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QUETTA: Newly elected members take oath during Balochistan Assembly session

Appears before IHC in compliance of court orders Making the entire state accused on enforced disappearances matter is not correct: PM Kakar

ISLAMABAD (Online): Care taker Prime Minister (PM) Anwar ul Haq Kakar has appeared in Islamabad High Court (IHC) in missing Baloch students case being summoned by the court.

Justice Mohsin Kiyani remarked we held several hearing in two years. Baloch students were lifted. Some are terrorists some joined TTP. Some people returned to their homes. The state agencies too have to work and they have to be accountable. This case has run then people have reached home due to efforts of institutions. The institutions are not exempted from or above law. If

people go missing then allegations are leveled against state of Pakistan. We had constituted committee comprising heads of intelligence institutions for this purpose.

Care taker PM Anwar ul Haq Kakar said while giving statement before the court we all are working under law and the constitution. I belong to Balochistan and we are facing armed struggle. They are waging armed struggle for establishment of new state.

He said making the entire state accused in the matter of enforced disappearances is not correct. Who is such stupid and foolish that he will conduct

advocacy of enforced disappearances. The people were burnt alive on coastal highway 3 months earlier.

The case of enforced disappearances of Baloch students came up for hearing before Justice Mohsin Kiyani Wednesday.

Attorney General (AG) opened his arguments.

The court inquired if new people are too missing in addition to old list.

AG told 8 among 12 old persons were missing.

IHC directed Emman Mazari counter check it what he said about your list.

Justice Mohsin Akhtar Kiyani remarked no court

can provide protection to anti state elements.

The court inquired from care taker PM can he enact legislation on this matter.

Care taker PM said he cannot do. The new parliament will have powers. That can do it. The powers for registration of case rest with police and not with some one else.

Justice Mohsin Akhtar Kiyani remarked so many big terrorists were awarded punishment by the courts. It is must to present them in the court who are being lifted.

Anwar ul Haq Kakar said this matter be taken up by major political parties and be resolved.

Ayaz Sadiq to run for speaker election Shehbaz best choice for premiership in current circumstances: Nawaz

Says upcoming govt will have to provide relief to masses; You did not oppress me but people of Pakistan by imposing individuals 'who don't believe in logic'

ISLAMABAD (INP): Pakistan Muslim League Nawaz (PML-N) supremo Nawaz Sharif has expressed hope that Pakistan will come out of difficulties in the next two years by taking difficult decisions as his party is all set to form a coalition government in the Centre.

"I believe the next 1.5 or 2 years will be difficult but we have to stay united (during the difficult times) and face our opponents," he said while addressing the parliamentary party meeting on Wednesday.

"Pakistan will come out of the difficulties in the next 1.5 to 2 years," he

added.

The three-time former premier said Pakistan is "badly injured" and the difficult decisions were the need of the hour to resolve the country's woes.

He said that the biggest problem in Pakistan is inflation.

He said the upcoming government will have to provide relief to the masses by bringing down inflation, food prices and utility bills as well as stabilising local currency value against the US dollar. The PML-N supremo also heaped praise on his younger brother and party president Shehbaz Sharif, say-

ing he dealt with immense challenges during his brief stint in power.

Nawaz said that he would not have completed his time in power had he been nominated to lead the Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM)-led government instead of his younger brother.

"In the current circumstances, Shehbaz Sharif is the best choice," he said while officially declaring him the candidate for the prime minister's slot.

Nawaz said party leader Sardar Ayaz Sadiq will contest the election for the National Assembly speaker.

COAS underscores need for nationwide consensus on curbing intolerance

Lauds ASP Shehbaz for her selfless devotion to duty and professionalism

RAWALPINDI (Online): Army Chief General Syed Asim Munir has lauded Lady Police Officer Syeda Shehbaz Naqvi for diffusing a volatile situation and protecting a woman from a violent mob at Ichra Bazaar Lahore.

He was talking to Assistant Superintendent of Police Syeda Shehbaz Naqvi who called on him in Rawalpindi today.

The Army Chief underscored the importance of social harmony and the need for nationwide consensus on curbing intolerance.

dressing concerns and grievances.

Syed Asim Munir underlined Islam's eternal message of kindness and benevolence as the arbitrary actions on the basis of heresy undermine outlook of the society.

Acknowledging the vital role being played by Pakistani women in all walks of life since independence, he said they have distinguished themselves at home and abroad, by virtue of their talent, tenacity and commitment.

