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ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif Thursday chaired a high level meeting on stoppage of electricity theft and directed that immediate disciplinary action should be initiated against the officers and exemplary punishment should be given to them for abetting the crime and causing loss of billions of dollars. He said it was their responsibility to create a stable system by taking measures like launching a campaign to stop electricity theft.

The present situation of the economy could not bear the problem of electricity theft, he added. He said a strategy should be formulated at the earliest for decreasing line losses and for upgrading of transmission lines.

He said generation companies were a burden on the national exchequer and work should be started on their privatization at the earliest. A report on complete plan for solarization of tubewells in Balochistan should be presented, he added.

During the meeting, it was decided to install smart meters on transformers under the public sector development programme. Feeder monitors would be deployed at the feeders which were causing huge losses.

The meeting was briefed that the areas with low rate of electricity theft would have less loadshedding. An amendment was brought in section 462(O) of Pakistan Penal Code through an ordinance to make electricity theft a cognizable offense. Due to the anti-theft campaign in September last year, the rate of electricity theft had seen a considerable drop. The prime minister said under the anti-theft campaign, since September 2023,



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif chairs a meeting on Anti-Power theft campaign.



ISLAMABAD: Russian Ambassador to Pakistan, Albert Khorev, engages in discussions with Federal Minister for Commerce, Jam Kamal Khan, aiming to enhance trade connectivity and tap into the true potential of bilateral trade.

## Chief Representative of CFFEX in Pakistan and PSX Director meet Finance Minister

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Finance Minister, Muhammad Aurangzeb on Thursday held a meeting with You Hang, the Chief Representative of China Financial Futures Exchange (CFFEX) in Pakistan, and Director of the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX).

The meeting focused on enhancing cooperation and exploring new opportunities for strengthening Pakistan's financial markets and investment landscape.

During the meeting, Finance Minister Aurangzeb and Chief Representative Hang engaged in detailed discussions on various aspects of financial market development, including the potential for collaboration between CFFEX and PSX to promote innovative financial instruments in Pakistan.

The Finance Minister highlighted the government's commitment to implementing reforms aimed at improving the regulatory framework, enhancing market transparency, and facilitating the development of a vibrant and resilient financial sector in Pakistan.

He also emphasized the role of strategic partnerships with international financial institutions and exchanges, such as CFFEX, in achieving these objectives and advancing the country's financial market infrastructure.

Chief Representative Hang expressed CFFEX's keen interest in collaborating with PSX and other stakeholders to explore opportunities for launching new financial products, sharing technical expertise, and promoting cross-border investment between China and Pakistan.

He reaffirmed CFFEX's commitment to supporting the development of Pakistan's financial markets and contributing to the country's economic prosperity.

## Railways CEO shares plans for Eid trains, service upgrades through e-Kutchehri

LAHORE (APP): Railways Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Amir Ali Baloch has said that discounts on fares for special trains during Eid-ul-Fitr will be considered.

Addressing public inquiries through the Facebook e-Kutchehri on Thursday, he mentioned that the issue of delay in salaries for PR employees had been resolved, and efforts to expedite gratuity and pension disbursements were underway. Baloch noted that introduction of premium lounge dining cars on the Zakariya Express had been well-received, and plans were in place to include these coaches on the Tezgam and Hazara Express trains soon.

He also mentioned that gradual upgrades were being made to smaller platforms, and instructions had been given to assign sequential numbers to train compartments. Baloch emphasized that passengers on long-distance routes might be inconvenienced by an increase in Green Line stops and announced plans to increase the number of AC sleepers on certain trains during the summer months.

Regarding the Karachi Circular Railway, he clarified that it falls under the jurisdiction of the Sindh government and decisions regarding it will be made by the provincial government.



ISLAMABAD: Minister of State for IT and Telecommunication Shaza Fatima Khawaja in a meeting with delegation of Pakistan Software Houses Association (P@SHA).

## PSX closed at historic high level of over 67,000 points

ISLAMABAD (APP): The 100-index of the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) continued with bullish trend on Thursday, gaining 594.34 points, a positive change of 0.89 percent, closing at historic level of 67,142.12 points against 66,547.79 points the previous trading day.

