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Nawaz's love, services to nation made him party President again: PM

LAHORE (APP): Prime fame Nawaz Sharif in the Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif has said that Muhammad Nawaz Sharif has once again been elected unopposed as the President of Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz because of his great love and services to the people of Pakistan. Addressing the PML-N General Council Meet-

ing at a local hotel, he said that in the 2018 elections, Nawaz Sharif was defeated through various intrigues, adding that Nawaz Sharif's fault was that he transformed the country into a nuclear power and also put it on the path to speedy development. He said that u n f o r t u n a t e l y , Muhammad Nawaz Sharif was implicated in the false Panama cases, asserting that his crime was that he served Pakistan and made Pakistan a nuclear power, while Pakistan had been progressing fast in industrial, agricultural and all other sectors. Under a sheer conspiracy, he said, attempts were made to de-

comity of nations by ruining his national services and he was forced to quit Pakistan but today, the faces of all those conspira-tors are tainted, while Nawaz Sharif has once again succeeded to foil all those unlawful tactics and intrigues. With dedication and hard work, the PML-N governments in federal and Punjab under the dy-namic leadership of Muhammad Nawaz are surpassing every milestone and taking Pakistan towards speedy develop-ment, he said and acknowledged the cooperation of the allied parties including Pakistan People's Party, PML-Q and MQM in the government. He added that all the allied parties are sincerely working day and night for the economic and prosperity of the country. He vowed to take Pakistan to that level of progress and prosperity as it had been in 2017 under the leadership of then Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif



LAHORE: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif congratulates former Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif on being elected unopposed as President of PML-N in Lahore

To ensure provision of better services to people Public Health facilities should be upgraded faster: Nasir

Independent Report KARACHI: Provincial Minister Planning and Development Syed Nasir Hussain Shah presided over an important meeting of Planning and Development Board. Chairman P&D Najam Ahmed Shah, Secre-

sion of better services to the people. The meeting informed that new projects have been proposed under the planning and development framework, focusing on targeted poverty alleviation strategies and imtary Planning Khair proved social safety net.
Muhammad Kalor and other The meeting emph The meeting emphasized the importance of a senior officers also partici-

faster to ensure the provi-



pated in the meeting. Minister Syed Nasir Hussain Shah was informed about the details of the schemes.

The meeting was informed that the focus was on key projects to enhance infrastructure and public services to accelerate the provincial development agenda and reviewed the various schemes of the road sector to ensure smooth development and better

strong urban policy to effectively manage the challenges and opportunities of urbanization. Notable infrastructure projects like SWAT and MSDP projects were discussed with emphasis on ensuring that these projects are aligned with broader development objectives. He added that reforms and improvements in the prisons department were also presented in the connectivity. Minister di- meeting to ensure better rected that the public health facilities should be upgraded management and rehabilitation services.

Sindh govt orders probe against officers with alleged fake domiciles

Sindh Home Department has launched an investigation into several officers who allegedly secured Grade 17 jobs using fake

According to authorities from home department, the investigation focuses on candidates from other provinces who reportedly used falsified Sindh domiciles to pass the Central Superior Services (CSS) exam. The Sindh Home Department suspects that these individuals may have illicitly obtained positions such as Assistant Commissioner and other high-ranking scrutiny include Arslan Chaudhry, Kamran Ahmed Gondal, Makhdoom Malik, and Owais Brar, who allegedly obtained their Assistant Commissioner positions

through fraudulent means. Additionally, the domiciles of Raja Abdul Salam and Rana Ziaur Rehman, who secured Grade 17 jobs are under suspicion, as well as that of Hania Minhas from the Office Management Group. The Sindh Home Department has issued a letter demanding a thorough investigation and prompt report submission



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif chairs a review meeting on Electricity Supply Load Management and Anti-Power Theft Campaign.

Country's economic indicators improving

Nawaz fires broadside at Imran, 'facilitators' after re-election as PML-N president

Ex-PM vehemently criticises decision by former chief justice Saqib Nisar, declaring it has been discarded as 'trash'

KARACHI: Sindh Minister for Information, Trans-

port and Mass Transit, Excise Taxation and Nar-

cotics Control, Sharjeel Inam Memon addresses to

media persons during press conference, in Karachi.

Aleem hold meeting with

Tajikistan's ministers to

discuss various matters

ISLAMABAD (APP): kistan. He added that both

the countries should also in-

crease "organic exports" while

Pakistan's trade may increase

from Tajikistan via China and

agreed on the construction

of standard and spacious

highways between the two

countries. Similarly, discus-

sions were held on the in-

crease of Business-to-Busi-

ness visits between Paki-

stan and Tajikistan, for

which it was agreed to make

Tajikistan, the federal min-

ister arrived at Dushanbe

Airport on Tuesday where

he was warmly welcomed

by the Minister of Trans-

port of Tajikistan Azim

Aleem Khan visited the of-

fices of Tajikistan's Minis-

ter of Transport and Min-

ister of Economic Develop-

ment and Trade where they

exchanged views on differ-

ent matters of mutual inter-

est and discussed important

It is noteworthy that

Earlier, on his visit to

further progress.

Aleem Khan also

Afghanistan as well.

Federal Minister for In-

Privatization and Commu-

nications, Abdul Aleem

Khan, during his visit to Tajikistan held detail meet-

ings with Transport Min-

ister Azim Ibrahim and

Minister for Economic De-

velopment and Trade

Zavqizoda Zavqi Amin to

increase bilateral trade be-

the proposals for starting a

pilot project at the ports of

Gwadar and Karachi and

increasing the "Organic Ex-

port", said a press release

while expressing the deter-

mination to expand existing

relation between two coun-

tries said that good neigh-

bors are no less than a bless-

ing. He mentioned that

Tajikistan is the "Gateway"

for trade with Pakistan for

sible cooperation to start at

least one direct flight in a

week from Tajikistan to Pa-

He assured his all pos-

KARACHI: Grand Democratic Alliance (GDA)

Chief, Pir Sibghatullah Shah Rashidi exchanging

views with Maulana Fazal-ur-Rehman, Chief of

Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (JUI-F) during meeting held

Central Asian countries.

The federal minister

issued here on Tuesday.

Aleem Khan agreed to

tween the two countries.

Former prime minister and newly elected President of the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N), Nawaz Sharif, has once again accused Imran Khan of relying on military support for his political as-

Sharif was elected unopposed as the president of the ruling party earlier today, coincidentally, the same day Pakistan conducted nuclear tests in 1998 during the PML-N's second term in govern-

"Imran Khan started his politics on the shoulders of the army. I personally approached him for collaboration, and he agreed, but then planned protests from London with Sharif declared, "If you of \$5 billion of that time."

Shazia Marri pays tribute to founders of Pakistan's

Nuclear program KARACHI (APP): Pakistan Peoples Party's central spokesperson, Shazia Marri, Tuesday, paid glowing tribute to founders of Pakistan's nuclear program that made country's defense impregnable.

Shazia Marri, in her message on Youm-e-Takbeer, saluted Shaheed Zulfikar Ali Bhutto and Shaheed Benazir Bhutto and said that May 28 will always remind us of their services for national defense.

Pakistan Navy foils major drug smuggling bid in North Arabian Sea

RAWALPINDI (APP): Paistan Navy Ship (PNS) Aslat on Tuesday seized a large quantity of narcotics in the North Arabian Sea during a regional maritime security patrol.

The seized drugs were worth thousands of dollars in the international market, an Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) news release said. The successful operation against drug smuggling was the result of effective surveillance at sea by Pakistan Navy, it added.

Youm-e-Takbeer celebrated with national enthusiasm

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Law & Justice Azam Nazeer Tarar said that Youm-e-Takbeer was celebrated with national enthusiasm in memory of the successful nuclear tests conducted on that day in 1998 which made the country's defense invincible. In his special message on Tuesday, he stated that Youm-e-Takbir is celebrated in Pakistan on Tuesday to commemorate the Chagai-I and Chagai-II series of nuclear tests. He added that Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif made the bold decision to test Pakistan's nuclear weapons, thereby balancing the strate-

gic power in the region

Canada, Chaudhry Pervaiz Elahi, and others. Protests began, and I was asked to resign. I said do whatever you want; Nawaz Sharif never resigns," he remarked while addressing the party's general council meeting, where Sharif's presidency was confirmed on Tuesday.

