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Iranian President vows to enhance cooperation with Pak in diverse sectors

LAHORE (APP): Iranian President Dr Seyyed Ebrahim Raisi says Pakistan and Iran are keen to develop centers of arts and learning besides promotion of arts and sciences.

Addressing students and faculty at Government College University in Lahore, he said it is need of the hour to pay special attention to arts, sciences and technology to shine among the comity of nations.

President Raisi said that universities should be centers of learning and research and a comprehensive strategy in the education sector may pay dividends.

On Allama Iqbal, the Iranian President said the poetry of Allama Dr Muhammad Iqbal enjoys special acceptance in Iran.

He said Pakistan and Iran maintain the same stance on Palestine issue.

Dr Raisi said Iran would further enhance its cooperation with Pakistan in the energy and other sectors.

The Iranian President thanked Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif and Chief Minister Punjab Maryam Nawaz Sharif for the cordial hospitality during his visit.



KARACHI: Iranian President Dr. Seyyed Ebrahim Raisi along with others paying homage to Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah during ceremony held at Jinnah Mausoleum in Karachi.

Pending cases to be disposed of soon: CJ BHC

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QUETTA: The Chief Justice, Balochistan High Court (BHC), Mr. Justice Muhammad Hashim Khan Kakar has stated that the cases pending in the courts would be disposed of soon.

It is loss of the lawyers if cases remain pending, observed the Chief Justice while addressing the reception hosted here at the High Court on Tuesday.

The reception was arranged in honour of the newly appointed Chief Justice Hashim Khan Kakar and retiring judge Mr Justice Nazeer Ahmed Langove.

The Chief Justice BHC said that he considers the Bar his mother institution as the judges come from there.

Mr Justice Muhammad Hashim Khan Kakar pointed out that the youngsters are disappeared but their families don't know anything about them.

He also noted with concern that the innocent people are killed in the name of honour, which is sorrowful. He said that he would never commit negligence in resolving the problems.

He said that we are endeavouring to resolve all issues of the lawyers.

He announced that modern research center would be established for the lawyers.

All the judges of High Court as well as office bearers of different bar associations and senior lawyers participated in the reception gathering.



QUETTA: Chief Secretary Balochistan Shakeel Qadir Khan presenting a memorial shield to Commander West (Navy) Rear Admiral Adnan Majeed.

Balochistan's lawmakers call for development initiatives in province

ISLAMABAD (APP): Members National Assembly (MNAs) from Balochistan emphasized the importance of progress and development in the province, urging an efficient utilization of resources to uplift the area.

Speaking at National Assembly forum, JUI-P lawmaker Engineer Muhammad Usman Badini hailed from Balochistan raised concerns over funding issues in Balochistan University, emphasizing that employees have not yet received salaries of six months. He also highlighted the vast expanse of his constituency, spanning over 1000 square kilometers and rich in resources, urging development efforts in the region.

PML-N's Haji Jamal Shah Kakar emphasized the significance of Balochistan for the country's development and nation's future. He stressed the need for development initiatives in the area to achieve prosperity for the people of province.

IPP lawmaker Gul Asghar Khan underscored Pakistan's resource wealth and advocated for development through strategic planning. Delivering his inaugural speech in the National Assembly, he called for prioritizing the resolution of public issues.

MNA Mian Khan Bugti stressed the need for educational uplift in Balochistan, describing it as a region lagging behind as compared to other parts of the provinces. He highlighted the underdevelopment in Western side of Balochistan, citing deficiencies in gas, electricity and other essential facilities.

Mian Bugti called for concerted efforts to uplift the region, urging the concerned for provision of gas facilities to the local population.



QUETTA: Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Safaraz Bugti talking with mediapersons. Provincial Ministers are also present

Better plan being devised for improving law and order: Govt's formation completed; ministers given portfolios; 16-point reforms prepared, says Chief Minister

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QUETTA: The Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti has stated that the formation of provincial government has been completed with portfolios assigned to the ministers.

The Chief Minister said that we have prepared 16-point reforms agenda for bringing improvement in the government affairs and the provincial ministers would work on them.

