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We have formulas to strengthen country, Balochistan:

Zardari pledges to make

Pakistan stronger and great

country after coming into power

activities were? "So I used

to answer them that I

dream for Pakistan," he

added. He said that each

and every one of the na-

tion should work together

to make Pakistan in real

sense a Pakistan. "(Such a Pakistan) as 'Quaid-e-

Awam' used to say that to

make this country a great

country, we have to

emerge as a great nation on the map of the world," he

that individulas sitting in

Islamabad do not see that

Balochistan is the heart of

the country, but PPP sees (without doubt) that

Balochistan is the heart of

the country. "Today I

want to tell everyone

that there is a great sad-

ness and sorrow spread

inside the land of

Balochistan, and we have to

some ointment during our

time, but it is not enough,"

President PPPP said

Independent Report

of Pakistan Peoples Party

Parliamentarians (PPPP)

and former President of Pa-

kistan Asif Ali Zardari has

said that Balochistan is the

heart of Pakistan, and it is

very important to win this

heart, and reaffirmed his

resolve that he would, by

bringing the entire nation

together, make Pakistan a

great country. He also urged that if Pakistan is to

become an exporting coun-

try, Balochistan has to be

Addressing the grand public meeting organized

on the occasion of the

party's 56th foundation

day in Quetta, the former

president said that Paki-

stan is rich in all virtues.

He furthered that Pakistan

is not weak, and added: "a

nation does not rise by it-

leaders. He said that when

he was in prison, people

often asked him what his

supplied with water.

Grand public meeting held marking 56th foundation day of PPP: Bilawal calls for burying politics of hatred, division; desires to introduce new style of politics to end rivalries

Independent Report

QUETTA: The Chairman Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) Bilawal Bhutto Zardari has called for "burying" politics of hatred and division in line with the vision of his father Asif Ali Zardari's reconciliatory politics.

Bilawal said: "we have to do politics wherein we should think about unity and not of division. The PPP wants to start a new kind of politics in the country". He was addressing a grand public rally held to mark the PPP's 56th foundation day in Quetta.

The grand public meeting marking the 56th founding day of PPP was held at the spacious football ground located in the Ayub Sports complex.

Besides PPP's central leaders including its President Asif Ali Zardari and Chairman, Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, other prominent leaders of the party who participated in the event were included: Faisal Karim Kundi, Syed Khursheed Shah, former Chief Ministers of Sindh, Syed Qaim Ali Shah and Syed Murad Ali Shah, Nafisa Shah,

Nayyar Bokhari, Manzoor Wassan, Ms. Shazia Marri, Sharjeel Memon, Syed Nasir Hussain Shah, Nisar Khoro besides the party's leaders from different other parts of the country

The prominent provincial leaders participated in the party's public gathering were included its provincial President, Mir Changez Khan Jamali, General secretary, Rozi Khan Kakar, Nawab Sanaullah Zehri, Lt. General (Retd)
Abdul Qadir Baloch, Ali Madad Jatak Mir Muhammad
Sadiq Umrani, Iqbal Shah besides others.

The senior leader of PPP from Sindh, Nisar Khoro as

well as provincial leaders including Mir Changez Jamali, Nawab Sanaullah Zehri, Abdul Qadir Baloch, Ali Madad Jatak, Rozi Khan Kakar, Sadiq Umrani and others addressed the public meeting. The party workers and leaders from all over the province participated in the public gathering.

They reached the jalsa gah in form of big caravans and groups mostly carrying the party flags and portraits



QUETTA: Peoples Party (PPP) Chairman, Bilawal Bhutto Zardari addresses to his supporters during the public gathering meeting on the occasion of PPP 56th Foundation Day, at Ayub Stadium in Quetta.



KARACHI: Caretaker Sindh Chief Minister Justice (R) Magbool Bagar and World Bank South Asia Regional Vice President Mr Martin Raiser discuss

PM Kakar for utilizing Loss & Damage Fund on merit to cope with climate change issues

Prime Minister Anwaar- able energy projects to faced historical devastation. ul-Haq Kakar on Thurs- contribute towards miniday stressed the need to mizing the climate change immediately operationalize the Loss & Damage Fund, ensuring its utilization on merit to cope with the issues of climate change.

He said the utilization of Fund should not be linked with the development funds and loans from multilateral financial entities, but the funding should be additional and tangible.

The prime minister, in an interview with CNN on the sidelines of United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) COP28, said that currently Pakistan's focus was on transformation from the coal-based

Kamran Khan Tessori.

KARACHI (INP): Be-

headed bodies of a woman

and her three sons were

Gulistan Johar town of

Karachi on Thursday morn-

arrested the slain kids' fa-

the ages of the dead chil-

dren were between two to

11 years and they were all

sons of the victim woman.

lice, Arshad Ali, the head of

the family said that he was

not present at the time of

the incident. However, the

police detained him and

runs internet and cable TV

mother and her children,

killed in Gulistan Johan

Block 5 have been shifted

network in the area.

to a mortuary

Police said that Arshad

The bodies of the

started the investigation.

In a statement to po-

According to police,

impacts in the region and

"This is the area which countries here in Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries, UAE, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, and the settled economies and democracies on the Western side, so it is an opportunity for all of them and all of us," he added. He said the climate change was no more a fashionable point to discuss as it hit Pakistan

very hard last year. The prime minister pointed out that Pakistan was not primarily responsible for contributing to the climate disaster in which the country's two prov-

KARACHI: Chairman Karachi Port Trust Syed

Syedain Raza Zaidi calls on Sindh Governor

Woman, three sons

found beheaded at

Karachi house

found from a house in at around 12:30 in the

ing while the police have called him to rush to his

residence.

Talking to media men

Imdad Ali, the uncle of the

deceased boys, said that

night, his brother Arshad

Ali came to his house and

brother's house, the body

of his elder son was lying

in the courtyard, said Imdad

Ali, adding the body of his

sister-in-law was in another

room and the bodies of two

other children were in a

bodies, he went to his sis-

ter and brother-in-law's

house and woke them up,

some distance in the area

and Arshad own three

houses in the area, Imdad

Ali said and added they

have no enmity with any-

After seeing the dead

All our relatives live at

separate room.

Imdad Ali said.

When he reached his

DUBAI (APP): Caretaker power plants to renew-inces Sindh and Balochistan

"Everyone knows who last one century so it is more of a question of an honest conversation rather countries and economies.' he remarked. Therefore, he said, the responsibility shown by the wealthy nations themselves would be a welcome step.

