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Responds to Biden's letter Pakistan attaches high importance to its ties with US: PM



ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif has said that Pakistan attached high importance to its ties with the US.

Respond to a letter of US President Joe Biden, the prime minister said that both countries

ing, PM Office Media Wing, in a press release on Sunday, quoted the prime minister as saying.

He further wrote that Pakistan desired to work with the US for the achievement of shared goals of global peace and stability and regional progress and prosperity.

Earlier, the US President had addressed a letter to the prime minister in which he extended felicitation to the new government.

President Biden further emphasized upon the "enduring partnership" between the US and Pakistan.

had been working together on various significant initiatives in energy, climate change, agriculture, health and education sectors.

The cooperation between the two countries on energy sector and Green Alliance framework was welcomed.



CEO Saudi Fund for Development, Sultan bin Abdulrahman Al-Marshid during his visit to Azad Jammu and Kashmir signed agreements for funding two Hydro Power Projects.

Ashrafi hails SIFC as catalyst for Pakistan's economic progress

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan Ulema Council (PUC) Chairman Hafiz Muhammad Tahir Mahmood Ashrafi on Sunday commended the establishment of the Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC) as a pivotal stride towards economic revitalization.

He, speaking to the press, lauded SIFC as a visionary initiative spearheaded by Chief of Army Staff General Syed Asim Munir. He emphasized that this landmark initiative has garnered trust not only from fraternal Islamic Arab nations but also from both local and foreign investors.

Expressing optimism, Ashrafi underscored the potential of SIFC under the leadership of Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif to navigate Pakistan out of its prevailing economic challenges, aligning with the visionary strategies advocated by the army chief.

Acknowledging SIFC as a testament to the collaboration between the military and civilian leadership, the PUC chairman hailed it as a substantial boon for both Pakistani and foreign investors. He reiterated his belief that SIFC would serve as a cornerstone for the development and prosperity of Pakistan, encapsulating the shared vision of the government and the armed forces.

With the establishment of SIFC, Ashrafi said Pakistan stands poised to attract increased investments, foster economic growth, and pave the way for a brighter future. As stakeholders rally behind this transformative initiative, he said hopes are high for a sustainable economic resurgence that benefits all segments of society.

Ashrafi issued a resolute statement in response to the recent attack on Chinese guests in Besham, declaring that those responsible would face the full force of justice.

AJK PM vows Indiscriminate socio economic uplift, unveils development initiatives

ISLAMABAD (APP): Amidst an Iftar dinner hosted in his honor by Minister Wildlife Fisheries and Development Authority Muzaffarabad Sardar Javed Ayub, Azad Jammu Kashmir Prime Minister Chaudhry Anwar ul Haq reaffirmed the government's unwavering commitment to prioritize the comprehensive socio-economic development of the region.

Emphasizing the pivotal role of tourism and road infrastructure in generating local employment opportunities, the PM underscored the imperative of improving the livelihoods

of residents, including those in remote and far-flung areas. PM Anwar ul Haq on this occasion, outlined the government's dedication to uplifting the economically disadvantaged segments of society, citing the provision of financial assistance to widows, orphans, divorcees, the elderly, and disabled individuals through the endowment fund scheme. Additionally, he underscored the government's resolve to ensure equitable application of the law across the state and to utilize taxpayers' funds for the welfare of the people.

Agreement between jail admin, Imran termed open mockery of law, prison manual

ISLAMABAD (INP): Senior leader of Pakistan Muslim League (N), Irfan Siddiqui Sunday said that the written agreement between the superintendent of Adiala Jail and PTI founder Imran Khan under the directions of Islamabad High Court paramount to an open mockery of the law, regulations and prison manual.

"Such a written agreement between the jail administration and a

convicted prisoner is unprecedented", he said.