Sharif quoted former ISI chief General (retd) Zaheerul Islam, saying he had said they tried different parties and allowed a third force, which they thought could deliver. He said and that force appeared in PTI. "Imran Khan should clarify if he was not the third force, then who was?

LAHORE (Agencies): a general, a cleric from were not the third force, I promise to retire from politics. Your politics and the ousting of our government were founded with their help. You derailed democracy on their behest. It was during the PTI's protests in Islamabad where it was said Nawaz Sharif would be dragged out of the PM House with a rope around his neck. This was the umpire's finger that Imran Khan frequently referred

> Sharif urged Khan to answer these questions before he could be engaged in a dialogue with the government. "We are of May 28, not May 9. When Bill Clinton offered \$5 billion to avoid nuclear tests, we refused and rejected the offer

Sharif also vehemently criticised the decision by former chief justice Saqib Nisar, declaring it has been discarded as ʻtrash.

'Saqib Nisar removed me from the party presidency for life. Today, people have thrown his decision into the dustbin. Summon those who de-clared that Nawaz Sharif would be permanently removed, yet here I stand before you once again," he

Sharif questioned the basis of the verdict against him, citing, "What was the decision against me? Not taking a salary from my son? I did not take a salary from my son; I did not ask for one from your son ei-

Gilani felicitates Nawaz on election as PML-N president

ISLAMABAD (APP): Acting President Syed Yusuf Raza Gilani on Tuesday congratulated Muhammad Nawaz Sharif on his unopposed election as the president of the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N).

The acting president, in a statement, reiterated to work with Muhammad Nawaz Sharif to promote democracy in the country.

Expressing good wishes for him, the acting president said that Nawaz Sharif rendered numerous services for strengthening the democracy in the country.

PM takes notice of fire erupted again at Margalla Hills

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday took notice of the fire which erupted again at the Margallah Hills, instructing the authorities concerned to extinguish it before spreading further.

The prime minister asked the relevant departments to immediately mobilize their teams to control the fire which broke out again a day after it was extinguished through a joint operation by the Pa-kistan Army, NDMA, Islamabad administration and the climate change

Hearing of cipher case likely today

ISLAMABAD (Online) Hearing of cipher case against PTI founder Imran Khan and former foreign minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi could not take place on Tuesday being public holiday in connection with Youm-e-Takbeer and it is likely to be held

A division bench of Islamabad High Court (IHC) comprising Chief Justice (CJ) IHC Aamir Farooq and justice Miangul Hassan Aurangzeb will hear

CM Sindh felicitates nation on Youm-e-Takbeer

KARACHI (APP): Sindh Bhutto was the founder of Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah, Tuesday, felicitated the nation on 'Youme-Takbeer' and said that it is a manifestation of collective efforts of all aspects of national strength. The Sindh CM, in his

message on 'Youm-e-Takbeer', also paid tribute to the leadership, people and armed forces of Pakistan who played significant role in making the motherland a nuclear power.

Murad Shah said that Former Prime Minister Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali cumstances

Pakistan's nuclear program who laid the foundation of a program aimed at making Pakistan a nuclear power to maintain peace and deterrence in the region.

Paying tribute to Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto for his foresight and determination to make Pakistan a nuclear power, saying that former PM Shaheed Benazir Bhutto brought innovation in Pakistan's nuclear program and also launched the missile program in difficult cir-



Kundi calls on Acting President Syed Yousuf Raza Gillani in Islamabad.

PM for minimum load shedding for public relief in sizzling summer

ISLAMABAD (APP): cess of the power distribu-Prime Minister Shehbaz tion companies by engag-Sharif on Tuesday directed ing the experts and formuthe authorities concerned to late a strategy to solarise the tube wells in Balochistan. minimise the ongoing loadshedding in different areas through better load management, considering the pub-

lic relief in sizzling weather. The prime minister, chairing a meeting on load government would deal strictly with the power thieves and the ongoing mission against them would be taken to the logical end.

Vowing to hold a monthly review of the power theft situation, he asked the provincial governments, law enforcement agencies and other departments to extend their support in the anti-power theft drive in the national interest and for the country's progress. The prime minister told the participants of the meeting that the government in no way would

tolerate the over-billing. He directed to accelerate the privatisation pro- mance review.

During the briefing on load management and power theft issue, it was told that under a joint strategy formulated following a conversation between management and power Khyber Pakhtunkhwa chief

theft, reiterated that the minister and federal minister for power, it had been ding and line losses and ensure recovery of dues from defaulters in the province. It was told that areas

with more power theft and line losses and low recovery ratio were being subjected to load shedding and that the upgradation of the south-north power transmission line would help improve the system. The meeting partici-

pants were told that task forces were being formed at provincial and divisional levels to eliminate the power theft which would undergo a weekly perfor-

Sindh minister, UAE **CG** discuss measures for tourism promotion

Independent Report ter of Tourism and Culture, Syed Zulfikar Ali Shah on Tuesday, visited the Consulate General of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) in

both the brotherly countries could reap benefits by further increasing the exports Syed Zulfiqar Ali Shah

said that the founder of the Pakistan Peoples Party



He discussed with UAE Consul General Bakhit Atiq Al Rumithi matters relating to the promotion of bilateral tourism and cultural activities and projects for the promotion of tourism under publicprivate partnership, said a statement issued here.

The minister stressed the need to further strengthen cultural relations and enhance joint cultural activities and said that Pakistan is keen to strengthen cultural and people-topeople relations with the Emirates and organizing events in this regard will produce positive results.

He said that there are vast opportunities and a favorable environment for investment in Sindh while

Bhutto played a key role in the establishment and unity of the United Arab Emir-

UAE CG Bakhit Atiq al-Rumithi said that there were remarkable bilateral relations between UAE and Pakistan at the state and public level as well as in social, historical and cultural sectors.

Underscoring the need for coordinated measures for the promotion of tourism and culture to strengthen the relations between the two countries, he said that joint effort will be made for investment under public-private partnerships in the sectors. Muhammad Isa Al Tahiri, CEO of U Bank was also present on this occasion.

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Afghan puzzle

When it comes to counterterrorism cooperation with the Afghan Taliban, we are moving in circles. While the authorities say that anti-Pakistan terrorists have havens in Afghanistan — particularly the banned TTP — Kabul's de facto rulers insist this is not the

The Taliban position, however, is difficult to believe in the face of evidence that various militant groups are indeed active in Afghanistan. Once more, the state has raised the issue of cross-border militancy, with the interior minister and Nacta chief telling a presser on Sunday that the TTP, backed by "enemy intelligence agencies", were responsible for the deadly March attack in Bisham in which five Chinese workers and one local were killed. The military had issued a similar statement a few weeks ago. Mohsin Naqvi called on the Afghan Taliban to prosecute the suspected terrorists, "or hand them to us". The interior czar did not rule out unilateral action if Kabul failed to act.

Several attempts have been made to take up the TTP issue with the Afghan Taliban, but the results have not been positive. For example, the matter has been discussed using official channels, while delegations of ulema and tribal elders have been dispatched to Kabul to communicate Pakistan's concerns. The state has also taken cross-border armed action after TTP terrorist attacks targeted Pakistani

Yet, none of these measures has resulted in a cessation of terrorist violence. Therefore, different approaches are required. Unfortunately, there are few good options, and the authorities will have to work with the Afghan Taliban.

Expecting the Afghans to crush the TTP is an unrealistic expectation, as Kabul's rulers are not likely to take armed action against their ideological comrades, particularly if the Kandahar-based Taliban leadership has anything to say about it. Pakistan should, instead, demand that TTP fighters be relocated far from the border, and insist that the Taliban should take full responsibility to ensure no terrorist group is able to stage cross-border attacks.