To a question whether the Fund should be operationalized through a United Nation framework, the prime minister said, "If we wait for a UN framework it will take years of vears. Therefore, initially it is possible to operationalize it under the World Bank and other multilateral enti-

Caretaker Sindh CM approves scholarships for **Palestinian** students

KARACHI (INP): Caretaker Sindh Chief Min-Justice Maqbool Baqar has approved scholarships for Palestinian students studying in government educational institutions of the prov-ince. The Chief Minister had already announced the waiving off the fees including hostel dues of the Palestinian students studying in various institutions of the province. In a statement, he said directions have already been issued in this regard to universities and other educational institutions where Palestinian students are

enrolled.

have been contributing in could attract interest of than passing judgment on

Solangi underlines need of state media reforms at pat with modern standards

self, it is led and raised by put ointment on it. We put

Caretaker Minister for Information and Broadcasting and Parliamentary Affairs Murtaza Solangi on Thursday urged the Senate's Standing Committee to discuss and work out the plan for reforms in

the state media institu-Addressing the Senate Committee on Information and Broadcasting, the minister underlined the need to carry out reforms in the state broadcasters to bring

them at par with modern standards. Senator Fawzia Arshad presided over the meeting which was attended by members of the committee including Senator Maula Bakhsh Chandio, Senator Irfan-ul-Haque Siddiqui and Senator Naseema Ehsan as well as Federal Secretary for Information and Broadcasting Shaheera

Shahid, MD Pakistan Tele-

ISLAMABAD (APP): General Radio Pakistan, and Managing Director Associated Press of Pakistan

During the session at Committee Room No. 1 of the Parliament House, the panel discussed the implementation of the recommendations, worked out in its meeting on October 9,

The committee also took up the recommendations related to the appointment of 53 daily-wage employees during the meeting. The information minister said the caretaker government could not make permanent appointments or decide about the closure of any institution.

He said services of different people were hired sometime back to mitigate the shortage of staff and run essential programmes, but hiring of daily wagers through advertisement, seemed to be a time-convision (PTV), Director suming process.

Shehbaz meets Nawaz, felicitates him on acquittal

LAHORE (APP): Former prime minister and Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) President Shehbaz Sharif met party supremo Nawaz Sharif on Thursday and congratulated him over his acquittal in the Avenfield reference.

During the meeting, the two leaders discussed the current political situation and issues related to upcoming general election in February 2024. According to a post shared on PML-N official X (formerly Twitter) account, Shehbaz Sharif met Nawaz Sharif at the central secretariat of the party. He expressed his happiness over his brother's acquittal in the Avenfield reference.



KARACHI: A view of smog in provincial capital

CM, WB regional chief agree to speed up progress of projects (APP): Chairman P&D Shakil access to safe water and

Minister Justice ® Maqbool Baqar and World Bank's South Asia Regional Vice President Martin Raiser in their meeting discussed the \$2.2 billion World Bank portfolio and decided to accelerate work on the ongoing projects by the provincial government and the World Bank would start releasing the funds so that project could be completed in time.

The meeting was held at the CM House and was attended by World Bank Country Director Najy Benhassine, Draugelis Operation Manager Gilius and others.

Chief Secretary Dr Fakhr e Alam and

meeting.

The World Bank's "Accelerated Action Plan for Reduction of Stunting and Malnutrition" in Sindh is aimed at achieving a goal of reducing stunting from 30 per cent to 15 per cent by 2026. The CM and the visiting World Bank regional chief discussed other factors to reduce stunting. They agreed to adopt a revised theory of change that includes all the critical drivers of stunting

from 'nutrition-specific' to include the critical environmental factors that drive a large part of the

Caretaker Sindh Chief Mangnejo were part of the sanitation and the safe management of animal and solid waste.

The chief minister said that UNICEF was supporting the Sindh through government Rolling Workplan for two years 2023-2024 with a grant of \$50.573 million in the sectors of Health, Nutrition, Education, Water Sanitation, and

The European Union has recently initiated a project for "Strengthen Local Civil Society and Community-based Organizations and their Capacity in Nutrition biological process Sector in Sindh" with a underlying stunting. These grant of Euro 6.1 million in include, in particular, six districts - Sukkur



ISLAMABAD: The outgoing Country Director of World Health Organization, Dr. Palitha Mahipala called on President Dr. Arif Alvi at Aiwan-e-Sadr.

Winter vacations for schools in Sindh from Dec 22 to 31

KARACHI (APP):Sindh Government has announced winter vacations for all public and private educational institutions across the province with effect

from December 22 to 31. According to a notification issued here on Thursday, as per the decision taken in the Steering Committee meeting, all public and private schools and educational institutions under the administrative control of the School Education Department will remain closed for 10 days from December 22 to 31 for winter vacations

Naval Chief emphasizes perpetual combat readiness to thwart any aggression ISLAMABAD (APP): Middle East, deployment

The Command & Staff Conference of Pakistan Navy concluded here on Thursday which was chaired by Chief of the Naval Staff, Admiral Naveed Ashraf. During the conference, mat-

ters related to national security, geo strategic affairs, combat readiness and training of troops were discussed, a Pakistan Navy news release said.

The conference assessed the evolving maritime situation in the region due to ongoing conflict in Middle East.

of Pakistan Navy Ship for the protection of Pakistan's merchant ships was discussed.

Progress on Pakistan Navy projects including future plans was also reviewed and way forward was deliberated.

The Naval Chief emphasized on maintaining perpetual combat readiness to effectively thwart any aggression against Paki-

He lauded the initiatives undertaken towards capability development through acquisition of state Under the prevailing of the art platforms and emerging technologies.

Agencies decide joint check post at Mochko to enhance traffic management & combat smuggling

establish a collaborative and engineers, attended the check post at Mochko aimed at streamlining traffic flow, curbing smuggling activities, and catering to passenger needs. The meeting, spearheaded by DIGP - South Syed Asad Raza at the DIGP - South Office, focused on evaluating challenges in implementing this joint check post, according to a spokesman for South

Representatives from various law enforcement agencies, including Rangers, Pakistan Coast Guard, Pa-

Zone Police.

thorities have decided to gence, Estate Management, meeting

The SSP Keamari provided a comprehensive overview of the plans for the joint check post.

The initiative involves acquiring three acres of land and engaging all departments to develop standard operating procedures (SOPs). It is intended that representatives from multiple agencies, including Police and Customs, will be stationed at the checkpost. The facility will be equipped with 24-hour

KARACHI (APP): The au-kistan Customs Intelli-CCTV surveillance and proposed installations of explosive detectors, scanning, and X-ray machines. Dedicated waiting areas for male and female passengers will be arranged, and collaboration with NADRA, FIA, and Excise and Motorway Police will establish a legal framework. Approximately 4,000 to 5,000 vehicles, including passenger buses and cargo vehicles, traverse Hub River Road daily. Different lanes will accommodate commercial and private vehicles, while heavy vehicles will be screened outside the

check post.

Daily soice of Masse, Independent

Avenfield verdict

In a turn of fortunes, and for some a rightful reset of justice, the Islamabad High Court (IHC) has acquitted PML-N supremo Nawaz Sharif in the Avenfield Apartments reference case. The high court had also recently acquitted Maryam Nawaz and her husband Captain ® Muhammad Safdar in the same reference. To many - both in the PML-N and independent legal observers - what had transpired in the Avenfield case in 2018 was a mockery of justice and the case had over the past years come to be seen as part of an aggressive anti-Sharif family campaign led by NAB, which eventually paved the way to the House of Sharif contesting the 2018 elections on a backfoot, weakened and broken for the

The verdict can also be seen as yet another look at the way NAB had used weak and barely-there cases to gun for those out of favour with the previous PTI government.

The Avenfield legal saga had become a focal point of political intrigue, legal scrutiny, and public debate. At the heart of the matter was Nawaz Sharif and his family's ownership of luxury apartments in the upscale Avenfield House in London, the case having had far-reaching implications, impacting not only the political landscape of Pakistan but also the discourse surrounding accountability, corruption, and rule of law. The Avenfield reference stemmed from revelations in the Panama Papers. Nawaz Sharif and his family were implicated in owning luxurious properties in London through offshore companies. On July 6, 2018 the trial court had sentenced Nawaz to 10 years in jail upon conviction along with a fine of more than one billion rupees - for owning assets beyond known sources of income and an additional year for not cooperating with NAB, both of them to be served concurrently. Maryam Nawaz had been sentenced to seven years in prison with a fine, and one year for non-cooperation with NAB, while her husband was handed down a two-year rigorous imprisonment. The verdict led to Nawaz Sharif's disqualification from holding public office, further polarizing the political landscape in Pakistan. In 2020, the IHC had declared him a proclaimed offender in the case.

