President pays visit

to Mazar-e-Quaid

Asif Ali Zardari, at the

occasion, was received by

Governor Sindh Kamran

Khan Tessori, Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali

Shah, Provincial president

PPP Sindh Nisar Ahmed

officers of Sindh govern-

at the mausoleum of Quaide-Azam Muhammad Ali

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the Pakistan Military

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Khuhro and other senior

Earlier, on his arrival

KARACHI (APP): President Asif Ali Zardari, Tues-Asif Ali Zardari

day, paid a visit to mauso-

leum of Quaid-e-Azam

Muhammad Ali Jinnah to

pay respect to the Father

of the Nation after assum-

ing office of the president

It was Asif Ali Zardari's first visit to Karachi after assuming

charge of the office of the president of Pakistan for

a floral wreath at the grave

Muhammad Ali Jinnah and

offered Fatiha. He also

President Zardari laid

Ouaid-e-Azam

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Sindh Governor administers oath to new cabinet ministers

KARACHI (APP): The Sindh Governor Mohammed Kamran Khan Najmi Alam. Zulfikar Shah Sindh's spokesperson, the portfolios for the newly Tessori on Tuesday administered the oath to new Sindh ministers at the Governor House. The Chief Islamabad to Karachi. Minister Sindh Syed Murad Ali Shah attended the swearing-in ceremony.

Those, who took the oath included Sharjeel Inam Memon, Dr Azra Pechuho, Syed Nasir Hussain Shah, Saeed Ghani, Jam Khan Shoro, Zia Hussain Lanjar, Sardar Muhammad Bakhsh Mahar, Ali Hasan Zardari and Syed Zulfiqar Ali Shah. The Chief Secretary Dr. Fakhre Alam read out the notification of appointment of ministers.

The Governor and Chief Minister congratulated the newly sworn-in ministers. The Chief Secretary announced 3 advisers on the recommendation of the Sindh Chief Minister.

could not attend the swearing-in ceremony because he could not reach from

ducted Sindh cabinet were announced on Tuesday following an oath-taking ceremony at the Governor House in Karachi.

The newly sworn-in cabinet members include Sharjeel Inam Memon, Dr Azra Fazal Pechuho, Syed Nasir Hussain Shah, Saeed Ghani, Sardar Shah, Jam Khan Shoro, Ziaul Hussain Lanjar, Hassan Zardari.

Mostly ministers had served in Chief Minister Government and Housing Murad Ali Shah's cabinet in Town Planning Departthe previous tenure, how- ment, Public Health Engiever, their portfolios were neering and Rural Develop-

sworn-in ministers and advisers have been assigned as

mabad to Karachi. Sharjeel Inam Memon: INP adds: The port- Department of Transport folios of the newly in- and Mass Transit, Department of Excise, Taxation and Narcotics.

Dr Azra Pechuho: Ministry of Health and Population Welfare. Nasir Hussain Shah

Department of Energy

Planning and Development. Sardar Ali Shah: Department of School Education and Literacy, Department of College Education, Muhammad and Department of Mines Bakhsh Mehr, and Ali and Minerals Develop-



KARACHI: Sindh Governor, Kamran Tessori administrating oath to provincial cabinet members of Sindh during oath taking ceremony held at Governor

Ahsan reiterates continuation of policies to ensure stability, economic development

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives, Professor Ahsan Iqbal here on Tuesday reiterated that political stability and continuation of policies were prerequisites to lead the country towards stability and development.

Addressing a press conference after assuming the charge of federal minister, he lamented that political instability and discontinuation of policies had always inflicted the country and blocked the way towards sustainable progress and development.

Citing examples of various countries including India, Turkey, China, Bangladesh, and Korea, the minister said no country had achieved success without consistent policies and political stability.

He said, the last 50 year political history of Pakistan had a negative impact on the implementation and progress of development Vision 2025, and other five-made from 2013 to 2018.

year plans. He underlined the importance of making comprehensive decisions and planning for the continued success adding it was imperative to focus on creating an entrepreneurial ecosystem, promoting job creation, and ensuring the success of the youth.

He said, the planning should be made keeping in view the modern infrastructure as digital technology was having great influence on different sectors in the era we were living in. The minister empha-

sized the importance of replacing outdated production resources with new ones, by embracing international tools and technologies. This adaptation would help us foster growth in the agriculture and industry.

Ahsan Iqbal said that the government was determined to work honestly on the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) Phase-2 as was done in case of CPEC Phase one where in \$25

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Ini-

tiatives Ahsan Iqbal took the charge of the Ministry. Senior officials of the

Planning Ministry warmly welcomed the Federal Minister upon his arrival.

Secretary Awais Manzoor Sumra briefed the Federal Minister in detail on

professional matters pertaining to Navy

ISLAMABAD (Önline): Chief of Naval Staff Admiral Naveed Ashraf called on Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif in Islamabad Tuesday and discussed professional matters pertaining to Pakistan Navy.

The Naval Chief also felicitated Shehbaz Sharif

Biased interrogator becomes threat to justice system: SC

The Supreme Court of Pakistan on Tuesday upheld the verdict of Sindh Service Tribunal for dismissal of a police official on account of defective investigation in a minor's rape case.

projects like Vision 2010, billion investments were officer plays an important

PM, CNS discuss

on assuming the office of the Prime Minister.

ISLAMABAD (APP):

A three member bench headed by Justice Muhammad Ali Mazhar announced the verdict on appeal of police official. The top court in its order said that the investigation role in the justice system.

Turkish President

congratulates

President Zardari

KARACHI (APP): Presi-

dent of Turkiye, Recep

Tayyip Erdogan Tuesday

called President Asif Ali

Zardari and congratulated

him on assuming the office

of the President of Paki-

changed views on matters

of bilateral importance and

underscored the need for

further improving coopera-

tion in all areas of mutual

interest, a press release is-

sued by the President

Zardari thanked the Turk-

ish President for his tele-

phone call and warm wishes.

President Asif Ali Zardari

wished Happy Ramadan to

Turkish nation and desired

to see role of Turkish

women in Islamic world. He

also desired to invite Presi-

dent Recep Tayyip Erdogan

Two cops

embraced

martyrdom

in terrorists

attack

President Asif Ali

House said.

to Pakistan.

Both the leaders ex-

ISLAMABAD: Chief of Naval Staff, Admiral Naveed Ashraf calls on Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif. Information minister assumes charge of his office

Tarar emphasizes importance of promoting positive & constructive journalism

Independent Report ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister Attaullah Tarar on Tuesday assumed charge as Minister of Information

Information and Broadcasting Shahera Shahid along with other senior officers of the ministry welcomed the tive and constructive jour-Ministry of Information Tarar is a senior leader of ment and the media. Pakistan Muslim League (N) who was elected Member of National Assembly from Constituency NA-127 from Lahore in the Febru-

ary 8 elections After taking oath as Federal Minister in the President's House, today he assumed his duties in the this role needed to be

and Broadcasting. On his arrival at the Ministry of Information, Attaullah Tarar said the doors of the Ministry of Inand Broadcasting. formation would remain open for the journalist comformation would remain

He stressed the need

minister on his arrival at the nalism in the country and strengthening the relationand Broadcasting. Attaullah ship between the govern-Attaullah Tarar said he will work together with

for the promotion of posi-

the media to communicate the government's initiatives and policies to the people. He remarked that the

media played the role of a bridge between the people and the government and Ministry of Information played in a better manner.



ISLAMABAD: Attaullah Tarar assumes charge as Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting.

Votes bought in provincial assemblies during Senate election: Omar Ayub

ISLAMABAD (INP) - Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leader Omar Ayub claimed that unfortunately the votes were bought in provincial assemblies in the

that look at the inflation during Ramazan. "How will a working person live in these conditions," he questioned.

He said the price of a electricity unit will rise up to Rs90 in the summer.

Ayub said that the PTI founder can represent the country properly.

