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CM Balochistan emphasizes on Pakistan Day: We have to make pledge not to hesitate from any sacrifice for safety & stability of country

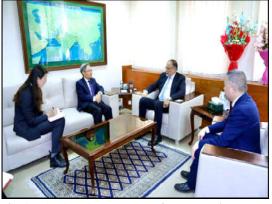
Independent Report QUETTA: The Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti has emphasized that we have to make pledge not to hesitate from rendering any sacrifice for safety, stability and development of the country.

We would utilize all our capabilities as a united nation to achieve the

very goal. The Chief Minister said at present we have to perform our responsibilities individually and collectively to face the challenges being faced by the country.

This was stated by the Chief Minister Balochistan in a message issued on eve of the Pakistan Day on Friday

He said that people of Balochistan are patriotic gious freedom, Chief Minand they would never beister said.



ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of the People's Republic of China, Jiang Zaidong calls on Planning Minister Prof Ahsan Iqbal in Ministry of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives to discuss ac-celerated growth of CPEC projects.

come tool of any external propaganda. He also said that the country is in need of unity and it can't afford any chaos as a result of any external agenda and anti-Pa-

kistan activities. The Chief Minister appealed to the masses to forge unity among their CM visits residence ranks

He also prayed that may Allah Almighty protect the country from the QUETTA: The Chief Minevil eye of enemies and it ister Balochistan, Mir may long live.

Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti vis-Referring the Pakistan ited the residence of pro-Day, the Chief Minister vincial president of Awami said that Pakistan was National Party (ANP) Aimal Wali Khan in founded on the basis of two-nation theory. Islamabad on Friday. All the minorities liv-

He was accompanied ing in the country enjoy by the former caretaker complete rights and reli-Prime Minister, Anwaarul Haq Kakar and Senator Dhanesh Kumar.

The Chief Minister and others expressed con-dolence with Aimal Wali Khan over death of wife of veteran politician Asfandyar Wali Khan.

of Aimal Wali

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They also offered fateha for the departed soul and prayed for the patience on the loss.

Nation to celebrate Pakistan Day today SLAMABAD (APP) The whole nation celebrates Pakistan Day on

pledge to work hard for the ing group on five new ecorogress and stability of the nomic corridors, including the Corridor of Job Cre-The day marks adop-

that provided a framework for realization of the goal of a separate homeland for

The Day will dawn



ISLAMABAD: Chief Executive Officer of Barrick Gold, Mark Bristow along with a delegation calls on Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif.

Pakistan, China to form WG on 5 new economic corridors under CPEC ISLAMABAD (APP): Pa-Development."

kistan and China on Friday The agreement was

Jiang Zaidong congratulated Ahsan Iqbal on assuming the role of Planning Minister for the fourth time.

deciding to establish a work-

tion of historic Lahore Resolution this day in 1940

ISLAMABAD (APP): A delegation of Barrick Gold Company led by Chief Executive Officer Mark Bristow was called Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Friday and informed the delegation that the feasibility of the

Reko Diq project in Balochistan would be completed by end of current year. The prime minister said that Reko Diq project would Both the Planning Minprove to be a game changer for the development of Balochistan and the region. "This project will usher

in a new era of development of the province and prosperity of the people," he added.

He said planning would be made regarding communication infrastructure, es-

take full advantage of min-

Barrick Gold delegation calls on Premier **Reko Diq project will prove**

to be game changer: PM

Shehbaz encourages Barrick Gold to invest in other projects too; Plans to be chalked out for communication infrastructure; Reko

Diq project feasibility to be completed this year; Local people

are being given priority in jobs, Premier Shehbaz told

asked Barrick Gold to also invest in other mineral projects in the province. He also proposed that

the government and the Barrick Gold could collaborate to establish a technical university in Chagai district of the province. The government is tak-

ing all possible measures to facilitate investors especially in the fields of road and communication systems, he remarked.

Briefing on the progress of Reko Diq project, the Barrick Gold delegation informed the meeting that the Reko Diq project feasibil-

pecially railway lines, to end of current year. The prime minister erals in Balochistan. was informed that prefer-

The prime minister ence was being given to local and Balochistan domiciled persons to work on Reko Diq project.

Barrick Gold said that it had set up three schools near Reko Diq under Corporate Social Responsibility while so far the company had also imparted technical training to 100 people including women.

Federal Minister for Petroleum Minister Musadik Malik, Minister for Law and Justice Azam Nazir Tarar, Deputy Chairman Planning Commission Muhammad Jehanzeb and relevant senior government officials participated in the meeting.

ity would be completed by

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Defence Production, Khawaja Muhammad Asif chairs an introductory meeting on arrival in Ministry of Defence Production.

Visits Ministry of Defence Production PM, SFD Govt keen to provide support delegation discuss dev. projects

to progress of defence

agreed to establish a Workistry and the National Deing Group (WG) on five velopment and Reform new economic corridors un-Commission (NDRC) of der the second phase of China would prepare sepa-

Ambassador to Pakistan Jiang Zaidong, which lasted for more than an hour here at the Planning Ministry, a

news release said. The Chinese envoy

During the meeting, both sides "agreed to expedite phase 2 of the CPEC, while

Saturday with renewed

ation, Corridor of Innovation, Corridor of Green Energy, and Inclusive Regional



which would provide a clear road map for each sector in the future. "These concept papers will be consolidated before presentation at the upcoming Joint Coordination Committee (JCC) meeting expected in 2024," stated

the Planning Ministry The Planning Ministry has already initiated the implementation of the 5Es framework, which includes Export, Energy, Equity, E-Pakistan and Environment. "This framework will be aligned with the five new economic corridors to advance Pakistan's prosperity in

each sector under the vision of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif," emphasized the Minister highlighting the importance of accelerating Pakistan's export capabilities through enterprise development and job creation.

situation: Vice Premier

China to assist Pakistan

in stabilizing its financial

BRUSSELS (APP): For- Foreign Minister Dar noted eign Minister Mohammad Ishaq Dar on Friday held a meeting with Chinese Vice Premier Zhang Guoqing wherein the latter underlined that China would assist Pakistan in stabilizing its financial situation.

In the meeting held on the sidelines of the First Nuclear Energy Summit in Brussels, both sides agreed on the importance of the longstanding cooperation between Pakistan and China in civil nuclear tech-

nology. Vice Premier Zhang and

with appreciation the traditional 'Pakistan-China tals All-Weather Strategic Cooperative Partnership' and iron-clad friendship as an exemplary and unique rela-

tionship. Foreign Minister Dar reiterated Pakistan's longstanding support for the One-China policy. He underscored that there was an absolute consensus in Pakistan on relations with China and Pakistan's strong commitment to the second phase of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridou

(CPEC).

with 31-gun salute in the federal capital and 21-gun salute in provincial capi-

ountry

darity of the country. National flag will be hoisted on major government build ings

tary parade in Islamabad where contingents of the three-armed forces and other security forces will conduct march past while fighter planes will present aerobatic maneuvers.

Special prayers will be offered in mosques after Fair prayers for the welfare, prosperity and soli-The main feature of the

day will be the grand mili-

GWADAR: MPA Maulana Hidayatur Rehman presiding over a meeting regarding different issues of Gwadar and their solutions

Two soldiers embrace martyrdom in DI Khan suicide attack

ISPR said.

Sepoy

RAWALPINDI (APP): menace of terrorism Two soldiers of Pakistan Army embraced martyrdom on Friday ther strengthen our reafter a vehicle borne suicide bomber exploded himself on a security forces' convoy in Dera Ismail Khan District

According to the In-ter Services Public Re-tion and Broadcasting lations (ISPR) news release, the two brave day strongly condemned sons of soil were identified as Naib Subedar convoy of security Yasir Shakeel (Age: 38 years, resident of District Kohat) and Sepoy Tahir Naveed (Age: 34 years, resident of District Kohat) who embraced martyrdom.

'Security forces of Subedar Yasir Shakeel Pakistan remain deter- and mined to eliminate the Nawaz.

on petrol ISLAMABAD (INP): The **International Monetary** and such sacrifices of Fund (IMF) has deour brave soldiers furmanded Pakistan to implement 18 percent solve. Moreover, the General Sales Tax (GST) perpetrators of this on Petrol. cowardly attack will be As per details, the brought to Justice," the

Monetary Fund has asked Pakistan to end sales tax Meanwhile Federal relaxation on all items including petrol.

