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SC suspends LHC order on election officers paving way for Feb 8 polls

ISLAMABAD (INP): The Supreme Court has nullified the Lahore High Court's order which suspended a notifiNiazi's [petition] constitutes a breach of the Supreme cation issued by the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) regarding the appointments of district returning officers (DROs) and returning officers (ROs) from within the bureaucracy, paving the way for timely general elec-

The apex court also ordered the ECP to issue the election schedule today.

The ECP challenged the LHC's order in the Supreme Court Friday evening. LHC's decision could potentially cause a delay in the general elections scheduled for Feb 8

A three-member bench, led by Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Qazi Faez Isa, conducted hearing of ECP's appeal, with other members including Sardar Tariq Masood and Justice Mansoor Ali Shah.

The bench took up the appeal right away.
During the proceedings, CJP Isa remarked that the Supreme Court won't allow anyone to derail democracy

At one point, CJP Isa questioned if elections could be stalled across the country just on the basis of a plea filed by PTI lawyer Umair Khan Niazi.

Directing Swati, an ECP lawyer, to read out the Nov 3 order of the apex court, which stressed for conducting the general elections on Feb 8, the CJP questioned, "Should Court's directive.

The ECP, in its appeal, requested the Supreme Court to declare the Lahore High Court's order null and void. A day prior, the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) made the decision to approach the apex court in response to the Lahore High Court's suspension of its notification regarding the appointments of district returning officers (DROs) and returning officers (ROs) from

the bureaucracy for the impending general elections.

Justice Ali Baqir Najafi of the Lahore High Court had suspended the ECP's Dec 11 notification of administering the Feb 8 general elections through bureaucracy in response to a petition filed by the Pakistan Tehreek-e-

This prompted the ECP to halt the ongoing training of DROs and ROs.

On Thursday, during a consultative meeting, the ECP's legal team recommended approaching the Supreme

Acting upon this advice, Chief Election Commissioner Sikander Sultan Raja held a crucial meeting today (Friday) with Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Qazi Faez Isa, with SC's Justice Sardar Tariq Masood and Justice Ijazul Ahsan, as well as Attorney General for Pakistan Masood



MUZAFFARABAD: Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar chairs a special meeting of the Cabinet of Azad Jammu and Kashmir.

RAWALPINDI: Chief of Army Staff (COAS), General Asim Munir called on

Antony J. Blinken, Secretary of State during his ongoing visit to US.

Murtaza Solangi main-

ECP to announce action plan in light of law, Constitution: Solangi

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Federal Minister for Information, Broadcasting and Parliamentary Affairs Murtaza Solangi said on Friday the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) would announce its action plan in the light of

the Constitution and law. Talking to the media outside the ECP he said under Article 218(3) of the Constitution, the only constitutional body responsible for conducting elections in the country was the Election Commission.

"We neither can question the Election Commission, nor we can supervise tion, media was free, and it, in fact, the Election Commission supervises the

caretaker government,'

tained. He said if anyone had a complaint with the ECP, he could contact the Election Commission. The ECP under the

Constitution enjoyed the ower to appoint District Returning Officers. Murtaza Solangi remarked. The present caretaker regime was appointed un-

der the constitutional pro-He said everyone had the right to freedom of expression under Article 19 and 19A of the Constitu-

there was no restriction on



Domki has appealed to all Pakistanis to unite against the nefarious designs of the terrorists so as to end the menace of terrorism completely from the country.

This, the caretaker Chief Minister stated in an official statement issued here on Friday.

The statement marked the 9th anniversary of tragedy of Army Public School Peshawar being observed terrorists In the statement, Mir Ali Mardan Domki said that the nation has rendered great sacrifices as a result we are living in a peaceful

environment. While paying homage to the innocent Martyrs of APS Peshawar and their families, the caretaker Chief Minister said that the tragedy united the whole

He said that the entire nation is starting by its security forces.

He said that the 16th December would always be remembered as the blackest day in the country's history. Mr. Domki said that the pain and grief of martyrs of APS Peshawar is still alive in our hearts as we didn't forget the gruesome tragedy.

The Chief Minister said that our topmost priority is to establish peace and we have to promote such an environment that guarantees peace.

Pakistan, US agree to continue exploring potential avenues of bilateral collaboration

COAS meets key US govt, military officials

Message on 9th anniversary of APS Peshawar tragedy:

CM appeals to nation to

unite against nefarious

RAWALPINDI (APP): Finer and US Chairman of Chief of Army Staff Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen-(COAS), General Syed eral Charles Q Brown. Asim Munir has called on key US Government and Military officials during his ongoing visit to the US including, Secretary of State, Antony J. Blinken, Secretary of Defence, General ® Llyod J. Austin, Deputy Secretary of State, Victoria Nuland, Deputy National Security Adviser, Jonathan

designs of

Independent Report

QUETTA: The caretaker

Chief Minister Balochistan,

According to the Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) news release, matters of bilateral interests. global and regional security issues, and ongoing conflicts were discussed during the meetings.

Both sides agreed to continue engagement for ex Continued on page 2

eye on Pakistan; change status of Kashmir: PM

Kashmir never was, nor will be part of India

No one can dare cast an evil

Indian unilateral, illegal acts to further stimulate

Kashmir freedom movement: Kakar MUZAFFARABAD Aviv...No one can dare to (APP): Caretaker Prime kill 4,000 children here," he AJK in it, he said, "No one (APP): Caretaker Prime said in an interaction with Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Friday, reiteratthe students of different

ing Pakistan's principled Azad Jammu and Kashmir during his two-day visit. Expressing his confi-dence in Pakistan's defence position and support on the Kashmir issue, categorically said that no one could dare cast an evil eye on Pacapabilities in the context of the Indian aggression, he kistan and that its desire for peace should not be missaid though Narendra Modi construed as weakness or and Benjamin Netanyahu

hesitation to face any agof Israel had same attitudes, "Pakistan is not a war- but they had different mongering nation. But if implementing capability anyone thinks that we are and response mechanisms. weak, shying away or hesi-To a question, the prime tating, they should remove minister strongly rejected the rumours of any change this misunderstanding. in Pakistan's policy to fol-

can think of such a stupid act. Nobody can dare.' He said that the colleges and universities of rumours were spread by the enemies to create misunder-

standings and that Pakistan had a principled journey with the Kashmiris for decades, backed by the sacrifices of 90,000 people. He said Pakistan had fought three wars with In-

dia on Kashmir and was ready to face any kind of "Are we fighting the

wars to make Kashmir (part of)KP (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa)? This is out

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Muzaffarabad is not Gaza and New Delhi is not Tel low suit India to merge the

OUETTA: Governor Balochistan Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar and Christian

Three Pak Navy rank of Rear Admiral

ISLAMABAD (APP): Three Commodores of the Pakistan Navy have been promoted to the rank of Rear Admiral with immediate effect on Friday.

Rear Admiral Mazhar Mahmood Malik was commissioned in Marine Engineering Branch of Pakistan Navy in 1992. The Flag Officer is a graduate of Pakistan Navy War College Lahore, National Defence University Islamabad and qualified Masters of Science in Mechanical Engineering from National University of Science and

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Christmas ceremony held at Governor House: Governor cuts Christmas officers promoted to

community cutting cake during a ceremony held in connection with Christmas

cake, extends heartiest congratulations to Christians Independent Report sion, Governor extended heartiest congratulations to QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Malik Abdul the Christian community living in the province.

Wali Khan Kakar participated in a ceremony held in connection with the Christmas at the Governor House on Friday.

The Governor cut the Christmas cake along with Ehtisham Jan at the cer-

Also present on the

occasion were the males and females belonging to the Christian community. Speaking on the occa-

invaluable services of Christian community in different sectors especially health and education in Balochistan. He said that there are invaluable services of Christian community in these sectors.

He said that we share

joys of Christmas with the

Christian community.
Malik Abdul Wali

Kakar also applauded the

Ejaz Anwar Chohan assumes charge of PEC Balochistan

Independent Report OUETTA: The newly appointed Provincial Election Commissioner (PEC), Ejaz Anwar Chohan has assumed the charge of his post here on Friday.

Soon after assumption of the charge of post of PEC, Mr. Ejaz Anwar Chohan had introductory meeting with the officers of Election Commission in his office. Addressing the officers,

the PEC stressed that we have to work together for general elections. He asserted that no

negligence would be tolerated in performing duties. The new PEC also ex-



to work with honesty and hard work. It may be mentioned here that Ejaz Anwar Chohan had been posted as PEC Balochistan replacing Sharifullah. Mr. Sharifullah has been posted as the PEC

Interior Minister inaugurates ANF Forensic Lab ISLAMABAD (APP): guest, alongside the Police Caretaker Federal Minister for Interior and Narcotics

Control Sarfraz Bugti, inaugurated the ANF Forensic Lab at the Anti-Narcot-Force Academy (ANFA) on Friday in the

agency's Headquarters. Secretary Ministry of Narcotics Control, Capt® Munir Azam, and DG ANF, Major General Muhammad Aneeq Ur Rehman Malik, HI (M),

Liaison Officer and Police Consular from the Embassy of the People's Republic of China. During the visit, Com-

mandant ANFA provided insights into comprehensive counter-narcotics training programs. Expressing gratitude, the minister thanked the

Chinese delegates for their invaluable assistance in establishing the forensic



trol, Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti visiting the Anti-Narcotics Force Forensic Lab at ANFAcademy.

Lashes out at dharna participants: **People of Balochistan** vehemently reject facilitators of terrorists: Jan Achakzai

RIYADH, SAUDI ARAB: Chairman Joint Chiefs of

Staff Committee (CJCSC), General Sahir Shamshad

Mirza exchanging views with Maj. Gen. Mohammed

Al-Moghedi, Secretary General of Islamic Military

Counter Terrorism Coalition (IMCTC) on the side-

line of the 2nd Meeting of IMCTC Chiefs of Staff of

Independent Report QUETTA: The caretaker Provincial Minister for Information, Jan Achakzai has stated that the people of Baluchistan have vehemently rejected the facilitators of terrorists in the province.

member states held in Riyadh.

In an official statement issued here on Friday, the Minister for Information said that the people have become aware that country's stability and survival should be our topmost priority. He asserted that the state's initiatives can't be hurt through long march and protests.

Particularly referring the long march, the caretaker Provincial Minister said that the long marchers eral public didn't join the want to blackmail the en- dharna thus rejected it.

tire state by lodging protest for a terrorist and using the women and children.

But, the Quetta city foiled their designs by not joining the protest dharna, resultantly the group went from Quetta city, Mr. Achakzai maintained

The caretaker Minister Information said that the group of long march had come to Quetta city for creating chaos after passing through the whole Balochistan province.

He said that some 400 or 500 people could gather even after passing through the province. He also said that the dharna remained continued in Ouetta city for several days, but the gen-

3 cops martyred. 5 terrorists killed in Tank Police Lines attack DERA ISMAIL KHAN

(APP): At least three poice personnel were martyred and three others injured as unidentified terrorists attacked the Police Lines Tank on Friday.

According to police, a group of terrorists armed with sophisticated weapons stormed the police lines. which was retaliated by the police. A heavy exchange of fire continued for several hours.

Rescue 1122 Tank said its teams shifted the martyred cops, including Gohar Zaman (ASI), Ehsan constable) and Abdul Rashid (constable) and the njured contables Ajmal Mukhtiyar and Shakhi Noor to the District Head quarters Hospital (DHQ) after provision of first medi-

cal aid on the spot. The Tank Police pokesman told APP that the operation was successfully completed with help of Pakistan Army and the situation was now under control

PR decides to restore Bolan Mail for Karachi from Quetta from **Dec 25**

Independent Report QUETTA: The Pakistan Railways (PR) has decided to restore Bolan Mail for Karachi from Quetta from December 25, 2023.

According to a notifi-

cation issued here by the Pakistan Railways, the Bolan Mail is being restored from Quetta to Karachi on December 25. The notification mentioned that the Bolan Mail would run

twice from Quetta to Karachi and vice versa. The operation of Bolan Mail had been suspended between Quetta-Karachi on August 25.

2023. The rail service was suspended because of the railway track damaged due to heavy floods and rains in the Sibi and Naseerabad divisions.

here is that at the moment just one train i.e. Jaffar Express has been operating from Quetta to interior country.

Needless to mention

Page

PM Kakar says

Kashmir issue to be raised internationally with renewed vigour

ISLAMABAD (APP): Kashmiri leadership which Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar Friday said that the government in consultation with the Kashmiri leadership would raise the Kashmir issue at the international forums with renewed

The prime minister, in an interview with the AJK PTV, said the Kashmiri diaspora had a vital role to play in raising the Kashmir dispute, and it should come forward and work with the help take the issue issue to its logical conclusion.

He said he was inspired

was confronting the brutality of Indian forces with bravery and fortitude.

The Kashmiris' desire for freedom was very much alive and the whole Pakistani nation stood shoulder to shoulder with them, he

The prime minister said during his address to the United Nations General Assembly he presented the viewpoint of Kashmiris.

He stressed that Pakistan would continue to ex-Pakistani leadership to tend moral, political and diplomatic support to the

sembly he represented the State of Pakistan and reiterated its seven decades old stand on the Kashmir issue.

"I was honoured to address the Assembly in the presence of Kashmiri leaders who are the heirs of the martyrs of Kashmir, including the martyrs of 1947 and Burhan Wani. "I held consultation

with the Kashmiri leadership to forge a strategy to effectively raise the Kashmir issue at the diplomatic level and at international forums," he added.

The debate on Kashmir was again brought to the He said in his address mainstream by the Governby the courage of the to the AJK Legislative As- ment of Pakistan, he he asserted.

He said Pakistan was not complete without the freedom of Kashmir and grant of right to self-determination to its people.

PM Kakar said Kashmir was a internationally recognized disputed territory and had been on the agenda of the United Nations as an unresolved issue for over seven decades which could only be settled through a plebiscite.

Without the participation of Kashmiris, no unilateral action by India, including any action of a sham court or an assembly could change reality of Kashmir,



LAHORE: Group photo of President Dr Arif Alvi during the ceremony First Jameel Jalibi Awards

Perth test 2nd day: Pakistan scores 132 runs for 2 wickets, 223 more runs requires

PERTH (Online): In re- runs and got out behind the sponse to Australia's 487 runs in the Perth Test, Pakistan scored 132 runs for day's play ended, Imamul the loss of 2 wickets at the Haq was at the wicket with end of the game on the sec- 38 runs and night watchond day while facing a defi-cit of 223 runs. man Khurram Shahzad with 7 runs. Pakistan still

Imamul Haq opened the innings for Pakistan on the second day of the first Test being played at the Wacca Cricket Stadium in Perth and both players gave the team a 74-run opening.

When the national team's score reached 74 Alex Carey started the batruns, Abdullah Shafiq was caught out by David Warner at leg slip off Australian spinner Nathan

He played an innings of 42 runs. While captain Shan Masood scored 30 wicket fell for 449 runs in Shaheen Shah Afridi.

principled position.

