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PM says: **Govt's business** friendly policies coming to fruition

Directs preparing tariff rationalization for export sector industries

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Friday said that the business-friendly poli-cies pursued by the incumbent government were coming to fruition.

The prime minister, talking to a delegation of international beverages companies which called on him here, said that the government was extending its maximum support to the foreign investors and business community to make them create employment opportunities, boost exports and contribute to the national economic development.

The delegation mem-bers appreciated the prime minister for his government's pro-business

policies. They told the prime minister that 25 plants of international beverages firms were operating in Pakistan and had employed around 130,000 workers. Apprising the prime minister of their largest re-

cycling system, the delegation told that the beverage firms were contributing to the national exchequer through huge amount of taxes.

Prime Minister Shehbaz urged the compa-Heritage & Culture nies to play their produc-ISLAMABAD (APP): tive role under their Corporate Social Responsibilty (CSR).

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Friday assigned the additional portfolio of National Heritage and He also instructed the relevant authorities to hold Culture to Attaullah Tarar who already holds the portconsultations on the com-Continued on page 2 folio of Information and

Broadcasting. Broadcasting. "The prime minister, in terms of rule 3 (4) of the Rules of Business, 1973, has been pleased to allo-cate the additional portfo-lio (business of Govern-ment) of National Heritage and Culture, in addition to his own responsibilities. to his own responsibilities, to Mr Attaullah Tarar, Federal Minister for Infor-mation and Broadcasting, with immediate effect, said a notification.

ISLAMABAD: A delegation of international bever-**CNIC's issuance**, ages manufacturing companies met Prime Minisrenewal to be made available

istration

at UC level: Naqvi ISLAMABAD (APP): In-terior Minister, Mohsin Naqvi on Friday visited the

Authority

QUETTA: Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti chairing a review meeting about the Quetta Solid Waste Management Tarar gets additional **CM Bugti vows to revoke** portfolio of National

'illegal recruitments' in **Education Department**

Says I will not allow anyone to sale jobs in Balochistan and deprive a child who fulfills merit and criteria; Reiterates government's resolve to uphold the policy of merit and good governance

QUETTA Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti on Friday reaffirmed the revoke all the 'illegal appointthe newsmen. ments' in the Provincial

Education Department after a thorough probe and corrupt mafia who had sold investigations. The decision comes in serving poor candidates." response to the widespread

public outcry and the reiterating the government's ported evidence of corruption in the recruitment process carried out by the Sardar Bahadur Khan Women's University. "I will not allow any-

one to sale jobs in the same were found



Pakistan is ready to counter any threat to its security, regional integrity: FO

Unending sufferings of Kashmiri families with over 22,000 women widowed, 107000 children orphaned

ISLAMABAD (Online): Foreign Office (FO) Spokesperson Mumtaz Zahra Baloch said on Friday that Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar visit to China and meeting with Chinese authorities re-

mained useful. Both countries agreed on peace in the region and investment, this was said by . Mumtaz Zahra Baloch during weekly press brief-ing here in Foreign Office Friday.

There are solid broth-

erly relations with Iran, she said adding we support pleasant relations with Afghanistan.

fing that various investment issues including CPEC were discussed in the meetings of Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar.

Discussions were also held regarding work on the second part of CPEC. Various issues including re-gional peace and stability were discussed.

The Foreign Office said that during meetings of For-Continued on page 2

RAWALPINDI: Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Syed Asim Munir, shake hand with the player of Pakistan Hockey team at General Headquarters in Rawalpindi.

Pakistan's hockey team brought immense pride to nation: COAS

RAWALPINDI (APP): ficials, an Inter Services Chief of Army Staff, Gen- Public Relations (ISPR) eral Syed Asim Munir on news release said. Friday, commending the During the interaction, Pakistan Hockey team over the COAS said : "We are committed to providing outstanding performance, on Friday said the hockey them with comprehensive team had brought immense support to ensure their conpride to the nation. tinued success." He also The Army Chief reextended his best wishes to ceived the Pakistan Hockey the players for their future team at General Headquarendeavors. ters whereas the meeting The President of PHF expressed gratitude to the was also attended by Presi-COAS for the opportunity dent Pakistan Hockey Fed-Hussain and other PHF of the team.