The Army Chief said



ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Muslim League Nawaz (PML-N) supremo Nawaz Sharif addressing parliamentary party meeting

National Assembly's inaugural session scheduled today

ISLAMABAD (APP): The inaugural session of the National Assembly is set to take place on Thursday at 10 am at the Parliament House.

According to a notification issued by the National Assembly Secretariat, the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs requested the Prime Minister's approval to make arrangements for the inaugural session of the newly elected Lower House. Following legal counsel from the Ministry of Law and Justice, the Prime Minister granted his approval under clause (2) of Article 91 of the Constitution of the country.

57 newly elected MPs take oath in 1st session of 12th BA

Sardar Akhtar Mengal, Sadiq Sanjrani, Jam Kamal Khan and Mir Sarfraz Bugti, Mir Zafar Zehri didn't turn up for taking oath in maiden session of assembly

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QUETTA: As many as 57 newly elected members of provincial assembly took oath of their membership in the first session of 12th assembly here on Wednesday.

The MPA-elect, Engineer Zamarak Khan Achakzai, appointed as the presiding officer for the first session by the Governor Balochistan, Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar, administered oath to the members of assembly.

Those who took oath of the membership in first session were included: Nawab Sanaulah Zehri, Nawab Muhammad Aslam Raisani, Dr. Abdul Malik Baloch, Mir Asim Kurd, Mir Asadullah Baloch, Ms. Rahila Hameed Khan Durrani, Ms. Farah Azeem Shah, Maulana Hidayatur Rehman Baloch, Mir Rehmat Baloch, Mir Zaid Reki, Mir Ziaullah Langove, Mir Zahoore Ahmed Buledi, Abdul Khaliq Khan Achakzai, Mir Shoaib Nausherwani, Nawabzada

Tariq Magsi, Asghar Khan Tareen, Asfandyar Kakar, besides others. Sardar Akhtar Mengal, Sadiq Sanjrani, Jam Kamal Khan, Mir Zafarullah Zehri and Sarfraz Bugti didn't turn up for taking oath in maiden session of assembly.

Earlier, fateha was offered for the departed souls of those died in different incidents during general elections.

Later, the chair adjourned the session till 03:00 PM today (Thursday) for election of Speaker and Deputy Speaker.

Extra-ordinary arrangements were made on occasion of the first session of newly formed Balochistan Assembly in and around its premises.

The security was beefed up to avert any untoward incident during the session. The police and other law enforcers were deployed at different locations around the assembly's building.

PTI urges IMF to consider political instability in bailout talks

ISLAMABAD (INP): The Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) has asked the International Monetary Fund to factor in the country's political stability in any further bailout talks, two people familiar with the matter said on Wednesday.

The PTI has sent a letter to the IMF detailing its position, two senior sources in the party said, adding more details would be made public in due course.

The IMF has yet to receive the letter, the lender

said in an email to Reuters.

Last week, the IMF declined to comment on the country's political situation after PTI founder's aides said they would urge the lender to call for an independent audit of Pakistan's disputed Feb 8 elections before engaging in further talks with Islamabad.

Sohail Ahmed of Karachi-based Topline securities said the letter was unlikely to have a major market impact.

"The IMF will do its own due diligence," he said.

Elections of Speaker BA, Deputy to be held today

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QUETTA: The elections for slot of Speaker and Deputy Speaker Balochistan Assembly are scheduled to be held today (Thursday).

This was announced by the Presiding Officer for the first session of Balochistan Assembly, Engineer Zamarak Khan Achakzai while presiding over the session on Wednesday afternoon.

Zamarak Khan Achakzai announced that the elections for slot of Speaker and Deputy Speaker Balochistan Assembly would be conducted at 03:00 PM today.

According to him, the nomination papers can be submitted by the candidates with the Secretary Provincial Assembly for Speaker and Deputy Speakership by 12:00 noon today.

The elections of Speaker and Deputy Speaker of assembly would be conducted through secret ballot.



He further emphasized upon the rule of law and advised against taking law in one's hands when legal avenues are available for ad-

women are an invaluable part of Pakistan's society and their respect is enshrined in our religion as well as our social ethos.

Leaves of all staff of Govt departments cancelled: Work continues on providing relief to rain & flood affected people on emergent basis: CS

Shakeel Qadir Khan says government can't think even to leave rain and flood affected people in isolation during critical time

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QUETTA: The Chief Secretary Balochistan, Shakeel Qadir Khan has stated that work is continued on an emergent basis to provide relief to all commissionees to get ready to tackle any untoward situation during the rains and floods.

