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ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif chairing a meeting on the matters related Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq

Bugti meets NP & BNP-Awami leaders; discusses political situation:

### CM vows to find sustainable solution to issues being faced by people after improving governance in province

present.

Khair Jan Baloch.

cal situation of the country

Speaking on the occa-

### Independent Report

QUETTA: The Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti visited the residences of President, National Party, Dr. Abdul Malik Baloch and central leader of Balochistan National Party-Awami (BNP-A), Mir Ásadullah Baloch separately here on Monday.

Also accompanied with cussed. the Chief Minister was central leader of Pakistan Peoples Party and Member National Assembly, Ejaz taking all political parties along to put Balochistan on Jhakrani Moreover, during the path of development.

meeting with NP President, the members of provincial have to find sustainable so-Condemns raid at residence of Chairman PkMAP:

assembly from PPP and lution to the issues being National Party were also faced by people after improving governance in the They were included: province.

Mir Sadiq Umrani, Ali For the purpose, all Madad Jatak, Mir Liaquat political parties have to Lehri Sardar Sarfraz Domki play their role, adding he Rehmat Saleh Baloch and stressed further. Mir Sarfraz Bugti said

During the course of that we are preparing a meeting, the overall politi- comprehensive roadmap of development of and province was dis- Balochistan and it would be our effort to benefit everyone from development in sion, the Chief Minister every nook and corner of said that he is desirous of the province.

He said that it would also be our utmost endeavour to bring remarkable im-He stressed that we provement in all sectors including service delivery

for reserved seats allocation ISLAMABAD (APP): The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) on Mon-

day rejected the Sunni Ittehad Council's (SIC) plea for allocation of minority and women reserve seats in national and provincial assemblies. A five-member ECP

bench, headed by Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Sikandar Sultan Raja, firmly stated that Sunni Ittehad Council (SIC) is not entitled to have reserved seats for women and minorities.

The Election Commission also stated that Sunni Ittehad Council is not entitled to avail special seat allocations for women and minorities. The ECP

reached its decision with a 4-1 ratio, with member Punjab Babar Hasan Bharwana, submitting dissent in a note.

The SIC submitted a plea in ECP claiming the allocation of seats based on inclusion of PTI-endorsed candidates within their party. This plea, conveyed by SIC Chairman Sahibzada Hamid Raza through a PTI representative, was submit-

ted to the electoral watchdog. Following the Supreme Court's ruling declaring their intra-party polls "unconstitutional" and stripping

them of the electoral symbol of the 'bat', PTI candidates participated in the elections as independents.

owing to situation

attends oath

Later Prime Minister

Shehbaz Sharif has directed

the authorities concerned to

prepare an action plan on

an emergency basis to re-

Sworn in as 24th Prime Minister of Pakistan

Shahbaz directs to prepare an action

plan to revive national economy

Also directed immediate engagement with the IMF to advance discussions on the EFF

ceremony of the new Prime Minister, Muhammad Shahbaz Islamabad on Monday.

pecially went to Islamabad to attend the oath taking ceremony of newly elected Prime Minister.

Mir Sarfraz Bugti also greeted Shahbaz Sharif on assuming the office of Prime Minister for second term.

# Sibi Festival

postponed

**Reconciliation: Bilawal** Chairman of the Pakistan gratulated the newly elected People's Party (PPP), Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, provinces and emphasized

ISLAMABAD (APP):

Bilawal Bhutto con-

vive national economy.

He gave these direc-

He said his government

tions while presiding over

a meeting to review strate-

gies for country's economic revival and growth in

will work for improving the

country's economic land-

scape, promoting invest-

ment opportunities and fa-

cilitating the business com-

munity. He said economic

revitalization stands as the

foremost priority of his ad-

ministration, highlighting

the urgent need for decisive

action to address pressing

economic concerns

Islamabad today

## **CM Balochistan** In major blow: **ECP** rejects SIC's request

ISLAMABAD (APP):

President of Pakistan Mus-

Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Monday took the

oath as the Prime Minister

administered the oath of

office to Shehbaz Sharif,

who was elected to the

country's top office for the

Sadr, the swearing-in cer-

emony was attended by

outgoing Caretaker Prime

Kakar and his cabinet mem-

Held at the Aiwan-e-

President Dr Arif Alvi

lim

of Pakistan.

second time.

League-Nawaz

taking ceremony of Premier **Independent Report** 

QUETTA: The Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti participated in the oath taking

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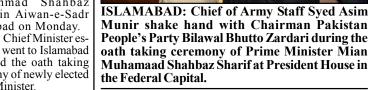
Chairman of Joint Chiefs of

Staff Committee, services

chiefs, governors, chief min-

isters and diplomats





Sharif in Aiwan-e-Sadr The Chief Minister es

### We are "war prisoners" not political in Balochistan: Sardar Akhtar Mengal

**Independent Report** QUETTA: The President Balochistan National Party (BNP) and Member National Assembly, Sardar Akhtar Mengal has alleged that we are "war prisoners" not political ones in Balochistan and demanded of the authorities to release all political prisoners immediately

The President BNP was speaking in session of National Assembly, Islamabad on Moday.

Sardar Akhtar Mengal criticized the government for not doing much for people of Gwadar, which is otherwise most affected due to the recent torrential rains saying that Gwadar, prisoners, not political priswhich is called the "orna-



ISLAMABAD: Leader of Pakistan Muslim League (N) Mian Muhammad Nawaz Sharif shake hand with Chairman Pakistan People's Party Bilawal Bhutto Zardari after the oath taking ceremony of Prime Minister Mian Muhamaad Shahbaz Sharif at President House in the Federal Capital, Chief Minister of Punjab Maryam Nawaz Sharif also seen in the picture.

### Raid at residence of Chairman PkMAP: Lawyers observe boycott of courts' proceedings in Quetta

He condemned the al-

He said that Chairman

leged raid at the residence of

Mehmood Khan Achakzai

and termed it violation of

chaadar and chaardeewari.

PkMAP raised voice for su-

premacy of constitution and

law in the parliament re-

cently. Mehmood Khan

Achakzai is also candidate

for President of the country

It may be mentioned

and

**Independent Report** QUETTA: The lawyers community observed boycott of the proceedings of courts against alleged raid at the residence of Chairman Pashtoonkhaw Milli Awami Party (PkMAP), here on Monday. The call for protest and boycott of the courts proceedings was given by the Balochistan Bar Council (BBC).

in the Presidential elections. According to a senior leader of BBC, Rahib Buledi he added. Advocate, the lawyers that the local administration didn't appear in the courts got vacated a piece of govas mark of protest against ernment land during a raid the alleged raid at residence on Quarry road on Sunday of Chairman PkMAP. night

ment" is sinking. He said that it would have been better to provide helicopter for rescuing the people in Gwadar.

Referring the media persons, Sardar Akhtar Mengal said that they (media persons) try to show us the right path. He added that he was expecting that Prime Minister would make announcement for release of the detailed journalists.

The BNP on the occasion condemned the raid at residence of Chairman Pashtoonkhaw Milli Awami Party (PkMAP) Mehmood Khan Achakzai in Quetta. Adding he also said that we are the war



QUETTA: MNA Haji Malik Shah Gorgage meeting with Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sardar Bugti. MPA Mir Zaheer Ahmed Buledi is also present

### **Achakzai urges** political unity to overcome national crisis

#### ISLAMABAD (APP): Pashtunkhwa Milli Awami Party Chairman Mahmood Khan Achakzai Monday urged all political groups to collaborate in addressing

the numerous challenges facing the nation and guiding it through the crisis. Speaking in National Assembly on point of or-der, he said that Parliament

should have more power office. and be the main center of authority He also highlighted that

the country's constitution brought the people together nationwide and its sanctity must be ensured

tion of the joint session.