(APP): Balochistan and deprive a against the merit. child who fulfills merit and

In light of the Supreme Court's order, such appointments could be revoked at any time, he

The chief minister said that he had directed the Chief Secretary to hold an inquiry into the issue and "after consultations with the Education Minister, the final decision will be made"

CM Bugti said the entire Balochistan "knows how these jobs were sold and the deserving candi-

Supreme Court bans cell phones in court rooms ISLAMABAD (INP): The Supreme Court (SC) has

banned carrying cell phones

in courtrooms, following

the leaked picture of the

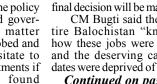
PTI founder during a video

link hearing of the NAB

amendments case

criteria," Chief Minister Bugti said while talking to "We have received seadded. rious complaints about the jobs and deprived the de-The chief minister, re-

dates were deprived of their Continued on page 2



resolve to uphold the policy of merit and good governance, said the matter would be fully probed and he would not hesitate to revoke the appointments if

from August in Quetta city

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city

Chief Minister told

Process of collection & disposal

of solid waste to be outsourced

Independent Report QUETTA: The Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti has directed to the concerned high ups to make process of tendering of collection of solid waste from Quetta city transparent under the Public-Private Partnership. He directed to ensure

ter Shehbaz Sharif

the whole process transparent and on merit under the Public-Private Partnership.

He also directed to Finance Department to pay outstanding salaries and pensions of the employees of Quetta Metropolitan



QUETTA: Provincial Ministers Haji Noor Muhammad Dummar, Parliamentary Secretary Mir Barkat Ali Rind and MPAs Sheikh Zarak Khar Mandokhail and Asghar Ali Tareen holding negotiations with BDA protesting employees

Secretaries of departments didn't come in Assembly despite ruling: Speaker

cial gallery is empty despite

Chief Secretary nor Inspec-

He said that neither

ruling of the Speaker.

above the assembly.

session

member.

Independent Report QUETTA: The Speaker Balochistan Assembly, Captain (Retd) Abdul Khaliq Achakzai has regretfully pointed out that the secretaries of government departments didn't come in the assembly session despite his ruling in this regard.

The Speaker was chairing the session of provincial assembly here on Friday

Earlier, the Member of Provincial Assembly, Mir Asadullah Baloch also pointed out that the offi-

(NADRA) headquarters Corporation. and chaired an important The Chief Minister meeting during which vari was chairing the review ous proposals were dismeeting about the Quetta cussed to make NADRA Solid Waste Management more people-friendly. here on Friday.

Several significant deci-The Chief Minister ions were made to faciliwas briefed about the functate the public, including the tioning of Corporation and provision of identity card solid waste management in issuance and renewal facilities at the union council level It was informed that across Pakistan. Addition-150,000 tons of garbage has ally, biometric machines

been lifted from Quetta will be installed at union council levels nationwide. It was also informed Mohsin Naqvi directed

that the process of collecthat a plan be devised tion of the solid waste within a few days to finalise would be outsourced from the issuance and renewal of Continued on page 2 identity cards at the union

council level. He also sought a plan to make the Identity Card system foolproof, etter, and efficient.

