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COAS vows to enhance defense with self-reliance, latest technology

Says path to national progress is defined by indigenous, local industries like POF Wah

RAWALPINDI (APP): Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Syed Asim Munir on Tuesday paid a significant visit to the Pakistan Ordnance Factories (POF) in Wah, a crucial hub for the nation's defence production, the military said.

The visit aimed to gain insights into POF's production capabilities, its role in meeting the defence needs of the Pakistan Armed Forces, and its potential for export, according to a statement from the economy of Pakistan, Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR).

During his visit, the COAS was briefed on various aspects of POF's operations, including its contributions to the national defence through the develprogress

opment and production of a wide range of military progress is defined by indigequipment.

enous and local industries The army chief had the like POF Wah. We will conopportunity to witness firsttinue to work for self-reliance hand the testing and trials of and the adoption of the latindigenously designed and est technology, which is esmanufactured weapons and sential towards ensuring reammunition, showcasing the liability and strengthening the defence of Pakistan," reorganisation's commitment to innovation and self-reliance. marked the army chief.

"The path to national

Addressing the offic-ers and staff of POF, Gen Genl Munir's visit highlighted the military's Munir applauded their commitment to promoting dedicated efforts in bolsterself-sufficiency and technoing the security and logical advancement in the defence sector. The COAS emphasising the pivotal role of POF as the primary emphasised the need for continuous efforts to endefence industry in the country. He acknowledged hance the capabilities of indigenous defense industries, the significance of indigaligning with the broader goal enous and local industries of ensuring Pakistan's defence is built on reliable and in the path to national cutting-edge technology.



WAH: General Syed Asim Munir, NI (M), Chief of Army Staff (COAS) visits Pakistan Ordnance Factories (POF) Wah.

Inflation, poverty, unemployment our opponent in elections: Bilawal Warns PML-N of fate similar to PTI in future

asked the people of LARKANA (INP): Pakistan People's Party (PPP) Larkana to elect him in the Chairman Bilawal Bhutto General Elections 2024, the Zardari said that his party's way they did in 2018 as competition is not with any well. "The people of polifical party or a politi-Larkana always elected me cian in the elections 2024, and sent to the National but with inflation, poverty Assembly. I have been raisand unemployment. ing your (people of Larkana) voice in the National Assembly to fulfil the

Addressing a public gathering in Ratodero, Larkana, Bilawal said that expectations," he added. the PPP will form a government that will be a and dissolving the powers at provincial level through people's government in real manner and take Pakistan out of the 'constitutional and political crisis

The PPP Chairman

Sindh CM 'distressed' over surge in crimes

KARACHI (APP): Care- among other serious crimes. taker Sindh Chief Minister Justice (retd) Maqbool The newspapers and elec-tronic media abound with Baqar on Tuesday expressed his distress over the surge in crimes in both urban and rural areas of the province, with "the law en- elections, there had been forcement apparatus con- multiple reports of attacks tinues to be complacent".

The chief minister, in a few cases have even been letter to the Inspector kidnapped in broad day-

ing the constitution and the democratic system everywhere "The PPP fought

against the forces that wanted to snatch the people's rights by forming one-unit," Bilawal added and said his party has failed the conspiracy hatched for the formation of one-unit.

Regarding the recent The PPP chief said his wave of terrorism in the party believes in democracy country, he said that there is a political crisis in the country as we are facing terrorism from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) to Katcha area of Sindh.

PPP believes in transparent elections

MULTAN (INP): Paki-stan Peoples Party (PPP) leader Shazia Marri Tuesday said that elections are part of democracy and PPP truly believed in the transparency of elections and the sanctity of public votes for the betterment

Muhammad Ahmad Shah, Talking to a Private

Climate Envoy as WEF annual meeting kicks off ISLAMABAD (Online): building Trust", the event The 54th Annual Meeting aims to reinforce and of the World Economic Fostrengthen the fundamental principles of transparency,

PM meets US Special

ers

rum has kicked off in Davos, Switzerland.

Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar is representing Pakistan at the forum The Prime Minister

Friday will attend three key thematic events: Preventing an ister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar Era of Global Conflicts, on Tuesday met US Presi-Restoring Faith in the Glodential Special Envoy on bal System and Preventing Climate John Kerry on the sidelines of the World Eco-Economic Fracture. He will deliver a key nomic Forum.

note address on the theme Trade, Tax, Trillion Dollar Promise. Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar

change will also hold meetings with The two leaders also government and business discussed the climate change related challenges leaders on the sidelines of being faced by the developthe World Economic Forum. Under the theme "Reing countries.

During the meeting, they discussed the local and

global impacts of climate

consistency and account-

ability among world lead-

the Forum will continue till

The annual meeting of

Čaretaker Prime Min-



DAVOS: Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar meets U.S. Presidential special envoy on Climate John Kerry on the sidelines of the World **Economic Forum**

Minister invites Qatari investors to invest in Karachi

KARACHI (APP): Sindh Al-Sulaiti, who called on Caretaker Minister for In- the caretaker minister here formation, Minority Affairs at Karachi, said a statement and Social Security issued here.

Bilateral relations of

LARKANA: Chairman Pakistan People's Party Bilawal Bhutto Zardari addressing to Party workers Gathering at Bhutto House Naudero

Govt to facilitate foreign **ECP** completes all preparations investment in e-vehicle to hold elections

the National Finance Commission (NFC). He said that the PPP has been defend-

reports of incidents of the

above crimes. Baqar said that in the wake of upcoming general on the candidates, "who in of the country.

kidnapped in broad day-light". "The most vulnerable segments of our society is a clipped in the equal opportunities is a clipped in broad day, invited inves-that equal opportunities is a clipped in the eq

manufacturing: Younas

KARACHI (APP):Sindh of electricity in the Than Caretaker Minister for Revenue, Industries and Commerce Muhammad Younas Dagha on Tuesday, said that the government is determined to facilitate foreign investment in electrical vehicle manufacturing in the province.

He expressed the views in a meeting with a 10-member delegation of the Chinese Technology Group Genertec that called on the caretaker minister, said a statement issued here.

Provincial Secretary of Industries and Commerce Abdul Rasheed Solangi, Genertec's partner in Pakistan Tabani Group's Chief Executive Officer Hamza Tabani and others were also present on the occasion.

The minister informed the delegation that under CPEC, Pakistan has completed the project of generating more than 2,640 MW he added.



ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Federal Minister for Information & Broadcasting and Parliamentary Affairs Murtaza Solangi addressing the two-day conference for Civic Hackathon "Problem Identification".

Sindh government implements 45-day weapon ban ahead of election

Registered security

guards are permitted to

carry arms during duty,

with the stipulation that

weapons must remain in-

side vehicles during trans-

portation in open surface

vehicles, and their display

ers (SHOs) have been

granted authority to regis-

ter cases of violation. The

ban, recommended by the

police, aims to prevent any

potential untoward inci-

dents during the election

period, as highlighted in the

official notification

Station House Offic-

is prohibited.

KARACHI (INP): In preparation for the upcoming General Election 2024, the Sindh government has enacted a 45-day prohibition on carrying and displaying weapons throughout the province.

This decision, made under section 144, comes in response to a request from Inspector General of Police (IGP) Sindh.

While the ban encompasses the general public, exceptions have been granted for the police, Pakistan Rangers Sindh, and law enforcement agencies.

Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) has com-Coal Power Project. pleted all preparations to He said that the Gov hold polling for the Na-

ernment of Sindh would tional and Provincial assemwelcome Genertec's cooperation and investment in blies next month. setting up an electric vehicle run TV, ECP Spokesperson manufacturing plant in the Sved Nadeem Haider urged province and production of the general public to exerpetroleum, gas and other cise their right to vote on products from Thar Coal reservoirs.

erate spanning the areas of

machinery and advanced

manufacturing, auto busi-

ness, pharmaceuticals

and other technical fields

with the best technical ca-

pabilities.

polling day. The spokes-person mentioned that elec-The head of the delegation symbols have been altion Mr. Jin, briefing about located to the contesting his company informed that candidates, and the ECP is China General Technology set to start the printing of Group (Genertec) is a Chiballot papers. nese state-owned conglom-

PPP demands **ROs' removal** for 'denying' Arrow symbol

on Feb 8

ISLAMABAD (INP): The

While talking to state-

The company is pro-KARACHI (INP): Pakividing various services in stan People's Party (PPP) Indonesia, Bangladesh and demanded the Chief Elec-CPEC member countries, tion Commissioner to remove those Returning Officers (ROs) who have 'not' allotted "Arrow" symbols to seven candidates of the

party from Punjab for the General Elections 2024. PPP's In-Charge Election Cell Taj Haider said that 'injustice is being done with their party in Punjab. A pattern is emerged during the election schedule which is against the PPP," he added. Taj Haider said that the PPP has also written a letter to the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) and demanded the

removal of the concerned ROs. The PPP In-Charge Election Cell said their candidates from two national and five provincial constituencies of Punjab were declared independents and have been issued different

sioner Syed Afzal Zaidi, Mayor Karachi Special symbols instead of the Representative for Political party's traditional "Arrow". Affairs Karamullah Waqasi,

15 days.



of pending cases related to

KMC huts at Hawks Bay

said this while presiding

over a meeting of the Land

tion in KMC's revenue will

not be tolerated and a re-

port related to revenue

should be submitted within

Department in his office.

The Mayor Karachi

He said that the reduc-

and other KMC lands.

Land Department.

General of Police and Di-rector General of Rangers, said he was distressed over "the surge in crimes in the major cities and rural areas which include robbery, murder, rape, kidnapping, drug trafficking, impersonation, mobile snatching, targeted killing, and extortion

segments of our society, to all political parties that is, women, children, and every party had full and the elderly have borne right to participate in a disproportionate brunt of the elections, adding, polls would have no these crimes. Journalists, lawyers, doctors, businesscredibility if one party men, and other professionwas kept away from the als face a bigger threat to electoral process in the their lives and property. country.

MASHHAD: Officials receiving Sindh Governor, Kamran Khan Tessori on his arrival at Mashhad Airport.

Mayor Karachi directs Land dept to get rid of encroachments of KMC lands

KARACHI (APP): The Deputy Parliamentary Mayor Karachi Barrister Leader in the City Council Murtaza Wahab has said Dil Muhammad, Financial that the Land department Advisor Imtiaz Abro, Dishould take immediate acrector Land Sabah-ul-Islam tion to get rid of the enand other officers were also croachments of KMC present on the occasion. lands, and ensure attending The Mayor Karachi

said that due to the cases pending in the courts related to KMC land, recovery is decreasing and it would be better that people do not destroy institutions and the city for the sake of personal business, the officers of the Land Department should formulate a strategy in consultation with the Law Department and the informa-

tion and records required in Municipal Commisvarious cases should be presented on the hearing of the cases, issue special instructions to the concerned staff for this.

Maryam pledges to work 'day and night' for public's welfare AHORE (INP): Maryam

Nawaz, Chief Organiser of the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N), on Wednesday declared that February 8 will resound with the roar of the "lion" her party's election symbol

Lahore's Gajju Matta Maryam expressed grati tude for the warm reception, stating, "Gajju Matta, I thank you wholeheartedly for your overwhelming welcome.

CPPA seeks increase in power tariff by Rs 5.62 per unit KARACHI (Online) Preparations have been made to drop one more elec-

tricity bombshell on people. According to sources Central Power Purchasing Agency (CPPA) has sent application to National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) seeking increase in power tariff by Rs 5.62 per unit.

CPPA has given this application to NEPRA under head of Fuel Price Adjustment for the month of December. NEPRA said hearing of CPPA will be highlighting the rich legacy of the Sindh Police and the held on January 31

come forward and take ben- measures to further extunities available in the province. He extended the invi-

efit of investment oppor- tend the bilateral relations and cooperation, investment opportunities in the province and other matters of mutual interest tation to the Consul General of the State of Qatar in came under discussion in Karachi, Nayef Shahein R. the meeting.

Citizens whose enforced disappearance has been proved be presented at every cost: SHC

KARACHI (Online): Sindh the case the state counsel High Court (SHC) has or- told the court enforced disdered interior secretary that appearance of both the citithe citizens whose enforced zens has been proved in disappearance has been JITs meeting and investigaproved be presented in the tions. court at every cost.

A single bench of SHC the citizens are missing led by Justice Naimatullah since so long period. Do Phulpoto took up petitions something for them. What regarding recovery of misssurfaced during investigaing persons for hearing tion Tuesday.

peared in the court.

ing College Saeedabad.

The investigation of-State counsel and At-torney General (AG) apficer told the court Hafiz Farhan Qadri had gone missing earlier too. He During the hearing of went missing again in 2020.

The court questioned



LAHORE: Chief Organizer PML (N) Maryam Nawaz warmly welcome upon arrival at PP-159.

IGP inspires new police recruits at passing out parade KARACHI (APP): Inspec-tor General of Police (IGP) Sindh Riffat Mukhtar Raja graced the 116th Passing out Parade of Probationary In-

challenges they face in maintaining law and order. IGP Riffat Mukhtar

Raja urged the new officers to uphold justice, tackle dif-ficulties bravely, and emspectors (Law) and the 120th Passing out Parade of Recruits phasized the omnipresence of accountability. He reat Shahid Havat Police Trainminded them of their com-The event celebrated mitment to justice and their the achievements of 845 police personnel, with 28 oath to protect society from wrongdoing. Expressing probationary inspectors (law) and 817 recruits, inpride in the new additions to the Sindh Police family, cluding 389 female recruits. IGP Riffat Mukhtar Raja assured efforts to provide a As the chief guest, IGP Sindh, announced by conducive environment for bugle, meticulously inupholding the rule of law. spected the parade, ac-He pledged not to comproknowledging the dedication of the officers. During his address, he congratulated the passing-out officers,

mise on the honor and dignity of the department, advocating for officers' welfare and highlighting their crucial role as protectors of lives and

property.

Addressing a rally in

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On your mark

After the Supreme Court's shock verdict depriving the PTI of its election symbol late Saturday many observers have wryly questioned the need for having elections at all, given how neatly the field now appears to be set up. However, the show must go on.

By now, most of the parties, including the PTL have issued lists of candidates to whom tickets have been awarded, and these hopefuls have very little time to canvass for votes. They must get go ing with their campaigns forthwith. The PML-N still seems considerably behind compared to the PPP, which has taken a head start as far as holding workers' meetings and jalsas is concerned.

The PTI, unfortunately, faces new, serious existential challenges after losing the bat. However, the party has displayed grit and determination thus far, and it is hoped, for the sake of Pakistani democracy, that it will manage to make the best of the hand it has been dealt.

The lesson that ought to have been learned in 2018 was that engineering results by interfering in the electoral process invariably has disastrous consequences. Those benefiting from such 'interventions' may reap short-term benefits, but with-out meaningful public support and the legitimacy conferred by a fair election to strengthen their hand, they cannot expect to survive the pressures that come with executive power.

With this in mind, all political parties should collectively ask non-democratic forces to step away from the ring immediately

It is well past time for them to assert their space in the country's power configuration and keep dominion over the political sphere — unless they wish to remain at the mercy of non-democratic forces in the years to come as well. The parties seem eager to out-compete each other; it would be a shame if they them. are not given a fair chance to do so on an equal footing from here on.

Meanwhile, it is deeply concerning that two fresh resolutions have been forwarded to the Senate to seek a delay in elections over weather and security concerns.

The caretaker government and the ECP must ensure that the commitment to holding general elections on Feb 8 is not derailed. These elections are key to restoring the political stability that Pakistan desperately needs.

