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5th anniversary of 'Operation Swift Retort': Pakistan resolved to safeguard its sovereignty, regional security: PM

Armed forces vow to respond to any aggression against the country

ISLAMABAD (APP): The prime minister said that the Pakistani armed forces had proved their operational superiority falsifying the Indian claims. "No one should have doubt that Pakistan is a peace-loving country that was determined to protect its sovereignty as well as the regional security," he remarked.

The prime minister reiterated the resolve that Pakistan would forcefully respond to any aggression against it, INP adds: On the fifth anniversary of 'Operation Swift Retort', Pakistan's armed forces have vowed to respond to any aggression against the people of Pakistan, the country's sovereignty and territorial integrity with "full might and without any hesitation". On February 27, 2019, the Pakistan Air Force (PAF) had shot down two Indian planes that had violated Pakistani airspace. One of the Indian pilots was captured by Pakistan, but was later handed over as a gesture of peace. A press release issued by the army's media wing, the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) today, said: "Feb 27, 2019, marked a significant event in our history, demonstrating the resolve of the people of Pakistan and the professionalism of the armed forces in response to unwarranted aggression from India, motivated by political considerations and electoral concerns."



ISLAMABAD: Mr. Murtaza Solangi Caretaker Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting addressing a PeaceFLIX International Conference and Award Ceremony.

Political leaders' support for reconciliation has greater impact in fostering peace: Info Minister

Govt, international institutions, grassroots organizations contributing uniquely for peace promotion

ISLAMABAD (Online): The role of National Counter-Terrorism Authority and other organization in combating the scourge of terrorism and extremism. He added that national and international think-tanks as well as peace organizations have conducted invaluable research and facilitated dialogue to comprehend the new dynamics of peace and conflict.

The Minister said preservation of societal peace assumes paramount significance at a time when Pakistan is facing economic, political, environmental and other challenges.

Murtaza Solangi further said the media, being an agent of change, has a greater role in challenging extremist ideologies and championing inclusivity as well as amplifying voices of moderation and facilitating dialogue in the society.

He also appreciated the role of US Embassy in Islamabad for initiating measures for sustainable peace and conflict prevention in the Pakistani society.

ECP merges SIC reserve seats petitions, defers hearing until today

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) combined all petitions related to minority and women reserve seats of Sunni Ittehad Council (SIC) on Tuesday and postponed the hearing until Wednesday.

A four-member panel, headed by Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Sikandar Sultan Raja and including members Nisar Ahmed Durrani, Shah Muhammad Jatoti, Babar Hassan Bharwana, and Justice @ Ikram Ullah Khan

Dozen dead after bus falls into deep ravine in Khanpur

KHANPUR (Online): A passenger bus fell into a ravine in Sarbrot area of Haripur, as a result of which 12 people died and 15 people were injured.

According to media reports, the accident took place in Tehsil Khanpur, the rescue official said that there is a possibility of an increase in the number of deaths due to the accident, children and women were also on board the bus that suffered the accident.

Police said that the passenger bus was going from Haripur to Rawalpindi.



HYDERABAD: Workers of GDA, PTI, JUI(F), JI and Awami Tehreek hold a protest rally against alleged rigging in general election 2024 and observe Black Day against torture and arrest of the workers of Sindhyani Tehreek and JUI (F) during a rally in Karachi.



KARACHI: Governor Sindh, Kamran Khan Tessori administering the oath to the Newly-elected Chief Minister Sindh, Syed Murad Ali Shah.

President Alvi to face dual constitution violation charges, says Bilawal

ISLAMABAD (INP): Pakistan People's Party (PPP) chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari on Tuesday asserted President Arif Alvi will face dual constitution violation charges after his retirement.

Talking to media men outside the Supreme Court after hearing of Zulfikar Ali Bhutto's presidential reference, Bilawal Bhutto Zardari said President Arif Alvi is 'violating' the constitution of Pakistan by denying summoning the NA session for the swearing-in of the new lawmakers.