To a suggestion about a

corridor between the AJK

and the Indian Illegally Oc-

cupied Jammu & Kashmir

(IIOJK), he said India was

not allowing the Kashmiris

move freely even from their

homes in Srinagar, what to

talk of traveling to the AJK.

It would be possible when

the Kashmir question

"We should strive to

He said the only solu-

would go to its final settle-

take the issue to the final

per the United Nations Se-

settlement," he added.

wickets on Mitchell Starc's ball. When the second Abdullah Shafiq and need 355 runs to end Australia's first innings

> On the second day of the match, Australian batsman Mitchell Marsh, who was not out at the end of the first day, opened the batting with 15 runs and ting with 14 runs and the team's score reached 411 runs, after which Alex Carey scored 34 runs and Amir Jamal. Bowled on the

> > Australia's seventh

No one can dare cast an evil....

Contineud from page 1 political parties and of question," he commented and reiterated mulled over how to project he reiterated his earlier political parties and try.

About the brain drain, he reiterated his earlier political parties and mulled over how to project he reiterated his earlier political parties.

Pakistan's resolve of not and exploit the matter in sition of not discouraging it

situation, the prime minis-

ter said Pakistan would

continue to raising the voice

against Israel which was

using brutal force against

the Palestinians. He said

Pakistan had sent a field

hospital and doubled its

humanitarian assistance for

focus should be to achieve

ceasefire and establishment

of a humanitarian corridor.

hearts... Israel earned noth-

He said the immediate

"Gaza is close to our

About the repatriation

ter Kakar reiterated that

the Palestinian people.

Coming to the Gaza

ciety and the diaspora.

budging an inch from its collaboration with the so-

104.5 overs when Mitchell Starc was also bowled by Amir Jamal for 12 runs Immediately after the lunch break. Mitchell Marsh succumbed to a nervous nineties. He was bowled b

Khurram Shehzad while Amir Jamal also caught Pat Cummins out at slip on a total of 481 and became the 14th bowler to take 5 wickets on debut Test.

Australia's last player to get out was Nathan Lyon who scored 5 runs off the ball of Amir Jamal.

On behalf of Pakistan Aamir Jamal showed excellent bowling and dismissed 6 players while Khurram Shahzad got 2 wickets, one player was dismissed by Faheem Ashraf and

QUETTA: Members of Search Committee briefed Governor Balochistan Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar about performance

as the diaspora would be-

come an asset in the form

of remittances and project-

ing Pakistan's image. How-

ever, he called for improv-

ing education quality and

fill the gaps to enhance the

number of graduates to ful-

fill domestic and global sup-

ing interest rate, the prime

minister said the State

Bank, being an autonomous

body, determined the inter-

est rate as well as the mon-

etary policy with no gov-

government remained in

contact with the central bank and expressed the

hope that the situation would improve with the

improvement of economic

schemes, salary structure of

new doctors and physio-

therapists, he assured to

take up the matter with the

AJK government and rel-

evant departments and

playing his role wherever

Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-

Haq Kakar on Friday, call-

ing the recent verdict of the

Indian Supreme Court as a

tool to consolidate Indian

illegal occupation, said such

powers' silence over the is-

in its nefarious designs of

movement and it was try

"The movement is not

diminishing and this is the

biggest problem for India

and it was again and again

trying to bury it through

various tactics," the prime minister said while address-

ing a press conference here.

90,000 Kashmiris had been

killed, over 1500 faced

forced disappearances and

pellet gun injuries, and thou-

sands of the women suf-

fered rape, while the human

rights abuses were also docu-

mented in two of the UN re-

ports, "Such painful memo-

ries can not be forgotten for

centuries," he remarked.

He said more than

Meanwhile Caretaker

However, he said the

ernment control

indicators.

required.

movement.

agenda.

Regarding the increas-

ply needs.

IRADA at NUST

ISLAMABAD (APP): the defense sector. Caretaker Minister for Science and Technology, Dr Umar Saif on Friday launched the Research and Development Agency (IRADA) at the National University of Sciences and Technology (NUST). During the launch, he

Dr Saif launches

highlighted the objective of IRADA, emphasizing its pivotal role in fostering collaboration between the defense sector, academia, and industry in Pakistan for technological advancement.

He noted that while linkages between these sectors have existed, IRADA aims to formalize and institutionalize these connections said

a news release issued here. Expressing his vision for IRADA during the event, Dr Saif envisioned a collaborative effort involving NUST,

universities, industry, and

He highlighted the potential for joint projects and products that can be commercialized to contribute significantly to the country's economic devel-

He also highlighted the success of connecting defense sector, academia, and industry, which resulted in the invention and commercialization of transformative technologies such as the Internet, GPS, and cryptog-

Dr Saif informed that NUST has graciously agreed to host IRADA and provide the necessary ecosystem for its success.

Additionally, the Ministry of Science and Technology will fund and support IRADA as an independent entity, he

foiling a big plan of terror-

ism in the Tank Police

pays tribute to the valiant

security personnel who

sacrificed their lives for the

homeland," he said in a

statement shared by the

PM's Office. He said the

brave people of Pakistan

stood with their security

forces in the fight against

"The entire nation

Alvi advocates literature's vital role in society

minishing role of literature.

Dr. Alvi urged a harmoni-

ous balance in life, high-

lighting the importance of

He commended efforts

promoting Urdu literature

and denounced restricting

knowledge through exces-

sive copyright measures.

The president regretted the

declining trend of book

literature in fostering criti-

LAHORE (APP): Presi- attributing this to the dident Dr. Arif Alvi, while addressing the 1st Dr. Jamil Jalibi Adabi Award ceremony at a local hotel here on Friday, emphasised the crucial role of literature and social sciences in societal

progress. He challenged the perception that these fields lack earning opportunities, asserting that a balanced individual incorporates

both passion and science. Criticising the United Nations, he claimed its failure in delivering justice to

reading, and appreciated the ceremony's role in promoting literature. nations like Kashmir, Viet-

Awards were presented to Yasmin Hameed for sor Ziaul Hassan a translating "Janobi Aisa ki spoke on the occasion. nam, Korea, and Palestine,

cal thinking.

Muntakhib Nazmain," Khurram Shehzad for research and criticism, and Naseem Jaferi for children's literature.

President Alvi ac-knowledged Dr. Khawar Jamil for his contributions to Urdu literature, fostering appreciation for literature's enduring value.

Punjab University Vice Chancellor Professor Khalid Mehmood, Professor Dr M Kamran of Oriental College and Director Jamil Jalibi Chair at the Punjab University Professor Ziaul Hassan also

Three Pak Navy officers promoted...

Technology (NUST), a Pakistan Navy news release

During his illustrious naval career, the Admiral has served on various key appointments. His prominent appointments include Fleet Marine Engineering Officer at Fleet Headquarters, Deputy MD Pakistan Navy Dockyard and Chief Staff Officer to Commander Logistics. Currently, Rear Admiral Mazhar Mahmood has been appointed as Managing Director Pakistan Navy Dockyard, Karachi. The Admiral is a recipient of Sitara-i-Imtiaz (Mili-

Rear Admiral Shahzad Hamid was commissioned in Operations Branch of Pakistan Navy in 1993. He is a Naval Aircraft Pilot by profession. The Flag Officer is a graduate of Paki-

Continued from page 1 Lahore and National De- Defence University Islamabad. The Admiral has a vast

experience of Command and Staff appointments which include Command of P-3C aircraft Squadron and Commander Naval Aviation. He also served as Chief Staff Officer to Commander North as well as Naval Attaché of Pakistan in United States. Rear Admiral Shahzad Hamid has been appointed as Director General Naval Intelligence in his new rank. The Admiral is a recipient of Sitara-i-Imtiaz (Military) and Tamgha-i- Basalat.

Rear Admiral Azhar sioned in Operations Branch of Pakistan Navy in 1993. The Flag Officer is a graduate of Pakistan Navy War College Lahore, Defence Services Command and Staff College

Islamabad. The Admiral has an il-

lustrious naval career, covering vast experience of various Command and Staff appointments. His command appointments include commands of PMSS BARKAT, PMSS KASHMIR, PNS TARIQ, Commander 9th Auxiliary and Mine Warfare Squadron and Commander 25th Destroyer Squadron.

He also served as Chief of Staff to Commander Combined Task Force-150 at HQ NAVCENT Bahrain, Director Studies at National Defence University Islamabad and Di-Mahmood was commis- rector Foreign Military Collaboration at NHQ. Rear Admiral Azhar Mahmood has been appointed as Commandant PN War College at Lahore in his new rank. The Admiral is a recipient of



KARACHI: A view of damages after gas pipeline blast occurred at KMC Junkyard located on Nipa Chowrangi

he held detailed consulta- were being repatriated as About different educations with the AJK parliathey had been posing secution-related issues, includmentarians across different rity challenge for the couning frequent changes of svllabi, quota in educational scholarship and other

mployees under Managing Director (PWF). The Foundation is looking for ar ndividual having dynamic personality with ability / capacity to improve its efficiency

tion to the Kashmir dispute ing but hatred. Israel earned was to hold a plebiscite as no fame," he remarked.

curity Council's resolu- of foreigners, Prime Minis-

He said during the visit, only the illegal foreigners

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PM vows to fight against terrorism till its complete end from country's soil ISLAMABAD (APP): to the security forces for

Lines.

Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Friday vowed to continue the fight against terrorism till its complete elimination from the country.

He strongly condemned the terrorist attack at a joint check post of police and the Frontier Corps in the Tank area of Dera Ismail Khan this

PM Kakar paid tribute terrorism.

PCB signs ICC Champions Trophy 2025 hosting rights agreement

LAHORE (APP): The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) Friday signed the ICC Champions Trophy 2025 hosting rights agreement with the International Cricket Council (ICC) at

Dubai headquarters.

Chairman PCB Management Committee Zaka Ashraf was joined by ICC General Counsel Jonathan Hall in the signing of the hosting rights to Pakistan at the ICC headquarters.

The PCB in its capacity has already intimated the government to provide foolproof security to visiting international teams for the Champions Trophy. Caretaker Prime Min

ister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar in a recent meeting with Chairman PCB Management Committee assured the security agencies' coop eration in the successful hosting of the ICC Cham pions Trophy 2025.

Pakistan, US agree to...

Contineud from page 1 ploring potential avenues of bilateral collaboration in pursuit of shared interests.

unilateral and illegal deci-During the meetings sions would further stimuwith defence officials. late the Kashmir freedom counter terrorism cooperation and defence collabora-He said despite world tion were identified as core areas of cooperation. Both sue. India could not succeed sides reiterated the intent to increase interaction and explore ways to expand the diminishing the freedom scope of mutually beneficial engagements.
The COAS undering to resolve the Kashmir issue according to its own

scored the importance of understanding each other's perspectives on regional security issues and developments affecting strategic stability in South Asia. In this context, the

COAS especially highlighted the importance of resolving the Kashmir Issue in accordance with international law and relevant UNSC resolutions. The Army Chief also

interacted with the Pakistani overseas community. In a reception hosted by Embassy of Pakistan, the COAS met members of the Pakistani community. The COAS appreciated the positive role being played by Pakistani overseas community towards the country's progress and development During the interaction.

topics of varying dimensions were discussed and the COAS appreciated the efforts of Pakistani Diaspora. He also welcomed and

encouraged the diaspora to invest through SIFC which is already yielding success in various dimensions. COAS also highlighted that the US is the largest

export market for Pakistan constituting 21.5 % of our total exports and dispelled rumours about special screening, denial of visas and detentions Army Chief said "Pa-

kistani diaspora anywhere around the world is held in high regard as they are ambassadors of Pakistan and contribute significantly to Pakistan in varying domains. Members of the Pakistani community expressed their pride in the role and contributions of the Pakistan Army towards well-being of Pakistan.

Fatima Sana's all-round show in vain as Kiwis win a thriller ISLAMABAD (APP):

New Zealand defeated Pakistan in a thrilling contest by one wicket at the Hagley Oval in Christchurch on Friday, taking an unassailable 2-0 lead in the threematch ODI series, according to information made available here by Pakistan Cricket Board.

Chasing a target of 221 runs to win, New Zealand women's team, also known as White Ferns, lost two wickets for 13 runs due to brilliant bowling from captain Fatima Sana, leading her side for the first time in the absence of regular captain Nida Dar. Nida was ruled out from Friday's game after being hit on her face in the first ODI and experiencing symptoms of concussion

At 13 for two in 2.4 overs, Suzie Bates and Maddy Green got together and added a 142-run partnership for the third wicket. Leg-spinner Ghulam Fatima, playing her second match on the tour, broke the partnership and went on to clinch three more wickets, putting White Ferns on the back foot. Ghulam Fatima ended up with match figures of four for 47 in 10 overs

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SC seeks more record from FIA **Nullification of money** laundering case against **Moonis Elahi**

ISLAMABAD (Online): nullification of money laundering case against Moonis Elahi. Deputy Attorney High Court (LHC) abolished the case by transgressing its powers.

The hearing of the appeal was adjourned for indefinite period.

A 3-member bench of SC presided over by Justice Sardar Tariq Masood took up for hearing the appeal filed against nullification of money laundering up due to sugar commission case in respect of Moonis Elahi Friday.

DAG took the plea in the court 11 a c - sion related to the price of cused including Moonis sugar. Commission has not Elahi are accused in the case conducted investigation in of money laundering through fake accounts.

Justice Ayesha Malik

remarked Lahore High Court (LHC) decision is a detailed decision. Several institutions including NAB have investigated their ac-

Justice Sardar Tariq Masood raised the question how can investigation be it be applied from past. made repeatedly of one

was investigating matter of on notice has to be issued assets beyond known sources of income

Upon it Justice Tariq Supreme Court (SC) has Masood inquired the acsought more record from counts which are being in-FIA on its appeal against vestigated pertain to what period.

DAG told the court

some accounts were made General (DAG) said Lahore in 2007 and some relate to 2010 to 2014.

Justice Sardar Tariq Masood while addressing DAG remarked NAB ended investigations in 2020. Accountability Court (AC) endorsed it. How it is possible NAB has not reviewed this matter.

DAG said money laundering issue surfaced

Justice Ayesha Malik remarked Sugar Commisrespect of Rahim Yar Khan mill about which they are making case. FIA has not made it clear so far story started from where.

Justice Sardar Tariq said to DAG according to you the base of case is account of 2007. While anti money laundering law was enacted in 2010. How can Details of NAB reference and record be presented DAG argued NAB then we will make decision to Moonis Elahi or other-

ISLAMABAD: Group photo of Federal Minister for Education Professional

Training Madad Ali Sindhi with students and other officials song during

Sindhi Culture and Heritage Day by Haseeb Ahmad Chairman Sindhi Sangat

ganized begging rings.