Unfortunately, major controversies have dogged the polls from the very beginning, and there is now a dark pall over the entire exercise. The institutions responsible, especially the ECP, owe it to the nation to salvage what respectability they can for the exercise by ensuring, from now on, fool-proof security and the freedom to campaign for all candidates cleared to participate in the polls.

No candidate should fear appearing in public and putting their agenda before the people. Much damage has already been done. No more should be allowed.

The missing link mation processes at school. From timetabling and scheduling of classes

Neda Mulii

Passing the parcel was a favourite game among kids at birthday parties in the bygone days. These blame game continues. days, passing the buck seems to be a running trend among those who like to shy away from accountability. One school owner I met seemed to have a litany of complaints their insight on growth, against the teachers emobstacles and opportuniployed at her school: excessive absences, lack of welcome more open and classroom management frequent communication, skills and an unprofesas would parents, who sional attitude were cited desperately want answers

as reasons that land a regarding their children's school into ill-repute. experiences at school.

Meanwhile, teachers Planning and implepoint fingers at the school menting processes, such management's inability to as rosters for substitution, provide the necessary reassessment schedules sources, training and deand parent-teacher convelopment, reward and recferences, in advance can ognition. Whilst these help teachers manage their may indeed affect the workload more efficiently. teachers' motivation, they Often, teachers are overare not the drivers of perloaded with unplanned substitution duty for abformance or the lack thereof. Those who are sent teachers, or tend to experts in their subject and find out at the eleventh professionally astute hour that a working Satdon't usually rely on exurday is coming up due ternal factors to motivate to parent-teacher meetings. Planning events There might be a missmuch in advance estabing link in this equation lishes expectations and a gap between how the minimises nasty surprises teachers perform and the

that can dampen motivaschool management's tion perception of them. When Social interaction this gap grows, it becomes amongst the teachers also a gaping wound, leading has a huge bearing on to teacher absences, high teacher motivation and turnover, lower student well-being. Yet, in most retention rates, mediocre schools, the aim is to minimise social interaction academic results and complaints by parents or reserve it for end-ofall resulting in disgruntled term school dinners.

school leaders which, in Work relationships turn, clouds the entire among colleagues evolve continually, and Communication and it would help to provide collaboration may help adregular opportunities for dress this missing link beteachers to engage with tween teachers and man- each other during freagement. Often, teachers quent breaks, collabo- satisfaction. -- Courhave little agency in con- rate on lesson plans and tesy Dawn

tributing to the transfor- teaching strategies and plan their modules together.

In most schools, only to the choice of books for the heads conduct supervision rounds, although it could be very useful for junior teachers to shadow the more experienced ones and give constructive feedback as well as learn from seniors. There can be massive professional

Who am I? Why are we growth in watching and here? What happens to us learning across the board. when we die? Complex questions which every individual seeks to answer in a lifetime. Mayer's Prosperity, the purpose of the existence of a corporationis rather simple: "producing profitlesson plans but do not able solutions to problems add-re--ss the disparity of people and planet". The current socioeconomic business model creates an overabundance of wealth for businessmen, shareholders and CEOs. The scarcity of natural resources necessitates that the role of corporations goes beyond the stake-

School management may want to leverage available technology for digital reminders, discussion boards and tracking content taught in class by having teachers enter records each week. Sustainable systems in place can streamline much of the work being done, besides providing opportunities for collaborative work online vis-à-vis shared lesson plans.

matic positive change. board, the managebeneficiaries - students and parents -

Commerce News

Corporate purpose

individual, state and corporation. Prescriptive corporate purpose of companies in both the Global North and South are required immediately.

Do ESG reporting standards and frameworks solve the problem?ESG addresses a company's performance and risk exposure based on its environmental impact, social responsibility, and how it is governed. The idea is to integrate a broad corporate strategy, addressing stakeholder and regulatory addressing According to Colin ernance. ESĞ demands.

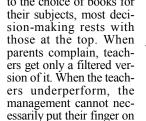
programmes are driven by investor demand, workforce pressure, enterprise management, and competitive advantage. Institutional investors employ 'sustainability-linked' loan-lending strategies to gain a better understanding of risks of an investee firm.

According to the UN Principle of Responsible Investment estimates, global sustainable lending activity grew from \$6 billion in January 2016 to \$322bn in September 2021. How-The reasons behind social disorder, energy criever, sustainable investing approaches differ widely by strategy and products, making it difficult to measure ESG performance. The a few. The world yearns for greatest challenge faced by institutional investors is 'greenwashing' — funds change in the way we conwhich have branded themselves as 'sustainable' but vironment and build a betare not fundamentally different from traditional funds. The UN Financing for Sustainable Developthe corporation become a ment Report 2023 states: source of benefit to soci-"Growing awareness of misleading practices is hood of harm caused to creating disillusion, threatening the entire holder primacy has been market's credibility and rejected across the Atlanleading to an increase in tic, but the alternatives to regulatory measures to solving issues related to enhance transparency prosperity and consumer welfare need further examiand accountability.

Realignment of the profit motive and embedding purpose in the corporate legal framework lies regulatory basis but at the heart of the issue. deprived due to profit How is a buzzword of any maximisation at each stage use to a shareholder if it loosely monitored by the SECP. -- Courtesy Dawn

of interaction between the carries no instant return or promotes stakeholder interests at the cost of finanmandatory rules and best cial capital? The answer is practices to redefine the not straightforward. ESG guidelines nudge private actors at the corporate level. Alternatively, SDG goals and the Paris Agreement's Nationally **Determined Contributions** prod public actors at the state level. A truly sustainable society is visible through the lens of shareholder governance, but can only be manifested through a paradigm shift towards stakeholder gov-

> Pakistan has an ambitious climate change action plan, exhibited recently at the pavilion of COP28 in the UAE. Two things seem quite obvious, first, despite its low greenhouse gas emissions (490 million tons of CO2 equivalent in 2017-18) Pakistan's frequent exposure to natural hazards and significant dependence on monsoon rain and the glacier-fed Indus Basin make it vulnerable to climate change. Second, public-private partnerships are integral to achieving the transformation of 60 per cent of the country's energy production through 'clean and renewable' resources by 2030. It is an inflection point for the Global South, which can either embrace economic growth in a measured sustainable method or follow the path of the Global North's industrial expansion, which is irreversible. Various regulators in the country, such as the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan, the Pakistan Stock Exchange and the State Bank have issued ESG-and sustainabilityfocused regulations, policies and guidelines. However, time is of the essence; the quick remedy lies in embedding corporate purpose in a company's constitutional documents which is variable on a self-



the reason for it, and the

Besides, the supervision Part of the transforisn't always followed up mational growth at with feedback, so teachers schools requires an inmay not be explicitly aware quiry mindset where the of the aspects of their teaching that need immanagement collaborates with teachers and seeks provement. Similarly, many school or subject heads ask for weekly or monthly ties. Most teachers would

> between the plan and what is actually being taught in class. Reflection sheets that can steer teachers towards pinpointing what they do well and where they need support are greatly beneficial for con-

tinuous learning. policy today. ses and corporate bank failyet perpetually unseen by

Most teachers want to be inspired, as opposed to being managed, and inspiration can lead to dra-When the work is shared across the ment would be less fearful of lack of productivity and teachers would get a chance to showcase their work and receive timely feedback. The ultimate walk away with greater

Waleed Ahmed

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manent change —

IPO-Pakistan sensitizes SMEs about importance of IPRs to flourish

school culture.

Intellectual Property Organization (IPO) of Pakistan, Farukh Amil on Tuesday said that SMEs should get better awareness about the protection and enforcement of patents, copyrights, and trademarks to avoid counterfeiting and piracy of their products and flourish their business at the national and international level.

