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PM thanks world leaders

for good wishes on

assumption of office

ISLAMABAD (APP): Saudi Arabia, for the warm Prime Minister Shehbaz wishes and prayers on my

Sharif on Thursday ex- assumption of the office of pressed gratitude to the Prime Minister," the prime

minister said.



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif addressing the participants of the dinner reception hosted by him

Ruling coalition endorses Zardari's nomination for presidency

Country's economic crisis to end if we all contribute, says PM Shehbaz

Our target is to change condition of the nation and we have to present our proposals to friendly countries to attract investment; PPP would support the prime minister as he would work to steer Pakistan on the path of progress, says Asif Ali Zardari

Sharif Thursday said Asif Ali Zardari would be election on March 9. elected as President of Pahad overwhelming majority in the National Assembly, Senate and provincial assemblies. Speaking at a dinner hosted in honour of added. leaders of allied parties, he

world leaders for extending

felicitations and prayers for

him on the assumption of

took to X to thank the lead-

ers including Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin

Salman bin Abdulaziz Al

Saud, Amir of Qatar Sheikh

Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani,

Indian Prime Minister

Narendra Modi, Iranian

President Dr. Ebrahim Raisi

and Kenyan President Will-

brother, His Royal Highness

Prince Mohammed bin

Salman bin Abdulaziz Al

Saud, Crown Prince and

Prime Minister of brotherly

"I wish to thank my

iam Ruto.

The prime minister

Prime Minister Shehbaz the candidate of the allied parties in the presidential

The coalition governkistan as coalition partners ment secured two thirds of the votes in the recent general elections and it would be reflected during the presidential election, he

He said the coalition

He said that the rela-

tions between Pakistan and

Saudi Arabia were deep

rooted in historical bonds

based on mutual respect,

religious and cultural affin-

dence that the fraternal bi-

lateral ties would keep flour-

ishing in the times to come.

working closely with my

brother for mutual benefit of

the peoples of the two

brotherly countries," he re-

marked. He also thanked Amir

of Qatar Sheikh Tamim bin

Hamad Al Thani, Deputy Amir

and Qatari Prime Minister

for their messages

He expressed the confi-

Looking forward to

ity and shared values.

ISLAMABAD (APP): said Asif Zardari would be federal government was looking towards Pakistan was facing Himalaya like formed again with consensus and unity besides formation of Pakistan Peoples Party government in Sindh, Pakistan Muslim League(N) government in Punjab and a coalition government in Balochistan.

and seeing how the new government will overcome challenges and resolve is-

challenges and the facts about economy were troublesome.

"Our gas and electric-He thanked his coalition partners, Quaid PML
Nawaz Sharif and leaders of allied parties for electing library ministers the prime minister. He thanked his coalition is coally as and electricate ity circular debt had hiked to Rs five trillion. The debt of PIA had ballooned to Rs allied parties for electricity. "We have to respect mandate of the people," he said adding, "the world is "ster said his government" the allitual theft of electricity amounted to Rs 500 billion".

CM expresses anger over delay in projects of rehabilitation of 2022 flood affected areas

Mir Sarfraz Bugti directs to start work on World Bank-funded project of worth 400 million US dollar immediately

Independent Report

QUETTA: The Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti has expressed displeasure over delay in the projects of rehabilitation of the areas affected in 2022 floods in Balochistan.

Secretary to suspend all the provincial officers responsible for delay in the foreign funded projects and initiate an inquiry against them.

In addition to this, the Chief Minister also directed to start work on the rehabilitation projects within 10 days. The Chief Minister was briefed about the re-

Thursday approved the

appointment of a judge of

Supreme Court as well as

the Chief Justice of

pointed Justice Naeem

The president ap-

Balochistan High Court.

was chairing a high level habilitation projects in the meeting of the Planning and 2022 flood affected areas Development department of the province.

While expressing his anger over delay in the rehere on Thursday. The members of provincial assembly, Mir habilitation projects, he Zahoor Ahmed Buledi particularly directed to and Mir Shoaib Naushewani as well as start work on the World Bank-funded project of lochistan. the Chief Secretary,
He directed to Chief Shakeel Qadir Khan, Adworth 400 million US dollar immediately. ditional Chief Secretary

Under the project, some 1,60,000 houses Planning and Develop-ment, Abdul Saboor Kakar, Principal Secwould be constructed in the flood affected districts retary to Chief Min-ister, Rashid Razzaq, Secof Balochistan, adding he mentioned. retary Finance, Babar He also vowed to pre-

Khan, Secretary Planning pare the next public sector Lal Jan Jaffar were in atdevelopment programme (PSDP) as per the require-The Chief Minister ments instead of personal liking and disliking.

PM, CJCSC exchange views on professional matters of armed forces

(SLAMABAD (Online) Court. Chairman Joint Chiefs of The president made Staff Committee General this appointment of the Sahir Shamshad Mirza caretaker Balochistan High called on Prime Minister Court chief justice in accor-Shehbaz Sharif in Islamabad dance with the Article 196 Thursday.

He congratulated the Prime Minister for assuming his office and expressed pest wishes for him.

During the meeting, views were exchanged on professional matters of the armed forces of Pakistan

and the security situation. Meanwhile former care taker Foreign Minister Jalil Abbas Jillani called on Prime Minister (PM)

Shehbaz Sharif Thursday. **Security forces** kill 2 terrorists in separate operations

Independent Report RAWALPINDI: Security forces killed two terrorists including a ring leader in two separate operations conducted in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on night between March 6 and 7. The Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR), in a state-

ment, said an intelligence based operation (IBO) was conducted

ISLAMABAD: Chairman Joint Chief of Staff Committee General Sahir Shamshad Mirza calls on Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif.

International Women's Day being observed today: **Economically empowered women** eligible to resolve their problems, says Governor Balochistan

justice without fear & favour, says Justice Naeem Afghan

Outgoing CJ BHC urges district judiciary to make efforts for disposal of civil cases

as we have no problem throughout Balochistan in disposal of criminal cases

Independent Report OUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar has stated that the economically em-

powered women can resolve their issues better, so we have to make them self independent. He stressed the need to run wholehearted awareness campaign about the dignity and honour of

women in the society. In an official message issued here on eve of the International Women's Day on Thursday, the Governor said that half of our total population comprises

If the women are recognized and treated equally ing self economic suffiin the society, then all the ciency.

issues would continue to be resolved gradually, he believed.

The Governor said that it is reality that the lap of mother has the status of best educational institution for education and character building of the children even in the present developed era of information technology.

saying of a philosopher that you may give me educated mother, I will give you the literate nation. He said that the women are guarantors of the bright

He also referred the

He said that no woman can get their rights and powers without attain-

Provincial Assembly secretariat on Thursday, the Governor Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar summoned the session of assembly at 11:00 AM on March 8. The newly elected

assembly would take oath of their membership in the assembly session. Moreover, the Speaker

Balochistan Assembly summoned the session on March 9.

QUETTA: Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti chairing a high level meeting of the Planning and Development department

SJC declares Justice Mazhar Naqvi as guilty of misconduct

Supreme Judicial Council opines former judge "should have been removed from the office of Judge"

if they respond to such al-

because the code of con-

judge should not seek pub-

or clarification is issued by

or on behalf of a judge it

does not violate Article-V.

However, since concerns

have been expressed by

judges it was agreed that the

following be added to ar-

ticle-V of the Code of Con-

ISLAMABAD (APP):The Supreme Judicial Council (SJC) on Thursday declared Justice Sayyed Mazhar Ali misconduct and recommended for his removal from the office of judge.

SJC rendered its opinion in respect of the nine complaints against Sayyed Mazhar Ali Akbar Naqvi under Article 2009(6) of the constitution, said a press

It said that The Supreme Judicial Council (SJC) met on 29 February 2024 and 1 March 2024.