Ayub said that they would work for real free-

dom and represent Pakistan Senate election. in every assembly. He The PTI leader said claimed that their government could have been formed in the centre, Punjab and Balochistan. He said their mandate was stolen in Sindh as well.

Omar Ayub said that PTI members stood like a rock.

Ban imposed on meeting with prisoners in Adiala jail for two weeks

Ban has been Imposed on visitors meeting with prisoners in Adiala jail for two weeks due to security con-Punjab has issued orders to IG Jails Punjab to slap ban on meetings with prisoners and jail visits for two weeks. Media coverage has also been banned.

According to home department Punjab law enforcement agencies and intelligence agencies have informed about threat alert with reference to central jail

RAWALPINDI (Online): Adiala. Internal security wing home department Punjab has informed in the light of reports that anti state terrorists group which cerns. Home department is supported by anti state elements want to target central jail Adiala to foment chaos in the country. Necessary steps are urgently needed to avoid any untoward situation.

According to sources. home department Puniab has directed to conduct search operation on March 13 inside jail through spe-



KARACHI: President Asif Ali Zardari offering Dua at the grave of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah. Sindh Governor Kamran Khan Tessori and Sindh CM Syed Murad Ali Shah are also accompanied him.

Pakistan, IMF talks likely to begin from March 15

Monetary Fund (IMF) talks under the \$3 billion Stand-By Arrangement (SBA) are likely to com-

mence from March 15. According to media reports, the country's newly sworn-in Finance Minister Mohammad Aurangzeb has given the green signal for talks with the IMF for the SBA and a

new loan programme. Islamabad will hold talks with the international lender about the last tranche of \$1.1 billion under the SBA programme. Pakistan has already achieved the targets set by the IMF for the second review, the sources said.

They further said Pakistan is likely to request in Pakistan.

ISLAMABAD (INP): Pa- IMF for a \$6 to 8 billion kistan and International fresh loan programme. Finance ministry sources said Islamabad will engage the IMF on the economic targets for the fresh loan

> programme. On March 8, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) said it is ready to send mission to Islamabad for the second economic review after the formation of PM Shehbaz Sharif's cabinet. The IMF Director of Communications said that the focus currently is on completing the ongoing Stand-By Program, which is ending in April 2024, a mission for the second review of the Stand-By Program would be dispatched immediately after the formation of the new cabinet



MULTAN: Rescue-1122 workers performing rescue operation at the cylinder gas blast spot in Mohala Jawadia near Haram Gate.

9 people killed as residential building collapses in Multan

MULTAN (INP): At least nine people persons were killed and two others were wounded when a threestorey dilapidated building collapsed in Multan late Monday night.

According to District Emergency Officer Dr Kaleemullah, a residential building located in Haram Gate area of Multan collapsed, burying at least 10 persons under the rubble. The debris of the building also fell over adjoining houses. Rescue teams reached the spot after being informed and retrieved the dead bodies of nine persons from the rubble while two persons were pulled out in the injured condition.

Rescue teams have shifted the dead and injured to Nishtar Hospital,

Multan. Meanwhile, the deputy commissioner said that a technical team had been constituted for the inspection of the adjoining

Separately in February, a tragic incident was reported from Lahore, where the roof of an under-construction building collapsed on the neighboring house, resulting in the death of a three-year-old minor and two others injured. The rescue officials revealed that a 3-year-old girl lost her life meanwhile the father of the deceased and his other daughter, aged seven, suffered injuries. Upon getting information related to the incident the rescue authorities along with local law enforcement, were quick to respond to the scene

President decides not

ISLAMABAD (Online) President Asif Ali Zardari has decided not to draw his salary. According to a press release issued by the presidency, the President took this decision in view of pre-

vailing economic challenges.
The decision is aimed to encourage prudent financial management in the

Deciding not to burden national exchequer president Asif Ali Zardari preferred not to draw salary.

Sharjeel Inam Memon becomes **Senior Minister**

of Sindh KARACHI (APP): Chief Minister Sindh Syed Murad Ali Shah has appointed Sharjeel Inam Memon as Senior Minister of the province. According to notification issued here on Tuesday, Memon was given status of the provincial Senior Minister with Transport, Mass Transit, Excise & Taxation and Narcotics Control Department as his portfolios.

Syed Asif Hyder Shah posted as Chief **Secretary Sindh**

KARACHI (INP): Syed Asif Hyder Shah, BS-22 officer of Pakistan Adminis-trative Service on Tuesday was transferred and posted as new Chief Secretary Sindh with immediate effect. According to notification, Syed Asif Hyder Shah. presently posted as Secretary Climate Change and Environmental Coordination Division was transferred and posted as Chief

the ongoing projects of the Planning Ministry. PPP, JUI-F form alliance for Senate elections

ISLAMABAD (APP): Secretary General Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) Syed Nayyer Hussain Bukhari Tuesday said that PPP and Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (F) have agreed to collaborate in the forthcoming Senate elections. Addressing a press conference along with Syed Yusuf Raza Gillani and JUI leader Maulana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri, he said that PPP will support the JUI candidate for Senate polls in Balochistan, while the JUI will extend support to Yousaf Raza Gillani in Islamabad.

Nayyer Bukhari said the Senate by-election being held on vacant seats of the upper house on March 14. Balochistan's three Senate seats have been vacated and the JUI has requested for the PPP's support in Balochistan.
On the occasion

Ghafoor Haideri said JUI will not participate in government making but play their role in the Parliament. Yusuf Raza Gillani

said "We are supporting to each other for the Parliament and will work in tandem in the house."

Commissioner for providing relief to common men during Ramazan

KARACHI (APP): Commissioner Muhammad Saleem Rajput on Tuesday said the local administration would provide relief to common men during the Holy month of Ramazan. He asked all Deputy Commissioners to take strict action against profiteers and hoarders and provide relief to the common men. The Commissioner also directed officers of the Food and Bureau of Supply and Measurement to remain in the field and assist the local administration in bringing the violators to justice. Meanwhile, the administration expedited action against 148 profiteers in all seven districts of Karachi division and fined Rs. 957000 for overpricing essential items on the first day of Ramazan



Ramzan Food Package for 15000 affected families is being dispatched to Gaza from Al-Khidmat Foundation.

PESHAWAR (APP): At least two cops embraced martyrdom while an ASI sustained injuries in an attack by terrorists on a police mobile in the jurisdiction of the Machni Gate area police station. According to SSP Operations Peshawar, Kashif Aftab Abbasi, the policemen were on routine patrolling when the terrorists ambushed and attacked the police mobile.

The SSP said that a search operation was started in the area to trace the terrorists

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PDM redux

The new prime minister has stuck to a safe formula by inducting familiar faces in his cabinet and giving them their usual portfolios, and accommodating allies and benefactors where more deserving people could have been given a chance. The only big change seems to be the inclusion of Muhammad Aurangzeb, the erstwhile president of one of Pakistan's largest banks, to do the finance minister's job. He replaces the candidate the PML-N has usually favoured for the portfolio, Ishaq Dar.

Mr Aurangzeb is among three as-yetunelected members of the cabinet inducted yesterday, with the two others being the former caretaker chief minister of Punjab, Mohsin Naqvi, and a former adviser to the caretaker prime minister, Ahad Cheema. It seems the latter two had to be accommodated for their 'services to Pakistan'. Meanwhile, Mr Dar, despite his disastrous performance as finance minister during the PDM-led government, has still managed to be shortlisted for another ministry in the new regime.

A big positive is that the cabinet is not as bloated this time as it was during the PDM government. The new government would be well-advised to keep itself lean and focus on dealing with Pakistan's many crises.

At the same time, it is disappointing that Shehbaz Sharif's federal cabinet has shaped up to be a men's club. There was just one exception among the 19 individuals sworn in by President Asif Ali Zardari yesterday — Shaza Fatima Khawaja. She took oath as the only minister of state, while 18 others — including her uncle, Khawaja Asif — were inducted as federal ministers of the new government.

