 2022 and or are preparing to do so, because of the high cost of living.

hostility and rejection in Indonesia, where regional communities say they are fed up of a spike in the numbers of boats carrying the persecuted ethnic minority to their shores.

be turned back around.



Egyptians arrive at a polling station to cast their ballots in the presidential election in Cairo.

Monitoring Desk HONG KONG: Hong Kong holds its first "patriots only" district elections on Sunday as a national security crackdown imposed by Beijing further marginalises formerly

China's help - junta spokesperson Kong's mass pro-democracy **Monitoring Desk** protests, which drew a record 71% turnout and a NEW YORK: Represen-tatives from Myanmar's ruling military have held landslide victory for the democratic camp. Amend-ments introduced in July talks, facilitated by China, with three armed slashed the directly elected rebel groups leading an

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the same

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Senate body unanimously passes resolution **condemning Israeli atrocities against Palestinians** ISLAMABAD (APP): the world nations for a Umrah. 905 to 46 was accepted. I

The Senate Standing Committee on Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony on Monday unanimously passed a resolution condemning the Israeli atrocities against the innocent Palestinians including the children.

The committee met under the Chairmanship of Senator Maulana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri here at the Parliament Lodges.

The committee strongly condemned the United States' veto against the United Nations Security Council Resolution passed by the majority of ceasefire in Gaza.

The resolution also ciation of Pakistan (HOAP) called for an immediate hu-Chairman informed that the manitarian ceasefire. The company was, falsely committee strongly conclaiming affiliation with demned the Israeli atrocities HOAP, and deceiving the and aggressive actions public by promoting inagainst the innocent Palesstallment-based Hajj, potinians including elderly tentially contributing to a people, children, and pabroader fraud scheme. tients in hospitals and The ministry enlisted urged the government to the Federal Investigation

take immediate action for Agency to probe the matter and submit a report. The committee di-The committee's directed the ministry to inrective to involve the Pakivestigate the non-registered stani Ambassador in company, Fifth Pilar Riyadh to implement the Takaful Ltd, involved in the decision on reducing private illegal booking of Hajj and Hajj Group Organizers from

905 to 46 was accepted. It Hajj Organizers Assowas briefed that there would be a gradual reduction in the number of pilgrims, with each organizer allowed a minimum of 500 for Hajj 2024, 1,000 for 2025, and 2,000 for 2026.

The discussion also covered approaching Saudi authorities to expand the Road to Makkah Project to other Pakistani airports, including Lahore, Karachi, Peshawar, and Quetta. Saudi approval had been granted for including Karachi airport, with ongoing efforts to extend the project to Lahore airport for enhanced facilitation.



Caretaker Federal Minister for Commerce and Industry, Dr. Gohar Ejaz had useful discussion today with Chinese MOFCOM Vice Minister Mr. Li Fei in Beijing.

PM orders competitive electricity rates for industries to promote trade activity

ISLAMABAD (APP): sized the role of the busi-Caretaker Prime Minister ness community in that re-Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on gard. PM Kakar mentioned Monday directed to introthat the government was duce competitive electricity working on bringing instirates for industries to bentutional reforms for the efit the common man and welfare of the masses and promote trade activity in restoration of economy. The delegation comprised the country.

In a meeting with a Chairman Businessmen delegation of industrialists Group Zubair Motiwala, and businessmen from Karachi, he said the government was taking every possible step to boost trade in the country.

The prime minister also ordered the finance minister and power minister to devise a strategy for the gas prices in consultation with industrialists.

ment was taking steps to and President North Karachi expand tax-net and empha- Association of Trade.

Governor Balochistan directs to ensure process of laptop distribution transparent

versity of Balochistan here on Monday. The members of com-

mittee also apprised the Governor about lists of laptops distribution. The Governor asked

the students to contact the concerned authorities regarding their complaints within three days.

The students may also register their complaints on mobile number 0333 3886430 or via email: dit@um.uob.edu.pk & marshad@um.uob.edu.ok

Balochistan, Henan to strengthen sister province friendship trove for investment, with

and

Henan

(INP): BEIJING Balochistan, Henan have flourishing industries and decided to strengthen sisadvanced science and innoter province friendship to vation," Bai said as he promote cooperation in agbriefed the visitors about riculture, tourism and inthe trade and investment dustrial fields. A delegation opportunities in Luoyang. of tribal leaders from Balochistan Province re-Balochistan have estabcently visited Luoyang city lished a sister province rein central China's Henan lationship in July 2023, ac-Province. The delegation cording to a report carried aims to promote sister provby Gwadar Pro on Monince friendship between day. This partnership will Henan and Balochistan and help inject more vitality strengthen practical coopinto the promotion of common prosperity and progress in both provinces. eration in agriculture, tourism, and industrial fields.

Bai Shengbin, Deputy Secretary General of Luoyang municipal government, met with the delegation. He mentioned that stan Luoyang is a renowned tourist city and one of the

tive and the construction of

Corridor, Luoyang aims to establish friendly relations with cities in Balochistan that are compatible in terms of their status, complement each other in industry, and learn from each other in culture, Bai said. Mir Magsood, the leader of the delegation, expressed that during his visit of several days, he was deeply impressed by the rich historical and cultural heritage of Luoyang. He had an immersive experience of Luoyang's unique cultural tourism projects, such as 'Hanfu Tour in Luoyang".