He emphasised the need for a plan that would facilitate visitors to NADRA centres and ensure prompt service without delay

USIP warns of terrorist threats from Afghanistan

targeting Pakistan WASHINGTON (INP): The United States Institute of Peace (USIP) has issued a warning that Afghan territory is being used by terrorist groups to target Pa-

kistan. The report highlights the growing regional threat posed by these organizations, which operate with apparent support from the Afghan Taliban.

tor General of Police comes According to the in the assembly during the USIP, despite repeated warnings, the Afghan He observed that these Taliban has not cut ties officers consider them to be with terrorist groups like the Tehrik-i-Taliban Paki-The leader of Opposistan (TTP), which contion, Younas Aziz Zehri on ducts attacks on Pakistani a point of order mentioned soil that Chief Secretary is also

The report indicates reluctant to meet the memthat the Taliban provides bers of assembly. He these groups with financial stressed that the Chief Secretary should respect every support, arms, weapons. and secret hideouts.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Interior Mohsin chairing a meeting at NADRA headquarters.

KP Govt makes botch attempt to maintain credibility by attributing false statement to PM: Tarar

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister for Information, Broadcasting, National Heritage and Culture Attaullah Tarar on Friday said the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Government was making a botch attempt to maintain its credibility by attributing a false statement to Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif.

The minister, in a statement, said that the KPK Food Minister had attributed a false statement to the prime minister which was based on assumptions and contrary to the facts.

He said the KP government wanted to confront with the Federal Government by consistently churning out lies especially about electricity, wheat and other crops.

He regretted that the KP chief minister had been persistently threatening "to attack Islamabad and seize the Peshawar Electricity Supply Company'

He had even given a 15-day deadline to the Federal Government in that regard, the minister added.

Tarar said their "nefarious designs" would not succeed as the Federal Government was fully capable to protect state institutions and public property.

Nobody would be allowed to take the law into their hands, he said, vowing that a strict action would be taken against those would dare to do so.

Fateha offered for martyr Major Babar Khan: **BA** adopts joint resolution demanding establishment of medical college in Kharan

Independent Report QUETTA: Balochistan Assembly adopted a resolution demanding establishment of a Medical College in Kharan for students of the

Rakhshan Division. Through joint resolution tabled by the Provincial Minister for Finance, Mir Shoaib Nausherwani, it was demanded of the provincial government to take necessary steps for estab-lishing "Shaheed Salar Medical College" at Kharan keeping in view the hard-

ships of the male and fe-The male students of Rakhshan Division so as to remove the resentment and sense of deprivation among them. The Speaker Provincial Assembly, Captain (Retd)

Abdul Khaliq Achakzai was in the chair. The Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti was also in attendance at the assembly's sitting. The resolution mentioned that the Rakhshan

Division consists of Continued on page 2

The SC staff has barred the law clerks and lawyers from carrying their cell phones in the courtroom and asked them to leave them outside the courtroom. The staff is also

checking the attendants in the SC courtroom. The journalists are already barred from carrying their cell phones in the SC courtroom

The development follows after, a picture of PTI founder Imran Khan was leaked on social media during his appearance in SC during the NAB amendments case hearing via video link from Adiala Jail. It stated in media reports that the Supreme Court Police have launched an investigation into the viral picture of PTI founder Imran Khan **Our narrative**

should not be linked with **PTI: Fazal**

BHAKKAR (INP): Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam-Fazl (JUI-F) chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman on Friday said that JUI-F and Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) are two different political parties and have their own narrative. This he stated while talking to media persons in Bhakkar. Maulana Fazlur Rehman said that our narrative should not be linked with PTI.

Fazlur Rehman was of the view that responsibility to conduct the elections solely lies with the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) and there was no role of governments in it.

The JUI-F chief said that those who had a role in holding the elections did nothing and the ones who have nothing to do with the polls played a key role in the February 8 general elections.

the team. **Maritime Affairs Minister** visits Naval HO

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Maritime Affairs Qaiser Ahamed Sheikh on Friday visited Naval



Headquarters, Islamabad and called on Chief of Naval Staff Admiral Naveed Ashraf. During the meeting, professional matters of mutual interest and Pakistan Navy's role in regional maritime security and Indian Ocean region came under discussion, said a press release.

Both the dignitaries also dilated upon prospects of maritime economy and its importance for overall economic growth of the country.

