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Oath taking to be on 1st working day after Eid: **Balochistan cabinet to be** formed soon after Eidul Fitr: GoB spokesman

Independent Report OUETTA: The spokesman, Government of Balochistan, Shahid Rind has announced that the provincial cabinet would be formed soon after Eidul Fifr

In an official announcement made here on Sunday, the spokesman of provincial government said that the oath taking ceremony of the provincial cabinet would be held on first working day after Eid vac-

cinations. Shahid Rind said that there is consensus on the formula of formulation of provincial cabinet.

The ceremony of cabinet's oath taking had been decided some days ago,

the spokesman informed. However, the Chief Minister had to leave abroad on emergency basis due to medical check up of his brother. The provincial cabinet

would now be formed soon after Eidul Fitr's vaccinations, the spokesman added

It may be mentioned here that the formation of provincial cabinet was delayed for over a month.

Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti was sworn in as the Chief Minister Balochistan on March 2.

In interaction with media, the Chief Minister had announced that the cabinet would be formed by April 4,2024



point where it can be connected with the Iranian section of the project, reported an English daily on Sunday. As per the publication,

The

MAKKAH MUKARAMAH: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif is being received by Ambassador of Saudi Arabia to Pakistan, Nawaf Al Saeed Al Maliki.

Two killed, five injured in Khuzdar blast

KHUZDAR (Agencies): nearby hospital, he added. At least two were killed and Balochistan Chief Minfive injured including a ister Sarfraz Bugti con-woman in a blast near Umer demned the blast, saying



MAKKAH: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif meeting with Crown Prince Mohammed Bin Salman at **Al-Safa Palace**

Islamabad starts work to complete **80-km section of Pak-Iran gas pipeline**

Iran's President Ebrahim Raisi expected to visit Pakistan on Apr 22; Islamabad faces penalty of \$18bn for failure to complete project; 80-km section to be completed in 24 months at cost of Rs44bn.

ISLAMABAD (INP): With to the bilateral project, coupled with warnings of potential sanctions, which has faced a nearly decadelong delay as it was set to be completed in December 2014 followed by its operationalisation in January 2015. Over the years, Pakistan

maintained that it could not materialise the project in its territory because of the US sanctions imposed on Iran, iting a senior official of the a view which authorities in Energy Ministry, the Inter-Tehran have never sub-State Gas Company (ISGS) scribed, saying the US sanchas already issued tenders tions are not justified.

seeking the much-delayed However, in January, Tehran issued the last nore-validation of survey and Front-End Engineering Detice to Islamabad seeking the sign (FEED) by consultants. completion of its side of the development pipeline by Februarycomes amid the United farch 2024 or face a \$18 States's explicit opposition billion penalty under the

penalty clause of the Gas Sales Purchase Agreement (GSPA) of the 781kilometre project.

According to the official, the laying down of the 80-km section of the pipeline is essential to avoid arbitration in France which may lead to the imposition of the aforesaid penalty on

Pakistan Furthermore, he also added that re-validation of early survey and FEED is crucial as the 80-km section provisions two compressors one at the border and one at Gwadar as the 80-km part of pipelines would absorb 100mmcfd initially compared to the 750mmcfd which the project is ex-

vears

Khawaja Asif says: Pakistan stands firm to defend its

Defense Minister Khawaja Muhammad Asif on Saturday asserted that Pakistan was fully prepared to provide a comprehensive response if India takes any aggressive action.

Talking to a private news channel, he emphasized Pakistan's readiness to defend itself against any potential threat, stating, "If India takes any action, it will receive a full reply.

if anything occurs, we will not hold back", he said.

The minister highpected to take-off for 25 sion.

MBS hosts Iftar PM Shahbaz, Saudi **Crown Prince discuss** bilateral relations

Matters in connection with trade and investment between the two countries also discussed

Monitoring Desk MAKKAH: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, who is on three-day visit to Saudi Arabia, on Sunday attended Iftar hosted by Crown Prince Mohammed Bin

Salman at Al-Safa Palace in Makkah. Prince "Crown

Shehbaz-led delegation for Mohammed bin Salman an Iftar. hosts an Iftar at Al-Safa Punjab Chief Minister Palace in Makkah, attended Maryam Nawaz and members of the federal cabinet by the Prime Minister of Pakistan and the Crown were also invited to the Iftar, Prince of Bahrain, where s per the statement. they all broke their fast to-PM Shehbaz landed in gether," reported Saudi Ga-

According to details, the Saudi crown prince welcomed the premier and his delegation. Both the leaders had discussed the bilateral relations between two brotherly countries.

Saudi Arabia on Saturday on a three-day visit from April 6 to 8. He is accompanied by federal ministers Încluding Ishaq Dar, Khawaja Muhammad Asif, Muhammad Aurangzeb, Abdul Aleem Khan, Attaullah Tarar, and Ahad Khan Cheema

The premier and MBS

A statement issued by

discussed the matters in

connection with trade and

investment between the

the PM Office said that the

crown prince had extended

special invitation to PM

two countries.

President Zardari calls for strengthening bilateral ties with Turkiye



ISLAMABAD (APP): President Asif Ali Zardari and Presi-dent of Turkiye Recep Tayyip Erdogan on Sunday called for further strengthening of bilateral relations between the two countries in various fields.

The two leaders spoke over the phone and discussed matters of mutual interest, a post on President of Pakistan X account said. President Zardari felicitated the Turkish President on the forthcoming Eid-ul-Fitr and invited him to visit Pakistan, besides expressing his best wishes for him and the people of Turkiye, another related X post said.

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sovereignty ISLAMABAD (APP)

We are prepared, and

lighted Pakistan's unwavering commitment to safeguarding its sovereignty against any form of aggres-

Two terrorist

Umar Farooq Chowk in that the targeting of inno-Khuzdar Khuzdar Deputy

Commissioner Muhammad Arif Khan said that the bomb was planted in a motorcycle parked in the middle of a commercial centre.

cent citizens was a cowardly attack. CM Sarfraz Bugti vowed to punish the perpetrators of the bombing, saying that security forces with

the help of Pakistanis will The bodies and the in- end the scourge of terrorjured were moved to the ism in the country. PM constitutes body to

review climate change governance, funds

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Prime Minister has constituted a high-level committee to review Climate Change Governance and Mechanisms to access Climate Funds and nominated Climate Change Minister, Romina Khursheed Alam and Executive Director, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Dr Abid Suleri as its members alongwith other senior members.

The Minister of Climate Change and Environmental Coordination has issued a detailed notification explaining the context. mandate, terms of reference (TORs) and list of the members of the Committee. The committee will be chaired by the Deputy Chairman Planning Commission that comprised of government officials, parliamentarians, representatives from civil society and environment NGOs, pri-vate sector, research insti-tions and operations, as tutes, and expert/advisors with knowledge on specific into the development

topics The members are

Deputy Chairman Planning Commission, Mohammad Jehanzeb Khan (chair), Coordinator to PM on Climate Change, Roinina Khurshid Alam Senator Avesha Raza Farooq, MNA Bilal Kiyani, Executive Director, SDPI, Dr Abid Suleri Kashmala Kakakhel Climate Finance Expert Rizwan Mehboob, Climate Expert, Ali Tauqir Sheikh Climate Expert, Ahsan Kamran Climate Fi-

nance Expert, Nadia Rehman, Member CC PC, Secretary MoCC&EC (Secretary of the Committee), Secretary Ministry of Commerce, Secretary MoPDSI and Secretary Ministry of EA and Additional Secretary (EF) Ministry of Finance. The Committee will

suggest approach that involves mainstreaming climate considerations across all government organizawell as integrating them agenda and Sustainable De-



QUETTA: Deputy Speaker Balochistan Assembly Ghazala Gola and MPA Raheela Hameed Durrani attending a programme on "reflections and way forward for gender equality and women empowerment policy 2020-2024 organized by the Women Development Department in collaboration with the UN-Women.