The apprehended in-

dividuals, identified as pro-

fessional beggars, were

whisked away to the po-

lice station. Meanwhile, any

minor children found in

their company were placed

in the care of the Edhi Cen-

well-being. This operation

is just the latest in a series

of ongoing crackdowns led

by Assistant Commission-

ers, demonstrating the city's

unwavering commitment to

combating the organized

begging menace. One by one,

these exploitative rings are

AC City cracks

down on beggar

rackets, 23 netted

ISLAMABAD (APP): In a zero tolerance for such or-

netted 23 individuals, their ter, ensuring their safety and

late-night sting operation, the Assistant Commis-

sioner City, following the

Deputy Commissioner's

directive, launched a tar-

geted sweep against profes-

sional beggars across the

pleas for alms replaced by

the clanging of handcuffs,

ICT spokesman Dr

Abdullah Tabasum said on

Friday. "Professional beg-

gars exploit our compassion

for personal gain," declared

the ICT spokesperson.

"These arrests send a clear

This decisive action

city subdivision.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Inter-Provincial Coordination (IPC), Fawad Hasan Fawad chaired a

BISP holds discussion on promoting partnerships with civil society orgs

Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) has organized a Round Table Conference at its headquarters, bringing together key stakeholders to promote collaboration between BISP, civil society organizations, and other NGOs.

The conference, chaired by Dr. Muhammad Amjad Saqib, Chairperson of BISP, aimed to enhance partnerships for the betterment of needy families.

Dr. Amjad Saqib welcomed the participants in his opening remarks, high-lighting BISP's commit-

CDA removes

encroachments

from Bari

Imam area

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Capital Development Authority's (CDA) Anti-

encroachment operation is

on full swing in Islamabad

and removed various en-

croachments from Bari

Chairman CDA, the En-

forcement Directorate with

the support of Islamabad

Police along with other de-

partments and district ad-

ministration conducted a

mega anti encroachment

operation against the illegal

population established on the government land in

Mohalla Thatti adjacent to

IHC issues

notice to ECP

on petition against

delimitation of

NA-122 Lahore

On the directions of

Imam area.

Bari Imam.

ment to providing additional financial support to families in need.

Dr. Amjad Saqib said that as the largest social safety program in the country, BISP plays a pivotal role in addressing the socio-economic challenges faced by vulnerable house-

Dr. Amjad Saqib emphasized the importance of a newly launched savings scheme designed to instill a culture of saving among needy households.

Dr. Amjad Saqib outlined a strategy focused on tributed under the Benazir lifting needy families out of Kafalat program.

poverty and appealed to civil society and partner organizations to adopt the principles of Mawakhat, nurturing a sense of collective responsibility.
Additional Secretary

BISP, Dr. Tahir Noor, provided a detailed briefing on various BISP initiatives, including Benazir Kafaalat, Nashonuma, Taleemi Wazaif, and undergraduate scholarships.
Dr. Tahir Noor high-

lighted significant achievements, stating that 361.5 billion rupees have been dis-

He further disclosed that more than 55 billion rupees have been disbursed to 8.8 million children through the Taleemi Wazaif program. Additionally, 1.4 million pregnant, lactating mothers, and their children under 2 years of age are benefiting from Nashonuma program to ad-

dress the issue of stunting. into BISP's infrastructure, Dr. Tahir Noor mentioned the authentic data of 35 million households and the existence of 647 Dynamic Registry Centers across the

Providing a glimpse

Child marriage & gender-based violence Nilofar for enhanced media role in raising awareness

National Commission on the Status of Women NCSW) Chairperson Nilofar Bakhtiar on Friday stressed on strengthening the role of the media in raising awareness on issues related to child marriage and gender-based violence. She was speaking on the inaugural day of the Journalist Refresher Training Workshop on "Social Norms, Gender, Prevention and Health Consequences re-

lated to Child Marriage". The workshop has been organized by the NCSW in collaboration cohorts of 40 journalists

with the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). Some 45 journalists from across Pakistan are being trained on different aspects and dimensions of the issue of child marriage. They are part of the

National Media Fellowship (NMF), a flagship project of NCSW, that sensitizes the media on responsible reporting for the prevention and elimination of child marriage and gender-based violence (GBV). So far, two

each have been trained in programmes in 2022 and 2023. Under the first programme, held in 2022, 162 media stories and two documentaries were produced on GBV, child marriage and impact of climate change on women. These stories were published through leading media houses and digital platforms in the country. After the completion of second round of NMF, more than 180 stories focusing GBV, and girls' and women rights are expected to be produced in



ISLAMABAD: Secretary Interior Aftab Akbar Durrani addressing during the launching ceremony of the Practitioners Handbook Navigating Extradition in Pakistan organized by Ministry of Interior at local hotel.

has been withdrawn by EC

following the decision of

high court. Now larger

bench will decide. EC will

postpone election schedule

for some days till its deci-

sion. Schedule will be is-

sued after larger bench de-

cision. He held high court

judges had declined to pro-

vide services. Upon it EC

hired services from bureau-

cracy. EC can take officers

Kanwar Dilshad says: Election can take place till February 11 of EC. Training schedule

ISLAMABAD (Online): Former secretary Election Commission (EC) and advisor to care taker chief minister Punjab Kanwar Dilshad has said election can take place till February

ISLAMABAD (Online): Islamabad High Court (IHC) has issued notice to "High court decision Election Commission (EC) will make no difference of on petition against the demore days on election. To limitation of NA-122 me election can be held till February 11, he said this in Chief Justice of an interview with private TV channel here Friday.

Islamabad High Court (IHC), Aamer Farooq heard the petition of Citizen Karamat Ali sought a reply from EC on next hearing. Court said in its remarks that let the answer come till next hearing then we will look into the matter.

Nikkah case: Courtsummons **Ex-chairman** PTI on next hearing ISLAMABAD (Online):

District and Sessions Cour Islamabad has summoned former chairman PTI on next hearing of Non shariah nikkah case against him and his wife Bushra Bibi. Senior civil judge of district and session court Islamabad Qudrat Ullah issued one page written order in connection with hearing of the case Friday. It has been said in the order one day exemption from attendance plea of Bushra Bibi is accepted Bushra Bibi should file surety bonds worth Rs 50000.

from executive or judiciary He went on to say acunder its act. Therefore it cepting high court decision has appointed officers from s constitutional obligation executive. Missing children with families

Police launches "Manadi" program for swift reunion stands out as noteworthy

Islamabad Police have rolled out the "Manadi" program, a dedicated initiative aimed at reuniting missing children with their parents or families. The police force utilizes various social media platforms to disseminate information about missing children and those found unclaimed.

Taking a hands-on approach, respective police stations shoulder the re-

sponsibility of facilitating the reunification process. Islamabad Čapital City Police Officer (ICCPO) Dr. Akbar Nasir Khan, among several distinctive initiatives, this particular step

in addressing the grievances of citizens, especially families whose children have been lost. The program goes a step further by sharing contact details of the police officers involved on social media, ensuring open lines of communication for concerned citizens. The concerted efforts of Islamabad Police are directed towards the safe return of these children to their families, emphasizing a proactive and community-oriented polic-During the tenure of ing approach. The public response to the "Manadi" program has been overwhelmingly positive, with citizens lauding the initiative as a commendable step.

IHC declares NA-35, 36 demarcation null and void

ISLAMABAD (APP) The Islamabad High Court (IHC) has declared the demarcation of the two National Assembly seats, NA-35 and NA-36, null and void. The Chief Justice of IHC, Amir Farooq issued the order on Friday.

The court directed the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) to redefine the constituencies after hearing all the parties again.

EC directs Ahad to file details of assets till Dec 18 ISLAMABAD (Online):

Election Commission (EC) has directed Ahad Cheema advisor to care taker Prime Minister to file the details of assets till December 18. Directive will be issued to remove him from

his office if he fails to file details till the stipulated date. As per EC sources time has been given to Ahad Cheema to file details of his assets till December 18. It was made clear in the letter issued to Ahad Cheema on Friday by EC that a notice was issued to

him earlier too for filing details of the assets. However details of assets have not been filed on prescribed form Bay so far. It has been made clear by EC that directives will be issued to remove him from his office if he fails to file the details of assets till December 18.

PBM initiates service transformation, bids farewell to traditional processes: MD

kistan Bait-ul-Mal (PBM) has removed human intervention and traditional bureaucratic hurdles or traditional red tape from all its service domains, Managing Director Amir Fida Paracha said Friday. Briefing media on the

launching of World Bank's PMDT (Project Management and Tracking Design) in PBM and one-year per-formance, he said eliminating bureaucratic hurdles in Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal has expedited the processing of requests for various services, including medical aid, education support, co-chlear implants, individual financial assistance, and more, through paperless e-filing. Utilizing digital systems enhances administrative efficiency, and a new Directorate for donation management has been established under the Bait-ul-Mal Act.

Digitizing Women Empowerment Centers,

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pa- Child Labor Rehabilitation Centers, and Pakistan Sweet Homes, the organization ensures secure payment transactions via a biometric system. The incorporation of gender, whistleblowing, and conflict of interest policies aligns with the Ministry of Poverty Alleviation and Social

Safety guidelines.
PBM has adopted the PMDT score system, in line with recommendations from the World Bank and other international organizations, using paperless and digital processes to foster transparency in the institution and streamline service accessibility. Now, applications can be swiftly processed using electronic fil-ing, eliminating the need for traditional paperwork, Amir Fida Paracha said.

Since its establishment in 1992, PBM has transitioned from manual operations to embracing (electronic management information system) EMIS.



Bait-ul-Mal, Amir Fida Paracha, addressing a press conference at the organization's headquarters.

Islamabad police conducts special anti riots training course

Independent Report

SLAMABAD: Islamabad police carried out a special anti-riot training course for the policemen in order to prepare them about any situation related to peace and security. Islamabad Capital City Police Officer ICCPO) Dr Akbar Nasir Khan attended the concluding ceremony of the course as chief guest while CPO Headquarters, CPO Law police officers were also present on the the occasion, police spokesman told here

During the course, the police personnel demonstrated their skills to maintain peace, safeguarding public and private properties, confronting criminal elements and ensuring their arrests, while the use of water cannons and other advanced techniques were also demonstrated.

Police officials successfully demonstrated

niques to effectively manage and control such situa-

These formations were designed to equip police officials with ability to disperse any unlawful protests using various tactics, including line formations, roof formations, circle formations, V formations, water cannon formations, and special formations.

ICCPO Dr. Akbar special anti-riot training exercises were carried out to further elevate the preparedness of officers and officials to handle any potential law and order crisis effectively.

The purpose of these training exercises is to modernize the training of police officers, ensuring ease and better facilities for the citizens, he added.

He further emphasized that such training sessions would continue in the future to empower every of-



their ability to disperse any unlawful protests using six different formations. These

ficer and officials within the Islamabad Capital Police, allowing them to serve the community more effec-

Akhuwat acknowledges donors' support for uplift of disadvantaged segments ISLAMABAD (APP): teemed entities such as

fully organized its of Donors Get-Together Rawalpindi Chamber of on Thursday evening Commerce and D to acknowledge the unwavering support of its donors for the uplift of disadvantaged segments of society. The event served as a platform to propagate the profound message of Mawakhat. Founder and Chair-

Akhuwat success-

man of Akhuwat, Dr. Muhammad Amjad Saqib expressed heartfelt gratitude to the generous donors whose unwavering support has been instrumental in driving forward Akhuwat's multifaceted initiatives.

He acknowledged their pivotal role in shaping and uplifting communities through the lens of Mawakhat.

In addition, Dr. appreciation to esthe Islamabad Chamber

Watson for their invaluable contributions, which significantly contributed to the success of this impressive event. The event's suc-

cess was further enhanced through the generous support of sponsors like Waltex Paints, Premiere Choice and Jawajees Pvt Ltd, whose commitment to social responsibility echoes Akhuwat's vision of fostering inclusive growth and community betterment. The donors get-to-

gether served as a testament to the collective dedication and shared commitment towards advancing the principles of Mawakhat, a cornerstone of Akhuwat's mis-Muhammad Amjad sion to create a more eq-Saqib extended sincere uitable and compassionate society.

message that Islamabad has being dismantled. Envoy Afrasiab's unusual book "Expressions" unfolds historic accounts of Pak interaction with world

Afrasiab Mehdi Hashmi

ISLAMABAD (APP):The books' written by 'more unique publication of than 140 Pakistani diplo-Ambassador mats', since the establishment of the country in



authored on an unusual subject was launched here on Friday at the Institute of Regional Studies (IRS) that revealed historical accounts of Pakistan's interaction with the world since its creation.

Ambassador Afrasiab is a prolific writer, who has several books to his credit. He has served in the Pakistani Missions in Washington DC, New Delhi, Beijing and Vienna. He also worked as High Commissioner to seeking knowledge not only Bangladesh and New

His book recently published by the National Book Foundation (NBF) is

The enclosures in the book include: writeups on important Pakistani diplomats and speeches related to Pakistan's foreign policy. Addressing the cer-

Ambassador Afrasiab Hashmi said the motivation behind taking up the uphill task of collecting knowledge and compiling it into a book was the teaching of the Holy Quran and the Prophet (PBUH) for as a source of illumination but also as a weapon for preservation of civiliza-

"Books are important a compendium of 'over 400 as Knowledge is important.

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Weak cases

Hope dies every day in Pakistan. In 2015, Kasur's child sex scandal — a child pornography ring in Hussain Khanwala district had sexually exploited 285 minors — Deeply concealed within the labyrinth of the US Embassy's website lies the US Integrated Countries. Wednesday — eight years after mass repulsion, protests and an HRCP factfinding report, which stated that police inaction stated that police inaction stated that police inaction losted by the Fakistan Institute of Strategic Studies. This paper, dissected during the conference, delineates the funpointed towards collusion damental priorities and objectives of US involvewith criminals and found the role of political parties "very disturbing"—
the Lahore High Court acquitted three convicts serving life sentences in the child abuse case. civilian democratic insti-Their counsel said that tutions and safeguarding human rights. out of six prime suspects, three had been released earlier and the remaining have been exonerated now. He claimed that they were not "conclusively identified" in the forensic tests of the video, the regarding the killing of Sikh political activists by Anti-Terrorism Act sections were not applicable and medical reports did not corroborate the evidence. So, the moral of this story is an old one: the victims were betrayed by police and prosecution. What should have hap-

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What should have hapment is perceived as a significant setback for India,
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Takistan 5 expectations from the US regardoperative relationship
that prioritizes mutual

CPEC projects; unease

Takistan 5 expectations from the US regarding engagement with InUkraine while advocating folded was an immediate review of the law-enforcereview of the law-enforcement plan to prevent feeble investigation and forensic inquiry by police. Moreover, prosecutors should have the legal authorized and the willingness of this visit inges on tangible agreements forged and the willingness of thority to ensure that probes are executed according to the requirements of a case. And, as the agency taking the police's case to the courts, it should become mandatory for prosecutors to keep a record of their work for solid cases to be presented before lower legal fora. Ravaged by corruption and exploitation, police and prosecution, line complex world of linternational relations, South Asia unfolds as an amalgamation of conflicts and aspiwhen representing the rations for the attainment of peace. Rooted in a hispoor, either end up aiding criminals in hoodwinking the justice system or tween India and Pakistan, punish the innocent. To make matters dire, despite repeated incidents of monstrous abuse, the Asian conflicts, and the system remains un- contested region of Kashmir serves as a focal point, touched by any reform. The question is: as the progeny of hapless daily tensions between India and Pakistan but also draws in wagers, are Kasur's vic- China as a key player, untims easier to overlook? Children, sans expression, authority and support to face abusers, form and religious fault lines, the most vulnerable section of society. For this reason, provincial and reason, provincial and federal authorities must work harder to banish the exploration of the intricate dynamics of identity poli-

Army Chief's USA visit: Divergence to Convergence

By Qamar Bashir

Former Press Secretary to the President; Former Press Minister to the Embassy of Pakistan to France; Former MD, SRBC



The timing of this conference held signifi-

and the willingness of both sides to address longstanding issues of mutual concern, which may carry different con-notations for Pakistan and the US. The stated objectives of the visit encompass strengthening compass strengthening compass strengthening confidence with the confidence confidenc

fense cooperation discuson regional security threats, and exploring avenues for potential col-

Pakistan seeks US

support in countering threats from groups like Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) in Afghanistan, while emphasizing economic cooperation and seeking assistance for its ongoing economic challenges. Urging a more constructive US role in stabilizing Afghanistan, discussions focus on countering regional threats and exploring investment and trade opportunities between both

Discussions are likely to cover contentious issues straining relations between Pakistan and the USA, including the forced repatriation of refugees, Pakistan's relations with Afghan Interim Government, Kashmir issue, China Pakistan relations with emphasize on CPEC, engaging IMF, World Bank and International Financial Institutions, Russian Ukraine conflict,

The US has vehemently opposed this, citing concerns about the refugees' safety and well-Stressing Afghanistan's instability and potential human rights violations, the US highlights Pakistan's obligations under international law to protect those seeking asylum. It firmly opposes the forced return of refugees, citing potential violations of international commitments.