It is difficult to understand why the PML-N would so casually disregard half the population when assigning important portfolios. The omission seemed particularly jarring given the PR campaign around women's empowerment the party has been running ever since Maryam Nawaz got herself elected as the first woman chief minister

Is the PML-N really so short of capable women leaders, or does the new prime minister find them all unworthy of being given a seat at his table? It is hoped that neither is the case, and more women will eventually be nominated for top jobs. Meanwhile, Mr Sharif has, knowingly or unknowingly, thrown his old guard a huge challenge. It has become clear over the past two years that Pakistan cannot continue to be run in the manner it has been in the past, and a lot must be done very differently this time around.

Will the PML-N's old hands prove themselves able to adapt and capable of catering to Pakistan's much-changed needs, or will we see them replaying their past policies? It does not need to be pointed out that a lot is riding on their success, and the path forward is beset with difficulties.

No peace of mind

Domestic violence in Pa-

kistan is widespread and indicative of deep gender inequalities and socioeconomic instabilities that are, in turn, exacerbated by unemployment and community disorder. Collectively, these factors contribute to the extensive state of psychological distress across communities. The issue of child marriage has aggravated the crisis: some 21 per cent of Pakistani girls are married off before the age of 18, thanks to poverty, dire education deficiency, and conservative cultural norms.

Child marriage is especially common in Pakistan's rural areas. It contributes to a cycle of of the top factors responsible for psychological harm in the country. While laws like the Sindh Child Marriage Restraint Act of 2014 are a step in the right direction, enforcing the rules and changing societal mindsets are huge chal-

lenges. Culture's authoritarian stamp is evident in other reprehensible practices as well. For example, in 2023, the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan reported nearly 400 'honour' killings in the preceding year. However, some NGOs and international agencies estimate that the actual number each year could be as high as

The discrepancy in figures highlights the difficulty in accurately recording such incidents, partly due to society's reluctance to view them as crimes. Despite the implementation of the legal progress made by Protection Against Haamending criminal law to reflect

a practice, the lack of enforcement of the law and

Ali Burhan Mustafa threats to family honour, to enforce legislative contradict the aim of le- measures is further imgal reforms and the protection of individual gap between tradition and fundamental rights.

Similarly, in Sindh, the issue of forced conversions presents a significant challenge, with the Centre for Social Justice documenting a minimum of 124 instances of such cases in 2022 alone. Forced conversions predominantly affect girls, often minors, from Hindu families, but have also impacted the Christian and Sikh communities. While accurate figures are not known, activists estimate that between 20 to 25 Hindu girls may be domestic violence, one subjected to forced conversions each month these include cases of abduction and forced marriage. Despite taking up the issue in the Sindh Assembly and attempting to outlaw the practice, lawmakers have encountered social pres-

> from religious factions. In Pakistan, a considerable escalation in the number of workplace harassment complaints has been observed. While this shows increasing awareness and a greater propensity among individuals to report harassment, it also highlights another significant reason behind mental distress.

Statistics reveal a substantial rise in reported cases, which went up from nearly 500 in the period spanning 2010 to 2018, to a staggering 5,000 from 2018 to 2022. Despite the rassment of Women at the the Workplace Act, unacceptability of such aimed at curbing and rectifying such misconduct, enforcing the law archaic beliefs continue remains a formidable to impede progress. challenge, with inad-

peded by the lack of designated rights. They underscore ombudspersons in pivthe urgent need for fur-ther efforts to plug the Punjab. Equally to blame for the dejection and anxiety in society is the high prevalence of working children. Acquiring current and gender-specific information on child labour in the country, particularly with regard to girls, presents a significant challenge due to the limited availability of disaggregated data and difficulty in obtaining the most recent information. The Pakistan Bure--au of Statistics, in collaboration with Unicef and local en--tities, such as the So--ciety for the Pro-tection of the Rights of the Child, is

But despite these sure as well as resistance efforts, child labour remains entrenched, exposing our young ones to hazardous and exploitative working conditions from an early age. Neighbourhood disorder, including violence, drug use, and community tensions, worsens domestic violence and negatively affects mental health and the quality of life. This results in depression, anxiety and PTSD, and highlights the very limited availability of mental health services

leading the effort to

gather data on child

labour, so that, based

on the figures, policy

reform can be insti-

for depression. In such conditions, ensuring fundamental rights in Pakistan is challenging. A dedicated and collective effort by stakeholders to address the causes responsible for poor mental health can go a long way in making the 'Honour' killings, often equate consequences issue a priority for the motivated by perceived for the guilty. The effort state. -- Courtesy Dawn

and the stigma associ-

ated with seeking help

Student motivation

Neda Mulji

The best of teachers find it hard to motivate some of their students. Numerous studies in motivation have looked closely at why and how some learners do well in school and others seem to give up without trying. Fear of bad grades, fear of failing and disappointing teachers or parents all play a role.

Excellence in academics cannot be vation. The latter is largely a choice that leads to effort, and most students make the vated if they have the goals are achievable. Teachers often talk tion revealed that stu-

learn, which implies applying coercion. Stu- and do well in subjects dents don't need to be the underlying motivational needs are ad- cidence. The 'favourite' dressed. Once they are teacher clearly undermotivated to study, they only need encouragement and support. The teacher's role as a facilitator is paramount in ensuring that students develop a level of interest and curiosity that enables them to chase targets, to absorb the content, practise and reinforce concepts that must be studied.

Most facilitators set high expectations and show students how to get there — successful teachers unlock potential by making content accessible and easy students to respond to content, engage with students need extra

help.
Telling students to study doesn't work as well as showing them how to tackle the work school, many students begin to procrastinate, vated — rather, they about their abil fall behind on homework chase goals set by oth-

parents. A student recently "Where is my motivation?" Interesting thought, reflecting self awareness

Lack of motivation isn't a problem in itself, but rather a symptom of something else; just like school is a precursor to fever, where the body temperature rises to signal an underlying health condition. Lack of motivation signals someachieved without moti- thing else at play, most any schools offer foroften a belief that the mal, work is hard and beyond reach. Those that get left behind in a race don't choice to stay moti- run faster if they have given up and accepted confidence that their that defeat is inevitable. ter to their own growth A study on motiva-

about 'making' students dents work harder for cess. teachers that they like that are taught by their 'made' to do anything if favourite teachers. This correlation isn't a coinsomething right to instil belief and confidence in the student's ability. Sometimes, the strategies may be as simple as creating a thinking environment, as described in Nancy Kline's Time to Think, where the facilitator or mentor provides ease and comfort for the some kind of introspecis needed to be done for academic success.

Schools, where students spend a large part tivation sets in, it beenough to grasp. They of their formative years, give opportunities to are supposed to be breeding grounds for thought, interrogation, each other and they understanding and monitor the gaps where knowledge. Ironically, they become spaces that breed anxiety, competition and a desperate bid to avoid failure. Students who spend their time at school consistent encourageat hand. By middle avoiding failure are un- ment rather than fear, likely to be self-moti- threats and sarcasm

and end up facing dis- ers and tag along gruntled teachers and benchmarking themselves through the asked me: years against what their peers have or haven't achieved. Avoiding failure as a strategy is not the same as a strategy

for success. Social and emotional well-being at motivation for success. Yet, very few schools follow a curriculum that embeds social and emotional learning. Hardly structured

programmes that cater to social and emotional well-being. At the heart of well-being is the belief that learners can caneeds and devise their own strategy for suc-

Contrary to what many learners and their teachers believe, ability is not fixed. It's mostly malleable and directly related to the learners self-belief and agency stands what will unlock in steering their own potential and does course. If they are taught self-regulation early on, their motivation is entirely within

their grasp. Much of students' academic success is dependent on how their teachers interact with them. If the control is in the learners' hands and they believe that they learner to embark on are the 'captain of their ship', they demonstrate tion, to understand what ambition and drive, and no longer need coercion. The reverse is also true. Once a lack of mocomes a pattern that is hard to break. Students' behaviour begins to reflect their lack of control, which leads to avoiding studies.