Irfan Siddiqui said, "Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, Asif Ali Zardari, Benazir Bhutto, Nawaz Sharif, Shehbaz Sharif, Maryam Nawaz, Yusuf Raza Gilani and other dozens of prominent political leaders have been in jails but there is no example of such a written agreement with any of them despite the fact that no one was convicted in such cases of serious nature as Imran Khan".

Jl denounces inquiry commission; says such reports never implemented

ISLAMABAD (INP): The Jamaat-e-Islami (JI) on Sunday denounced the inquiry commission formed by the government after the Islamabad High Court's (IHC) judges' letter.

Expressing his thoughts, JI acting emir Liaquat Baloch said: "This matter requires a direct judicial decision but not an inquiry commission."

"No implementation had been done in the past on the finding reports of same types of commissions," Baloch said.

On Saturday, the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) denounced the inquiry commission under the chairmanship of former chief justice of Pakistan (CJP) Tasadduq Hussain Jilani, formed after the Islamabad High Court's (IHC) judges' letter.

Expressing his thoughts, PTI leader Barrister Gohar Ali Khan said: "We denounce the formation of the inquiry commission under the chairmanship of Tasadduq Hussain Jilani." Khan urged the need to form the commission on a pattern similar to that of the "Memogate" scandal and the election inquiry commission under the chairmanship of serving judges.



PESHAWAR: Activists of Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) are holding protest demonstration for release of Imran Khan, Former Prime Minister, at Peshawar press club.

Ministries given targets to provide early relief to people: Attaullah Tarar

Says Govt committed to ensuring equal rights for Christians



LAHORE (APP): Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Attaullah Tarar said on Sunday that all ministries had been given targets aimed at overcoming challenges facing the country. In a press conference at the PML-N's Secretariat here, he said that in yesterday's meeting Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif gave short, medium and long term targets to all ministries aimed at bringing betterment to the people. "The Cabinet consist of experienced people, youths, seasoned politicians and technocrats," he added.

He said that the Prime Minister had decided to evaluate the performance of each ministry and key performance indicators had also been set for them. "By using latest technology, achievement of targets given to ministries will be

appreciated. adding that a self-accountability system had also been evolved and key performance indicators of ministries would be evaluated using modern IT interventions. "Reducing trade deficit, promoting vocational training, increasing forex, boosting exports in the IT sector, activate facilities like PayPal, activating wifi hotspots and introducing latest digital system across the country are some clear and key targets," he added.

Briefing about the targets of the Interior Ministry, Attaullah Tarar said that the ministry had been asked to launch a crackdown against illegal weapons, devise a new system to stop terrorism, take action against illegal foreign residents in the country and stop smuggling.

Adverse effect of IMF conditions, Pakistan loses tax revenue of Rs3bn

ISLAMABAD (INP): The adverse effects of implementing the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) stringent conditions on revenue sectors have begun to surface. During the recent fiscal year, there has been an approximate decrease of \$3 billion in annual tax revenues. The sources said in the fiscal year 2022, tax revenues recorded stood at \$19.3 billion, while in 2023, they declined to \$16.5 billion. Concerns persist regarding a further potential decrease of \$1 billion in tax revenues in the upcoming year, despite government efforts. Notably, despite the government's endeavors, the revenue sector has not been provided electric-

ity and gas at competitive rates as demanded by the IMF. The sources said despite the efforts of the caretaker government, the export sector was not given electricity and gas at competitive rates and at the request of the IMF, the competitive rates of energy for the export sector were abolished.

The sources said SIFC had approved to supply of electricity to industries at 9 cents, adding that at the request of the IMF, the supply of electricity and gas at competitive rates was terminated and exports were affected by stopping the supply of electricity to the export sector at 9 cents. The sources also said



SIKOT: Federal Defense Minister Khawaja Muhammad Asif is listening to the public's problems at his residence.

ECP finalises arrangements for Senate elections on April 2

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) has finalised all preparations for conducting nationwide Senate elections, the upper house of the bicameral parliament, on April 2.