The US holds deep suspicions regarding Pakistan's alleged support for the Taliban's interim government. Moreover, the US has voiced concerns about Pakistan's perceived lack of transparency and mistrust, casting doubt on its sincerity and the effectiveness of its cooperation.

Pakistan is engaging the Talibans' interim gov- security; worries about Afghanistan's transfor-

mation into an extremist nology with potential breeding ground. The military applications; and stance remains dynamic, navigating complexities while emphasizing stability, human rights, and bilateral concerns in this evolving Afghan land-Despite varying pri-

orities and mutual distrust, the US must rely on Pakistan's declared Afghanistan policy and seek active cooperation. This

stan border, leveraging Pakistan's historical ties and economic influence to influence the Taliban positively. Additionally, the US seeks insights into tentions, particularly concerning terrorist threats, aiming to promote regional cooperation and prevent Afghanistan from becoming a source of instability in South Asia.

The Kashmir issue has long been a delicate and intricate matter for the US focusing on fostering dialogue and diplo-Pakistan, advocating for peaceful resolutions of stance underscores noninterference in internal affairs, recognizing Kashmir as a bilateral matter between India and Pakistan, refraining from taking a specific legal position or advocating for predefined solutions.

Pakistan's Kashmir expectations from the US are a mixed bag. They crave acknowledgement of the issue's international dimension, US-mediated dialogue, advocacy for Kashmiri self-determination, human rights pressure on India, and a balanced portrayal of the conflict. Neutrality, deep engagement with Pakistan, and action beyond just listening to India are also key. In essence, Pakistan wants the US to be a proactive and constructive player in resolving Kashmir peacefully, respecting Pakistani concerns, and seeking a last-

The US stance regarding Chinese involvement in Pakistan, particularly through initiatives like CPEC and military collaborations, is marked by apprehensions. It sees Chinese increasingly influence in Pakistan as ing policy discussions, China and the potential transfer of sensitive techthe perceived threat of upsetting the regional balance of power, possibly leading to instability. The US emphasizes the importance of transparency in CPEC contracts encourages diversification of foreign partnerships to prevent overreliance on any single nation.

Pakistan's policy toward Chinese

military ties, bilateral de- movement across the po- ridor (CPEC) centers on ternational Financial Inrous Pakistan-Afghani- fostering a robust strategic partnership with China while maximizing the transformative potential of CPEC for national development. This policy underscores the depth of Taliban activities and in- the Pakistan-China alliance, prioritizing mutual support on core issues while harnessing CPEC's economic promise. Embracing CPEC as a gamechanger, Pakistan positions it as pivotal for economic growth, job cre-

ation, and regional connectivity, emphasizing responsible management to safeguard national intermacy between India and ests. Additionally, Pakistan aims for a balanced foreign policy, cultivating outstanding issues especially Kashmir. The while nurturing cultural while nurturing cultural ties and remaining adaptable to evolving global The US wields significant influence over In-

ternational Financial Institutions (IFIs), positioning them as potential tools to nudge Pakistan towards aligning with its strategic objectives. Through its sway over these institutions like the World Bank and IMF, the US prioritizes projects beneficial to its goals such as regional connec-

counterterrorism initiatives—compelling Pakistan to cooperate in securing vital funding. Furthermore, the US

holds the power to impact Pakistan's global standing by leveraging assessments of creditworthiness and economic stability from IFIs. A negative evaluation could hinder foreign investment and access to credit markets, pressuring Pakistan to comply with US demands to avert potential economic isolation. Beyond financial clout, the US exercises soft power through leadership roles in IFIs, subtly influenc-

challenges to US interests advocating its values, and in the region, including diplomatically pressur-Afghanistan and maritime ing nations like Pakistan.

stitutions (IFIs) like the IMF and World Bank revolve around seeking assistance devoid of stringent conditionalities or obligations. This encompasses favorable loan terms with lower interest rates and extended repayment periods, enabling economic reforms without hindering sustainable development.

Additionally, Pakistan seeks technical expertise in critical areas, aiming for institutional strengthening and capacity building to manage debt responsibly and implement effective reforms. Moreover, it anticipates the US to advocate within IFIs for its development goals and international trade agenda, while also seeking public recognition of its progress, without attaching any strings or obligations to the support

The US holds nuanced expectations from Pakistan regarding its stance on the Russia-Ukraine conflict. Primarily, the US urges Pakistan to publicly condemn Russia's invasion while reducing military ties, supporting humanitarian aid efforts, and diplomatically pressuring for a peaceful resolution. Additionally, countering Russian disinformation is expected. Recent but confirmed and unsubstantiated reports suggest that Pakistan might be providing non-lethal military assistance to Ukraine, potentially due to increased US pres-

Pakistan's official stance on the Russia-Ukraine conflict embodies has evolved over time. Notably, Pakistan has consistently abstained from UN resolutions condemning Russia's actions, of a diplomatic resolulogue and diplomacy, Pa-Pakistan's expecta- kistan urges direct engage-

without explicitly condemning the invasion. Additionally, Pakistan humanitarian crisis resultcalls for unimpeded access to humanitarian aid to address the escalating

USA expectation from Pakistan on Israel-Hamas conflict would be hands off or to support Israel in the ongoing Israel Hamas Standoff, whereas Pakistan expressed its unwavering commitment to supporting the Palestinian cause declaring that Pakistan has no intention to send troops to Palestine and about the ongoing humanitarian crisis infringed by Israel in Gaza advocating ceasefire and restoration of international

In conclusion, the Army chief inaugural visit to the USA is of parahis pragmatic approach, he will be fostering convergence rather than divergence of views and strategies between Pakistan and the USA which are pivotal for the advancement of Pakistan's progress, regional stability, and global peace and development. He will Find common ground with objectives regarding growth, regional stability, and humanitarian concerns for mutual prosperity. It goes without saying that aligning efforts, addressing differences, and cultivating cooperation stand as fundamental pillars for a constructive partnership that not only benefits both nations but also contributes significantly to fostering peace and progress in the region and beyond.

Through shared objectives and collaborative endeavors, Pakistan and the USA can pave the way for a more stable, prosperous, and peaceful future, both domestically

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tangible benefits from

CPEC remains an ongoing

challenge. Nationalist sen-

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CPEC has several planned projects in Baluchistan Mega project involves the construction of roads, highways, and other infrastructure in the province

By Syed Rizwan Shah

The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is a significant infrastructure and economic development project aiming to connect Gwadar Port in Pakistan to China's northwestern region of Xinjiang. There is many progress in various areas, construction of roads, railways, and energy projects has been ongoing. Several projects under CPEC have either been completed or are in various stages of development. Multiple energy projects, including coal, solar, and wind power plants, have been established to address Pakistan's energy shortage. CPEC aims to boost economic cooperation between China and Pakistan, encouraging investment, trade, and industrial development along the corridor. However, there have been challenges related to security, regional disparities, environmental concerns, and local community engagement. Balancing the benefits among different provinces and ensuring local participation have been ongoing concerns. CPEC remains a subject of both optimism and scrutiny due to its potential to significantly impact Pakistan's economy while also facing various challenges that need careful management. CPEC holds immense significance for Pakistan's economy.

It's been touted as a game-

changer, offering several

potential benefits. The

project is expected to spur

economic growth by im-

proving infrastructure, fa-

cilitating trade, and attract-

ing foreign investment. It

opens up avenues for job

creation and industrial de-

velopment. Pakistan has

faced energy shortages for

years. The energy projects

under CPEC aim to address

this issue by adding power

generation capacity through

various sources like coal,

solar, wind, and hydroelec-

tric power. By providing a

direct trade route to China of local interests and ensurand enhancing connectivity within Pakistan, CPEC can significantly reduce transportation costs and time, thereby boosting trade opportunities. The project aims to bridge regional disparities by focusing on the development of underdeveloped areas, potentially reducing economic disparities among provinces. CPEC has several planned projects in Baluchistan, Pakistan's largest province by land area. The province's strategic location is pivotal to the corridor, particularly due to the presence of the Gwadar Port. Here are some ways CPEC is expected to benefit Baluchistan. Gwadar is a centerpiece of CPEC. The development of Gwadar Port aims to transform it into a major regional economic hub, creating employment opportunities and boosting economic activity in the region. CPEC involves the construction of roads, highways, and other infrastructure Baluchistan, connecting Gwadar to other parts of the country. This infrastructure development is expected to enhance connectivity and trade opportunities, benefiting the prov-ince. Special Economic Zones (SEZs) planned along the corridor, including in Baluchistan, aim to

attract investment and set

up industries. These zones

have the potential to create

jobs and stimulate economic

growth in the province.

Baluchistan has seen the development of energy

projects under CPEC, such

as the Quaid-e-Azam Solar

Park, aimed at addressing

the region's energy needs

and contributing to the na-

tional grid. However, there

have been concerns regard-

ing the equitable distribu-

tion of benefits from CPEC

in Baluchistan. Some locals

have expressed apprehen-

sions about potential ex-

ploitation of resources

without adequate benefits

reaching the local commu-

nities. Balancing develop-

ment with the preservation

pose challenges to CPEC. In the context of Pakistan, nationalist movements in certain regions, including Baluchistan, have expressed concerns and reservations about the CPEC project for various reasons. Some nationalist groups fear that CPEC might lead to the ex-ploitation of their region's natural resources without adequate benefits or compensation to the local population. There are concerns that the economic benefits of CPEC might not reach the local communities or could disproportionately benefit other regions, exacerbating existing disparities. Large infrastructure projects can have significant environmental implications. Some nationalists worry about the environ mental impact of CPEC projects on their regions ecology and livelihoods. There are fears that increased economic ties and infrastructure development might compromise the region's political autonomy or cultural identity. While nationalist sentiments might not necessarily pose a direct danger to the project itself, they can lead to social unrest, protests, or resistance against specific aspects of CPEC. Managing these concerns by ensuring transparency, engaging with local communities, addressing grievances, and creating inclusive development plans is crucial for the successful implementation of CPEC while respecting the concerns of various stakeholders. it's crucial to address concerns about equitable distribution of benefits, environmental impact, and local participation. Ensuring that the benefits of CPEC reach the people of Baluchistan and that their concerns are taken into account is essential for the long-term success and acceptance of the project in the region.

Navigating the complex tapestry of peace in South Asia: A comprehensive analysis of conflicts and regional implications through the dimensions of peace perspectives & world power politics

By Ayesha Rafiq

In the complex world of intory marked by the parti-tion of British India in 1947, the region grapples with longstanding tensions bewith the Kashmir issue epitomizing the historical discord that persists to this

Territorial disputes form the nucleus of South encapsulating the intricate interplay of identity, sovderscoring the multifaceted nature of regional chal-

Beyond territorial strife, South Asia contends with deep-seated ethnic peace within national boundaries, demanding an curse of stolen innocence. tics, discrimination, and the quest for autonomy.

cates the South Asian security landscape. India and Pakistan's possession of nuclear capabilities creates a delicate balance of deterrence, raising concerns about the potential for catastrophic conflict. Managing this precarious equilibrium necessitates a vigilant international community cognizant of the far-reaching global implications of any escalation in the region.

Economic interdependencies weave a contrasting thread into the fabric of South Asia. Despite conflicts, nations in the region are intricately linked by trade and cooperation, showcased through initiatives like the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC). These endeavors emphasize the potential for shared prosperity when regional stability is achieved.

Soft power diplomacy emerges as a significant player in the pursuit of peace. South Asian nations leverage cultural and economic influence to foster goodwill and cooperation. Bollywood's global reach, India's IT prowess, and Pakistan's rich cultural heritage showcase the potency of soft power in building bridges in a region marked by historical animosities. The evolving geopo-

litical landscape introduces

presence, epitomized by the Belt and Road Initiative. reshapes regional dynamics Strategic alliances formed by South Asian nations in response to changing global power structures impact the balance of power within the region, adding layers of complexity to conflict resolution efforts. As we navigate the

labyrinth of South Asian geopolitics, the quest for peace demands a nuanced understanding of historical grievances, territorial disputes, ethnic and religious dynamics, nuclear deterrence, economic interdependencies, soft power diplomacy, and evolving geopolitical shifts. interconnectedness of these dimensions underscores the need for the international community to actively engage in fostering dialogue and cooperation.

In conclusion, the lens of international relations offers insights into the delicate dance of power, identity, and cooperation. South Asia's potential for prosperity hinges on transcending historical animosi ties and forging a collective commitment to building a stable and harmonious region. — Student of National University Defense (NDU), Pursuing A Degree In Peace And Conflict Studies. Islamabad

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Governor KP agrees over

forming of committee to

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Governor, Haji Ghulam Ali

has expressed his consent

over constitution of a

steering committee with

the task of streamlining of

trade with Afghanistan

both import, export and

eached during a meeting of

rade with Afghanistan.

Muhammad were leading

the delegation and other

members were Engr. Manzoor Elahi, Imtiaz

Ahmad Ali (Director PAJCCI), Farooq Ahmad,

Ammar Ansari and Mian

the delegation members

apprised Governor KP

about the problems they

face daily in trade with

During the meeting,

PAJCCI,

Waheed Bacha.