It's a constitutional requirement to summon NA session by February 29, Bilawal said and added the president is denying discharging his duties.

The PPP leader said they will replace Arif Ali as president after the swearing-in of the new house and he will face dual constitution violation cases including one of dissolving the assembly despite VONC motion and another of denying calling the session of the lower house of the parliament.

Criticising the PTI founder, Bilawal Bhutto said the man who is incarcerated in Adiala Jail is not ready to learn from his mistakes. "PPP too made mistakes but one has to learn from it."

He urged everyone to exercise their power in their respective constitutional domain and underlined the need for respecting each other despite political differences, as this is the only way forward to steer the country out of crises.

JUI to follow truth instead of occupying ministries: Fazlur Rehman

PESHAWAR (INP) - Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (JUI) Chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman said that they have not learnt to surrender and announced to follow the path of truth instead of occupying ministries.

The JUI Chief while addressing the participants of the Majlis-e-Shura meeting said that the JUI was defeated. The first constitution, he asserted, was made in 1973 in which there are many services of the elders.

Maulana Fazlur Rehman said that since 1973, not a single piece of legislation has been passed in accordance with the Islamic spirit.

They always thought of the development of the country. JUI would neither support nationalism nor sectarianism.

Sindh Governor administers oath to Syed Murad Ali Shah

Murad Ali Shah takes oath as Sindh CM for 3rd consecutive term

KARACHI (APP): Sindh Governor Kamran Khan Tessori on Tuesday administered oath to Syed Murad Ali Shah as the Chief Minister of Sindh.

The oath-taking ceremony was held at the lawn of Governor's House, which was attended by Chairman Pakistan People's Party Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, caretaker Chief Minister Sindh Justice (retd) Maqbool Baqir and members of the caretaker cabinet. Chief Secretary Sindh Dr. Muhammad Fakhar Alam Irfan presided over the ceremony.

Members of the National and Provincial Assemblies, Consul Generals of different countries, representatives of business community and others.

The Governor also congratulated Syed Murad Ali Shah on assuming the office of Chief Minister.

INP add: Syed Murad Ali Shah on Tuesday took oath as Sindh Chief Minister (CM) for a third consecutive term during a ceremony held at Governor House.

Governor Sindh Kamran Tessori administered oath to Murad Shah in a ceremony attended by Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) chairperson Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, PPP MNAs and MPAs, representatives of business community and others.



KARACHI: Caretaker Sindh Chief Minister, Justice (Retd) Maqbool Baqir inspects the farewell guard of honour during ceremony held at CM House in Karachi.

Outgoing caretaker CM presented guard of honour

KARACHI (APP): The Outgoing Caretaker Sindh Chief Minister Justice (Retd) Maqbool Baqir was presented a guard of honour here at the Chief Minister House on Tuesday.

The Guard of Honour, which is part of the farewell ceremony was attended by the Sindh Chief Secretary Dr. Fakhr Alam, Provincial Secretaries, Additional IGP Karachi and other senior officers. The Caretaker Chief Minister received the saluted by the active police cops. The Caretaker CM Baqir thanked all the officers and staff of CM House.



On job training of Royal Saudi Land Forces with Pakistan Army concludes in Multan.

Training of Royal Saudi Land Forces with Pak Army concludes

RAWALPINDI (Online): Closing Ceremony of "On Job Training of Royal Saudi Land Forces with Pakistan Army" was held at Multan.

The training was conducted from 15 January to 26 February 2024 with a view to foster joint employment and benefiting from each other's experiences, while further consolidating longstanding fraternal relations between Pakistan and Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

The training which encompassed conventional as well as sub-conventional operations, culminated with field manoeuvre & battle inoculation exercise, employing air and ground forces.

Commander Multan Corps witnessed the exercise as Chief Guest. The Chief Guest expressed satisfaction over mutual understanding and the training standards achieved.