BA sessions summoned on March 8 & 9 **Independent Report**

QUETTA: The sessions of Balochistan Assembly have been summoned on March 8 and 9 in Quetta.

According to an offi-

cial notification issued here by the Balochistan

members of the provincial

Full court reference held to bid farewell to CJ BHC elevated as SC judge: Judgments of BHC speak of merits & dispensation of

Allegations are leveled against judges of the sution is publicized against a preme court and high courts judge he may respond to it.' Therefore, Article-V of and the same are publithe Code of Conduct is cized. A number of judges have expressed concern that amended to read as under:

'Functioning as he does legations the same may be in full view of the public, a construed as misconduct judge gets thereby all the publicity that is good for duct, dated 2 September him. He should not seek 2009 issued by the SJC, in more. In particular, he its Article-V states that a should not engage in any public controversy, least of all on a political question, The SJC deliberated notwithstanding that it inupon the matter and was of volves a question of law. the opinion that if a reply However, if an allegation is publicized against a judge he may respond to it.

The press release said that SJC considered six different complaints, in chronological order, and in respect of five the opinions expressed by the members to whom it was referred.



Sanaullah Khan Zehri, Mir Sadiq Umrani and Mir Ali Madad Jattak talking with mediamen Writ of state to be maintained for restoration of peace:

Balochistan Levies, Police and Constabulary would be put on modern lines, announces CM **Independent Report**

QUETTA: The Chief Min-

ister Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti has announced that the Balochistan Levies, Police and Constabulary would be put on modern lines for restoration of peace in the He also announced to

ntroduce the modern training courses for increasing professional capacity of the civil forces The Chief Minister

made these announcements while presiding over meeting of Home and Tribal Affairs department here on

The Chief Secretary Balochistan, Shakeel Qadir Khan, Inspector General of Police, Abdul Khaliq Sheikh, Inspector Prisons, General Shujauddin Kasi, Additional Chief Secretary Home,

Zahid Saleem, Additional Inspector General of Police, Jawad Ahmed Dogar and Director General Levies, Naseebullah Khan

The overall law and order situation was also reviewed besides reviewing the performance of depart-

Certain important decisions were also made in the

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister pledged to maintain writ of state for restoration of peace in the province.

During the course of meeting, rich tributes were paid to Assistant Commissioner Mach who fought bravely against the terror-

The Chief Minister announced to confer the highest civil award of the province on Assistant Commissioner Mach

Akhtar Afghan as Supreme of the Constitution. Court judge who was serv-President Alvi also aping as Chief Justice of pointed senior most judge Balochistan High Court. Justice Malik Shehzad The president ap-Ahmed Khan as Chief Jusproved the appointment under Article 175 A of the tice of Lahore High Court, in accordance with the Ar-Constitution. ticle 175 (A) of the Consti-The president also ap-

tendance.

Kakar as Caretaker Chief

Justice of Balochistan High

President Alvi appoints

three judges

ISLAMABAD (APP): senior most judge Justice
President Dr Arif Alvi on Muhammad Hashim Khan



OUETTA: Director General High Education Commission Dr. Zahoor Bazai meeting with Governor Balochistan Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar

FO says:

We will welcome mediation from any friendly country for resolution of Kashmir issue

ISLAMABAD (Online): Pakistan has said Indian stubbornness is major hurdle on the way to success of SAARC due to which regional connectivity stand paralyzed. 'We will welcome me-

diation from any friendly country for resolution of Indo-Pakistan conflict or Kashmir issue, this was said by Foreign Office (FO) spokesperson Mumtaz Zahra Baloch during her weekly press briefing here in FO Thursday. She said the presidents

of China, Iran Tajak and Turkey have congratulated Shehbaz Sharif on assumption of office of prime minister. Prime ministers of Malaysia, Palestine, Afghanistan, Amir Qatar have also congratulated PM Shehbaz Sharif. Indian PM Nerindar

Modi sent message of congratulations to PM Shehbaz Sharif on social media.

The cabinet has not been formed so far. The foreign policy will be evolved

International Women's Day tomorrow, we would like to remember the strong women of Kashmir who have faced the brunt of Indian atrocities in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir. They have endured widespread devastation and confronted obstacles that impede their access to essential needs and their capacity to lead a dignified life.

As the world celebrates

The Kashmiri women widowed and orphaned because of fake encounters by Indian forces do not even get time to mourn for their dead husbands and fathers and are forced to become the sole breadwinners for their families. Women heading households face additional difficulties in the society and face hurdles in finding

respectable jobs. Women activists including Hurriyat leaders including Aasiya Andrabi Naheeda Nasreen and Fehmeeda Sofi remain incarcerated in different jails of IIOJK and India.

Independent Report QUETTA: A full court reference was held to bid farewell to the Chief Justice, Balochistan High Court (BHC), Mr. Justice Naeem Akhtar Afghan on his elevation as Judge of Supreme Court, in the Auditorium of High Court here on

Thursday All the judges of High Court including senior Judge. Mr. Justice Muhammad Hashim Kakar, Mr. Justice Muhammad Ejaz Swati, Mr. Justice Muhammad Kamran Mulakhail. Mr. Justice Zaheer-ud-din Kakar, Mr. Justice Abdullah Baloch, Mr. Justice Nazeer Ahmed Langove, Mr. Justice Rozi Khan Barrech, Mr. Justice Iqbal Ahmed Kasi, Mr. Justice Shaukat Ali

Rakhshani, Mr. Justice Gul Hasan Tareen, Mr. Justice Muhammad Aamir Nawaz Rana and Mr. Justice Sardar Ahmed Halimi. Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Justice Mr. Justice Naeem Akhtar Afghan said that "I can take pride in saying that judgments of High Court of Balochistan speak of merits and dispensation of justice without fear and favour safeguarding the fundamental rights of the citizens of Pakistan as guaranteed by the onstitution.

He said that he is leaving the High Court with 4538 cases at the principal seat, 498 cases at circuit bench Sibi, 309 cases at Circuit bench Turbat and 18,738 cases in the

Daily Aoice of Masse Independent

Justice denied

There have been many crises in Pakistan's torturous history that remain unresolved, lacking closure mainly because the nation — particularly its institutions — failed to acknowledge the 'whole truth' of these events. Zulfikar Ali Bhutto's 1977 removal in a military coup, and his subsequent hanging in 1979, are part of this list.

Both were epochal events that changed the trajectory of Pakistan's history; their after-effects still haunt the system. In this regard, the Supreme Court's observations on Wednesday, regarding Bhutto's trial, are an important milestone in the nation's legal and political history.

The apex court was hearing a reference filed by Asif Ali Zardari in 2011, when he was president, seeking the court's opinion on Bhutto's death sentence. The PPP founder had been convicted by a Lahore High Court bench of the 1974 murder of Mohammad Ahmed Khan Kasuri; the SC, in a split 4-3 decision, had upheld the LHC verdict, paving the way for the execution of Pakistan's first popularly elected prime minister.

While noting that the law does not provide a mechanism to set aside the original judgement, the Chief Justice of Pakistan Qazi Faez Isa noted in the short order that the LHC trial and the SC appeal in Bhutto's case did "not meet the requirements of the fundamental right to a fair trial and due process". The SC's observations have validated what legal experts have been saying for decades: that Zulfikar Ali Bhutto's conviction was a travesty of justice — a 'judicial murder' as his

It can be asked why an over four-decade-old case was dusted up when blatant injustice continues to be meted out today. Perhaps revisiting the Bhutto case is relevant because of these very injustices. It shows that even popularly elected prime ministers can be humiliated, incarcerated and even sent to the gallows when the state desires it, and that the legal system can be manipulated to suit the whims of powerful forces.