The agreement was

CM Baqar warns against artificial shortage of Insulin, ARV, anti-hypertensive drugs

KARACHI (APP): The available stock of the Pharma informed the health Caretaker Sindh Chief medicines in Minister Justice (retd) Maqbool Baqar has said that there is no shortage of Insulin (Anti Diabetic), department told the CM Anti-Rabies Vaccine that 2,955 vials, 84252 (ARV) and Anti- vials of Insulin and Hypertensive Drugs in the 2003,967 packs of antiprovince and directed the hypertensive health department to available in the government ensure their availability in hospitals stocks and

"I will not tolerate if any patient suffered due to medicines in the open medicines in t artificial shortage or black market said that 187,138 marketing of the packs of anti-hypertensive medicines," he told the drugs, 20,700 vials of Antihealth department.

had received a complaint (Anti-Diabetics) were that there was an acute available in the open shortage of Insulin, ARV and antihypertensive drugs in the government hospitals and even in the market.

The CM in the light of the complaint got a Insulin. One of the detailed report about the companies, M/s. Getz was producing ARV

government hospital and in the market.

were government government hospitals. The report regarding

Rabies Vaccine and 23,486 The chief minister vials /pens of Insulin

> The report said that two companies, M/s. Getz Pharma and M/s. Elli Lilly Pakistan were producing

the department that they were producing Insulin in sufficient numbers keeping in view the market demand while the other company, M/s. Elli Lilly was of the view that the company was facing a problem relating to the import of Insulin due to a delay in the approval letter of import from DRAP Islamabad

The CM took up the matter with DRAP authorities and urged them to ensure timely approval of import letters so that patients may not suffer.

The report said that as far as the anti-rabies Vaccine (ARV) was concerned, it was an imported item, besides, the National Institute of Health (NIH) Islamabad was the only institute throughout Pakistan which

No clue of two

adducted friends

ATTOCK (Online): Police

failed to get any clue of two

friends belongs to Hazro town of Attock who fell in

to honey trap and abducted

by outlaws in Kachha area

of Sadiqabad around one

friend Zahid Khan, both

native of Tajak village of

Hazro were abducted after

falling into a honey trap

laid out by a Sadiqabad

gang in Kachha area for sale

of Suzuki van. Later on, the

abductors make a call from

family members and

demanded a ransom money

worth Rs 50 million for the

safe release of the abducted

persons.Although Hazro

Police registered a case

against the abductors but

so far no clue of the

abducted persons was

traced despite the lapse of

one week, causing unrest

and fear of killing among

the family members. The

family of the victim

maintained that the robbers

were demanding a total of

one of the abductors to his

Hassan Khan and his

week ago.



photo with delegation of Islamic Doctors Forum District Organization Khyber Pakhtunkhawa.

Naqvi inaugurates 5-day International Scientific **Conference at KEMU**

Independent Report LAHORE: Punja Punjab

Caretaker Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi inaugurated the 43rd Annual 5-Day International Scientific Conference at King Edward Medical University

(KEMU), here on Friday.

He visited stalls showcasing innovations by students and teachers, including the Brain Tumour Detector OCT Python and a laparoscopy simulator, developed by the King Edward researchers. He announced dedication of Mayo Hospital's surgical tower to Prof. Dr. Faisal Masood. Additionally, announced his intention to recommend Dr. Maqbool

Ahmed for a civil award, acknowledging his role in constructing the surgical

Independent Report

LAHORE: The Punjab

Governor, Muhammad

Balighur Rehman has

approved summaries of

various universities

regarding appointments,

additional charge on various

permanent appointments

on the statutory posts of

Registrar, Controller of

Treasurer should be

ensured during the period of additional charge.

According to the details, Governor Punjab

Muhammad Balighur

Rehman has nominated

Prof. Dr. Nasir Hayat,

Department of Mechanical

Engineering UET, as the

Pro-Vice Chancellor of the

University of Engineering and Technology for a

nominations.

emphasized

Examinations,

Punjab Governor says:

Permanent appointments

on the statutory posts

should be ensured

and

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whichever

Muhammad Balighur

Rehman has nominated

Professor Dr. Rubina

Government Graduate

till the completion of her

term as Principal

whichever is earlier.

Governor Punjab entrusted

the additional charge of the

post of Registrar, University of Health

Sciences Lahore to Professor

Dr. Sara, Head, Department

Šyndicate

University, Faisalabad.

that period of three (3) years or

Governor

Kamal,

tower with one-and-a-half billion rupees.

CM Naqvi inspected a home dialysis machine and locally manufactured surgical instruments for plastic surgery. He took keen interest in a special machine designed for sciatica pain. Overseas graduates of King Edward Medical College presented him with substantial donations for the medical college and hospital.
Graduating doctors
contributing to the
institution received shields in acknowledgment. Vice Chancellor King Edward Medical University, Professor Dr. Mahmood Ayaz, expressed gratitude to the Chief Minister on behalf of students and

The CM emphasized

Punjab

Principal

the noble nature of the medical profession and commended the dedication of doctors, nurses, and paramedical acknowledging sacrifices and the risks they face daily. He recounted instances of doctors sacrificing their lives, citing the example of those who succumbed to the Congo virus in Balochistan while treating patients. Naqvi outlined ongoing hospital upgrades, targeting completion by January 31. Notable hospitals like General, Services, Victoria, and Holy Family are undergoing improvements mirroring the model set by Mayo Hospital. The comprehensive upgrade spans an area of 6 lakh

square feet across various First Lady Samina visits Shalimar Garden

Alvi visited the historic building Shalimar Garden here on Friday. Walled City of Lahore Authority (WCLA) Director General Kamran Lashari, Amateur Gardeners' Chairperson Nousheen Sarfraz received the distinguished guest on her arrival to the UNESCO world heritage site. Samina Alvi was briefed in detail about the recent

restoration preservation activities carried out by the WCLA and presented pictorial documentation of the restoration work. The first lady commended the WCLA's commitment to preserving the heritage of Mughal era and expressed appreciation for the floral art showcased by the Amateur Gardeners' Club.

of Oral Biology, UHS. Governor Punjab nominated Later, Kamran Lashari Prof. Dr. Javed Akhtar, presented a shield to Vice-Chancellor, Sahiwal Begum Samina Alvi as a University as a member of souvenir on behalf of both the WCLA and the Government College Women Amateur Gardeners' Club.

LAHORE (APP): First Lady Begum Samina Arif

he Supreme Court. The Supreme Court Commission

eliminate any ambiguity systematic m. regarding utilisation of Bukhari concluded.

streamline trade with Afghan After discussion over the issues creating hurdles in the smooth sailing of trade, it was agreed that a steering committee be constituted under the chairmanship of private sector stakeholders with representation from

Frontier Corps, NLC

Afghan Consulate, DC

Khyber and Custom

Governor KP, Haji Ghulam Department as its Ali with a delegation of businessmen dealing in committee should be notified by Governor KP and would Coordinator Pak-Afghan Joint Chamber of meet on a weekly or Commerce and Industry (PAJCCI), Zia-ul-Haq Sarhadi and Vice President monthly basis to take a review of issues about the

Pak-Afghan trade. The steering committee would work in the pattern of the Facilitation Committee formed at the Torkhem border for holding meetings of traders and stakeholders from Pakistan and Afghanistan sides every

month. Earlier, the Coordinator of PAJCCI, Zia-ul-Haq Sarhadi apprised the Governor about the working of PAJCCI under the Afghanistan including dynamic leadership of its import, export and transit Chairman.



and Culture Jamal Shah addresses the seminar of International Iqbal Conference 2023 organized by Iqbal Academy Pakistan at Aiwan Iqbal Complex.

PPP says standing firm on demand for polls on Feb 8

Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) has made a clear announcement to stand firm on its position for ensuring certainty of elections on February 8.

In a statement issued here on Friday, PPP perception of facilitation to Parliamentarians any party of the civil Secretary-General Syed administration under the Nayyar Hussain Bukhari supervision of the has said the party is committed to its stance on February 8 elections, and the Election Commission must adhere to the date, set for the electoral process by

the Election

the given election date. Bukhari also mentioned that the Supreme Court had declared that elections would take place on Feb 8 in any case.

He demanded that the perception of facilitation to caretaker government must be removed. He said those elements want to delay elections through the delaying tactics who are not able to face people. The PPP is ready to engage with the public on its manifesto, programme, and performance in a

Minister appreciates educational system, quality of Dar-e-Arqam

Independent Report PESHAWAR: Caretaker

Minister for Industries, Commerce, Technical Education and Tribal Affairs of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Dr. Aamer Abdullah has appreciated the educational system and quality of Dar-e-Arqam Schools System Pakistan and Al-Ghazali Trust.

He was speaking during a meeting with the Directors of the nationalwide network of Dar-e-Arqam Schools Pakistan and addressed to their national convention at Abbottabad.

Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Dar-e-Arqam Schools Pakistan, Syed Waqas Jafferi, Directors Dr Ishtiaq Gondal, Aamir Cheema, Dr Muddasir, Regional Director Mohammad Haroon and Chairman Ghazali Trust Pakistan, Aamir Mahmood Jafferi, the heads of the school attended the convention.

education, he has invited these institutions of the private sector to establish their schools in the newly merged districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa so the people of these backward areas could get quality education opportunities in the best educational institutions. In his address to the

convention, the caretaker minister emphasized strict adherence to our traditions and high moral character in order to move forward in education and practical life. He said that the education system of Dar al-Arqam Schools and Al-Ghazali Trust has been extended to the newly merged districts of the province. He said that the educational system of Dare-Raqam Schools and Al-Ghazali Trust should be extended to the newly merged districts of the province because these areas are in dire need of such facilities. The arrival of this facility in the erstwhile In the field of Administered Tribal Area.



PESHAWAR: Members of Civil Society are holding rally to pay homage to students of Army Public School (APS) during commemoration ceremony in connection of anniversary of deadly Army Public School massacre.

International Scientific Conference at King Edward Medical University. Jamal Shah for following Iqbal's teachings for resolving social issues

Caretaker Federal Minister paid rich tribute to the for National Heritage & services of Allama Culture Syed Jamal Shah Muhammad Iqbal and said has said that the nation can that "we can resolve many move forward in the light of our social and national of thoughts and teachings problems by following the of Allama Muhammad Iqbal as creation of poet" Pakistan was the result of his intellectual guidance was the country with 65 especially by Hazrat services to the nation.
Quaid-e-Azam "In this conference Muhammad Ali Jinnah.

International Iqbal Academi Pakistan with a theme "Allama Iqbal and Nesad No" here at Aiwan-e-Iqbal on Friday. Justice ® Nasira Javed Iqbal, Prof. Dr Baseera Ambreen, Prof. Dr. tradition of understanding Waheeduzzaman Tariq, Dr of Iqbal was progressing in Abdul Rauf Rafeequi, Prof.
Dr Faleeha Zehra Kazmi "we want to see Iqbal VC Home Economics Academy, a national University and other institution for the speakers also addressed promotion of Iqbal the conference.

Caretaker minister of Allama teachings of our national

LAHORE: Caretaker Chief Minister Punjab Mohsin Naqvi inaugurates 43rd

He was addressing the thoughts will be opened, Iqbal Iqbal's thoughts will be Conference organized by promoted and new ways will be found for solving political, social and national

> Jamal Shah further of our scholars that the

Sindh Police chief meets slain student's family, vows justice

KARACHI (APP): The justice. Inspector General of Police (IGP) for Sindh, Riffat Mukhtar Raja, convened with the parents of Syed Murtaza Hussain, a NED Magsi updated the IGP on tragically lost his life in a case's investigation. recent robbery.

Office (CPO) in Karachi, where IGP Sindh also checked on the condition of the deceased's injured

Expressing deep condolences and empathy, IGP Sindh assured the grieving parents of the soul and the swift recovery police's commitment to of the deceased student's conduct a thorough injured brother. The father investigation, ensuring the of the late student shared perpetrators are brought to poignant memories.

During the meeting,

DIGP - East Ghulam Azfar Mahesar and SSP Investigation Ameer Saud University student who the ongoing progress in the Emphasizing the utilization of modern The meeting took utilization of modern place at the Central Police techniques and collected evidence, the police officials affirmed their dedication to swiftly resolving the case and bringing the culprits to account.

IGP Sindh extended prayers for the departed

He said that Pakistan

which was acknowledged to 70 percent of youth, by the leaders of the they must had awareness "In this conference of scholars, new angles of

problems", he added. said that It was the efforts

Drug peddler sentenced to 14 years in prison

Rs 50 million.

ATTOCK (Online): A special court for the Control of Narcotic Substances (CNS) in Attock on Friday sentenced fourteen-year imprisonment to an accused involved in a drug smuggling case.

The accused Zaffar Shahzad- a resident of Sargodha was arrested by Attock Khurd Police during previous year in the case registered under section 9-C of control of narcotics substance act 1997 after recovery of hashish from his custody.

The additional Session Judge Attock after hearing the arguments of defense and prosecution counsels announced the verdict as the convicted was found guilty of having drugs, subsequently awarded imprisonment and fine worth Rs 0.19 million.



KARACHI: Inspector General (IG) Sindh Riffat Mukhtar met the parents of Syed Murtaza Hussain, a student of NED University, who was killed in a robbery in the past few days, at the Central Police Office in Karachi.

presides over the meeting of Sindh Food Authority. Dr. Aamir Abdullah says: **Expansion of private** educational institutions nationwide need of time

Caretaker Minister for Government, Industries, Commerce and Technical Education Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Dr. Abdullah underscored the pivotal role of private educational institutions on the national

He expressed these views while addressing the convention of a private school network at a local hotel here Friday.

The minister lauded the educational standards and system implemented by Dar-e-Arqam Schools Pakistan and Al-Ghazali Trust, recognizing their contributions to the advancement of education throughout the country.

Dr. Aamir Abdullah proposed

ABBOTTABAD (APP): establishment of similar schools in KP districts, particularly marginalized regions. This proposition was made during discussions with the directors of Dar-e-Arqam Schools Pakistan, a nationwide network of private educational institutions, in conjunction with their national convention.

KARACHI: Caretaker Chief Minister Sindh Justice (retd) Magbool Bagar

While addressing the convetion KP minister Aamir Abdullah shared personal experiences and commended institutions for their significant role in education and practical life. He particularly praised the methodology adopted by Dar-e-Arqam Schools System to enhance educational the institutions.

sentence, life jail in double murder case MULTAN (APP): A local court awarded death

Four get death

sentences to four accused on charge of killing two persons after committing a robbery at a house in 2019 in Muĺtan. Additional District & Sessions Judge (AD&SJ) Saira Noreen, pronounced

the verdict of the case after the completion of the trial in which four accused named Ghulam Shabir alias Shabu, Mureed Hussain, Ghulam Mustafa alias Musti Nadeem and Nazir Ahmad were awarded death sentence. Apart from the death penalty, criminals were sentenced to imprisonment. The court also ordered that all the criminals will also pay Rs 300,000 each compensation to the heirs of the deceased and they will spend a further three months in jail in case.

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Governor SBP asks banks to enhance farmers' access to financial services

KARACHI: The Governor the Pakistan (SBP) Jameel country, said a statement Ahmed urged the banks to ensure easy, timely and hassle-free access of farmers to all financial officials from federal and services including credit, deposits and payments.