The newly elected Attaullah Tarar on Frigovernment of Pakistan should also implement the suicide attack on the sales tax on petroleum products along with a Rs forces in Dera Ismail 60 levy to increase the tax income.

IMF demands

18% GST

Khan. The minister for Earlier, the Internainformation expressed tional Monetary Fund his heartfelt condo-(IMF) recommended the lences on the martyrgovernment of Pakistan dom of the personnel of implement an 18 percent the Pakistan Army General Sales Tax (GST) on food, medicine, petro-Tahir leum products, and stationerv

ISLAMABAD: Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti, former caretaker Prime Minister Anwaarul Haq Kakar and Senator Dhanesh Kumar offering Fateha for departed soul of mother of Provincial President of Awami National Party (ANP), Aimal Wali Khan

SC nullifies notification of dismissal from service in respect of former judge IHC

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Arif

tutional balance among the

the petition filed by

Shaukat Aziz Siddiqui on

December 15, 2023, SC had

During the hearing of

ISLAMABAD (Online): the dismissal of Shaukat Aziz Siddiqui on January Supreme Court (SC) has declared null and void the 23. During the hearing notification regarding sackof the case CJP Qazi ing of former judge Faez Isa had remarked we Islamabad High Court will have to proceed cau-Faez Isa had remarked we (IHC) Shaukat Aziz tiously so that the consti-Siddiqui. institutions is not dis-

A five-member larger bench comprising Justice Aminuddin, Justice Jamal Mandokhel, Justice Hassan Azhar Rizvi and Justice Irfan Saadat headed by Chief Justice Qazi Faiz Isa issued the reserved judgment

The SC said in its decision appeals against the dismissal of Shaukat Aziz Siddiqui are accepted.

Shaukat Aziz Siddiqui should be given all the privileges of a retired judge.

Due to delay in fixation of case Shaukat Aziz Siddiqui has completed his 62 years age. He cannot be reinstated due to completion of his age. The court said in its decision Shaukat Aziz Siddiqui will be consdred retired judge from high court.

speech at the District Bar SC had reserved judg-Association Rawalpindi on ment of the appeal against 21st July 2018.



ISLAMABAD: Foreign Minister Mohammad Ishaq Dar meets with the UAE Minister of Energy and Infrastructure, Almazrouel Suhail on the margins of the Nuclear Energy Summit in Brussels.

ISLAMABAD (APP): delegation of Saudi Fund for Development (SFD), led by Sultan Bin Abdul Rehman Al Marshad, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), SFD, during its visit to Pakistan called on Prime Minister

Muhammad production industry of the Shehbaz Sharif here on Friday and country. He was speaking durdiscussed its ongoing ing his visit to the Minisprojects in Pakistan.

try in Rawalpindi on Fri-The Prime Minister day. welcomed the delegation On arrival, the Minisand appreciated the longter was received by Secrestanding friendship betary Defence Prodcution tween the Kingdom of Lieutenant General ® Saudi Arabia and Pakistan Muhammad and the efforts of SFD for Haider and was introduced

providing financing to Pakistan in the fields of Health, Energy, Infrastructure and Education as well the recent floods.

Investiture ceremony to be held at Governor House today

Independent Report OUETTA: The investiture ceremony is scheduled to be held at the Governor House today (Saturday).

issued notices to former DG According to an official ISI Lt Gen (Retd) Faiz hand out issued here on Fri Hameed. Brig (Retd) Irfan day, the acting Governo Ramay, former chief justice Balochistan Captain (Retd) IHC Anwar Kasi and Abdul Khaliq Achakzai wil former registrar SC Arbab confer the 15 Civil Awards on numerous people for their outstanding contribu-Former DG ISI Lt Gen tion in various spheres of (Retd) Faiz Hameed had life. filed reply in this case

It may be mentioned in SC on January 22 here that the investiture cerhaukat Aziz Siddiqui emony would be held on was removed from the behalf of the President of judicial office on the rec-Pakistan ommendations of the Su-

Court orders to preme Judicial Council under Article 209 of the present PTI Constitution for misbefounder, Qureshi havior as a judge for a

> on April 20 ISLAMABÂD (Online) Local court of Islamabad has ordered to present PTI

founder and Shah Mehmood Qureshi in the court on April 20. Civil Judge Murid

Abbas heard Azadi March Nazir Ahmed. vandalism case Friday He said that the estabwhich was registered lishment of sub-office of against PTI founder, Shah NAB Balochistan reflects Mehmood Qureshi and the resolve of Bureau for others in police station increasing the access Karachi company. against the corrupt prac-

The PTI lawyers tices in effective manner Muhammad Sardar besides tackling with the Masroof Khan, Naeem issue of corruption Haider Panjutha and oth-He said that the Chairers appeared in the court. man NAB has stressed the

production industry: Asif **Independent Report** news release said. ISLAMABAD: Minister for Defence Production

The Minister was given an introductory brief-Khawaja Muhammad Asif ing regarding the Ministry's says the government is keen executive departments and to provide maximum suporganizational structure. port to progress of defence The briefing was at-

tended by senior officers of the Ministry of Defence Production.

The Defence Production Minister appreciated the performance and contribution of the defence industrial sector and its due role in modernizing the defence capabilities of Pakistan. He also appreciated the contribution of the deto the key appointment fence industry in the social sector



Chiragh

holders of the Ministry, a

ISLAMABAD: A delegation of Saudi Fund for Development (SFD), led by Sultan Bin Abdul Rehman Al Marshad, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), SFD call on Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif.

Sub-office of NAB Balochistan set up in Gwadar for coordinated system of accountability

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QUETTA: The sub-office of National Accountability Bureau (NAB) Balochistan has been established in Gwadar.

The Director General NAB Balochistan visited the NAB's sub-office in Gwadar on Friday.

ity.

The DG NAB also said that Gwadar is a port city and there are great potential of Gwadar's becoming big trade center in time to

He also stressed the need to take measures for bringing transparency as well as accountability and good governance.

need to establish a coordinated system of account-

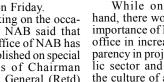
While on the other hand, there would also be importance of NAB's suboffice in increasing transparency in projects of public sector and promoting the culture of answerabil

He said that it would be easier for the people of area to lodge complaint about corruption with establishment of sub-office of NAB in

ability in Gwadar.

Gwadar.

Speaking on the occasion, DG NAB said that the sub-office of NAB has been established on special directives of Chairman NAB, Lt. General (Retd)



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Reactivating Nacta

Confronted with a complex wave of terrorist violence, the state has little choice but to 'restructure' the National Counter Terrorism Authority, as the interior minister stated on Wednesday. Mohsin Naqvi was attending a meeting at the Nacta headquarters on the day Baloch separatists stormed the Gwadar Port Authority Complex, while only a few days earlier, militants believed to be associated with the Hafiz Gul Bahadur group had staged a deadly attack, martyring security personnel in North Waziristan.

The current terrorist threat is varied both ideologically and geographically, and over the last few years, particularly after the Afghan Taliban's capture of Kabul in 2021, militants have been further emboldened and have staged a large number of attacks in Pakistan

Formed in 2009 in the midst of an earlier terrorist insurgency, Nacta - though it is supposed to be the state's primary counterterrorism organ — has been largely sidelined by the rulers after initial successes against militancy. Though envisioned as a 'one-win-dow operation' to corral national CT efforts, the agency has not been empowered with the tools necessary to deliver on its mandated goals. Instead, the CT effort has been dominated by the military and its intelligence apparatus. While the military undoubtedly has a central role to play in rooting out terrorism, the militarised CT approach has its limits, particularly in urban areas, where civilian law-enforcement bodies, and related long-term CT strategies, are required to complement kinetic efforts. It is also essential that while Nacta provides the operational framework, the ideological element of the CT effort is guided by the National Action Plan. NAP, formulated after the 2014 APS massacre, was updated in 2021; the interior minister also reiterated the state's resolve to implement the plan "at any cost".