Currently, Henan Province is deeply involved The delegation also in the construction of visited key parks and enterprises, such as Luoyang Gwadar Free Zone in Paki-National University Science Park, Luoyang North-Under the framework of the Belt and Road Initiaern Ek Chor Motorcycle Company, and ÝТО



ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Hag chairing a meeting at the Ministry of Interior to inaugurate Pakistan's New Visa Policy.

Balochistan to take support from FBISE in modernizing its exam system: Qadir

ISLAMABAD (APP): Qaiser Alam gave a com-Caretaker Minister for prehensive briefing to Education Balochistan Dr the provincial minister Qadir Bakhsh has ex- on the Federal Board's pressed his interest to take examination system and advantage of the experi- facilities for students, ences of Federal Board of especially, the technical Intermediate and Secondary Education (FBISE) Islamabad in modernizing the examination system of Balochistan province.

He was visiting the Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education (FBISE) the other day to see the new changes and the modern examination system in the Federal Board.

"It will also be considered to adopt such kind of education system in the province, with joint initiatives and cooperation of the Balochistan government and the Federal Education Board", the minister added.

Chairman FBISE

education.

Dr. Qadir Bakhsh praised the innovative ini-Hospital, Quetta. tiatives of the Federal Board in the education and examination system and supply tube well of hoped that the Board would Sandeman Provincial Hoscooperate with Balochistan in bringing innovation in the examination system of the Monday.

Controller of Examinations Ageel Imran, Technical Controller Shafaq Jabeen, heads of technica institutes and others were present on the occasion. Chairman FBISE

thanked the Balochistan Education Minister and presented him appreciation shields and gifts.

der, healthcare and other

matters about Health Card

Programme were also dis-

preciated the initiative of

Health Card and said that

steps taken for welfare of

In addition to this, the

Mir Zubair Jamali ap-

Dr Ameer Muhammad

Kasi hands over wheelchairs other equipment to SPH Quetta QUETTA (APP): Former

Minister for Home and Tribal Affairs and tribal elder of the Kasi tribe, Malik Inayatullah Khan Kasi, has

donated five wheelchairs, five stretchers, and ten blood pressure apparatuses to Sandeman Provincial He also functionalized the dysfunctional water

Independent Report pital, Quetta, according to QUETTA: The Governor a statement issued here on Balochistan, Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar has di-Managing Director, rected to the concerned authorities to ensure

Trauma Centre, Sandeman Hospital Provincial transparency in the pro-Quetta, Dr Arbab Kamran cess of distribution of Kasi, expressed his gratilaptops tude to Malik Inayatullah Kasi for operationalizing the dysfunctional water

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Chief Coordinator Industrial Forum Muhammad Javed Balwani, Patron-inchief Lasbela Chamber of Commerce and Industries Maqsood Ismail, former Chairman All Pakistan Tex-

He said the govern-

tile Processing Mills Association Saleem Parekh, Patronin-chief Bin Qasim Association of Trade and Industries Mian Muhammad Ahmed, oldest cities in China.

'It is also a treasure



ISLAMABAD: A signing ceremony for Settlement Agreement was held at Ministry of Law and Justice led by Secretary Law Raja Naeem Akbar and Nizamettin KOCAMEÅžE country head Ozpak.

Caretaker PM launches new visa regime LAMABAD (INP) Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar launched new Visa Regime in Islamabad today to attract the foreign investors. OUETTA: The treatment of the patients suffering Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister from cardiac problems is emphasized the need to furcontinued totally free of ther rationalize and liberalcost under the Health Card ize the visa policy. He Programme at the Sandeman Provincial Headnoted that until and unless quarter Hospital (SPHH) we do not open up to the world, it will be challenging Ouetta. to attract investment and develop trade and economic Superintendent of SPHH relationship. The Prime Minister said visa is the Quetta, Dr. Muhammad Ishaq Panezai, the 100 percornerstone of economic cent free angiography, relationship. He expressed angioplasty, open heart and the confidence that the invalve surgery of the cardiac terior ministry will come up patients is being done in the with more suggestions to Hospital under the Health further improve the visa Card Programme. policy.

Under Health Card Program Free treatment of cardiac patients continues

provision of medicines all over Balochistan, says Dr. Jogezai

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Steps being taken to improve

province.

Independent Report QUETTA: The caretaker Provincial Minister for In addition Health, Dr. Ameer Muhammad Khan Jogezai Ameer has stated that steps are being taken to improve provision of medicines on permanent basis in the prov-

ince The caretaker Ministhe masses are commendter Health was speaking to able the Minister for Home, Mir Muhammad Zubair Jamali who called on him here on Monday.

improving the supply of They discussed the medicines on permanent matters about law and orbasis



KARACHI: Muttahida Qaumi Movement (MQM-P) Convener, Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui along with others addresses to media persons during press conference, held at MQM-P Central Election Office located on Shahrah-e-Faisal road in Karachi.