The governor SBP, while chairing the annual meeting of the Agricultural representatives of regional Ädvisory Committee (ACAC), senior officials of SBP. emphasized the need to strengthen and promote highlighted that despite FY24. He urged the banks

sector, which is pivotal for including floods, the not only meet but also socioeconomic agriculture

was attended by senior provincial governments, Presidents/CEOs of banks, members of provincial chambers of agriculture, farming communities and

of the State Bank of development of the disbursements reached an impressive level of Rs1,776 billion during The ACAC meeting attended by senior year growth of 25.2% and achieving 97.6% of the overall target of Rs1,819

> He expressed hope for a strong recovery in the agriculture sector that would pave the way for a projected real GDP growth Governor in the range of 2 to 3% in

accordingly set at Rs2,250 billion, which was 26.7% disbursement made last year, he said adding that the stellar growth of 30% during July-Oct 23 gives optimism that we are on track to comfortably achieve the disbursement



challenges, particularly attrition of borrowers.

ISLAMABAD: The Federal Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs, Dr. Shamshad Akhtar presided over a meeting of the Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) and the College of the College o

Economic



by President Md. Jashim Uddin call on Prime Minister of Nepal, Mr. Pushpa

Pakistani delegation explores agri tech cooperation in Gansu

BEIJING (APP): A applications in agricultural expressed delegation of government officials and agricultural Economic Net (CEN) cooperation with Jinkefeng experts from Gilgit- reported. Baltistan visited Lanzhou province of China and held exchange meetings with local enterprises to explore harvesting equipment that cooperation potentials.

Academy of Mechanical members. Science, the delegation toured the production base detailed discussions were and gained comprehensive held on future cooperation knowledge about the models and specific plans,

The Central Directorate of

The CDNS surpassed

He said this was Rs

in the current fiscal year,

the senior official of CDNS

told APP here on Friday.

200 billion additional

target of Rs 1300 billion for

The company also demonstrated the complete operational model of silage they plan to showcase and During visit to promote in Pakistan, which Jinkefeng Company, a sparked great interest subsidiary of the Gansu among the delegation

Subsequently, company's flagship resulting in a series of products and their wide agreements. The delegation

CDNS realizes

Rs 750 billion targets

in fresh bond

ISLAMABAD (APP): the country," he said.

from July 1 to December culture, he said.

Company in agricultural equipment, aiming to drive the modernization of agriculture in Pakistan.

The similarities in geography and weather between Gansu and Gilgit-Baltistan will make the cooperation particularly potential. The adoption of modern farming practices can effectively improve agricultural production, said a delegate member of the GB agriculture department

Hike in phones prices

In view of the current National Savings (CDNS) market trend in the has achieved a target of Rs country, the ambitious 750 billion in fresh bonds target had been set to in the current fiscal year, further improve the savings The official said that work was being done on the annual target and institutional reforms in achieved the target of Rs CDNS and new reforms

introduced. Automated Teller Machine (ATM) has also been introduced in CDNS which annual targets than the will provide enough facilities to the users," he the previous financial year added.

Replying to a "The CDNS has set a question, he said the CDNS reviewed saving target of had collected Rs 1.4 trillion for the investment of Rs 16 billion current financial year in the month of July 2023-(2021-22) which will 24, through Islamic

PCCC, CAB Int'l inks MoU to boost organic cotton, IPM

MULTAN (APP): In a significant development, the Pakistan Central CCRI Multan, Dr. International (CABI) have also present at the inked a Memorandum of occasion. Under the terms collaborate on pioneering CABI office was research initiatives focused on promoting organic headquarters in Multan, cotton and implementing integrated pest management (IPM) in the management of the ma

The signing ceremony was held at the PCCC Malik expressed his headquarters here on Director Research PCCC Dr. Taswar Hussain Malik and CABI's Senior Regional Director Asia, Dr. Babar Ehsan stability of the national Bajwa formalized the economy

practices in Pakistan.

optimism about this partnership, emphasizing its potential to not only benefit local farmers but also contribute to the

Committee Muzammil Farooq (CABI) and CAB and other officials were Understanding (MoU) to of the agreement, a new inaugurated at the PCCC

Customs Duty by FBR set to increase mobile

LAHORE (APP): Leading mobile phone brands in increase the prices of their models after the FBR increased the Customs Duty on import of almost all models of mobilephones, imported into the

1.6 trillion in fresh bonds and innovations were being Federal Board Revenue sources told APP on Friday that the Directorate General of Customs Valuation had substantially increased the customs value on the import of 1,160 models of famous brands of mobile

Directorate General of Customs Valuation said that used mobile-phones, imported by travelers.

Output of LCVs, Vans and jeeps down by 43.91%

in five months ISLAMABAD (APP) The production of Light Commercial Vehicles (LCVs), vans and jeeps in the country has witnessed a 43.91 per cent decrease during the first five months of the financial year 2023-24 against the output of the same period of last fiscal year. As many as 8,084 LCVs, vans and jeeps were manufactured during July-November (2023-24) as compared production of 14,413 LCVs, vans and jeeps during July- November (2022-23), according to official data by Pakistan Automobile Manufacture

Association (PAMA). During the period

Governor assures cooperation to textile mills association in resolution of problems PESHAWAR (APP): A to take up the matter with delegation of Khyber the caretaker prime

Pakhtunkhwa Textile Mills minister and said that price Association here Friday increase is a matter of called on KP Governor, Haji Ghulam Ali and informed him about their problems and issues.

The delegation that was led by Muhammad Kamran Shah informed the governor about their reservations relating to the increase in gas prices and urged him to raise the issue with federal authorities.

The delegation said that they would be forced to stop production if their concerns were not addressed timely and added that our province deserves adequate gas supply according to its production ratio of gas. The governor assured

member delegation of the Islamic Doctors Forum called on the governor and discussed problems relating to doctors and hospitals. The governor listened to their problems and assured them of his cooperation.

production of industries.

He said that necessary

steps would be taken for

the relief of the textile

industry and to remove

Meanwhile, a twenty-

their concerns

A thirty-member delegation of Government Degree College Ogi Manshera met with the KP.



Hussain Malik and Senior Regional Director Asia CAB International (CABI), Dr. Babar Ehsan Bajwa sign MoU to boost organic cotton and IPM at PCC

ADB mission chief stresses collaborative efforts to enhance agri. mechanization

Senior National Specialist/ Development Bank (ADB) Ms. Noriko Sato has urged agricultural mechanization, agricultural and testing

country. She visited the addressed a workshop on enhanced agricultural mechanization in Punjab, jointly arranged by the ADB, UAF, Punjab Agriculture Department and CABI [Centre for Agriculture and Bioscience International]. discussed agricultural

issues, mechanization, water and food security. of ADB full support for the noble cause and said

FAISALABAD (APP): that the UAF was having a valuable workforce and Mission Lead of Asian scientists to address the issue of agricultural development. She said that the joint efforts of the engineers to make different institutions collaborative efforts for would pave a way to enhanced agricultural address the issue at the national level. She said that machinery standardization the ADB had been helping for the country reduce development in the poverty and increase resilience and prosperity supporting

University of Agriculture investments in key Faisalabad (UAF) and sectors and services. The sectors and services. The ADB operations remain aligned to Pakistan' evolving economic and development priorities, she added

UAF Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Igrar Ahmad Khan said that the ADB support would help make the difference in the sector. He called for joint efforts to er and food security. increase per acre Noriko Sato assured productivity that will ensure food security and alleviate poverty.



ISLAMABAD: A street vendor on his way carrying oranges on a wheelbarrow at Islamabad Fruit and Vegetable market.

ECC allows signing of mediation agreements b/w K-Electric and govt entities & Maritime Affairs, Shahid additional data on the

concern for the province as Coordination Committee it may affect the (ECC) of the cabinet here on Friday decided to approve the proposal of Power Division for signing of the draft PPAA, ICA, TDA & Mediation Agreements between K-Electric and government entities. According to press statement issued by the finance ministry, Federal Minister for Finance, Revenue, and Economic Affairs, Dr. Shamshad Akhtar presided over the ECC meeting, which among others was attended by Minister for

The per tola price of 24

karat gold increased by

Rs.300 and was sold at

Rs.218,600 on Friday

compared to its sale at

Rs.218,300 on the last

of 24 karat gold also

increased by Rs.257 to

Rs.187,414 from Rs.

187,157 whereas the price

of 10 gram 22 karat gold

went up to Rs.171,796

from Rs. 171,561, the All

Sindh Sarafa Jewellers

Association reported.

The price of 10 grams

trading day.

Ashraf Tarar; Minister for Privatization, Fawad Hasan Fawad; Minister for Power and Petroleum, Muhammad Ali; Advisor to PM on Finance, Dr. Waqar Masood; federal secretaries and other senior government officials of the relevant ministries.

On taking up the matter of approval of the draft PPAA, ICA, TDA & Mediation Agreements to be signed with K-Electric, the Ministry of Energy (Power Division) briefed the Committee on the observations made by the members of the ECC and

working of CPPA-G. "After detailed discussion and deliberation, ECC decided to approve the proposal of Power Division for signing of the draft PPAA, ICA, TDA & Mediation Agreements between K-Electric & GoP Entities," the statement added. The cabinet committee also directed Power Division to present the matter related to KE's generation enhancement plan to the Cabinet Committee on Energy (CCOE), which should focus on reducing the cost of electricity as well as on provided the requisite the resultant subsidies.

Communication, Railways Gold rates up Weekly inflation falls by Rs.300 slightly by 0.06 percent per tola ISLAMABAD (APP):

ISLAMABAD (APP): Price Indicator (SPI), witnessed a slight decrease of 0.06 percent for the combined consumption groups during the week ended on December 14, the week under review in the above-mentioned group was recorded at 311.58 past week, according to the

The weekly inflation, corresponding week of last measured by the Sensitive year, the SPI for the combined consumption group in the week under increase of 43.16 percent. The weekly SPI with the base year 2015-16 = 100Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) reported on Friday. The SPI for the all expenditure groups. The SPI for the lowest consumption group up to Rs 17,732, decreased by points as compared to 0.19 percent and went 311.78 points during the down to 306.02 points 0.19 percent and went from last week's 306.59 points.



Ali Sindhi cutting ribbon during the opening ceremony of 3rd Pakistan International Property housing & Construction Expo-23 at Pak China

LUMS energy institute launches report on energy efficient buildings

Pakistan's expenditure of nearly USD 100 billion on power plants: Dr. Fiaz

Independent Report ISLAMABAD: În a

milestone event, the UMS Energy Institute (LEI), a research and capacity building centre with a focus on Pakistan's energy sector, has unveiled a report titled Sustainable Architecture: Advancing Energy Efficient Buildings.

The report addresses the acute energy challenge and how adopting energyefficient practices in residential construction can drastically reduce loads.

While addressing

bodies, and key summer stakeholder, Dr. Fiaz necessitat Ahmad Chaudhry, 18,000 Director, LUMS Energy Institute, said, "Pakistan" expenditure of nearly USD 100 billion on power plants, predominantly for summer cooling loads, is unsustainable.

By adopting the energy-efficient practices we can reduce cooling loads by at least 50%, saving billions of dollars.' seasonal

variation in electricity cooling loads during hot growth.

18,000 MW of power plant capacity.

This extra capacity, largely underutilized for the rest of the year, imposes a staggering cost of nearly \$100 billion on the national economy. This operational inefficiency has led to capacity payment obligations surpassing PKR 2 trillion, a financial weight bearing down on a sector that contributes minimally to usage, pronounced by the country's GDP

Govt tightens belts to sail through winter gas shortage

continues to grow number of households was exerting extra burden on the available gas resources with consumers often facing gas rationing.

Although the government has tightened belts to the issue needs a multipronged and long-term strategy to cope with this challenging situation.

The officials claim to ackle imminent energy scarcity head-on with an ambitious plan targeting a production and import goal of 1,958,820 tons of

ISLAMABAD (APP): As Liquefied Petroleum Gas during 2022-23, where (LPG) supply across the country's population (LPG) as our hydrocarbon reserves deplete by unhindered, the mounting roughly 10% annually amidst escalating gas consumption.

line multifaceted initiatives to meet the country's energy demand, Exploration and (E&P) Production overcome the gas shortage, companies aim to yield around 26 million barrels of crude oil, 1.3 trillion cubic feet of gas and 779,044 tons of LPG. Additionally, plans include an import of 1,179,776 tons of LPG and nine million tons of LNG during the current fiscal year. Despite achieving slightly below targets Liquefied Petroleum Gas

production figures fell short marginally, the focus remains on augmenting hydrocarbon exploration activities nationwide.

"The country currently facing insufficient gas production to meet the demand, with local gas reserves depleting by approximately 10 percent annually. At the same time, consumption continues escalating with each passing day," stated Energy Minister Energy Muhammad Ali.

"But, the government is actively working to improve infrastructure for

country to meet the shortfall," he said. minister

informed that the government had ordered two Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) cargoes for December and one for January to meet domestic gas requirements. "Efforts are also on to revise LPG policy, with certain proposed changes and it would soon be presented to the cabinet for approval." As irrational and imprudent policies of the previous PTI leadership landed the country in real trouble, the outgoing PML-N-led government and the

had to bear the brunt of these policies. However, the minister assured to acceleration of exploration activities to meet the requirements of domestic, commercial and industrial consumers. "We are coming up with an efficient gas policy as we are also focusing on increasing hydrocarbon exploration in potential areas," he informed. The country's potential in shale gas and oil, validated through a comprehensive 2015 study in collaboration with USAID, encompasses 10,159 trillion cubic feet of shale gas and 2,323 billion.

present caretaker set-up



called on Khyber Pakhtunkhawa Governor, Haji Ghulam Ali.

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Israel-Hamas fighting convulses Gaza as US seeks protection of civilians

Monitoring Desk CAIRO/GAZA: Israeli and Hamas forces battled throughout Gaza on Friday, witnesses said, suggesting Israel's ground offensive was meeting stiffer resistance as the U.S. pushed its ally to alter a war strategy that has inflicted a huge ci-

vilian death toll. Residents in the small enclave reported fighting in Sheijaia, Sheikh Radwan, Zeitoun, Tuffah, and Beit Hanoun in north Gaza, east of Maghazi in central Gaza and in the centre and northern fringes of the main southern city of Khan Younis. Hospitals in Deir al-Balah, Khan Younis and Rafah reported a new influx of dead and wounded early on Friday including two children. Four people were

killed in an Israeli air strike on a house in Rafah and Israeli tanks were shelling targets just east of the city near the Egyptian border, medics and witnesses said.

The Israeli military said in an update on Friday its forces had destroyed a Hamas command and control hub in Gaza City's Sheijaia district, conducted a "targeted raid" on militant infrastructure in Khan Younis, and bombed sites in the Rafah area that helped Hamas to smuggle weapons into Gaza. The heavy fighting, confirmed by many residents and militant sources reached by Reuters, raised questions about whether Israel's two-month-long aerial and ground blitz of Gaza has significantly weakened Hamas, which it

has vowed to annihilate. "The Gaza Strip turned into a ball of fire overnight, we could hear explosions and gunshots echoing from all directions," Ahmed, 45, an electrician and father of six, told Reuters from a shelter in a central area of the densely populated enclave. "They can destroy homes and roads and kill civilians from the air or through blind tank shelling, but when they come face to face with the resistance they lose. We don't have anything to lose after all they had

done to our Gaza," he said. Unrelenting Israeli bombardment has laid much of the narrow coastal strip to waste over the past two months, with nearly 19,000 people confirmed dead, according to Palestinian health



ists in the European Council atrium ahead of an EU leaders' dinner at the European headquarters in Brussels.