Similar criticism of the judiciary has followed Imran Khan's iddat case, as well as Nawaz Sharif's run-ins with accountability courts in years past. That is why, as the chief justice observed in the short order, the judiciary should, "confront our past missteps and fallibilities with humility, in the spirit of self-accountability"

This need for internal introspection is required in all institutions: the judiciary, the establishment, as well as the political class. The SC's observations on the Bhutto trial are a confirmation of the fact that in the past, the pillars of state — guided by the doctrine of necessity — have participated in undermining the constitutional order they had sworn to

Though the grave injustice done to Bhutto cannot be reversed, state institutions can pledge to not repeat the wrongs committed during this sordid chapter of Pakistan's history.

Restoration, 2024

F.S. Aijazuddin

Friday March 08, 2024

In 1660, Charles II returned to England to reclaim his throne, after years of exile in France. This year 2024 marks

monarchy, in Pakistan. Here, history is replayed with a local twist. Our Charles (aka Nawaz Sharif) returned after years of royal exile in the United Kingdom, only to yield the throne to his less popular younger brother is replete with warnings. Charles' younger brother, later King James II, ruled only for three years before being deposed.

but two monarchies the Sharif and the Bhutto-Zardari dynasties. Once rivals, they have decided to join, not in matrimony Spa-nish royal houses of Aragon and Castile in 1469, but in an unequal, uneasy partnership. They have agreed to share the crown of thorns.

Pakistan has never been an easy country to govern, and never more so than today. It is confronted by a phalanx of problems unbridled population growth, insufficient resources, recurring insolvency, and an arthritic administrative structure. It is an indigent geriatric too poor to live, and too indebted to die.

Soon, if PM Modi has his way (he has already vitiated the UN's and role in the Jammu & Kashmir dispute, and threatens to ignore the World Bank mediation clause in the Indus Waters Treaty), we will be also afflicted with agricultural dehydration. The IWT, Punjab's five rivers, and the irrigation system bequeathed to us by the British may soon be a memory. The once fertile Punjab and Sindh, like parts of the US a century ago, could become an

destroys its soil destroys devolved on the sitting

itself."

What are the new government's plans for agriculture, for commerce, industry, debt management, in fact for anything the restoration of another other than its own sur-

Before the recent elections which propelled them into power, neither the PML-N nor the PPP presented any plausible manifesto to voters. Today, even as coalition partners, they are in no hurry Shehbaz. History, though, to cobble together any policy paper. They should remember: short is the period between being sworn in and being sworn at.

The Sharifs would Pakistan has not one have us believe that our economic revival would be accelerated by increased government borrowing and spending for example, by the conlike the union of the struction of yet more until 2023), it had 11 DCs motorways.

> The Reichsautobahn system worked for Hitler in the 1930s. It stimulated Germany's post World War I recovery. In the 1940s, it enabled the forces of Nazi Germany to reach the borders of Austria, France, Holland and Belgium in record time.

If anyone dared to trespass our eastern borders, it would take them longer to navigate through the congestion around Lahore or Multan than to skid across our uncluttered motorways to Islamabad, Rawalpindi Peshawar.

Motorways increase mobility; they also accentuate our vulnerability. What are our new

government's priorities? And who is being tasked to define them? Economists will remember the days when the ment is approaching the

developing cou-ntries like ours to use a Planning Commission as the fulcrum for coordinated action. arid dust bowl. It is not too 1953 to 1999, the Indian

late to heed president Planning Commission had Franklin D. Roosevelt's 21 deputy chairpersons. warning: "The nation that (The post of chairman IPC tesy Dawn

prime minister.) In the final 15 years of its existence (1999-2014), it had only two: K.C. Pant and M.Š. Ahluwalia. Pant controlled the IPC for five years, Ahluwalia for 10. He oversaw India's 11th and 12th five-year plans, covering the years 2007–2017.

In 2014, however, the newly elected PM Modi decided he would plan India's future himself. He did not need a central Pla-nning Com-mis-sion, especially after so many Ind-ian states had mat-ured into economic solvency. He redu-ced the In--dian Pla-nning Co--mmission to rubble.

Comparably, the Planning Commis-sion of Pakistan, in its first 46 years (1953-1999), had 16 deputy chairmen. Over the next 23 years (2000 passing in and out of its expansive revolving doors. Who can be expected to plan for his country when he cannot even plan his own tenure?

The 18th-century French economist Jean-Baptiste Say (founder of the world's first business school) once argued: "It is the aim of good government to stimulate production, of bad government to encourage consump-

Pakistan's Industrial Production Index oscillated between a high of 76.5 per cent in September 2000 and an abysmal low of -45.6pc in April 2020. Our consumer spending per capita has doubled from \$655 in 1986 to \$1,392 in 2022. Like ancient Romans, we are in danger of gagging on our gluttony.

World Bank encouraged IMF for yet another loan. Where will that money go? Will the new government control its weakness for conspicu-In the 46 years from ous consumption? Or will it share Charles II's reputation for frivolous, fiscal laxity? -- Cour-

Minerals economy

Umer Farooq

As the dust settles from the recent elections and the formation of government, it's clear that the previous coalition is taking the reins of power. In their limited highlighted Pakistan's mineral resources -(over)estimated at \$6 trillion — as the linchpin of the country's economic revival. The ambition aligns with the global race for green energy transition that has seen a rise in mining activities globally. However, having mineral resources does not and competitive global mining landscape. It takes decades to

convert mineral deposits into a mine. Patience is key in the economic events and act as a pivecosystem of mining. The identification of 'critical minerals' stands at the forefront of strategic resource management. All mining-centric economies regularly update their regimes in terms of falist of critical minerals that reflects the shifting sands of economic, strategic, and technological priorities. Does Pakistan have a list of priority minerals? No, not at this point.

For Pakistan to rise in the mining sector, an essential step involves determining which minerals hold the greatest value and potential. Once that has been done, the new government will need to design a comprehensive policy to cover the entire minerals value chain. This would include i) upstream — the exploration and extraction of minerals; ii) midstream processing and refining; and iii) downstream manufacturing the single piece of this chain could derail the antici- portunity that invites Courtesy Dawn

entire sector. The reliance on \$7bn infusion of domestic capital is im- mainly foreign — inportant for national prosperity; however, mining is an industry where initiatives to attract the interest of gloprevious term, Shehbaz bal investors are com-Sharif and his cabinet pulsory. The successful revival of the Reko Diq project shines as the country's beacon of hope in this area. Apart from that, the establishment of a new federal initiative, the Special Investment Facilitation Council, to de-risk the result in regional grievproject investment is ances. The recent disimportant: however, the settlement of the Reko Dig project through insuffice; the focus is on ternational arbitration and KP — provinces at navigating a complex and legislative support remains a cautionary indicator for foreign investors. It is anticipated that the SIFC will be able to prevent such

for future mining

projects in the country.

An enhanced mandate

cilitation in this challenging area. At the heart of evprojects fade away in the exploration phase, never reaching the alone fruition. We are standing at the starting line. Let us value the economy of the Reko deposits at over \$100 billion — keeping today's prices in view. The project, with its turnover and exports of above \$2bn per year, 7,000 jobs during the peak construction phase, and a staggering annual output of 80 milpaints a picture of op-

pated outcomes for the foreign interest. This comes with a projected vestment, with over \$250m already poured into exploration and feasibility studies. These numbers don't only speak to the potential of Reko Diq project and mining, they also whisper of prosperity and invite foreign interest in other minerals.