Zardari, Achakzai set for showdown as ECP approves nomination papers ISLAMABAD (INP): The The scrutiny of nomipresidential election in Panation papers for candidates kistan is scheduled for

Presidential polls:

vying for the role of presi-dent was held on Monday. March 9 when Asif Ali Zardari, the co-chairman of The final list of eligible canthe Pakistan Peoples Party didates will be released on (PPP), and Mahmood Khan March 5 (Tuesday). Achakzai, the chairman of AsifAli Zardari's nomi-

the Pashtunkhwa Milli nation papers have been Awami Party (PkMAP), approved after scrutiny, will vie for the prestigious making him eligible to contest for the coveted presi-National Assembly dential seat. However, Speaker Ayaz Sadiq has Mahmood Khan called for a joint session of Achakzai's nomination pa-Parliament on March 9. The pers have not been ap-

National Assembly secreproved yet, as reservations tary has issued a notificahave been raised against them.

### World leaders felicitate Shehbaz Sharif on assumption of PM office

ISLAMABAD (APP): Dif- Malaysian Prime Minister ferent world leaders felici-Anwar Ibrahim in separate tated the newly elected messages on Monday congratulated Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif for taking Prime Minister Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif on assuming oath as 24th prime minister the office of the country's chief executive and wished of Islamic Republic of Paki-

progress and prosperity. President Recep Tayyip Erdogan of Turkiye



him success during the next stan. According to the Saudi ve years of rule. Press Agency (SPA), Crown Šaudi Prime Minister Prince Mohammed bin Crown Prince Salman wished Shehbaz Mohammed bin Salman bin Sharif success, and the Abdulaziz Al-Saud and people of Pakistan steady

on Monday called Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif and congratulated him on his elec-



of friendship that exist between the governments and peoples of the two countries, both the leaders expressed their desire and commitment to work tion as the country's chief closely with each other to executive. The prime ministake the bilateral relationter expressed his gratitude ship to unprecedented to President Erdogan for his heights of cooperation and gracious gesture of brotherfraternity. hood and fraternity. He un-

in Gwadar; weather forecast

**Independent Report** QUETTA: The annual Sibi Festival, which was scheduled to be held from March 6-8, has been postponed on Monday.

According to an offithe House to collaborate on cial announcement made a Charter of National Recby the provincial governonciliation. ment, the Sibi festival has been postponed owing to the situation in sition to participate in this Gwadar after heavy rains process for the broader inand the forecasting of terests of the country," he more rains in the provstated. ince.

**ECP** lifts ban on postings, transfers

ISLAMABAD (INP) The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) on Monday allowed the transfers and postings of officials

According to a notifi cation issued in this connection, the ECP lifted the ban on transfers and postings imposed due to the general elections held on February 8, 2024.

The notification stated that as the general elections have been held so there was no need to continue the ban.

The elected government will now regulate all matters relating to such transfers, the notification added

derlined that enduring

people-to-people bonds

and strong religious and cul-

tural linkages underpinned a

Recalling strong bonds

stated on Monday that the PPP fully supported the offer made by newly elected Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif for a 'Charter of National Reconciliation.'

"We not only endorse

it but also urge the Oppo-

He said that people did not vote for anyone to cre-Speaking in the Na-tional Assembly, he recalled ate a ruckus but to save them from this economic the Prime Minister's offer crisis. during his maiden speech in

Bilawal Bhutto stressed the need for discourse among all the lawmakers.

He said the Parliament was the mother of all institutions, and if this institution was strengthened, it would ultimately empower the masses.



QUETTA: Activists of Pashtunkhwa Mili Awami Party (PKMAP) are holding protest rally against the raid on the house of Mahmood Khan Achakzai, Chairman of the PKMAP, in Quetta.

### IMF recommends Pakistan to jack up GST on medicines, petroleum to 18pc

ISLAMABAD (INP): The mended bringing several International Monetary Fund (IMF) has recommended the government of Pakistan to implement 18 per cent General Sales Tax products and others. (GST) on food, medicine, petroleum products, and stationery. According to details, the IMF experts have recommended the newlyelected government of Pakistan to end sales tax relaxation in its report dispatched to Islamabad. The IMF team visited

Pakistan in December 2023, and dispatched its report in February 2024 with a set of recommendations ahead of the FY2024-25 budget. The IMF has recom-

dozen items under the standard rate of 18% GST, including unprocessed food, stationery, medicine, POL

The IMF estimated that rationalizing GST rates could generate 1.3 percent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) revenue, which equates to Rs1,300 billion in national exchequer.

Overall, the IMF has called for the removal of all distortionary tax policy changes related to compliance, including the abolition of minimum taxes and additional taxes, as well as the abolition of the Ninth and

## Shehbaz farwell outgoing PM

ISLAMABAD (Online): A smartly turned out contingent of the three services on Monday presented a farewell guard of honour to outgoing Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar.

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif saw him off after the guard of honour and farewell meeting with the staff of Prime Minister Office.

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**OPINION** 

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### **Prime minister's** challenge

The new prime minister has taken the wheel. He must steer Pakistan to calmer waters at the earliest possible. Following a deeply contentious election, the opposition seems to be in no mood to let him get comfortable in his seat. He can expect a tough fight over every piece of legislation his govtrade. ernment brings to parliament. In fact, some of the more hawkish lawmakers affiliated with the PTI have made it clear they do not intend to allow him to function at all. Regardless, the prime minister cannot afford to let himself get frazzled. It is his responsibility to bridge the gaping political chasm and restore some sense of unity within the nation as he attempts to tackle its historic social and economic crises. It will, without a doubt, require immense grit and a large heart to take the country forward as one.

Since Mr Shehbaz Sharif has chosen to lead, he should demonstrate that his second term will be better than the first. He must appoint a cabinet of capable individuals, chosen not for their proximity to the Sharif clan, but for how well-suited they are to manage the portfolios handed to them. This is not the time to dish out ministries and important offices as payback for political favours. The PDM government offered ample lessons on why this would be a poor mistake to repeat during a crisis period.

Considering how much has been placed at stake for Mr Sharif to get a second chance to 'deliver', he must deliberate with great care on who will get him the results being expected from his government. He should remember that his government will be walking a tightrope: policy confusion can quickly snowball into a national disaster. The PDM's last finance ministry was a case in point.

His other major responsibility would be to start shaping the contours of Pakistan's immediate political future such that the country can start to move on from the bitter unravelling of its sociopolitical order that marked the interregnum between April 8, 2022, and March 3, 2024. This will require the PML-N and its allied parties to, first and foremost, put an immediate end to any plans to further victimise the PTI and also to start a process to reconcile with its leadership and its supporters even if it means taking the difficult first step. It has been repeatedly commented that it was the hubris of the PDM coalition and its backers that the people of Pakistan voted against in the recent election. It would be a grave miscalculation to continue disregarding this as the new prime minister makes an attempt to lead the nation forward. Mr Sharif will need to show immense courage if he wishes to be remembered well.