Communications blackout as starving Gazans being bombed to dust

Monitoring Desk GAZA: Israel pounded the length of the Gaza Strip on Thursday, killing families in their homes, even as a US envoy told Israel Washington wanted the war to end 'as soon as possible".

Internet and teleohone services were cut across the war-torn Gaza Strip on Thursday, the Palestinian telecommunications company Paltel said, while the UN warned of the possibility of a "breakdown of civil order" in the Gaza Strip as aid organisations have struggled to get supplies to desperate Gazans.

Hunger and desperation are driving people to seize humanitarian aid being delivered from the sole point of entry at Rafah. while many are forced to beg for bread, paying 50 times more than usual for a single can of beans and slaughtering a donkey to

feed a family.

The UN humanitarian office OCHA said on Thursday that limited aid distributions were taking place in the Rafah area, close to the border with Egypt, where almost half of Gaza's population of 2.3 million is now estimated to be living.

11 Iran police killed in attack claimed my militant group Jaish al-Adl

Monitoring Desk ΓΕΗRAN: At least 11 Iranian police officers were killed in an attack overnight by militant group Jaish al-Adl (Army of Justice) on a

police station in the southeastern province of Sistan-Baluchistan, an official told state television on Friday. A number of assailants were also killed in a

shootout that ensued with the security forces, the channel reported.

'In the terrorist attack on the police headquarters fended themselves bravely in the town of Rask, 11 and wounded and killed policemen were killed, and some of the assailants others were wounded,'

Alireza Marhamati, deputy governor of the province, told state TV. The attack, which oc-

curred around midnight was one of the deadliest in years for the region lying close to Iran's border with Afghanistan and Pakistan. It was claimed by Jaish al-Adl, in a brief statement

on its Telegram channel. Jaish al-Adl was formed in 2012 and is blacklisted by Iran as a "terrorist" group.

"The officers at the targeted police station de-

PRESIDENT BIDEN,

Current and former members of President Biden's staff call for a ceasefire

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impeachment inquiry against Biden

Palestinian

prime minister

says US must

seek a 2-state

solution. Israel

vows to fight

Monitoring Desk

GAZA: The Palestinian

prime minister said in an

interview Thursday that

the Biden administration

must now "walk the walk"

and take specific steps to-

ward what has been an elu-

sive two-state solution, in-

cluding by applying pres-

sure on Israel. But in Israel,

the defense minister said

destroying Hamas will take

shielded Israel against grow-

ing international calls for an

US House launches

The United States has

several more months.

immediate cease-fire.

Monitoring Desk WASHINGTON: The US House of Represen-tatives voted on Wednes-day to formalise an impeachment inquiry into President Joe Biden, escalating Republicans' battle with Democrats ahead of the 2024 election in a move Biden himself slammed as a "baseless"

stunt. Republicans, seizing on Biden's son Hunter's controversial international dealings, have yet to provide evidence of corruption by the president, and the Democratic-led Senate would be unlikely to convict him even if the inquiry did lead to an actual impeachment trial.

EU agrees to open membership talks with Ukraine

Monitoring Desk

BRUSSELS: European Union leaders granted Ukraine a major political win on Thursday by agreeing to start membership negotiations at a time when its counter-offensive against Russia's invasion has failed to make major gains and US military aid has become more uncer-

Diplomats and officials in Brussels said the unexpected green light for talks took place as Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban, who had for weeks said he would block such a deal, agreed to leave the room, knowing the other leaders would go ahead and vote.

Orban confirmed that he had abstained from the vote at the EU summit on what he called a "bad deci-

It was unclear at this stage what exactly he could

be getting in return. Such an unusual way to approve a decision, especially such a major one, is unheard of in Brussels, even for a place where diplomats have long been very creative about how to strike

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky welcomed the decision.

'This is a victory for Ukraine. A victory for all of Europe. A victory that motivates, inspires, and strengthens," he said.

Hungarian PM Orban blocks EU aid for Ukraine after membership talks agreed

Monitoring Desk BRUSSELS: Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban on Friday blocked \$55 billion (€50 billion) in EU aid for Ukraine, after leaders side-stepped his opposition to agree to open talks with Kyiv on joining the bloc. A crunch summit in Brussels broke up after a day of wrangling as the Hungarian authoritarian leader refused to greenlight funding to help prop up

the next four years. Orban called for unblocking all of the still-frozen funds from the European Union for his country, before considering lift-

Ukraine's government over

ing his veto on further aid to Ukraine 'This is a great opportunity for Hungary to make it clear that it should get what it deserves. Not half,

then a quarter, but it must get the whole thing," Orban said in an interview with Hungarian state radio.

'So we want to be treated fairly, and now there is a good chance that we can assert this," he added.

The wrangling injected a bitter note over the summit, a day after the leaders minus Hungary made the historic decision to open talks with Ukraine on it one day joining the bloc. The second day of the summit was expected to turn to the Israeli-Hamas war in Gaza, and the search for a common EU position on it. EU countries are divided between those backing calls for a ceasefire in Gaza supported by the overwhelming majority of the UN General Assembly and those supporting the stance of Israel and

Denmark and Germany announce arrests of terror suspects, including suspected Hamas members

the United States.

Monitoring Desk COPENHAGEN: Den-

mark and Germany announced Thursday arrests of several terror suspects, including alleged Hamas members suspected of plotting attacks on Jews and lewish institutions in Europe over the ongoing Israel-Hamas war.

The announcements were issued separately and it was unclear how the arrests were connected and if they were the result of coordinated actions, or even possibly one operation spanning the continent.

Danish police said three people were arrested across Denmark while a fourth person was detained in the Netherlands on suspicion of plotting to carry out "an act of terror." Officials

Copenhagen did not provide any details beyond saying the arrests had "threads abroad" and were "related to criminal gangs, singling out the banned. predominantly immigrant gang Loyal to Familia that had long been behind feuds, violence, robberies, extortion and drug sales.

Former Philippine president Duterte denies making death threat

Monitoring Desk MANILA: Former presi-

dent Rodrigo Duterte has denied he threatened to kill a congresswoman and urged state prosecutors to refrain from filing criminal charges against him, according to a deposition made public on

House of Representatives Deputy Minority Leader France Castro has alleged Duterte threatened her life twice in recent months and asked state prosecutors to charge him. Duterte sent a writ-

ten deposition to a Manila prosecutor on Monday after the official summoned him and Castro to present witnesses and supporting documents relating to the first alleged death threat, the justice department

"There was never any deliberate intent on my part to single out and threaten complainant Castro," Duterte said in the deposition, a copy of which was released to the press by the department's National Prosecution Service.

Sudan's RSF advances on Wad Madani as eight month-old war spreads Monitoring Desk

DUBAI: Sudan's army was trying to hold off attacks by the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) on Friday near Wad Madani, a major city that had been sheltered from fighting and taken in hundreds of thousands of civilians during eight

months of war. Clashes in the area. about 170 km (105 miles) southeast of Khartoum, threaten to open a new front in a conflict that has displaced nearly 7 million people, left the capital in ruins and triggered waves of ethnically driven killings in

A takeover of densely populated Wad Madani, where some government and aid services have relocated, would likely trigger massive displacement and deepen a humanitarian crisis in which the United Nations is warning of famine-like conditions in areas directly affected by the

On social media, people packing up belong- paign.

ings while others asked about safe routes out of Wad Madani. Residents

Khartoum and other cities have reported rape, looting, arbitrary killing, and detention by RSF forces.

The RSF, a paramilitary force that has recently gained momentum with takeovers of major cities, has said it is trying to protect civilians. It said in a statement on Friday that it was seeking to destroy army strongholds and that citizens in Wad Madani and surrounding El Gezira state should be reassured.

Witnesses said that RSF soldiers had reached Um Eleila, 15 km from Wad Madani, but that the army had deployed on a bridge that separates the two areas and army planes were seen overhead. Witnesses in Wad Madani said they could hear explosions but there was no fighting in-

side the city. Um Eleila town contains fuel depots that could some shared photos of aid the RSF in its cam-

the Parliament in Stockholm, Sweden. Tel Aviv not to Germany to stop accepting imams from Turkiye

Swedish climate activist Greta Thunberg attends the Future protest outside

Monitoring Desk from Turkey and instead train the Muslim clerics on

An agreement has ish go been reached with the Turk-many. ish-Islamic umbrella group DITIB to phase out foreign imams and train 100 a year them, the ministry said in a

Islamic association in Ger-BERLIN: Germany will many and manages 900 stop accepting imams sent mosque communities. Critciation, a branch of the Presihome soil in a bid to encourdency of Religious Affairs age integration, the interior in Ankara, of acting as an ministry said on Thursday. extended arm of the Turkish government in Ger-

Interior Minister Nancy Faeser said the agreement was "an imporin Germany to replace tant milestone for the integration and participation of Mus-lim communities in

statement. Prince Harry's phone hacking victory is a landmark in the long

saga of British tabloid misconduct

Monitoring Desk LONDON: Prince Harry's victory against Mirror Group Newspapers on Friday over what a British judge called "habitual" illegal activity is a landmark

moment in the long and

twisting saga of lawbreaking by Britain's tabloid Judge Timothy
Fancourt ruled that Mirror newspapers had hired private investigators to snoop for personal information and engaged in illegal phone

hacking for well over a de-

and attempts to tame it stretching back years — but it's unlikely to be the end

Britain's fiercely competitive tabloid newspapers sold millions of copies a day and would go to great lengths to get scoops, including by using underhanded techniques.

One method was phone hacking — calling someone's number and punching in 0000 or another default PIN number in hope that would give ac-It's the latest chapter cess to their voice messages.

Biden staffers demonstrate outside White House for Gaza ceasefire

Monitoring Desk WASHINGTOŇ: In an unprecedented move, political appointees and Biden administration staffers gathered in front of the White House on Wednesday, urging President Joe Biden to

ceasefire in Gaza. More than three dozen participants, including political appointees, administration staffers, and civil service career staff, attended the vigil during the pact early evening, concealing their identities with sun-

support a permanent

glasses and masks.

Josh Paul, a former Biden administration's handling of the Gaza cri-

State Depart-ment official who resigned in Oct over disagreements with the sis, delivered opening re-A former administra-

tion staffer read a statement from a group of Palestinian officials who chose to remain anonymous, expressing concerns about the imgovernment's decisions on global objectives.



Passengers of an Allegro train from St Petersburg, Russia, walk at the railway station in Helsinki, Finland.

resume Gaza prisoner talks in Qatar

Monitoring Desk TEL AVIV: Israel has canceled a planned trip to Qatar by the head of its foreign intelligence service to restart talks on a potential second prisoner release deal with Hamas, CNN reported on Thursday.

Mossad David Barnea will not travel to Doha, where previous talks on the release of prisoners held by Hamas in Gaza have taken place, the

source said. The Israeli war cabi-Benjamin Netanyahu, decided to cancel the trip and negotiations with senior officials will not resume in

Britain, meanwhile, said that Israel would not accept a two-state solution with the Palestinians after the

Tzipi Hotovely told Sky News that she did not believe in the long-standing position of the UK government and the United Na

More asylum seekers rush to Finland from Russia before border closure

Monitoring Desk HELSINKI: The Finnish Border Guard on Friday said more than 200 asylum seekers have entered Finland from Russia since the Nordic country reopened some border crossings on Thursday to allow travel between the two countries after a two-week total closure. The Finnish government said on Thursday afternoon it would again shut the border from 1800 GMT on Friday, this time for one month after the inflow of asylum seekers restarted as soon as the border restric-

tions were relaxed. Some 900 asylum seekers from nations such as Kenya, Morocco, Pakistan, Somalia, Syria and Yemen entered Finland from Russia in November, an increase from less than one per day previously according to the Border

in Gaza, outside the White House. 14 Indian MPs suspended for security breach protest

Monitoring Desk NEW DELHI: The curious security lapse in the Indian parliament took a curiouser turn on Thursday when the ruling party used its majority to expel 14 opposition

MPs for demanding a statement from the home minister on the incident.

Four persons were placed on a 7-day remand for Wednesday's security breach after two men from the group jumped into the Lok Sabha from the visitor's gallery and re- Minister Amit Shah.

leased yellow smoke from canisters while shouting anti-government slogans The other two released vel low smoke outside the par-

liament building. The house first suspended five opposition MPs from different parties and later added another nine to the list. Reports said one of the MPs suspended was not even in Delhi when the opposition vociferously demanded an explanation from Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home

Denmark remands six in custody after foiled terror attack

Monitoring Desk

COPENHAGEN: Danish prosecution authorities said Friday that six people had been remanded in custody overnight after a police swoop they said prevented a terror attack.

Police have not given any details about the target of the alleged plot but said late Thursday that there was no direct link to the arrest the same day of four suspected Hamas members in Germany accused of preparing an attack against Jewish targets

Israel had said on Thursday that the suspects in Denmark were acting "on behalf of Hamas," which has not been confirmed by Danish authorities. "Six people were re-

manded in custody overnight until January 9 four of them in absentia One person has been released." the Danish prosecution service wrote on X. without providing further details.

Suspects can be remanded in custody in absentia in order to obtain an international arrest warrant. which suggests the four may be abroad. The proceedings were held behind closed doors

and no details of the case have been made public. Danish police said Thursday that they had ar-

rested three people in Den

Indonesian health workers rally for protection of

Monitoring Desk JAKARTA: Indonesian medics rallied in Jakarta on Friday to call for a ceasefire in Gaza and demand that the World Health Organization protect Palestinian health workers attending to civilians wounded by Israeli

Indian court allows survey over mosque-temple dispute in UP Monitoring Desk NEW DELHI: In a move

that could impact the general elections in India next year, the Allahabad High Court on Thursday al lowed a petition demanding that a court commissioner be appointed to inspect the Shahi Idgah mosque in Uttar Pradesh's Mathura, reported Live Law.

The petitioners have demanded full ownership of 13.37 acres of land around the mosque, claiming that it is the birthplace of Hindu deity Krishna, the Scroll news portal said.

medics in Gaza

attacks.

At least 100 health workers from 10 Indonesian medical associations participated in the solidarity demonstration organized by the Medical Emergency Řescue Committee. Chanting "Free Palestine," they carried Palestinian flags and banners reading "Stop Genocide.'

LAHORE: President Dr Arif Alvi addressing the passing out ceremony of 46th Specialized Training Program of Pakistan

GENEVA (APP): High-

APHC acknowledges Pak continued support for Kashmir cause

ISLAMABAD (APP):The Kashmir dispute in accor-All Parties Hurriyat Conference (APHC) has said that Pakistan's continued political, diplomatic and moral support has been a source of great encouragement for the people of oc-cupied Jammu and Kashmir in their just struggle to se-cure their right to self-determination

The APHC spokes-man, in a statement issued in Srinagar, hailed the Pakistan Caretaker Prime Minister, Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar, for representing the aspirations of the Kashmiri people in his address to the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly, yesterday, Kashmir Media Service reported on Friday.