The inequality equation



By Kamila Hyat Inequality has always existed in Pakistan for at least one-third of the population which lives below the poverty line. There is no evidence of a drastic change over the decades since the country came into existence. But there is speculation from top economists in the country that after 2018, things have taken a turn for the worse and inequality has grown with the poor falling lower down the ladder as they struggle with inflation, unemployment, and many other perils that come along with these.

In a country where 50 per cent of the children are already stunted, we cannot afford more inequality and a further lowering of the quality of life for the poorest half of society. But this is what we are seeing. We know of families that have had to remove children from school or move them to less privileged ones in order to make their household budget cover the cost of the family. We also know of children sent out to work instead of attending

We see poverty all around us. From the sight of someone eating a roti with mere water in his plate to dip it in, to the other sights we have grown so familiar with, no one seems to care

The golf courses which line many of our major cities spread out ver acres at times, consume more water than the entire katchi abadis (informal settlements) and communities around them. It is the attitude to these katchi abadis which is more shocking. As they drive past these communities, people running the golf clubs and those who ing attitudes is important use the clubs, suggest quickly that in order to Lahore. beautify Islamabad, Karachi, or some other city, the abadi simply be moved away, so they can drive in peace to their clubs rather than

suggesting any effort to

improve sanitation and

housing and thereby help

the people living there. We see the same attitudes reflected in the way people treat domestic employees. We know of the deaths of maids, in some cases for no crime other than eating a morsel of food, after being kept on a starvation diet for days. In many houses, around big cities, we can see that housing for lower-income employees consists merely of a tin shack, sometimes without even toilet facilities or a fan. It is difficult to see how anyone can expect a human to live in these conditions, notably in the harsh summer months which hit

ter of the country's north. Closing the equality gap is important to harmony and a greater sense of belonging in the country. Analysts who have looked at the matter believe that rising street crime and other such crime is linked to growing poverty, unemployment and bringing in earned incomes. Even when these incomes are available, the salaries given out to clerks, gardners, postmen, drivers, and others are simply not enough to meet even their basic needs.

the country or in the win-

So what is to be done? There is a desperate need for a fairer system of taxation and taxation on land as well as some method to ensure that the rich pay out the taxes that they owe the country rather than drawing this tax only from salaried workers where it is cut at source.

More revenue needs to be well utilized. This would mean a policy stretching out over at least 15 years which looks at how uplift can take place and with this how the atti-'elite' can change. Chang- News

so that all citizens of the country get the dignity that is granted to them under the constitution of Pakistan but is rarely available in regular day to day

There are other measures too that need to be taken. One of them is improving the condition of our public schools so that all citizens everywhere can receive good education at affordable costs. The decline in standards of public schools is a huge setback in our efforts to grow and develop as a nation. Bangladesh has achieved much of its improvements in the economy and development by ensuring schooling, particularly for girls. To do so, it has roped in clerics and other people of influence so that the right message can go out to people. We need to emute these examples. The same applies to

healthcare and its availability to people everywhere in the country. At present, it is not available. It must be made available, gained by upgrading public hospitals and clinics and by ensuring that there is some insurance scheme in place at more workplaces so that workers at all levels are covered. Again, the attitude of doctors and nurses needs to be changed too. No matter who seeks medical help, they must be treated in the same way and with the same degree of respect. This does not happen right now. A poorer person going in to seek care is often treated with an attitude of contempt even by medical staff who should understand how important it is to take care of everyone in the country and of the oath they have taken to do this as they became practicing doctors.

The journey for Pakistan will be a long and hard one. We must recognize that some of our top housing colonies are built atop the remains of katch abadis and villages which have simply been decimated in order to accommodate these plush socitudes of what we call the eties. —Courtersy The

Cultural escapism



By F.S. Aijazuddin

Poised on the precipice of another Armageddon, one is reminded of the remark made in the 1940s by Sir Kenneth Clark, then director of the National Gallery, London. Asked why he arranged lunch-time concerts during the London Blitz, he retorted that it was necessary to remind people of the civilisation they were fighting to protect.

Living in a modern battle zone of sorts, one can be forgiven for recalling such moments of intellectual escapism. We live in a battered society where public protests attract penalties, political figures, like zoo animals, are safer behind bars, and festive paper kites are no longer visible in a sky smothered by

My personal escape was in the late 1960s when, freshly transplanted from London to Lahore, I sought refuge from the dull world of accountancy and fled to the Lahore Museum. There, in the timeless world of miniature paintings, redolent with romance, populated by deities and demons, rulers and lovers, heroes and pining heroines, I discovered a world of courtly combat in which death was only symbolic, and blood merely a pigment.

These miniature paintings belonged to a period following the collapse of the Mughal empire in the 18th century when artists migrated to provincial courts, particularly it is believed to states in Rajasthan and the smaller Rajput principalities in the Punjab hills.

An earlier parallel of such pockets of artistic re-

the 15th and 16th centuries in the north Italian states, notably Venice and Florence. Ameri-can art historian Bernard Berenson in the 1890s de-Italianate painting. His pio- over Bill Archer and Westneering publications inclu-ded Venetian Paint-Pain-ters (1896), and Central Italian Painters (1897) - all of the Renaissance. Berenson's ap--proach was to identify the artist's personality and identity through his works, not simply through signatures.

In 1899, Berenson created a personality he called Amico di Sandro, "by looking solely at the works and not at documents". He of over 70 figures in the placed unsigned pictures he attributed to this unknown artist between two contemporaries — Botticelli and Filippino. Later evidence proved that an artist named Sandro did, in fact,

As another scholar put it:

inscriptions lie; paintings

Subsequent scholars benefited from this approach to art history. În the 1950s, Dr W.G. Archer, working in London's Victoria & Albert Museum, used certain Pahari paintings as evidence to argue that Guler and not Kangra had been the crucible of Pahari painting. Subsequent research confirmed Archer had an almost

symbiotic connection with paintings. His attributions were more accurate than his detractors cared to admit. I was witness to a test of his gift. In 1977, a number of us scholars were taken to San Diego to examine the Ed Binney III collection of miniatures. There Brijen Goswamy noticed that one of the paintings, a Kahlur/ Bilaspur image of the casting of Krishna's horoscope, bore an inscription. It revealed a date of 1705. The scholars present scrambled to check the date Bill had made in his attribution, hoping he was wrong. To their dismay,

naissance occurred during Bill, unaware of the colophon, had dated it purely on the basis of style to

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circa 1700! Over Goswamy's familiarity with Devanagari, Persian veloped a chronology of and Urdu gave him an edge ern scholars, overshadowing their work. Gradually ers (1894), Florentine their pupil matured into an ustad. I was especially gratified, therefore, when during his visit to the Lahore Museum in 2016, Brijen urged its management to reprint my 1966 catalogue of its miniatures. It had withstood the test of time (50 years), and his scholastic scru-

> My next venture into art history was in response to another challenge — the identification large canvas by August Schoefft titled 'The Court of Lahore' displayed in the Lahore Fort. Schoefft had visited Lahore in the 1840s. Dazzled by the splendour of the flamboyant Sikh darbar, he compressed the politics of the post-Maharaja Ranjit Singh era onto one expansive canvas. Looking critically at the painting, I noticed that Schoefft had cleverly grouped the figures according to their relationship with each other: princes with their peers, courtiers with their colleagues, foreigners with their fellow mercenaries, and assassins with their victims. This research too was published abroad as no publisher here wanted to handle Hindu or Sikh subjects. I returned to my spouse accountancy to pay for my affairs with art history. I learned from both, though, the importance of seeing, not just looking, of searching behind the apparent.