NAP specifically mentions the reconciliation process in Balochistan, as well as reforms in KP's merged districts, in its latest iteration. These ideas must not remain on paper, and need to be implemented with full vigour if the state is to uproot militancy permanently. In both instances — Baloch separat ism as well as religiously inspired militancy in KP poverty, deprivation and the state's apparent disinterest in the welfare of the populations of these affected areas, have contributed to swelling the militants' ranks. Therefore, to address the considerable CT challenges, Nacta must be fully empowered to coordinate the state's fight against terrorism. Moreover, civilian LEAs, particularly the provincial counterterrorism departments, should be provided with funds, equipment and training to pre-empt terrorist violence and break militant networks. Along with kinetic measures, NAP should be implemented in letter and spirit. In particular, sectarian and extremist actors that remain active in society must be put out of business. These malignant forces provide the ideological background that produces the violent foot soldiers powering terrorist insurgencies.

Fifty is the new 40

Mohsin Fareed Historically, the term world today by influencgeneration' is used to ing our societal norms. explain relationships According to this model, amongst family members technology has made ingrandparents, pardividualism possible. ents and children. How-Mere existence was a ever, the word now alchallenge up until the 20th century, with almost ludes more to (six) social generations: the Silents no time for thinking (1925-1945), Boomers about oneself in the ab-(1946-1964), Gen X sence of clean drinking (1965-1979), Millennials water, refrigeration, auto-(1980-1994), Gen Z (1995mobiles, central heating 2012), and Gen Alpha and washing machines. (born after 2013). The era It was a collective intein which one is born gral living effort by socisometimes changes eties. In comparison, as one's deportment and technology has relieved personal attributes more us of the chores of life, han the family that we have more time to brings him up. think of our aspirations. The study of gen-

In addition to the dierations is a useful tool rect linear impact of techto understand history as nology, generational difwell as look at the future. ferences are better un-Historic perspectives derstood by two interassociate generations twined factors that dewith events in history; fine the 21st-century genlike the Vietnam War for eration: individualism Boomers; fears of and a slower life ambit. nuclear war with Russia Whereas the former fofor Gen X; 9/11 for cuses on the self, the lat-Millennials; and the ter pertains to longevity. Covid-19 pandemic for Individualism has differ-Gen Z. The problem with ent implications in differthis approach is that it ent world cultures. does not account for cul-Whereas the individualtural changes encoun- istic culture of the US tered during the interconsiders personal vening years. Expressing space and freedom and one's views on politics equality as important by attending a protest or factors, inclusive culwriting a letter to the editures such as South Korea emphasise group tor in the past is now accomplished by the inconsensus and abiding scription of a few words by the rules. Although on a smartphone. As opevery industrialised naposed to major events tion cannot be individuike wars and pandemics alistic, every individualthat revolve in circles, istic country is an these cultural changes industrialised nation. Inare linear, moving year dividualism also proafter year in the same dimotes equality based on rection. So, what drives sex, race, ethnicity, and this cultural change? The transgender status. Reanswer is technology. cently, equality has been

In today's world, the one of the most imporway we think, live, comtant forces driving culmunicate, and interact tural generational has been completely change evident in the revolutionised by tech-Civil Rights Movement, nology. As expressed by Black Lives Matter, #Me Prof Jean Twenge, this Too and transgender technological model of rights awareness. generations is a new Another cultural

generational theory for shift shaped by technolthe modern world. Tech-nology has shattered the ogy is the impact it has on society by making the the world. -- Courtesy spokes of the old genera- average lifetime longer. Dawn

tional cycle with ever- Infant mortality has lasting impact on the dropped from one in six in the late 1800s to one in 200 in 2020, resulting in an overall slower life course, as shown by a recent study utilising eight aging biomarkers where 40-59 years old Americans were two to three years and those from 60-79 years about four years younger biologically than the same age group in 1988-94. Today, fewer children are doing things on their own, teens are becoming less independent, young adults are postponing adult milestones, middleaged people are younger, with 50 being the new 40 and people remaining healthier past retirement.

Modern healthcare, birth control, labour-saving devices and a knowledge-based economy requiring more years of formal education are among the factors causing sluggish life curves.

can compare generations of the past with those of the present and get a glimpse of the future. Individuality in the current means choices based on personal preferences alone, whereas societies are interconnected and dependent on personal interactions. Since the surging popularity of social media, the lives of people of all ages have been affected, with the largest effects observed in younger people.

As a result, we see that their social and communication skill sets is different from those of older people; they prefer to stay indoors and do work from home. The technologically-advanced data-driven generation of today might create interesting political, workplace and domestic dimensions in future societies. As gen-

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census. no better. The Pakistan Demographic and Health Survey 2017-2018 puts the total fertility rate at 3.6pc and the contracep-

Propitiously, we live in the era of Big Data that discredits people. generation

women and girls. This is pathways to the improved well-being of all. All this has been beyond Pakistan. In the pre-Other indicators are tive prevalence rate at an an effective role in getappallingly low 34pc (which includes more acceptors. The populathan 10pc users of highly unreliable customary

methods). The unmet need is 17pc. This data the government's performance, and testifies to tion tunnel. the disinterest of our rulers in improving the quality of life of the

There are many factors that account for the rapid rise in numbers. officialdom's reluctance to bring the population the quiet. But they are issue into the public discourse. There is no open debate on it. Along with this silence is the unwillingness of opinion-makers to take action against patriarchal structures and practices in our society. As a result, the status of women remains low. The UN has been convening international conferences periodically on population development. The Cairo conference of 1994 was a landmark one as it adopted the Programme of Action and for the first time mother of seven, ence on Population and there was a paradigm Mashkoora has enshift from controlling deared herself to her cli- treat family planning as a population as an eco- ents. Called 'Maasi' by

The true hero

of individual men and

Zubeida Mustafa

women. A Shirkatgah re-Pakistan enjoys the dubiport describes the emous distinction of being phasis on education, especially for girls; gender equity; infant, child and the fifth most populous state in the world. But unlike the four countries that maternal mortality reducprecede it in population tion; the provision of size, Pakistan has been universal access to reunable to manage its deproductive health sermographic growth and vices, and the inclusion economy to its advantage. The shocking revelation sexual health in the made by the census last programme to empower year was that Pakistan's population had grown faster in the last five years. The annual growth rate was 2.55 per cent. It had been 2.4 pc in the 2017

Zia 1970s, the population programme had made a reasonably good start. Population centres were country, and motivators and counsellors played ting people to become 1.9pc. Then came a dark progress achieved was reversed. Now I see light at the end of the popula-

people working in this sector that they meet women who confide in them that they do not educated her children want many children but and knows what would their partners do not appeal to a man. For in-The most important is agree. So some seek to stance, she tells me that space their children on unsure if that is a wise thing to do given their men's demand for large families. Since women have traditionally been the focus of birth control strategies and male motivators have never been the forte of any population programme in Pakistan, this is creating an unrecognised dilemma. Now we have an an-

swer offered by a remarkable Lady Health Worker in Khero Dero. She is Mashkoora, a widow aged 43 and the nomic compulsion to the the women she has rather than economic comhuman rights dimension emerged as their sav- pulsion. -- Courtesy Dawn

iour. Mashkoora was hired by the Ali Hasan Mangi Memorial Trust (AHMMT) as a motivator and counsellor to persuade women to space their children and themselves have sterilised if they already had a large family. Her achievement? In a span of family planning and of two years, she has personally arranged for the tubal ligation of 144 women, made numerous one of the most reliable couples acceptors and created a demand for family planning advice. Mashkoora's real

feat is her ability to talk to men and persuade them to be--co--me acceptors. I asked her how she manages this in our scattered all over the patriarchal society. She tells me she has no qua-lms about talking to men on the issue. She is persuasive and explains to the men the ill effects tion growth rate fell to of frequent pregnancies on a woman's health. age for women and the and worse still, the neglect children suffer from when there are too many of them. She says she reminds them of I often hear from how it affects them adversely. Mashkoora may be illiterate but she is worldly-wise. She has she introduces herself as Mashkoora from AHMMT. That is half the work done as all the people from the 44 villages she visits are beneficiaries of one or the other of the Trust's projects - house-building, toilets, solar panels, school, healthcare, microloans, etc. A bond of mutual trust already exists that Mashkoora uses to her advantage.