"Way forward for gender equality & women empowerment policy: Govt. determined to take measures for women empowerment in all sectors: Deputy Speaker BA

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OUETTA: The Deputy Speaker Balochistan Assembly, Ms. Ghazala Gola the other day. Begum has stated that the provincial government is determined to take necessary measures for making women empowered in all sectors besides making legislation for pro-

tection of their equal rights. This was stated by the

Deputy Speaker while addressing the programme on "reflections and way forward for gender equality and women empowerment policy 2020-2024 orgavelopment Goals (SDGs).

nized by the Women Demaintained that the empowvelopment Department in ered women happen to be collaboration with the UNasset of any society, and as Women here at a local hotel such the government would provide equal opportuni-

Also participated in the ties to women in education programme was by the and other sectors so as to former Speaker and current bring them at par women Member of Provincial Asof other parts of the counsembly, Ms. Rahila Hameed Khan Durrani, try. She said that it is in-Secretary Women Devel-

cluded in our priority to enopment, Sardar Khan Bugti, gage the women in all sechead of UN-Women in tors especially health, edu-Balochistan, Ms. Ayesha cation and vocational train-Wadood, representatives of ing so that they are able to play their vital role in the the civil society and other country's development and

Last week.

Imran's official account on

X gave a transcript of his

conversation with reporters

at Adiala Jail - where he is

currently incarcerated - on

Saturday. Imran claimed

that the senior military lead-

Ms. Ghazala Gola prosperity.

Toshakhana case Info minister rebuts Imran's fabricated, baseless allegations

ISLAMABAD (Agencies): Information Minister were sentenced to 14 years in jail in the case in Janu-Attaullah Tarar on Sunday ary, days before the Februrebutted former prime min-ister Imran Khan's allegaary 8 general elections. tions against the senior mili-Islamabad High Court sustary leadership in connecpended the sentences. tion with the Toshakhana However, appeals against case, saying they were the convictions in the case 'false, fabricated and baseare still pending. A post shared on

concerned.

The former premier had alleged that the senior military leadership "implicated" him and his wife Bushra Bibi in the Toshakhana reference "in an attempt to stifle my spir-

ership was "driving the Imran and his spouse state affairs"

killed in North Waziristan

RAWALPINDI (Online): A fire exchange took place between the security forces and terrorists in North Waziristan District on Sunday.

Pakistan Army troops effectively engaged the terrorists' location as a result of which two terrorists were killed. Weapons and explosives were also recovered from them.

Sanitization operation is being conducted to eliminate any other terrorist found in the area as the Security Forces of Pakistan are determined to wipe-out the menace of terrorism from the country.

Eid Special departs for Rawalpindi from Quetta Independent Report QUETTA: The Eid Special

Train departed for Rawalpindi from Quetta Railway Station on Sunday morning

The Eid Special left Quetta was constated of 11 passenger coaches of ostly Economy class.

According to the Railway authorities, over 700 passengers were travelling by Eid Special for Rawalpindi from Quetta.

The Eid Special is scheduled to reach Rawalpindi today (Monday) afternoon.

> Needless to mention here is that the PR authorities had decided to run the Eid Special to facilitate maximum passengers pro-ceeding for celebration of Eidul Fit with their dear ones.

Soft drinks vendor shot

dead in Panjgur QUETTA (INP): A soft drinks vendor was shot and killed by unidentified assailants in Panjgur, Balochistan, on Sunday.

the

Police officials re-ported that the attackers, who arrived on a motorbike, fired five to six shots at the vendor sitting on his cart. The victim, identified as Sajid Hussain from Rajanpur, Punjab, died instantly. The assailants managed to escape the scene.

Shangla attack: **Report reveals vehicle** carrying Chinese nationals was not bullet, bomb-proof A suicide bomber had

PESHAWAR (INP) - The preliminary investigation of rammed an explosives-Besham suicide attack on laden vehicle into the convoy of Chinese engineers Chinese nationals show that neither their vehicle was which was on its way from Islamabad to their camp in bullet nor bombproof. Khyber Dasu The

According to report, the bus of Chinese nation-Pakhtunkhwa police sent second report of the tragic incident to federal governals plunged into a 300-feet deep ditch after the suicide ment The report revealed

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Pakhtunkhwa.

of

blast The Besham police sta-tion was just 6 KM away that a woman engineer was also among the deceased. from the site of incident Five Chinese nationals while Dasu dam was at the were killed when the vehicle they were travelling by was distance of 77 KM. attacked near Besham - a town located in Shangla dis-

The report added that the CCTV cameras were Khyber installed in all the buses of Chinese convov



QUETTA: A large number of people are busy in Eid shopping at Liaquat Bazar.

Health deptt decides to conduct inquiry into funds released for scholarships of doctors

Independent Report the funds released on ac-QUETTA: The Health Decount of the scholarships of partment, Government of the postgraduate doctors Balochistan has decided to and house officers for last conduct inquiry into the five years. public funds released for of the approval and pay-ment of the scholarships the scholarships of postgraduate and house officer

doctors in the province. would be scrutinized, it was An official letter has learnt been sent to the Director

Health, Abdullah Khan.

According to the sources, alleged irregulari-General Audit by the Health Department on dities were reported in the rectives of the Secretary funds allocated for payment of the scholarships of As per the sources, the the postgraduate and house DG Audit has been reofficer doctors serving in quested to conduct audit of the province

In this regard, the audit

میونیوں ڈرواس دن ہے جب انشاءاللہ ہم سیاہ ججنڈے باتھوں میں اللھائے ہوئے آئمس کے یلین کوتیهار ظلم ینجات دلائے کا دن ہوگا ادراس دن غلالم خود رحم کی بھیک مائے گئے گا۔ less الدركي آك كوبس ايك يذكاري كى شرورت ، ٢٠٠٠ متمتهار - جديد جنكي صلاحيتون پارالیمان آب کے بتھیاروں ہے زیاد و مضبوط ہے۔جلد بھی اللہ کی مدد ہے ہم تیں

QUETTA: Members of Civil Society Balochistan are holding protest demonstration against Israeli cruel and inhumane acts and express unity with the innocent people of Palestine, at Quetta press club.

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9th May's sorry saga: **Is reconciliation** on the table?

While 9th May, 2023's sorry saga would always remain in the mind of each and every patriotic Pakistani as the "black day" and flash when spate of attacks on military installations, memorials, and sanctuaries of martyrs were witnessed in different parts of the country with no exception to the Rawalpindi and Lahore, it is obvious that the State of Pakistan remains resolute in its stance against engaging in any form of negotiation with individuals or groups who have become instruments of external forces to sow discord within the nation.

The whole nation still remembers the gory incidents rather riots in the country by the violent leaders, workers and supporters of a particular political party with its total backing and instigation what was also called as "9/11 type" attacks on the country's national interests. As sorry affairs of the 9 May were just mind boggling and shocking, an impression seems to be created among different circles including social media ones that whether reconciliation is on the table? How can just forget when the violent people had broken the fighter jets of 1965 war, what means they had attacked the pride of Pakistan Air Force attained by defeating the enemy in the air war. Similarly, the model of Chagai Mountain, which reminded the nation of nuclear tests carried out by its scientists that made the country's defence invulnerable, was also set on fire. Then there seemed to be a scheme/method behind that madness on 9th May last year as all such symbols were targeted selectively which had a link either with national heritage or were the pride of the Armed Forces. In this backdrop and that in light of the tragic events of 9 May, one thing must be crystal clear that no dialogue shall be entertained with perpetrators, facilitators or sympathizers associated with the planning and execution of such acts.