> In today's environment when governments lie and sewage gushes through news channels, it helps to lose oneself in culture and art. "Art is not escape," the American poet Robert Hayden wrote, "but a way of finding order in chaos. —Courtesy Dawn

Commerce News

President asks traders to adopt honesty, fairness to grab space in global economy

ISLAMABAD (APP): with President Dr Arif Alvi on Thursday urged the traders and businessmen in the country to strictly adhere to the principles of honesty and fairness to capture a space in the global competitive economy

Addressing achievement recognition ceremony of the Islamabad Chamber of Small Traders and Small Industries (ICSTSI), the president said it was difficult to have dealing and developing trust between supplier and a successful business if the customers did not trust a brand or considered it dishonest.

President Alvi said in businesses that fail to create an ethical reputation soon become extinct.

fairness maintaining the same public dealings. standards which you show He also no while marketing," he told here at the Aiwan-e-Sadr.

Besides adopting a profit-based approach, he said, it was equally the important for companies to ensure an environment empathy and compassion in society.

'Honesty in public consumers can lead to an atmosphere in the society, he said.

president a competitive economy, emphasized inculcating the talent and skills in the "Sell your products which

Limited increase in business of PSM

witnesses on last day of November

KARACHI (Online): Pakistan Stock Market (PSM) was full of business on the last

60500 points. An increase of more than 11 billion rupees was recorded in the market

the index touched a high of 60982 points, but selling pressure in some stocks for the

points from 60502.00 points to 60531.27 points on Thursday, while the KSE 30 index increased by 13.01 points from 20175.44 points to 20188.45 points.

thousand 189 rupees was recorded in the market capital, as a result of which the total

volume of capital increased from 87 trillion 18 billion 28 billion 7 lakh 75 thousand 42

rupees to 87 trillion 29 billion 52 billion 32 lakh 66 thousand 231 rupees.46 crore 71

lakh 59 thousand shares worth 18 billion rupees were traded in Pakistan Stock Market

on Thursday while 69 crore 22 lakh 20 thousand shares worth 27 billion rupees

KSE All Shares Index closed at 40324.28 points from 40272.25 points.

Despite touching the level of 609020 points, the index closed at the level of

PSM on Thursday, although there was a bullishness in the opening session and

In the Pakistan Stock Market, the KSE 100 index recorded an increase of 29.27

In spite of business fluctuations, an increase of 11 billion 24 billion 24 lakh 91

day of November, but limited momentum was seen.

sake of profit-taking limited the market momentum.

capital and 39.05% share prices also increased.

by maintaining integrity is

He also noted that is to your target audience was the responsibility of society to provide a the gathering of traders, harassment-free environment to women at workplaces to ensure their inclusion in all fields of

Dr Alvi said the promotion of small industries in the country could stimulate economic growth. The president highlighted the need for skill development through vocational courses to help accommodating the population earn the dividends of a skill-based economy.

'There is no dearth of values of honesty in the country, however, the society in line with the situation needs provision glorious teachings of Islam of better opportunities to which called for people," he said.

ISLAMABAD: President Dr. Arif Alvi in a group photo with the winners of the 2nd Islamabad Chamber of Small Traders and Small Industries achievement trophies at Aiwan-e-Sadr. Low income groups urged to apply in "BISP Savings Scheme"

The Benazir Income Support Program (BISP) has urged the become a part of this people belonging to scheme without paying people belonging to the low-income groups to submit applications for becoming a part of the recently launched "BISP Saving Scheme", taking a step towards making them selfreliant.

According to an official source, the BISP has started receiving applications under this scheme from those applicants both men and women living in Peshawar, Lucky Marwat, Quetta, Qila Lucky Saifullah, Lahore, Karachi, Multan, Sukkur, Gilgit and

The applicants, their principal amount having a PMT score during this two-year below 40, are required period.

ISLAMABAD (INP): to apply through a web p o r t a l : savings.bisp.gov.pk to

> The applicants will open a savings account the bank to participate in the scheme. Those who will participate in the scheme will deposit money from 500 to 1000 rupees monthly in their bank account.

The beneficiaries

will get an additional 40 per cent of their savings from the BISP. Islamabad, The duration of the Muzaffarabad, Neelam, scheme is two years at the end of which the beneficiaries will be able to withdraw their entire amount. The beneficiaries will not be able to withdraw

IEP Project to help tackle energy crisis, says Planning Minister

ISLAMABAD (INP): tool for realizing the financial viability of The caretaker Minister for Planning Development and Special Initiatives, Muhammad Sami Saeed said here on Thursday that the Integrated Energy Planning (IEP) Project for sustainable development would help in tackling the

energy crisis in the country. While chairing a meeting to review progress on IEP Project, the minister reviewed the work carried out by an Energy Planning & Resource Centre (EPRC) in the last two years, according to a press statement issued by

the ministry According to the statement, the IEP is an effective and appropriate

government's vision of introducing large scale solar developing a sustainable, cost-efficient energy sector that meets the country's strategic, socio-economic Forecast 2021-30 report needs and rapidly growing energy demand.

In the continuation of this vision, an Energy Planning & Resource Centre (EPRC) has been established within IEP gave a comprehensive shared briefing of the policy reports published by EPRC including Pakistan Energy Demand Forecast 2021-30, Pakistan Energy Outlook Report 2021-30, Pakistan Natural Gas Policy Analysis and way forward and its

IPP's in the country. During the meeting, Pakistan Energy Demand was discussed. The report aims to start addressing the dire need for primary energy demand forecasting and provide the future energy demand (2021– 2030) for all energy project. The EPRC team sources (oil, coal, natural gas, liquefied natural gas (LNG), liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), and electricity) across all economic sectors of Pakistan.

The report provides a review of existing energy sector forecasts published by various stakeholders in upcoming work on the their official reports.

Rupee gains 22 paisa against Dollar

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistani Rupee on Thursday gained 22 paisa against US Dollar in the interbank trading and closed at Rs 285.16 against the previous day's closing at Rs 285.38.

However, according o the Forex Association of Pakistan (FAP), the buying and selling rates of the Dollar in the open market stood at Rs 285.25 and Rs 287.8 respectively.

The price of the Euro decreased by Rs 1.12 to close at Rs 312.37 against the last day's closing of Rs 313.49, according to the State Bank of Pakistan

Tractor production increase 55% in Jul-Oct

ISLAMABAD (APP): The production of farm tractors in the country witnessed an increase of 55.1 per cent to 17,098 units during the first four months of the financial year 2023-24, against the production of 11,027 units during the same months last

During July-October, the production of trucks witnessed a decreasing trend as it went down from 1,267 units as compared to 597, showing a decline of 52.9 per cent, according to the Pakistan Automobile Manufacturing Association (PAMA)

pickups, Light Commercial Vehicles (LCVs) and Jeeps also dipped by 42 per cent to 6,797 units during the months under review from 11,712 units during the fiscal year 2022-23

The production of buses witnessed a decline of 57.7 per cent from 336 units to 142 units during the fiscal year 2024, the PAMA added.