Without her even knowing it, Mashkoora is what the paradigm shift, that was witnessed at the UN International Confer-Develop-ment, suggests: matter of human rights

Pakistan eyes \$300 mln by selling **Panda Bonds to Chinese investors**

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue, Muhammad Aurangzeb said Friday that he was Pakistan has already sold keen to tap Chinese dollar and eurobonds, he investors by selling as said. much as \$300 million in Panda bonds for the first time ever this year.

In an interview with Bloomberg, the minister said, selling Yuan-denominated debt would by further issuances. allow Pakistan to diversify its funding sources and reach investors in a new market

"We should have some time back," he said.

China has the expects the rupee to remain "second-largest and stable, he said.

deepest bond market in the thing to do for the country" to tap the market, given said.

debts on time.

think it's going to remain range bound around these Aurangzeb said that levels." The "wildcard" is initial Panda bond sale oil prices, he added, which would be about \$250 remain uncertain given the million to \$300 million, Red Sea attacks. which would be followed Pakistan's rupee is up

.3% this year, according The finance minister to local pricing compiled said that government's cash by Bloomberg, among the balances are strong enough best-performing currencies and it's able to pay its in Asia.

According to The payments are Bloomberg report, looked at quite frankly unlikely to put pressure on Aurangzeb's most pressing the currency, and he challenge is negotiating new loans with the International Monetary

RCCI urges

youth to lead

"Plant for

Pak "drive

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Rawalpindi Chamber of

Commerce and Industry

"I don't really see a Fund (IMF) to help bolster world" and it is the "right huge pressure on the rupee the country's reserves at this point in time," he right after the current bailout program ends in "As we go forward, I April

Bloomberg quoted IMF as having said earlier this week that Pakistan has expressed interest in a new medium-term program to improve its fiscal and external weaknesses and strengthen its economic recovery

According to report, Aurrangzeb said Pakistan will seek a new loan program from the IMF of at least three years. Further details will be discussed after the Washington-based lender's annual spring meetings, he said.



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif chairs a meeting regarding reforms in Pakistan's IT sector.

Dr. Walid Abdulwahab, Director IsDB Regional Hub Turkey and Dr. Kazim niaz Secretary Ministry of Economic Affairs signing the Agreement on 22nd March 2024 in Islamabad.

CEO Jazz advocates for policy reforms to ensure industry viability

Chief Executive Officer of vital contributions to Jazz and Chairman of the Telecom Operators Association of Pakistan (ToAP) Aamir Ibrahim on Friday held a significant meeting with the Minister of State for IT and Telecommunication, Shaza Fatima Khawaja.

During the discussion, fueling Aamir presented a comprehensive overview

ISLAMABAD (APP): of the telecom sector's bolstering Pakistan's digital infrastructure.

(RCCI) has urged the youth to lead "Plant for Highlighting Pakistan" under vision substantial investment of Green Punjab Initiative \$5.7 billion over the past 2024-27. RCCI President five years, the sector has and Chairman RWMC. significantly contributed Saqib Rafiq while Rs. 1.27 trillion to the addressing the ceremony at national exchequer, while a plantation and clean-up broadband campaign, urged the penetration from 32% in 2019 to 54.9% in 2024. younger generation to plant more saplings.

Minister stresses need for in-form water management sector

Independent Report PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Provincial Minister for Agriculture Muhammad Sajjad here Water Management. Friday highlighted the importance of in-farm water management sector

in the development of agriculture. He said that the need for future water role of water management in the orderly arrangement of water for agricultural purposes in the province water shortage in the

views on the occasion of visiting the Directorate General of Farm Water Management in Peshawar to take a briefing on infarm

The sector should adopt better planning now sector. in view of the concerns and scarcity due to global climate change. In view of the concerns and need of

PM seeks comprehensive strategy for increase in IT exports

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif Friday sought a comprehensive strategy for increase in information technology exports of the He said every sector country on priority basis.

He was chairing a modernized with the use of meeting on progress of the technology. information technology rovided facilities of Prominent information technology international level to equip them with knowledge and experts attended the

proposals. The PM said information technology

Terminal,

ISLAMABAD (APP): economy. The capacity of experts would be hired for the information technology advancement of the IT sector, he remarked. sector to boost the The meeting was country's economy would be utilized, he added.

Food Minister

informed that a strategy was being prepared for of the economy would be reforms in the information technology sector and digitisation. The strategy Youth would be included increasing access of people to the internet, improvement of digital infrastructure, governance, training of youth in digital skills and increase of business The services of the opportunities in the IT

meeting and gave their skills of the present age in the sector of information technology, he added. information technology sector.

Independent Report LAHORE: In order to at several places in Lahore.

The provincial food known food points in cargo carrier 'Trans Spring' Gulberg, Samanabad, left the Port on today Wagah and Shalimar morning while five more ships, APL Southampton. were sealed for poor arrangements during the Tethis-7, Patreas, Evriali and visit while the other 4 Crater are expected to sail were fined Rs. 2.5 lakh. on today afternoon.

visits food points Similarly rectification notices were ensure the supply of also issued to 5 food healthy food to citizens points. Moreover, more in Ramazan, Food than 2 tons of defective Minister Punjab Bilal meat, oil and expired than 2 tons of defective Yasin visited food points items were discarded at these food points.

Food Minister Bilal Yasin said that elements minister checked 13 well- engaged in selling substandard food do not deserve any relaxation. He said that action has Town. Four food points been taken on the presence of prohibited and expired items and poor cleaning arrangements.

is unquestionable. The future, adopt better Minister expressed these planning than now. Dr Musadik, US **Ambassador discuss** investment opportunities

ISLAMABAD (APP): expressed high hopes for Federal Minister for Petroleum, Dr Musadik Malik and Ambassador of the United States, Donald Blome Friday discussed technology transfer, investment opportunities, capacity-building initiatives in the energy sector, and regional projects.

During the meeting with Dr Malik, the ambassador extended his congratulations on assuming the office and

ships the transformation of the energy sector. The minister appreciated Ambassador

Blome for always extending his support and reaffirmed that together, both countries can achieve shared energy goals. Ways and means to

promote a sustainable carbon-friendly footprint, renewables, and green hydrogen were also discussed, said a news release

had a prominent role in the Shipping activity at **Port Qasim** KARACHI (APP): Three namely, APL Southampton, Bolan and

Patreas, carrying Container, Gas oil and LPG berthed at Container FOTCO Terminal and Engro Terminal respectively on Thursday. A total of eight ships were engaged at PQA berths during the last 24 hours, out of them general Independent

Special Supplement

23rd March: Pakistan Resolution Day

Pakistan Day: A resolution of commitment | March 23 is day of renewal of covenant

By Huma Kashif

"We wish our people to develop to rate homeland where they paredness, high morale, and could live their life accordthe fullest spiritual, cultural, ing to the teachings of Iseconomic, social and political life lam in a way that we think the best

and in consonance with our own ideals and according to the genius time to do some construcof our people."

The nation of Pakistan is led to the Pakistan Resolucelebrating another momen- tion and ultimately to the tous "Pakistan Resolution creation of Pakistan Fur-Day" which possesses an enormous commemoration in the historic struggle for and the discriminatory conacquiring Pakistan. The gress rule further strengthparticular resolution is also renowned as "Lahore Reso- of a separate sovereign lution" made the Muslims of India to decide their own destiny and journey for the der the strong leadership of attainment of a separate entity to establish a Muslim-State. That was the day when the Muslims of the sub-continent rejuvenated their political struggle for self-determination and acguisition of socio-political, economic, religious, and cultural freedom. On this particular day, the idea of a separate homeland for Muslims of India was converted clearly into the demand of Pakistan. Although presently, 23rd March day is losing its significance among our young generation. Most of our youth consider this day as just a public holiday, without realizing its true essence and spirit. But due to the emerging social chaos, and the political upheaval it is the need of the time that we should once again revitalize the spirit, struggle, and sufferings behind the freedom struggle.