Exaggeration and overestimation of deposits tend to bring dire consequences that can coveries of high-value minerals in Pakistan came out of Balochistan odds with the federal regime. Such overestimates fuel regional discontent. Presently, minerals account for merely 2.5pc of the country's GDP. Asser-tions of a otal concierge service leap above 5pc associated with mineral exports are misleading. We are not at the

for the SIFC must guide stage where mining will bridge the import-exboth the federal and provincial regulatory port gap, enhance GDP, help social well-being, or fund government spending in the short term. It's a myth until ery mining endeavour we reach downstream lies a stark reality: most manufacturing, a decades-long goal. We don't want to be a resource-exporting stage of operation, let country forever; instead, we want to develop the whole value chain of minerals. Nevertheless, we must Diq project. Figures avoid turning mining may vary, with some hopes into another estimates of the project CPEC—promising but unfulfilled. For mining to significantly benefit Pakistan's economy, transparency is crucial, promise of an aggregate unlike CPEC where it is missing. For the major part, Pakistan will still rely on its agriculture and industry sector where the latter could be improved by bringproducts for the end- lion tonnes of gold and ing minerals developuser. Overlooking a copper concentrate, ment into the economic framework. --

Commerce News

PM for removing hurdles to expedite privatisation process

Sharif on Thursday stressed for expediting the privatisation process of those State Owned Enterprises (SOEs), causing constant dent to the national exchequer, to stabilize the national economy and provide maximum relief to the

common man. "Obstacles in the process of privatisation be privatisation process, the that the country and the

improve the economic condition," he said while chairing a high level meeting on privatisation. The prime minister also directed to take immediate steps for enhancing the capacity of departments linked with the privatisation process. Reviewing

complete list and progress report of all the institutions involved

Minister of billions of rupees and determination of time recommendations to the frame. He also directed the **Privatization Commission** and the Ministry to present pending issues related to the privatization Privatisation Commission to the cabinet soon after its formation for timely decisions as there was no

room for further delay. Shehbaz Sharif, on the proposal of handing over the power distribution in the companies to the provinces, directed to removed at the earliest so prime minister directed to constitute a review

prime minister. He made it clear that the responsibility of the privatisation process lied totally upon the

and the Ministry.

He also directed to remove all the bottlenecks in the process.

He also stressed to ensure transparency of the privatisation process at the institutional level and to adopt international standards of



Owned Enterprises.

submit the detail of actions committee, which would

Ministry of Economic Affairs (MoEA) hosted the visit of the International Commercial Banking Course and the International Central Banking Course, alongside representatives from the National Institute of Banking and Finance (NIBAF) at Ministry of Economic Affairs, Islamabad.

PTCL Group steps up as Gwadar battles floods, delivering clean drinking water

Independent Report QUETTA: In response to sweeping through Gwadar, largest

the affected communities. Torrential rains have plunged Gwadar into chaos, displacing families and leaving them desperately Chief Marketing Officer,

every day for a month to of clean drinking water is delivered directly to those reeling from the disaster. Commenting on the effort, Syed Atif Raza,



oined forces with Pakistan Red Crescent (PRC) to provide essential relief and of clean drinking water to ensure a steady supply

provider, PTCL Group clean water being the most pressing Recognizing the urgency of

integrated ICT services short of necessities, with PTCL & Ufone 4G, said, concern. the situation, PTCL Group deliver up to 30,000 liters and PRCS have stepped up

"Access to clean water is indeed a fundamental human right, crucial for survival. PTCL Group, in collaboration with Pakistan Red Crescent.

SECP notifies amendments in CRCs Rules 2019

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Securities and Exchange Commission of restructuring companies Pakistan (SECP) on notified Thursday amendments in the Corporate Restructuring Companies (CRCs) Rules,

The amendments made in light of The CRC sector plays promulgation of the a key role in minimizing Companies Act 2021, are aimed at fostering conducive environment for corporate restructuring enhancing companies, an SECP news stability.

release said on Thursday. Corporate specialize in acquiring nonperforming assets (NPA) from distressed financial institutions. leveraging their expertise to efficiently manage and recover the same.

Corporate Restructuring stressed assets in the banking sector through market-led solutions, easing balance sheet burdens and economic

Telenor Pakistan's first female sales trainee program Parvaaz begins

ISLAMABAD (APP): Telenor Pakistan conducted a two-day orientation bootcamp on for its newly onboarded Parvaaz female sales trainees.

Parvaaz. industry's first-of-its-kind sales trainee program, is dedicated to cultivating diversity and inclusion within sales roles, empowering fresh female graduates to challenge conventional views of sales as a male-dominated field

345 headquarters, this bootcamp marks a signiciant milestone in Telenor Pakistan's ongoing commitment to nurturing diversity and inclusion in the workplace.

With 11 onboarded sales trainees having placements in major cities including Peshawar, Faisalabad, Lahore, Karachi, Islamabad, and AJK, the program aims to create representative workforce said a news release. while tapping Held at the Telenor talent pools. while tapping into fresh

USAID, UNDP, and SRSP launch groundbreaking Initiative in KP PESHAWAR (APP): In a interest-free microfinance women-led businesses in

Empowering women-led businesses in Pak:

the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and the Sarhad Rural Support Program (SRSP) Thursday unveiled an initiative here the other day aimed at nurturing women-owned businesses in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and the merged areas.

This transformative program is set to offer

Shipping activity at **Port Qasim**

KARACHI (APP): Six ships namely, Cap Andreas, MSC Spring-III, San Nicolas, Huang Shan-16, Cetus and Lusail, carrying Containers, Coal, Palm oil, Wheat, and LNG, berthed at Container Terminal, HF Terminal, Liquid Terminal, Grain Terminal and Gasport Terminal respectively. Meanwhile another edible oil carrier 'Ardmore Cherokee' also arrived at outer-anchorage of the Port Qasim on Tuesday. A total of nine ships were engaged at PQA berths during the last 24 hours.

significant move to loans coupled with strengthen women-led comprehensive business entrepreneurs, designed to cultivate a vibrant ecosystem, the initiative is dedicated to enhancing

financial literacy, business acumen, and networking opportunities for women, thereby fueling the resurgence of local economies in the flood-Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

microfinance initiative for equality.'

flood-affected districts is a testament to our enterprises, the United management training to collective commitment to States government, through 2,000 women advancing economic women advancing economic growth and building a brighter future for Pakistan," said Shante Moore, Consul General at the United States Consulate General in Peshawar, in a virtual address

This initiative is not just a reflection of our stricken districts of partnership but also a step Nowshera and Swat in forward in our shared journey The launch of the empowerment

Underground cabling project accelerates

The work 'Underground Cabling Project' in Sadar area has been accelerated for timely completion in which power cables are being shifted to the underground wiring system. The project is aimed at getting rid of jumbling electric wires as well as to enhance beauty departments for its timely of the cantonment areas.

Inaugurated in He informed that in January 2024, phase I of Rs.850.0 million worth Service Road (North), executing civil work.

RAWALPINDI (APP): Hyder Road, Bank Road, on Canning Road and partial areas of Kashmir Road. In an interaction with

APP here on Thursday, spokesman Rawalpindi Cantonment Board (RCB), Rasheed Saqib said that progress of the project was regularly being monitored by the concerned completion. He informed that in

the project includes mega project, IESCO was shifting electric wires to the installing underground system in areas including Mall Road cables, whereas RCB was

CJ, PHC

visits blood

donation camp

PESHAWAR (APP): Chief Justice (CJ) Peshawar High

Court Justice Muhammad

Ibrahim Khan visited blood

donation camp here on

Thursday organized by

met the lawyers who

donated blood. "I myself

will donate blood and will

come again after a while,"

the CJ said. A camp has

been set up in the High

Court for blood donation

for thalassemia-affected

children wherein a large

number of lawyers visited.

Kidnapped man

killed by the

kidnappers

By Adeel Ahmed

SHIKARPUR: The one of

kidnapped Car Electrician

Muhammad Rafiu Samejo

was murdered by tȟe

kidnappers due to non

payment of Ransom money

to them on last night.

According to reports reached

here that the kidnappers had

send the video of kidnapped

Rafiu Samejo on Wednesday night in which his feet toes

were tightened and seemed

dead and later such video

shared on social media

(Facebook) as to spread the

fear of Kidnappers with the message that they are most powerful to Police and law

enforcement Agencies and

can do anything at anytime without any hurdles and fear.