## **Climate stresses**

Huma Yusuf Other drivers are food in-Last week offered a juxflation, soaring fuel taposition that captures prices and livestock dis-Pakistan's predicament. eases

In Lahore, PTI support-The current flooding ers took to the streets to will exacerbate food inseprotest rigging and the curity. Flooding will delawfare against Imran stroy agrarian families' Khan. Meanwhile, in food stocks, usually Balochistan, lashing rain amounting to three to six led to flooding dire months' sustenance. enough to uproot Other farm inputs – houses, wash away stored harvests, seeds, roads, and paralyse fertilisers — are also subject to damage during Our political crises flooding.

and elite bargaining al-The same survey ways come at the exfound that 64pc of the pense of governance farming province's and service delivery. Dehouseholds struggled to mocracy - in its true sell their produce, propelsense, not a hybrid faling a vicious circle of food insecurity. This was because of difficult accade – is a prerequisite for a functioning government that can provide cess to markets, either prosperity and protecdue to poor infrastructure tion. But while we fight that led to transport defor the former, we are loslays and crop damage or ing hope of achieving the the high cost of transportation. Last week's rains

The flooding in Balochistan is the latest will worsen this situation: the roads that have disreminder that climate solved will take months, change-related disasters if not years, to repair, imremain among the top pairing mobility. Local challenges for our counfuel costs will likely soar, try. And these disasters following disruption to are not tragic one-off Pakistan-Iran border events that can be routes due to flooding. mopped up with a quick Secondary sources of indab of emergency relief come such as inter-proand rescue. Each disasvincial or cross-border ter has social, political trading will be hard hit. and security implications Add other dynam-

that extend for years. ics to this food insecu-Today's floods are rity, and it becomes aptomorrow's famine, proparent that Balochistan's test movements, insurintersecting challenges gency. Balochistan is a may soon feel insurparticularly dire example mountable. Consider the of how climate changelong-running grievance related stresses will exacof the coastal fishing erbate fragility and pocommunity, which has tentially fuel conflict. A increasingly protested 2021 survey by the IPC against illegal trawling Integrated Food Security resulting in depleted fish Phase Class found that 25 reserves. This is another per cent of Balochistan's community that for both rural population was climate-related and geofood-insecure, with some political reasons finds its districts facing emerlivelihood threatened.

gency-level food short-Research shows ages. Given that more that a local temperature than half the province's rise of 0.5 degrees Celpopulation relies on agrisius increases the likeliculture or livestock-rehood of conflict by 10 to lated activities for their 20pc as climate change livelihood, this food insedrives resource compecurity can partly be attrib- tition. Balochistan's aluted to drought and cli- ready explosive political Courtesy Dawn

mate change more widely. dynamics - rooted in valid historical grievances over resource extraction and state excesses, particularly disappearances — will further ignite due to climate change-driven resource scarcity. Unless, of course, someone does

something about this spiralling conflict. However, climate disasters can also create opportunities to demonstrate that a state is capable of effective, inclusive service delivery, thereby building trust. District administrations. disaster management authorities, the army and navy quickly commenced relief and rescue operations in Balochistan. The founder of the Haq Do Tehreek, which has campaigned for fisherfolk and broader Baloch rights, in

his new position as MPA also did the rounds. Can this responsiveness be sustained? Plans to address climate change and natural disaster-related food insecurity, resource competition and political fragility have to be nuanced, localised and adaptive. Resource-sharing arrangements between stressed communities have to be carefully negotiated to prevent conflict from flaring. Such grassroots interventions

are the work of local governments and civil society, not security forces or law-enforcement agencies. And so it comes full circle: the need for meaningful democracy to enable climate responsiveness.

This is where the Lahore protests connect with the Balochistan floods. Both the PML-N and PPP made ambitious climate-related promises in their poll manifestos. Now with a governance mandate, however problematically delivered, the parties have a chance to show that they can deliver for the people.

## Mohammad Ali

### Babakhel

Historically, terrorism has evolved in its aims, forms, frequency, lethality, targets, and operation methods at various intervals. The changes underscore the shifting dynamics of terrorism, driven by global political shifts and technological advancements. In each era, terrorist strategies have been shaped by time. While terrorism's underlying causes have varied across different periods, the common thread has been a group the prevailing system and resorting to vioand achieve their goals.

The evolution of terrorism can be categorised into four waves — the 'anarchist' (1880-1920s), 'anti-colonial' (1920-1960), 'new left' (1960s to end-century) and 'religiously inspired' (1979 onwards). A 'wave of terrorism' represents a cycle of increased and decreased activity in a specific time frame, characterised by phases of expansion and contraction.

During the anarchist wave, anarchist and nationalist groups employed similar tactics and even shared training, highlighting the interconnectivity and influence among different terrorist ideologies. Diaspora communities became significant contributors to militant groups. This wave highlighted the counterproductive nature of political assassinations, leading to a notable reduction in such actions during the second wave. Diasporas would go on to demonstrate capabilities previously unseen in the second wave. Irish rebels in the 19<sup>th</sup> century benefited from financial support, arms, and vol-Irish-American commu- interpretation of religion tesy Dawn

nity.

The kidnapping and murder of former Italian Moro by the Red Brigades in 1979 marked a significant moment in the third wave, underlining the continued importance of kidnapping as a tactic. Between 1968 and 1982, the world witnessed 49 international forcing companies to inthe technology of the sure their executives against kidnappings. This wave also saw renewed efforts in political assassinations. The IRA and its offshoots were of individuals rejecting responsible for killing two British ambassadors in 1976 and 1979, Lord lence to draw attention Mountbatten in 1979, and of unsuccessful attempts on the lives of Margaret Thatcher and John Major. Additionally,

the Black September assassinated group Jordan's prime minister in 1971. It was during this wave that the term 'international terrorism' became widespread, as militant groups engaged in claimed a "war that coordinated attacks, kidnappings, and hijackings. In Latin America and the Middle East, the US emerged as and defeated". This a primary target, with a repetition of resolve third of all international terrorist acts aimed at

American interests. Despite the eventual defeat of revolutionary terrorists by the end of the third wave, international counterterrorism cooperation faced challenges, evidenced by instances like France's refusal to extradite suspects from the PLO, Red Brigade, and ETA to West Germany, Italy, and Spain, respectively. However, efforts to enhance global collaboration against terror- tablishment of MOUs, ism led to the signing of mutual legal assisinternational, including UN, conventions from 1970 to 1999, aimed at sures for combating prohibiting hijacking and terrorism hostage-taking. fourth wave has been ence of violent nonunteers provided by the characterised by a mis- state entities. -- Cour-

Waves of terrorism as a dominant factor, with militant groups leveraging the internet for reprime minister Aldo cruitment, radicalisation, and fundraising. They have also mastered the use of social media platforms to disseminate sophisticated propaganda. This wave stands apart from its predecessors, driven not by political ambitions but by a diskidnapping incidents in-volving 951 hostages, religious doctrines. Adtorted interpretation of vocates of religiously motivated terrorism contend that the eradication of perceived evil justifies the use of militancy. Events such as the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan and the Iranian Revolution pla-yed a role in propelling religious fundamentalism into prominence, whereas groups like the Tamil Tigers attempted to maintain a secular image.

In 1901, president Roosevelt rallied for a crusade to eliminate terrorism globally, and a century later, in September 2001, president George W. Bush prowould continue until every terrorist group with global reach had been identified, halted, over a century later underscores the necessity for major powers to understand why history has repeated itself and why they failed to create history. The critical question now is whether the current wave, driven primarily by religious motivation, will persist or conclude by 2025. The global nature of terrorism calls for enhanced international collaboration, including the estance, and extradition treaties, as crucial meaand The minimising the influ-

**Commerce** News

# **Pakistan to become** largest Muslim economy in 10 years: Dr Gohar Ejaz

Dr. Gohar Ejaz said on Monday that Pakistan would be the largest economy of Muslim Ummah during the next ten years.