Providing a short background, the British Raj, socio-political injustice, economic downfall, religious restrains, linguistic clash, cultural subjugation

— Muhammad Ali Jinnah forces are fully equipped defend the territorial integritv and state sovereignty. thermore, the provincial autonomy achieved in 1937, ened the Muslims' notion state. The 23rd March 1940 competence, Pakistan resolution was moved un-Quaid-i-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah also called the father of the Nation, who

exceptionally superior professional skills at sea. As Youth has always

Pakistan is a precious been a harbinger to a welgift that has given to us by come change and given a Allah Almighty, it is the proper direction, our youth can easily channelize the tive efforts for our beloved passion for their country. country. Pakistan's armed Ideally, 23rd March is the sort of day that should moand have the capacity to tivate people to seriously contemplate and reflect over our lives in a national Pakistan Navy is a strongly sense rather than with the capable force having the myopia of personal and inpotential to protect the sea dividual evolution. Keeping borders and national mariin mind the countless sacritime interests of Pakistan. fices and sufferings of the With its unremitting vigimen, women, children, old lance and professional and young, certainly, it is not just another national Navy has recently once day but it is the day to take again surprised the Indian a resolution at individual Navy by detecting and level to contribute posiblocking its submarine from tively in democratic strucentering into Pakistani waturing of Pakistan, give our

stimulated the Muslims to ters on 01 March, 2022. It see the dream of freedom and encouraged them to turn this dream into reality. naval submarine has been The Lahore Resolution stirred by Maulvi Fazlul Haq never contained the long-range maritime patrol name Pakistan but it is con- aircraft. This great feat is a sidered as a landmark in the testament of the Pakistan Muslim struggle for a sepa- Navy's operational pre-

Thank you Jinnah

share as a responsible citiwas the fourth incident of zen, respect every ones' libits kind wherein, an Indian erty with tolerance and harmony, and follow the rules prematurely detected and and regulations. Ideally, it tracked by Pakistan Navy's is the sort of day that should motivate people to seriously anticipate and reflect on our lives in a national sense

By Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri March 23 is the day of re-

newal of the covenant in which a resolution was passed for the establishment of a separate country

for Muslims in the subcontinent. Through a peaceful struggle under the great leadership of Muhammad Ali Jinnaĥ, the dream of Allama Muhammad Iqbal was realized on August 14, 1947. In these circumstances, it is imperative that the Pakistani nation realize the spirit of this revolutionary resolution and move beyond the traditional kind of renewal. Go out and work for the ideological and geographical completion of Pakistan according to this resolution. In order to make this King-dom of God truly the Pakistan of Quaid-e-Azam and Iqbal, we have to show the same continuous and selfless sacrifice at the individual and collective level which was characteristic of the trained soldiers of free-

dom of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah. In this historic gathereral attempts to put a stop ing on March 23, 1940, the Father of the Nation had made it clear that "the fact is that the mutual disagreement between the "national concept of Islam and the On this day, thanks to the social practices of the Hindu religion is a mere fig-

ment of India's imagination." To deny for a thousand years the civilizations of Hindus and Muslims have been intertwined and the two nations have been intertwined, but their differences are as strong as ever. It is totally wrong to expect that a revolution will take place in them and that Hindus and Muslims will become one nation only because of the imposition of a democratic constitution

on them. When the British government established in India for one and a half hundred years did not succeed in its work, how is it possible that the forcible establishment of federal system in the central government of

India will achieve that suc-Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah said that India's political probvided Bengal into Quaid-e- seen many ups and downs contribute to the develop-Azam Muhammad Ali since the demise of these be- ment of the country. We Jinnah. Ensured the estab- loved leaders of the Pakilishment of a divided Paki- stani nation. Especially after 9/11, Pakistan paid a If we look at the back in heavy price for being a

history, it would be correct Muslim country. The western world has to say that in fact the Mus-

lims of the subcontinent laid the burden of uncom-

mitted sin on the Muslims

and under a well thought out

conspiracy has tried hard to

prove the Muslims as ter-

rorists and extremists but

Pakistan has always proved

to be a peace loving country

and against terrorism. Fight-

ing on the front lines in the

war, the Pakistani nation and

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rificing thousands of lives,

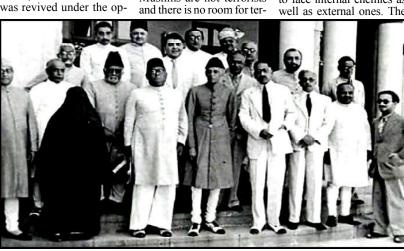
proved to the world that

Muslims are not terrorists

need unity, we need justice, we need the rule of law and the constitution. We need to stand with Pakistani armed and security forces for national security and safety.

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On March 23, 1940, people of different languages, of different faiths, of different statuses, of different races, of different castes were transformed into one united nation. It is very hard to say that today, despite being citizens of one country, we are divided into regions, we love our community, our city, we love our language more than our national language, we love our private business more than state institutions. Today we need the same enthusiasm the same unity of 1940. At that time only Hindus were our enemy. Today all en-emies of Islam are united against Pakistan. We can fight the enemies only by adopting the idea of unity. justice and love with motherland. We need to be tolerant and tolerant internally while being cruel to our enemies We have sacrificed more than 80,000 precious lives over the last few years against terrorism to bring lasting peace to the country. In order to maintain this peace, to ensure the security of this country, we have to face internal enemies as and there is no room for ter- well as external ones. The



pression of the British government and the prejudice lam. Pakistan fought the of the Hindu majority. He world's war on terror alone became aware of his right and restored peace and orto self-determination and der in the motherland by determined the direction and defeating the scourge of terdestination of his struggle rorism for which the Pakifor independence. The aim stani nation and Pakistani

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decline after the failure of

the War of Independence in

1857. During this time, the

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desired results until the day

of reached March 23, 1940.

passage of the Lahore Reso-

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rorism and extremism in Is- only way to confront the enemies of Islam and Pakistan is through unity. We must realize that the more divided we are, the more difficult the journey of development will

be In these circumstances



As Pakistan prepares to celebrate the 82nd anniversary of Lahore Resolution, it is vital to shed light on the event that changed the course of history in the subcontinent. As "Magna Carta" laid the foundation stone of people's power in Great Britain, the pledge made on 23rd March 1940 at the erstwhile Minto Park, for decades, serves as a cornerstone for Pakistan's socio-political culture. The Nation must utilize this moment to revisit the ideology and thought behind the historic resolution. 23rd March, revives the essence of nationalism among common people of Pakistan. As we breathe in a free country today, tribute must be paid to the ones who sacrificed their present for us. On this historic day, the Nation must be reminded of Quaid's words that defined the purpose and meaning of Pakistan. This article reproduces the most relevant quotes of the presidential address of Quaid-i-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah at the Lahore session of All India Muslim League that carved out an independent homeland for the Muslims of South Asia. As the events highlighting bigotry and communalism unfold across the border, the Pakistani nation stands indebted to the vision and foresight of its founding fathers. The Quaid said, "You may remember that we appointed a committee of ladies at the Patna Session (1938). It is of very great importance to us, because I believe that it is of absolutely essential for us to give every opportunity to our women to participate in our struggle of life and death.

The opening remarks of Quaid's most important advocated address women's rights. He emphasized the essentiality of women's participation in the socio-political struggle and highlighted their achievements in the upbringing of All India Muslim League. Following the footsteps of the founding father, the Pakistan's Armed Forces crisis which has brought tributed in uplifting the slogan of women empow-

erment by inducting Pakistani women in various fields including medical, education and technical branches of the Tri-serlot in service to the country. The first ever Pakistani Female Engagement team in any United Na-tions (UN) mission around the world received UN medals for serving in the Peacekeeping Mis-sion in the Democratic Republic of the Congo last year. A team of 15 Pakistani women officers, received major recognition for being the first all-female group from Panent kistan to serve in a UN peacekeeping mission. This service abroad for peacekeeping missions brought an immense respect to Pakistan at the global level At the same occasion,

the Quaid further stated "We want that the British Government should in fact and actually meet the demands of the time frontiers and interests Arabs in Palestine. Muhammad Ali Jinnah backed the plight of Palestinians eight decades ago. In his all-important address, he did not forget to show solidarity with Palestinian brethren. To date, Pakistan's stance on Palestine is unchanged. On many occasions, PM Khan advocated a Two-State solution according to addition, Pakistan Navy's the aspiration and wishes of the people of Palestine. Pakistan should continue its unequivocal diplo- ships namely INS Vikrant matic support to the and INS Mysore to dock cause and must attempt out and get destroyed. to mobilize Muslim Ummah to resolve the have significantly con- enormous pain to the tional maneuvers. Yet

that.