Meanwhile, production of passenger cars also declined to 19,861 units against the production of 42,114 units during July-October, the



Senator Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah, Chairman Senate Standing Committee on National Food Security and Research presiding over a meeting of the Committee at Parliament House Islamabad

278,000 children

vaccinated in

3 days of anti

polio campaign

CHINIOT (APP): A total

of 278,000 children have

been vaccinated during the

three days of the anti-polio

campaign in the district on

Thursday. According to the

Deputy Commissioner

(DC) office, DC Muhammad Asif Raza presided over the evening

meeting of the District

Committee and reviewed

the implementation of the anti-polio campaign.
To ensure the success

of the campaign, the

Deputy Commissioner

directed the District Health

Authority to take strict

departmental action against

any negligent supervisory

staff. He also stressed the

importance of continuing

measures to maintain the

sense of administration of

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Baligh-ur-Rehman says

Pakistan, China bound in a relationship of mutual trust, love

Chinese Jiangsu police delegation calls on Punjab governor

Independent Report Chinese Jiangsu Police delegation, led by Deputy Director General of Police Security Tan Yongsheng, called on Governor Punjab Muhammad Balighur Rehman at the Governor's House, here on Thursday.

The governor told the delegation Pakistan and China were bound in a relationship of mutual trust, love and unparalleled friendship, adding that the strong friendship was higher than the Himalayas, deeper than the sea and sweeter than honey.

He said the Belt and Road Initiative was a revolutionary project of revolutionary project pr

Chinese President Xi provide an opportunity for Jingping, adding the China modern policing, he said Corridor (CPEC) would open new avenues of development not only in Pakistan and China but in the entire region. He said ongoing

Economic and added that defence and other agreements between Pakistan and China were a reflection of mutual trust between the two countries.

Jiangsu Deputy Director General of Police development projects Security Tan Yongsheng under CPEC would said that in addition to bring a lot of cooperation in the field of improvement in energy policing between and infrastructure in the Pakistan and China. country and generate economic cooperation and economic development.

Balighur Rehman said various training courses

Balighur Rehman said contacts would also be enhanced. He said that and mutual exchanges Pak-China friendship would increase the would be further

CM Punjab visits DG Khan cardiology hospital

Independent Report

DG KHAN: Punjab Chief Minister made visit to institute of cardiology along with the provincial ministers, Amir Mir and Ibrahim Murad here on Thursday.

CM ordered to make the hospital functional completely. He directed to appoint medics of the concerned diseases and nurses with paramedics in the institute on a priority basis. Mohsin Naqvi made a detailed visit to the basement, ground and first floors and OPD of the hospital in particular.

He reviewed CT Scan machine, MIR room and ensured that they were working

Later during the visit, he held a little talk with the media where he expressed contentment that the hospital was providing good services to the people across Southern Punjab.



RAHIM YAR KHAN: Punjab Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi enquiring about health injured Constable at Sheikh Sheikh Zayed Hospital.



General of Police Security Tan Yongsheng, in a group photo with Governor Punjab Muhammad Balighur Rehman at the Governor's House.

Jamal highlights role of journalism in countering adverse effects of media

Independent Report PESHAWAR: Caretaker

Minister for Information and Public Relations, Barrister Feroze Jamal Shah Kakakhel on Thursday highlighted the pivotal role of journalism in mitigating adverse effects of social media emphasizing importance of ethical

He was addressing a gathering of journalists at Peshawar Press Club. The minister also highlighted importance journalism in countering the negative influence of social media. Referring to incidents such as the Kohistan incident, he stressed the need for responsible journalism as a crucial antidote to the

Ombudperson, Ms Nabila

HakimAli Khan, emphasized

the need to empower and

build confidence in women

While speaking to the media at the Circuit House,

she advocated for providing

women with a conducive

work environment at

Provincial

on Thursday.

workplaces.

harmful effects of social

Barrister Feroze affirmed the indispensable relationship between the Department of Information and Press Club and said that efforts are underway to further strengthen press clubs and support unemployed journalists through the Journalists Welfare Endowment Fund.

He visited various sections of the press club underscoring commitment to providing journalists with a conducive and efficient working environment.

Chief Secretary Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Nadeem Aslam Chaudhry, Secretary Information Syed Abdul Jabbar Shah.

that women should not

be deprived of their

inheritance rights under

a dire need of the time, she

said adding that facilities are

being provided to women in

regional offices. The Woman

Ombudsperson mentioned

that the Punjab government

was taking important

initiatives for the betterment

Empowering women is

any circumstances.

One dead, 11 **Empowering women** injured in high school truck

ATTOCK (APP): woman was killed and 11 passengers were injured in a traffic accident in Jand Tehsil of Attock on Thursday. According to Rescue Sources, the incident occurred near Namal village in Jund tehsil when a high school truck carrying female students collided with a stationary Ford loader vehicle.

CM KP directs completion of computerization land records

progress review meeting of the Board of Revenue (BoR) was held with caretaker Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Justice ® Syed Arshad Hussain Shah in the chair. The meeting took

implementation status of the Chief Minister's directives issued in the previous meeting and reviewed the progress so far made on the project regarding computerization and digitization of land records in the province.

Caretaker Provincial Minister for Revenue and Finance Ahmed Rasool Caretaker Bangash, Minister for ST&IT Dr. Najeeb Ullah, Senior Member Board of Revenue Ikramullah Khan and other relevant authorities attended the meeting. Briefing

participants, it informed that after the Chief Minister's notice on slow implementation of the record computerization project,

PESHAWAR (APP): A significant improvement has been made in the process of land records computerization, adding that during the last week, 30 more Mauzas have been operationalized in different districts of the province, and thus, the total number of operational Mauzas has increased from 2356 to

> Similarly, the number of manual Mauzas has reduced from 813 to 474 within one week. It was further told that during the last 11 days, a total of 31 Mauzas have been made live which include; 10 Mauzas in Bannu, six Mauzas in Abbottabad, seven in Charsadda, three in Peshawar, three in Kohat and one Mauza each in Swat and Shangla.

Whereas, during the same period, a total of 261 Mauzas have been notified for stoppage of manual mutations which include; 15 Mauzas in Haripur, 10 in Swat, 11 in Shangla, 44 in Bannu, 15 in Peshawar, 159 in DI Khan and seven Mauzas in Battagram.



MUZAFFARABAD: Prime Minister Azad Kashmir Chaudhry Anwar Haq is speaking in the session of the Legislative Assembly.

Minister advocates hemophilia awareness

Independent Report LAHORE: Punjab Health Javed Akram, emphasized the urgent need for hemophilia awareness during a seminar at the Children's Library Complex

here on Thursday. Addressing audience, he highlighted the 40 hereditary nature of complications can be hemophilia and the avoided with timely challenges in its diagnosis. detection.

commended Minister, Professor Dr. Hemophilia Society's efforts, providing treatment facilities to over 1,100 patients across the province, with a significant number in Lahore. He stressed the importance of early diagnosis, stating that per cent of

International News

dire need of hour

Woman

Ms Nabila stressed of women.