Obviously, unless those responsible openly condemn the heinous attack and publicly accept responsibility for their actions without expectation of any absolution from the state, there is no option of con ciliation. They must issue a public apology and commit to abstain from any involvement in similar incidents in the future, what has not been witnessed yet, another sorry state and condemnable. What's most important is that unless those accountable openly denounce the heinous attack and publicly accept re sponsibility for their actions without anticipating absolution from the state, reconciliation is off the table. And of course, they also must issue a public apology and pledge to refrain from any future involvement in similar incidents. It appears to be the policy of state that those individuals who contributed to internal polarization at the behest of external inimical powers, fostering division and promoting hatred to the extent of negating each other's existence, will not be engaged in dialogue. Similarly, individuals who, for vested interested, inflicted economic or political damage while marring the international image of the country will not find any avenue for negotiation or reconciliation with the government. Those who, driven by personal interests, orchestrated economic or political harm against the nation on the international stage. will also not be afforded the opportunity for negotiation or reconciliation at all



In January 2024, Pakistan's Foreign Secretary made a significant revelation, alleging that India had orchestrated at least 12 extrajudicial killings in Pakistan linked to the Kashmir cause and the Khalistan movement. This disclosure marked the third highprofile accusation against India following similar allegations involving Canada and the United States. By engaging in these unlawful acts, India has aligned itself with countries like the USA, Russia, and Israel, known for eliminating adversaries both domestically and internationally with impunity.

Canada.'

The statement made by Pakistan's Foreign Secretary made in January this year did not gain significant traction and was dismissed within and outside the country as routine accusations exchanged between the two countries for political pointscoring, lacking substantial evidence.

The Foreign Secretary's statement was vindicated when similar allegations were corroborated by an investigative report by "The Guardian," on April 4, 2024 disclosing that nearly 20 killings in Pakistan since

ing interview with CNN, Indian Defense 2023, RAW enlisted out extrajudicial killings and warned of Pannun, another Sikh similar actions in Pakistan if terrorists sought refuge there after committing acts of terror-

ism. While aimed at frustrated the attack. Pakistan, this admission hinted at India's targeting Pakistan. It readiness to extend such operations across international borders, cells in the UAE, later day, when the Foreign stan have already been including in the territories of influential nations like the USA and The narrative of Later, it cultivated local criminals, Afghan the Indian espionage agency was compelillegal aliens, and

narrative unfolds. India assassinations of indihas successfully manviduals primarily conaged the rebellion and nected to Lashkar-einsurgency in Jammu Taiba and Jaish-eand Kashmir and has. Mohammed, allegedly for the most part, linked with master-Sikh separatists inside terrorist attacks inside the nation. However, India. neutralizing their hanwhile seemingly logical dlers-who were mostly based in Pakiand compelling, ulti-

stan, the US, and Canada—was a more pressing issue. To rethe three cases. solve the issue, the Indian government authorized RAW to conduct covert operations to kill firebrand Sikh and Kashmiri leaders and handlers, in the US, Canada, and Pakistan motivated by the KGB, Mossad, and CIA, which are notorious for eliminating its enemies abroad.

The Raw launched strikes in three distinct nations as part of Com- potentially jeopardize the international com-

Press Secretary to the President(Rtd); Former Press Minister at Embassy of Pakistan to France; Former MD, SRBC 2020 were attributed to well-known Sikh ac- Bilateral trade of \$9.9 countable. However, it must be conducting India. The Guardian tivist who was shot Bn in 2022 with India. fell short of outlining thorough investigareport was authenti- and killed in Vancouver, Similarly, strained rela- Pakistan's concrete tions to uncover any cated when in a reveal- Canada, in September tions with the United counteractions. States will impact Inof 2023. On 30 Nov, Minister Rajnath Singh the help of a hitman in billion and US invest- ernment must be Pakistani soil. This admitted to carrying New York to murder ments totaling \$63.03 thinking of adopting a could Gurpatwant Singh billion. The Guardian re-

"Extrajudicial Killing: Responding to India's Actions"

By Qamar Bashir

The Raw was par- however, the Pakistani sponse to India.

ticularly careful while government did not but later offered spe-Mohammad Riaz. In both cases, a

fessional killer in Paki-The narrative, mately failed to achieve disclosure of the entire its objectives in any of plan to Pakistani au-

thorities. Canada and the United States reacted assertively, issuing stern warnings to India and demanding accountability for the masterminds, financiers, and RAW operatives involved in the killings. ties. This action could norms, and calling on eignty

proach, drawing inspi- terintelligence meaactivist, but before the port garnered signifi- ration from the re- sures and monitoring killer had accom- cant attention in Paki- sponses of Canada suspicious activities plished the task, the stani media, becoming and the United States more closely and de-US security forces the main topic of to similar incidents and veloping appropriate, prime-time talk shows, giving a befitting re-

First created sleeper sponse until the next tween India and Paki- ture. register its protest.

RAW agent stationed economic ties have al- provocations. This abroad recruited a pro- ready been down- may have included graded, and this devel- enhancing border sestan, who then as- opment has impeded curity, and maintaintightened its grip over minding high profile sembled a team of tar- any possible efforts ing preparedness to get killers responsible through formal or in- respond effectively for targeted assassina- formal channels to re- to any hostile action. In both the cases, connect any meaning- tions, similar to the assassins were appre- ful trade, investment responses against hended, leading to the and business ties.

> actively engaging with and Afghanistan. the international com-The Press Release munity, particularly sponse should be calprimarily drafted for through the United culated, strategic, and consumption of the Nations and other focused on exposing media ended with a multilateral forums, India's misconduct safe, calibrated and to raise awareness on the international measured customary and seek support for stage while ensuring response, where it con-holding India ac- the protection of demned India, charged countable for its ac- Pakistan's national init for breaking the tions. This could in- terests and security Canada went a step United Nation Charter, volve filing formal besides increasing further by expelling the violating the sover- complaints or seeking collaboration with al-Indian Ambassador eignty and integrity of resolutions condemn- lied nations and muland downgrading dip- Pakistan and interna- ing India's violation of tiplying diplomatic eflomatic and economic tional diplomatic Pakistan's sover- forts aimed at garner-

other instances of for-

While behind eign interference or dian exports of \$118.8 closed doors, the gov- covert operations on involve firm and strategic ap- strengthening counproportional and effective countermea-Though the diplo- sures as deterrent to provide its official re- matic relations be- any such attack in fu-

While maintainestablished a system to Office spokesperson downgraded, how- ing restraint and prifinance the killing issued a detailed press ever, similar to oritizing de-escalaspree through Dubai, release beginning with Canada's expulsion of tion, the Pakistani Nepal, and Mauritius. customary rhetoric, the Indian Ambassador armed forces must and reduction of dip- have already incific details about two lomatic ties, Pakistan creased vigilance assassinations: that of may be considering and readiness to deling. This is how the Jihadis to carry out the Shahid Latif and diplomatic measures to fend the country's sovereignty against Pakistan-India potential threats or past airspace viola-Pakistan must be tions by India, Iran,

Pakistan's reing support and The Pakistani ISI achieving account-

pliance. It eliminated Canadian Investment munity for collective (Inter-Services Intel- ability for India's ex-Hardeep Singh Nijjar, a of \$3,754.05 Mn and action to hold India ac-ligence) on its part trajudicial actions. **Commerce** News

CM KP for modern farming technology in agriculture

for this purpose.

PESHAWAR (Online): necessary steps for the further directed them to Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Ali Amin Khan Gandapur chaired an important meeting of crops being grown in need for the construction Agriculture Department, in which important policy decisions were taken to develop the agriculture sector on modern lines. The Chief Minister has directed the relevant authorities to take innovative measures in order to have maximum production with minimum cost, adding that modern farming technology should be introduced and the field of research in agriculture be aligned with contemporary requirements for this purpose.

He further directed them to collect detailed data of agricultural lands across the province and to take

cultivation of saffron in initiate wild olive grafting suitable lands by upcoming program in the merged season, adding that saffron districts. He underlined the neighboring countries of small artificial dams to should also be evaluated in cultivate vegetables in the order to have better districts where there is shortage of water, adding production.