"Musalmans are not a minority. The Musalmans are a nation by any definition. We find out that even according to the Britvices. Pakistani women in ish map of India we ocuniform has contributed a cupy large parts of this country, where the Musalmans are in a majority" Citing the work of London Times and the letter of Lala Lajpat Rai to C.R Das, Quaid stressed on the separate identity of Muslims of the Subcontinent. He validated the 'Two Nation Theory' and presented colonials with a workable solution to maintain peace in the Subconti-

> Jinnah was well aware of the fact that Pakistan's due to its peculiar geostrategic location and the hostile neighboring environment needs strong Armed Forces to protect its national interests. Among the Tri-Services, Pakistan Navy was thus designated as an instrument to defend the mari-

of Pakistan. During wartimes, Pakistan Navy has always espoused high standards of professionalism and valour. In 1965 war, Operation "Dwarka" was bound to collapse one launched by Pakistan Navy caused irreparable damage to Indian Navy, vehemently destroyed the Indian Radar system. In submarine Ghazi moved its patrol to Bombay harbor to challenge enemy's This psychological fear of Ghazi adversely affected the Indian Navy's operapeople of Palestine. again in the 1971 war, Jinnah reiterated sinking of Indian

Kukri brought an immense wartime casualty by PNS Hangor, is the only incident after WWII wherein any conventional submarine sank a Warship. Furthermore, the detections of Indian Navy submarine, after Pulwama military standoff, by Pakistan Navy evidently portrays its effective employment strategy coupled with superior professional acumen.

Recent developments and reports of subjugation and ill treatment of Muslims coming out of India validate Muhammad Ali Jinnah's address at the Lahore Session of All India Muslim League. Quaid remarked, "Muslim India cannot accept any constitution which must necessarily result in a Hindu majority government. Hin-dus and Muslims brought together under a democratic system forced upon the minorities can only mean Hindu Raj." The prediction of our visionary founding father made eight decades ago stands relevant and applicable today. In post-1947 India, it was evident that Nehru's sugarcoated secular democracy

day or another. Today, from revocation of Article 370 and Citizenship Amendment Act to Ayodhya Verdict, each development embosses Jinnah's words. This is what a Hindu Raj forced upon Muslims looks like. As renowned Indian author Arundhati Roy said, "Modi had been coming since 1925.' Nehru's deodorized democracy was destined to fall apart and Gandhi's India was doomed to become Godse's India.

em was not about sects but about nations. Of course, of this great struggle is to this should be considered an establish a modern Islamic, democratic and welfare state international issue and a solution must be sought from in which the religion of Isthat point of view. We need lam is a stronghold. to acknowledge the veracity of this fundamental issue. As long as we do not accept it, the constitution we have drafted will fail and bring disaster. Islam and Hinduism are not just reli-

gions but in fact they are two different social sys-Prophet tems. Therefore, this wish should be called a dream and dream that Hindus and Muslims will be able to create a common nation together." Pakistan came into being. When the British and the Hindus saw the seal of Pakistan being sealed, they by mutual alliance annexed several Muslim-majority districts of Punjab to India under the most unfair Red Cliff Award and also di-

By establishing the political, economic and social system of Islam on the golden principles of Islam, it can be proved to the nations of the world that these golden principles are as applicable today as the Holy Muhammad Mustafa (peace be upon him). He was in the blessed time of Allah and his Companions and the Righteous Caliphs. However, shortly after the establishment of Pakistan, the father of the nation Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah passed away and a few years later, his right-hand man Quaid-e-Millat Nawabzada martyred. The country has

forces are to be commended. But the enemies are not turning a blind eye to this peace and development of Pakistan. They engaged in conspiracies to discredit Pakistan in various ways but thank God Pakistani nation together with its brave forces Pakistan always retaliated against enemies of homeland and enemy elements never succeed in their nefarious aims the evil intentions of the enemies of Pakistan will continue to be reduced to dust. March 23, 2022 is a day to remember forgotten lessons. Every March 23 reminds us that we have strayed from the destination, lost, forgotten the promises, today we need more unity than ever before, we need to be one nation, we need to adopt collective Liaquat Ali Khan was also thinking for the betterment millions of lives on the

there is a need for the Pakistani nation to realize the spirit of that revolutionary resolution and to move beyond the traditional kind of renewal and work for the ideological and geographical fulfillment of Pakistan in accordance with this resolution. In order to make this God-given kingdom truly the Pakistan of Ouaid-e-Azam and Iqbal, we must demonstrate at the individual and collective level the same constant sacrifice and self-sacrifice that Ouaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah and his companions those fought for an independent country for Muslims. It was the specialty of the old, women, children and youth who got a separate country for the Muslims of the subcontinent by sacrificing of the country. We need to voice.

Pakistan Day: A manifestation of Muslims' struggle for a separate homeland in subcontinent

By Fakhar Alam

Following the Independence War of 1857, the Muslims of subcontinent were subjected to an unending ordeal of discrimination, inequality and disparity after the colonial rulers had strengthened their grip over the united India. The Muslims, who ruled over the united India for

over 800 years, had faced great mental agony, sense of deprivation and dejection after they were pushed to the wall in terms of intellectual, political, economic and edu-cation decay. After failure of 1857 War of Independence, the Muslims of British India were given a new hope and direction by social reformer, Sir Syed Ahmed Khan, who instilled a new vigor into Muslims after an inspired teachings of the renowned religious leaders, Mojadad Alf Sani and Shah Waliullah.

Brought about an intellectual revolution among Muslims through his educational, political and social reforms, Sir Syed Ahmad Khan had succeeded to nullify the malicious propaganda of the colonial rulers, hindus and pessimist forces during an era of ominous, cruelty and oppres-sion. He founded All India Muhammadan Educational Conference (AIMEC) at Aligarh in 1886, which carried forward his vision regarding modern education, socioeconomic empowerment and political unity of Muslims to regain their past glory. The network of educational institutions and political unity organized under AIMEC had enabled millions of Muslims to compete with other communities including Hindus and Sikhs by providing a launching pad for Muslims to initiate a peaceful political and democratic struggle for a separate homeland where they could live with dignity and freedom.

Sir Syed's reforms had excelled Muslims in education, social, economic and political sciences, resultantly their voices have strongly been heard by the British rulers. The Muslims, under the flag of All India Muslim League (AIML) founded on December 30, 1906 at Dhaka, got united by giving new impetus to the independence movement. It witnessed further momentum after Quaidi-Azam spearheaded independence movement after formally joining AIML in 1913 and outlining of an independent state for Muslims majority provinces in North West India by the great poet philosopher Dr. Allama



Muhammad Iqbal during historic Allahabad address in 1930

Thus, Dr. Allama Iqbal became the first statesman to articulate about the two nation-theories that Muslims were a separate and distinct nation besides deserving political independence from other regions and communities of the united India. "Pakistan Movement passes through different phases and finally achieved its practical shape in 1933 during a high-level gathering in London where Chaudhry Rehmat Ali had presented the name of Pakistan," said Professor Dr Muhammad Younas Khan, Chairman, Pakistan Studies Department, Islamia College eshawar University (ICP) while talking to APP.

Recalling Chaudhry Rehmat Ali's famous saying Now or never or parish forever", he said ICP's two former students, Aslam Khattak and Inyatullah Khan of Charsadda along with others Muslims leaders had endorsed the name of Pakistan. "Pakistan's name and Allahabad address had set a clear direction to the Muslims to achieve a separate homeland in the subcontinent," he said. The great Quaid united millions of Muslims at Iqbal Park, Lahore where they unanimously passed the historic Pakistan's Resolution on March 23, 1940. Following adoption of the Pakistan Resolution, Quaid-i-Azam had reorganized AIML on modern lines and made repeated visits to all Muslims majority provinces including KP (earlier called NWFP) to mobilize masses for Pakistan.