Polling would be held in the National Assembly and all four provincial assemblies from 9 AM to 4 PM. Ballot papers in four different colors have been printed for the Senate elections. White papers will be used for general seats, green for technocrat seats, pink for women, and yellow for minority seats. Additionally, the transportation of election materials to returning officers has been completed.

Returning officers have already issued the final list of the candidates contesting elections on 48 vacant seats of the Senate. The elections were scheduled for 29 general seats, eight seats for women, nine seats for technocrats/Ulema, and two seats for non-Muslims. According to the Election Commission, a total of 147 candidates submitted their nomination papers for these vacant seats. Out of these, 18 elected unopposed, seven are from Punjab's general seats. Similarly, in Balochistan, senators for seven general seats, two women seats, and two Ulema/technocrat seats have won without any opposition. As per schedule issued by the Commission, the contest on remaining

Debt Inquiry Commission reveals irregularities in utilization of foreign loans

ISLAMABAD (Online): Debt Inquiry Commission has revealed irregularities in the use of foreign loans worth billions of rupees in a report.

According to media reports, the inquiry commission submitted its report on foreign loans taken between 2008 and 2018 in June 2020.

And there are scandalous details in this report. According to reports, 300 people associated with two dozen institutions have used foreign loans worth billions of rupees against the rules taken between 2008 and 2018.

The complete record of 420 foreign loans received by the commission.

According to the text of the letter, the commission was formed under the Inquiries Act and automatically terminated after the completion of the term.

After which the head of the commission Hussain Asghar and his staff left the office.

According to reports from all federal ministries, divisions and departments. Forty senior officials assisted the commission in obtaining the records.

Petrol prices increased by Rs 9.66 per liter, diesel reduced Rs 3.32

ISLAMABAD (APP): The government on Sunday increased the price of Motor Spirit (MS) Petrol by Rs 9.66 per liter and reduced high speed diesel by Rs 3.32 per litre.

The price of MS petrol was fixed at Rs 289.41 per litre as against its existing price of Rs 279.75 per litre, said a press release issued by the Ministry of Finance on Sunday.

However, the price of High-Speed Diesel was reduced by Rs 3.32 per litre as HS-Diesel would be available at Rs 282.24 per litre as compared to its previous price of Rs 285.56 per litre during next fortnight starting from April 1, 2024.

It said that the prices of petrol (Motor Gasoline) has increased in the international market during the last fortnight, while the price of HSD has marginally declined.

The government has accordingly decided to revise the existing consumer prices of petroleum products, it said adding that the above price adjustments are in line with government's policy of passing on the variations of prices in the international market to the domestic market.

It further said that the consumer price of HSD has accordingly been decreased once again, after a downward revision in the middle of March, 2024.



ISLAMABAD: The Save Gaza campaign movement under the auspices of Civil City is staging a sit-in at D Chowk in the Federal Capital on Sunday.

Indian Air Force admits incapability in Brahmos Missile technology

NEW DELHI (INP): Finally, the Indian Air Force (IAF) proved the stance of Pakistan correct by admitting its incapability in missile technology, especially in the Brahmos Missile case.

The IAF has filed its report in the Delhi High Court that combat connectors of the Brahmos missile "remained connected to the junction box" which landed in Pakistan in March 2022.

The Economic Times said in its report that the IAF revealed its incapability in missile technology in

a reply filed in the Delhi High Court.

Revealed in a report filed in the Delhi High Court, the IAF detailed findings from a Court of Inquiry, attributing the incident to a failure in ensuring the disconnection of combat connectors before a road convoy's movement.

Describing the incident as impacting India-Pakistan relations, the IAF invoked the "President's pleasure" clause to terminate three officials, citing violations of Combat ops SOP.