He urged upon that drip irrigation system authorities to ensure useful can also be introduced in utilization of available such areas; agricultural agriculture land in the activities should be carried province so as to make it out keeping in view the an effective source of specific climatic conditions income for the provincial and other related aspects government. He directed of different regions of the that agriculture department province. should cultivate itself

Self-sufficiency in instead of giving these agricultural lands on agricultural production is much needed to control contracts. However, he said prevailing inflation, he said that farmers should also be and added that his encouraged to cultivate government will extend its saffron in the land suitable all-out support to agriculture department for The Chief Minister the purpose.

Wheat procurement drive to commence from April 22: DC FAISALABAD (APP) Deputy Commissioner (DC) Abdullah Nayyar Sheikh said on Sunday that

wheat procurement drive in Faisalabad would start from April 22, 2024.

dry at his workplace as demand increased for Int'l Conference on Food: Over 27 % world

13, 2024. wheat produce

assistant commissioners and food controllers to finalise their arrangements at tehsil level so that the wheat procurement drive could be launched in a fair and transparent manner.



ISLAMABAD: President ICCI Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari and president IBECHS Tariq Mehmood discussing matters of bilateral interest during a meeting.

Kyrgyz businessmen want to collaborate with Pakistani counterparts, says Meher

(APP): Honorary Consul of Kyrgyzstan, Meher Kashif under his leadership Younis said on Sunday that remained engaged in a tremendous positive series of fruitful and result-response from Kyrgyzstan oriented meetings with oriented meetings with entrepreneurs to Pakistani representatives from both the private and public counterpart underscores the potential for deeper sectors. The primary focus economic ties between the

LAHORE

was on exploring avenues Sharing the outcome for cooperation in key of his recent two-week long sectors, pharmaceuticals, textiles visit to Kyrgyzstan with a delegation of exporters and and education etc. He said importers led by the response from Kyrgyz Chaudhry Faran Shahid counterparts was

davs.

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and

demanded of the district

administration to take stern

action against price-hikers

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As only few days left

Peshawar,

customers

Arain here, he said the overwhelmingly positive, Pakistani trade delegation reflecting a enthusiasm for collaboration.

emphasized the importance bilateral trade cooperation between the two countries. By building upon existing notably new avenues for collaboration, they aimed was

Prices of poultry, ghee surge in **Bahawalpur** BAHAWALPUR (APP): Prices of poultry, ghee, and

Bahawalpur, however, the price of eggs has decreased. APP learned on Sunday

varieties.

over the market rates and regulate charges of tailoring as quickly as possible. looting people as one suit

days Therefore, I opted to buy ready-made cloth to save tailors charges," said

respectively. However, eggs per dozen were sold out at Rs Oaiser Khan a resident of Nowshera district out at Rs 480 per dozen.

beyond further as several shared

Meher said that beyond these specific sectors, the delegation also of strengthening overall economic ties and exploring to enhance mutual prosperity and contribute

Beggars flock to Lahore's markets, malls ahead of Eid

LAHORE (APP): As Eid- begging rackets become Ul-Fitr approaches, professional beggars have flocked to markets, main roads, Ramazan bazaars, traffic signals and shopping malls to seek fortunes. The beggars of all age groups can be seen seeking alms outside mosques after prayers and at shopping centres, markets, as scores of people head to markets for Eid shopping in the evening. Also they ensure their presence at traffic signals and other major roads and use different ways to seek alms from commuters. But the story goes

active as Eid draws nearer. These begging rackets divide their respective areas while special persons are deployed to monitor their activities and "earnings" on special occasions like Eid, said an elderly man Mushtaq Ali Likewise, Bushra, an 16year-old girl, who seeks alms on Ferozepur Road, told APP that no one from her family was educated and this was the best way to earn a living. Bushra said that she come here daily from Sundar Adda along with her mother, 9-year-old brother and a younger sister to seek alms as this is the best way to earn a

square meal, she told APP.



PESHAWAR: The shopkeeper is selling vegetables on city Sabzi mandi.

NEPRA disposed of 17,545 consumers' complaints

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Consumer Affairs Department of National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) disposed of, 17,545 complaints of electricity consumers against various power distribution companies (DISCOs) during the last fiscal year 2022-23 while 1,294 were still under process.

According to official data, the authority received a total of 18,839 complaints from the electricity consumers against various DISCOs during the fiscal year 2022-23. As per breakup, out

243 which earlier, were sold of total, the head office Electric Supply Company.

received 2,209 consumers' complaints against various DISCOs while the regional offices received 16,630 complaints during the last fiscal year.

Similarly, the head office disposed off a total of 1,946 complaint while the regional offices disposed off 15,599 complaints of consumers during the said period.

The head office received a total of 313 complaints against Islamabad Electric Supply Company, 268 Peshawar Electric Supply Company, 223 Hyderabad Electric Supply Company, 419 K-Electric, 133 Sukkur



upcoming Eidul Fitr Festival.

RAWALPINDI: A worker hanging vermicelli for

insecurity. However, Half of Pakistan's populace is undergoing malnutrition. He said this while

addressing International Conference at the department. The world conference was attended by scholars like Dr suffered badly in terms of Esatanely (Nigeria), Dr food insecurity.



Saeed Akhtar and many others attended the conference. According to World Hunger Index 2021 22, nine countries were

two countries. Chairing a meeting, he directed the Food Department to complete **Tailors overcharging**

necessary arrangements for issuance of 'Bardana' (bags) to farmers so that wheat procurement could be started on time. He said overcharging by tailors have irked Eid shoppers in that distribution of 'Bardana' would start from April 19 and for the

purpose, wheat growers should apply through 'Bardana App' from April

and profiteers. He said that 11 in Eidul Fitr celebrations, procurement centres would the male and female tailors be made functional where started overcharging farmers could sell their people by earning almost at double profit in the last government-fixed rate.

days of Ramazan than He directed the normal days that annoyed customers of all aged groups Charsadda and Nowshera, the tailors are heavily charging

irk Eid shoppers in KP PESHAWAR (APP): The demanding upto Rs3,000 per suit for stitching these Expressing dissatisfaction on overcharging and quality of stitching clothes by tailors, cooking oil have surged in the Eid shoppers asked the district administration to maintain check and balance that the poultry meat was sold

out at Rs 619 per kilogram, and Banaspati ghee was sold out at Rs 440 per kilogram The tailors started which earlier, was sold out at was being stitched at Rs Rs2500 to Rs3000 these Rs 430 per kilogram. Cooking oil was sold out at Rs 450 to 550 per kilogram as per different

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Govt decides to complete ongoing tourism, culture projects on priority: Advisor

held there on. During the

visit, he held introductory

meeting with the tourism

the various sections of the

department.

Independent Report PESHAWAR: Advisor to the Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on Tourism, Culture and Archeology Zahid Chanzeb on Sunday said that the provincial government has issued clear directives for early completion of all ongoing projects on priority basis under the Tourism, Culture Archeology and department.

He said that it is also decided to transform the archeological sites, ruins, museums and religious places in the province as per the requirements of the modern era, initiate its digital marketing, provide more facilities to the visitors and prepare documentaries in the languages and cultures of

officers to work with a renewed spirit of national the respective countries. It has also been decided to launch an all-out reconstruction in view of campaign to spread such the various challenges documentaries among the being faced by the province people there through and focus on achieving the diplomatic means. goals This was revealed by

He said that tourism Zahid Chanzeb, the Advisor to the Chief Minister Khyber work side by side with the Pakhtunkhwa on Tourism, field staff for obtaining Culture and Archeology, better results so that they during his visit to the could be aware of the Provincial Tourism and ground realities of their Culture Secretariat in espective fields. Peshawar and the briefing

Likewise, he said development schemes should not be delayed in any way, while in case of officers and learned about unavoidable situations, financial or administrative difficulties should be Addressing the directly brought to his meeting that was held at notice so as to ensure its

the committee room of the timely resolution at the department, he urged the highest level.

Relatives of Umair hold protest rally By Aijaz Mughaľ

bus services.