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ISLAMABAD: SFD CEO, Sultan Abdul Rahman Al Murshif and Secretary Ministry of Economic Affairs, Dr. Kazim Niaz, signing the Agreement.

Govt committed to steer country out of current challenges: Shaza Fatima

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister of State for Information Technology and Telecommunication, Shaza Fatima Khawaja on Friday said that government under the leadership of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, is determined to steer the country out of the current crisis

Addressing a press conference along with Rana Mashood Ahmed Khan and Romina Khurshid Alam, she said,

the country will be put on the road to progress, prosperity, and development under the leadership of Mian Muhammad Nawaz Sharif and Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif.

She expressed confidence that the country would overcome all the challenges and crisis within

the next three to four years. Recalling about the past achievements of Mian Muhammad Nawaz Sharif, she highlighted the eradication of load shedding and terrorism, as well as the successful initiation of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) and the remarkable economic growth witnessed during

his last tenure. She recounted that soon after assuming governof Mian

economic self-reliance. Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, she said,

ment in 2013, under the guidance Muhammad Nawaz Sharif, an agreement was made with the IMF. However, the government terminated the program within two years, leading the country towards made all out efforts to pro-

tect the country away from default during his 16-month tenure. The Minister said that collaborative efforts of the Pakistan Muslim League (N) and allied parties had stabilized the country economically during the 16-month period.

She highlighted the stabilization of the Pakistani rupee and the robust performance of the stock exchange during Shehbaz Sharif's tenure. She assured that the government is well aware of the problems and hardships faced by the common people and said that government is working on various direction and taking initiatives to provide relief to poor men.

Shaza Fatima reiterated that underprivileged segments of society would be protected in every tough

National Party delegation calls on PM ISLAMABAD (APP): A

delegation of the National Party called on Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Monday and discussed matters relating to mutual concerns.

The delegation congratulated the prime minister on assuming the charge of his office.

In the meeting, matters regarding the situation of law and justice in Balochistan and the issues of the youth of the province came under discussion The prime minister reiterated his determination

to provide all possible fa-

Pakistan, SFD sign \$107m hydropower **agreements** ISLAMABAD (APP): deforestation by providing Secretary, Economic Affairs electricity as an alternative

It is pertinent to men-

The delegation called

on Minister for Economic

Affairs, Ahad Khan

Cheema, the statement said

adding the CEO, SFD, thanked him and govern-

ment of Pakistan for the

warm welcome and hospi-

If we didn't impart

our target to enroll 4,000

schools. Free education

would be imparted to the

children to be admitted in

the schools besides other

academic facilities, they

programme.

tion that a delegation from

the Saudi Fund for Devel-

Division, Dr. Kazim Niaz and Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Saudi Fund for Development (SFD) here Friday signed loan agreements UŠ\$ 66.00 million for Shounter Hydropower Project (48 MW) and US\$ 41.00 million Jagran IV Hydropower Project (22 MW).

Minister for Ecoopment (SFD), led by Sulnomic Affairs, Ahad Khan tan Bin Abdul Rehman Al Cheema witnessed the sign-Marshad, Chief Executive ing ceremony, according to Officer (CEO), SFD is curpress statement issued by rently visiting Pakistan. Economic Affairs Division.

These endeavours aim at harnessing the indig-enously available hydropower potential and generating 70 MW hydropower, which will be transmitted to the national grid. Moreover, it will help

tality as well as the conferin eradicating the menace of ment of award.

Education Dept. & UNICEF continue school admission campaign in Chaman

Independent Report ment of knowledge. QUETTA: The Education Department, Government proper education to our Balochistan and children, then dark future would be our fate, they

UNICEF jointly continued the school admission camfeared. They said that it is paign in Chaman district. children in the government The very objective of

schools

President UNGA applauds Pak role in global peace efforts

NEW YORK (APP): Pakistan's journey has been punctuated by remarkable achievements and an unwato the energy needs of the vering spirit expressed in local communities, who the resilience of its people, hitherto are entirely depenthe UN General Assembly dent on forest wood; and President, Dennis Francis, create economic opportunisaid at a largely- attended ties for socioeconomic up-Pakistan Day reception on lift of the people of Azad Jammu and Kashmir. Thursday.

Francis, who was the chief guest at the reception held at the Pakistani Mission to the UN in New York, applauded Pakistan's steadfast, devoted and robust commitment" to multilateralism,' noting the country's role as a member of the UN, its multiple terms on the Security Council, and its consistent presence and leadership in various UN bodies, including ECOSOC and the Human Rights Council.

He also commended Pakistan's significant contributions to UN peacekeeping missions, and acknowledged the sacrifices made by Pakistani peace-

keepers in promoting glomemorates the adoption of bal peace and security. the Lahore Resolution in The reception was at-1940 and the adoption of the first Constitution of tended by top diplomats of

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the New York-based Per-Pakistan in 1956. manent Missions, UN oftributor of police and troop ficials, members of academia, media, civil socipersonnel to the UN for decades, Pakistan's unwaety organizations and the Pakistani diaspora. vering dedication to main-

Ambassador Munir taining peace globally is Akram welcomed the Genclear and manifest," the eral Assembly President, President said. highlighting Pakistan's unwavering commitment to multilateralism and the Pakistan's diplomatic principles enshrined in the achievements, citing Sir Zafarullah Khan's presi-Charter

The Pakistani envoy dency of the UN General emphasized Pakistan's ac-Assembly and membership tive role as a member state of the International Court of the UN since 1947, supof Justice. He also praised Pakistan's efforts in adporting initiatives aimed at dressing global challenges, promoting international including its role in advopeace and security, sustainable development, and hucating against Islamophobia and its contributions to climan rights.

In his speech, the mate action and environ-General Assembly Presimental sustainability. dent extended his warm Referring to the secgreetings to Pakistan, ond recently adopted resopointing out that the auslution on measures to compicious occasion combat Islamophobia.



ISLAMABAD: A delegation of the National Party calls on Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif.

NA Speaker Ayaz Sadiq says Parliament-to-parliament contacts vital for regional prosperity, economic dev.

tween the two countries, he

vive the Parliamentary

invitation to the Speaker

Parliament of UAE to visit the

Parliament of Pakistan. He said

He also extended an

Friendship group.

ISLAMABAD (APP): in Parliament House, said a Speaker National Assemnews release. While talking bly of Pakistan Sardar Ayaz Sadiq on Friday said that about the significance of enhanced bilateral ties be-Pakistan and the United Arab Emirates(UAE) enjoy emphasized the need to recordial ties based upon shared religious and cultural values. He said that parliament-to-parliament contacts are vital for regional prosperity and economic development.

that Pakistan has vast oppor-He added,"UAE has tunities for investment and always supported Pakistan trade. He added. "Pakistan is in difficult times and Pakibestowed with a skilled stan values its tie with labour force which can play and Pakistan would further UAE."He expressed these a significant role in the de-

Alzaabi who called on him

diaspora in UAE. He said that the Pakistani diaspora in UAE has a substantive role in bringing both Nations closer.

Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates Mr. Hamad Obaid Ibrahim Alzaabi extended warm felicitations to Sardar Avaz Sadiq on his successful election as Speaker of National Assembly of Pakistan.

He expressed hope that parliament-to-parliament contacts between UAF improve ties between both nations. He also said that the UAE

maintained. The Deputy Commissioner, DEO and campaign, Deputy Comother high ups appreciated missioner Chaman, Captain (Retd) Raja Athar Abbas, the invaluable role and con-District Education Officer, tribution of UNICEF for Malk Noor Ahmed, Disthe cause of education in trict Programme Manager Chaman and Killa Abdullah. UNICEF and others said They mentioned that the UNIČEF has contribthat the future of our nauted in building of rooms, tion, area and country is associated with the educaprovision of computer system and adult education

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the school admission campaign is to get over 4,000 children admitted in the

Speaking on the occasion of school admission

new universities

ISLAMABAD: Minister of State for IT and

Telecommunication Shaza Fatima Khawaja

VCs body advocates

to halt creation of

addressing joint Press Conference.