10 people killed, 12 other injured in rain, hailstorms related incident in KP

PESHAWAR (APP): As many as 10 people were killed and 12 others injured in the heavy rain and hail storms related incident, said Provincial Disasters Management Authority report issued on the loss of life and property in the province since the last two days here.

According to details, 10 people died and 12 people were injured as a result of accidents due to rain and hailstorm during the last two days in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, the PDMA report said.

The deaths include 8 children and 2 women, while the injured include 9 children, two women and 1 man, the reports said.

A total of 27 houses were damaged due to the collapse of walls and roofs in different districts, in which 3 houses were completely damaged and 24 houses were partially damaged, the PDMA report said.

Due to recent rains, 4 people died and 3 were injured in Shangla with 2 houses were partially damaged and three children killed and 1 injured and 1 house partially damaged in Bannu, a woman and a child were killed and 2 were injured in Bajaur with three houses were partially damaged.

Three persons including a woman were injured and a house partially damaged in Peshawar and in Nowshera, three people were injured and several houses were partially damaged, the report said. One woman was killed and three houses were partially damaged in Mansehra and one house in Momband, three in Mardan and two in Waziristan were damaged.

Recently, the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) released a detailed code of conduct for parties and candidates ahead of the Senate elections. The code aims to guarantee transparency, integrity, and fairness throughout the electoral process.

The code of conduct imposes stringent guidelines on political parties and candidates involved in the elections. They are urged to avoid making the electoral watchdog controversial and are prohibited from engaging in corrupt or illegal activities. Additionally, any support from public office holders to influence election outcomes is strictly forbidden.

PM reiterates resolve for social, economic uplift of all minorities

LAHORE (APP): Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Sunday reaffirmed the resolve to work for the social uplift and integration of all the minorities in Pakistan. "I extend my heartfelt greetings to the Christian community of Pakistan and around the world, on the occasion of Easter," the prime minister said in a message. He said much more than festivity and celebration, Easter was an occasion to reinforce and reflect on the values of love, tolerance and forgiveness as espoused by Prophet Isa (AS) and was a reminder to emulate these in their daily lives to bring harmony and peace in today's strife and

President felicitates Christian community on the eve of Easter

ISLAMABAD (APP): President Asif Ali Zardari on Sunday felicitated the Christian community on the occasion of Easter. The president said that the Constitution of Pakistan guaranteed constitutional rights to all religious communities. The president, in a message, said that all the communities enjoyed religious, political, social and economic rights in Pakistan. "The Christian community is a precious asset for Pakistan," he said, adding that Easter was an occasion that brought a message of hope, affection and prosperity, President Secretariat Press Wing said in a press release. Appreciating the Christian community's contributions to national progress, he further observed that the Christian community had always played their role in the progress and prosperity of the country.

conflict-ridden world. On this auspicious occasion, the prime minister also lauded the immense contributions of the Christian community in struggle for the creation of Pakistan and its socio-economic development and firmly believed that they would continue to play their proactive role in the progress and stability of Pakistan. "While we celebrate diversity of faiths as a source of strength and enrichment in our nation, let us join hands towards building a society that is tolerant and cohesive and together defeat the forces of discord that are trying to cause harm to the fabric of our society."



KARACHI: A large number of supporters of Jamat-e-Islami (JI) are gathered to attend rally against Israeli cruel and inhumane acts and express unity with the innocent people of Palestine, at Shahrab-e-Quaideen in Karachi.