A total of 421,118,268 shares valuing Rs.16,159 billion were traded during the day as compared to 354,597,630 shares valuing Rs.11,884 billion the last day.

Some 352 companies transacted their shares in the stock market; 212 of them recorded gains and 111 sustained losses, whereas the share prices of 29 remained unchanged.

The three top trading companies were PTCL with 55,715,919 shares at Rs.18.42 per share, Lotte Chemical with 27,228,578 shares with Rs.19.56 per share and Telecard Limited with 25,547,322 shares at Rs.9.29 per share.

Rafhan Maize Products Limited witnessed a maximum increase of Rs.125.00 per share price, closing at Rs.8,175.00, whereas the runner-up was Bata Pakistan Limited with a Rs.58.00 rise in its per share price to Rs.1,739.00.

## Govt. taking every possible step to increase IT exports, FDI: Shaza

ISLAMABAD (APP): State Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunication, Shaza Fatima Khawaja, Thursday said that the present government was diligently pursuing measures to attract foreign direct investment (FDI) and boost IT exports.

During a discussion with a high-level delegation from the Pakistan Software Houses Association (P@SHA), led by its Chairman, Muhammad Zohaib Khan, Shaza Fatima highlighted the critical role of the IT industry, particularly in providing international-level training to youth and creating employment opportunities for them.

The Chairman P@SHA extended congratulations to Minister of State for IT, Shaza Fatima Khawaja for assuming the office.

The minister said that Pakistan's IT professionals can serve as the premier choice for international companies and urged P@SHA to assist in bridging the demand-supply gap of IT professionals.

Zohaib Khan reaffirmed P@SHA's commitment to collaborating with the Ministry of IT for the economic stability of the country. He commended Minister of State for IT, Shaza Fatima, for her dedicated efforts in promoting the IT industry.



ISLAMABAD: Chief Representative of CFFEX in Pakistan, You Hang, along with CEO PSX Farrukh Khan meet with the Federal Minister for Finance & Revenue, Muhammad Aurangzeb.

## Restaurants, wedding halls to pay fixed sale tax on services: Muzzammil

Independent Report  
PESHAWAR: All restaurants and wedding halls in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) will be registered under the tax net, and they will be charged a fixed sales tax for the services they offer.

This was stated by the Advisor to KP Chief Minister on Finance Muzzammil Aslam at a consultative session on subordinate legislation under the KP Sales Tax Act 2022 arranged by Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Revenue Authority (KPRA) here on Thursday.

He was the chief guest in the session which was funded by the Sub National Governance Program and was attended by lawyers, tax experts, government officials, withholding agents, businessmen, and representatives of the chambers of commerce.

The advisor to CM said that the 23 percent property tax, charged in the province is very high due to which people have opted for stamp papers and only 6 percent of the property tax collected in the province is paid to the province and the rest goes to the federal government.

To encourage women entrepreneurs, the advisor directed the Director General Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Revenue Authority (KPRA) to establish a women's desk in KPRA for their facilitation. He added that 93 percent of the province budget is dependent on federal transfers which is overly reliant on the federal government and the fiscal space with the provincial government is shrinking.

## Korean envoy promises all efforts to enhance direct trade with Faisalabad

FAISALABAD (APP): Korean Ambassador Park Kijun said on Thursday that serious efforts would be made to enhance direct trade between Faisalabad and Korea.

Addressing the business community at the Faisalabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry (FCCI), he said Faisalabad was the textile hub of Pakistan. He said bilateral cooperation in the sector would be further improved in the coming years. He particularly identified agriculture, textile, energy and IT and said that these sectors had potential to increase cooperation for benefit of the two countries.

He said that Korean businesspeople fully understand the potential and hopefully they would exploit it by enhancing investment and technical cooperation. He was optimistic that Pakistan would soon emerge as a major player in South-West Asia because of its economic growth and social development. He said that the FCCI should play a key role in enhancing bilateral trade between Faisalabad and Korea, while the Korean embassy would also complement these efforts. He said that relations between the Korean embassy and the FCCI would be further strengthened to give a quantum jump to bilateral trade. About the short stay period on multiple visas, he promised resolving the issue in consultation with the FCCI president.



LAHORE: Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif presides over the special meeting about Mines and Minerals.