He said this while addressing an awareness session on Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs) organized by the organized by the responsible country the backbone of the Islamabad Chamber of through increased public economy and IPO-Commerce and Industry in awareness, practice, and collaboration with IPO- enforcement. He said that

release issued here by international treaties and ICCI. Farukh Amil briefed societal practices will the business community enhance Pakistan's about the role of IPO- reputation as a business Pakistan in nurturing an and investment-friendly enabling IP environment country. He said that through its initiative to promote businesses, creativity, and innovation. He said that the lack of an IP culture and weak IP enforcement are major challenges that need to be overcome and added that IPO-Pakistan is working to place Pakistan on the global IP map as a compliance and

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan for the business adherence to global processes and procedures The Chairman of the community, said a press standards on IP, through and introduce mobile apps to facilitate SMEs in online registration of their Pakistan's products and services for copyrights and trademarks. He said that in the global competitive environment, the role of IPO-SMEs should benefit from the services of IPO-Pakistan is very important in Pakistan for better promoting innovations and protection of their patents, startups and ensuring better copyrights, and trademarks. Speaking on economic growth of the country through strict the occasion, Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari, President, He ass He assured that ICCI would work Islamabad Chamber of

Commerce and Industry. said that SMEs are economy and IPO-Pakistan should further simplify the IP registration businesses.

CM inaugurates

business

activities

According to official

two federal government

departments would issue

different sorts of 124 non-

objection certificates within

Gold rates

decline by

provide services.

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chief

business with IPO-Pakistan to raise more awareness in the business community about the importance of IPRs for better growth of their ISLAMABAD: Chairman IPO-Pakistan Farukh Amil addressing the Seminar regarding awareness of IP rights at Islamabad Chamber of Commerce. **Ambassador says: Tanveer chairs** Exploring new avenues for trade cooperation

BFC to promote MULTAN (APP): Caretaker Chief Minister Punjab Mohsin Naqvi inaugurated the Business Facilitation Centre (BFC) at tehsil office, here on Tuesday. ISLAMABAD : Ahsan Bakhtawart President sources, 22 provincial and

Islamabad Chamber of Commerce exchanging views with Farukh Amil Chairman, IPO Pakistan about creating better awareness in the business community about the Importance of intellectual property rights during his visit to ICCI.

14 days. The chief minister **HCCI VP met Incharge** appreciated the performance of Punjab Information Technology Board's team for excellent performance to anti-encroachment, urges to remove illegal encroachment

HYDERABAD (INP): improvement plan of the

The vice president of the city. Hyderabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (HCCI) Ovais Khan met with the Incharge of the anti-encroachment department of Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (HMC) Rasheeda Bano and emphasized the need to address the growing of illegal issue encroachments.

During the meeting, Incharge antiencroachment in markets and commercial department Rasheeda Bano said that Mayor Kashif Shoro was actively working on the business activities in beautification and markets

She stated that the **Rs.600** increasing encroachments ISLAMABAD (APP): The per tola price of 24 not only disrupt traffic flow but also directly affect karat gold decreased by the public. The Mayor is keen on

Rs.600 and was sold at Rs.217,300 on Tuesday developing a plan in compared to its sale at Rs. collaboration with the 217,900 on last trading business community to day. eradicate illegal The price of 10 grams encroachments in markets

of 24 karat gold also decreased by Rs.514 to and commercial centers. The flow of traffic is Rs.186,300 from Rs.186,814 hindered by encroachments whereas the prices of 10 gram 22 karat gold went areas, causing difficulties in down to Rs.170,775 from the movement of school Rs.171,246 the All Sindh students and also affecting Sarafa Jewellers Association reported

3rd consultative session on Punjab Agriculture Strategic Plan 2024-34 been prepared on the

Independent Report LAHORE: Caretaker instructions of Caretaker Punjab Minister for Punjab Chief Minister Agriculture, Industry and Energy SM Tanveer chaired via video link the Mohsin Naqvi, which includes proposals for 3rd consultative session on Punjab Agriculture Strategic Plan 2024-34 here improvement at Agriculture House on Tuesday. On this occasion, he

that Punjab sector. Agriculture Strategic Plan

all stakeholders these will prove to be a complete recommendations will be game changer for the sent to the Provincial agricultural development of the province. This plan has Cabinet for approval.

SECP, UN Women Pakistan to host ESG symposium

ISLAMABAD (APP): The symposium, said a press Securities and Exchange of release issued here on Securities and Exchange of Pakistan (SECP), in partnership with UN Women Pakistan, is all set to host a symposium on "Driving Progress on Sustainability and Climate Change Considerations." The Federal Minister for Pakistan, Asian Development Finance and Revenue Dr Shamshad Akhtar, will be the Bank, International Finance guest of the Corporation, InfraZamin.

Germany would further improvement of water augment the friendly resources, reforms for bilateral relations. agricultural research and and innovation in the market titled and industry system Opportunities Pakistan" related to the agricultural With consultation of

organised by the Frankfurt Chamber of Commerce (IHK Frankfurt) in collaboration with Commercial Section of Consulate General of

"Business

between Pakistan and

ISLAMABAD (APP): the German Emirati joint chemicals, electric goods Ambassador of Pakistan in Council for Industry and etc. Germany Saqlain Syedah Commerce, UAE (AHK. has said that exploring new UAE), according to a press avenues of cooperation in release. trade and investment

vital to augment Pak-German ties

In her keynote address, the ambassador highlighted business opportunities in Pakistan with special Facilitation Council She was addressing as reference to Pakspecial guest at an event German relations.

She noted that Germany was a significant trading partner for Pakistan for being the fifth largest destination of Pakistani exports.

Pakistan, Frankfurt and imports like machinery, entrepreneurs.

The ambassador emphaisised that Pakistan was keen to invite investors especially from the world through the newly formed platform of Special Investment (SIFC).

Johannes Richter, Director Asia Pacific, IHK Frankfurt, welcomed the ambassador and the participants and noted that the event was aimed at exchanging ideas with She said that Pakistan market experts, diplomatic also benefited from German representatives and textile

Large industry grows 1.59% in November

ISLAMABAD (APP): percent in November 2024 The production of Large compared to October 2024, Scale Manufacturing PBS reported. Industries (LSMI) increased by 1.59 percent on Year-on-Year (YoY) basis during the month of November 2024 compared to the output of the same month of last year, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) reported. On Month-on-Month (MoM) basis, the

large industry grew by 3.63

However, the industry

witnessed negative growth of 0.80 percent during the first five months (July-November) of the current fiscal year as compared to the corresponding period of last year.

The provisional quantum indices of Large Scale Manufacturing Industries (LSMI) for October 2023

institutions including Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX), Pakistan Business Council. Pakistan Institute of Corporate Governance, Mutual Fund Association of

darkness at night

take advantage of the

FESCO staff ordered to prevent theft of transformers

FAISALABAD (APP): Faisalabad Electric Supply Company (FESCO) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Engr. Muhammad Amir has issued orders to the staff to be on alert at the company's

installations in the region. especially for transformers. He said that transformer thieves could

Tuesday. Leadership and experts from capital market

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Naqvi inspects upgradation of LGH, Ganga Ram hospital

Independent Report LAHORE: Punjal Punjab Caretaker Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi inspected the upgradation work of Ganga Ram Hospital and Lahore General Hospital (LGH) at late night for 3 hours.

Upon noticing the sewerage line running through the hospital's verandah, the CM called the MD WASA, directing the immediate relocation of the line to an alternative site, said a handout issued here on Tuesday.

Emphasising the highlighted that the ortance of fostering a upgradation work spans an importance of fostering a green environment, he impressive six lakh square feet. He acknowledged the samplings and simultaneous of landscaping in the vacant

machinery in the Provincial Capital.

LAHORE

Provincial Development

Working Party, Punjab,

(PDWP) has approved ten

developmental schemes of

the SHC&ME, RP and

literacy sectors with an

estimated cost of Rs

PDWP meeting of current

financial year, chaired by

Planning and Development

Board (P&D Board)

Chairman Iftikhar Ali

Sahoo here Tuesday. The

Board Secretary Muzaffar

Khan Sial, all the P&D

Board members, Provincial

11941.6 million.