He said that the Provincial Minister for Home would work along with all security institutions for maintaining law and order in the province.

The Chief Minister was addressing a hurriedly called press conference along with provincial ministers here on Tuesday.

Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti maintained that we are forming a committee for holding talks with those moving on the mountains.

The committee would talk with the parties present in the parliament and outside, stated the Chief Minister adding that we would speak to the tribal personalities for ending violence.

He said that it is better to resolve the issue of Balochistan through dialogue.

What should we do if the issue of Balochistan is not resolved through negotiations.

He announced that the development schemes would be completed timely after the budget.

However, he added that development of Balochistan is impossible in the present budget.

Govt committed to implement minimum wages

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ISLAMABAD (APP): The National Assembly on Tuesday adopted a resolution urging the government to ensure the payment of minimum wages in both government-run departments and private enterprises.

The resolution was introduced by MNA Syed Rafullah.

In response, Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Muhammad Aurangzeb said that federal government is committed to implementing minimum wages in the capital and its affiliated departments.

He said that Deputy Commissioners and Commissioners in the federal capital are overseeing the implementation of minimum wages. He further said that following the passage of the minimum wage legislation by parliament, a notification was issued for its implementation.

"Talks are underway between political and military circles. Government is taking this issue seriously. This matter is linked to terrorism. However, committee has been constituted and investigations have been started. The country is put on the path to economic development. People have absolutely rejected PTI contradictory statements, this was said by law minister Azam Nazir Tarar and information minister Ata Tarar while addressing a joint press conference here Tuesday.

Law minister Azam Nazir Tarar said talks are underway between political and military circles since some time on the issue of missing persons. Pakistan has played role of front line country in war affected area since four decades. This war has led to enhance enormously internal and external challenges of Pakistan. We have paid price for it.

First talk in this regard was held in PPP government and a commission was constituted on this matter, he pointed out. The representatives of Balochistan were also part of this commission.

10200 cases were presented before missing persons commission, he indicated. Some among them were resolved.

Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Attaullah Tarar said on Tuesday that the voters during the recent bye-elections had rejected the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf's narrative of hatred, hypocrisy and lies.

Addressing a press conference along with Minister for Law and Justice Azam Nazeer Tarar here, he said much hue and cry was made about so-called rigging in the by-elections but even a single proof could not be presented by the PTI leadership.

US warns Pak of 'possible sanctions' for doing trade with Iran

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WASHINGTON (INP): The United States hinted at the "risk of possible sanctions" on Pakistan if Islamabad did trade with Iran.

US State Department spokesperson Matthew Miller while reacting to a question on the visit of Iran President Ebrahim Raisi said that the United States is one of Pakistan's largest export markets. However, he advised "caution to those considering trade deals with Iran," citing the potential threat of sanctions.

"We advise anyone considering business deals with Iran to be aware of the potential risk of sanctions," The spokesperson did not specifically name Pakistan but reminded it of the US significance as the biggest foreign market and one of the biggest investors in the country.

"We have also been a leading investor in Pakistan for the past 20 years. Pakistan's economic success is in both of our interest, and we look forward to continuing our partnership," he added.

PM lauds CIDCA's role in bolstering Pakistan's economic development

ISLAMABAD (APP): A high-level delegation of the Chinese International Development Cooperation Agency, led by its Chairman Luo Zhaohui, called on Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif in Islamabad today.

Welcoming the delegation, the Prime Minister said China is Pakistan's most trusted friend and appreciated China's steadfast support to Pakistan.

Acknowledging CIDCA's pivotal role in bolstering Pakistan's economic development, the Prime Minister specifically commended CIDCA for its vital support during the 2022 floods and for its relief, rehabilitation, and reconstruction efforts in Pakistan.

The Prime Minister underscored that CPEC has contributed to Pakistan's socio-economic development as well as the progress and prosperity of the peoples of the two countries.

He hoped that the Phase-II of CPEC would result in more industrial, scientific, and green development.

He further said CPEC-II is also an opportunity for the private sectors of both countries to form joint ventures.

Chinese Ambassador in Pakistan Jiang Zaidong also attended the meeting.