## NCA approves revised first quarter GDP estimates for 2023-24

ISLAMABAD (APP): The National Accounts Committee (NAC) on Thursday reviewed the quarterly estimates of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) for first and second quarter for the years 2023-24 and approved the revised first quarter estimates of 2023-24.

The 108<sup>th</sup> meeting of the NAC was held with Secretary Ministry of Planning Development and Special Initiatives in chair, said a press release issued by the ministry.

The 107<sup>th</sup> NAC meeting held in November 2023 approved the introduction of Quarterly National Accounts (QNA) in the statistical system of the country. QNA provide the pulse of the economy at a shorter interval as compared to the Annual National Accounts (ANA).

The committee approved the revised first quarter estimates of 2023-24. Overall GDP of the first quarter for financial year 2023-24 has witnessed a revised growth of 2.50% as compared to 2.13% estimated in 107<sup>th</sup> NAC meeting.

Growth in agriculture has witnessed a healthy revision to 8.58% from 5.06% mainly due to upward revisions in crops posting a double digit growth of 17.66% as compared to 6.13%. The important crops, which were previously estimated based on area, has witnessed a phenomenal growth of 31.47% because of very low base in 2022-23.

The significant increase in production in final estimates of cotton increased by 108.2% to 10.22 million bales this year against 4.91 million bales last year, rice output increased by 34.8% to 9.87 million tons as against the production of 7.32 million tons last year, where as maize crop put during the period under review grew by 5.6%.

## SNGPL intensifies efforts against gas theft

ISLAMABAD (APP): Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL) has ramped up its operation against gas theft, disconnecting 36 connections that were diverting gas illegally to other consumers. The task force has also seized a substantial number of compressors from the region. According to Shahid Akram, the spokesperson of SNGPL, the operation also resulted in the confiscation of 42 meters that had been unlawfully relocated to different locations. Legal action has been initiated against the individuals found to be involved in the crime.

## Russian Ambassador greets Jam on assuming charge, discusses trade

ISLAMABAD (APP): Russian Ambassador to Pakistan, Albert Khorev on Thursday engaged in discussions with Federal Minister for Commerce, Jam Kamal Khan, aiming to enhance trade connectivity and tap into the true potential of bilateral trade.

Federal Minister Jam Kamal emphasized the need for exploring new routes and avenues to bolster trade relations, said a press release issued here.

The minister commended the successful initiation of "Kino exports" to Russia by road and expressed the possibility of further increasing trade in this sector.

Additionally, he acknowledged Russia's vast market potential, offering Pakistani exporters ample opportunities for growth and diversification.

During the meeting, Ambassador Khorev extended an invitation to federal minister Jam Kamal for upcoming exhibitions scheduled in April and July.

In a bid to expand trade horizons, the Ambassador proposed the export of "Halal meat" from Pakistan to Russia.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Industries and Production, Rana Tanveer Hussain chairs a meeting at Ministry Industries and Production.

## Banks to open on March 30, 31 to facilitate tax collection

KARACHI (APP): State Bank of Pakistan, Thursday, announced that banks will observe extended banking hours on Saturday March 30 and to open on Sunday March 31, 2024 to facilitate the taxpayers in payment of government duties and taxes. The SBP, in a statement issued here, said that the central bank has decided that branches of all banks that are open on Saturday shall observe extended banking hours till 4:00 pm on Saturday and Sunday for collection of taxes through Alternate Delivery Channels (ADC's) Over-the-Counter facilities.

To ensure same day clearing and settlement of payment instruments.

## China to surpass 1bln 5G connections this year: GSMA

ISLAMABAD (APP): China's telecom operators have invested relentlessly over the past five years in building out a fantastic network. GSMA director-general Mats Granryd said, adding that they think by 2030 the country will reach almost 90 percent in 5G connection.

He said China has quite a lot of contributions in the world's mobile communication field with innovation, China Daily reported.

The GSMA has launched the Mobile Economy China 2024 report. The report predicted that by the end of this year, the country will surpass 1 billion 5G connections and that by 2030, the number will soar to 1.6 billion connections.

5G's contribution to GDP in China is expected to reach almost \$260 billion in 2030, which is 23 percent of the overall annual economic impact of mobile in China.