10 developmental

schemes worth Rs

11.941b approved

hospital space. CM Naqvi issued a firm directive to ensure the hospitals. completion of the upgradation work by Jan without 31. compromise.

adhered to.

to completing the projects before the stipulated any deadline, he underscored Recognizing the the commitment to urgency of the situation, particularly in the case of LGH emergency services, ensuring convenience

The CM affirmed his involvement in monitoring he stressed that every the progress of the moment is crucial, and the undertaken tasks. deadline must be strictly reinforcing his commitment the successful to completion of the hospital

projects aimed at enhancing the overall condition of the

Expressing dedication

public

Provincial Ministers Dr Javed Akram, Amir Mir, secretary health, secretary C&W, secretary tourism, commissioner and others were present. commencement of various

Providing an overview of the ongoing efforts, CM Naqvi upgradation projects.

Pakistan Army, **FC** organizes medical camps PESHAWAR (APP): In response to the onset of winter, the Pakistan Army and Frontier Corps North organized free medical camps in various including Bajaur, Mohmand, Khyber, Swat, Dir, Buner, and LAHORE: Labourers are busy in construction Chitral. work of Sagian Road with the help of heavy

At these free medical camps, doctors and nursing staff conducted over seven thousand free medical examinations, providing essential medications to the patients, said officials here on Tuesday.

Some requiring

seasonal about illnesses.

free medical camps.

MULTAN: Caretaker Chief Minister Punjab Mohsin Naqvi unveiling the

plaque to inaugurate the Revamping of Children Hospital Emergency, ÖPD

2 bandits killed. **KP** becomes first province imposing ban on sale of e-cigarettes to minors

of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The concern over increasing use of e-cigarettes and vapes is heightened due to the presence of nicotine in these products which is a highly addictive substance, reads the order. The use of ecigarettes and vapes poses

& Pathology blocks during his visit.

significant health risks, especially to children, youth and women (pregnant) as it can lead to



work of Special Initiative **Police Station Civil Lines** RAWALPINDI (APP):

Officer, Rawalpindi Syed Inspector General of Police Khalid Hamdani and other (IGP) Punjab Dr Usman senior officers were Anwar here on Tuesday present on the occasion. visited Special Initiative The IGP inspected

and

different parts of the Police Station Civil Lines and reviewed its uppolice station appreciated its up-He directed the gradation work in a short officers concerned to span of time. Rawalpindi police officers briefed the complete all the projects ÎGP regarding ongoing within the stipulated time

projects. All projects Regional Police should be completed as Officer Rawalpindi Syed Khurram Ali, City Police soon as possible, the IGP directed the authorities.

International News

alleged police encounter LAHORE (Online): 2 people died and 4 were escaped in alleged police encounter in Shadbagh.

4 escaped in

According to police, with the help of Qasim and Riyaz associates, the dead accused escaped by snatching the official rifle from the police custody.

According to police. while searching for fleeing robbers, 6 people on 2 motorcycles were signaled to stop when the accused opened the fire.During the exchange of fire, the accused were killed by their accomplices while 4 accused were escaped.

> LHC reserves verdict on bail plea of Wazirabad attack accused

LAHORE (APP): A Lahore High Court (LHC) division bench on Tuesday reserved verdict on a postarrest bail petition of Waqas Ali, one of the accused involved in the Wazirabad attack on the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) founder.

The bench, headed by Justice Aalia Neelum, heard post-arrest bail renowned resource person the petition and reserved the Dr. Tayyaba Kanwal, verdict on conclusion of provided participants with arguments by the parties. insights into the cultivation initiatives in AJK.

Meeting discusses matters relating to PHA Mega city

PESHAWAR (APP): being made during the site Provincial Caretaker Minister for Relief and Rehabilitation, Justice ® Irshad Qaisar chaired a meeting and discussed matters related to Pakhtunkhwa Housing Authority (PHA) Mega City.

Housing and concerned

officials.

purposes according to the land revenue laws of KP province. It was said that 1750 kanal land has been . The meeting was also acquired for phase I and allotment of 3434 plots has attended by Caretaker Minister, Dr. Aamir Abdullah, CM's advisor, been done. The meeting was

informed that appropriate Ashfaq Khan, Secretary measures have been taken to prevent flooding and private sector has been involved for investment in

visit of PHA Mega City.

The meeting was informed

that concerned land could

be used for housing

meeting The discussed observations the mega housing scheme.



KARACHI: Female police march during the passing-out ceremony at Saeedabad Police Training Centre, in Provincial Capital.

Muslim Hands, AIOU Mirpur hosts capacity building workshop

MIRPUR (AJK) (APP): Regional Campus of Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU) Mirpur here on Tuesday hosted a day long consoits building process, including soil preparation, nurturing, caring, and growth of plants aimed at generating income. day-long capacity building workshop, in collaboration with Muslim Hands actively participants in hands-on

International (MHI). activities, emphasizing the According to AIOU official details, MHI UKpractical aspects of the successful plantation. based distinguished NGO Discussions included with established roots in techniques for cultivating Pakistan and AJK raising Seeds, soil preparation, and awareness among the the nurturing process masses about the crucial for plant growth, significance of plantation aligning with AIOU's for earning and livelihood commitment to sustainable in this era of rising dearness income sources. and price hikes.

late on Monday, while the

elite force said they also

struck in Syria against the

escalation of a conflict that

has spread through the

Middle East since the war

The strikes come

Islamic State.

(DBKGn.DE)

Christian Lindner is open

to a disposal and ultimately

would prefer the govern-

ment exiting the stake, ac-

cording to a person familiar

with his thinking.

The Chief Guest. The workshop, led by Imran Sadiq Malik, AIOU commended Mirpur for its efforts in promoting plantation

Dr. Tayyaba Kawal

engaged

(APP): concerned and other senior representatives attended the meeting. Approved schemes are as follows: Program for Strategie Transformation

Revamping of old Blocks of Aziz Bhatti Shaheed Hospital Gurjat at the cost The schemes were of Rs 769.998 million; approved in the 42nd Program for Strategic Transformation Revamping of old blocks of ex-DHQS (DHQ Hospital, Sargodha) at the cost of Rs 827.045 million;

Program for Strategic Transformation Revamping of old blocks 351 of ex-DHQS (Rahim secretaries of departments Yar Khan, Gujranwala.

Independent Report PESHAWAR: In a landmark development, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has imposed section 144 to ban the storage, sale and use of ecigarettes and vapes to minors and within the vicinity of educational

institutions in the province. areas "The decision has been taken in wake of the alarming increase in the use of electronic cigarettes (ecigarettes) and vaping devices particularly among children and youth in the

gradation work.

frame

cases further treatment were referred to relevant district hospitals.

In addition to medical care, healthcare professionals at the camps raised awareness among the residents

The initiative, led by the Pakistan Army and Frontier Corps, aims to continue providing health facilities to remote areas through

UK announces biggest deployment to Nato exercises in decades

Monitoring Desk LONDON: Britain will send 20,000 armed forces personnel to one of Nato's largest exercises since the Cold War, Defence Secretary Grant Shapps announced on Monday, warning of increasing threats to the Western-led alliance.

The deployment, which Shapps characterised as the UK's biggest to Nato in four decades, is aimed at "providing vital reassurance" over the "menace" posed by Russian President Vladimir Putin following his invasion of Ukraine, Shapps said.

The British personnel from the Royal Air Force, Royal Navy and

he went on. "In 2024 I am deter-

Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskiy and Head of the Ukrainian President's Office Andriy Yermak arrive for the meeting with U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken (not pictured) during the 54th annual meeting of the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland.

Saudi Arabia could recognise Israel if Palestinian issue resolved: foreign minister

Davos

Monitoring Desk DAVOS: Saudi Arabia's foreign minister said on Tuesday the kingdom could recognise Israel if a comprehensive agreement were reached that included statehood for the Palestinians.