Addressing the business community here at Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) Regional Office, he said that Pakistan has opened the doors of trade to China, UAE and other countries. "We are aiming to increase the country's exports up to USD 100 billion and we have brought the dollar rate from Rs 340 to Rs 280. We have worked hard and opened the doors policy, the US dollar rate of trade to China, UAE and other countries," he from Rs 340 to Rs 280," mentioned.

Gohar Ejaz said that China, America and the usually, the interest rate

LAHORE (APP): Former Gulf region are major has to be kept higher than caretaker federal minister markets for Pakistani the inflation rate, and at the inflation rate, and at products, asserting that a that time, the inflation rate policy has also been was 28 percent but the last formulated that after three caretaker government had years, no raw materials contained the interest rate would go out of Pakistan. at 22 percent which was He said that Afghan Transit then also objected by the Trade (ATT) had increased IMF. He said that 50 from USD two billion to percent of employment USD 7.2 billion during July 2022 to June 2023. "The opportunities in the country were created by imports we had banned through LCs (Letters of Credit), had been reaching

went down significantly i.e

he claimed.

the private sector. FPCCI's job is to formulate policies and it Pakistan through ATT, and should have economists to the high US dollar rate help guide the government. against rupee was mainly he suggested and added due to ATT. Out of USD that the FPCCI should 7.2 billion ATT, we had banned USD 3 billion form a panel of five big economists who make a products/imports. As soon, ten-year industry vision for we clarified the ATT the government.

The FPCCI Regional Chairman Zaki Ejaz, former caretaker provincial minister SM Tanveer, He mentioned that FPCCI Vice President Zain Iftikhar.

**RCCI** inks MoU with **WELDO** 

RAWALPINDI (APP) The Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (RCCI) inked ar Understanding(MoU) with Memorandum with Women Empowerment Literacy Development and

Organization (WELDO)here on Monday. President Mr. Saqib Rafiq, on behalf of RCCI

and Manager Finance Mr. Jmer Waqas from WELDO inked and exchanged the MOU documents. RCCI President

climate smart agriculture Saqib Rafiq assured all kinds of support, close cooperation and assistance through the chamber platform.

He said that the prime which was confronting focus and mission of myriads of problems. WELDO was to provide impartial returns and here the other, presided by reintegration services to Mahmood Nawaz Shah, returnees coming back to also drew the government's Pakistan through health, attention towards the probsocial, economic, and lems which required their psychosocial support immediate attention and acmeasures tion, according to a press



KARACHI: Women are busy is buying handmade items on a stall at a local hotel, in the Provincial Capital.

## Pakistani experts praise 'Two Sessions' for propelling global economic stability

BEIJING (APP): Pakistani Net that the strategic experts have lauded the discussions held during the significance of the "Two Sessions" in fostering global economic stability in the context of jointly building the Belt and Road Initiative, particularly China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) economic stability. initiatives. They believe

A meeting of the SAB

"I feel honored to attend the CPPCC that the foreign policies and incentives for Spokesperson briefing held ahead of Two Seasons in foreigners in China during these sessions are pivotal 2024. I'm attending in enhancing economic cooperation and promoting different meetings and sustainable development in briefings during the sixday Two Sessions. I will

Muhammad Asghar, a focus on jointly building Pakistani journalist in China told China Economic President Xi Jinping closing ceremonies.

launched a decade ago to build a community with a shared future. I'm lucky Two Sessions serve as a platform for fostering that I witnessed the stronger ties between previous five to six Two Sessions during my assignments which I have Pakistan and China, paving the way for mutually beneficial partnerships good experience of it", he stated. He further said that that contribute to global the

China-Pakistan Economic Corridor was a flagship project of jointly building the Belt and Road Initiative. Several projects have been completed in Pakistan under CPEC. "I am also looking forward to attending Foreign Minister Wang Yi media interaction the Belt and Road Initiative and also opening and **Progress not possible** without justice in society: Dr Asif Jah

DG KHAN (APP): institution was established Federal Tax Ombudsman in 2000 with the Dr. Asif Mahmood Jah fundamental objective of Dr. Asif Mahmood Jah said on Monday that progress is not possible without justice in the adding that our department society because delaying is resolving complaints of justice is tantamount to denying justice.

He expressed these views while addressing a gathering organized by the Dera Ghazi Khan Chamber of Commerce and Industry at the Gymkhana Club here. He said that the

delay. Ombudsman is striving He said that our hard to address complaints institution has initiated an of consumers as the basic awareness campaign under the Outreach Programme in purpose of our institution is to respect taxpayers and remote areas of the solve their issues country.

promptly addressing taxpayers' complaints,

thousands of taxpayers

every year. He further said

that last year, more than

9,000 applicants were

resolved within 45 days.

while complaints from more than 12,000 applicants this year would

also be addressed without

hediately. The campaign, he The Federal Tax said had started from Dera immediately. Ombudsman said that our Ghazi Khan in this regard.



LAHORE: Farmers are busy in preparing to collect honey from boxes placed roadside fields in the **Provincial Capital.** 

## Farmers urge government to stem inflation in input cost, regulate seed quality

HYDERABAD (APP): The Sindh Abadgar Board (SAB), a group lobbying members from different districts expressed their deep for the rights of the agrarconcern on increasing prices of inputs and irregularity in selling of fertilizers. They pointed out that ing the hope that they the price of urea, which was the highest used fertilizer in would give due importance to the agriculture sector

Pakistan, was rising every other month, having wit-nessed a hike from Rs2,900 a bag to Rs4,649 in the last 12 months. The farmers claimed that urea was not available even at the inflated

price of Rs4,649 a bag in most of the areas. The SAB complained that the prices were en-

statement. The Board's hanced overnight and the companies and their dealers make billions of rupees in additional income by selling the old stock at the new rates. They told that during the outgoing winter sowing season the Maximum Retail

plained that the prices of Price (MRP) of a bag of urea DAP, potash, pesticides, was Rs3,650 but the dealother nutrients and fuel were also rising day by day without any check and ers used to extort between Rs4,500 to Rs5,400 for a bag halance. from the growers.

business.

The growers com-

"According to the SAB's estimates, the fertil-The SAB maintained that the ceaseless artificial izer companies and their inflation in the prices of the dealers minted between Rs agricultural inputs was not only harming the farmers, but the people who use or 60 to Rs70 billion over and above the MRP in the last 6 months alone," the stateconsume the agricultural

ment reads. produce were also being to The Board urged the pay exorbitant prices. government to strictly regu-The board said by late the prices of urea and to bring an order to the urea

regulating the input prices the government could not only prevent the agricultural economy but the public at large which was reeling from historically high inflation.

The agriculturists at the meeting also highlighted the issues pertaining to quality and availability of the seeds of various crops.

They said non-availability of quality seed continued to be one of the major stumbling blocks to enhancing the yields.

Independent Report ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Agriculture Research Council (PARC) in collaboration with Asian Development Bank (ADB) on Monday organized a workshop on agriculture research is agricultural research in

KARACHI: Pakistani stockbroker monitors the

share prices during a trading session at the

**PARC** organises

workshop on promoting

Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX).

together participants from food production and various national and

Pakistan.

international research organizations, said a press release issued here. Addressing the workshop, Chairman PARC, Dr Ghulam Muhammad Ali, reiterated that climate smart promoting climate-smart crucial in addressing the challenges posed by rapidly

changing climatic conditions The event brought and to ensure sustainable agricultural resilience



ians, has congratulated all the new federal and provincial governments, express-

the region.