Moreover, the Central Asian states have aired similar concerns about Afghanistan-based terrorist groups. Pakistan should work with these states, as well as China, Russia, and Iran, to pressure the Taliban into taking effective CT moves. The Taliban are particularly keen to attract Chinese investment due to their global isolation. Islamabad should coordinate with Beijing to ensure that investments are made only if the Taliban take con-

While the Taliban should do more to prevent cross-border terrorism, Pakistan must also ensure that internally, no space is available to the militants and their sympathisers. In the recent presser, the Nacta head listed numerous Pakistani suspects who had played a key role in the Bisham attack. Unless these elements are neutralised, it will not be possible to have the upper hand over terrorist groups.

More difficult now

Dr Niaz Murtaza

Wednesday May 29, 2024

Sustaining hegemony over the masses has been a key aim and challenge for our elitist civilian forays into what state. This exercise has caused endless politi- sidered its own affairs, cal instability and insecurity, given the misrule. They were car-fightback by the people ried out via coups, noand the power tussles among elite ethnicities, classes and institu-

The top gun position shifted often in the curity and external first decade: institutionally from the Muslim League to the bu- tics and economics as reaucracy, to the military; ethnically from Mohajirs to Punjabis; and from a mixed class clique to the middle ians, with Nawaz Sharif class. The coordinates of raw power soon became conservative, older, male, military, elitist, Sunni, upper class Punjab.

unelected clique has their hegemony. Cosy kept its hegemony via ties with the US are close ties with global patrons, co-opting political and state elites, rigging politics and demolishing mass dissent, with religion and Kashmir as rallying narratives. It ruled unelected via large onewindow but odious US aid: money, arms, veto cover, markets, technology, and multilateral loans. Linked to US security aims, it helped keep politicians out but caused violence too.

As US aid ebbed, it courted politicians to quell dissent and ruled covertly. The elected eras kept growing given the growing internal and external binds against autocracy. The bad. Yet its residual first was from 1972 to 1977 with one (free) election. The second was from 1985 to 1999 with only one of five

blies reached term but tions of the judiciary, not the prime ministers, reflecting minor democratic gains. The early dismissals were due to the establishment conpolicy tiffs and claimed trust votes, presidential powers, and forced exits. The mode and strength of covert rule policy from 2008-18 but more intrusively poliwell after 2018, erasing all democratic gains. These trends are

left and Imran Khan to its right on the US, India, Taliban, etc. State elements now face a unique chal-Since 1958, the lenge in sustaining over and other powers (China and Saudi Àrabia) can't provide large, one-window aid. Arch-enemy India is now a global power so, this hybrid set-up and dwarfs our geoeconomic powers. Global sanctions have cut the ability to deploy jihadis. State elements have partially lost their narrative as the custodians of na-

Both eras saw big tiffs

with out-of-sync civil-

to the establishment's

acts as a stauncher custodian. There are hostile extremist states on three sides matching our insurgencies in KP and Balochistan. The economy is unusually powers are formidable — arms, agents, businesses — and keep all

tional piety and patrio-

parties subservient. The divorce with elections deemed fair the PTI has created an (1988) and each assem- elite middle-class allibly nixed early. The ance against older parthird is from 2002 to ties: middle-class parties their seat belts, if they now, with two free elec- (led by the PTI), media have one, as the captions (2008 and 2013) anchors, professional tain won't turn on the

bureaucracy, and reportedly even the ranks. Moreover, the insurgents are largely middle class. Smaller middleclass parties had existed for long, like religious ones and the MQM. But the advent of social media has aided the rise of a pan-Pakistan middleclass party popular in all core regions: upper Punjab, Peshawar valley and Karachi and even beyond. But this party's governance and democratic records are poor too, like the older elite

forcing elements of the state to resort to desperate ways of retaining its hege-mony as its options dwindle: mutually conflicting ties with multiple global pat-rons to scavenge various bits of key aid, new docile ele-cted allies, cruder rigging and gagg-ing, not too covert co-governance in more domains and using force even in core regions against dissident exmiddle-class allies. Even remains divided and inept and may not sur-

vive, let alone thrive. What options will unelected forces use if they fail? More force, overt rule or technocracy? But these won't succeed and will, in fact, tism as Imran Khan upend critical Western support. So, good governance eludes all elite factions. Governance can only improve by nixing elite politics for organic pro-poor politics. Can society tame this unelected being? It may need a joint effort to overpower the flailing behemoth.

So, we enter a new phase of high turbulence: economic volatility, political instability, and high insecurity. Passengers must fasten out of five. Four assem- classes, expats and sec- signs. -- Courtesy Dawn

Methane moment

Jamil Ahmad

Methane gas is the second largest contributor to climate change. Methane emissions, caused by human activities, account for roughly a third of the current global warming and are over 80 times more potent than carbon dioxide in the near term. A steady rise in methane concentrations in the atmosphere is, therefore, worrisome. Methane's atmospheric concentration has more than doubled since pre-industrial times; it is second only to carbon dioxide in driving climate change during the industrial era.

Human-caused emissions of methane come from landfills and waste, coal mining, oil and gas systems, and agriculture - including livestock. While methane is a far more powerful greenhouse gas than carbon dioxide, its lifespan in the atmosphere is much shorter. This means that reductions in methane made now can deliver immediate progress to slow the current rate of warming as we decarbonise.

Carbon dioxide historically received greater attention as the major contributor to global warming. This approach hindered policymakers from paying heed to controlling non-CO2 greenhouse gases, particularly methane. This is now changing. Having remained feeble for long, international efforts to lessen methane emissions have gained momentum.

Some of the key reasons why policymaking has been handicapped such as lack of financial resources, scientific knowledge, and credible data — are finally being prioritised internationally and in national policies. Methane receives merely two per cent of the global climate finance.

The Global Methane Pledge launched in 2021 and win-win option is to

also joined the initiative. els. More than 150 govern-

ments are participating. UNEP has built a support system to emthe pledge's goal, including via methane policy roadmaps, through its Climate and Clean Air Coalition. In addition, UNEP's Internatio-nal Methane Emissions Observatory is bridging gaps in scientific data on the sources and scale of methane

Additional national actions and funding pledges announced at COP28 in Dubai last year placed methane firmly in the spotlight. Donors committed \$1 billion in grant funding to assist low- and middle-income countries reduce methane emissions.

Overall financing for methane reduction increased from \$11.6bn in 2020 to \$13.7bn in 2022, according to a report by tive. Even this amount is tive abatement of methane, the world will need \$48bn annually by 2030 — more than a threefold increase from current lev-

Private sector and industry have also stepped in. In Dubai last year, more than 50 top oil and gas companies anoperations. This sector emits about 35pc of human-caused methane, second only to the agriculture sector's 40pc. Its commitments must be matched by credible data Methane Partnership 2.0.

Deeper and consectors will be a very cost-effective way to complement climate acof trouble. One useful at COP26 brought to- capture methane from tesy Dawn

gether countries to re- waste and landfills for duce methane emissions 30pc by 2030. Pakistan dependence on fossil fu-

Methane emissions in Pakistan have increased by about 2pc annually since 1990, doupower countries to meet bling over this period and putting the country among the top 10 methane emitters globally, thus aggravating its ambie--nt air quality. Agricul-ture, and landfill acco-unt for most of Pakistan's methane emissions. Pakistan's climate change and clean air policies identify actions on short-lived climate pollutants as an important action area. At the national and provincial scale, Pakistan is identifying short-lived SLCP mitigation actions that will maximise climate and clean-air benefits. Including an SLCP emission reduction target in the updated Nationally Determined Contributions for Pakistan by 2025 is key to unlocking climate finance for multiple benthe Climate Policy Initia- efits. Additionally, a methane specific time-bound insufficient. For the effec- strategy developed as part of the country's climate policy will be necessary to control air pollution and move swiftly on implementing the Paris accord.

As the world continues to hit deadly climate milestones, it is high time for a serious conversation on how to accelerate nounced new steps to action to reduce oftenreduce methane in their overlooked and highemitting super pollutants. Controlling methane is a cost-effective way to help reduce global warming and keep hopes alive for the Paris target of keeping the rise in world provided by the likes of temperature below 1.5 de-UNEP's Oil and Gas grees Celsius. As the world enters the final stretch towards meeting certed action in these the 2030 agenda, capturing the methane moment will instil vigour into efforts to deliver the SDGs tion and lift the SDGs out and offer the best chance of avoiding the worst of the climate crisis. -- Cour-

Commerce News



ISLAMABAD: The Federal Minister for Commerce, Jam Kamal Khan, presiding over the 9th National e-Commerce Council (NeCC) meeting, underscoring the importance digital trade and eCommerce for Pakistan's economic future.