The chief justice also

Hamza Foundation.

Baligh-ur-Rehman says:

Pakistani women are talented, working shoulder to shoulder with men in every field of life

Independent Report Muhammad Balighur Rahman has said in his message on the occasion of International Women's Day that he pays tribute to the women who are contributing to the development of country in every field.

He said that Pakistani women are talented who are working shoulder to a man is the education of shoulder with men in every field of life. He said that our religion Islam gave rights to women in the age Jahiliyyah

daughters were buried alive that as chancellor he has as soon as they were born. He added that example of Hazrat Khadija (RA) is before us.

He added that she was successful business woman. He emphasized that the opportunities for education and growth should be provided to the women in the society. He added that the education of an individual while the education of a woman is equavalent to the education of a family.

Governor Punjab said

LAHORE: World Peace Jirga Program Chairman,

Rayatullah Khan (Khan Baba) along with others

addresses to media persons during press

Jirga held to resolve

Gomal Zam dam area's

demarcation issue

agreed to delineate the not take responsibility for

dam's boundaries in the further demarcation.

accordance with historical

maps from the British era.

committee emphasized

extending the boundary

beyond the British-era

of Mehsud and Burki

asserted that the Gomal

area constitutes shared

land, emphasizing the

interests. They said that

ownership of the land beyond the boundary of

Gomal Zam Dam did not

belong to the Darray

Mehsud tribe, thus it could

demarcation.

importance

safeguarding

However, the Wazir

The Gomal council

their

conference held at Lahore press club.

(APP): A jirga was convened here on

Thursday under the

chairmanship of Commissioner Dera Ismail

Khan Zafarul Islam

Khattak to resolve

Gomalzam dam area's

democraction issue between Wazir and

The meeting was attended by the deputy

commissioners of South

Waziristan Lower, Upper districts and elders of Mehsud,

discussion, both the tribes

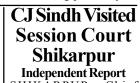
After a threadbare

Wazir and Buki tribes.

Mehsud tribes.

formed the Consortium on Women Empowerment in Universities with the aim of helping the government to formulate policies to educate and empower women and bring them into the mainstream development. He said that empowered women are a source of positive change and play an important role in the development of society. He said that the purpose of celebrating this day is to salute all those courageous women who are contributing positively.

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Independent Report SHIKARPUR: Chief Justice of Sindh Ageel Ahmed Abbasi visited the District and Session Court Shikarpur on Thursday here and inaugurated the Library and Dispensary in it's pre-

On the occasion, the District and Session Judge Manomal Judge Manomal
Khagaija and other
Judges welcomed the
Chief Justice of Sindh
Aqeel Ahmed Abbasi for
visiting District Session
Court Shikarpur.
The CJ Sindh
planted the tree in the
Session Court Shikarpur

Session Court Shikarpur accompanied with District and Session Judge Shikarpur

WASA chalks out desilting plan for all sub-divisions

FAISALABAD (APP) Water & Sanitation Agency (WASA) has chalked out a month-long desilting plan for all sub-divisions to clean main drainage as well as sewerage lines in the city under 'Saaf Suthra Punjab' Managing program. Director Amir Aziz said here on Thursday.



protest at Azadi Chowk in the city, against Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi visiting at Jammu and Kashmir's Srinagar.

SIC challenges in LHC EC move for not giving them reserved seats

LAHORE (Online): Sunni said in his plea that EC is Ittehad Council (SIC) has challenged in Lahore High Court (LHC) the Election Commission (EC) move for not giving them reserved

Chairman

Sahibzada Hamid Raza has challenged the EC step for not giving them reserved seats in Punjab in LHC. Sahibzada Hamid Raza has filed petition through advocate Ishtiaq A

Khan.EC and all others have been made section 104 rule 94 of respondents in the election act as against the petition. The petitioner constitution.

neither a tribunal nor court. The reserved seats should be given to SIC in proportion to seats in the assembly. It was also said in the context of the petition that it makes no difference if SIC has contested election or otherwise. EC act is tantamount to make amendment in the constitution. EC decision tantamount

transgressing its powers. The court should declare

Conference on violent extremism concludes

three-day Countering Violent Extremism Conference, organised under the auspices of the Centre of Excellence on Countering Violent Extremism, concluded its second-day sessions. On the commencement

of the second day of the threeday workshop, Chairman of the Council of Islamic Ideology, Dr Qibla Ayaz, enlightened participants on the inclinations towards religious seminaries in

He emphasised the importance of discipline in both

PESHAWAR (APP): The He advocated for initiatives post integration, ensuring mainstreaming of the tribal areas, and the establishment of health, education, and swift justice services, as well as the enforcement of law for the sustainable peace in the region. According to him, extream ideologies arise from

Project Director of Pir Roshan Institute North Waziristan, Dr Jamil Ahmed Chitrali stressed the need for fostering patience, tolerance, and reasoned religious and modern sciences. dialogue within society.

deprivation and social

alienation.

Governor greets UET students for academic success

PESHAWAR Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Haji Ghulam Ali Thursday congratulated the students. parents, faculty members who achieved academic success in his address to the Annual Convocation-2024 of the University of Engineering and educ Technology Peshawar here. the

Engineering education should be compatible with domestic and international industry and engineering and technology has made society faster, more integrated and made human life easier, Haji Ghulam Ali

He said young people keep their access to modern sciences including engineering, technology

(APP): and to deal with the challenges of the present era, there is a need for practical research in engineering, technology and other modern sciences.

Modern research in all

fields can lead to progress, Governor KP Haji Ghulam Ali said, adding, all educated youth, including engineering department, are the bright future of the nation. Haji Ghulam Ali said that our vouth are not less capable

of other countries. At the end, the Governor Khvber Pakhtunkhwa Ghulam Ali also held a meeting with the students in joy and appreciated them for their academic success.

in any field than the youth



LAHORE: Speaker Punjab Assembly Malik Muhammad Ahmed Khan talking with the media persons during inauguration ceremony of Kitab Mela at Punjab University, in the Provincial Capital.

Pakistan Army arranges educational trip for N Waziristan students

PESHAWAR (APP): As Peshawar Museum and part of the 'Ilm Toloo Dapara' (Education for All) initiative, the Pakistan Army organized a four-day educational trip for the students from schools in North Waziristan, focusing on Tehsil Ghulam Khan and Miranshah. As per the district administration on Thursday, the students embarked on a journey to historical discover landmarks in Peshawar and the students visited the gratitude to the Pakistan University, Army.

Islamic

Bala Hisar Fort. Meanwhile, in Abbottabad, they toured the Pakistan Military Academy Kakul. Frontier Force Regimental Center and Shimla Hill At Peshawar's Museum and Bala Hisar Fort, the students received insightful briefings on the historical significance of these sites, enriching their understanding of the region's heritage. Grateful for the opportunity, the Abbottabad. In Peshawar, students expressed their

International News

Modi visits Indian-occupied Kashmir for first time since special status revoked

Monitoring Desk SRINAGAR: Indian Prime and Kashmir is not just a Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said he was working to "win hearts in [occupied] Kashmir", on his first visit to the disputed region's main city since its semi-autonomy

was cancelled in 2019. Modi's government stripped the Muslim-majority territory of its special constitutional status nearly five years ago, splitting the former state into two territories directly ruled from New Delhi.

The move, widely welcomed across India, angered many in the densely militarised territory.

"I am working hard to win your hearts, and my attempt to keep winning your hearts will continue, the Hindu nationalist leader said at a public rally in

region, it is the crown of the country," Modi said at the rally in a stadium attended by thousands

Modi took pride in having cancelled the region's constitutional special status and inherited protections of land and jobs for its permanent residents. He said the former

rules and "dynastic politics" had limited the region's potential. "Today, from [occupied] Kashmir I extend my

greeting for the coming Ramazan to the entire country," Modi said, ahead of the holy month, expected to begin in the coming days. Thousands of armed

forces were deployed, and checkpoints set up across inaugurated a slew of development projects and government schemes for boosting agro-economy and tourism in Indian-occupied Kashmir and other parts of

The projects included new infrastructure around the revered Muslim shrine of Hazratbal in the city.