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# Peace, security top priority: Amin Gandapur

construction

development

**MULTAN: Deputy Commissioner Captain (R)** 

Rizwan Qadeer leading awareness walk about

'Clean Punjab Campaign' organized by the Waste

06 dead, 1378 injured

in 1274 road traffic

Minister of Khyber prosperity are not possible emphasized, "We do not pakhtunkhwa, Ali Amin without peace and security believe in the interview." Monday that peace and security will be the top priority of his government, with no compromise to be made.

Speaking to the media in Charsadda, he emphasized that the police force would be provided with necessary financial resources on a priority basis. He assured that the police would be ensured provision of vehicles and other necessary

equipment. He highlighted that

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Gandapur, stated on in the region. He also actions, but reform is our mentioned that the duty. reduction in poverty, provision of employment

opportunities to people, and uplift of weaker sections are the second important priorities of the provincial government. Furthermore, he stated that and of infrastructure will be the Charsadda and met with

third important priority. The Chief Minister martyred. He praised the clarified that when he bravery and sacrifices talked about reforms in the of the police in the line

He expressed the desire for a system where

or injustice against anyone else, aiming for a better and fair system for the coming generations. Earlier, he offered condolences to the family of martyred SP Ijaz Khan in Sherpao village the children of the

police, it should not be of duty

no one can commit violence

### Punjab College of Commerce. **KP** assembly approves Six power over Rs.159 billion for pilferers booked

#### in Sargodha PESHAWAR ARGODHA (APP): The Faisalabad Electric Supply assembly with Speaker, Company (Fesco) caught Babar Salim Swati in chair six power pilferers during Tuesday approved one an ongoing crackdown here month budget of over Rs. on Monday. According to 159 billion for the province. KP Chief official sources, task force teams raided at various areas of the district and caught six accused involved in electricity theft from main lines and meter

teams also imposed a fine of Rs 262,551 on pilferers. On a report of the Fesco police also registered cases against pilferers.

tampering. The task force

Minister, Ali Ameen Gandapur moved the motion for budget approval under rule 150 of the Provincial Assembly Procedure and

Conduct Rules. Among Rs. 159 billion, Rs. 40 billion

### one month budget (APP): rupees are reserved for Khyber Pakhtunkhwa ongoing developmental

schemes under Annual Development Program. While Rs. 118 billion are earmarked for running expenditure.

**RAWALPINDI:** Former Prime Minister Shahid Khagan Abbasi along with

Chaudhary Muhammad Akram keenly viewing Science & Arts Exhibition of

The motion was put capsules were recovered to vote and was passed from a passenger going to Jeddah at Peshawar Airport. with majority Meanwhile, leader of 63 kg hashish was recovered opposition, Dr. Ibadullah

from Zakhakhel Khyber area rejected the move over and 58.8 kg hashish was arguments that cabinet is recovered from two suspects not formed and such rounded up near National passage is illegal. Highway Hyderabad.

All-out efforts to be made to provide relief to people: Commissioner

RAWALPINDI (APP): political leaders," the Commissioner Rawalpindi Commissioner said. Division. Engineer Aamir Khattak on Monday said and that all-out efforts would to the people and all the welfare projects of the city would be completed within

stipulated time frame.

Officer (RPO) Syed

Khurram Geelani chaired

an introductory meeting

with the newly elected 23

Members of Provincial

Punjab elected from

projects of the city would

be completed in time along

with elected members of

Rawalpindi Division.

provincial assembly.

Assembly (MPAs) of

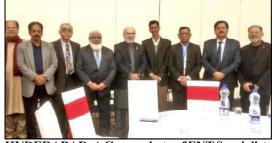
He said all the welfare

The administration the elected representatives would play be made to provide relief their constructive role to solve the problems of the people, he added.

Engr. Aamir Khattak said that the primary responsibility of the The Commissioner along with Regional Police administration is to serve the people.

The suggestions of the newly elected members of the provincial assembly would also be utilized for the completion of all the projects including Rawalpindi Ring Road and Dadocha Dam the projects, Commissioner informed.

He said that practical steps would be taken in the "Our commitment is light of the orders of to provide relief to the Punjab Chief Minister people with the help of the Maryam Nawaz.



HYDERABAD: A Group photo of ENT Specialists with Pakistan society of otorhinolaryngologist Sindh (PSORL)Prof, Atif Hafiz.

### **Delegation of Germany-based Deutsche Welle visits Karachi University**

**ANF** recovers

crashes in Punjab Independent Report LAHORE: The Emergency Services Department (ESD) responded to 1274 Road Traffic Crashes (RTCs) in all 37 districts of Punjab during the last

Management Company.

24 hours In these RTCs, 06 drivers, 160 pedestrians, people died, whereas 1274 were injured. Out of these, 610 people with serious injuries were shifted to different hospitals, while 768 victims with minor reported in Lahore which injuries were treated at the incident site by Rescue Medical Teams thus reducing the burden of Hospitals.

The majority (73%) and at third Gujranwala involved Motorbikes, with 88 RTCs and 87 effective victims. therefore

enforcement of traffic laws and lane discipline are essential to reduce the increasing number of road traffic crashes. Furthermore, the

analysis showed those 667 drivers, 58 underage and 557 passengers were among the victims of road traffic crashes

The statistics show that 252 RTCs were affected 280 persons placing the Provincial Capital at top of the list followed by Faisalabad Dhandra was killed while 115 in with 142 victims

his mother Nazia Imdad and grandmother Zahida Habib were injured.

Three killed, two injured on road

FAISALABAD (APP): versity of Karachi on Mon-Three people, including a day. The DW Director of boy, were killed while two Programs for Asia, Debarati women sustained injuries in Guha, and the Head of the two accidents here on Monday.A Rescue 1122 Urdu Department Adnan Ishaq visited the KU Radio spokesman said a speeding truck hit a motorcycle near station and the TV newsroom established in the KU Dumar Flour Mills on Narwala Road. As a result, Department of Mass Com-Tariq Masih and his wife munication along with the KU Vice Chancellor Dr Shahnaz of Chak No 8-JB Khalid Mahmood Iraqi and the chairperson MCD Dr died on the spot. In another accident, a three-year-old Asmat Ara and other fac-Arsalan of Chak No 66-JB

ulty members They appreciated the television and radio labs and

dents. Dr Asmat Ara KARACHI (APP): A twobriefed the DW delegation member delegation of the Germany-based Deutsche about the daily radio bulle-Welle (ĎW) international tin on-aired by the KU MCD Radio 90.6 and stubroadcaster visited the Unidents working on different projects in the TV news

> students and faculty members of various departments of the varsity, at the Jinnah Auditorium of the Dr A.O. Khan Institute of Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering, Debarati Guha in-

production work of the stu- would like to give them a want to promote a culture earlier we were ahead in ra-

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Earlier, speaking to the

and cultural values.

formed that DW, stationed in Bonn, Germany, aims to engage with young journalism students and provide them with valuable insights into DW's work in Asia. She said that they

of dialogue in society and perspective on journalistic ethics and standards, and our target group is mostly would like to discuss convouth Debarati Guha said structive journalism and that DW is not present in opportunities at Deutsche Welle. According to her, Iran and China due to me-DW gets around 1.5 billion dia censorship issues, people views from differwhereas in Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Pakistan, and

ent parts of the world in a month and she shared that India they face the same is-DW focuses on promoting sues as the native media democratic values and traoutlets, on the other hand, ditions, free trade, justice, they have not faced any problem during covering

She mentioned that topics in Jakarta, Indonesia. She claimed that DW they strive to be unbiased in broadcasts and provide iournalists meet internaunbiased analysis and mentional standards everytioned that DW is providwhere in the world. ing programs in different 11 languages in Asia. "We trv to prioritize youth in our broadcasts and content, we

She observed that the work of the media is not to solve problems but to point them out. She added that

dio but now radio is slowly disappearing. We produce programs in 32 languages worldwide and operate with over 4,000 employees around the globe with people of 150 nationalities and have offices in 18 countries around the world.