The words of a famous song 'Teacher. leave them [sic] kids alone' ring true timelessly. Students need about their ability. --

Commerce News

PM for a complete roadmap to enhance IT exports

Sharif on Tuesday directed for submission of a comprehensive roadmap to boost IT exports.

said the government would take steps to fully avail of the billion dollars potential of the country for IT exports, besides, the young people would be provided with required facilities of skills education,

development and startups. The prime minister chaired a review meeting on IT and Telecom sector. The meeting was attended by

Shaza Fatima Khawaja, Governor State Bank of Pakistan Jameel Ahmed, relevant senior officials, PM Office Media Wing

During the meeting, the prime minister said that during their previous tenure, positive outcome was witnessed from the initiation of different projects in the IT sector.

said in a press release.

He stressed upon resolution of all issues of start ups, freelancers and IT companies relating to Minister for Finance banking. Expressing his Muhammad Aurangzeb, satisfaction over the IT Minister for Economic export volume of more

further increase.

For Pakistan's IT sector at par Shahzad Saleem and the with the international standards, they would have to work hard, he observed.

The prime minister also asked for submission of a comprehensive report regarding special technology zones.

The meeting was apprised of progress on IT package announced by the prime minister during June 2023. During the previous tenure, due to special attention of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, the IT exports witnessed 13 percent increase during

ISLAMABAD (APP): Affairs and Establishment than \$3 billion in the first seven months of Prime Minister Ahad Khan Cheema, current year, he the current fiscal year Muhammad Shehbaz Minister of State for IT emphasized upon its when compared with previous corresponding

> Under the Digiskills programme, a total of 4 million students of 17 batches, comprising 28 percent females, had been imparted training. Pakistan had emerged as the second top country in the world on the basis of numbers of freelancers. Pakistan was exporting IT products to 170 countries of the world, it was further added.

> The meeting was informed that during the previous previous year, an investment of \$400 million was made in Pakistani



Prime Minister Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif chairs a meeting regarding IT and Telecom Sector in Islamabad.

Mobilink Bank, BizB partner to drive financial inclusion, empowering women micro-entrepreneurs

Independent Report

ISLAMABAD: Mobilink Bank partnered with BizB, a leading marketplace in Pakistan, welcoming the company as a 'Brand Ambassador Organization,' to drive financial inclusion and bolster women micro-entrepreneurs nationwide. This symbiotic partnership strives to offer easily accessible financial services and support the endeavours



of female entrepreneurs in the growing e-commerce land-

Through this partnership, women micro-entrepreneurs under BizB's W-Empower will not only have access to a platform for buying and selling preloved apparel but will also enjoy the full range of features provided by the Dost App, ensuring smooth and conve-

nient transactions. Mobilink Bank is part of the VEON group, a global digital operator that provides converged connectivity and digital services to nearly 160 million customers in six dynamic markets that are home to 7% of the world's

Qaiser says: Uplifting industry, business essential for economic prosperity

ISLÂMABÂD Federal Minister for Maritime Affairs Qaiser Ahmed Sheikh on Tuesday said that in view of the economic situation of the country, increasing business was the first priority of the government so that the economic issues were resolved.

Talking to a private news channel, he said that it was in the manifesto of Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) that the economy will be improved through the growth of business.

NAVTTC, IAP signs MoU to boost skill training

ISLAMABAD (APP) The National Vocational and Technical Training Commission (NAVTTC) and the Industrialists Association Peshawar (IAP) on Tuesday signed

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to boost demand-driven skills training in the country.

Minister says: Vital for economy, agriculture sector to be uplifted on priority basis

Independent Report PESHAWAR: Khyber

Pakhtunkhwa Minister for Agriculture Mohammad Sajjad has said that the agriculture sector is the backbone of the country's economy and the provincial government will develop this sector on a priority basis according to the vision of Chief Minister Ali Amin

Gandapur. The officers involved in agriculture must perform their services with seriousness and honesty, he directed that such agricultural projects should be prepared which have farreaching effects as well as in accordance with the aspirations of the landlords, and benefit the farmers.

He expressed these views while presiding over the first review meeting related to the projects of the agriculture department. Secretary Agriculture Javed Marwat, CPO Agriculture, DGs of all sectors and other relevant officers were also present

minister was briefed on the ongoing development projects, especially ADP- 2023-24, AIP, Externally Schemes, Minister's Emergency Agriculture Program, World Bank Program, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Food Safety Program, Gomal Zam Dam Project, Model Farm Services, Seeds Farm, Soil Conservation, In-Farm Water Management and Crops Reporting. A detailed briefing was also given on various projects of service, agricultural extension and research engineering. Expressing keen interest in the briefing, the provincial minister directed the officers that the concerned officers should visit the districts

and take measures to solve

the problems of the

landlords and special

attention should be given

to the development of

agriculture in the merged.

Independent Report ISLAMABAD: Ufone 4G

& Huawei won the GSMA GLOMO award for the category 'Best Mobile Innovation for Emerging Markets' at the Mobile World Congress for groundbreaking solution of Microwave SuperHub. The global firstever trial and commercial deployment of the SuperHub feature was done in Ufone network during Q4 2023 enhancing the spectral efficiency of the microwave spectrum.

Microwave spectrum, a critical asset in today's digital landscape, demands efficient utilization to meet the ever-growing demands of wireless technologies, as the challenges facing microwave backhaul networks have intensified, particularly in emerging markets such as developing countries with lesser optical fiber foot-

prints. In response to these challenges, Huawei and Ufone 4G joined forces & unveiled the groundbreaking SuperHub solution. Designed to overcome the hurdles posed by limited spectrum resources, spatial constraints and frequency acquisition difficulties,



Ufone to maximize microwave spectrum reuse with unprecedented efficiency. This was made possible by reuse of same microwave frequency channel across multiple links at aggregation site with a spatial separation as low as 20 degrees. Ufone recorded a remarkable 50% spectrum saving without any compromise on quality. Jafar Khalid, Group Chief Technology and Information Officer, PTCL & Ufone 4G commented, "We are absolutely delighted that Global Mobile (GLOMO) Awards, which are the industry's most prestigious accolade

judges and 30 awards across

SuperHub has enabled

Huawei & Ufone 4G win prestigious

6 categories, have recognized the joint contributions of Ufone and Huawei. in finding an innovative

solution to optimizing microwave spectral efficiency, enhancing capacity and reducing interference. This advancement in global backhaul connectivity represents a paradigm shift in how terrestrial microwave networks will be built in future, and we are proud to be the frontrunner in this journey'

James Zeng, Global President of Huawei Microwave Product Line, explained, "With increasing demands on existing network infrastructure, systemic optimizations are with over 200 independent critical to improve performance and experience.

KP CM for preparing plan of action to raise financial matter with federation

Independent Report PESHAWARChief Pakhtunkhwa Ali Amin Gandapur on Tuesday directed the concerned authorities to prepare a plan of action within one month,

to raise financial matters

with the federation. Presiding over a high level meeting here, the CM directed that all relevant documents should be kept ready to effectively present the case of the financial affairs province with the federal government.

He said that the matter of payments of all outstanding dues and constitutional rights of the province would be taken up at all all available taken place so far. It was

to Governor Punjab.

Havat visited the Punjab

LAHORE: Ombudsman Punjab Major Azam

Suleman Khan (R) Presented Annual Report 2023

Minister commends

PEF's commitment to

quality education

Provincial Education million students were Minister Rana Sikandar currently benefiting from

the progress and initiatives of the foundation. During the visit, Managing Director of PEF, Shahid

Farid, provided a targeted campaigns and the comprehensive briefing on implementation of the new

projects undertaken by the academic year 2024-25,

educational

effectively take up the financial matter with the federal government in an effective manner.