Pakistan's leaders extend Easter greetings to Christian community

ISLAMABAD (INP): Like other parts of the world, Christian community members across Pakistan celebrated Easter on Sunday with prayers to commemorate Christianity's religious occasion. Special prayer ceremonies were arranged in different Churches of the country. Security arrangements were also made around Churches to prevent any untoward incident. The day started with special religious rituals, prayers and an exchange of greetings with messages of goodwill and prosperity. Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Ali Amin Gandapur, Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah and other dignitaries have felicitated the Christian community on the eve of Easter. In their separate messages, they acknowledged the active and positive role played by the Christian community in the development of Pakistan and expressed their gratitude for their contributions. "Easter brings hope, love, and prosperity Pakistan is determined to protect the rights of minorities," he acknowledges the fundamental principles of equality and religious freedom enshrined in the constitution. The president said that all the communities enjoyed religious, political, social and economic rights in Pakistan. "The Christian community is a precious asset for Pakistan," he said, adding that Easter was an occasion that brought a message of hope, affection and prosperity, President Secretariat Press Wing said in a press release. Appreciating the Christian community's contributions for the national progress, he further observed that the Christian community had always played their role in the progress and prosperity of the country. The president reaffirmed that Pakistan was committed to protection of the rights of all communities and would ensure all steps for their prosperity. For the country's progress and prosperity, entire nation including minorities would have to collectively work together, he added. In a separate message on Sunday, Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif reaffirmed the resolve to work for the social uplift and integration of all the

Youth from North Waziristan embark on educational tour of Lahore and Islamabad

ISLAMABAD (APP): The youth of North Waziristan, sponsored by the Pakistan Army, recently embarked on a tour of Lahore and Islamabad to explore recreational and educational sites. This initiative, part of the "Ilm Tolo Da Para" (Education for All) program, aims to promote education awareness among the youth of North Waziristan. In Lahore, the youth visited iconic landmarks such as the Wagah Border, Minar-e-Pakistan, Mazar-i-Iqbal, Badshahi Masjid, and Shahi Fort. At the Wagah Border ceremony, the youth immersed themselves in patriotic fervor, echoing slogans of national pride. In Islamabad, they toured the Pakistan Museum of Natural History, Pakistan Monument Museum, Lok Virsa Museum, and Lake View Park. At Lok Virsa and Pakistan Monument, they learned about the sacrifices made during the freedom movement, deepening their appreciation for Pakistan's history. The youth expressed gratitude to the Pakistan Army for the opportunity and expressed eagerness for future visits.

Modi-led fascist Indian govt using brutal tactics to muzzle press in IIOJK

ISLAMABAD (APP): Political experts and analysts noted that journalists continue to work in the most trying conditions in IIOJK and that a number of journalists have been killed and scores injured since 1989 in the territory. They said the RSS-aligned Indian media's biased reporting on IIOJK is evident from its fabricated, false news stories about the Kashmiris' freedom struggle, they said BJP-influenced Indian media is spreading false information about the real situation in the occupied territory. They said Indian media coverage of Kashmir can be termed a travesty of professional journalism as Indian journalists and TV anchors are narrating what fits the Modi regime's official policy on Kashmir. The political experts and analysts lamented that Indian media was resorting to fake news to divert international attention from blatant human rights violations by Indian troops in the territory. According to Kashmir Media Service, the political experts and analysts in their interviews and statements in Srinagar pointed out that though journalists in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu Kashmir (IIOJK) had been victims of Indian state oppression for a long time, but their victimization increased manifold after the Modi regime illegally revoked the special status of the territory on August 5, 2019. Stating that the Modi government cannot hide its crimes by curbing the press in Kashmir, they urged the international media organizations to come forward and rescue independent journalism in the territory.



ISLAMABAD: Interior Minister Gilgit-Baltistan Shams Loan and Government Spokesperson Faizullah Firaq are holding a press conference, Special Assistant Zabihullah is also present.

DIG Operations pays surprise visit to CIA, Investigation Wing, Khanna PS

ISLAMABAD (INP): CPO/ DIG (Operations), Syed Shehzad Nadeem Bukhari paid a surprise visit to CIA, Investigation Wing and Khanna police station, a public relations officer said. During the visit, CPO/ DIG Operations suspended officer in-charge police station Khanna for poor performance, reviewed the performance of CIA and investigation wing and checked the records, roznamcha, front desk, record room, lockup, investigation officers' rooms and residential barracks, he added. He said that inappropriate behavior toward citizens will not be tolerated under any circumstances. He directed the police officials to utilize all available resources for the facilitation of citizens. Effective steps should be taken immediately for the prevention of serious crimes, apprehension of accused and recovery of stolen goods and efforts should be accelerated for the prevention of car theft and the recovery of stolen vehicles.