On this occasion, the VC Dr Khalid Mahmood Iraqi said that the local media also needs to ensure training and implementation of ethics We have tried our best to keep the communication department updated with the help of technology and advanced curriculum. He informed the audience that KU MCD has also introduced a course related to social media marketing.

128 kg drugs in five operations RAWALPINDI (APP): Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) while conducting five operations across the country managed to recover more than 128 kg drugs and arrested five accused, said an ANF Headquarters spokesman here on Monday. He informed that 40 heroin-filled



Children stand amid the rubble of a mosque and makeshift shelters that were destroyed in Israeli strikes in Deir El-Balah in central Gaza.

### **Canadian**, Italian PMs' soiree scrapped amid pro-Palestinian protest

S. Korean doctors

rally as healthcare

standoff escalates

ageing society.

sions increase'

**Monitoring Desk** MONTREAL: A soiree concerns, the event was to be attended by the cancelled, prime ministers of Ghass-abeh, a spokes-Canada and Italy on Saturday in Toronto was cancelled over "security concerns", the Canadian leader's office said, as pro-Palestinian protesters picketed the venue.

Hundreds of pro-Palestinian demonstrators had gathered in front ers' summit in Italy in of the Art Gallery of June. Ontario, where Prime Minister Justin Trudeau was due to host his Ital-Meloni, according to Čanadian media reports.

**Monitoring Desk** 

SEOUL: Thousands of

South Korean doctors pro-

tested on Sunday in Seoul

in an escalating standoff

with the government over

medical training reforms,

which has seen junior doc-

tors quit en masse, plung-

doctors quit and stopped

working nearly two weeks

ago to protest hikes to

medical school admissions

Around 10,000 junior

ing hospitals into chaos.

"Due to security Jenna person for the Cana-dian prime minister's office, said without giving further details. Meloni whose country holds the rotating presidency of the Group of Seven (G7) nations, is visiting Canada ahead of a lead

Earlier in the day, the two leaders held talks where they discussed ian counterpart Giorgia what Meloni described as a "very difficult Middle East crisis'

DHAKA (AFP/APP) Bangladesh Nobel peace laureate Muhammad Yunus says it is a "mil-lion-dollar question" why the prime minister hates him, but says many believe she sees him as a political threat. Yunus, 83, is credited

with lifting millions out of poverty with his pioneering microfinance bank but has earned the enmity of long-time Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

> Australia commences building of air

Bangladesh

as woes mount

traffic control system for uncrewed flights

CANBERRA (Xinhua/ APP): The Australian government has commenced the building of an air traffic control system for drones ahead of an expected surge in uncrewed flights.

from next year meant to Government agency Airservices Australia on Monday combat shortages and an The striking profes-sionals have defied a Feb 29 announced that it has appointed the government deadline for Australasian branch of them to return to work or international air traffic face legal action, including control company Frequentis to develop a possible arrests or suspensions of their medical liworld-leading Flight Information Management censes. The protestors wore black masks and waved System (FIMŠ) to signs saying: "We oppose safely integrate millions the medical school admisof drone flights into the country's airspace.

# Haley beats Trump in first Republican primary in Washington DC

WASHINGTON (Online): result handed Haley all 19 Nikki Haley has become the first woman to win a Republican primary following victory in Washington, DC.

The former ambassador to the United Nations was declared the winner late on Sunday. The victory offers a small boost to her campaign, but former United States President Donald Trump retains a huge lead in the race to become the Republican candidate in November's presidential election.

ing challenger for the nomination won 62.9 percent of the vote in the capital. The Nobel winner controversial former presifears for future

delegates at stake. "It's not surprising that Republicans closest to Washington dysfunction are rejecting Donald Trump and all his chaos," Haley campaign spokesperson Olivia Perez-Cubas said in

a statement. However, the GOP appears ready to look past that chaos, which includes numerous legal cases, including efforts to brand Trump ineligible to run in November.

Trump's only remaindent took 33.2 percent. The Biden in November.

Haley faces near-impossible odds in her quest to win the Republican nomination to take on likely Democratic nominee President Joe

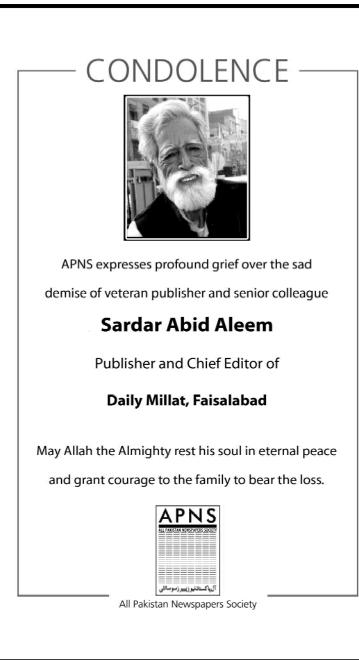
Trump won the first issued a statement shortly eight nominating contests after Sunday's vote was by significant margins and declared, sarcastically is expected to increase his congratulating her on belead in this week's Super ing named "Queen of the Tuesday races, which will Swamp by the lobbyists and DC insiders that want see 15 states vote.

Despite the small and to protect the failed sta-tus quo". "Tonight's re-sults in Washington DC symbolic victory in DC, the primaries later this week are thought likely to reaffirm the object of test the former South Caro-President Trump's campaign – he will drain the lina governor's determination to fight on.

swamp and put America Trump's campaign the statement first,'

added. The US Supreme Court is expected on Monday to rule on an earlier decision by the Colorado Supreme Court that disqualified Trump from running for president.

Referring to the Janu-6, 2021 attack on the US Capitol, the Colorado court invoked a Civil War constitutional provision preventing those who "engaged in insurrection" from holding office.



## Iran conservatives secure bulk of seats in elections

**Monitoring Desk** barred many hopefuls from TEHRAN: Iranian conserrunning, took place with vatives secured the bulk of Iran suffering a severe economic crisis deepened by seats in elections for a key clerical body and the nainternational sanctions.

tional legislature, local me-The official IRNA news dia reported on Sunday, esagency put the turnout at timating a record low turnaround "41 per cent" among out. Authorities were still 61 million eligible voters. No counting ballots two days official figure had yet been after Friday's vote for announced. The reformist members of parliament and daily Shargh predicted the for the Assembly of Exnext parliament would be "in perts, which selects the Isthe hands of radical conserlamic republic's supreme vatives" who "took advantage leader. The election, in of the opportunity created by which a vetting process the low participation".

### **Indian police hunt** more suspects in gang rape of Spanish tourist **Monitoring Desk**

NEW DELHI: Three Indian men have appeared in court the brutal assault.

after the gang rape of a team to hunt the remaining Spanish tourist on a motorbike trip with her husband, suspects," senior local police officer Pitamber Singh with police hunting four other suspects, reports Kherwar told AFP.

have said. The attack took place on Friday night in in Jharkhand state's Dumka district, where the couple were camping. around their waists

A total of seven men are accused of carrying out

'We have formed a

On Sunday, three accused were seen being escorted into court with sacks on their heads by police officers holding ropes tied

eastern

India

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ISLAMABAD: Chairman Pakistan People's Party Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, shake hand with, Prime Minister Mian Muhamaad Shahbaz Sharif after the oath taking ceremony, at President House in the Federal Capital.