The visit comes ahead of India's national elections due by May, the first since the region lost its autonomy. The last local elections in Indian-occupied Kashmir were held in 2014.

Modi's government claims New Delhi's direct rule of Indian-occupied Kashmir brought about a new era of "peace and development", but critics and police and paramilitary many residents say it heralded a drastic curtailment of civil liberties and press Modi also remotely freedom.



India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi speaks during a rally, as his bodyguard looks on at the Bakshi Stadium in Śrinagar.

Cairo truce talks at an impasse as Ramazan looms

Monitoring Desk CAIRO: Talks on a

ceasefire and prisoner exchange between Israel and Hamas were at an impasse on Wednesday, as the humanitarian crisis in Gaza deepened and the Israelis pushed ahead with plans to build 3,500 settler homes in the occupied West Bank.

Negotiators from Hamas, Qatar and Egypt but not Israel — are trying to secure a 40-day ceasefire in time for Ramazan, which begins next week.

Urging the Palestinians to accept the terms on the killed in an Israeli strike the table, President Joe Biden said on Tuesday that Israel was cooperating and "a rational offer" had been made raeli bombardments contin-

for the release of Israeli prisoners.

Although Hamas is taking part, officials said a ceasefire must be in place before Israeli prisoners are freed, Israeli forces must leave Gaza and all Gazans must be able to return home they have fled. A source had earlier said Israel was staying away from the Cairo talks because Hamas refused to provide a list of prisoners who are still alive. Health officials in Gaza said the number of people confirmed killed in Israel's offensive had now passed 30,700. It reported 86 deaths in the past 24 hours and witnesses said the Is-

for a ceasefire in exchange ued in parts of Khan Yunis. India gets its Turkish Red Crescent sends its biggest Gaza metro

Monitoring Desk

ANKARA: Turkey's sending its biggest aid shipment yet to Gaza via Egypt, with a ship carrying some 3,000 tons of food, medicine and equipment leaving for the Egyptian port of Al-

Arish on Thursday.
Turkey, which has harshly criticised Israel

aid shipment yet for its military offensive in Gaza and backed Kizilay (Red Crescent) is measures to have it tried for genocide at the World Court, has re-peatedly called for a ceasefire and warned of consequences if calm cannot be achieved by the Muslim holy month

rejects bid to halt active Shikoku nuclear reactor, NHK reports **Monitoring Desk**

Japan court

TOKYO: A Japanese court rejected a complaint demanding the shutdown of Shikoku Electric Power's Ikata No.3 reactor, in the first formal ruling on the legal battle for the nuclear plant in western Japan public broadcaster NHK reported on Thursday.

The Oita District Court's ruling against the local residents worried about natural disaster risks allows the 30-year-old, 890-megawatt active reactor to continue operating. Shikoku Electric had

faced two court injunctions to stop the reactor in 2017 and 2020.

first underwater

NEW DELHI (INP): Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated India's first under-river metro tunnel in Kolkata, nearly four decades after metro services began in the country. The metro tunnel has been built under Kolkata's Hooghly River that will connect Howrah Maidan to Esplanade. Kolkata was also the first city in India of Ramadan, starting on to have an operational metro system, în 1984.

Sweden to become **NATO** member STOCKOLM (INP): Af- golden-yellow flag is expected to be hoisted on

After long tussle,

ter two centuries of nonalignment and two years of torturous diplomacy, Sweden on Thursday becomes the 32nd member of NATO, a major step for a country once careful not to anger

Swedish Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson was visiting Washington where Secretary of State Antony Blinken will ceremonially receive the ratification documents after the hard-fought battle to secure the green lights needed from all NATO members.

Kristersson is likely later in the day to attend the annual State of the Union address by President Joe Biden, who has been struggling to persuade the rival Republican Party to approve new aid to Ukraine.

Sweden's blue and early 19th century.

European Union, have historically steered clear of officially joining NATO, formed in the Cold War to unite against the Soviet

Monday at the Brussels

headquarters of the

North Atlantic Treaty

"countermeasures" over

Sweden's entry into

NATO, especially if the

alliance's troops and assets

while both militarily inter-

twined with the United

States and members of the

Sweden and Finland,

deploy in the country.

Russia has vowed

Alliance.

Turning page on nonalignment-

Sweden has not been involved in a war, including World War II, since the Napoleonic conflicts of the

China accuses US of using Philippines as 'pawn'

Monitoring Desk BEIJING: China on Wednesday accused the United States of using the Philippines as a "pawn" in the South China Sea, as hostilities between the two Asian nations escalate over their territorial dispute in the region.

Manila summoned a Chinese representative on Tuesday after it said China Coast Guard vessels caused two collisions with Philippine boats and water cannoned one of them during a resupply

China said it "took control measures" against Philippine ships' "illegal intrusion" into waters it claims, as well as accusa Chinese one.

"China urges the United States not to use the Philippines as a pawn to stir up trouble in the South China Sea," foreign ministry spokeswoman Mao Ning told reporters

when asked about the United States' condemnation of China's actions as "provocative". "The Philippines should not let itself be at the mercy of the United States," she added.

China claims almost the entire South China Sea, brushing aside competing claims from a host of Southeast Asian nations and an international arbitration ruling that has declared its stance baseless. "China's resolve to defend its legitimate rights and interests is unwavering, and the Philip-pines' rights-infringing and provocative attempts will not succeed," Mao said. Asean, Austraing a Philippine ship of lia reaction Southeast "intentionally" ramming Asian and Australian leaders on Wednesday warned against actions that "endanger peace" in the South China Sea, following fresh confrontations between Beijing and the Philippines in con-

tested waters

Angry Polish farmers protest EU rules **Monitoring Desk**

Hezbollah supporters attend funeral of those killed

WARSAW: Throwing smoke bombs and lighting fires, thousands of angry farmers demonstrated in Warsaw on Wednesday against EU regulation and cheap Ukraine imports, with police reporting that two officers had been injured and a dozen protesters detained. Some demonstrators tried to force their way past security railings onto parliament grounds, ac-

cording to police. Farmers

also organised tractor block-

ades on roads across the

country.

"Behavior threatening the safety of our officers, including throwing cobblestone at them, cannot be ignored," police said on X, formerly Twitter. "A couple of police officers were injured. At the moment, a dozen people have been detained," they added.

Polish farmers have been blocking border crossings with Ukraine since last month to protest at what they say is unfair competition from goods entering from Ukraine.

Hezbollah holds funeral for Israeli strike victims **Monitoring Desk**

HOULA: Hezbollah on Wednesday held a funeral in southern Lebanon for two of its fighters and a woman, all members of the same family, who were day before. A photographer saw

hundreds of people turning up for the funeral in Houla, near the border with Israel that has seen deadly exchanges of fire between Hezbollah and Israeli forces since the start of the Gaza crisis. Tuesday's strike killed a man and his son who were initially identified as civilian victims but later claimed by Hezbollah as fighters "martyred in battle". During the funeral the coffins of Hassan Hussein, his wife Ruwaida Mustafa who was also killed in the same strike, and their 25-year-old son, Ali Hussein, were draped with the Hezbollah flag, the photographer said.