CWAs to boost overseas employment opportunities for Pakistanis abroad

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development (OP&HRD) has given the task to the Community Welfare Attaches (CWAs) stationed abroad to strategically enhance job opportunities for Pakistanis in the international market. An official source told APP that currently, there were 21 CWAs posted abroad by the Government of Pakistan. The main aim of this task was to evaluate and improve the progress of CWAs in identifying and exploring targeted demand for employment prospects for Pakistani nationals through engagements with foreign employers. This involved the formulation, signing, and execution of Letters of Intent (LOIs) and agreements with foreign companies, critical in amplifying the export of Pakistani manpower. It has emphasized the crucial need for close collaboration between CWAs and the Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development, particularly in sharing information related to employment demands abroad and the necessary skills required for those jobs. This step will facilitate the design of training programs specifically tailored to the skills demanded by foreign companies, ensuring that Pakistani workers are well-equipped and aligned with global standards. While underscoring the significance of this initiative, highlighted its dual impact, not only in enhancing employment opportunities for Pakistanis abroad but also in contributing to the economic growth of the nation. Furthermore, he stressed the essential role of CWAs in catering to the needs and resolving issues faced by overseas Pakistanis during their stay abroad. This comprehensive approach is designed to ensure the well-being and seamless integration of Pakistani expatriates in their respective host countries. The Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development reiterates its commitment to spearheading initiatives that fortify global employment prospects for Pakistanis.



ISLAMABAD: Archbishop Shaw performing religious rituals to mark the celebrating the Easter at Fatima Church F-8 in the Federal Capital.

Millions of faithful to observe Itikaaf

ISLAMABAD (APP): Millions of devout Muslims will go into seclusion called 'Itikaaf' after Asr prayer on Sunday. Itikaaf is observed in the last 10 days of the holy month of Ramadan to pray in seclusion for the blessings of Almighty Allah and following the Sunnah of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH). From the 21st of Ramadan, men will restrict themselves to mosques, while women separate themselves from others within their homes to devote themselves to prayers. Itikaaf means "devotion to a thing and sticking to it". Mosques have made special arrangements to accommodate men for Itikaaf across the country. Special arrangements were also made by the administration of some mosques and philanthropists to provide Sehri and Iftar for those observing Itikaaf. This year, at least 300 people will observe Itikaaf in the iconic contemporary mosque of Faisal Masjid Islamabad, while in Lahore, hundreds of people will observe Itikaaf in Data Sahib Mosque, Badshahi Mosque and Minhajul Quran Mosque.

20 outlaws arrested; drugs and weapons recovered

ISLAMABAD: Islamabad Capital Police apprehended 20 outlaws including 12 professional beggars from different areas of the city during the last 24 hours and recovered drugs and weapons from their possession, a public relations officer said. He said that, the Islamabad Capital Police has intensified crackdown against the criminal elements in order to eliminate the crime from the city. Following these directions, the Aabpara police team arrested two accused namely Faheem Akram and Aqib Masih and recovered four bottles of liquor and one 30 bore pistol from their possession. The Khanna police team arrested two accused namely Ali Sharjeel and Rizwan Nawaz and recovered 328 gram heroin and one 30 bore pistol from their possession. Similarly, the Phulgran police team arrested an accused namely Ali Raza and recovered 210 gram heroin from his possession. The Bhara Kahu police team arrested an accused namely Wasif and recovered 1060 gram hashish from his possession. Moreover, the Nilore police team arrested an accused namely Khizer involved in illegally selling petrol. Cases have been registered against the nabbed accused and further investigation is underway.