Pakistan and Ethiopia President SCCI emphasizing the potential for enhanced trade and investment

President Sialkot Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI), Abdul Ghafoor Malik addressed the Ethio-Pakistan Business Forum, emphasizing the potential for enhanced trade and investment between Pakistan and Ethiopia.

According to SCCI, the event was held in Addis Ababa attended by prominent figures including Minister for Trade and Regional Integration Gebremeskel Chala, Minister of State for growth, strategic location Foreign Affairs Birtukan and favorable investment

ABBOTTABAD (APP):

The Provincial Disaster

Management Authority

issued a comprehensive

advisory urging farmers,

herders, tourists, and the general public to take

essential precautionary

measures in light of the

anticipated dust storms and

severe weather conditions.

details, the Meteorological

Department has issued a

weather alert indicating

that weak westerly winds

According to the

President ECCSA Eng. Melaku Ezezew, Chairman Trade Authority of Pakistan Motivala, Zubair Ambassador of Ethiopia to Pakistan Jemal Beker and Ethiopia Atif Sharif.

President Abdul Ghafoor Malik highlighted Ethiopia's attractiveness as an the Ethiopian climate. President SCCI

upper regions of the

country starting May 28.

This weather system is

thunderstorms, and strong

winds from the evening of

intermittent

Khyber.

PDMA issues advisory

for farmers, herders

(PDMA) on Tuesday anticipated to bring

Investment Commissioner noted,"Ethiopia, with its Hanna Arayaselassie, rich history and large population, offers vast opportunities for Pakistani Development businesses seeking to explore new markets. Boasting one of the fastestgrowing economies in Africa, Ethiopia Ambassador of Pakistan to sustained an impressive average GDP growth rate of around 10% over the

Malik also stressed importance of investment destination due addressing trade barriers to its robust economic and building closer growth, strategic location business-to-business linkages to capitalize on the untapped potential.

past decade.

Gold rates dip by Rs.500 per tola

ISLAMABAD (APP): The per tola price of 24 karat gold decreased by Rs.500 and was sold at Rs. 240,300 on Tuesday compared to its sale at Rs. 240,800 on last trading

May 28 to June 1. The price of 10 grams The regions likely to of 24 karat gold also decreased by Rs.429 to be affected include Chitral. Dir, Swat, Abbottabad, Rs.206,018 from Mansehra, Haripur, Kohistan, Shangla, Buner, Rs.206,447 whereas the prices of 10 gram 22 karat Malakand, Waziristan, gold went down to Rs.188,850 from Kohat, Lakki Marwat, Bajaur, Mohmand, Karak, Rs.189,243, the All Sindh Peshawar, Sarafa Jewellers are expected to impact the Mardan, and Kurram. Association reported.

PBF says UAE \$10 bln pledge an irrefutable proof of foreign investors confidence ISLAMABAD (APP):

President, Business Forum (PBF) Khawaja Mehboob ur Rehman lauded the announcement from United Arab Emirates (UAE) of a \$10 billion investment for Pakistan in the promising

economic sectors. PBF President while talking to APP on Tuesday said that we commended the UAE's development journey and emphasized Pakistan's commitment to strengthening its friendship with the UAE and expanding cooperation, especially in the economic,

investment sectors. "He said this huge investment is an irrefutable proof of foreign investors' confidence in government's efforts to revamp the

economy' UAE is home to 1.8 million Pakistanis who are contributing towards development, prosperity and economic growth of the two countries. In this regard PBF President suggested that there is a further need to increase cooperation between the two countries in the fields of aviation and tourism to increase people to people contact.

Pakistan, Cambodia sign MoU on trade, investment promotion

and Cambodia on Tuesday two signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on the establishment of a joint trade committee.

The deal was inked in Phnom Penh between Cambodian Minister of Commerce Cham Nimul and Pakistani Ambassador to Cambodia Zaheeruddin Babar Thaheem, Xinhua reported while quoting a news release from Cambodia's Ministry of Commerce.

"This MoU will significantly contribute

BEIJING (APP): Pakistan to the elevation of the countries' relations, particularly on trade and economic cooperation," Nimul said at the event.

The joint trade committee established under this memorandum will serve as a mechanism that allows both sides to explore ways to create favourable conditions for businesses and investors and diversify to expand economies, production bases, and foster bilateral trade," she

reviews progress on Tarbela 5th exten. project ISLAMABAD (APP): presentation was made Chairman WAPDA Engr Lt about the key components presentation was made stipulated implementation plan. Gen Sajjad Ghani (Retd) of the Project. It was

Chairman WAPDA

reviewed progress on Tarbela 5th Extension activities are being carried during his visit to the Project, being constructed at Tunnel No. 5 of Tarbela Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Chairman

The inspected construction activities on various sites, which also include the intake, the raised powerhouse and the tunnel, said a press release. Representatives of

the Consultants and the Contractors briefed the Chairman about site-wise progress achieved so far.

After the site visit, the Chairman also presided over a meeting at the Project office. A detailed meet

Food minister announces price reduction of bakery items

LAHORE (APP): Punjab Food Minister Bilal Yasin has said the government is on a mission of providing quality and affordable food items to the people of Punjab.

After the clear reduction in the prices of flour, roti and naan, on the instructions of Punjab Chief Minister, the minister on Tuesday announced a significant reduction in bakery products. According to the details, after meetings and negotiations with the representatives of the bakery association and various brands, a reduction of Rs. 30 has been made on the large bread, while the large bread available at less than Rs. 200 is being reduced by Rs. 20.

The Food minister said that a discount of Rs. 10 has been given on small bread and Rs. 5 on all kinds of buns. Bilal Yasin said that a decrease of Rs 10 for 200 grams of rusk is announced while the prices of all types of bakery products were reduced significantly.

briefed that construction out simultaneously in all

five areas i.e. intake, penstock and outlet, powerhouse, tail race culvert and canal and switch vard. The implementation

plan, comprising important benchmarks and their timelines, was also discussed in detail during the meeting. Addressing the meeting, the Chairman said the pace of work needs to be expedited on the Project to start electricity generation in 2025-26.

He directed the Contractor to deploy additional resources to the timelines

Adhering to the specified standards is a must to ensure the quality of work on the Project, the Chairman said.

Member Member Power, Advisor Projects, Advisor Tarbela Dam, GM (Coordination & Monitoring) Water, GM Tarbela Dam, GM (Power) Tarbela, Project Directors Tarbela 4th and 5th Extension and Chief Engineer (Operation & Maintenance) Tarbela 4th Extension were also present on the occasion.

Tarbela 5th Extension Hydropower Project is a component of the green, clean and least-cost energy generation plan WAPDA.



SUKKUR: Vendor runs his juice business as people quench their thirst as demand of juices increased in city during scorching hot weather of summer season, in Sukkur.

President FCAA nominated Honorary Coordinator Federal Tax Ombudsman

PESHAWAR (APP): A (recipient of Hilal-e-Imtiaz prominent businessman from Peshawar and President of Frontier Custom Agents Association (FCCA), Zia ul Haq Sarhadi has been nominated as Honorary Coordinator of Custom Matters to the Federal Tax Ombudsman (FTO).