ISLAMABAD (INP): with the participation of Recognizing the detrimental impact of proliferation in the number of institutions on the quality of education, the Vice Chancellors Committee has advocated for an immediate halt to the establishment of new universities. They also underscored the importance of consolidating existing institutions to enhance efficiency and optimize resource allocation.

In a concerted effort to address the pressing challenges faced by the higher education sector, the Vice Chancellors' Committee was convened for a twoday meeting in Islamabad



KARACHI: Pakistan Navy, officials handing over seized liquor worth PKR 145.6 million.to Pakistan Customs.

Senator Samina Zehri March 23 is the day of renewal of the pledge with motherland

opment and prosperity of

the country, because in the

future, our beloved home-

land of Pakistan to take over

the reins and We strongly

hope that our youth will

work day and night for the

country and make the coun-

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She said that today we

ing countries.

Independent Report QUETTA: Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri, while congratulating the nation on the occasion of Pakistan Day on March 23, said in her congratulatory message that March 23 is the day of renewal of the pledge to establish a separate country for Muslims in the subcontinent. A resolution was passed for the establishment of Pakistan on this day in 1940 and the Muslims of India turned the dream of Allama Muhammad Iqbal into a reality on August 14, 1947 through a peaceful struggle under the able leadership of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah. Today, the youth of the nation have a huge responsibility to compete in the world, to specialize in modern education and to play their role in the devel-

cilities to the youth of Balochistan. He said it was the remore than 160 public and sponsibility of the state to private universities from

provide the opportunities across the country. of education and earning livelihoods to the Baloch The gathering provided a platform for the uniyouth. versity heads to engage in comprehensive discussions LHC dismisses and formulate strategic initiatives to navigate the turplea against bulent landscape of the country's tertiary education. amendment to The meeting was presided over by the Chairperson of **Elections Act** VCs' Committee Dr. Iqrar Ahmad Khan and was also

LAHORE (INP): The Lahore High Court (LHC) on Friday dismissed a petiattended by Chairman Higher Education Commistion challenging an amend-ment to the Elections Act sion (HEC) Dr. Mukhtar Ahmad, Executive Director 2017 aimed at reducing the disqualification period for HEC Dr. Zia Ul-Qayyum and divisional heads of HEC. a parliamentarian under Ar-

> tution from life to five vears Justice Shahid Bilal Hassan announced the reserved verdict on a petition filed by Munir Ahmad. The court had reserved the verarguments by the parties on March 19. dict upon completion of

ticle 62(1)(f) of the Consti-

04 die, 2 injure in collision

bikes in DIK DERA ISMAIL KHAN (APP): At least four youths died while two others sustained serious injuries as wo speedy motorcycles collided with each other in the Kirri Shamozai area last night. According to Rescue 1122, six youths were coming or

Asad, SSP operation, Jawad Ahmed Dogar, other concerned high ups and two motorcycles after permembers of the peace comforming Taraweeh prayers when mittee participated in the their two-wheelers collided with meeting each other near Mangal Morr The participants disin the Kirri Shamozai area due

cussed the security plan and to overspeeding. As a result, other arrangements made four youths died on the and being made for the spot while two others got Youme Ali (RA) in Quetta. Speaking on the occa-



sioner Quetta, Saad bin

heavyweights hesitant to contest by-polls FAISALABAD (INP): who are now out of elec-Four political heavyweights toral politics, are Rana of the PML-N, who had Sanaullah, Rana Mashhood lost their seats in the gen-

LONDON: Foreign Minister Mohammad Ishaq

Dar shakes hand with UK Minister of State for

South Asia and Commonwealth, Lord Tariq Ahmad.

Defeated PML-N

Ahmad Khan, Khawaja Saad Rafique, Mian Javed Latif All these leaders did of the district administranot file their nomination tion as essential items are

Assembly and Punjab Assembly seats from Lahore papers for the by-polls. being sold at higher prices for which by-elections are On the other hand, even in the open market. former PML-N MNA Ali due to be held due to their Pervaiz Malik is a strong tablished in the name of

lack of interest. party candidate from NA-119. According to media reports, the party leaders,

eral elections held on Feb-

ruary 8, are now also out of

the race for five National

Security plan and other arrangements reviewed for Youme Ali (RA) in Quetta Independent Report

sion, DIG Police said that under the security plan, the QUETTA: The security plan and other necessary arpolice jawans and officers would be deployed on the rangements were reviewed occasion to avert any untofor observance of the martyrdom day of Hazrat Ali (RA) in Quetta on Friday. ward incident.

He said that the de-In this regard, a meet-ing was held with Deputy ployment would be made for security of majalis and processions to be taken out Inspector General of Police, Abdul Hayee in the chair on the day. here. Deputy Commis-

The Deputy Commissioner Quetta stressed the QUETTA (APP): Shalkot need to ensure law and or-Police arrested two der, cleanliness and other people and recovered arrangements on occasion of Youme Ali (RA) in the dischars 2 kg and pistols trict. He also urged the relifrom their possession in gious leaders of all schools two separate area near of thoughts to cooperate Hazarganji and Sariab and remain in contact with area of Quetta. the administration and

Police sources said on Friday that on special diother concerned organizations to maintain law and rectives of Deputy Inspecorder on Youme Ali (RA). tion General (DIG) Abdul Hai Amir Baloch, SSP Operation

Ouetta Muhammad Jawad Tariq police teams led by SI Sariab Division Shafqat Amir Janjua and SHO Shalkot Khair Muhammad conducted raid at place and arrested a drug dealer along with chars 2 kg.

statement issued here, she Meanwhile, SHO said that the PML-N has New Sariab Tuseef Farman already taken steps to led police team and coneradicate terrorism from the ducted raid and appre hended a man and recov the expulsion of terrorists. ered illegal rifle and pisto from his possession. tribute to the men of the

Further investigation police and security forces for thwarting the terrorist was underway.

views during his meeting velopment of UAE' with the Ambassador of the He also appreciated the support and facilities provided by the UAE gov-United Arab Emirates Mr. Hamad Obaid Ibrahim

is committed to facilitating Pa kistani workers in UAE and values the services offered by ernment to the Pakistani the Pakistani diaspora.



ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates, Hamad Obaid Ibrahim Alzaabi calls on Speaker National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq at **Parliament House.**

Govt taking steps to provide relief to needy people in Ramazan: Ubaidullah

QUETTA (APP): Member us. He said that in this reof Provincial Assembly (MPA) Mir Ubaidullah Gorgage on Friday said that the provincial government under the leadership of Balochistan Chief Minister was taking all possible measures to provide relief to people including needy

people in the month of Ramazan He expressed these views while distributing food items to the poor and deserving people in his

constituency of BP-44. Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) leader, Mir Ubaidbullah Gorgage said that said that during of Ramazan, we should also take care of the poor and

Pakistan Muslim League-N

(PML-N) Women's Wing

Fatima Khan on Friday

terrorist attack on Gwadar

Development Authority

Complex (GDAC). In a

Fatima Khan also paid

gard, the government was making every possible effort to provide relief to the people within its resources. The provincial gov-

ernment under the leadership of Chief Minister Balochistan is taking all possible measures to provide relief to the people

He said that he is fully aware of the problems of the people of his constituency and all available resources will be used to olve them.

He said that ration was being distributed keeping in mind the difficulties poor and deserving people in Ramazan saying that ration would be condeserving people around tinued in the future.

PML-N Women's Wing Fatima condemns terrorist attack on GDAC

QUETTA (APP): Leader of attack on the Gwadar Development Authority com-

She said that the solstrongly condemned the diers of the security forces killed the terrorists by showing bravery and thwarted their nefarious design saying that during this time, two security personnel who were the heroes of the nation were country and would ensure martyred.

She said that the brave sons of the nation were protecting the country by sacrificing their lives against the terrorists

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provide respite to people QUETTA (INP): In the month of Ramadan, the citizens of Ouetta could not get relief contrary to the claims

A few stalls were es-

Ramzan Sasta Barar for the

welfare of the people and at these stalls, there is a

shortage of food items and

the prices are higher than

plain about the quality of

goods available in the sasta

government to activate the

price control committees to

control the inflated prices

Two held with

narcotics,

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The citizens urged the

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