Ayaz, Mustafa Shah extend warm felicitation to Christian community on Easter

ISLAMABAD (APP): Speaker National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq and Deputy Speaker Syed Ghulam Mustafa Shah have extended warm felicitations to the Christian Members of the Parliament and the Christian community on the occasion of Easter. The Speaker said that the role of non-Muslim communities in the development of Pakistan is an irrefutable reality. Ayaz Sadiq also said that the constitution imparts provision of all basic rights to minorities. Speaker in his message on the eve of Easter urged the parliamentarians and citizens to pro-actively play their part in peace-keeping and in promotion of inter-faith harmony, as these are the pre-requisites for socio-economic prosperity and a progressive society. In addition, he reaffirmed that the rights and privileges of all citizens, irrespective of their religious beliefs, are guaranteed and safe-guarded by the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan. Moreover, the Speaker stressed on the need for engaging in legislation aimed at enhancing inter-faith harmony, while adopting a non-partisan approach and working beyond party lines for the betterment of all the non-Muslim communities of Pakistan. Furthermore, he praised the Christian community while acknowledging their valuable contributions towards socio-economic progress, since the creation of Pakistan.

Rainfall sweeps across country

ISLAMABAD (APP): New spell of rain has swept across different parts of the country on Sunday, with further rain expected in some regions. As per the meteorological office, the twin cities and Lahore were expected to witness heavy winds and thundershowers throughout the day, reported a private news channel. Additionally, more rain and snowfall are forecasted for various parts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Cloud cover has descended over cities like Lahore, Islamabad, Rawalpindi, and Faisalabad. Peshawar experienced heavy rain and hailstorms, resulting in flooding on several roads. In Azad Kashmir, particularly in Neelum valley, heavy rainfall occurred overnight. Snowfall persisted in tourist destinations such as Upper Neelum, Luvat, Sharda, and Arang Kel.



ISLAMABAD: A view of traffic jam at due to wrongly parked vehicles alongside of a road the Federal Capital.

Crime prevention, protection of citizen lives, property top priority: CPO

ISLAMABAD: The CPO/ DIG Operations Islamabad Syed Shehzad Nadeem Bukhari has categorically directed all police officials to maintain high vigilance in the city to eradicate crimes and ensure an effective crackdown against criminals, a public relations officer said. He said that, CPO/ DIG Operations Islamabad chaired an important meeting regarding crime prevention. The meeting was attended by AIGs, SSPs, Zonal DPOs, SDPOs, and Officers In-Charge of all police stations. During the meeting, the performance of all police stations was reviewed, and officers were directed not to compromise on professionalism. They were given a two-day deadline to improve performance, and another meeting will be held afterwards where penalties will be imposed for any shortcomings. Dolphin Squad, mobile patrol vans, and checkpoints under the supervision of SDPOs will be mobilized. Strict actions will be taken against bribery, misconduct, and mistreatment of citizens. Complaints regarding existing corruption will be addressed. A WhatsApp number has been provided for complaints about corruption, misconduct, and inappropriate behavior. Citizens' complaints will be directly addressed, and action will be taken. Overstepping authority will not be tolerated. Protection of citizens' lives, property, and dignity is paramount. All Officers in-charge police stations will remain present in their police stations. A weekly crime assessment meeting will be held, and penalties will be imposed for any negligence. It was further stated that stringent actions will be taken against kite flying, aerial firing, one-wheeling, and those involved in motorbike thefts. Organized and effective strategies will be implemented to combat crime and apprehend criminals. Associates and facilitators of criminals will also be arrested. Ensure the swift arrest and prosecution of those involved in motorcycle theft cases. Measures will be taken to curb drug trafficking.



ISLAMABAD: Peoples along with their belongings waiting for a security check at the grand Faisal Mosque on Sunday, to start Itikaaf during the holy month of Ramadan in Federal Capital.