The nomination of Zia Sarhadi was announced by Federal Tax Ombudsman, Dr. Asif Mehmood Jah

and Sitara-e-Imtiaz) during his visit to Peshawar. Speaking to the business community of Peshawar at the Sarhad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI), FTO Dr. Asif Mehmood said the honorary designation has been awarded to Zia Sarhadi in recognition of his services for the promotion of commerce

Political stability in the country the need of hour: Punjab Governor

PPP delegations meet governor, congratulate on assuming charge

Independent Report Various delegations of Pakistan Peoples' Party Central Punjab met Governor Punjab Sardar Saleem Haider Khan here today at Governor House Lahore. The office bearers of PPP Sahiwal, Kasur and Organization were present

Youth delegation congratulated

Governor Governor Punjab met all the people one by one and Sardar Saleem Haider said

Punjab. everyone has to play a betterment of the country. listened to their problems. He said that the vision of meeting. Speaking on this and betterment of Punjab in the meeting. The occasion, Governor Punjab province was among his top priorities. Governor

Saleem Haider Khan on country was the need of rose to this position by dint assuming the office of the hour. He added that of hard work and struggle. He added that he was well positive role for the aware of the problems of working class. He said that the doors of Governor Secretary Information our leadership is the House are always open for Shahzad Saeed Cheema and prosperity of the people the workers and the people Secretary Records and a stable Pakistan. He of Punjab. Meanwhile, Events Ahsan Rizvi were said that fulfillment of his Punjab Governor Sardar also present during the constitutional obligations Saleem Haider Khan in his statement regarding Youm e Takbeer stated that May 28 was a big day in the history of Pakistan .



LAHORE: Various delegations of Pakistan Peoples' Party Central Punjab in a group photo with Governor Punjab Sardar Saleem Haider Khan after meeting at Governor House.



LAHORE: A delegation of JICA Pakistan Provincial Ministers Khawaja Salman Rafique and Khawaja Imran Nazir at PMU.

Minister Health inaugurates 250 KW solarization project at Women & Children Hospital

Independent Report PESHAWAR: Minister Health Syed Qasim Ali Shah on Tuesday inaugurated a 250 KW solarization project at the Women and Children Hospital in Charsadda, completed at a cost of Rs68 million with the support of UNICEF.

This project will ensure an uninterrupted power supply to the maternity and neonatal care wards, as well as the oxygen production plant.

The inauguration ceremony was attended by several notable figures, including MPA PK-64 Iftikhar Ŭllah, Director General Health Dr. the challenges posed by Muhammad Saleem, climate change.

Additional Director General Dr Shahid Younis, District Health Officer Charsadda, Chief of UNICEF Peshawar Mr. Radoslaw Rzehak, UNICEF KP Health Team Lead, Dr. Inamullah.

Speaking to the media

after the ceremony, Health Minister Syed Qasim Ali Shah highlighted the significance of this project, emphasizing that it is not only crucial for the healthcare sector but also a vital step towards acquiring green energy in the context of climate change. He stated that the solarization of hospitals will help address the energy crisis and meet

Two killed, three injured in road mishaps

BUREWALA (APP): At least two persons including a minor kid were killed while three others sustained injuries in two separate road incidents.

According to details, two persons on a motorcycle were taking turn when suddenly an overspeeding Vehari bounded bus ran over them near Multan road.

As a result, 65-year-old Ghulam Ali died on the spot while and woman sustained serious injuries. The bus driver managed to escape from there.In another incident, two motorcycles collided near Tufailabad Arifwala Road and were crushed by a trailer coming from behind. As a result, three-year-old child Imran died on the spot while his mother Abida Parveen.

PML-N working day & night for development of country: Minister

Zeeshan Rafiq has said that under the leadership of Muhammad Nawaz Sharif, the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) Federal and Punjab government are working day and night for the development and prosperity of the country and the nation.

History is a witness Sharif came into power, numbers.

Provincial Minister for stronger economically, Government ideologically geographically. He expressed these

views while speaking as a special guest at Kissan Mela 2024 in Koriky of Pasrur tehsil. Member Provincial Assembly Chaudhry Naveed Ashraf, former Vice Chairman District Chaudhry Jameel Ashraf, Dawood Bukhari besides that whenever dignitaries of the area Muhammad Nawaz were present in large

Youm-e-Takbeer rally held in Dera

DERA ISMAIL KHAN (APP): A rally was held on Tuesday to observe Youm-e-Takbeer anniversary of the nuclear tests conducted on May 28, 1998.Deputy Commissioner Mansoor Arshad led the rally in which government officials, civil society members, political party representatives, and social leaders participated, waving national flags and chanting slogans of "Pakistan Zindabad" and "Youm-e-Takbeer Zindabad". The rally commenced from the Deputy Commissioner's Office with participants and culminated after reaching Yadgar Chowk.

Pakistan defense made impregnable on May 28, 1998: Kundi

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Governor Faisal Karim Kundi here Tuesday said that May 28 (Youm e Takbeer) was in fact a day of survival, integrity and security and now no one could dare to cast an ugly eye on Pakistan. In a message on Youm-e-Takbeer here, the Governor said that former Prime Minister Shaheed Zulfigar Ali Bhutto had made a commitment of making Pakistan an atomic power after Indian nuclear

PESHAWAR (APP): explosions and 26 years ago on this day Pakistan had achieved the status of first nuclear country of the Muslims world. He paid homage to civil and military leadership, scientists and engineers for making Pakistan an atomic power.

He said Pakistan had been protected from all external threats and safeguarded its autonomy, sovereignty independence successful nuclear tests at Chagai Balochistan 26

Ecotourism flourishes in Kalam following increase of temperature

Providing meal and cold water to tourists, Haji Ehsan Ullah (28), a resident of Osho village has reserved his guest house for visitors by earning maximum capital in the

wake of arrival of influx of adventure and mountains sports enthusiasts from hot plain districts of KP and Punjab provinces to

the picturesque Kalam valley.

"No one can feel the pain of an unemployed married person better than me. I have opened my two room guest house for tourists on the advice of my grandfather and today he was earning a handsome

expanses," said Ehsan, a resident of Osho village near Kalam while talking to

He said domestic tourists prefer small hotels and inns due to its affordable prices than expansive hotels at Kalam and majority of his villagers had opened their houses accommodations of the tourists.

Ehsan said that he provides free meal and water to tourists and obtain only Rs1500 rent for 24

"I came from Wapda Town Peshawar to spend few days in pleasant amount enabling me to weather of Kalam," said

fulfill my household Kaiser Khan, a retired meager share in global Wapda employee while talking to APP.

Impressed by the hospitality of locals, he said that guest houses at Kalam were more economical then hotels and urged people here in large numbers to enjoy trout fish and paragliding besides rivers rafting.

Although tourism had flourished visibly in recent years at Swat yet unfortunately these bounties remained untapped to the maximum due to multiple reasons like insufficient projection, facilities for tourism and law and order situation in

the past. Since Pakistan has a revenue earning from tourism, the experts believe that if the government fully employs the latest digital techniques and social media to highlight these hidden destinations, it can earn billions of dollars annually.

Internationally recognized as home to six Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) heritage sites, second highest mountain peak, long coastline and and vast cultural and religious heritage, Pakistan offers tourists.

era can be future hot spots

Security Council set

to meet over deadly

country with enchanting deserts, mesmerizing plains and snow covered peaks, adventurous sea shores and plenty of cultural and archeological sites, ancient Muslim architecture and religious sites of Buddhism and

Archeological wonders of Mohenjo-Daro in Sindh, Harappa in Punjab, Buddhist Ruins in Takht Bhai and Sahri Bahlol in Mardan and Taxila, ancient Indus civilizations, Thal and Thar deserts and plenty of tourism activities architecture of ancient for local and foreign rulers especially Mughal

International News

Spain, Ireland and Norway recognise Palestinian state

Monitoring Desk MADRID: Spain, Ireland and Norway formally recognised the Palestinian state on Tuesday in a coordinated decision slammed by Israel as a "reward" for Hamas, more than seven months into the devastating Gaza bombardment.

The three European countries believe their initiative has a strong symbolic impact that is likely to encourage others to follow suit, defying Israel which had condemned the plan.

After Ireland's government formally approved the measure, Prime Minister Simon Harris said the aim was to keep Middle East peace hopes alive.

We had wanted to recognise Palestine at the end of a peace process.

this move alongside Spain and Norway to keep the miracle of peace alive," he said in a statement, urging Israel to "stop the humanitarian catastrophe" in Gaza.