PESHAWAR

irregularities

Diseases

kidney

Complaints of widespread

procurement of equipment

and construction contracts

at the Institute of Kidney

surfaced in an audit report

According to an audit report, by buying

various equipment for the

expensive prices from the

market rate and giving the

construction contract to

center

released here Sunday.

and

MERKOT: The family of the young man who has been missing for several days from police custody is in shock. Rally and protest in front of the Press Club on behalf of the heirs, on the request of the father, Sessions Judge Umerkot summoned the police. Demand of the victim's family to take notice from the

Supreme Court and the higher authorities. According to the de-tails, 20-year-old Umair Ahmed Mughal, a resi-dent of Mohalla Bhitai Colony, has been mysteriously missing for the past several days. On behalf of his relatives and citizens under the leadership of his troubled son Muhammad Asif Mughal A rally was taken out from Allahwala Chowk and a strong protest was

Kunri. The protestors were holding pictures of the missing youth in their hands, on which were writthe company after according to the audit approval, the exchequer report. ten slogans for the recovery of the youth.

LAHORE: People boarding on train at Railway Station to leave for their hometowns to celebrate Eid-ul-Fitr with their loved ones. Campaign

Commissioner visits bus terminals, reviews facilities

visit to ensure compliance. In a strict move to

secretary Adda, he checked tickets Transport expressed his displeasure upon finding men present in the women's passenger hall. He ordered for deployment of a guard outside the traveling on roofs or women's hall and warned complaints of overcharging.

Irregularities in purchase of

health equipment surfaced

in IKDP: Audit Report

in

at

International News

Peshawar

campaign against users and sellers of drugs has been intensified. In the last 17 days more than 10,000 raids were conducted across Punjab, in which 4713 accused were arrested and Regional Authority 4941 FIRs were registered

Over 3,398 kg hashish and 20 kg opium were recovered, besides the recovery of 17.5 kg of the most dangerous drug, ice.

against drugs

continues

in Punjab

LAHORE (APP): On

special direction of Chief

Minister Punjab Maryam

Nawaz Sharif, the

Four daily wages sanitary workers seriously

unconscious

Independent Report SHIKARPUR: The Four Daily Wages sanitary work ers went unconscious and sent to Shikarpur District Headquarter Ĥospital for medical treatment where unavailabity of health facilities, were referred to Sukkur hospital on Sunday.

According to re-ports, one Daily Wage Sanitary worker Qavi Kumar was on it's Municipal Committee duty entered in the main hole for sanitary work and suddenly went out of sense due to heavy gutter gas inside, later three other sanitary workers

Minister uncovers huge corruption in illegal mining, sand/stone supply chain

Mines & Minerals, Sardar Sher Ali Gorchani, uncovered rampant corruption and illicit practices in the sand and stone supply chain, amounting to millions of rupees in losses to the national exchequer.

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The

conducted

LAHORE (APP): In a of sand and stone, with significant crackdown on daily kickbacks totaling illegal mining activities, a millions extracted from major operation, led by local officials and Provincial Minister for employees, severely Mines & Minerals, Sardar undermining the national treasury.

Accompanied by his team and local lawenforcement, Minister Gorchani personally oversaw the swift apprehension of suspects, resulting in the filing of multiple FIRs and immediate operation, the suspension orders issued mountainous region of Sakhi Sarwar, DG Khan, against the Deputy Director and Assistant Director of revealed widespread the Mines & Minerals irregularities in the supply Department



SKARDU: A participant reciting Holy Quran during the Husn-e-Qiraat and Hafiz Quran competition at Jamia Masjid Skardu-Baltistan in the Holy Month of Ramazan.

Over 70,000 Pakistani children born with heart defects each year

gering number of Pakistani children, exceeding 70,000 annually, are born with congenital heart disease (CHD), according to healthcare professionals. This alarming statistic high-lights a critical public health concern in the country.

Professor Dr. Sohail Khan Bangash, head of the pediatric surgery unit at the National Institute of Cardiology (NICVD), Karachi, sheds light on the break-down of these cases. He reveals that roughly 80% of these children have holes in their hearts, while the remaining 20% suffer from various other heart ail- cian, underscores the imments. Ages of affected chil- portance of early detection.

KARACHI (INP): A stag- dren range from newborns to 14 years old. The lack of readily available specialized care is another pressing issue. Dr. Bangash emphasizes the scarcity of pediatric heart specialists in Pakistan, with only 100 physicians and a mere 25 pediatric heart surgeons nationwide. Karachi itself houses just 7 surgeons. with 4 stationed at the

NICVD, and one each at Aga Khan Hospital, Liaquat National Hospital, and SIUT. This shortage significantly impacts access to

treatment. Dr. Hameedullah Malik, a pediatric physi-

An internal U.N.

"We assure that all the

human rights situation in

Ituri has deteriorated since

the beginning of the year as

PESHAWAR: Mayor Peshawar Zubair Ali addresses to media persons during ceremony of the Journalists Ramadan Sports Gala, held at Peshawar press club.

21 dead, 1587 injured in 1430 **RTCs in Punjab**

Independent Report LAHORE: At least 21 persons were killed and 1587 injured in 1430 Road Traffic Crashes (RTCs) in all 37 districts of Punjab during the last 24 hours. Out of these, 725 people with serious injuries were shifted to different hospitals, while 862 victims with minor injuries were treated at the incident site by Rescue Medical Teams thus reducing the burden of Hospitals.

Furthermore, the analysis showed those 855 drivers, 62 underage drivers, 174 pedestrians, and 579 passengers were among the victims of road traffic crashes. The statistics show that 301 held in front of Press Club RTCs were reported in Lahore which affected 321 persons placing the Provincial Capital at top of the list followed by Faisalabad 101 in with 119 victims and at third Gujranwala with 83

RTCs and 78 victims.

LAHORE (APP): Lahore of another unannounced Divisional Commissioner Muhammad Ali Randhawa ensure passenger safety, Sunday visited bus terminals to ensure that no Commissioner Randhawa passengers, going to their suspended a passenger bus hometown to celebrate Eid, for 72 hours for issuing a was overcharged by the ticket for roof travel to Lucky Marwat. He said the

In a surprise visit to the Badami Bagh Lorry administrator lorry adda and (RTA) were also guardians of passengers' lives and safety, and instructed them to take stern action against any instances of passengers

(APP): has caused a loss of

Disease

items

millions of rupees.

In the audit report of

Medical equipment

Peshawar

the Institute of Kidney

objections were raised on

medical devices and other

and other items were

purchased at prices higher

than the market rate and by

purchasing medical equipment at higher prices,

the exchequer suffered a

loss of Rs 9.7 million,

Yellen, Premier Li express hope for US-China cooperation

Monitoring Desk BEIJING: United States Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen and Chinese Premier Li Qiang sounded a hopeful tone on US-China cooperation on Sunday, though the American policymaker noted both sides cannot shy away from tough conversations.

The US-China relationship can only move forward with direct and open communication, Yellen told Li, after arriving in the Chinese capital from the southern city of Guangzhou.

"China sincerely hopes that the two countries will be partners, not adversaries," Li said in welcoming remarks to Yellen. He added that Chinese internet users have closely followed the details of her trip since her appearance in Guangzhou, showing "expectation and hope for the China-US relationship to continue to improve"

Yellen held a series of days of high-level talks in meetings in the southern port Beijing.