PM announces Rs 7.5bln Ramazan relief package for poor people

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif Thursday announced a historic subsidy based Ramazan relief package 2024 of Rs 7.5 billion for the poor and middle

He was chairing a high level meeting on Prime Minister's Ramazan Relief Package and Benazir Income Support Programme

Senator Ishaq Dar, Ahad Cheema, Shiza Fatima Khawaja, Romina Khursheed Alam and high ranking officials attended

the meeting.
The PM was given a Ramazan relief package. During Ramazan ul Mubarak, under the pack-

Under the Benazir In-

come Support Porgramme, 88 percent of the eligible families will be given 19 edible items including flour, rice, pulses, ghee, cooking oil, sugar, sherbet and milk on lower than market rates. The rate of subsidy on these goods would be 30 percent which was more than the inflation rate.

Subsidy of Rs 77 per kilo would be given on the 20 kilogramme flour bag and Rs 70 subsidy on every kilogramme of ghee.

The Prime Minister's Ramazan relief package detailed briefing on the would be distributed among the needy families through 4775 utility stores across the country and the supply age more than 39.6 million would continue till the end

Those who would face any difficulty in registration for the Ramazan relief programme, would be facilitated and registered at the spot and their complaints would be resolved.

The prime minister said it was priority of the government to distribute edible items to the poor and low income class on lower than market rates.

He said no compro-

mise would be made on the quality of the edible items being provided under the The quality of the eat-

ables would be strictly

monitored, he added. The prime minister said it would be ensured that the people should not face any difficulty while

He directed to increase the counters for distribution of Ramazan package especially cheap flour besides mobile units.

He said strict action would be taken against those who were resorting to artificial price hikes and hoarding during the holy month of Ramazan.

The PM instructed that the deserving people should be properly guided through an awareness campaign across the country about the relief package so that they could avail the facility and should not face any difficulty in getting the edible items. He said the system for resolving complaints of people coming to

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Navy Ship PNS TABUK

and Submarine PNS/M

KHALID visited Doha,

Qatar to participate in Doha International Mari-

time Defence Exhibition

(DIMDEX-24). Upon ar-

rival, Pakistan Navy Units

was received by Defence

Attaché of Pakistan at Doha

and Senior Officials of

Qatari Emiri Naval Force

(QENF). The PN mission

was led by Cdre Mazhar

Bashir, commander subma-

ous sectors and government

line departments convened

for a consultative process

to draft a compreĥensive

Provincial Menstrual Hy-

(MHM) Policy on Thurs-

ported by the German de-

velopment agency GIZ,

underscores the collective

commitment to address a

crucial aspect of women's

event were representatives

from diverse sectors, in-

cluding senior politician and Member Balochistan As-

sembly (MPA) Ms Rahila

Durrani, Commissioner In-

come Tax Balochistan

Rehmatullah, Ms Zulaikha

Buledi, Hashim Khan, and

Ms Rabia Baloch (GIZ),

Rahila for portraying Paki-

stani Art and Culture on

Japan's pattern Rahila

Durani, a member of the

Balochistan Assembly and

a former speaker of the

provincial assembly, said on

Thursday that Japanese

calendars perfectly capture

their art, way of life, sports,

cultural history, and envi-ronment. "Pakistan has a

diverse and vibrant culture;

the only need is to portray

the beautiful art and land-

scape of our country on the

pattern of Japan." she re-

marked at the opening cer-

emony of the Japanese Cal-

organized by the Pak-Ja-

pan Friendship Society

(PJFS) in collaboration

with the Consulate-General

of Japan Karachi here at the

Pakistan Japan Cultural

Shah, Honorary Technical

Advisor Federal Board of

Investment and founder

Syed Feroz Alam

The exhibition was

endar Exhibition

Centre Quetta.

Ms Shazia Nazir and Ms policies.

MPA Rahila for portraying

Pakistani Art and Culture

on Japan's pattern

QUETTA (APP): MPA member of PJFS, Syed

Participating in the

health and hygiene.

The initiative, sup-

Management



Pakistan Navy contingent presenting salutation to Commander-in-Chief of Russian Federation Navy onboard PNS TABUK during Doha International Maritime Defence Exhibition 2024. Pakistan Navy participates in

QUETTA: President National Party Dr. Abdul Malik Baloch meeting with Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti. MPAs are also present

Pakistan urges UNSC to ask Taliban to cut ties with TTP, eliminate terrorism

UN Security Council to join Pakistan in demanding that the Taliban authorities terminate their relationship with the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP), which is responsible for persistent attacks against Pakistan's military and civilian targets.

"Left unchecked, the TTP, supported by Al-Qaeda and some State sponsors, could soon pose a global terrorist threat,' Ambassador Munir Akram warned the 15-member Council on Wednesday. dependents an Speaking in a debate ist operations.

NATIONS on the situation in Afghanistan, the Pakistani envoy said, "The Afghan Interim Government's failure to control the TTP and other terrorist groups erodes its claim of full control of its territory that it asserts in recognition." He also urged the United Nations to undertake an investigation to find out how the TTP has acquired advanced military equipment and weaponry and to identify the sources of the TTP's financing, which is helping sustain its 50,000 fighters and their dependents and its terrorexchange of fire by Pakistani security forces was cross-border attacks by the

the TTP and other terror-Highlighting that terrorist organizations in Afghanistan pose a security threat to each

TTP and its affiliates against Pakistan's border posts and installations. 'We would expect the UN to call on the Afghan Interim Government to prevent such cross-border attacks and infiltration by

ists into Pakistani territory. one of the country's imme diate neighbours.

Orders to return all from other provinces CM takes notice of misuse of official vehicles

ister Balochistan, Mir ficial vehicles of Balochistan Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti has taken strict notice of the misuse of official vehicles and ordered to return all those vehicles present in

other provinces. According to an official circular issued here on Thursday, the Chief Minister expressed his displeasure on misuse and unnecessary use of official vehicles and imposed ban on

Independent Report from outside the province. would not be used in other provinces. However, noobjection certificate would have to be acquired by the vehicles proceeding for official duties, it was an-

nounced in the circular. As per the order, no officer could use the official vehicles for personal use out of the place of posting.

The Chief Minister asserted that no one would the use of vehicles of be allowed to misuse the government resources



QUETTA: Students are holding demonstration in connection with the school admission campaign organized by the Pashtunkhwa Students Organization (PSO), at Quetta press club.

BBISE determined to end copying culture from Balochistan: Abida Kakar

QUETTA (APP): Controller of Balochistan Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education (BBISE) Quetta Abida Kakar said that the BBISE was determined to eliminate copying culture from examination centers in Balochistan. She expressed these views on Thursday while visiting at established center of Islamic Model High School Quetta and other centers.

She was accompanied by Deputy Controller tions had been issued to Munawar Hussain, Assistant Secretary, Zahoor Mengal, Superintendent Abdul Aziz and others during visiting of the centers.

The Controller took action against 12 students and rejected their papers after founding them in copies despite her issued warning to the concerned staff. Controller Balochistan

Board Abida Kakar said that no one would be allowed to copy and seat duplicate boys and girls. She said that the provincial government has taken emergency measures to prevent duplication saying that the Balochistan Board was taking important steps to prevent further duplication.

She said that direcconcerned officers to visit centers for taking action against those students involved in duplication.

The controller said it was our prime responsibilities to control copying culture for interest of quality

President grants special remission to children,

women prisoners

ISLAMABAD (APP) President Dr Arif Alvi on Thursday announced special exemption in the punishments of woman and child prisoners on humanitarian grounds.

The remission would be applicable to women and children sentenced for two years or less, and the ones with less than two years of sentence left to complete, a President Office news release said.

The reduction in sentence would not apply to the prisoners involved in murder, espionage, and anti-State activities. The other categories without remission included convicts of adultery, theft, dacoity, kidnapping, terrorism, nar-cotics and foreign nationals. it added

President Alvi approved the remission in sentence for prisoners in accordance with Article 45 of the Constitution.

Sindh govt has recruited army of law officers: CJP

ISLAMABAD (Online) Supreme Court (SC) has reserved judgment on the matter of appointment of 7 officers of grade-17 in forest department Sindh.

The Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Qazi Faez Isa rejected the reply of chief secretary Sindh declaring it highly disappoint-

The CJP remarked Sindh government has employed army of law officers. Pension is paid to judges and government employees out of pockets of

oppressed people.

The CJP gave these remarks while presiding over a 3-member bench o SC during the hearing of case pertaining to ap pointment of 7 officers of grade 17 in Sindh fores department Thursday.

Emiri Naval Forces, Maj Gen Abdullah Hassan Al Sulaiti. Various high level Military and Naval leader-ship including Commander-In-Chief of Russian Federation Navy, Admiral Nikolay Evmenov and Turkish Fleet Commander visited PNS TABUK. During the interactions, matters of mutual interests were discussed and enhancement of bilateral ties in all spheres was re-affirmed. Taking the op-

Doha International Maritime

Defence Exhibition-2024

During the visit, Mis-

QUETTA: MPA Meena Baloch meeting with Chief

Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti.

Consultative meeting marks

milestone toward drafting

MHM policy for Balochistan

QUETTA (APP): Stake- Falak Naz (Unicef), Mr

Agha, Dr Saeedullah, Dr

Rukhshanda and other

shared their views on the

tation emphasized the im-

portance of a multi-

sectoral approach for the

successful implementation

of the forthcoming MHM

Durrani emphasized that

MHM is vital for the

overall health and well-

being of women in

Balochistan, noting that

cultural sensitivity is paramount in crafting effective

importance of government

ownership, she assured the

participants of every pos-

sible support for the legis-

lation on MHM and its

Nadeem Shah, Honorary

Consulate General of Ja-

pan, members of provincial

assembly, and civil society

that "The Pakistan Japan

Japanese Consulate in

culture in the calendars that

multiple times, and each

time I am very amazed by

their artistic and cultural offerings. "Students are taught art, ethics, and a way

of life until class three," she

said, praising the world's

special approach to educa-

tion. Addressing the cer-

emony, Syed Feroz Alam

Shah, Honorary Technical

Advisor Federal Board of

Investment and founder

member of PJFS, Syed

Nadeem Alam Shah said

Japan has launched number

of uplift projects in Paki-

"I have visited Japan

MPA Durani praised

were in attendance.

are on exhibit,

While highlighting the

MPA, Ms Rahila

This diverse represen-

sion Commander called on mander conveyed well wishes from Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Naveed high level dignitaries includ-ing Commander of Qatari Naval Staff Admiral Naveeu
Ashraf for the people of
Qatar in general and Qatar
Emiri Naval Forces
(QENF) in particular.
Pakistan and Qatar
enjoy close defence bilateral
relations nurtured over the
vears through multitudes of

years through multitudes of naval collaborations and exercises. Visit of PN units to Doha provided an op-portunity for both brotherly countries to further enhance the existing close diplomatic ties and cordial portunity, Mission Com-

Ghazala thanks Zardari for bringing justice to 3rd generation of Bhutto QUETTA (APP):Deputy

Speaker Balochistan Assembly Ghazala Gola thanked former President Asif Ali Zardari for bringing justice to the third generation of Bhutto on Thursday. In a statement issued here, Provincial President of Pakistan People's Party (PPP) Women's Wing Ghazala Gola said that the leadership and workers of Pakistan People's Party were succeeded by the decision. The opinion of the Supreme Court has proved that the ex-

to solve issues of zamindars at earliest **Independent Report** QUETTA: The Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir

Bugti reiterates resolve

Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti has reiterated his government's resolve to solve the issues being faced by zamindars of province at the earliest. He said that he had expressed his resolve to re-

solve the issues being faced by the zamindars besides development of the agriculture sector. He vowed to take up

the issues of zamindars with federal government with ground reality and ar-

The Chief Minister was speaking to the representative delegation of resolved between QESCO zamindars whi called on and zamindars with mutual him under leadership of understanding.

Party, Sardar Noor Ahmed Bangulzai here on Thurs-

Also present on the occasion were member of provincial assembly, Mir Muhammad Sadiq Umrani and other leaders of PPP including Agha Shakeel Durrani.

The Chief Minister said that the government of Balochistan has decided to form committee for all the resolvable issues of the province with federal government, he added.

He also said that the controversial issues of subsidy and arrears would be

CM directs to shifts offices of all PDs & Field Officers in respective sites

Independent Report ister Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti has directed to shift offices of all Project Direc-

tors and Field Officers in the respective sites of dis-While chairing a meeting in the Chief Minister secretariat on Thursday, the Chief Minister said that he

would pay surprise visit to

all divisions and districts

taken against those officers who were found absent from their place of postings, adding he warned. He exhorted the project Directors and officers not to make provincial capital as their permanent place, rather perform their duties re-

maining present there. He also directed to utilize all their capabilities for resolving the issues be-



NEW YORK: Ambassador Masood Khan inaugurates the event "Pakistan Heritage and Resolution Month" being organized by New York Police De-

New York Police holds Pakistani heritage month

Masood Khan says it reflects growing US-Pak ties

partment (NYPD) Wednesday organized the first-ever 'Pakistan Heritage and Resolution Month' at its headquarters, with Ambassador Masood Khan congratulating over 600 Pakistani-American police of-ficers serving the force for their dedicated work in keeping the city safe.

Friendship Society and the The NYPD is the largest and one of the oldest Karachi have done a great municipal police depart-ments in the United States, job representing Japanese with approximately 36,000 officers and 19,000 civilian

New Cabinet to engage US govt for Afia's return

ISLAMABAD (APP): Leader of the House in the upper house Senator Ishaq Dar on Thursday informed that the new cabinet will engage the United State's government once again for the return of Afia Siddique.

He said that his government in 2013 had interactions with the US officials and the then Prime Minister Mian Nawaz Sharif made a request in Oval office of white house but unfortunately it was accepted

I had 3 times detailed meeting with Antony Blinken and I put all my efforts for return of our daughter to Pakistan.

guest at the largely attended event, said that the holding of 'Pakistan's Heritage & Resolution Month' in connection with the 'Pakistan Day' carried a special significance and reflected the strength of decades-long Pak-US relations. It is the first time NYPD is organizing such a ceremony, spon-sored by the Pakistani-American Law Enforcement Society and Pakistan's Consulate in New York to

NEW YORK (APP): The employees. The ambassa- to Pakistani officers' con-New York City Police De- dor, who was the chief tributions. "The growing tributions. "The growing visibility and outstanding performance of Pakistani-Americans in all walks of life reflects the huge potential of our people. It is also indicative of the deepening bonds between Pakistan and the United States," said Ambassador Masood Khan. The function was attended, among others, by Mayor of the New York City Eric Adams, First Deputy Commissioner Tania Kinsella, Chief of NYPD Jeffrey Maddrey, commemorate Pakistan's United States District Judge of heritage and to pay tribute New Jersey Zahid Qureshi,.

Outgoing Senators urge all political parties to work together for country's development

Senators who are going to retire in their farewell speeches urged all political parties for adopting unanimous strategy for the socioeconomic development and restoring true democracy in the country considering it vital for the peace and prosperity of future genera-tions. Senator Molvi Faiz Muhammad (JUI-F) stressed to focus on foreign policy, lamenting the Islamic Countries' over their silence on Kashmir and Palestine issues.

He also called for bringing true democracy in the country as per Islamic Laws and Values. Mean-

ISLAMABAD (APP): while, he also requested the newly established government to pay attention on the issues of the people of Balochistan and ask to take step to address their issues.

Senator Mushtaq Ahmad (JI) in his farewell speech asked the Upper House to work for giving rights to provinces as per constitution. He lauded the role of 18th amendment for the development of provinces. He urged all the political parties to bring internal democracy, and promote leadership on merit bases. He also stressed the political parties to work for the development and launch projects for the development of the country.



ceremony held in connection with World Women Day