As Oslo's recognition went into effect, Foreign Minister Espen Barth Eide hailed the move as "a special day for Norway-Palestine relations".

backed the move, Foreign Minister Jose Manuel Albares said it was a day that would be "etched in Spain's history"

Earlier, Spanish Prime said the recognition was "essential" for peace, insisting the move was "not against anyone, least of all

However, we have made secure a future of two states living side-by-side "in peace and security'

The decision also re-flected Spain's "outright rejection of Hamas, which is against the two-state solution" and whose October 7 attacks led to the Gaza conflict, he added.

Tuesday's move will mean 145 of the United Nations' 193 member states After Spain's cabinet now recognise Palestinian statehood. On October 7. Hamas fighters stormed into southern Israel in an assault that killed more than 1,170 people, mostly civilians, according to an AFP Minister Pedro Sanchez tally based on Israeli official figures. The Palestinian fighters also took 252 hostages, 121 of whom remain in Gaza. The Israeli army says 37 of them are dead. Israel" and the only way to



Spanish Foreign Minister Jose Manuel Albares, Norway's Foreign Minister Espen Barth Eide and Ireland's Foreign Minister Micheal Martin gesture

Says IAEA Monitoring Desk weapons ca killed in quarry

cyclone rains **Monitoring Desk** SATKHIRA: Torrential

12 Indians

collapse after

day.
"So far 12 bodies have been found, we are looking for more,' deputy commissioner Aizawl district Nazuk Kumar told

Rescue efforts in the quarry were being hampered by "heavy rains", police director general Anil Shukla said, NDTV news net-

Minister Lalduhoma offered compensation to families of the victims of the "landslide due to Cyclone Remal". "I pray for the success of rescue and relief operations and wish a speedy recovery of the injured,' India's President Droupadi Murmu said

after a press conference in Brussels, Belgium. Iran talks suspended after Raisi's death,

VIENNA: Planned talks between Iran and the UN nuclear watchdog aimed at breaking the impasse over Tehran's nuclear programme have been put on hold after the death of President Ebrahim Raisi, an agency

report said on Monday. The temporary suspension of talks between Îran and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) comes as its chief Rafael Grossi reiterated his concern over public

weapons capability.

In the report, Grossi said that "further public statements made in Iran...regarding its technical capabilities to produce nuclear weapons and possible changes to Iran's nuclear doctrine only increase... concerns about the correctness and completeness of Iran's safe-

guards declarations." Iran has always denied any ambition to develop nuclear weapon capability, insisting its activities are

Afghan Taliban to key economic forum **Monitoring Desk**

from its terror list, a Russian diplomat was quo-ted as saying on Monday. Since the Taliban

The foreign and justice ministries have reported to President Vladimir Putin on the issue of removing the ban, Zamir Kabulov, an official at the Russian foreign ministry, told state news

China calls for Red Sea attacks on civilian ships to end **Monitoring Desk**

BEIJING: China called for attacks on civilian ships in the Red Sea to end and safe navigation there when China Foreign Minister Wang Yi met his Yemen counterpart in Beijing on Tuesday. Wang said China is ready to continue to play a constructive role in the matter, according to a foreign ministry statement.

Russia invites

MOSCOW: Moscow has invited the Taliban to its biggest annual economic forum and is considering a proposal to remove the group

seized power in Aug 2021 as US-led forces withdrew after 20 years, Moscow has been slowly building ties with the Taliban, though the movement is still officially outlawed in Russia.

agency TASS.

Rafah strike tinians and many Arab countries calling it a "massacre" Israel said it was

Monitoring Desk RAFAH: The UN Security Council was set to convene an emergency meeting Tuesday over an Israeli strike that killed dozens in a displaced persons camp in Rafah, as three European countries were slated to formally recognise a Palestin-

AFP journalists on the ground early Tuesday reported fresh Israeli strikes overnight in the southern Gaza border city, where an Israeli attack targeting two senior Hamas members on Sunday night sparked a fire that ripped through a displacement centre, killing 45, according to Gaza health officials.

The attack prompted a wave of international condemnation, with Pales-

looking into the "tragic accident

There is no safe place in Gaza. This horror must stop," UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres posted on social media.

UN humanitarian chief Martin Griffiths pointed to the widespread warnings of civilian deaths that circulated ahead of Israel's incursion into Rafah, saying in a statement: "We've seen the consequences in last night's utterly unaccept-able attack." "To call it 'a mistake' is a message that means nothing for those killed, those grieving, and those trying to save lives, he added.

As Israel attacks Rafah, Palestinians are living in tents and searching for food

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DEIR AL-BALAH: The tions says is a nearfamine.

tent camps stretch for more than 16 kilometers (10 miles) along Gaza's coast, filling the beach and sprawling into empty lots, fields and town streets. Families dig trenches to use as toilets. Fathers search for food and water, while children look through garbage and wrecked buildings for scraps of wood or cardboard for their mothers to burn for cooking.

Over the past three weeks, Israel's offensive in Rafah has sent nearly a million Palestinians fleeing the southern Gaza city multiple times during Israel's nearly 8-month-old war in Gaza, which is aimed territory and caused what the United Na- the basics for survival.

FILE - Palestinians displaced by the Israeli bombardment of the Gaza Strip set up a tent camp in Rafah on Dec. 6, 2023. The tent camps stretch for more than 16 kilometers (10 miles) along Gaza's coast, filling the beach and sprawling into empty lots, fields and town streets. (AP Photo/ Hatem Ali, file)

Palestinians displaced by the Israeli bombardment of the Gaza Strip set up a tent camp in Rafah on Dec. 6, 2023.(AP Photo/

Hatem Ali, file)
The situation has been worsened by a draand scattering across a been worsened by a dra-wide area. Most have matic plunge in the already been displaced amount of food, fuel and other supplies reaching the U.N. and other aid groups to distribute to the population. Palesat destroying Hamas tinians have largely been but has devastated the on their own to resettle their families and find

Palestinians travel in vehicles and on foot along with their belongings as they flee Rafah due to an Israeli military operation, in Rafah, in the south-

Doctor says Gaza hospitals operating in

'mediaeval' conditions

Monitoring Desk BRUSSELS: Gaza hospitals are reduced to practising "mediaeval medicine", a British surgeon recently returned from the bombarded Palestinian territory said on

Monday.
"It's absolutely true to describe it as mediaeval medicine. It is what you would hear about or read about what would be hap-pening in Europe maybe 300, 400 years ago," Dr Khaled Dawas, head of gastrointestinal surgery at University College London Union officials.

Hospitals, said in an interview. Dawas described dire conditions in Gaza, with medical staff operating virtually without supplies, power supplies intermittent and patients lying on the floor.

He returned at the end of April from his two-week stint to help overstretched Palestinian hospital surgeons — his second war-time stay there, following one in January. Dawas was in Brussels to describe his

rains in the wake of a powerful cyclone caused the collapse of a quarry in India's Mizoram state killing 12 people, government officials said on Tues-

work reported. Mizoram Chief

on social media.

statements made in Iran entirely for peaceful purregarding its nuclear poses. Storms kill 21 across four states in US

Monitoring Desk WASHINGTON: Tornadospawning thunderstorms that swept the US southern plains and Ozarks have killed at least 21 people as of Monday morning across four states and wrecked hundreds of buildings, with forecasters warning of more

severe weather. The death toll over the Memorial Day weekend includes at least eight fatalities in Arkansas, seven in Texas, four in Kentucky and two in Oklahoma, according to tallies by state emergency authorities.

Kentucky Governor

Andy Beshear declared a state of emergency early on Monday while the National Weather Service said a severe thunderstorm watch was issued for parts of Georgia and South Carolina until at least Monday afternoon. "It was a tough night

for our people," the Kentucky governor said on social media platform X on Monday. He later said in a press briefing that "devastating storms" had hit almost the entire state. Officials said 100 state highways and roads were damaged by the storms.

China an important partner in economic development of Pakistan: PM

ISLAMABAD (Online): Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has China is an important partner in the economic development of Pakistan. and we desire increase of Pakistani exports to China.