"We agree that regional peace includes peace for Israel, but that could only happen through peace for the Palestinians through a Palestinian state," Prince Faisal bin text of Gaza

will be deployed across Europe and beyond for the military alliance's latest "Exercise Steadfast Defender", alongside per-sonnel from 31 other member countries and Sweden, which is a candidate to join the transatlantic alliance.

"Today's Nato is bigger than ever but the challenges are bigger too," Shapps said in a wide-ranging speech in London, in which he warned "the international rules-based order" was facing rising dangers.

"And that's why the UK has committed... the totality of our air, land and maritime assets to NATO",

mined to do even more and that's why I can announce today the UK will send in some 20,000 personnel to lead one of Nato's largest deployments since the end of the Cold War.' The UK contingent

will include fighter jets and surveillance aircraft, the navy's most advanced warships and submarines, and a full range of army capabilities, including special operations forces.

London will send a socalled Carrier Strike Group - which features its flagship aircraft carrier and F 35B fighter jets and helicopters — to the exercises in the North Atlantic, Norwegian Sea and Baltic Sea.

> **Big win in** Iowa moves **Donald Trump** closer to Biden

re-match **Monitoring Desk** WASHINGTON: Donald

Jazeera Trump romped to a landslide victory on Monday in Iowa's caucuses — the first maritime security.' vote in the US presidential race - cementing his status as the presumptive Republican standard-bearer to challenge US President Joe

Biden in November's election. The former president has led polling for more than a year, but the contest offered the clearest insight yet into his ability to convert that advantage into a stunning White House re-

turn Farhan told a panel at the Major US networks took just half an hour to call World Economic Forum in the race, with Trump taking 51 per cent of the vote Asked if Saudi Arabia would then recognise Israel and opening an unprecedented 30-point gap over Ron DeSantis — the big-gest victory for an Iowa as part of a wider political agreement, he said: "Certainly." Prince Faisal said challenger in modern hissecuring regional peace tory.

through the creation of a The Florida governor Palestinian state was and Trump's other main ri-"something we have been val - former UN ambasindeed working on with the sador Nikki Haley — were US administration, and it locked at 21 and 19pc reis more relevant in the conspectively

they will target US ships CAIRO (Internews): The by the two countries on Yemeni Houthi movement Yemen last week will expand its targets to include U.S. ships, an official from the Iran-allied

the House of Commons, in London, Britain.

Yemen's Houthis say

October by the Houthis, who say they are acting in group said on Monday. solidarity with Palestinians, The ship doesn't have hit commerce and necessarily have to be head-

alarmed major powers in a ing to Israel for us to target regional escalation of it; it is enough for it to be Israel's more than three-American," Nasruldeen Amer, a spokesperson for the Houthis, told Al month war with Hamas militants in Gaza. In the latest apparent

Britain's Prime Minister Rishi Sunak delivers a ministerial statement in

Attacks on ships since

attack, a U.S.-owned bulk 'The United States is carrier was reportedly on the verge of losing its struck by a missile near Yemen's port of Aden, caus-Amer also said British ing a fire in a hold but no

and American ships had injuries on board, according become "legitimate targets" to British Maritime Secudue to the strikes launched rity firm Ambrey.

Russia welcomes North Korean foreign minister for talks on deepening ties

Monitoring Desk SEOUL: North Korean Foreign Minister Choe Son Hui is due in Russia on Monday for talks with

her counterpart, Sergei Lavrov, as the two countries deepen economic, fuel hypersonic missile

political, and military ties. state news agency KCNA As Russia's international isolation has grown reported, in a move that over its war in Ukraine. was condemned by the United States, South Koanalysts say Moscow has seen increasing value in its rea and Japan. ties with North Korea.

Choe and her delegation departed Pyongyang For North Korea's for Russia the same day, part, relations with Russia have not always been as KCNA said.

between Israel and Palestinian Islamist group Hamas began on Oct. 7, with Iran's One dead. 12 allies also entering the fray injured in from Lebanon, Syria, Iraq rammings; and Yemen. **Israel arrests** recent atrocities of the Zionist regime, causing the students in killing of commanders of the Guards and the Axis West Bank of Resistance ... one of the **Monitoring Desk** main Mossad espionage headquarters in Iraq's

NABLUS: Apparently co ordinated car-rammings in central Israel on Monday claimed the life of a woman and injured 12 other people, police and medical officials said, as tensions soared over the more than three-month-old Israeli bombing of the Gaza Strip. Police described the

incident in Raanana, north of Tel Aviv, as a terrorist attack and said two suspects were under arrest.

> **Major storm** hits French territory in **Indian Ocean** Monitoring Desk

tial deal. SAINT REUNION: Hundreds of thousands of looking at all options to people on France's Reraise funds by selling stakes union Island were confined in some of the 100 or more companies it owns. to their homes on Monday, as authorities issued the remaining 15% holding in highest alert for a potentially devastating storm. Commerzbank is not imminent, Finance Minister

Cyclone Belal hit the French Indian Ocean island on Monday, moving in from the northwest packing "extreme winds", according to Meteo-France. "The eye of the storm is passing over the Reunion Island, start-

A merger with Commerzbank would allow ing from the northern part."

Iran's Revolutionary Guards attack Israel's 'spy HQ' in Iraq

DUBAI/BAGHDAD siles," the Guards said in (Internews): Iran's Revolua statement.

Israeli government tionary Guards said they officials could not immeattacked the spy headquarters of Israel in Iraq's semidiately be reached for autonomous Kurdistan recomment. gion, state media reported

In addition to the strikes at northeast of Kurdistan's capital Erbil in a residential area near the U.S. consulate, the Guards said they "fired a amid concerns about the number of ballistic missiles in Syria and destroyed the perpetrators of terrorist operations" in Iran, including the Islamic State

Islamic State claimed responsibility for two explosions in Iran this month that killed nearly 100 "In response to the people and wounded scores at a memorial for top commander Qassem oleimani.

'We assure our nation that the Guards' offensive operations will continue until avenging the last Kurdistan region was de-stroyed with ballistic mis-the Guards' statement said.

Commerzbank merger talk resurfaces as Germany mulls company sales, sources say

Monitoring Desk Deutsche Bank to further LONDON: Five years afdiversify away from volatile investment banking Deutsche Bank earnings, bolstering its and longer-term stability, an-other factor that could Commerzbank (CBKG.DE) aborted an atsway the German governtempt to merge, an uncerment, said the person, tain outlook for bank profitability and Germany's speaking on condition of need to plug a hole in its anonymity Deutsche Bank, which budget have rekindled speculation about a poten-

has completed the bulk of a multi-year restructuring Germany has said it is plan, has recently stepped up internal discussions on deals, including possible purchases of banks such as Commerzbank and ABN Amro, Bloomberg News Though a sale of its reported on Friday, with out naming sources.

Deutsche Bank in recent months has come closer to reopening the idea of a merger with Commerzbank, even if there are no live discussions, a second person with knowl edge of the situation has told Reuters

warm as they were at the height of the Soviet Union, but the country is reaping benefits from Moscow's need for friends. North Korea on Sunday tested a new solid-

with intermediate range,





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President for scientific based knowledge sharing tendency to benefit entire humanity

ISLAMABAD (APP): President Dr Arif Alvi on Tuesday while alluding to the significance of the technological advancement and innovations in diverse fields and availability of abundance of knowledge, stressed the need to share the latest breakthroughs, experiences and achievements for the greater benefit of the entire humanity.

The president said that the availability of knowledge should not be contained under the mere tag of 'copyrights' as greater accessibility could help humanity to move through the current economic, social and global challenges.

The president was speaking as a chief guest at a ceremony to mark the 29th-anniversary celebration of the Commission on Science and Technology for Sustainable Development in the South (COMŜATS) at the Aiwan e Sadr.

The event was attended by members of the diplomatic corps, former diplomats, members of academia and the media.