Monitoring Desk

GENEVA: The World

Health Organisation said on

Saturday that Gaza's larg-

est hospital had been re-

duced to ashes by Israel's

latest siege, leaving an "empty shell" with many

bodies. Israeli forces pulled

out of Al Shifa hospital in

Gaza City on Monday af-

ter a two-week military

operation, during which it said it had battled Palestin-

ian militants inside what

was once the Palestinian

territory's most important medical complex. A WHO-

led mission finally ac-

cessed the hospital on Fri-

day, after multiple failed at-

tempts since March 25, the

UN health agency said, de-

scribing the massive de-

managed to reach Al Shifa

health system in Gaza.

which is now an empty

- once the backbone of the

"WHO and partners

struction

Gaza's largest hospital

an 'empty shell' with

human graves: WHO

city, including hours of dispart, Vice Premier He Lifeng. Both countries have since agreed to hold talks on balanced growth under an existing working group, allowing officials to discuss the key US concern of overcapacity. This refers to a situa-

ment support to industries fuels production capacity, but risks a surge of exports at depressed prices to the global market, undercutting international competitors. Washington is especially concerned about this phenomenon in new industries

such as electric vehicles and

shell with human graves af-

ter the latest siege," agency

chief Tedros Adhanom

Ghebreyesus wrote on X

seen "at least five dead bod-

He said the team had

formerly Twitter.

now lost

solar energy. Yellen's trip marks her second visit to China in less than a year. While we have more to do, I believe that, over the past year, we have put our bilateral relationship on more stable footing," she said in opening remarks to Premier Li as she began two

Rather than avoiding cussions with her counter- hard conversations, this has meant "understanding that we can only make progress if we directly and openly communicate with one another", the Treasury chief said. Yellen also stressed, ahead of talks with Beijing mayor Yin Yong, the need tion where Chinese govern- to engage with local officials to understand China's

"economic future" "Local governments play a critical role, from boosting consumption to addressing overinvestment and Beijing of course has particular importance." she said A senior treasury official told reporters on Saturday that Washington believes household spending needs to be a bigger part of China's economy. Speaking to professors from the Peking University National

School of Development, Yellen said she was keen to hear their perspectives on "the potential long-term impacts of today's policy decisions".

Monitoring Desk EHRAN: An adviser to Iran's supreme leader warned on Sunday that Israeli embassies are "no longer safe" after a strike in Syria which Tehran blamed

Belarus ISS colleagues return to Earth **Monitoring Desk**

MOSCOW: A Ňasa astronaut, a Russian cosmonaut and Belarus's first

ever space traveller on Saturday returned to Earth safely after a fortnight

ies during the mission" Space Station, Russia's They had also found that Roscosmos agency re-"most of the buildings in ported. the hospital complex are ex-"Today, at 10:17am tensively destroyed and Moscow time (0717 the majority of assets dam-GMT), the descent vehicle aged or reduced to ashes' of Sozuz MS-24 manned the WHO chief said. "Even spacecraft landed near the restoring minimal function-Kazakh city of Zhezkazgan," Roscosmos reported. "The (vessel's) ality in the short term seems implausible," he said. adding that "an in-depth asdeorbit and its descent to sessment by a team of en-Earth went off normally, gineers is needed to deterthe agency added. mine if the remaining build

Russian cosmonau ings are safe for future use" Oleg Novitsky and the Tedros lamented that effirst ever Belarusian cosforts by WHO and other Marina monaut. Vassilevskaya, "spent 14 days in orbit", while American astronaut Loral aid groups to revive basic services at Al Shifa after Israel's first devastating raid on the hospital last year "are O'Hara completed a 204day mission.

levelled the Iranian embassy's consular annex, killing seven Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) members including two generals. The resistance front is ready; how it (the re-

sponse) will be, we have to wait," Safavi said, noting that "confronting this brutal regime is a legal and legitimate right". He also noted that

multiple Israeli embassies around the region "have been shuttered'

There was no immediate comment from Israel.

Mexico says diplomatic staff leave Ecuador after embassy raid

Monitoring Desk QUITO: Mexico's diplomatic personnel were leaving Ecuador on Sunday, its foreign minister said, as the two countries severed ties after Quito's security forces stormed the Mexican embassy in a raid that prompted searing interna-

ing at the embassy 'Our diplomatic staff are leaving everything in Ecuador and returning home with their heads held high [...] after the assault on our embassy," said Foreign Minruption

seven children in Syria Monitoring Desk DAMASCUS: Seven children were killed in south-

Blast kills

ern Syria's Daraa province on Saturday when an "ex plosive device" detonated, state media reported. 'Seven children" were killed "and two other people were injured, one of them a woman, when an explosive device planted by terrorists" went off in the city of Sanamayn, state news

quoting a police source. The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights war monitor gave a different toll, saying that 'eight children of different ages were killed and another was wounded" in the blast.

Israeli military reduces troops in southern Gaza, spokesperson says **Monitoring Desk**

ported

Monday on "Pillar Two"

jointly developing quan-

tum computing, under-

sea, hypersonic, artificial

intelligence and cyber

technology, the newspa-

per reported on Saturday,

citing people familiar

ering expanding the first

pillar, which is designed

to deliver nuclear-pow-

ered attack submarines to

AUKUS, formed by

Australia, the FT said.

They are not consid-

with the situation.

JERUSALEM: The Israeli military has withdrawn all ground troops from the southern Gaza Strip except for one brigade, a military spokesperson said on Sunday. The military did not

immediately provide further details. It was unclear whether the withdrawal would delay a long-threatened incursion into the southern Gaza city of Rafah, which Israeli leaders have said is needed to eliminate Hamas

25 civilians killed in militia attack in eastern Congo

Monitoring Desk ety leader, told Reuters. BUNIA, Democratic Republic of Congo (Reuters) document seen by Reuters, and Jules Ngongo, spokes-The death toll from an attack in a village in eastern Democratic Republic of person for the governor of Îturi province, both con-Congo's Ituri province rose firmed the attack and the to 25 on Sunday, a local chief and civil society initial death toll of 10 civilians leader said, after a government spokesman and a U.N. killers will be punished by justice," Ngongo said. The

document confirmed the attack on Saturday. The Cooperative for the Development of the Congo (CODECO) group, one of many militias oper-

CODECO carries out more attacks, the United Nations ating in the conflict-ridden Joint Human Rights Office east, carried out the killings (UNJHRO) said in a report in the village of Galavi, 70 published in March CODECO and the Allied km (45 miles) northwest of Democratic Forces (ADF), the city of Bunia, they said. Fifteen bodies were another militia group, are discovered on Sunday, in responsible for most civiladdition to 10 bodies recovian killings in eastern DRC, ered on Saturday, Banzala

according to a report by the Danny, a local chief, and U.N. peackeeping mission Vital Tungulo, a civil soci- released in March.

US, Britain, Australia weigh expanding AUKUS security pact to deter China, FT says

2021, is part of their ef-Monitoring Desk forts to push back against LONDON: The US, Britain and Australia are set China's growing power in to begin talks on bringing the Indo-Pacific region. China has called the new members into their AUKUS pact dangerous AUKUS security pact as Washington pushes for and warned it could spur Japan to be involved as a a regional arms race. Rahm Emanuel, the deterrent against China, the Financial Times re-

US ambassador in Tokyo, wrote in an opinion piece, The countries' deopens new tab in the Wall fence ministers will an-Street Journal on Wednesnounce discussions on day that Japan was 'about to become the of the pact, which comfirst additional Pillar II mits the members to partner".

A senior U.S. administration official told Reuters on Wednesday that some sort of announcement could be expected in the coming week about Japan's involvement but gave no details. Biden and Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida will likely discuss expanding AUKUS to include Japan when the president hosts the prime minister in Washington on Wednesday, a source with the three countries in knowledge of the talks said.

ister Alicia Barcena on social network X, formerly Twitter. She spoke after Spain and the European Union joined the United Nations chief and Latin American countries in condemning Quito for the raid - which it carried out

in a bid to arrest former Ecuadoran vice president Jorge Glas, who was shelter-

Glas sought refuge there last December after an arrest warrant was issued against him for alleged cor-

agency SANA reported,

US Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen meets with Chinese Premier Li Qiang at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing.

Israeli embassies 'no longer safe' after Syria strike: Iran

on Israel killed seven Revolutionary Guards members. 'The embassies of the Zionist regime are no longer safe," Yahya Rahim Safavi, senior adviser to Ayatollah

tional rebukes.

Ali Khamenei, was quoted as saying by the ISNA news agency.