MQM doubts 'transparency, fairness' of elections

KARACHI (INP): MQM- Siddiqui said elections Pakistan chief Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui on Monday raised doubt about "fairness and transparency" of general elections on February 8.

Addressing a press conference with Mustafa Kamal, Aminul Haq and other leaders at Pakistan House, Siddiqui said everyone knows how the results of the 2018 general elections were compiled. He claimed that Karachi has been deprived of its real representation. "Those who represented the city, did not belong to it," he added.

MOM The (Muttahida Qaumi Movement) leader said that the city needed elections at the earliest as "the caretaker government in Sindh is a continuation of the 15-year do the job themselves." [PPP] government."

should be held in such a way that the whole process looked transparent. "At this time, it seems, the elections will not be fair and transparent," he continued. He warned the care-

taker government of protest if the mandate was not to its liking. "We will come (BAP) Senator Danesh to the streets to get [real] mandate." He addressed the caretaker prime minister that "it is your job to conduct transparent elections.

He revealed that commission member Nisar supremo Nawaz Sharif to Durrani has been an official of People's Party. He coalition partners. warned that the MQM-P would reject the result until

Ijaz Anwar Chauhan and Nisar Durrani are members of the Election Commission. prime minister but politi-Siddiqui alleged that precal party seems to ge poll rigging has been done. simple majority in 2024 "If it is not fixed, people will general elections.



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tion of laptops in the Uni-

ISLAMABAD: Activists of All Parties Hurriyat Conference holds protest in Khan Jogezai said that the the favor of their demands outside Shams Gate in Federal Capital. steps are being taken for

the Indian government as

illegal and unconstitutional.

Court of India.

Punjab govt Indian apex court failed in upholding the merit and Khadija Shah, demands of justice: Anwar Quetta police MIRPUR

arrest her LAHORE (Online): Quetta police have arrested PTI social activist Khadija Shah from Lahore jail following the withdrawal of her de-tention order by Punjab government Case against detention of Khadija Shah came up for

releases

hearing in Lahore High miserably failed in uphold-Court (LHC). Punjab government withdrew the detention orof justice. In a special statement der of Khadija Shah therein issued here on Monday, the

The state counsel will AJK prime minister termed present written order in the court in this respect. It is said that Jahanzeb the court verdict as tantamount to murdering justice and robbing Kashmiris of Amin husband of Khadija their constitutional and hu-Shah has resorted to LHC man rights. Terming the abagainst her detention.

Possibility of coalition govt, Nawaz

not fond to run it: Danesh ISLAMABAD (INP) Balochistan Awami Party

Kumar has said that there was possibility of coalition government in the government but it was not nature of Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N)

appropriately deal with the Talking to a private Tv channel on Monday, he said that Nawaz Sharif might be desirous to become the next

AJK): said, adding that Kashmiris had no faith in the Indian (APP): Azad Jammu Kashmir Prime Minister state apparatus, not even Chaudhry Anwar ul Haq, in its pliant judiciary."All Indian inwhile condemning the Institutions including the dian Supreme Court's verdict upholding the presidenjudiciary have been tial order regarding the reequally responsible for vocation of Kashmir's spethe current mess and worsening political and hucial status, has stated that man rights situation in the occupied Kashmir", he the Indian apex court has ing the merit and demands said

He, however, maintained that the Kashmiris' ongoing struggle for right to self determination would continue despite the Indian government's policies of deceit and deception.

"The Indian judiciary has a history of being birogation of 370 and 35A by ased towards Kashmiris. It has never given any relief to the Kashmiri people", he said, adding the PM said Kashmiris had no hope from the Supreme that the Supreme Court through its recent verdict has proved it bevond any doubt that it was acting on the whims

"I was pretty sure that the Supreme Court of India will go the extra mile to defend the Indian and fancies of the Indian government's decision", he establishment.



QUETTA: Balochistan Shuhada Forum Leader, Atiq Sajidi addresses to media persons during press conference, at Quetta press club.

at SPHH Quetta **Independent Report**

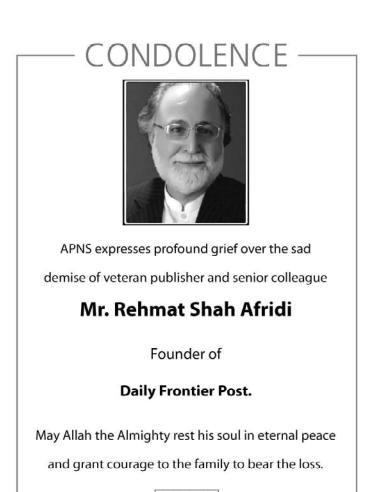
the free treatment of the heart patients had been started on November 15, 2023 under the Health Card in the hospital.

He said that as the Health Card programme is a new one, therefore, some issues are being faced in its execution, still free medical services are being extended

to the heart patients. He informed that angioplasty of 77 cardiac patients was performed with angiography of 78 patients and bypass surgery of 17 patients was done free of cost in the SPHH Quetta, Dr. Panezai informed.

The MS recalled that

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