He said that the government can't think even to leave the rain and flood affected people in isolation during critical time.

He directed to all commissionees to cancel leaves of all staff of provincial government departments in view of the urgency of rain and flood.

The Chief Secretary was chairing a high level meeting on the situation of rain and flood in different areas of the province besides the losses caused, here on Wednesday.

The Chief Secretary was briefed about the situation and arrangements made in the rain and flood

hit areas of the province.

Addressing the meeting, Chief Secretary said that there are chances of rains all over the province in coming days.

He said that he has directed to all commissionees to get ready to tackle any untoward situation during the rains and floods.

In addition to this, the commissionees have also been directed to store the non-food items in their respective areas, he maintained.

He mentioned that ration has been distributed among some 600 families in the rain and flood hit areas of the province.

While on the other hand, the affected families are also being shifted to the safer places, he maintained.

Referring situation in Gwadar, the Chief Secretary said that the constant rains have affected the buildings in the port city.

Domki greets MPs on taking oath

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QUETTA: The caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki has extended congratulations to the newly elected members of provincial assembly on taking oath of the membership and expressed best wishes to them.

In a felicitation statement issued here on Wednesday, the caretaker Chief Minister said that another democratic process has been completed after the newly elected members of assembly took oath.

He expressed the hope that newly elected parliamentarians would use their capabilities for the legislation to be based on public interest besides for doing services for public welfare.

Shahbaz Sharif expresses concern over Gwadar situation

LAHORE (Online): Nominated Prime Minister (PM) Shahbaz Sharif has expressed grave concern over situation in Gwadar besides directing PML-N Balochistan workers to extend help immediately to affected persons. He further said our sympathies are with affectees and we stand by them in this critical hour.

He held steps should be taken for reconstruction of destroyed homes.



QUETTA: A delegation led by acting Vice Chancellor of Balochistan Dr. Zainab Bibi meeting with Governor Balochistan Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar

Newly elected MPs vow to work for solution of problems of masses

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QUETTA: The newly elected members of provincial assembly have pledged to work for solution of the issues being faced by the province and its people.

While speaking to the media persons at entrance of the provincial assembly before the maiden session, the MPAs-elect including Ms. Rahila Hameed Khan Durrani, Zamarak Khan Achakzai, Rehmat Baloch, Asadullah Baloch, Abdul Khaliq Achakzai, Maulana Hidayatur Rehman Baloch, Malik Naeem Bazai and others were thankful to the people who elected them.

They said that the people have voted them to

power and therefore, they would do their best to resolve the issues being faced by their people.

They said that the people have lot of expectations from them, so they would try to come up to their expectations to their best.

They said that Balochistan is a backward province and it would be our utmost endeavour to do something for our province.

Zamarak Khan Achakzai said that unemployment and poverty are major issues in the province, and we would make endeavours to resolve these issues.



GWADAR: Police and Rescue officials are busy in relief and rescue efforts to help people affected by flood due to heavy downpour of winter season

116 members take oath of KP Assembly amid uproar

PESHAWAR (APP): Newly elected 116 members of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Assembly on Wednesday took oath amid uproar and anti party slogans by members.

The proceeding of the house was chaired by Speaker Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Assembly Mushtaq Ghani with recitation from the holy Quran.

Before taking the oath, the newly elected members of the provincial assembly chanted slogans against each other and threw shoes and pitchers on opposition benches.

The Speaker took no-

tice of the slogans of PTI workers in the house and directed them to remain silent.

The house offered Fateha for father of Ali Amin Gandapur and other martyrs of security forces.

Special arrangements including multimedia screens were installed inside and outside of the assembly hall for special guests and party members.

The internet service was closed in the assembly premises due to security reasons.

Despite strict security measures, workers of political parties managed to enter the assembly hall.

Six terrorist killed in N Waziristan IBO: ISPR

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RAWALPINDI: Security forces conducted an intelligence based operation (IBO) in North Waziristan District, on reported presence of terrorists.

According to ISPR, during the conduct of operation, intense fire exchange took place between troops and the terrorists, as a result of which six terrorists were killed, while one soldier also got injured.

Weapons, ammunition and explosives were also recovered from the killed terrorists, who remained actively involved in numerous terrorist activities including target killing as well as extortion & abduction of innocent civilians.



QUETTA: Chief Secretary Balochistan Shakeel Qadir Khan presiding over a meeting regarding relief activities and rehabilitation of rain and flood affectees of the province