The president said there was a need that the

profuse availability of sufferings of humanity. knowledge should be "The world is n shared among the nations without any hindrance by resetting the priorities which were focused somewhat elsewhere.

learning "Open knowledge resources should be utilized and priorities of the world should be changed towards mutual transfer of knowledge. The injustices should be ad-

dressed," he emphasized. The president further said that transformation in the world could take place in the presence of 'ethics or humanity-based order', adding the new world would be dependent upon these shifts.

While the rules-based world order was dominated by material-driven priorities, he opined

He regretted that contrary to the requirements of the world, the prevalent gave rise to 'tremendous tendency was towards the ultra-rich who had been becoming rich while the poor of the world were mired in

squalor and deprivation. He stressed that just and equitable distribution of wealth in the world could make penance for the

"The world is not ready to change the exploitative attitude and end exploitation," he said and referred to a recent report of OXFAM which said that billionaires had doubled their income while about 5 billion people in the world

witnessed shrinkage in the earning of their livelihood. President Alvi said that genome sequencing was one of the breakthroughs in the scientific world which

was initiated with a \$14-15 million commitment. The world is heading towards exponential development as the technology will no longer remain static," he added.

In future, he said, quantum computing could handle the data of billions of humans with regard to their health which also possibilities in the agriculture sector'.

The president cited the agri-advancement of the Netherlands, which through a smaller country. became the second largest exporter of agri-products in the world.



sary celebration of the Commission on Science and Technology for Sustain-able Development in the South (COMSATS), at Aiwan-e-Sadr.

Air Chief, US Envoy for elevating training momentum via enhanced cooperation

ISLAMABAD (INP): robust exchange of delega-Chief of the Air Staff Air Chief Marshal Zaheer tions and knowledge sharing to bolster the capabili-ties of both the PAF and Ahmed Baber Sidhu was called on by US Ambassathe US Air Force. The discussion also dor to Pakistan Donald

centered around collabora-Blome here on Tuesday and discussed issued of bilattion in the recently established techno parks, with a The two dignitaries focus on leveraging technoexpressed their mutual delogical advancements for sire to elevate the training enhancing operational efmomentum between the fectiveness and efficiency.

two sides through enhanced The reorganization of mutual cooperation paramcollaboration in air force to air force mutual exercises, eters was also deliberated upon, with an aim to forsaid a Pakistan Air Force tify existing ties and explore The Air Chief and ennew avenues for joint ven-

voy also emphasized the tures and strategic partner-importance of fostering a ships. eliminate smuggling. **SSP** stresses Sindh to partner with UNICEF to maintain smooth

develop Dashboard for tracking out-of-school children

KARACHI (APP): In a landmark decision, the School Education Department Sindh, in collaboration with UNICEF, has decided to establish a Dashboard to streamline the collection of information regarding outof-school children from various sources.

eral interests.

(PAF) news release.

During a meeting with the Deputy Country Rep-resentative of UNICEF, Dr. Inoussa Kabore, led the delwork of city egation, Provincial Minis-SUKKUR (APP):Deputy ter for Education and Commissioner Women's Rights, Rana (DC) Sukkur, Fayyaz Hussain Hussein, reached a consen-Mahesar monitored repair and maintenance work be-

sus on integrating data from three key sources within the ing carried out at Station department. The Data Board will Road, Bander Road, Barincorporate the School

rage Road and Station Road formation System (SEMIS), Monitoring and The DC inspected the

Evaluation (DG M&E), and Human Resource Management Information System (HRMIS) data to create a comprehensive platform. Speaking on the occasion caretaker Minister Education Rana Hussain said that this initiative aims to facilitate informed and Data driven decision-making and actions based on accurate statistics

Secretary School Edu-cation Sindh, Shereen Mustafa Narejo, and other officials were present at the meeting

Minister Rana Hussein emphasized that the integration of data sources onto a single platform would simplify access Education Management In- to accurate information for students, teachers, schools,

and other resources.

traffic flow SUKKUR (APP): Following the special directives of SSP Sukkur Nazeer Shaikh, the Traffic Police is taking legal action to maintain smooth traffic flow in Pakistan Bar Council Sukkur. (PBC) has said if there is

Visa made

mandatory at

Pak-Afghan

border

ISLAMABAD (INP)

Truck drivers carrying

goods from Afghanistan,

who hitherto would cross

over into Pakistan only by

with visa stamps on them,

agreement was reached be-

tween the officials of the

two countries at their meet-

ing held at Pak-Afghan bor-

der crossing at Torkham

yesterday. The purpose of

trade between both coun-

tries, improve security and

In this connection, an

says in media reports.

In this connection, last some lacuna in Supreme month, fines were imposed Court (SC) decision it can to prevent traffic violations be seen and the lawyer in Sukkur city. should not give such re-

The increase in fines for traffic violations was aimed at ensuring the implementation of traffic rules, lead-ing to reduce violation of traffic rules.

Sindh Food

Authority launches awareness campaign about

healthy food

KARACHI (APP): Sindh

Media has key role in shaping public perception during elections: Solangi

Caretaker Minister for Information, Broadcasting and Parliamentary Affairs Murtaza Solangi on Tuesday highlighted the crucial role of media in shaping public perception about elections through coverage, analysis and debates.

The minister, in a meeting with Pakistan Observer Chairman Faisal Zahid Malik, underlined the need for unbiased, authentic and fact-based media coverage of the general elections, scheduled for

February 8. Challenges faced by the media, the regional press, the role of the media in the upcoming general elections 2024 and the freedom of press came under discussion in the meeting. The minister said that

marks which are insulting

members vice chairman

Haroon ul Rashid, Hassan

Raza Pasha and president

SC bar Shahzad Shaukat

while addressing a press

ul Rashid said SC gave de-cision against PTI on the

conference here Tuesday.

This was said by PBC

Vice chairman Haroon

to the judges.

timeframe.

SLAMABAD (APP): the media acted as a bridge between the candidates and electorates during the elections. The government was striving to provide training and technical assistance to the journalists for coverage of the electoral process, he added.

Solangi said the caretaker government fully believed in the freedom of press and expression which was a fundamental right and could not be denied in any rcumstances.

He acknowledged the role being played by journalists in the development and prosperity of the coun-

Pakistan Observer Chairman Faisal Zahid Malik appreciated the government's commitment to the freedom of press and the welfare of journalists.



NAWABSHAH: Peoples Party (PPP) leader, Aseefa Bhutto Zardari addresses to her supporters during corner meeting regarding the election campaign in connection of the General Election 2024, ĥelď at Taj Colony in Nawabshah.

Lawyers should not give insulting remarks about judges: PBC ISLAMABAD (Online):

yers should not give such remarks which are insulting to the judges.

He held that the application of PTI was fixed for hearing at night du ring the tenure of retired chief justice of Pakistan Umar Atta Bandial. PTI was happy over the decisions which came in the tenure of Justice Umar Ata Bandial. Now decisions are coming as per law and constitution.

He claimed PTI held so called intra party election was held in a village. The forces which brought PTI sent it back too. PTI matter of election symbol. chairman was not demo-If there is any lacuna in SC cratic. He was sent to home decision it can be seen. Law- through vote of no trust.

SHC orders quick inspection,

ISLAMABAD: The Caretaker Minister for Planning Development & Special Initiatives, Muhammad Sami Saeed chairing a National Price Monitoring Committee (NPMC) meeting.

Six-member JIT constituted to probe social media campaign against SC judges

ISLAMABAD (INP) The caretaker government on Tuesday established a six-member joint investigation team (JIT) to "reveal the facts surrounding an alleged malicious social me- representatives from the dia campaign" against the Intelligence Bureau, Inter-Supreme Court judges.

tional director-general of the Federal Investigation Agency's Cyber Crime Wing, the JIT comprises Services Intelligence, the

patients and provided them

with free consultation and

medicines.