"Chinese nationals will be provided fool proof security in Pakistan. All the facilities will be extended to Chinese investors and industrialists. he said this while presiding over a meeting in Islamabad Tuesday regarding enhancing cooperation with China in various fields

Different ministries presented important proposals with reference to bilateral economic relations between Pakistan and

China. Addressing the meeting PM Shehbaz Sharif said we invite Chinese businessmen especially the Chinese textile industry to set up industries in Pakistan.

He held out an assurance that the Chinese nationals will be provided with foolproof security in Pakistan. A comprehensive plan has been evolved with reference to security of Chinese nationals.

Shehbaz Sharif said preparations are being made for the next phase of CPEC. He said Gwadar port will be made a logistics hub with Chinese cooperation.

He said establishment tion Zones will be an im- ness to business contacts.

The Prime Minister

directed the ministries concerned to prepare new projects aimed at enhancing Pakistan-China cooperation as well as undertake measures to promote business to business ties.

He said China is an important partner in Pakistan's economic development and it can be helpful in framing a strategy for increasing our exports.

PM directed that the respective ministries should make preparations with reference to new projects of cooperation between Pakistan and China and steps of Agriculture Demonstra- be taken for enhancing busi-



KARACHI: Pakistan Navy Ship ASLAT seizes narcotics in the North Arabian Sea during Regional Maritime Security Patrol (RMSP).

KMC issues tender of Rs 1bn to convert three highways on solar

KARACHI (INP): the poration (KMC) has announced plans to convert three major highways in the city to solar energy. With the support of the World Bank, KMC has issued a tender for the ambitious project, valued at one bil-

Under the leadership of Mayor Karachi Barrister Murtaza Wahab, the iconic thoroughfares of Shariah Faisal, Marine marking a significant mile-Drive Road, and Shahrah

ally, 103 other key high- way in environmental stewways managed by KMC are ardship and innovation, earmarked for the adoption of solar energy systems.

initiative aims not only to reduce the city's carbon footprint but also to gener-These savings will be redirected towards vital development projects across Karachi. Not stopping there, KMC is set to become a pioneer in sustainable governance by transitioning its head office entirely to solar energy, stone for the council.

With this bold step Firdous are slated for towards renewable energy, sformation. Addition- Karachi is poised to lead the setting an inspiring example

Sindh police raid landlord's private jail, free 33 children

UMARKOT (INP): On court to release the impristhe court order, Sindh police raided a landlord's private jail and freed 33 farmers including women and children in Umarkot.

According to the report, the raid was conducted following a petition filed by farmer Nursingh Kolhi in the Umerkot Sessions Court against landlord Hamza Rind. In the petition, Nurshigh Kolhi alleged that landlord Hamza Rind had imprisoned women, children, and farmers in his private jail and forced them into bonded labour.

The petitioner appealed to the session's

oned children, women and farmers from the landlord's private jail. On this, the sessions court took serious notice and issued orders to the police to recover the imprisoned kids, women and farmers from the private jail immediately.

After recovering the imprisoned 33 farmers including children and women, police brought all of them along with their belongings to Kunri police station. According to the police sources, the recovered persons from the private jail will be presented in the Umerkot's sessions court.



KARACHI: Police personnel checking motorcyclists during snap checking and take strict security in city to maintain law and order on the occasion of Youm e Takbeer.

SSP holds open court warns SHO over poor performance

UKKUR (APP): SSP Sukkur Amjad Shaikh on Tuesday said that the Sukkur Police are committed to resolve public issues on priority. He said this while listening to the complaints and issues of the public as well as police officials during the open court held at his office. Senior police officers were also present on this occasion.

During the open court, he listened to the complaints of the citizens and marked their applications to the concerned officers for timely action on

The SSP Sukkur warned the Station House Officer (SHO) B Section Mansoor Hatar to improve his performance and recover the motor bike, stolen in the front of APP office last Friday night and arrest the culprits within 24

Four persons drown in waterways in **Jamshoro**

HYDERABAD (APP) Four persons died while swimming in the waterways in Jamshoro district on Tuesday.

According to the police, 28 years old Rahul and 25 years old Haresh, sons of Hari Chand, residents of Colony Hyderabad, drowned while swimming in the KB Feeder

The police said one brother died while trying to rescue another brother near Al Manzar point.

The police said that the deceased brothers had come with their friends to swim in the canal despite an existing ban on swimming in the Indus River and its waterways.

One of them was a final year student in Sindh University's Mathematics Department and the other worked in a private company. Separately, two brothers died while swimming in a stream in the Bhan Saeedabad area of

Rescue 1122 to establish DHQ facility at Sehwan to deal with emergencies

establish District Head Quarter (DHQ) facility at Sehwan to deal with emergencies and calamities including flood, fire medical, earthquake and other disaster emergencies and road accidents to provide immediate relief to the public at large.

According to spokesman, the land for the Sehwan DHQ 1122 facility has been acquired and execution will commence shortly with the firm commitment of completion and commissioning within 10

been a source of immediate which are working as disings.

and has provided help specially in case of health- related issues and road acci-

The Sindh govt has algency Rescue 1122 Services and committed to expand its network throughout the province to cater for the emergency situations in

So far, Rescue 1122 Services have been kept operational in five divisional headquarters i:e Karachi, Larkana, Hyderabad, The Rescue 1122 has Sukkur and Mirpur khas

Shaheed Ghotki and Qambar where execution has not yet started due to non-availability of land for these build-

KARACHI (APP): The relief to general public in trict offices as well for the Rescue 1122 has planned to times of adverse situations provision of services to the people of relevant areas. Additional, Divisional/District headquarters' Emergency Rescue 1122 Facilities are under final stage of ready established Emer- execution in other districts of province i:e Matiari, Sanghar, Benazirabad, Thatta, Sajjawal, Umerkot. Tharparkar, Jacobabad, ShadadKot. Further few More DHQ facilities are planned to be established in Dadu and Shikarpur



KARACHI: Supporters of the Pakistani religious group "Jamaat-e-Islami

protest the continued bombing of Gaza Israeli air strikes on tents housing

Against the Israeli Attack on Rafah Border

JAMAAT-E-ISLAMI, YOUTH

the past few decades due to Pakistan's full spectrum defence capabilities. The Islamabad Policy Research Institute (IPRI) as part of its distinguished lecture series organised the seminar titled "Celebrating Youm-e-Takbeer Evolution of Pakistan's Full Spectrum Deterrence Policy" where the NCA Advisor was the guest speaker. Lieutenant General ® Khalid Kidwai

memorate Youm-e-Takbeer

here said that the Indian

armed forces were feeling in

spectrum deterrence helped in restoring the strategic balance of power that enforced peace in the region. "In the

past few decades, the robust

nuclear capability of Paki-

stan has enforced peace in

the region. Pakistan does not adhere to the policy of no first use," he said. General ® Kidwai ex-

plained that the nuclear programme of Pakistan was clearly divided into two periods; first from 1970s till 1999, the completion, and the second from 2000s till date that involved great said the full spectrum deter- political leadership and dip-

PM welcomes Spain's announcement to recognise Karachi Airport KARACHI (INP): There Palestine as a state

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday welcomed the announcement by Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez to formally recognise Palestine as a state.

The prime minister, in a statement, said that the recognition of Palestine as a state by Spain was a positive development in the international scenario which also manifested the rejection of Israeli barbarism against the unarmed Palestinians by the Spanish people and their Prime

He strongly condemned the recent unprovoked Israeli bombing of Rafah which martyred another 45 Palestinian people, and reiterated his call for an immediate end to the genocide of Palestinian population being carried out by

He reiterated Pakistan's resolve to continue extending moral, political and diplomatic support to the Palestinian people till the establishment of an independent Palestine state with Ouds

Adho, and elite of the city.

described in detail the cata-

strophic violence and op-

pression being carried out

by Israel in Gaza and said " Gaza is only 365 square ki-

lometer area, out of which only 41 kilometer is sea fac-ing, 96 km with Israel and

13 km with Egypt, in such

a small area 2.4 million

people have been living,

where they cannot travel to any place, neither they are

ings of the people in Gaza

saying "60 percent electric-

ity in Gaza comes from Is-

rael and 40 percent is gen-

He defined the suffer-

allowed to study"

Dr Hafeez ur Rehman



KARACHI: Former President of Pakistan, Dr. Arif Alvi addresses during the protest demonstration of Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) for release PTI Chairman Imran Khan, at Karachi press club.