Also by 2030, 5G connections in China will account for nearly a third of the global total, with 5G adoption in China reaching almost 90 percent, making it one of the leading markets globally.

## CCP to sign MoU China's market regulatory

ISLAMABAD (APP): China has made significant investments in Pakistan through the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) and various Chinese companies operating in the country.

This investment is expected to increase manifold after the second stage of CPEC. To facilitate these expanding business activities, the Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) is preparing to put in place a comprehensive legal and regulatory framework, said a press release issued here on Thursday.

The CCP is poised to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with China's State Administration for Market Regulation (SAMR), marking a significant milestone in bilateral cooperation.



# PM assures to resolve issues faced by journalist community

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Thursday assured that all issues faced by the journalist community would be resolved and the government would fully support mediemen in the fulfillment of their responsibilities.

He was speaking to a delegation of the All Pakistan Newspapers Society (APNS).

Naz Afreen Sehgal, Sarmad Ali, Mujeebur Rehman Shami, Shahab Zuberi, Muhammad Athar Qazi, Syed Munir Jilani, Mohsin Bilal, Mehtab Khan and Faisal Zahid Malik were part of the delegation.

Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Attaullah Tarar and relevant officers attended the meeting.

The delegation felicitated the prime minister on assuming his office and expressed best wishes.

The prime minister congratulated the newly elected panel of APNS and expressed his best wishes.

He said he formed the government in very difficult circumstances and the rehabilitation of the economy was the biggest challenge and priority of the government.

He informed the delegation about the government's efforts and strategy to revive the economy.

A strategy was being formulated to modernize the system of tax collection, he said adding Federal Board of Revenue was being completely digitalized and work was continuing for increasing the tax base.

Cases of more than Rs 2000 billion were pending in the courts and tribunals, he told.

He said recently the government held the Tax Excellency Award with the

aim to encourage good taxpayers, exporters and women entrepreneurs.

Billions of rupees of electricity were being stolen and to stop this the government approach had been adopted, he added.

He said privatization of loss-making state-owned entities, institutional reforms, domestic and foreign investment and austerity were priorities of the government.

He said a committee had been formed to bring down the expenditure of the government and it would soon present its recommendations.



ISLAMABAD: A delegation of All Pakistan Newspapers Society calls on Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif.



HYDERABAD: Federal Minister and Convener MQM Pakistan Dr Khalid Maqbool Siddiqi addressing a press conference during the Ration distribution ceremony, organized by Khidmat-e-Khalq Foundation at KKF center.

## China keen to launch uplift projects for Gwadar's local population: Senator

QUETTA (APP): Chairman of the Standing Committee on Petroleum, Senator Mohammad Abdul Qadir stated on Thursday that the Chinese government is eager to start uplift projects that will help the locals in the port city of Gwadar.

He told APP that "it is the government's responsibility to identify the areas where Chinese could launch uplift projects for the local people of Gwadar."

Declaring his optimism for the success of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), a part of the Road and Belt Initiative, he said the government's will to finish the project—which has seen excessive delays since its inception—is apparent.

"PML-N is known for pro-development and business-friendly initiatives, and hence they own CPEC. I foresee CPEC flourishing and becoming the center of attention in the coming days."

The senator stressing the significance of establishing industrial zones said the Chinese government is all set to develop industrial zones. With the completion and functioning of industries, the local industries will too flourish, he added.

The government, he said, can save billions spent on transportation if local industries are strengthened.

He also underlined the need for the provision of special initiatives to assist the local industry.

Special incentives to traders and investors, provision of power, water, and security to guarantee the success of the ongoing projects in Gwadar.

## NAB utilizing all sources to bring corrupt elements to justice: DG

Independent Report QUETTA: In compliance to directions of Chairman NAB, an open public hearing (Khuli Kachehri) was held in NAB Balochistan office on Thursday.

The Director General NAB Balochistan personally listened to the complainants and received complaints. During interaction with the complainants, the Director General explained about the mandate of NAB and informed the participants about the complaint filing procedure in NAB.

He explained that NAB does not take action on anonymous/pseudonymous complaints and only substantiated complaints which fall within the purview of NAB will be dealt in accordance with law. He urged that the National Accountability Bureau is active against corruption and utilizing all sources to bring the corrupt elements to justice and eradicate corruption.