During the briefing, the Chief Minister was informed that as the AGN Qazi formula, Rs 1,510 billion dyes were payable by the federal government under the net hydel profits. Similarly, six billion rupees arrears were pending under the electricity price, sold to the National Grid.

Regarding the merger of tribal districts into KP, the officials concerned said that the financial merger of the tribal districts had not rupees out of 500 billion

Chief Gandapur said that increased the KP Khyber experts should be hired to population manifolds but no the resources.

It was told that the share of the province under NFC was 19.64 percent in proportion to the current population of the province, while the province was only getting 14.16 percent at the timeThe finance department informed that according to the current population of the province. it should get Rs 262 billion

Similarly, under the ten-year development plan of the merged districts, the province has so far received only 103 billion

LHC allows to construct 30-storey building in Gulberg Lahore

LAHORE (Online): Lahore High Court announcing important decision regarding construction of high rise buildings has allowed to construct 30 -storey building in G u 1 b e r g Lahore. Justice Shahid Karim of LHC allowed to build 30-storey building in the area of Gulberg

Lahore. The dismissed the petition filed against the construction of 30storey building. Sahibzada Muzaffar Ali, senior legal advisor of LDA gave arguments. Petitioner Noor Din challenged construction of 30storey building in the residential area.

He had taken plea in the petition that high foundation. Highlighting the impact of PEF's public-private partnership model, academic year 2024-23, aimed at enrolling more underprivileged children into PEF schools. In the peution to rise buildings care constructed residential area. rise buildings cannot be



LAHORE: Punjab Transport Minister Bilal Akbar Khan presides over the meeting of department at Transport House.

Minister reviews Sehri, Iftar arrangement in institutions of Social Welfare dept

LAHORE (APP): plans for his team to Provincial Minister for conduct visits to all Social Welfare and Bait-uldistricts. These visits aim held a virtual meeting of all institutions across their respective districts.

importance of maintaining high-quality facilities in these institutions, stating that no compromise would

arrangements during the month of Ramadan, commitment to advancing Minister Butt announced community welfare.

Maal Sohail Shaukat Butt to engage with residents directly, listening to their divisional directors to concerns with empathy. review the arrangements and ensuring that for Sehri and Iftar in individuals in institutions supervised by the Social Welfare Department He underscored the receive the best possible health and residential amenities.

Moreover, Minister Sohail Shaukat Butt issued be made in this regard.

Highlighting the significance of providing optimal Sehri and Iftar

Highlighting the districts, emphasizing

Chaudhary Amir says: All facilities being provided to the journalist fraternity in the Punjab Assembly

Independent Report LAHORE: A delegation from the Press Gallery, led by President Press Gallery Akhlaq Bajwa, met with Secretary Punjab Assembly Chaudhry Amir Habib at the Assembly's office.

The delegation included Press Gallery Secretary Hassan Ahmed, Sheikh Adnan, Ibrahim Lucky, Abbas Naqvi, Liaqat Ansari, Azam Malik, Hafiz Naeem, Sahil Baloch, Maqsood Khalid, Chaudhry Asif Iqbal, and others. During the meeting, discussions were held with journalists regarding current issues.

Secretary Punjab Assembly Chaudhry Amir Habib assured journalists of addressing all their concerns. Speaking to the journalists, Secretary Chaudhry Amir Habib stated that the Speaker of the Punjab Assembly, Malik Muhammad Ahmad Khan, is a friend of the journalists. All facilities are being provided to the

For the first time in history, the Speaker of the Punjab Assembly has allocated a room for the Press Gallery in the Punjab Assembly.

iournalist fraternity in the

Punjab Assembly.

Father, two sons killed in Palosai firing

PESHAWAR (APP): In an unfortunate incident, a man and his two sons were shot dead when exchange of harsh words led to a clash between the deceased and the accused in Palosai area here on Tuesday.

Police said the incident took place in the vicinity of Tehkal police station where a man named Nawaz and his sons, Asghar and Dawood were killed by the accused from the same area. Police said a woman

also sustained bullet injury in the firing.

Police registered a case of triple murder against the alleged accused namely, Ibad

AC Naurang pays surprise visits to bazaar DERA ISMAIL KHAN

àdministration Lakki Marwat is taking concrete measures to extend relief to citizens during the month holy Ramazan.

As part of efforts, Additional Assistant Commissione Naurang Gohar Ali along with Tehsildar Naurang on Tuesday paid visit to bazaar following receiving complaints regarding the overpricing of essential commodities through Marastyal App.

Medical facilities under Sehat Card restarted: Minister

Independent Report PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Minister for Health, Syed Qasim Ali under the scheme. Shah has said that provision of medical facilities under Sehat Card

million had been spend on seven hundred patients so Addressing a press conference here Tuesday,

he said that facilities have been restarted under Sehat Card that was party leadership to help those that are unable to bear expenses of medical treatment. Regretting suspension of facilities under Sehat Card in past,

heath minister said that treatment of about 1800 ailments are being provided

He said operations of certain kinds would be done by government hospitals to address overbilling and added that number of hospitals that were on Sehat Card panel were reduced from 180 to 118.

He said that Sehat Card has been revived despite arrears of Rs. 18 billion on the system. He said that government would resolve the challenges to continue Sehat Card facility for betterment of people.



KARACHI: Governor Sindh Kamran Khan Tessori addressing the media persons during his visit to JDC Sehari Dastar Khawan.

Azma Bukhari says: Nigehban Ramadan package distributes rations to over 1.5m families so far

French lawmakers vote

on Ukraine support in

'risky' Macron bet
Monitoring Desk adopted a tougher s

Independent Report AHORE: Punjab Information Minister Azma

Bukhari announced the 'Nigehban Ramadan Package," a unique program for over 6.4 million deserving families in Punjab on behalf of Chief Minister Verified Data of

recipients is collected from the BISP and NADRA, with the goal of providing rations to deserving families without the requirement for them to queue up. Addressing a press conference at Directorate General Public Relations Punjab, Azma Bukhari received rations

will say on Tuesday

whether they support a security accord with Ukraine,

in a vote that is non-bind-

ing but closely watched in

have told Reuters they are

worried that a vote that was

not overwhelmingly in

favour of Kyiv would be

negative symbolically and

could hurt President

Emmanuel Macron's efforts

to ramp up his country's

support in the coming

months. The 10-year secu-

rity pact with Ukraine in-

cludes commitments by

Paris to deliver more arms,

train soldiers and send up

to 3 billion euros (\$3.2 bil-

lion) in military aid to

Ukráine in 2024.

Ukrainian officials

France and beyond.

emphasized that the Ramadan package includes a separate allocation for delivery costs. She stated that 75% of identified beneficiaries have been verified, ensuring efficient distribution. An hourly updated dashboard has been distribution, with over 55,853 packages already distributed. This initiative

reaching 6.4 million people. The provincial minister highlighted that over 1.5 million families in

adopted a tougher stance

towards Russia, urging

Ukraine's allies to urgently

do more and creating a back-

lash among some by not ruling out the presence of

Western troops in Ukraine.

Rally (RN) have said they

would abstain in Tuesday's

vote and the hard left France

Unbowed (LFI) is also op-

posed to the security pact.

Emmanuel Macron to have

free rein," RN chief Jordan

Bardella said, accusing Ma-

cron of leading France onto

an "irresponsible, dangerous

path." Macron has pushed

for the vote in a bid to try

and alienate the far-right and

far-left ahead of European

parliamentary elections in

June over their perceived

security since the start of

the war on Oct 7, and even

Israel's allies demanding

easier aid access to the en

clave, attention has shifted

towards alternative routes

including sea and air drops.

try spokesperson Majed

Al-Ansari said on Tuesday

Qatar's foreign minis-

aine in 2024. less supportive positioning Macron has also towards Ukraine.