Fund raising event held in Karachi for Gaza affectees

KARACHI (APP): Al-Khidmat Foundation, in collaboration with Justice of Peace and Sahar Foundation organized a fund raising event to for collecting donations for support of Gaza affectees who were subject to Israeli atrocities since last several months.

President Al-Khidmat Foundation Dr Hafeez-ur-Rehman addressing the event said that more than 34 thousand innocent people were killed in Palestine and hundreds of thousands left without shelter, food and water. He said this during a fund raising event organized by Chairman Sehar Foundation and Justice of Peace, Danish Aman, Zahid Hameed & Friends of Al-Khidmat. It was also attended by Dost Muhammad Rahimoon, Sindh Minister for Environ-

erated from generators, there were 3 desalination and a number of filtration plants for providing water and pipelines also entered from Israel. Pipelines have now ment, climate change & cosbeen cut, desalination and tal development department filteration plants have been MPA, Barrister Hallar destroyed, trailers of food Wassan, Additional I.G, have been stopped and not allowed since 7 Oct.



HYDERABAD: Residents of Tando Hyder are holding protest demonstration against high handedness of land grabbers, at Hyderabad press club.

Pakistan reviving Belt and Road Initiative projects: Ahsan Iqbal

SLAMABAD (APP): with Bloomberg. Federal minister for Plan- "Yeah, I'm very hope-Federal minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives, Ahsan qbal said here on Tuesday that the incumbent government was hopeful to inject some fresh momentum into projects that fall under China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), as it tries to boost the country's troubled economy.

The government is looking forward to joint ventures for renewable energy projects, agriculture collaboration and possibly enticing some Chinese companies to relocate to Pakistan, Ahsan Iqbal, who also co-heads the committee responsible for the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor said in an interview Fund's intervention.

ful because I was there in China recently and I had meetings with their senior leadership...So I see great interest on the Chinese side to revive the momentum for CPEC and also to take it into the second phase," he said Pakistan was seen as a flagship destination for BRI projects, with CPEC which includes a port in the southern town of Gwadar and new power plants the crown jewel. The progress on new projects stalled in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic and amid Pakistan's on-go-

ing economic difficulties

that have required the In-

ternational Monetary

Job fair will provide new employment opportunities to youth: Nasir Shah

Independent Reprot KARACHI: Minister of Energy and Development & Planning Sindh Syed Nasir Hussain Shah has said that iob fair will provide new

is also to provide maximum employment to the youth and PPP also believes in providing employment to people. He requested the local and non-local compa-



to the youth and Hindu Council is a commendable act Job fair organized at Expo Center.

the most important need of

He expressed these tional Airport as several more were called off on views while inspecting the stalls and interacting with PIA flight PK-303 the media after the inauguration of the job fair today. from Karachi to Lahore was cancelled while Air Sial flight PF-143 from Karachi Patron chief Hindu Council Dr. Ramesh Kumar and other members of the counto Lahore was also cil were also present. Min-Serene Air flight ERister Nasir Shah said that

551 from Karachi to Peshawar has been deferred while PIA flight PK-311 from Karachi to Quetta was Fly Baghdad flight IF-

with a variety of ballistic

missiles the entire horizon of

missiles was covered hori-

zontally and vertically from

2011 under the strategic, op-

erational and tactical cores of

nuclear weapons, he added.

'The reality of nuclear de-

terrence is proven from the

fact that in February 2019

the world community and

India and Pakistan moved

consciously on the ladder of

escalation. Pakistan's confi-

dence in retaliation to the In-

dian strike was out of the full

spectrum deterrence," The

More flights

cancelled from

was no end to the daily can-

cellation of flights from

Karachi's Jinnah Interna-

Tuesday morning.

scrapped.

NCA Advisor said.

334 from Karachi to Najaf was cancelled while Air Blue flight PA-200 from Karachi to Islamabad was also called off.

PIA flight PK-310 from Karachi to Quetta was

Soyem of Nasrullah Gaddni held By Tanveer Ahmed Soomro

MIRPUR MATHELO Soyem of martyred journalist Nasrullah Gadani, condolences to the heirs continue, former provincial Minister Sardar Abdul Bari Khan Pitafi, former MNA Mian Abdul Haq alias Mian Mitho, dignitaries of the area in large numbers.

The participation of journalists, leaders of political and social organizations is determined to bring justice to the heirs of martyred journalist Nasrullah Gadani. Mian Abdul Haq alias Mian Mattho, Mir Sagheer Ahmed Khan Lound, the leaders of political and social organizations includ-ing dignitaries of the area and the participation of civil society leaders and journalists, while talking to the media on this occasion, the leaders and journalists of political and social organizations said that the martyr Journalist Nasrullah Gadani was martyred to silence his voice.

Two killed in separate incidents in Karachi KARACHI (INP): A man

was crushed to death while tortured body of another was found in different localities of the metropolis on Tuesday, police said. According to details,

an unidentified vehicle knocked down a motorcycle near Korangi No 05 Bridge. The bike rider youth Lariab was killed on the spot and driver sped the

Tortured body of an unidentified person was recovered near Steel Town filter plant nursery.

The bodies were shifted to different hospitals and police after registering separate cases at concerned police stations started investigations.

employment opportunities nies to encourage such programs and set up their stalls so that the youth can get ample employment opportunities. He added that the Hindu community is playing an important role in the stability of the country's

economy.

This initiative of should be Hindu Council should be emulated by others. While talk to media, minister said that we want to provide free electricity to the consumers up to 300 units, for the people is employment. this purpose 4 solar parks He added that Chairman Bilawal Bhutto vision going on rapidly.

Youm-e-Takbeer holds special significance in lives of Pakistanis, says Mazari

Independent Report KARACHI: On the occasion of Youm-e-Takbeer, Ehsan Ur Rehman Mazari, Advisor to the Chief Minister of Sindh for Inter-Provincial Coordination and Cooperative Department, congratulated the nation and remarked that Youm-e-Takbeer is the day when the nation held its head high with pride. This day holds special significance in the lives of Pakistanis as it marks the achievement of a seemingly unattainable feat by Pakistan's scientists and

experts. Ehsan Ur Rehman Mazari further stated that Pakistan has played a pivotal role in sustainable development by utilizing nuclear science for peaceful purposes, a testament to the unparalleled services

of Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto and Dr. Abdul Oadeer Khan.

Youm-e-Takbeer has always elevated Pakistan's defensive power and development, representing a significant milestone in history. he added He emphasized that

Shaheed Benazir Bhutto also courageously advanced the nuclear program, leading to ongoing efforts in health, international cooperation, nuclear energy, and agriculture, thereby bolstering Pakistan's development and global standing. He said Youm-e-Takbeer is a source of pride for every Pakistani and Shaheed Zulfigar Ali Bhutto played a crucial role in making Pakistan a nuclear power, and Youme-Takbeer is the result of his endeavors.



Prize distribution ceremony held at Junagadh **Ghanchi Academy**

KARACHI (INP): The an- the services of Rafiq Qasim emony of the Junagadh Ghanchi Academy Karachi was held on Tuesday.

Provincial Minister Saeed Ghani, Senator Waqar Mehdi, Deputy Mayor Salman Murad, Chairman of Junagadh Ghanchi Board Rafiq Qasim Patel, Saleem Qasim Patel, Obaid Saleem Patel and others attended the ceremony. Junagadh Ghanchi Academy, a project of the Muslim Ghanchi Jamaat, organized the 10th annual prize distribution ceremony, in

which students and teachers welcomed the guests. Speaking at the occasion, Saeed Ghani said that lined.

nual prize distribution cer- Patel and Salim Qasim Patel are appreciable and assured full support for the noble He congratulated all

the teachers for organising a very successful event and underlined the importance of such positive activities. Saeed Ghani said that

educating children is the responsibility of everyone and that we will always support such quality institutions.

Every person has the right to a good education, and authorities should do whatever is needed to make sure every child gets a quality education, he under-