The Prime Minister witnessed the signing ceremony of four Memorandums of Understanding focusing on Flood Rehabilitation, Information and Communication Technologies, Juncao Technology, China-Pakistan Development Cooperation Planning 2024-2028 alongside a Letter of Exchange on the establishment of a First Aid Centre in Balochistan, and Protocol on Cooperation in Human Resources Development under the Global Development Initiative.

These agreements signify the deepening cooperation between Pakistan and China across various sectors.



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif witnesses the signing of different agreements between China and Pakistan regarding cooperation in various fields.

Maryam; emphasises stronger industrial, agri cooperation

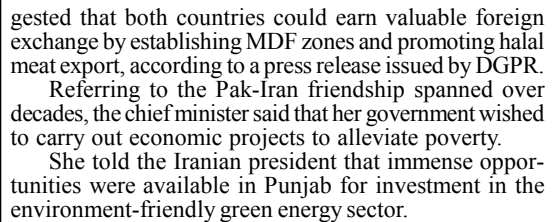
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LAHORE (APP): Chief Minister of Punjab Maryam Nawaz Sharif on Tuesday said that the Punjab government would welcome Iranian investment in the value-added livestock market of the province, emphasising stronger bilateral cooperation in industrial and agriculture sectors.

The chief minister, in a meeting with President of Iran Dr Seyyed Ebrahim Raisi and his spouse Dr Jamileh-Sadat Alamolhoda at the Governor's House here, suggested that both countries could earn valuable foreign exchange by establishing MDF zones and promoting halal meat export, according to a press release issued by DGPR.

Referring to the Pak-Iran friendship spanned over decades, the chief minister said that her government wished to carry out economic projects to alleviate poverty.

She told the Iranian president that immense opportunities were available in Punjab for investment in the environment-friendly green energy sector.



Terrorists involved in attacks on Customs officials killed in DI Khan operation

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PESHAWAR (Agencies): The Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) Tuesday claimed to have killed at least eight terrorists who were involved in attacks on Customs officials in Dera Ismail Khan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

One of the most-wanted terrorists, Jahanzaib, was also among those killed in the operation conducted on Monday in the KP district, the CTD said in a statement.

The dead terrorists, according to the statement, were also involved in extortion and attacks on security forces as well as target killing. The terrorists were present in the district with plans to cause sabotage, it added.

"The escape routes of the terrorists were blocked," the CTD said, adding that there is a fear of the presence of facilitators of terrorists in the local population.

"Strict action is also being taken against the facilitators," the agency maintained.



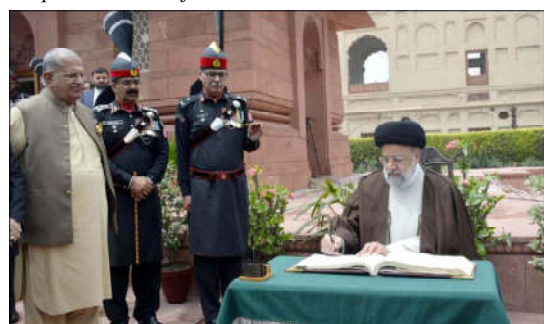
QUETTA: Spokesman of Government of Balochistan Shahid Rind, Commissioner Quetta Division Hamza Shafqaat, Deputy Commissioner Lt. (retd) Saad bin Asad and DG PDMA Jahanzeb talking with DGPR Balochistan Muhammad Noor Khetran during their visit to DGPR Office

President highlights significance of enhanced aerial connectivity

ISLAMABAD (APP): President Asif Ali Zardari on Tuesday underlined significance of enhancing aerial connectivity with different countries and said that with increase in people to people contacts, potential of Pakistan's tourism sector could be adequately tapped.

Delay in tax cases: PM directs to suspend Chief Commissioner Inland Revenue, officials

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday took notice of the "willful" delay in tax cases and ordered for suspension of Commissioner Inland Revenue Islamabad and other relevant officials.



LAHORE: President of Islamic Republic of Iran, Dr. Seyyed Ebrahim Raisi writing remarks in visitors book during his visit to Mazar-e-Iqbal.