He maintained that Pakistan has always advocated the resolution of the Israel demonstrations.

of Pakistan during his ongoing visit to US.

SC issues written

order pertaining to

Z.A. Bhutto reference

ISLAMABAD (APP): Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, the

The Supreme Court (SC) grandson of the late Mr.

ten order regarding the to be represented herein. We

hearing on a presidential are informed that there is

reference pertaining to the only one surviving daugh-

sentence of former prime ter of the late Mr. Bhutto

reference No. 1 of 2011 lowed and learned Mr. Naek

was filed by the President may represent Mr. Bilawal

with regard to the late Mr. daughter and any of his

and he has eight grandchil-

Bhutto Zardari and assist

this Court. If Mr. Bhutto's

grandchildren also want to

be represented, they may

engage counsel, the order

General for Pakistan was

asked whether any of the

successive Presidents or the

federal government sought

to withdraw the Reference

or wants to do so now, and

the AG stated that this was

not done nor is this sought

Engineer from GDA, Qazi

pressed interest in projects

related to business and edu-

cational opportunities for

women, community devel-

opment, construction of

public facilities in the Demi

Zer, training programs,

women entrepreneurship,

and women's inclusion in

the fishing industry. The delegation conveyed their

enthusiasm for collaboration

The delegation ex-

It said the Attorney-

The application is al-

minister Zulifqar Ali

of Pakistan under Article

186 of the Constitution

Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto's crimi-

took place till 12 Novem-

ber 2012, but thereafter the

Presidential Reference was

not fixed in Court. This

Reference remains pend-

ing, therefore, it merits de-

termination as early as

velopment Network (AKDN) paid a visit to

Gwadar, exploring the historical cultural heritage un-

der the reconstruction ini-

tiative by the Gwadar De-

velopment Authority

sued on Friday said the del-

egation highlighted the sig-

nificance of GDA's project

for the preservation and

development of Gwadar's

Specialist of GDA, Tariq Rand, provided the delega-

tion with briefings on vari-

Urban Development

ancient cultural heritage.

AKDN statement is-

It said Mr. Farooq H.

Naek referred to an application filed on behalf of Mr. not done nor is to be done now.

Balochistan Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar

AKDN visits Gwadar to

explore cultural heritage

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undertaken by GDA. The delegation, led by AKDN's emphasizing cooperation for future endeavors.

A number of hearings

nal trial and conviction.

The order said: "The

dance with the Kashmiris' aspirations and the relevant UN resolutions but this objective could not be achieved due to India's intransigent attitude. The spokesman urged the international community to put pressure on India to reciprocate Pakistan's efforts to settle this lingering dispute to ensure permanent peace in the region.

Meanwhile, the occupation authorities locked the Central Jamia Masjid and Bemina Imambargah in Srinagar for the 10th consecutive week and prevented people from offering Juma prayers. The authorities feared that the Juma congregations at these places of worship could turn into anti-India and anti-



kistan Navy Ship TUGHRIL Friday visited RAWALPINDI: Chief of Army Staff (COAS), Gen-Salalah Port of Oman for logistics and fueling on the eral Asim Munir interacted with the Pakistani overseas community in a reception hosted by Embassy return journey to Pakistan after completion of routine operational deployment at Gulf of Aden, as part of Regional Maritime Security

During the stay at the port, the Commanding officer of the ship met with senior naval officials of Oman as part of Naval diolomacy and discussed matters of mutual interest, a Pakistan Navy news release said.

Asif Durrani says Despite crises, Pakistan will continue to assist & protect Afghan refugees

lighting that Pakistan is still largest international gathering on refugees and host hosting over 1.4 million Afghan refugees, a senior Pacommunities. kistani diplomat has called 'This is despite the on the world community to fact that like many other continue providing Islamabad with the necesdeveloping countries, Pakistan continues to grapple sary support to take care with the triple crises of of them. Speaking at the Global Refugee Forum food, fuel and inflation,

Ambassador Durrani said. "We sincerely hope (GRF), Pakistan's Special Representative for Afghanithat the international comstan, Asif Durrani said that munity will continue to Pakistan, for over four dedemonstrate its responsibility by providing sustained and adequate supcades, shouldered the global responsibility of hosting, protecting, and assistport to Pakistan as a host ing Afghan refugees.
"We reaffirm this country," he added. In his opening speech, UN refupledge to Afghan refugees, who enjoy equal access to basic facilities of life at par

told the Forum, the world's around the world, represen a "crisis of humanity".

The Global Refugee

Forum — co-hosted by UNHCR and Switzerland and convened by Colombia, France, Japan, Jordan and Uganda—brings together member states, civil society, financial institutions, private companies and more than 300 refugee advocates. Setting the tone for the discussion. Grandi said that 114 million "represents the number of refugees and displaced people whom persecution, human rights violations, violence, armed conflict, serious pubgee agency (UNHCR) chief Filippo Grandi told delegates that a record 114 million forcibly displaced,

PM assures financial assistance to AJK govt for completion of road network

MUZAFFARABAD (APP):Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Friday said the federal government would extend every possible financial assistance to Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) for completion of development works in the area. Chairing a special meeting Azad Jammu and Kashmir cabinet, he stressed that the road network between AJK

PM Kakar said the government would provide assistance on the construction of Shuntar Tunnel con-

and Gilgit-Baltistan (GB)

was crucial to ensure con-

necting AJK and GB, the Murree-Muzaffarabad Expressway, and the Mansehra-Muzaffarabad-Mangla-Mirpur Express-

He said the federal government would instruct its ministries to complete the projects relating to AJK on a priority basis.

The prime minister also emphasized to benefit from the tourism potential of AJK. PM Kakar said his visit to AJK was aimed at reiterating the stance of the State of Pakistan about the internationally recognized disputed status of Jammu and Kashmir.



Port of Oman.

Independent Report

QUETTA: The Anti-Ter-

rorist Court (ATC) Quetta

has extended remand of the

activist of Pakistan

Tehreek-i-Insaf (PTI) Khadija Shah and handed

her over to the police for seven more days here on

Friday. The PTI activist

Khadija Shah was produced

in the ATC comprising the

Judge Mr. Saadat Khan

PTI activist Khadija Shah's

remand extended further;

handed over to Police

Gwadar Trade & Investment Forum to be held on Monday

GWADAR (INP): Gwadar Trade and Investment Forum 2023 is all set to be held from December 18-19 at the newly inaugurated Huafa Exhibition Center in Gwadar Free Zone.

Co-organized China Overseas Ports Hold-**OUETTA:** Caretaker Home Minister Captain (Retd) ing Company and Gwadar Port Authority, the Expo is Muhammad Zubair Jamali meeting with Governor the third of its kind in Gwadar. The first day of the event will feature Blue economy while the second day will highlight the potential of petrochemical business in Gwadar Free Zone. To tap the potential QUETTA(APP): Adelega- Business and Technical tion from the Aga Khan Development Network included the Vice Principal of aqua culture, fish farming and fish processing of Gwadar Institute of Haixintian Pelagic Fisheries Technology, Hamad Ahmed, and the Executive Company Limited will pro-Hamad mote the sector through the

> It has already planned to establish a cold storage in Gwadar Free Zone, perhaps one of the largest ir Pakistan, with a capacity of 5000 metric tons and equipped with state of the art machinery with an objective to cater to international transshipment and aqua culture needs of the international market.

East Sea Group has

already submitted its pro-

posal to establish a petro-

chemical complex in North

in Khost area of Harnai **Independent Report** QUETTA: The Frontier Corps (FC) Balochistan North) set up one-day free medical camp in Khost area of Harnai district the other

According to the reports, over 300 patients were provided free medical treatment facilities in the medical camp. The patients were in-

cluded 129 male, 43 female and 131 children of differ-The patients approaching the camp were also provided the free diagnostic facilities including of sugar test, blood pressure malaria and other tests.

The Police investiga-

tion officer pleaded the

court to extend remand of

Khadija Shah for 14 days

on the plea that certain in-

vestigations and interroga-

tion are required in the case.

judge accepted seven days

remand and handed over her

to the concerned police.

However, the ATC

served to the patients treated at the medical camp. In addition to this, ration bags were also distributed among the deserving persons there. Meanwhile, area notables, patients and other local community have hailed the free medical camp and termed it a big relief for

polls process. DC Hub Free meal was also

HUB (APP): Deputy Com-

According to the DC office, during the raid, machines, and tanker tyres were seized while two tanker drivers escaped from

in water theft

Serving humanity gives real happiness, Dr Alvi tells passing-out officers

Dr Arif Alvi urged bureaucrats on Friday to be responresponsive, empathetic, accountable and efficient to keep the public governance and institutional effort well-aligned with the community's welfare. He was speaking at the passing-out ceremony of the participants who completed 46th Specialized Training Programme at the Civil Services Academy. He said that no doubt that institutes like the Civil Services Academy impart training and give skills to the participants which help them enhance their working. He said that unity of purpose could be linked with an organisation to obtain focused goals. Giving an example of Pyramid of Giza [largest Egyptian pyramid, which served as the tomb of pharaoh Khufuthe], the

president said it was an out-

come of skills and focused

goals. "Learning skills also

keeps you motivated in the

Arif Alvi said that balance should be maintained between needs and wants, adding that the world was confused about happiness. Some relate happiness with wealth, but happiness is more about identifying what gives you fresh breath," he explained. He declared that serving humanity provides one with real and long-term happiness. He said looking at the downtrodden people also creates compassion. Efforts should be made to strengthen and practise morality in more appropri-

ate manner, he advised. President Alvi said will was required to overcome challenges, which the country was facing. He said there was love deficit in the world and unfortunately hatred was on the peak. He said it was very unfortunate that world looks at the downtrodden segments in a negative way.

hatred and added that wealth did not change fate of any country, and proper leadership was of utmost significance. He said that tools and techniques which bureaucrats learn actually help them find moral an-

President Dr Arif Alvi said our beloved Holy Muĥammad (Peace Be Upon Him) taught us about forgiveness, which was need of the hour. He said Hazrat Abu Bakr Siddiq (RA) emphasised being humble, offering prayers, keeping doors open for others and maintaining one's standard of living equal to others, adding that these traits were most important for better working of an executive. The president said that atrocities being inflicted in Gaza were shocking and added that now things could not be left to vested interests



QUETTA: Chairman Senate Mir Sadiq Sanjrani, Senator Nawabzada Khalid Khan Masgi, Sardar Saleh Bhotani, Naseebullah Bazai and Roz Jan cutting Christmas cake

PTA, FIA joint operation busts illegal SIM

issuance racket ISLAMABAD (APP): Pa-

kistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) joined forces with the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) Cyber Crime Circle to conduct a successful raid on a mobile phone company franchisee in Lahore. The operation tar-

geted the illegal issuance of SIM cards, a practice that poses serious threats to national security said a news release.

During the raid, the PTA Zonal Office Lahore, assisted by FIA operatives, seized 13 Biometric Verification System (BVS) devices and a laptop as crucial pieces of evidence. The joint team appre-

hended one individual on the premises, who is currently under investigation by the The collaborative ef-

fort was initiated after PTA filed a complaint with FIA, providing critical information about the unauthorized sale of SIM cards through the identified channel.

PTI escaping from **elections:** Ahsan Iqbal

LAHORE (APP): Pakistan Muslim League-N Secretary General Ahsan Iqbal said on Friday that February-8 had been announced for holding general election in the country, and whole nation was looking forward

It may be mentioned Talking to the media here, he said that the PMLhere that Khadija Shah is Bazai on completion of nominated in case of provo-N was preparing for electhree-day remand by the cation of the PTI workers tions and meetings of parliamentary boards were continuing on daily basis. FC Balochistan North sets up He regretted that Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) had one day free medical camp hatched a conspiracy and filed a petition to delay holding of elections. He said the PTI was escaping from

raided water hydrant, two water thieves apprehended

missioner Hub Munir Ahmed Musyani on Friday raided the water hydrant and held two persons involved in water theft and handed them over to Sakran

the scene

DC said that the government machinery will conduct raids from time to time on hydrants involved

Shaukat dismissal case: SC issues notice to Faiz Hameed others

SLAMABAD (Online): Supreme Court (SC) has issued notice to former DG ISI Gen (Retd) Faiz Hameed, Brig (Retd) Irfan Ramay, former chief justice slamabad High Court (IHC) Anwar Kansi and Former Registrar SC Arbab Arif in former judge Shaukat Aziz Siddiqui dismissal

by Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Qazi Faez Isa took up the case for hear-

ing Friday. At the inception of hearing CJP inquired are the allegations of Shaukat Aziz Siddiqui correct. Shaukat Aziz Siddiqui was dismissed on the speech deivered by him on the basis of these allegations. Give reply are your allegations correct. Are those generals whom you want to make respondents wanted to come to power themselves

n general election 2018. The CJP remarked if the allegations of Shaukat Aziz Siddiqui are correct then those generals ware

wanting to become facilitators of some one. Who was that person for whom they were facilitating. Counsel Hamid Khan

said his allegations were The CJP remarked

you are making the facilitators beneficiary. Real beneficiary is some one else. You have not mentioned A five members larger real beneficiary in the peti-

You have made facilitators respondents and why you have not made beneficiary respondent. CJP remarked is army

an independent institution

or it is subordinate to some one. Who runs army. Counsel Hamid Khan said army is subordinate to government. Counsel Salah ud Din Ahmad said Nawaz

surizing judicial system. The CJP remarked who benefitted from it. Was this done to benefit Sindh Bar or Islamabad bar.

Sharif was ousted by pres-

Justice Mandokhel remarked the issue is this allegation is there to use judicial system.



ter Dr. Amir Muhammad Khan Jogezai visiting different sections of Shaheed Nawab Ghous Bakhsh Raisani Hospital and District Women & Child Hospital. Caretaker Provincial Minister for Excise and Taxation Prince Ahmed Ali and Deputy Commissioner Mastung Abdul Razzaq Sasoli are also present.

GoB blacklists firm for non completion of public projects

Balochistan government has blacklisted a firm namely Ms Origin Enterprise for inordinate delay in the projects of Levis Training Center Kuchlak and Dargai Shabozai to Tonsa road project.
The Origin Enter-

orises failed to complete the government projects despite having received the advance payments, said a handout issued by the Communication and Works department of Balochistan

The Communication and Works department had awarded the projects of a 175 km road starting from Dargai Sabozai Loralai district to Tonsa district and construction

However, despite having received the advance payment for initiating work on the projects, the government contractor failed to complete the projects.

The firm blacklisted, will be deemed disqualified and will not compete in any government contracts for 36

It may be mentioned here that Secretary C&W Qambar Dashti had warned stern action against contractors for the inordinate delay in any projects being carried out in the province.

He also issued directives to officials of the C&W department to ensure that uplift projects launched in their respective areas are completed within the stipulated time