Those who looted the resources and national treasure of state will be held accountable in every case. The elements who cheated the public at large will also be brought to justice.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Law and Justice, Azam Nazeer Tarar and Attorney General of Pakistan, Mansoor Awan, address an important press conference.

## DC for taking strict action against absent teachers in Nasirabad

QUETTA (APP): Deputy Commissioner Nasirabad Batool Asadi on Thursday said that strict action would be taken against absent teachers which were affecting future of our children.

He expressed these views while presiding over the meeting held by the District Education Group (DEG).

Assistant Commissioner UT Syed Mansoor Shah, Shah Bakhsh Pindrani, Bashir Ahmed Lehri Pir Bakhsh Solangi Khanzadi Baloch, Yasmin Baloch and Rasool Bakhsh and other DDEO officers were present in the meeting.

Addressing the meeting, Deputy Commissioner Naserabad Batool Asadi said that the process of school admission campaign should be accelerated so that more children could be admitted to schools.

She said that the media should also be used to make the admission campaign more active so that more awareness could be raised among the parents.

## Foreign Office Bisham terror attack orchestrated by enemies of Pak-China friendship

ISLAMABAD (Online): Pakistan has reaffirmed the commitment to bring to justice the perpetrators, facilitators and abettors of Bisham terrorist attack which claimed the lives of five Chinese nationals.

At her weekly news briefing in Islamabad Thursday, Foreign Office Spokesperson Mumtaz Zahra Baloch said this attack was orchestrated by the enemies of Pakistan-China friendship.

She said such attempts will not succeed and we will continue to work together to develop CPEC and promote cooperation.

She said Pakistan will not allow any force to sabotage the relationship between the two countries.

The Spokesperson said Pakistan and China are close friends and Iron brothers. She said the two countries together will resolutely act against these elements and defeat them.

Mumtaz Zahra Baloch said Pakistan will continue to work with the Chinese brothers in ensuring the safety and security of Chinese nationals, projects and institutions in Pakistan.

## Greets newly elected Senators from Balochistan: CM terms unopposed election of Senators as victory of democratic thinking

Independent Report QUETTA: The Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti has expressed deep sorrow over the death of mine workers in incident of roof collapse occurred in Duki.

In a condolence statement issued here on Thursday, the Chief Minister expressed heartfelt grief over the loss of precious human lives in the incident.

He said that we share the grief with the bereaved families of deceased in the difficult time.

It may be mentioned here the mine workers died after roof of a house caved in Duki.

He said that all parties demonstrated positive politics in the House.

Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti expressed the hope that the Senators elected from the province would become the forceful voice of the province. He said that he is thankful to all the ally parties and opposition who made important decisions in peaceful and political environment.

He said that it would be our utmost endeavour to continue the public friendly decisions in the same manner in future too.



QUETTA: Director General NAB Balochistan listening problems during an Open Kutchery.

## NHA mobilizes efforts to clear landslide in Zhob, Dhanasar section of N-50

QUETTA (APP): A heavy landslide occurred at the Zhob-Dhanasar section of N-50 which blocked the highway with large stones.

The NHA crews were working to remove the heavy landslides for reopening the blocked road.

The National Highway N-50, Zhob-Dhanasar section blocked for all kind of traffic due to heavy sliding causing damage to a portion of road in Dhanasar area caused by continuous rain fall in the area.

According to the details, due to landslides caused by recent heavy rains in Dhanasar, an area adjacent to Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, on the main highway was affected and all traffic was suspended till the clearance of the road.

The NHA officers and staff were working for removing heavy landslides throughout the blockage area, said a news release issued here.

## Provision of quality & healthy food to public mission of BFA: DG

Independent Report QUETTA: The Director General, Balochistan Food Authority (BFA), Muhammad Naeem Bazai has stated that it is the mission of BFA to provide quality and healthy food to the general public and it is continuously busy to achieve the goal.

The standard of milk and edible oil is being reviewed under the free milk and cooking oil testing service.

According to the Director General BFA, the checking is being done in the food centres, factories and food processing units in different districts of the province under special inspection plan prepared for the holy month of Ramadan, he added.

He urged the general public to inform the Food Authority if they saw sale of any adulterated or sub-standard food items so as to take timely action against those involved in it.