Nations urged to take 'great leaps' at UN climate talks

DUBAI (AFP/APP): The UN climate conference opens in Dubai on Thursday with nations under pressure to increase the urgency of action on global warming and wean off fossil fuels, amid intense scrutiny of oil-rich

The two-week-long climate negotiations being held this year in the glitzy Gulf city come at a pivotal moment, with emissions still rising and this year likely to be the hottest in human history.

Britain's King Charles III, world leaders, activists and lobbyists are among more than 97,000 people expected to attend what is being billed as the largest climate gathering of its kind. The UN and hosts the United Arab Emirates say

these talks, known as COP28, will be the most important since Paris in 2015, when nations agreed to limit global warming to well below 2C since the preindustrial era, and preferably to a safer limit of 1.5C. Scientists say the world is not on track to achieve

these targets, and nations must make faster and deeper cuts to emissions to avert the most disastrous impacts of

'Right now, we're taking baby steps where we should be taking great leaps and great strides to get us to where presidency to pursue fossil fuel deals in meetings with we need to be," said UN climate chief Simon Stiell on governments—accusations he strenuously denied.

A central focus will be a stocktake of the world's limited progress on curbing global warming, which re-

quires an official response at these talks.
On Friday and Saturday, about 140 heads of state and government—Pope Francis had to cancel last minute due to the flu—are expected to articulate their ambition after a year of devastating floods, wildfires and storms

The UAE sees itself as a bridge between rich developed nations most responsible for historic emissions and the rest of the world, which has contributed less to global varming but suffers its worst consequences.

But the decision for it to host has attracted a firestorm of criticism, particularly after the appointment of Sultan Al Jaber—the head of UAE oil giant ADNOC—to steer the talks as COP president.

The 50-year-old Emirati, who also chairs a clean energy company, has defended his record and resisted pressure from European and US lawmakers to

Fears of a conflict of interest were given fresh life on the eve of COP28 when Jaber was accused of using the



Palestinians check damage following a raid in Jenin in the Israeli-occupied West Bank War-ravaged Gaza City now

Gaza truce is not enough, say residents of bombed-out neighbourhood News Desk

KHAN YUNIS: Returning home to find their neighbourhood wrecked by bombs, residents of Abu Ta'imah, on the outskirts of Gaza's Khan Yunis, said the Palestinian territory needed a permanent ceasefire, not just an extension of the truce between Israel and Hamas. Local people fled the area on the eastern edge of the city at the start of the fighting and did not return until the truce, which was in its sixth day on Wednesday.

"We were shocked to see this destruction. We were shocked to see our homes, our streets, our lands, our yards and everything demolished," said Gihad Nabil, who was recently married and had been living in Abu Ta'imah with his wife. Standing on a roof with a view of ruined buildings and mounds of rubble as far as the eye could see, he said the area had been home to about 5,000 or 6,000 people before the Hamas raid. He asked where they would go. "My house is completely destroyed. My brother's home, my uncle's, my neighbour's, all of them destroyed. We don't need this truce, we need a complete ceasefire," he said, likening what he was seeing to an earthquake zone



Tarek al-Anabi, a 25-year-old Palestinian, gives English lessons to displaced children at a school in Rafah, which is used as a temporary shelter.

Ex-US secretary of state Henry Kissinger dies at 100 CONNECTICUT (INP):

Former US secretary of state Henry Kissinger, known for his influential role in shaping post-World War II global dynamics, passed away on Wednesday at the age of 100, as announced by his consulting firm. "Dr. Henry Kissinger, a respected American scholar and statesman, died today at his home in Connecticut," Kissinger Associates announced in a statement late

on Wednesday. While the statement did not disclose the cause of death, it noted that the family would hold a private funeral, with a memorial service planned for later in New York.

Kissinger remained active even in his centenarian years, travelling to China in July to meet President Xi

China was one of Kissinger's most lasting

Hoping to shake up the Cold War fight against the Soviet Union, Kissinger secretly reached out to China, culminating in a historic 1972 visit by thenpresident Richard Nixon and later the US establish-

ment of relations with

Beijing.
After the Watergate scandal brought down Nixon, Kissinger served under his successor, Gerald Ford. Unprecedentedly, Kissinger served both as the secretary of state and national security ad-His involvement in

negotiations to end the Vietnam War also earned him the Nobel Peace Prize even though the conflict continued afterward and his North Vietnamese counterpart declined to accept the prize.

However, Kissinger's realpolitik approach and involvement in controversial actions, such as undermining Chile's elected president Salvador Allende and supporting General Augusto Pinochet's coup, have left a lasting and divisive legacy. He is also said to have supported Indonesia, a close anti-communist ally, as it seized East Timor in 1975, and turned a blind eye to Pakistan's alleged mass atrocities as Bangladesh won independence in 1971, seeing Islamabad as a valuable go-

between with China.

a 'ghost town', UN aid agency UNITED

(APP):Amid hopes of a deal to extend the pause in Israeli attacks on Gaza, the UN agency for Palestinian refugees, UNRW,) reported on Wednesday that humanitarian assistance had reached its shelters in northern Gaza for the first time since conflict erupted last month.

"As we drove through Gaza City it was like a ghost town; all the streets were deserted," said Thomas White, Director of UNRWA Affairs in Gaza. "The impact of heavy

airstrikes and shelling was so visible. Roads are riddled with craters, complicating aid deliveries," he said. Wednesday marks the

sixth and final day of a truce between Hamas and Israel that was facilitated by Qatar, a rising diplomatic star at the world stage. Humanitarian officials

have urged the two sides to support repeated international calls to extend the pause in fighting, which has facilitated the reported release of at least 85 hostages by Hamas, and of more than 180 Palestinians detained by Israel.

abled humanitarian actors, primarily the Egyptian and Palestinian Red Crescent Societies and UN agencies, to "enhance" desperately needed aid deliveries into and across Gaza, according to the aid coordination of-

fice, OCHA.

The UN office's latest aid update noted that a Palestine Red Crescent Society convoy had reached the north on Tuesday carrying food, medical supplies, water, and non-food items, although the bulk of aid distribution has focused on the south, where most displaced Gazans now live.

In a statement, UNRWA said that on Monday a six-truck convoy had reached Jabalia, the largest and most built-up refugee camp in Gaza, located north of Gaza City.

UNRWA colleagues in Jabalia continue to serve their communities day in, day out, including one of the agency's sanitation services chiefs - "despite the unspeakable grief of his wife and daughter being killed", White said. Some 200 aid trucks have been able to cross into the enclave via

The pause has also en- Egypt every day since the pause in fighting came into force on Friday 24 November. Images provided by UNRWA on X on Wednesday showed volunteers unloading sacks of supplies into a warehouse and a static fuel tank being filled.

More than 15,000 Gazans have been killed during Israeli airstrikes, according to the enclave's health authorities, including about 6,000 children.

In a related development, the head of the UN health agency issued a fresh warning on Wednesday about the high risk of diseases spreading among those displaced by the violence. Writing on X, formerly Twitter, Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus reiterated dire assessments that "given the living conditions and lack of healthcare, more people could die from disease than bombings".

Latest data from the World Health Organization (WHO) pointed to 111,000 acute respiratory infections, 75,000 cases of diarrhoea and tens of thousands of people suffering from scabies, lice, skin rashes and iaundice.