Govt planning to further increase in fuel prices from March 1st

ISLAMABAD (INP): The Government of Pakistan has been planning to raise the prices of petroleum products again, following a recent hike in electricity costs. Reports suggest a potential increase of Rs 4.50 per liter for gasoline, Rs 2.50 per liter for diesel, and Rs 2.92 per liter for kerosene. Light diesel oil prices are expected to remain unchanged. According to media reports, this news comes after Nepra (National Electric Power Regulatory Authority) approved a Rs 7.05 per unit increase in electricity prices to adjust for fuel costs. This move is expected to burden consumers with an additional Rs 66 billion.

PTI founder, Bushra indicted in 190m pounds financial scandal reference

RAWALPINDI (Online): Judge Nasir Javed Rana of Accountability Court (AC) Islamabad has indicted PTI founder and his wife Bushra Bibi in 190 million pounds financial scandal reference.

The accused while pleading not guilty have rejected the charges.

Upon it court has summoned 5 witnesses of NAB on March 6 for regular trial of reference. Both of the accused, their lawyers Suleman Saifdar, Zahir Abbas Chaudhry and Usman Gill and NAB Deputy Prosecutor General (DPG) were present in the court during the hearing of the case.

The court read out charge sheet to the accused. The court inquired from the accused you are being indicted. You should tell if you are involved in this case or not.

The former chairman PTI replied what I have to do by reading charge sheet as I know what is written therein. Both the accused pleaded not guilty.

The counsels for the accused while requesting to provide copies of challan again sought 7 days more time.

The court remarked we have already given enough time to you. More time cannot be given.

The counsels for the accused took the plea copies of reference have to be provided 7 days before indictment. Near about 50 documents are such which are not readable despite the fact these documents are of paramount importance with regard to this reference.

The lawyers were of the view we don't want to raise obstructions in the process of indictment. Therefore, these documents be provided during court's time. We will come back after 7 days because former chairman PTI has said he wants to run the case speedily.

SP martyred; two key terrorists killed in Mardan operation

PESHAWAR (APP): Superintendent of Police (SP) Ijaz Khan was martyred while three other officials, including a Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP), sustained injuries during an encounter with terrorists in Mardan district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on Tuesday. The encounter took place in Zara Mata area of Mardan where law enforcement agencies were engaged in a fierce exchange of fire with terrorists, leading to the martyrdom of SP Ijaz Khan. The Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) spokesman confirmed the incident, saying that the brave SP fell victim to the terrorists' indiscriminate firing.

Pakistan Army shoots down Indian spy quadcopter

RAWALPINDI (INP): Pakistan Army has shot down Indian spying quadcopter that intruded into country's airspace along the Line of Control.



Pakistani forces at 12:55 pm on Sunday last shot down an Indian Army quadcopter that was spying in the area near LoC, says in media reports.

It is pertinent to mention that the remains of the quadcopter were found yesterday. An insignia of the Indian Army can be seen in the pictures which confirms that the quadcopter belongs to the Indian Army.

Air taxi service launched in Sindh, Balochistan

KARACHI (INP): Air taxi service has been launched in Sindh and Balochistan which was now available for all airports, airfields, and landing strips in the two provinces by Sky Wings Aviation.

Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Sky Wings Aviation, Imran Aslam said that the air taxi service was initially available in Sindh and Balochistan and would eventually be obtainable at all airports in Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa too. "Four air taxis are on hand for the service's start. The initial hourly fee for the service is Rs 95,000," he added. Imran Aslam said that three passengers at a time would be able to use each of the air taxi service's aircraft.

"We were contacted by people who wanted to fly for enjoyment to get a bird's-eye view of Karachi and its environs or by those who wanted to fly in an emergency to various locations in Sindh and Balochistan," the Sky Wings CEO said.

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New funds

Pakistan plans to seek a new loan of \$6bn from the IMF under its Extended Fund Facility for a period of three years...

Flawed climate policy

Ajaz Ahmed

Notwithstanding Pakistan's marginal contribution to global greenhouse gas emissions and the country's greater vulnerability to climate change-driven natural disasters...