### To get out-of-school children enrolled **School admission** campaign starts across Balochistan

**Independent Report** QUETTA: The school admission campaign has been launched by the School Education Department on eve of new academic year all over the Balochistan province. According to the official sources, the School Education Department has targeted to get 2,69,143 chil-dren enrolled during the new academic year in province.

In all six committees have been formed for admission of the children in schools, the official sources informed. The Department has also decided to launch extensive mass awareness campaign about admission

of children in the schools During the campaign, awareness walks, seminars and corner meetings would be conducted to create much needed awareness about importance of educa-(March 5). tion and thus get maximum out-of-school children enrolled in the schools. In addition to this, the

Education department officers and staff would also attempt to convince the parents to send their children to schools after visiting their homes.

It may be mentioned here last year, 2,56,327 children had been enrolled in the province



**OUETTA: Provincial Election Commissioner** Muhammad Fareed Afridi examining the documents of Kohda Babar for Senate election. MPAs Aghar Umar Ahmadzai and Farah Azeem Shah are also present.

# Khetran greets

# USC to launch Rs 7.5 b **PM's Ramazan Relief Package today**

ISLAMABAD (APP): from the targeted subsidy, The Utility Store Corporahe added.

The BISP beneficiation (USC) is all set to launch Rs 7.5 billion Prime ries would get a 10 kilogram Minister's Ramazan Relief flour bag for Rs 648, ghee Package 2024 on Tuesday Rs 365 per kg and sugar for Rs109 per kg, while the subsidy of Rs 25 per litre The prime minister had announced a special subsidy of Rs 7.5 billion to would be given on edible oil, the spokesman said. Similarly, he said, the

provide edible items to the people subsidized prices subsidy of Rs 25 per kg on pulse gram and white gram, during the holy month of Ramazan, a USC spokes-Rs 50 per kg on gram flour man said on Monday. (besan) and dates, Rs 25 per Under the package, he kg on Basmati rice, Silah rice said, the USC would give and broken rice, Rs 100 on

subsidy on 19 basic food items, including flour, ghee, per liter on packed milk. edible oil, sugar, pulse gram, white gram, besan, dates, rice, tea, spices, milk and cheaper prices, he added.

everages The spokesman said would provide total 20 kg the USC would ensure flour, 5 kg each of sugar and abundant availability of all ghee, and 3 kg each of rice, food items at its outlets to pulses, and cooking oil to meet the needs of the pubthe families registered with lic during the holy month. the BISP, while there Only the poor families would be no limit for the purchase of other food

comprising around 200 million people registered with the Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) under the PMT-60 cat-

The spokesman advised the deserving individuals not registered under egory instead of PMT-40 the BISP to immediately would be able to benefit contact the Programme's



# Senate unanimously passed resolution in favour of innocent Palestinians

of aid" it added.

nity for not practically help-

ing the innocent Palestin-

Pulwasha Muhammad Zai Khan highlighted that Is-

innocent Palestinian people

but also making fun of the

martyrs by capturing their

Senator Faisal Javed

pictures

ISLAMABAD (APP): Senators of all political parties on Monday during the Senate Session unanimously passed the resolution that was moved against the Israeli force's massacre of the innocent people of Palestine.

Senator Dr Afnan Ullah Khan presented the resolution which stated that the Israeli army carried out a brutal massacre on 29th February 2024, on innocent and unarmed Palestinians who were gathered to receive aid (food supplies, medicine, etc.) as a result hundreds of Palestinians were murdered in cold blood The resolution further

stated that the people of informed the upper house Palestine are already being that around 01 million are starved due to the blockade affected in Ghaza due to the from the International infectious disease. Community by the Israeli

army. "This House strongly provided the medicine and recommends and urges the other necessary things. International Community Senator Kamran

Murtaza said that today, to take action such that the siege of Gaza be lifted imagain hundreds of innocent people of Palestine have mediately and Muslim countries be allowed all acbeen martyred who were cess and cover for delivery gathered to take aid. This issue is relevant to human-Dr Afnan Ullah Khan ity and it should be ended for the sake of humanity, criticized the weak stance of the international commu-

he added. Senator Aon Abbas said that one child is being ians. Meanwhile, Senator killed every 15 minutes in Palestine and around 10,000 children have been raeli forces not only killing cilled so far.

Senator Khalida Ateeb said that we hold the first rally in Karachi in solidarity with the innocent people of Palestine. We should boycott Israeli products and this step should be taken at the government level

They are not being

said that Zulfigar Ali Bhutto decided to use our resources for the betterment of Muslim countries and he united the Muslim countries but unfortunately, he was hanged

He urged the government and masses to stay within your resources to get rid of foreign loans, adding that only this way we can get honor in the world.

Senator Mohsin Aziz said that we should probe the issues within the Muslim Ummah as without resolving these issues, we cannot make progress and stand at the international level with honor.

Senator Mohammad Humayun Mohmand said that Palestinian-injured Children were being operated on without anesthesia which is so painful that a human cannot bear it.

Senator Taj Haider

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif inspecting the Guard of Honor presented by a contingent of Pakistan's Armed Forces upon arrival at the Prime Minister House.

### **UN Chief** congratulates Shehbaz on becoming PM UNITED NATIONS

(APP): UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres Monday demanded a judi-Monday congratulated Shehbaz Sharif after he was case sworn-in as Prime Minister of Pakistan, saying he was looking forward to working with him on a number of issues.

On Sunday, the National Assembly elected Shehbaz Sharif as the Leader of the House by 201 votes, defeating Omar Ayub of the Sunni Ittehad Council.

> congratulate 'We

judicial commission investigate cipher case ISLAMABAD (INP) – Pointing to the law-PTI leader Asad Qaiser on makers sitting on the trea-

cial inquiry into the cipher Speaking on the floor of the National Assembly, matic cable was used as a the former NA speaker stated, "Our position on the cipher case is clear: we demand a judicial commission is formed and the truth will

In January, both the PTI founder and Qureshi were sentenced to 10-year rigorous imprisonment in cable that the Federal In- the cipher case by a special vestigation Agency alleges court established under the was never returned by the Official Secrets Act.

About the pro ings of the cases initiated against the PTI founder, Asad Qaiser said that the party founder was being subjected to long court proceedings of up to 14 hours in a single day. He also alleged that judges had been held at gunpoint to extract sentences [against the PTI founder].

month, all outlets across the tea (800 grams), and Rs 30 country would remain open Spices and beverages as usual to serve the genwould also be available at eral public, he added. He said a monitoring The USC, he said, cell had been set up at the USC head-office to address the public complaints about the package. For transpar-

ency in the package, vigilance teams had been deployed all over Pakistan, he added. The spokesman said the USC management and workers were engaged in serving the people. The consumers could lodge their

complaints, if any, at helpline number (0800-05590)

regional offices or desig-

nated Utility Stores so that they could avail the pack-He said in addition to the BISP, the USC had also arranged special discounts with its vendors and suppliers for general consum-

A special discount of up to 15 percent would be given on more than 1000 items, whose lists would be displayed at USC outlets, he added.

During the holy

PTI founder. The PTI has

**Asad Qaiser demands** 

sury benches, Qaiser asserted that all of them had called the cipher "false", but later on, the same diplotool to punish the PTI founder and the former foreign minister, Mehmood Qureshi. Shah

## **Shahbaz Sharif** on becoming PM

Provincial Assembly Balochistan, Sardar Abdul Rehman Khetran has extended congratulations to Mian Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif on being elected as Prime Minister of Pakistan.

In a felicitation message issued here on Monday, Sardar Abdul Rehman Khetran expressed the hope that Mian Shahbaz Sharifled government would take the country and province to development.