Headed by the addi-

DC Sukkur monitors repair & maintenance

According to a notification issued by the inte- Islamabad police, a reprerior ministry, the committee was formed under Section 30 of the Prevention thority, and any other coof Electronic Crimes Act, opted member.

deputy inspector-general of sentative from the Pakistan Telecommunication Au-

Patients provided free treatment, consultation in **PN's medical camp**

KARACHI (INP): Pakistan Navy in continuation of its efforts to provide standard and GDMO examined the health facilities to people along coastal area estab-lished free medical camp at Coastal village Kappar of Balochistan on Tuesday.

During the free medical camp established by Pakistan Navy doctors and paramedic staff in collabo-ration with Sahil Welfare tional requirements of mother and children. The Association, hundreds of patients including women and children were provided free medical treatment.

A dedicated team of vention of diseases and sani-doctors and paramedic staff tation of living areas.



KAPPAR: Paramedical from Pakistan Navy treating a patient at free medical camp established by Pakistan Navy at village Kappar, Balochistan.

Iodine deficiency lead to impaired physical, mental development: Paediatrician For increasing the io-

dine level in the body, she

suggests consuming fish

and other seafood, dairy

products, and eggs, as they

are excellent natural sources

of iodine. In a question

about using Iodine supple-

ments, she suggests using

in Under the guidance of a

salt-producing factories,

producing salt without io-

dine must be encouraged

and made bound for pro-

ducing salt with iodine. Be-

sides the awareness about

breast-feeding must be ac-

celerated to avoid deficien-

mothers, she added.

She said that all the

healthcare professional.

HYDERABAD (APP): Eminent paediatrician Dr Samreen Shaikh said that Iodine deficiency in children can lead to impaired physical and mental development, potentially causing issues like goitre, cognitive delays, and growth problems.

Talking to APP here on Tuesday she said that at present 40 percent women and 60 percent of children were affected only in Sindh province due to iodine deficiency

She further informed that the Iodine deficiency causes mental retardation, poor physical growth, deaf and dampness, short statcies in the children and ure and goitre.

pace of work and directed the contractors to timely complete city roads.

here on Monday.

He directed the MO Infrastructure to ensure regular visits of concerned officers while instructing the proj-ect supervisor to complete the task on time. All Municipal Officers, dis-trict officers and assistant commis-sioners had been directed by Deputy Commissioner Sukkur to comprising of Medical, ENT, General Surgeon, Gy-necologist, Skin Specialist moni-tor each rehabilitation

project of the city daily. Youth shot dead over resistance during robbery

During the camp, the KARACHI (INP): Rob local population was also provided information about bers gunned down a youth in presence of her wife over maternal health and nutriresistance here in Defence area of the metropolis on Tuesday. patients were enlightened According to details, Haji Muhammad Adnan 26, about common infections.

personal health, hygiene, child healthcare and prewas present in Phase VIII of Defence along with his wife when robbers attempted to snatch cash and cell phone from the couple.

Over offering resistance, the robbers shot dead Adnan and fled the scene.

The body of deceased hailing from district Kalat of Balochistan was shifted to hospital.

The body was handed over to heirs after legal formalities and police after registering a case against unidentified accused started nvestigations.

Two suspects shot dead in police encounter HYDERABAD (APP): The Hyderabad police shot dead two suspected outlaws in the jurisdiction of Qasimabad police station near the em-

bankment of river Indus. The police spokesman informed that the encounter took place in the wee hours here on Tuesday.

He identified the slain suspects as Huzoor Bux Brohi and Naseer Lakho, alleging that both of them were associated with a gang of rob-bers. The dead bodies were shifted to Liaquat University Hospital for postmortem. Å police official, who requested anonymity, claimed that the suspects were involved in a recent motorbike snatching

MOHENJO DARO: A female tourist Naseem from during which a student of Mehran University of Engineering and Technology, Hasnain Samo, was shot dead.

ISLAMABAD: U.S Ambassador to Pakistan Donald Blome calling on Air Chief Marshal Zaheer Ahmed Baber Sidhu, Chief of the Air Staff Pakistan Air Force at Air Headquarters in the Federal Capital.

Sindh School Education Dept to create data dashboard of out-of-school children

KARACHI (APP): Sindh help in making the right de-School Education Departcisions and actions on bament will create a data dashsis of accurate data and staboard of out-of-school chiltistics The education minisdren in collaboration with

UNICEF while three major ter Rana Hussain said that data sources of the departdata source integration will ment will also be merged to ensure provision of accucreate a single dashboard. rate data about statistics of The decisions were students, teachers, schools taken in a meeting of Sindh and other resources on a Caretaker Minister of Edusingle platform.

cation and Women's Rights She said that accurate Rana Hussain with United statistics of students will Nations Children's Fund make it easier to deal with (UNICEF) delegation led potential problems related by its Deputy Representato printing and delivery of tive to Pakistan, Dr. Inoussa text books, furniture as well Kabore, said a statement as the teacher-pupil ratio.

issued here on Tuesday. The meeting agreed that the single dashboard will be created by integrating School Education Management Information Sys-UNICEF in this regard. tem (SEMIS), Monitoring

and Evaluation (DG M&E) and Human Resource Management Information System (HRMIS) of School Education department to been earmarked.



Iran is visiting and expressed keen interest in the historical ruins of the World Heritage Monuments of Mohenjo Daro.

Food Authority has launched an awareness campaign through media regarding healthy food. This campaign has report on Super Highway

been started under the su-pervision of Director General SFA Agha Fakhr Hussain, said a statemen on Tuesday.

In this regard, DG SFA Agha Fakhar Hussain along with his team chef Moqim Soomro will give interviews on electronic television channels.

Through their inter-views, they will create awareness about healthy food and also show the general public how to maintain good health.

Two killed in car-bike collision

KARACHI (INP): Two people were killed when an over speeding car hit a motorcycle at main National Highway here on Tuesday.

According to details, the accident took place near Zaitoon Hotel of Gulshane-Hadeed where a reckless driven car knocked down a motorcycle carrying two people.

Both bike riders were killed on the spot in the accident and bodies were shifted to hospital.

The police after regis tering a case against car driver responsible for accident started an investiga-

Dr. Inoussa Kabore,

emphasized the need for accurate data on out-of-school children and assured of all possible support from

He informed that the ongoing Rolling Work Plan (RWP) in Sindh will be continued next year for which an amount of \$7 million has



NADRA exploits, leading to corruption and the flourishing of an agent mafia. He urged NADRA to revise its policies in light of these issues. Additionally, he called for the implementation of separate counters for transgender and the alloca-

ment institutions, as well as private and public partnership organizations, including courts, hospitals, and educational institutions.

Sapna Khan, speaking at the event, emphasized the societal challenges faced by individuals identifying as transgender

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petitioner's counsel argued graphs within a seven-day that the report is false and The court's directive misleading, prompting the court's intervention. comes in response to a pe-Justice Nadeem Akhtar, heading the twotition seeking the removal of encroachments, with the petitioner's counsel conmember bench, expressed testing the accuracy of the concern over the prolonged issue of flood victims in the Deputy Commissioner's area and questioned the report regarding the termination of encroachments timeline for completely around Al Asif Square.

eliminating encroachments The Deputy Commisalong the Superhighway.



HYDERABAD: Peoples Party (PPP) Candidate for PS-60, Jam Khan Shoro addresses to his supporters during public gathering meeting in connection of the Election Campaign of the General Elec-tion 2024, held in Hyderabad.

NADRA emerging as a source of fear for transgender community, Says ILF chairman

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concern over NADRA becoming a symbol of fear not only for the general public but also for the transgender community. Speaking as the chief guest at the annual event organized by Voice of Transgender Rights in Karachi, Nasir Ahmed highlighted the challenges faced by the transgender community, emphasizing the need for policy modifications by NADRA to alleviate citizen

hardships. Ahmed noted that Pakistan's high illiteracy rates contribute to common tion of job quotas in all fed-