Israel's partner

Touqir Hussain

No US policy shames its professed 'value-based foreign policy' as much as its Israel policy. Washington has been effectively sitting on the sidelines in contempt of world public opinion...

Commerce News

CPEC new phase focuses on industrial cooperation, agriculture: Ambassador

BEIJING (APP): Pakistan and China have decided to start a new phase of China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) with a lot of focus on industrial cooperation, agriculture, mining and energy...

community with a shared future for mankind, underscore Beijing's goal of universal prosperity and sharing high-quality development with the rest of the world.



MULTAN: Vendor displaying tomato bags for bidding at Vegetable Market.

OGDCL earns Rs123.296 bln profit in first half of FY 2023-24

ISLAMABAD (APP): Oil and Gas Development Company Limited (OGDCL) on Tuesday announced the financial results for the first half of the current fiscal year ended on December 31, 2023 (July-December), posting a profit of Rs123.296 billion.

LESCO detects 57,806 power pilferers in 167 days

LAHORE (APP): Lahore Electric Supply Company (LESCO) has detected a total of 57,806 connections from where the customers were pilfering electricity in all its circles of five districts (Lahore, Sheikhupura, Nankana Sahib, Kasur and Okara) in 167 days of grand anti-power theft campaign.



ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of Turkmenistan H.E. Atadjan Movlamov called on Interim Federal Minister for Energy Muhammad Ali.

PCJCCI advocates for Karachi coastal project under CPEC to boost Pakistan's economy

LAHORE (APP): The inclusion of Karachi Coastal Comprehensive Development Zone (KCCDZ) project in the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) will boost Pakistan's economy and enhance industrial and development cooperation between Pakistan and China...

Port Trust (KPT). Pakistan-China Joint Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCJCCI) President Moazzam Ghurki expressed these views in a think-tank session held here at PCJCCI Secretariat on Tuesday.

boost the country's trade potential. The project, he added, would also build up the confidence of global investors towards the country and its entire ecosystem for providing and offering a lucrative environment to set up businesses and gain profits.

Awareness session on 'Benefits of Edible Oil Fortification' held

FAISALABAD (APP): An awareness session titled "Benefits of Edible Oil Fortification, Vitamin A and D deficiency in Pakistan, use of Open and Unrefined Oil and its adverse effects on health" was organized in collaboration with Nutrition International and Punjab Food Authority, here on Tuesday.

hotels and marquees. Zonal Manager Food Fortification Program Mohammad Irfan explained about the fortification program and adverse effects of loose or unrefined oil. He said that more than half of the women and children population in Pakistan are facing deficiency in micronutrients.

Rupee sheds 07 paise against dollar

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Rupee on Tuesday weakened by 07 paise against the US dollar in the interbank trading and closed at Rs 279.27 against the previous day's closing of Rs 279.20.

Sunova Solar to revolutionize Pak's energy landscape via cutting-edge solar products

Independent Report LAHORE: Sunova Solar, a global leader in renewable energy solutions, set the stage for a paradigm shift in the country's energy sector with the introduction of cutting-edge Tier-1 Solar products in a momentous event held in Lahore, Pakistan.

dazzled with anticipation. Attendees were captivated by the unveiling of two incredible modules boasting power ranges of up to 590 W and an astonishing 705 W respectively.



sustainable future for Pakistan's energy needs. Over 260 esteemed guests, including industry luminaries like Mr. Tauseef, former chairman of NEPRA, and the visionary Usama Khalid Malik, Director of Strategic Projects, gathered to witness the unveiling of Sunova Solar's groundbreaking innovations.

LCCI demands withdrawal of power tariff hike

LAHORE (APP): Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI) on Tuesday urged the government to withdraw the recent hike in electricity tariff as the industry especially export-oriented unit are unable to afford hike in the price of their basic input for production.

(NEPRA) has jacked up the power tariff by Rs. 7.05 per unit on account of fuel charges adjustment (FCA). They said that repeated hike in power tariff is hitting exports and local businesses, while the majority of businessmen have been sent electricity bills many times more than their monthly income.