KARACHI: Caretaker Sindh Chief Minister Justice (R) Maqbool Baqar speaks at the International Urdu Conference at the Arts Council of Pakistan

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SLAMABAD (APP): Pa-

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lined the importance of the

strategic relationship be-

tween Pakistan and Kuwait

that both countries' leader-

ship was keen to strengthen

bilateral relationship in dif-

ferent domains such as food

security, trade, investments

and people-to-people en-

with PTV news channel, he

elaborated that Pakistan and Kuwait had share a cher-

ished relationship that only

grew stronger with each passing year.
"We are seeing greater

interest from Kuwaiti to in-

vest," he added. He also ex-

pressed his satisfaction at

close cooperation between

the two countries at multi-

lateral fora. Prime Minister

Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar was

on a two-day official visit

to Kuwait with the primary

objective of signing of

MoUs in multiple areas

geared to transforming the six

decades' long bilateral rela-

tions into mutually benefi-

cial economic ties, he said.

Pakistan's total

liquid foreign

reserves stood

at \$12.39 billion

KARACHI (APP): The

total liquid foreign reserves

of Pakistan reached US\$

12,392.8 million while the

central bank held the

reserves of \$7,257 million.

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ended on November 24,

commercial banks stood at

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Planning Minister reviews progress on water resource, **National Water Policy**

Planning Development and Initiatives, Muhammad Sami Saeed here on Thursday chaired a meeting to review progress on the Water Resource Sector and implementation status of the National Water Policy framework.

The meeting was attended by Member Infrastructure, Chief Water Resources and other relevant stakeholders, according to a press statement issued by

During the meeting, a comprehensive briefing was given to the minister over Indus Basin Irrigation System (IBIS), the availability

ISLAMABAD (APP): tal sectoral water demand The Agriculture Sector is Caretaker Minister for and challenges faced by the the major user of available system due to population growth and inefficient utilization of water resources. In addition, salient fea-

tures of National Water

Policy 2018, its strategic priorities and national targets set for 2023 were also During the meeting, it was informed that IBIS is

the fourth largest Irrigation first ever National Policy Network in the world. About 20.2 million hectares of land is cultivated through annual flows of 138.4 MAF

Pakistan has 6668 gla- ties of the policy are Conciers more than any country, anywhere on Earth while groundwater contri-



KARACHI: Qaumi Awami Tehreek (QAT) President, Ayaz Latif Palijo addresses to media persons during a dialogue program to bring justice to the heirs of Fatima Paĥro, a young girl, who was sexually assaulted and murdered in Ranipur Haveli, held at the meeting hall in Karachi press club

SC moved for establishment of JC on return of Afghan refugees

ISLAMABAD (Online): Petition has been filed in Supreme Court (SC) for establishment of Judicial Council (JC) in connection with return of Afghan refugees to Afghanistan. The petition has been filed by six citizens, it has been said in the petition that Pakistan has been hosting 5 million Afghan refugees generously since the last 40 years. Afghan refugees came to Pakistan during 3 wars after war with Soviet Union. The government gave deadline for evacuation of illegal for-

As per media reports Afghan refugees were allowed to take with them Rs 50000. Government could not check every one individually that any person is threat or otherwise.

The plea has been taken in the petition that federal government failed to prove this that decision for returning Afghan Refugees to their homeland was taken under what authority. It has been requested in the petition that the decision of federal government for deportation of Afghan refugees is against the basic rights.

Seminar held on "Self-Accountability is the Best Accountability"

H Y D E R A B A D as societies are built upon (APP): The NAB Sindh and the regional director of colleges jointly organized a seminar under the theme of 'Self-Accountability is the Best Accountability", which was attended by students of boys and girls colleges of all districts of the

Hyderabad division. Addressing the attendees, special guests of the event, and additional director colleges Professor Aftab Ahmed asserted that undoubtedly, self-accountability stands as the optimal means for both worldly success and eternal pros-

He emphasized that combating corruption could unquestionably succeed through self-accountability,

the actions of individuals. and without transparency in individual roles, a country or society cannot be free from corruption.

Professor Muhammad Hanif Durrani said, "Today, due to inflation, unemployment, and injustice, we are not among the ranks of developed nations because we fail to identify the fundamental cause of corrup-

He defined corruption as actions that are improper and unethical, asserting that corruption acts as a hindrance to progress.

Hence, he emphasized the necessity of initiating the process of accountability from within oneself and



KARACHI: Alarge number of vehicles stuck in traffic jam due to negligence of traffic police staffs and illegal parking, at Stadium road in Karachi

16th International Urdu Conference featuring a bunch of literary events kicks off

KARACHI (APP): The 4-day long "16th Aalmi Urdu Conference" 2023 kickstarted at the Arts Council of Pakistan Karachi on Thursday.

The caretaker Chief Minister Sindh Justice ® Magbool Bagir inaugurated the conference that would continue till December 04, 2023. The inaugural ceremony was attended by notable figures in literature and arts, including Iftikhar Arif, Zehra Nigah, Kashif

ECP adjourns contempt case hearing until December 6

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) has adjourned the hearing of a case linked to contempt of the commission until December

Nisar Durrani, an ECP member, chaired a fourmember bench that resumed the hearing of a case, where Chairman PTI Asad Umer and Fawad Chaudhry face accusations of contempt of the Chief Election Commissioner and the commis-

The bench again deferred the indictment of PTI chairman in the contempt until next hearing.

Faisal Chaudhry, repenting Fawad resenting Chaudhry, and Shoaib Shaheen, counsel for Chairman PTI Asad Umer, appeared before the bench. PTI counsel Shoaib Shaheen stated that they haven't received copies of the election commission's orders pertaining to PTI chairman.

A member of the ECP said, the Law Ministry has cited security concerns, stating that the PTI chairman cannot be brought before the commission.

Shoaib Shaheen expressed his desire to present arguments, stressing the importance of transparency by making the report public. Alternatively, if public disclosure isn't possible, he requested the commission to share the report with the accused's counsel, especially as it is being used against PTI. In the event of a jail trial, he insisted that the entire proceedings should be conducted

APHC calls for complete shutdown in HOJK today

ISLAMABAD (APP): The All Parties Hurriyat Conference (APHC) has called for a complete shutdown in Indian's illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir on Fri-

According to Kashmir Media Service, the shutdown is meant to protest against the posting of a blasphemous video by an Indian student about Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him). It is also aimed at protesting against illegal arrests, booking of seven Kashmiri students under draconian law, dismissal of Kashmiri government employees and confiscation of properties of people.

The APHC in a statement urged the people of the occupied territory to make the strike a success. It also asked them to hold protest demonstrations on Friday.



KARACHI: The Provincial Ombudsman of Sindh Mr Aijaz Ali Khan and the Chief Ombudsman of Thailand/President of IOI Asia Region Mr Somsak Suwansujrait sign MOU for fostering cooperation in the field of complaint handling at CM House. Caretaker Sindh Chief Minister Justice (R) Magbool Bagar, Secretary Health Dr Mansoor Rizvi, Rehana Memon and others witnessing the

DC Larkana visits various villages to monitor six-day polio eradication campaign

ARKANA (APP):The Deputy Commissioner Larkana Jaweed Ahmed

The State Bank of Kumbhar along-with Addi-Pakistan, in a statement tional Deputy Commisissued here on Thursday, sioner-II Larkana and District Health Officer Larkana on Thursday visited the various places of million during the week Larkana district in order to monitor and to review the performance of the polio teams during the ongoing foreign reserves held by 6-Day National Polio

> Campaign. The campaign would be started from Monday till Sunday in Larkana Dis-

During the visit, the Deputy Commissioner was briefed that the officials of the Health Department with the assistance of WHO and UNICEF, set up 890 teams, who were visiting set up.

door-to-door to administer Anti anti-polio drops to 0-5-year-old children in the Larkana district.