Independent Report He prayed for the de-QUETTA: The member of velopment of Pakistan under leadership of Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif.

Sardar Abdul Rehman Khetran said that it is our collective responsibility to resolve the long-standing issues being faced by the

Mian Shahbaz Sharif would play his wholehearted role for development of the province and resolving the problems of its people without any discrimination.



QUETTA: Deputy Director Sports Syed Naeem Akhtar presenting a memorial shield to Provincial Secretary Information Imran Khan on his services during Golden Jubilee of Barney Hockey Club.

**Health Protection 2024-28** 

of the Balochistan Health

Department under the Na-

tional Action Plan for

Health Security will also be

mentation of international

health regulations would be

required capacity building

in 19 different sectors in-

cluding biological hazards,

biochemical events, natural

He said that imple-

observed, he said.

## country/ province. He further hoped that LHC moved

to remove Sanjrani as Senate chairman

LAHORE (INP): Lahore High Court (LHC) on Monday moved to remove the Senate Chairman Sadiq Sanjrani from his post.

As per details, a citi-zen named Mashkoor Hussain filed a plea in Lahore High Court seeking the removal of Sadiq Sanjrani as Senate chairman. The plea stated that Sanjrani has been elected as a member of the Balochistan Assembly and he cannot retain both seats at the same time. Hence, the court should bar him from performing duties as Senate chairman and order to

### vacate his senate seat, the plea stated. **3-Day workshop starts** to determine NAP for

QUETTA (APP) A three- UNOCHA and UNFPA. day consultative workshop was stared to determine the National Action Plan (NAP) for Health Protec-2024-2028 in tion Balochistan on Monday till Wednesday.

the workshop was attended by Chief Executive National Institute of Health mination of the action plan Dr. Sulaiman, Chief Center for Disease Control Pakistan Dr. Mumtaz, Technical Advisor Ministry of Health Dr. Safiullah along with National Ministry of Health, National Institute of Health, all directors and project directors of the Department of Health, Livestock, representatives from the National Institutes of Health and technical teams from the World Health Ordisasters, disease control ganization. UNICEF. such as border management

and air pollution. While addressing the

Health Specialist participants of the work-UNICEF Dr. Amir Akram shop, Additional Director said that the project would Health Dr. Faheem Khan be developed under a health said that the workshop apagenda and an all-hazards preciated the collaborative approach, this includes elefforts to tackle the chalements of veterinary, clilenges of health protection mate change, health and in the area. In the consultafood safety. tion workshop, the deter-

While an all-hazards approach includes health, chemical, radiological, environmental, natural or human-induced hazards, and climate change, he said. Chief E Center for

Disease Control Pakistan Dr. Mumtaz said in his address that a national action plan has been established for health security at the national level saying that Balochistan Health Department has to play its role to implement it.



ISLAMABAD: Chairman NDMA Lt. Gen. Inam Haider Malik inaugurate 'Spring Thaw 2024'' National SimEx Conference at NDMA Headquarters.

### **ODM demands increase in** number of Green buses; improve services

Independent Report sidered an insufficient thus QUETTA: The Quetta Dethere is a need to make invelopment Mahaz (QDM) crease in the number of buses and routes. has demanded of the gov-According to the ernment to increase number of Green Buses besides impress release, it stressed to

proving its quality of sertake every possible steps for improving and expand In a press release isthe service of Green buses. sued here on Monday, it It was demanded of the provincial government was mentioned that the QDM had welcomed the to make arrangements for at launch of Green bus service least 50 buses immediately on a route between two so that all segments of souniversities. Then the iniciety including male and fetiative was also owned conmales may have the facili-

sidering it a gift and asset. ties of pleasant and cheaper journey However, it was con-

### **Raid on house of Achakzai** exposed reality of new puppets: Hafiz Hamdullah

QUETTA (INP): Jamiat on house of elderly politi-Úlema e Islam (JÚI-F) cencian violated the sanctity and privacy. tral leader, Maulana Hafiz Hafiz Hamdullah fur-Hamdullah has said that

raid on house of PkMAP ther stated that Mehmood chief Mehmood Khan Khan Achakzai was among Achakzai has exposed the the senior politicians of the exposed the reality of new country and the political puppets that how much leadership should restrain from adverse actions. He said that raids of

In a statement on Monday, the JUI-F leader administration on house of strongly condemning the senior politicians were inincident said that the raid tolerable

authoritative they are.



areas of Jewani.

Shehbaz Sharif on assuming the post of Prime Minister of Pakistan and we look forward to continuing cooperation with the coun try on a wide array of issues," Stephane Dujarric, the UN Chief's spokesperson, said in an email to APP.

**Bizenjo** given **PPP ticket** for Senate

**Independent Report** QUETTA: The leader of Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) and former Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Abdul Quddus Bizenjo has been given the party ticket for Senate here on Monday.

The central leader of PPP, Ejaz Jhakrani gave the ticket of party for Senate.

Also present on the occasion were member of National Assembly, Malik Shah Gorgej and provincial president of PPP Mir Changez Jamali as well as Deputy Speaker of Balochistan Assembly, Mir Muhammad Sadiq Umrani, Zahoor Buledi, Ubaid Gorgej, Bakht Muhammad Kakar and Liaquat Lehri.

Unknown assailants

> a person QUETTA (Online): Un-

known assailants shot and injured a person in Quetta. According to the details last night in Hazara Town area of Quetta, unknown attackers opened fire outside the house of Haji Ramzan and escaped.

He is the Vice President of Balochistan Shia Conference. The injured was shifted to hospital. Police are taking further action

long maintained that the document contained a threat from the US to oust the PTI founder as the prime minister of Pakistan Asad Qaiser recalled

The cipher case re-

volves around a diplomatic

come out.

that an extremely hostile attitude had been adopted towards Pakistan's ambassador in Washington.



Chairman WAPDA Lt. Gen (Retd) Saijad Ghani inspecting ongoing construction work during his visit to Diamer Basha Dam.

## 3-day Japanese Calendar Exhibition 2024 would be held from March 7 to 9

March 7 at Pak-Japan Culture Center in Quetta.

Japanese Calendars Exhibition is an annual feature being regularly held, providing the audience a chance to experience various aspects of Japan.

The calendars on display would portray various heritage through various subjects of Japanese art, culture, heritage, sports, in-Pak-Japan Friendship dustries, agriculture, environment, photography and lifestyle. The calendars describe Japan's scenery, evwould organize the event of eryday life of the Japanese "Japanese Calendar Exhibi- and beautiful culture in a tion 2024" to be held on compressed manner

**DC** inaugurates tree planting drive of spring in Chaman

CHAMAN (APP)-Chaman Captain ® Raja success. He said that we all Athar Abbas officially incampaign in connection with spring at DC office. On this occasion, in a

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QUETTA: Three-day Japa-

nese Calendar Exhibition

2024 would be held from

March 7 to 9 at Pak-Japan

Culture Center Quetta to

enlighten the visitors re-

garding the diverse Japa-

nese cultural and traditional

themed calendars displayed

Society Quetta in collabo-

ration with Conciliate-Gen-

eral of Japan in Karachi

in the exhibition.

message to the youth, Deputy Commissioner Chaman Captain ® Raja Athar Abbas said that the people, especially the youth of Levies should plant saplings near their police stations, check-points and check posts and

play their part in making the Deputy Commissioner Green Pakistan project a need a clean and natural enaugurated the tree planting vironment saying that natural disasters were increasing day by day as a result of climate change due to deforestation in Pakistan and climate change was being happened which was causing death and diseases for human health. To prevent these climate changes. it is necessary to plant more plants to make the environment like nature's desire.

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