First Gaza aid ship leaves

Cyprus as Palestinians on

The far-right National

"I do not want

began with a pilot project

due to the massive target of

International News

As Ramazan begins, world leaders call for silencing guns in Gaza

Shahid Farid said that 2.6

free and quality education

admission policy for the

bal leaders united in recognising the significance of the holy month and called for silencing guns in Gaza.

US President Joe Biden pledged international efforts to deliver humanitarian aid to Gaza in his Ramazan message and committed to working tirelessly for an immediate six-week ceasefire.

Simultaneously, UN Secretary-General António Guterres passionately appealed for peace in Gaza, urging all parties to "honour the spirit of Ramazan by

silencing the guns". need for delivering humani-

ensure the delivery of lifesaving aid at the speed and massive scale required."

In the spirit of compassion, Guterres called for the "immediate release of all hostages" and underlined the global significance of the situation, declaring, "The eyes of the world are watching. The eyes of history are

away."

The secretary general He stressed the urgent slow and insufficient delivery of relief, noting that

tarian aid, stating, "My "life-saving relief for Pales-UNITED NATIONS: As strongest appeal today is tinians in Gaza is coming in Ramazan commences, glo- to remove all obstacles to trickles — if it comes at all"

watching. We cannot look ters'

highlighted the severe humanitarian crisis in Gaza, pointing out unprecedented civilian casualties and destruction. He lamented the

Drawing attention to the threat of an Israeli assault on Rafah, Guterres warned that it could plunge Gaza into an even deeper crisis. He deplored that no party showed any respect for international humanitarian law during this war and as a result, "international humanitarian law lies in tat-

The UN chief recalled heartfelt pleas from families affected by the conflict, quoting a family member ho said, "We are not here for condolences.

We are not here for apologies. We are here for immediate action.

Led by Musk, Silicon Valley inches to the right

holden to Democrats.

identifiable ideologically, Musk's politics are now hardline right wing as he uses his platform (now called X) to stoke the themes cherished by Fox News, conservative talk radio and far right movements across the West.

In just the latest example, repeating a conspiracy theory of far right chat rooms, Musk last week posted that US President Joe Biden was importing migrants for votes, laying the groundwork for "something far worse than 9/11." But beyond the posts, the question on everyone's mind is whether the world's second richest person will



BEIJING: Delegates applaud as President Xi Jinping (centre) arrives for the closing session of the National Peoples Congress at the Great Hall of

Communist Party gets more control over China's cabinet

Monitoring Desk BEIJING: China's parliament on Monday revised a law to effectively grant the Communist Party more ex-

ecutive control over China's cabinet, the State Council, after cancelling the premier's post-parliament news conference for the first time in three decades.

The amended State Council Organic Law passed by 2,883 delegate votes, with eight opposing and nine abstaining, during the closing day of the National People's Congress in

Beijing.
It was the latest in a

series of measures in recent years that have gradually eroded the executive authority of the State Council, headed by Chinese Premier Li Qiang, which nominally oversees China's 21 government ministries as well as local governments.

Legal experts say the amendment of the State Council Organic Law for the first time since 1982 continues a trend of transferring more power from the state into the Party's hands, leaving the government to faithfully implement Party direc-

stress that the State Council must "resolutely uphold Party Central Committee's authority and its centralised and unified leadership" and follow Xi Jinping Thought, the party's name for the president's signature ideology, which expounds on subjects ranging from di-

shift in the reorganisation of executive authority in China," said Ryan Mitchell, a law professor at the Chinese University of Hong

50 hurt as plane 'just dropped' mid-flight

Monitoring Desk AUCKLAND: At least 50 people were hurt when a Boeing 787 operated by LATAM Airlines dropped abruptly mid-LATAM flight from Sydney to Auckland on Monday, according to the airline and a New Zealand health service organisation that treated the injured.

The aircraft experienced a strong shake and as a result 10 passengers and three cabin crew members were taken to a hospital, the South American carrier said as it investigates the cause.

brink of famine **Monitoring Desk** plomacy to culture. LARNACA: A ship carry-"This is a significant ing 200 tonnes of aid for Gaza left Cyprus on Tuesday in a pilot project to open a sea route to deliver

The charity ship Open Arms was seen sailing out of Larnaca port in Cyprus, towing a barge containing flour, rice and protein. The mission was funded mostly by the UAE and organised by US-based charity World Central Kitchen (WCK).

supplies to a population aid

agencies say is on the brink

The journey to Gaza takes about 15 hours but a heavy tow barge could make the trip take considerably longer, possibly up to two days. Cyprus is just over 200 miles (320 km) north-west of Gaza.

The US military said its vessel, the General Frank S Besson, was also en route to provide humanitarian relief to Gaza by sea. With aid agencies say-

ing deliveries into Gaza have been held up by bureaucratic obstacles and in-

Washington had said materialise with the sides

Tuesday's sea supply mission was the culmination of months of preparation by Cyprus, the EU member state closest to the conflict. It is keeping a wary eye on spillover effects from upheaval in the Middle East and is already

that negotiators seeking a ceasefire between Israel and Hamas, which controls Gaza, were not close to a for weeks that it hoped for a truce deal in time for the Ramadan Muslim holy month that began this week, but it has so far failed to

unable to agree terms to halt fighting, free hostages and bring in aid.

seeing migratory inflows from Lebanon increasing.

Aid ship sails, amidst a test to launch a new sea route from a port in Cyprus to deliver aid to residents of the Gaza Strip who are on the brink of famine, at sea. Kremlin says appeal by Pope

Francis for Ukraine talks is

quite understandable

Monitoring Desk MOSCOW: The Kremlin on Monday said that a call by Pope Francis for talks to end the Ukraine war was quite understandable and that Russia was ready to sit down, but that Kyiv had ruled out talks due to its mistaken view that the

West could defeat Russia. Pope Francis has said that Ukraine should have what he called the courage of the "white flag" to negotiate an end to a conflict that has killed tens of thousands.

Russia calls the war a posals.

"special military operation" to ensure its own security. Kyiv and the West call it a brutal colonial-style war of conquest.
"It is quite under-

standable that he (the pope) spoke in favour of negotiations," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters when asked about the Pontiff's remarks. Peskov said that President Vladimir Putin had repeatedly spoken of Russia's willingness and openness to negotiations, but that Ukraine had knocked down such pro-

Monitoring Desk

WASHINGTON: Since his tumultuous takeover of Twitter, Elon Musk has made an unabashed turn to the right politically, defying the orthodoxy that Silicon Valley is a citadel of well-heeled liberals be-

Long considered non-

put his weight.

Nord Stream sues insurers in London over 2022 pipeline blasts **Monitoring Desk**

LONDON: Nord Stream is

seeking more than 400 million euros (\$436 million) from its insurers over explosions in 2022 which ruptured pipelines designed to transport Russian gas to Germany, court filings

Nord Stream AG names Lloyd's Insurance Company and Arch Insurance (EU) DAC (ACGL.O), opens new tab as defendants in its lawsuit, which was filed at London's High Court last month.

Court filings state preliminary estimate of the costs to dewater and stabilise the pipeline, to undertake a full repair and to replace the lost gas inventory" is between 1.2 billion and 1.35 billion eu-

suit also says one of the pipelines 'mangled and deformed" in one area where it had been damaged, but "appeared smooth and to have been cut" in another.

Nord Stream's law-

Turkish ambassador calls on him

PM calls for cementing Pak-Turkiye bilateral ties Independent Report exemplary bilateral relation Turkiye on the issue of ter his re-election. Turkiye Parable Report ter his re-election.

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif has underlined the need for enhancing bilateral cooperation between Pakistan and Turkiye in all areas of mutual interest, including trade, defence, connectivity and

He was talking to Turkish Ambassador Dr. Mehmet Pacaci, who paid a courtesy call on the Prime Minister in Islamabad on

He emphasized that

tions which are based on shared history, religion and culture and are unshakeable. The Prime Minister said both countries need to work together to achieve the annual target of five billion dollars in bilateral trade.