Tehran has vowed to venge Monday's air strike on Damascus that

aboard the International





Daily **Independent**, Gwadar

Monday April 08, 2024

Govt greenlights "Gwadar rail freight connectivity"

major development, the Pakistani government has green-lighted the mega project "Gwadar Rail Freight Connectivity" that aims to link Gwadar Port with the rest of the country, especially the Balochistan hinterlands.

The Gwadar Rail Freight Connectivity, under the Gwadar Smart Port City Master Plan, will reinforce inland connections, enhance cargo flows, and ensure Gwadar's competitiveness as a newly emerging modern port, Gwadar Pro reported on Sunday.

It will also unlock en-

ducing the logistics and Affairs has deliberated on transportation carbon footthe crucial option of railprint through train freight way connectivity from movement, including cargo Gwadar Port with the ML-1 and Quetta regions. The proposed track loading and unloading from the sea leg.

In this regard, Pakiwill connect the berths of stan Railways and the Gwadar port with the main Gwadar Port Authority railway yard of Gwadar, which will be extended furhave already carried out a detailed survey outlining ther upcountry. the framework for laying Gwadar Port Authority and down the railway track and port operator have begun allied structures.

According to the masvacating the infrastructures ter plan of Gwadar city and along the route. port, the track is planned for construction along tions from Prime Minister Koh-e-Batil and the of Pakistan Shahbaz Sharif, Eastbay Expressway.A the Gwadar Development Gwadar Port Authority of- Authority has initiated efficial stated that the Senate forts to acquire 50 acres of

ISLAMABAD (INP): In a vironmental benefits by re- Committee on Maritime land, adjacent to the already acquired Pakistan Railway land, for the construction of a container vard.

A Gwadar Port Authority official stated that the Senate Committee on Maritime Affairs has deliberated on the crucial option of railway connectivity from Gwadar Port with the ML-1 and Quetta re-For this purpose, the gions.

During the deliberations, the committee envisioned rail connections as playing a pivotal role in facilitating trade and transportation, positioning Gwadar Port as a pivotal hub in both national and international logistics networks.

KARACHI: A large number of people getting board on Eid Special Train at Cantt Railway Station departing to their home towns to celebrate Eidul Fitr, festive with their loved ones.



MADINA MUNAWWARAH: Chief Minister Punjab Maryam Nawaz Sharif paying respect at Roza-e-Rasool (SAWW)

Ramazan teaches mutual love, brotherhood, patience & tolerance: Fatima

us

QUETTA (APP): Pakistan Muslim League-N Balochistan Women's Wing leader Fatima Khan has said that the month of Ramazan teaches mutual love, brotherhood, patience and tolerance. In the month of fast-ing, Allah Almighty blesses us with His immense blessings for which as much as we are grateful, we should also include the orphans and the poor in our happiness on the occasion of Eid-ul-Fitr. She expressed these views while addressing in ceremony the Iftar dinner in honour of orphaned chilcompassion and sacrifice for dren on behalf of Helping the weak and needy sec-Hands

She said that fasting in the month of Ramazan cre- month of Ramazan, we ates feelings of compassion should provide maximum

juice vendor in Panjgur She said that in this month full of blessings, Muslims should help their

ers with an open heart.

holy month, we have our

moral and spiritual training,

we can reach the true spirit

of Ramazan only by forgiv-

ing each other's mistakes

because this month teaches

brotherhood.She said that

fasting in the month of

Ramazan creates feelings of

tions of the society.

and

kindness

Independent Report QUETTA: The Govern. ment of Balochistan has strongly condemned the poor and deserving brothkilling of an innocent juice vendor in Panugur district She said that the of the province. month of Ramazan teaches us patience, adding in this

GoB condemns

killing of

Following instruc-

According to an official hand out issued here, the spokesman of provincial government said that the killing of a labourer in Panjgur is strongly condemnable. He said that the bereaved family of the deceased labourer is being contacted. He said that it is sorrowful to target and kill the labourers who came to Balochistan from remote areas for earning livelihood. He said that the body

She said that in the of deceased labourer was dispatched to Quetta from Panjgur. The same would be

Secretary-General MWL Dr Al-Issa visits Pakistan ISLAMABAD (APP): Dr headed a groundbreaking

Mohammad bin Abdulkarim Al-Issa, a distinguished figure in the realms of religion and philanthropy, on Sunday arrived in Pakistan for a significant visit from 7th April to 16th April 2024, aimed at fostering interfaith dialogue and cooperation.

As the Secretary General of Muslim World League and Chairman of Council of Muslim Scholars, Dr Al-Issa has long been at the forefront of promoting a more inclusive and tolerant understanding of Is-lam. Dr Al-Issa's efforts to combat Islamophobia and promote religious co-existence have garnered international acclaim

gies such as virtual and aug-In 2019, he spear- the life and teachings.

Central Ruet-e-Hilal Committee to sight moon on Tuesday

ISLAMABAD (Online): A sphere Research Commispivotal meeting of the Cension (SUPARCO). Among tral Ruet-e-Hilal Committhe notable attendees are tee is scheduled for Tues-Director General Syed day to determine the sight-Mushahid Hussain Khalid, ing of Shawwal-ulalong with prominent figures Mukarram moon at the such as Allama Muhammad Ministry of Religious Af-Dr. Hussain Akbar, Mufti fairs and Interfaith Har-Fazl Jamil Rizvi, and mony. Headed by Maulana Maulana Muhammad Yasin Syed Muhammad Abdul Zafar, among others. Zonal Khabir Azad, the meeting members from Islamabad, will witness the participa-Lahore, Karachi, Quetta, tion of esteemed members and Peshawar will also confrom various institutions, tribute to the deliberations.

including the Ministry of Emphasizing the im**MQM-P** blasts Sindh govt over alarming rise in Karachi street crimes

KARACHI (INP): The rising crimes in Karachi are not possible without police acting as accomplices, said MQM-P leader Faisal Subzwari who also asked why the federal government wasn't taking notice of the alarming situation.

Regretting the fact that nothing is being done check the increase in street in crimes in the port city, he said most of the criminals at the end had always been found to be from the police, as he blasted the PPP government over the killing of dozens of people by criminals during robberies.

Subzwari censured the Sindh home minister over his comments in which he had blamed media for dis-

Senate Secretariat establishes facilitation desk

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Senate Secretariat has established a facilitation desk in the Parliament House on Sunday to assist and support the recently elected members of the Upper House of the Parlia-

Muhammad Qasim Khan, the Secretary of the Senate, has already sent letters to the Senators. Additionally, he has directed the formation of a coordina-

tion committee to manage

the registration and facili-

tation procedures for the

newly elected Senate mem-

Solar Eclipse

will not be

visible in

Sindh

KARACHI (APP): The

Pakistan Meteorological

Department has said that

the total Solar Eclipse on

April 08 and 09 will not be

visible in Pakistan includ-

However, it will be visible from West in Eu-

rope, North America, North

in South America, Pacific,

Dead body of

slain labourer

sent to native

area from Qta

Independent Report

QUETTA: The dead body

of labourer killed by un-

known armed men in

Panjgur on Saturday was

dispatched to the native

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proportional coverage of activities and criminal elecrimes in Karachi. He must ments. The provincial govspeak only after thinking properly, otherwise, re-maining silent was the best option, he remarked. The MQM-P leader

said how it was possible that the police didn't receive a share from the criminals snatching mobile phones from citizens when they had been getting money from those involved in illegal business of Iranian

oil and the goods meant for Afghan transit trade Subzwari, who was addressing a press conference along with other party leaders, announced that they would formed neighbour committees to

ernment had failed miserably in protecting the lives and property of people, he noted.

The law and order was worsening in not just Karachi but also in the entire province, he added - a clear reference to the dacoits operating freely in the Katcha area located along Indus River in upper Sindh. Subzwari also men-

tioned that the mobile phones and bikes snatched or stolen in Karachi were not "airlifted" to other parts of the country. The goods were transported by road, he said and questioned how and why the police were no able to confiscate the same.