The DC Larkana urged upon the parents, teachers, representatives of NGOs. and the members of the community that they should come forward to play their role in the success of the 6-day 'Anti Polio' campaign which is being started from Monday, in the district, so that no any child aged 0-5 years may be deprived of Oral Polio Drops.

The Deputy Commissioner also said that in order to monitor the Anti Polio Campaign in Larkana district at District and Taluka level the control rooms have already been

Int'l mountain day to be observed on Dec 11

national Mountain Day, themed "Restoring mountain ecosystems", will be observed on December 11 across the world to highlight the significance of the mountains their peoples'

According to details, the United Nations General Assembly nominated December 11 as "International Mountain Day" in 2002. However, beyond their aesthetics, mountains play a crucial role in our planet's well-being, impacting global ecosys-

KARACHI (APP): Inter- tems, climate, and commu-

This theme was selected to fully include mountains in the UN decade on ecosystem restoration 2021-2030, co-led by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN and the UN Environment Programme. The Decade is an opportunity to draw together political support, scientific research and financial resources to significantly scale up restoration and prevent further degradation of mountain ecosysRaza Siddiqui, Manzar Athar Baig, and others. The ceremony began

with a minute of silence condemning Israel's aggression in Palestine. he International Urdu Conference features a host of literary events including sessions on prose and poetry, Aalmi Mushaira, the launching of books, documentaries, theater plays, and literary discussions. The conference witnessed a large number of delegates from abroad, representing various regional languages and Urdu writers from different parts of the

Justice ® Magbool Bagar, addressing the inaugural ceremony, said that the inter-

Nadeem, Pirzada Qasim national Urdu conference pirations; it is the history,

The CM said that Lit-

Caretaker Sindh CM

being organized by the Arts Council for the last 16 years has now become our 'literary brand' to spread the message of love, respect and tolerance.

erature can bring people of different backgrounds, cultures, and ways of life together. When people relate to a piece of literature, it makes you think that you're not alone and that someone else has been through what you are going through, he maintained. Quoting Shakespeare, he said, "Lit-

erature is the expression of life in words of truth and beauty; it is the written record of man's spirit, of his

and the only history, of the human soul." Justice ® Bagar appreciated the leading literary figures who contributed to the conferences through their literary work and developed a spirit of tolerance and co-existence among people of different languages, religions, and faiths. The conference was not only playing an excellent role in the mindset of the youth but it was highlighting a positive perception of Pakistan around the world, he stated. The CM urged the youth not only to participate in such conferences which were bound to inculcate the spirit of human-

ity among them but develop a



Dr. Asad Heemani call on Sindh Governor Kamran Khan Tessori at Governor

PM to lead Pakistan's delegation in COP-28

DUBAI (APP):Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar will lead the Pakistani delegation in the high-level segment of the 28th UN Conference of Parties (COP 28) starting here at the Expo City on

The prime minister will attend the World Climate Action Summit on December 1 and 2, a press release by the Prime Minister Office Press Wing

Prime Minister Kakar will give a national state-Action Summit on Decem-Meetings of the prime

minister with various world leaders are expected on the sidelines of the conference. Caretaker Foreign Min-

ister Jalil Abbas Jilani, Caretaker Finance Minister Dr Shamshad Akhtar, Caretaker Minister for Climate Change Ahmed Irfan Aslam and Caretaker Energy Minister Muhammad Ali will also participate in the COP

Tik Toker awarded death sentence for murder

ISLAMABAD (APP) The district and session Court here on Thursday awarded a death sentence to a Tik Toker on charges of murder and dacoity. Additional District and Sessions Judge, Tahir Abbas announced the verdict after hearing the argu-

The TikToker was sentenced to the death and a fine of half a million was imposed on him. The Tiktoker was booked by Golra police station on the charges of murder and dacoity.

9 suspects held, liquor, marijuana recovered

HYDERABAD (APP) Police claimed to have arrested nine suspects and recovered marijuana and wine from their possession on Thursday. According to details,

Station House Officer Tando Yousuf police station Inspector Muhammad Ali Dhamrah during patrolling arrested three drug peddlers Abdul Razaq, Osama and Riaz Ahmed and recovered marijuana, and liquor from their possession.

SHO City police station Muzaffar Ali Khalidi conducting raids in his territorial jurisdiction arrested Asad Ajmeri and recovered liquor and a motorcycle.

Meanwhile, SHOs of Hussainabad, Sakhi Peer, Airport, B Section also conducted raids in their territorial jurisdictions and arrested five accused, recovered a huge quantity of liquor and motorcycles from their possession.

Federal cabinet approves jail trial of PTI chairman in cipher case Qureshi and others will be

ISLAMABAD (Online): Cabinet has accorded approval to jail trial of PTI chairman in cipher case. According to media re-

ports federal cabinet has ap-

proved trial of Imran Khan in Adiala jail in cipher case. Approval has been obtained from cabinet regarding summary of ministry of law and justice through circulation under which the trial

conducted in Adiala Jail as per official secret act. It has been said that ap-

proval was obtained from federal cabinet in the light of decision of judge Abual Hasnaat Zulqarnain of special court established un official secret act. The cabinet was informed about Islamabad High Court (IHC) decision on nullificaof former Prime Minister (PM), Shah Mehmood man and others.

Boy has three mothers Manks to Naura's Drimance

KARACHI (INP): The Sindh High Court has issued a notice to National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA) seeking its response for registering names of three women as mother of a 17year-old boy as per its record in Karachi.

The biological mother of the boy, Sadaf, filed an application in the court against the Nadra seeking remedy against such an illegal act. The court heard the plea on Thursday and issued orders.

Petitioner's lawyer Nasir Ahmad said in the petition that as per NADRA's record, the boy, Umar Raza, has three mothers which is nothing but a blunder. The lawyer said the boy's parents have separated long ago but the NADRA record now mentions names of grand-

mother as all his mothers, the lawyer added.

The lawyer argued that this kind situation may create hurdles for Umar Raza and hinder his education. The biological mother of the boy, Sadaf, filed an application in the court against the Nadra seeking remedy against such an illegal act. The court heard the plea on Thursday and issued or-

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11 policemen lose job for involvement in organized crimes an orderly room session on

KARACHI (APP):SSP District Keamari, Arif Aslam Rao took stringent measures against officers and officials engaged in organized crimes, resulting in the dismissal of 11 individuals involved in drug-related activities, gutka/ mawa, smuggling, and other criminal acts.

Following the issuance of show cause notices, an inquiry was conducted by the authorized officer, said Keamari Police spokesper-

After the final showcause notices were served and the guilty officers and officials were heard during

Thursday, a decision was made. In total, 14 police of-

ficers and officials appeared before SSP Keamari in the orderly room. Eleven officers were dismissed from their positions, the services of two were forfeited, and one official underwent orders for a re-inquiry.

Among the dismissed individuals are Sub-Inspector Mehboob Tanoli, Head Constable Ikramullah, Constables Chan Zaib, Jabbar, Sohail, Anil Ali, Zahid Rafiq, Owais, Muhammad Javed, Abdul Majid, and Musawar Ali.