On core issues, the Prime Minister said Paki
the Importance of stieringthening the fraternal ties between both countries. stan deeply appreciates tent support for the oppressed people of Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir. He also reaf- President Recep Tayyip

Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus.

The Turkiye's Ambassador congratulated the Prime Minister on his reelection and conveyed best wishes from the leadership of Turkiye and emphasized the importance of strength-

The Prime Minister Turkiye's firm and consis- deeply appreciated the congratulatory telephone call and message of felicitations from

In this regard, he congratulated Turkiye on the successful flight of KAAN 5th generation fighter air-

The Prime Minister reiterated his invitation to President Erdogan to visit

Shehbaz Sharif said the people of Pakistan look forward to the visit which would provide a useful opportunity for both the sides to carry out extensive consultations during the 7th session of High Level Strategic Coordination Council.



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif meeting with Turkish Ambassador Dr. Mehmet Pacaci.



KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister, Syed Murad Ali Shah along with his newly appointed provincial cabinet members of Sindh are offering Fateha on the grave of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah during their visit to Mazar-e-Quaid in Karachi.

MQM-P MNAs ask **HESCO** to curb outages in Ramazan, improve transmission standard

The MNAs of Muttahida Qaumi Movement-Pakistan (MQM-P) have requested Hyderabad Electric Supply Company out that the process of re-placing the defected trans-Supply Company (HESCO) to desist from unscheduled outages during the holy month of

Ramazan. A delegation of MQM-P led by MNAs Syed Waseem Hussain and Abdul Aleem Khanzada met Chief Executive of **HESCO** Bashir Ahmed Gujjar at his office here on Tuesday to discuss the is-

sues of the outages. CEO to stop removing the Pole Mounted Transformers (PMTs) or the high transmission links from the PMTs citing the problem of HESCO who were well

HYDERABAD (APP): complaint center which should function round the clock in Ramazan.

The MNAs pointed formers had been made too excruciating for the consumers who were compelled to wait for several days for the replacement besides paying from their pocket.

They suggested that only HESCO should arrange a considerable stock of PMTs to ensure swift replacement, new 11 KV feeders should be created in or-They also asked the der to lower load from the over-burdened 11KV feed-

They maintained that some old field workers of They said the company should establish a Hyderabad had been transferred to other cities.

Efforts underway to deal with disease in banana crop: Secretary Agriculture

HYDERABAD (APP): Sindh Agriculture Secretary Syed Aijaz Ali Shah has said his department is making efforts to educate the farmers about the use and benefits of agricultural machin-

Meeting a delegation of the growers in Tandojam here on Tuesday, Shah said steps were being taken to protect crops from various diseases.

He apprised that with regard to Panama wilt disease in banana crop consultation was underway with the experts to control the disease with the help of tissue culture and also by en-

hancing resistance to such

disease in the crop. According to him, the help of foreign experts had also been sought to cope with the banana disease in addition to organizing an awareness campaign in the province.

The Secretary, separately, visited the Tissue Culture Laboratory in Tandojam and reviewed the solar trolley for the farmers which had been prepared by the Agriculture Engineering wing.

Shah was briefed about the usefulness of the solar trolley and was shown



KARACHI: A view of rush on bazaar during 1st

All Universities employees of Sindh demands for 3 months salaries

LARKANA (APP): A meeting of All Sindh Universities Employees Federation "Asibaf" was under the chairmanship of its Chairman Noor Muhammad Hali on Menday Washington Sixandal Ali Juliejo Uliversity Jamshoro, Sindh Syed Ishtiaq Ali Shah, Asif Ali Abaro, officials of various Muhammad Hali on Westites of Sindh along With Saiid Ali of Finnsh

Monday. The Federation General Secretary Ali Muhammad Shoro, Governor of Shah Latif University, Khairpur, Ali Phalputo, University of Karachi, Muhammad Shahid, Muhammad Ali Ghangharu of University of Sindh Jamshoro, Bilawal Mehr of Sindh Madrasal Islam University Karachi, Shakeel Ahmed Chandio of Quaid Awam University Nawab Shah, Arshad Khaskheli of are being stopped.

NED University Karachi. Sikandar Ali Junejo of LUMHS University with Sajid Ali of Jinnah University Karachi and others attended the meet-

Addressing on the occasion, the leaders said that at present, all the universities of Sindh have been deliberately subjected to financial crisis, now the employees are not being paid

Chancellors and other officials continue to pay royalties and all benefits to employees from one to 16

DC vows to continue crackdown against profiteers

SUKKUR (APP):Deputy Commissioner Sukkur, Fayyaz Hussain Mahesar on Tuesday fined as many as nine profiteers in the Sukkur city in a crackdown during first day of Ramzan.

During his visit, the deputy commissioner fined profiteers. Mahesar vowed to continue the crackdown against profiteers and warned the shopkeepers to sell the commodities at the government fixed rate.

On the occasion, price control magistrate and all other concerned officers were present the occasion.

The DC ordered to the magistrates to provide maximum relief to the masses who're worried from inflation.

Three labourers crushed to death, child drowns in pond

NAUSHAHRO FEROZE (INP): Three young labourers were crushed to death by an over speeding passenger coach while a child drowned in pond in different localities of Naushahro Feroze on Tuesday.

According to details, a reckless driven passenger coach ran over a motorcycle carrying three labourers at National Highway near Taj petrol pum in Kandiaro police station jurisdiction.

As a result of accident, three youth including Manzoor Hussain, Roshan Ali and Bilawal Ghangro hailing from village Kabir Ghangro were killed on the spot and coach driver sped the scene

Major reshuffle in Sindh police, bureaucracy on the cards

KARACHI (INP): The newly formed government in Sindh is preparing to carry out a major reshuffle in police department and civil administration, with Ghulam Nabi Memon set to become Inspector-General of Police (IGP) once again. Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah has recommended Ghulam Nabi Memon for the Sindh IGP post following approval from Pakistan People's Party (PPP) leadership. Meanwhile, Asif Haider Shah's name has been finalised for Sindh Chief Secretary slot.

Price monitoring desks set up in

Sukkur SUKKUR (INP): The district administration Sukkur has set up price monitoring desks to ensure the availability of food items to residents at officially prescribed prices during the holy month of Ramazan. These desks have been set up following the directives of Commissioner Sukkur in order to ensure the supply of food items to the people and to take strict action against hoarders. The price monitoring desks were set

up at different places of in

vegetable and fruit markets.

cabinet members visit Quaid's mausoleum KARACHI (APP): Sindh The ČM and Minis-

Murad Shah along with

Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah along with his cabinet members visited Mazar-e-Quaid and paid tributes to father of the nation Quaid e Azam corded his o Mohammed Ali Jinnah here guest book

ters offered fateha and laid wreath at the mausoleum. Chief Minister Murad Ali Shah on the occasion recorded his comments in the

Federal cabinet members assume charges after allocation of portfolios

ISLAMABAD (INP): The ter for Planning, Developfederal government has allo-cated portfolios to the newly-formed 19-member federal cabinet. According to a notification, Khawaja Āsif has been named defence minister. He has also been assigned additional portfolios of defence production and

has been given the portfolio of foreign minister,

ment and Special Measures. Muhammad Aurangzeb has been assigned the portfolio of finance and revenue, while Mohsin Naqvi has been assigned the portfolio of Home Affairs and Narcotics Control, Ahad Cheema

aviation. Ishaq Dar has been assigned the portfolio of Economic Affairs and Establishment Ahsan Iqbal is the Minis- Division.

ECP completes preparations for Senate elections

ISLAMABAD (INP): The not be held. "These seats Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) will announce the schedule for the election on Senate vacant seats on March 14.