QUETTA: People waiting for transport to travel to hometowns to celebrate Eid ul Fitr with their loved ones at a local bus stand

Govt orders Wapda

prayer at Faisal Mosque, one of the largest mosques in the world, located in the capital city of Islamabad. Additionally, he will inaugurate the groundbreaking Seerat-un-Nabi Museum, the first of its kind in Pakistan, dedicated to showcasing Prophetic Relics and employing modern technolo-

mented realities to elucidate

dialogue among Muslim and

non-Muslim scholars, re-

sulting in the signing of

"The Charter of Makkah,"

a testament to his dedica-

tion to fostering understand-

to Pakistan, Dr Al-Issa is

set to lead the Eid-ul-Fitr

During his current visit

ing and mutual respect.

and sacrifice for the weak financial assistance to the and needy sections of the

the month of gaining close-ness to Allah and helping only be achieved by involvthe deserving people, she ing others in your happisaid. ness.

poor, destitute and orphans society. Ramazan Mubarak is in the joy of Eid-ul-Fitr besaid.

Pishin media community slams harassment of Najeeb Tareen by MS Civil Hospital

Independent Report QUETTA: The media community of Pishin has condemned the harassment of a senior journalist Najeeb Tareen by the Medical Superintendent of Civil Hospital Pishin.

A meeting of the me-dia persons was held un-der presidentship of Vice President of National Press Club Pishin, Hazrat Khan Kakar at Media House on Sunday.

Those participated in the meeting were included President Samiullah Tareen, General Secretary Waseem Ahmed Rajput, Roohullah Kakar, Zeeshan Rajput, Mairajuddin, besides oth-

The participants strongly condemned the harassment of the senior journalist by the Medical Superintendent of Civil Hospital and the lab Assistant. They said that the media persons are being harassed through different tactics on doing reporting based on facts.

Due to the situation. the real media persons are going to be unsafe, which is condemnable, they said.

They said that an application had been submitted in the police station against harassment of the journalist but instead of taking action on it, a bogus case was registered against the journalist.

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here is that the decision has

Needless to mention

The Commissioner

in this regard.



QUETTA: People are purchasing traditional Baloch caps fro Eid from the roadside vendor.

Shahrah-e-Iqbal & Liaqat **Bazaar declared No Parking Zone**

Independent Report QUETTA: The Shahrah-e-Iqbal and Liaquat Bazaar have been declared No Parking Zone.

rectives to take stern action In this regard, ban has been imposed on every kind of parking on both the important and busy roads.

been taken to tackle the traf-According to an official handout issued here on fic jam and rush in the main Sunday, there would be no city permission to park vehicles, Quetta Division and Chairmotorcycles, cycles and man RTA had issued direcpush carts on the Shahrahtives in this regard. e-Iqbal and Liaquat Bazaar.

Port and Free Zone organized an iftar dinner for the needy families in Gwadar. The program was or-ganized with the collabora-

tion of local volunteers un-

Abdullah Gul, Chinese envoy discuss growing **Indian terrorism**

in Pakistan ISLAMABAD (APP): Chairman Tehreek-e-Jawanaan Pakistan (TJP) Mohammad Abdullah Hamid Gul on Sunday held a detailed meeting with the Chinese Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipoten-In case of violation of tiary Jiang Zaidong and discussed important issues mainly growing terrorism of

India in Pakistan and the world. In a statement received here, Abdullah Gul said, "On this occasion, how the defense minister of India is admitting the massacre in Pakistan. Despite this, no international peace organization has taken notice of it."He declared the negligence

of global community tantamount to permitting a license for terrorism to India.

Science and Technology, portance of public involve-The Pakistan Meteorologi- ment, Maulana Azad encoursent to his native area, Rajanpur, the spokesman

cal Department, and The aged citizens to actively en-Space and Upper Atmo- gage in moon sighting efforts.



QUETTA: Relief goods is being distributed among needy persons during food aids distribution ceremony organized by charitable organization during the Holv Month of Ramadan-ul-Mubarak.

Chinese Embassy hosts Iftar for the needy people in Gwadar

Embassy of the People's ing Hand Foundation Republic of China in Pakichina Overseas Ports Hold-ing Company (COPHC), continue till the closing of the operator of Gwadar Ramadan. They were boxes of rice. This is the third con-

secutive year that the Em-bassy and COPHC spon-sor this program in collabo-

ration with Helping Hand Foundation, Gwadar Pro reported on Sunday. Earlier this week, Karaohi Consulate and

Karachi Consulate and Linyi Trade city distributed 4000 packages of rice and cooking oil to the local people affected by rain. Moreover, following the heavy shower, COPHC

donated canned food items to 1000 families.

Eid shopping gains momentum

Independent Report brands and boutiques have displayed an exquisite va-riety of fabrics offering dif-QUETTA: Commercial markets, bazaars and shopferent price ranges accord-ing to the affordability of ping centers the provincial metropolis are witnessing a the customers. The shophuge crowd of people as ping frenzy has reached its Eid-ul-Fitr is just around peak during the last Ashra the corner. The stalls of of Ramazan with only three cosmetics, henna and days left in the Eid while bangles, shoes, dresses, the women are busy now have been set up everyin buying the food items where particularly in busy



Saturday night.

QUETTA: On the directives of Commissioner Quetta Division staff of RTA and Traffic Police taking action against transports who charged extra fares

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employees to submit zero power theft surety certificates ISLAMABAD (INP): The week, protests erupted

Staff members from different departments are actively involved in assistfederal government has deing the incoming Senators. cided to launch a crackdown The desk will be operaagainst Wapda officers and tional from 9 am to 5 pm to officials who were found ensure the smooth compleinvolved in power theft and tion of the registration pro in this respect, the Power Division Ministry has

down strike was observed sought surety certificates from Senior Superintenin different parts of the dents to Linesmen of country, prompting the Wapda. government to take mea-

According to details, now all power distribution sures to reduce power bills without violating the terms companies' officers and other staff will submit set by the International Monetary Fund. surety certificates to the government that their areas are free from power theft and if any irregularity is found in the area then the concerned officer and official will be held responsible. The Pakistani government has announced a crackdown on electricity

The government has announced a strategy to crackdown on power theft and reduce bills without compromising on the IMF conditions. The minister clarified that because of the electricity theft and refusal by some consumers to pay bills, the loss gets transtheft in the country in a bid to reduce power bills. Last ferred to those who duti-

fully pay their bills.

across the country with

electricity consumers burn-

ing copies of their bills and

vowing not to pay them al-

leging they were inflated

and beyond their means. A partial shutter-

APHC-AJK says: India cannot suppress Kashmiris' stance through military force ISLAMABAD (INP): The ter 2019 on designs of Is-

All Parties Hurrivat Conference Azad Jammu and Kashmir (APHC-AJK) chapter has said that India's continued military and police terrorism cannot sup-

area, Rajanpur (Punjb) from Quetta on Sunday. The body of slain labourer was brought to press the Kashmiris stance on their right to self-deter-Ouetta from Panjgur on late mination in Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir.

According to the Commissioner Quetta, the APHC-AJK Con-vener Mehmood Ahmed ambulance and financial assistance was provided for Saghar in a statement issending the body of sued in Islamabad said that labourer to Rajanpur. India had actually con-The Chief Minister verted the occupied terri-Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz tory into a military and police garrison. He said Ahmed Bugti had issued

raeli style of which Indian troops and non-Kashmiris were being allotted lands in different areas of Jammu and Kashmir.

He said that actually India was distorting the population ratio in IIOJK by issuing large-scale domi-cile to non-Kashmiris in the occupied territory

Mehmood Ahmed Saghar said the dream of permanent peace in South Asia cannot be realized without resolving the longpending Kashmir dispute as per the United Nations resolutions and aspira-

GWADAR (INP): The der the platform of Help-Gwadar. More than 300 Ramadan. They were served date, milk, fruits and