Murad Ali Shah says There are vast investment opportunities in various sectors across province

Iranian President Raisi, Sindh CM discuss bilateral economic opportunities

KARACHI (INP): Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi met Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah on Tuesday during his visit to Karachi and had a detailed discussion on Pakistan-Iran economic opportunities, including issues concerning investment. Raisi is currently on a three-day visit to Pakistan and had arrived a day ago.



ISLAMABAD: H.E. WADA Mitsuhiro, Ambassador of Japan to Pakistan paid a courtesy call to Minister for Law and Justice Senator Azam Nazeer Tarar.

Pak-Saudi ties to be taken to new heights in fields of mutual interest: Speaker NA

ISLAMABAD (APP): Speaker National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq on Tuesday said that Pakistan attached great importance to its long-standing brotherly relations with Saudi Arabia.

List of necessary medicines issued for secondary & tertiary hospitals

Independent Report QUETTA: The list of necessary medicines has been issued to the secondary and tertiary hospitals thanks to the Secretary Health, Abdullah Khan who took special interest in this regard.



ISLAMABAD: A delegation of Air Asia Aviation Group (AAAG) called on President Asif Ali Zardari at Aiwan-i-Sadr.

Pakistan aims to reach \$3 trillion economy by 2047: Ahsan Iqbal

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Planning and Reforms Ahsan Iqbal on Tuesday said that Pakistan aimed to reach \$3 trillion economy by 2047 and called for enhanced public-private collaboration and a streamlined regulatory framework.

SSGCL to suspend gas supply in Balochistan today to repair pipelines

QUETTA (APP): Sui Southern Gas Company Limited (SSGCL) will temporarily suspend its gas supply in some areas of Balochistan to repair gas supply pipelines on April 24 from 9am to 5 pm which were damaged by recent rains and floods in the province.

Govt's priority to protect life, property of people: DC

QUETTA (APP): Deputy Commissioner Duki Captain @ Fayyaz Ali on Tuesday said that the protection of life and property of the people was the first priority of the government for which all available resources were being utilized.



QUETTA: Balochistan Government Spokesperson Shahid Rind, Commissioner Quetta Division and Administrator Hamza Shafaqat along with Director PDMA Jahanzaib Khan watching garbage taken out from nullah at Jinnah road during cleanliness campaign.

PM seeks UK's support to promote higher education, improve quality

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday expressed the government's desire for working together with the United Kingdom to promote higher education and improve quality of education in Pakistan.

Pakistan not to surrender its water rights: Tarar

ISLAMABAD (INP): Federal Minister for Law and Justice Azam Nazeer Tarar on Tuesday firmly stated before the National Assembly that the government remained resolute in not relinquishing its water rights, emphasizing that any alteration to the Indus Water Treaty necessitated mutual consent from both Pakistan and India.

Bushra Bibi health condition declared ok

ISLAMABAD (Online): Health condition OF Bushra Bibi wife of PTI founder has been declared all OK and report thereof has been sent to higher authorities. Sources said Bushra Bibi complained about her indisposition and burning in chest. Doctors of Adiala jail conducted her medical check up and advised her to consult specialists doctors particularly heart specialist of PIMS.

Work in progress to expand communication system in Balochistan region: Khosa

QUETTA (APP): The provincial government is utilizing all available resources to expand communication system across the Balochistan region. This was stated by Provincial Minister of Communication and Works Mir Saleem Ahmed Khosa while addressing meeting held here.

Ali Madad vows to make Agriculture ideal Dept

QUETTA (APP): Balochistan Minister for Agriculture Mir Ali Madad Jatak on Tuesday said that measures were being taken to make the Agriculture Department an exemplary sector which was a very important sector and 70 percent of the people were linked with it.

Shahzaib Rind accorded warm welcome upon arrival in hometown

Independent Report QUETTA: The international combat karate fighter, Shahzaib Rind reached Quetta on Tuesday. The sports department officials and others received him at the airport. Upon arrival in the hometown, Shahzaib Rind was accorded warm welcome at the Quetta airport.



QUETTA: Provincial Ministers Mir Shoaib Nausherwani and Sardar Abdul Rehman Khetrnan holding a meeting.