As per details, the preparations have been completed for the polling for 48 Senate seats, scheduled to take place on the second of the next month have been abolished after the merger of tribal areas into Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) under the 25th Amendment of the Constitution," the ECP said in its statement.

Nomination papers about the Senate elections can be obtained from the Election Commission Sec-(April). After the merger with KP, the elections on the four FATA seats will



KARACHI: Brokers are busy in trading at Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) in Karachi.

DC Matiari seals 2 hotels, warning issued

Deputy Commissioner Matiari Lal Dino Mangi visited the market in the city on the first day of Ramadan. During his visit, he sealed open hotels at two different places and issued a warning to their owners.

He also checked the rates of essential commodities at shops and carts and directed them to display the official rate list prominently. Speaking to the me-

HYDERABAD (APP): dia, the Deputy Commis-Deputy Commissioner sioner mentioned that the Ehtram-e-Ramzan Ordinance would be implemented at all costs.

thirteen days prior when

the suspect had opened fire at a shop in Gulshan Mar-ket, injuring the shop

owner, Qasim, his son,

Haris, and a female cus-

tomer, Saima, who later succumbed to her injuries

vealed that the same sus-

pect had previously shot

and injured a traffic police

officer in Korangi No. 4 a

SSP Hassan Sardar re-

during treatment.

few months ago.

He directed revenue

officers in all three talukas of the district to visit the markets to check and control prices and submit reports regularly. Assistant Commissioner Mitiari Abdul Sattar Shaikh and other officers were also present on the occasion

Suspect killed in encounter, found to be wanted gangster: SSP Korangi stemmed from an incident

Korangi Hassan Sardar Niazi in a press conference held at his office on Tuesday, announced that the police had successfully identified a suspect who was killed in an encounter in a Awami Colony.

The suspect, identified as Abu Huraira, was found to be a member of a notorious and wanted gang following an investigation into the incident. encounter

KARACHI: Faithfull's sit and wait for Iftar to break their fast during 1st holy month of Ramadan at Memon Masjid.

Pakistan urges UNSC to be more transparent, inclusive to address conflicts, crises NATIONS Monday. 'Failure to enforce its undermines the

UNITED (APP): The Security Council must be more transparent and inclusive in conducting its business to meet the challenges posed by current global, regional conflicts and crises, a senior Pakistani diplomat has stressed, and called for improved working methods as also steps to ensure the implementation of its resolutions, especially on longstanding issues and dis-

putes.
"Nothing undermines the credibility of the Security Council more than 'selective' implementation and non-implementation of its resolutions,' Ambassador Usman Jadoon, deputy permanent representative of Pakistan to the UN, told the 15-member body on

ANF seizes

125 kg drugs,

arrests 18 in

countrywide

operations

KARACHI (INP): The

Anti Narcotics Force (ANF) seized 125 kilo-

gram drugs, arrested 18 drug pusher in 13 opera-

tions conducted in differ-

ent cities across the coun-

said on Tuesday that ac-

tions were taken against the

drug peddlers in Islamabad,

During separate actions, 105.8 kg hashish, 7 kg opium, 7.5 kg Heroin,

1.7 kg Ice (methamphetamine), 350 heroin filled

capsules and one kg sus-

pected material was recov-

ered besides arrest of 18

FIA arrests

Afghan citizen

traveling on

fake Pakistani

passport

KARACHI (INP): The Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) Immigra-

tion arrested an Afghan citizen for travelling on

fake Pakistani pass-

Afghan citizen Ghulam

Hazrat arrived at Karachi

airport from Saudi Arabia

and during investigations

his passport was found to

be forged.

The FIA arrested the accused and shifted him to Anti Human Trafficking

Two killed &

Several Injured

in road accident

Independent Report

SHIKARPUR: An horrible

road accident occurred on

Ratodero - Jacobabad Indus

Highway Road near Samandar Gopang village in

the jurisdiction of Nabi

Shah Wagan police Station

According to details, One speedy HiAce Passen-

ger wagon overturned at

Baghdar Laaro and collided

with alive electric Poll when

the vehicle went out of

control from driver due to

speed which caused two

precious lives of Musamat

. Benazir w/o Eedan Jatoi

and Shahmeer Baghdar on

Dry weather

forecast for

Sindh

KARACHI (APP): The Pa-

kistan Meteorological De-partment on Tuesday pre-dicted dry weather for most

parts of the Sindh province

during the next 24 hours.

on Tuesday.

the spot.

According to details,

drug pushers.

Jamshoro and Chaghi.

A spokesman of ANF

resolutions undermines the credibility of the Security Council and erodes confidence in its ability to fulfill the responsibilities assigned by the UN Charter,' he said while speaking in a debate on: The Working Methods of the Security Council. Ambassador Jadoon

underscored the imperative for the Security Council to respond decisively to the increasingly complex challenges to global peace and security by acting in an effective, transparent, accountable, and democratic In his remarks, the

Council's working methods, including the need for full adherence to openness and transparency, as pro-

vided under the rules. Ambassador Jadoon referred to the absence of interactive discussions in open meetings, saying it compromises Council's mandated role, particularly its duty to act on behalf of all Member

He also advocated for enhancing the quality and frequency of reporting to the General Assembly and allowing automatic participation of non-Council members in deliberations upon request, and called for the elimination or reform of Pakistani envoy high- the "penholder" system to lighted key areas for im- ensure greater inclusivity and fairness



ISLAMABAD: Ms. Shaza Fatima Khawaja assumes charge as Minister of State for IT and Telecommunication.

Jam Kamal assumes office as Federal **Minister for Commerce**

Jam Kamal Khan officially on Tuesday assumed his duties as the Federal Minister for Commerce, marking a new chapter in his political career.

Federal Secretary for Commerce, Capt. (Retd) Muhammad Khurram Agha at the Ministry, said a press release issued here. The Minister brings a

wealth of experience to his new role. During his inaugural briefing, the Ministry's scope and objectives were outlined. Minister Khan em-

phasized focus on growth, investment and the need to

ISLAMABAD (APP): fully facilitate both local and foreign investors, believing that Pakistan can achieve significant strides through an inclusive approach.

He expressed his com-He was received by mitment, under the leadership of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, to overcoming the country's economic challenges. Emphasizing his dedi-

cation to enhancing trade volume, the Minister identified key sectors like mining, livestock, and textiles as areas for modernization.

He highlighted the importance of aligning with global standards and adopting modern practices.



due to over speeding, at National Highway in Hyderabad.

SABS University holds 3rd meeting of syndicate HYDERABAD (APP): of campus was accorded and

The 3rd meeting of Syndicate at Shaheed Allah Buksh Soomro (SABS) University of Art, Design and Heritages Jamshoro on Tuesday was held under the chair of vice-chancellor Prof. Dr. Arabella Bhutto to discuss and resolve matters relating to smooth conduct of business at the university.

The house confirmed the minutes of the 2nd meeting of the syndicate held on July 19, 2023, persuaded the actions taken on the decisions of same meeting and approved the actions taken by the vice-chancellor after the 2nd syndicate meeting. The syndicate also approved the revised budget for financial year 2023-24 amounting Rs 575.360 million and the estimate budget for 2024-25 amount-

ing Rs 585.841 million. Mainly, dry weather The approval for is likely to prevail in the opening a branch of commercial bank in the premises member.

the audit report of financial year 2022-23 was discussed and approved. The meeting recommended the vision and mission statement of the university to the academic council. Prof. Dr. Noman Ahmed from NED University Karachi was nominated as convener of counting of service committee. Prof. Dr. Nilofer Shaikh was nominated as a member of the selection board. The item regarding pay scales and other terms and conditions of services statues 2024 was discussed and will be approved onwards after legal opinion from a law expert. The meeting resolved

to intimate Assistant Professor Saima Shaikh to join back university and recommended to contact the Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand to know the status of PhD degree of the said faculty