## TTP's use of US weapons against Pakistan question mark on Afghan govt's commitment

ISLAMABAD (APP): The recent evidence on the outlawed Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) use of US-made weapons against the armed forces and innocent masses of the country has raised a question mark on the so-called commitments of the interim Afghan government for not allowing its soil against any nation. According to the sources, the Pakistan Army has been fighting against terrorism for the past two decades, whereas it was obvious to all that the terrorists have access to the weapons left by the US in Afghanistan.

The supply of arms to terrorists has caused significant damage to the security of the region, especially in Pakistan, as it led to an increase in terrorism.

On the intervening night of March 25 and 26, Balochistan Liberation Army (BLA) terrorists attempted to attack Pakistan Navy's PNS Siddique in Turbat. However, the security forces recovered M32 multi-shot grenade launcher, M16/A4, night thermal vision and other US-made weapons from the terrorists during the operation.

The BLA terrorists unsuccessfully attempted a cowardly attack on Gwadar Port Authority (GPA) Complex on 20 March 2024. During the attack on GPA, BLA terrorists used American weapons which were recovered by security forces in retaliation.

Among the US weapons recovered from the terrorists were M-16/A4, AK-47 with grenade launchers and hand grenades.

On January 29, security forces conducted an intelligence operation in North Waziristan district. As a result of firing during the operation, the terrorist Naik Minullah was killed. The weapons recovered from the terrorist were American made rifles including M-4 Carbine and other weapons.

On January 22, security forces killed 7 terrorists at Sambaza in Zhob district.

## Fed govt conditionally allows export of flour

ISLAMABAD (INP): The federal government of Pakistan has conditionally allowed the export of flour.

As per the Ministry of Commerce notification, only flour made from imported wheat will be allowed for export. The flour export was allowed under the Export Facilitation Scheme 2021 and the export policy order 2022 has been amended. The notification stated that "Export of wheat flour manufactured from wheat imported solely."

## Pak-Türkiye strategize to boost bilateral trade to \$5 billion

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Commerce, Jam Kamal Khan, Turkish Ambassador to Pakistan, Dr Mehmet Pacaci on Thursday strategized to boost bilateral trade to \$5 billion.

Turkish Ambassador Dr. Mehmet Pacaci recently met with Federal Minister for Commerce Jam Kamal Khan to discuss bilateral relations and congratulate him on his new role, said a press release issued here.

During the meeting, Dr. Pacaci emphasized the importance of enhancing connectivity between Pakistan and Türkiye to achieve their economic targets, including increasing bilateral trade to \$5 billion, a goal set by the leaders of both countries. Minister Jam echoed the sentiment, highlighting the historical ties and the growing relations across various sectors.

## Senate elections in KP hang on reserve seat oath-taking, states ECP

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Senate elections in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Assembly depend on the oath-taking of reserve seats, said the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) in a seven-page verdict issued Thursday.

In its verdict, the Election Commission warned of suspending the Senate poll until oaths are administered in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province. The commission instructed the Speaker of the KP Assembly to enforce the decision made by the Peshawar High Court. A five-member bench led by Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Sikandar Sultan Raja, along with members Nisar Ahmed Durrani, Shah Muhammad Jatoi, Babar Hassan Bharwana, and Justice (Retd) Iqbal Ullah Khan, delivered its verdict on the plea regarding the non-administration of oaths to newly elected members.

## Pakistan to bring perpetrator of Dasu terrorist attack to justice soon: Lin Jian

BEIJING (APP): Pakistan is intensively carrying out incident investigation and follow-up handling work, and has taken practical measures to strengthen the safety protection of Chinese personnel, projects and institutions, Chinese Foreign Ministry Spokesperson, Lin Jina said on Thursday.

"We believe that Pakistan will be able to find out the truth as soon as possible and bring the murderer to justice," he told media during his regular briefing in response to a question about the last progress in the investigation and handling of the Dasu terrorist attack. He informed that the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Chinese Embassy in Pakistan are actively carrying out emergency response and aftermath work.



CHAMAN: Acting Governor and Speaker Balochistan Assembly Captain (ret'd) Abdul Khaliq Achakzai visiting Old Hospital Chaman.