SC serves show-cause notices to Faisal Vawda, Mustafa on anti-judiciary remarks

ISLAMABAD (APP): judiciary. The Supreme Court of Pakistan on Friday served show-cause notice to Senator Faisal Vawda and Muttahida Qaumi Movement (MQM)'s leader Mustafa Kamal and summoned them in person on the next hearing in a suomoto case about remarks against judiciary.

The court directed the politicians to clarify that why a contempt of court proceedings shouldn't be initiated against them on controversial remarks about

A three-member bench, headed by Chief Justice Qazi Faez Isa and comprising Justice Naeem Afghan and Justice Irfan Saadat Khan, heard the suo-moto case on a press conference of Senator Faisal Vawda and remarks by Mustafa Kamal. During the hearing, the

chief justice sought the details of the press conference of Faisal Vawda and also inquired from the additional attorney general whether the content of media talks did come under contempt



QUETTA: Provincial Ministers and MPAs expressing their views on the resolutions presented in Balochistan Assembly



Saturday May 18, 2024

Miscellaneous

PM directs launching nationwide programme to overcome child stunting

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Friday directed the authorities concerned to launch a nationwide programme, in coordination with the provincial governments, to overcome the challenge of child stunting.

The prime minister, chairing a meeting to discuss the issue of child stunting, also called for the formulation of a comprehensive plan for the protection of children against fatal diseases, for population welfare and for coping with the health sector issues.

According to the World Health Organisation, child stunting refers to a child who is too short for his or her age and is the result of chronic or recurrent malnutrition. Stunting is a contributing risk factor to child mortality and is also a marker of inequalities in human development.

Prime Minister Shehbaz said that the Federal Government, in collaboration with the provincial governments, would take priority measures for

issue of child stunting.

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solve their issues at the ear-

by Vice President of Coca

Cola for Pakistan and Af-

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and CEO of Pepsi Co Paki-

stan and Afghanistan

Kamal Khan, Rana Tanveer

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Federal ministers Jam

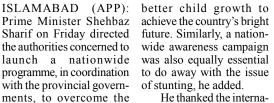
officers attended the meet- rates.

Muhammad Khosa.

The delegation was led

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tional experts participating in the meeting which featured the presentation of statistics on the ters (GHQ) in Rawalpindi. children's growth by the World Bank.

Pakistan is ready.... The participants were told that a significant ratio Continued from page 1 of children in Pakistan sufeign Minister Ishaq Dar fered stunted growth caused by the lack of basic with the Chinese authorities, both sides expressed healthcare and nutrition, their resolve to curb terrorcontaminated drinking waism and eliminate forces ter, poor cleanliness, and that sabotaged peace. lack of awareness of children's growth.

plan on the matter.

olved in human rights vio-Besides, the statistics lations in occupied Kashabout the prevalence of mir and Indian forces were TB, hepatitis, diabetes and continuing their aggression other fatal diseases in Pakiin the occupied valley. The stan were also highlighted international community and suggestions were put should take notice of the forward to overcome them. ongoing Indian atrocities in The prime minister inheld Kashmir.

structed the relevant au-Baloch further said seies of attacks on Palestinthorities to immediately ians in Gaza must be present a comprehensive stopped forthwith. She said, "Pakistan welcomes the General Assembly reso-

lution on Palestine's pernanent membership in the Jnited Nations," she cal lded

She said India was in-

Deputy Prime Miniser and Foreign Minister Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar, at the invitation of his Kazakh counterpart, will ead the Pakistani delegation o the regular meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers (CFMs) of Shanghai Cooperation Organization **ISLAMABAD:** Prime Minister Muhammad (SCO), being held from 20th Shehbaz Sharif chairs a meeting to discuss the to 21st of this month in

Astana, Kazakhstan. The foreign minister will also hold bilateral meetings with his counterparts ately prepare a strategy reon the sidelines of the garding tariff rationalization

Council of Foreign Minisfor the export sector indusers meeting. We support one China Chairing an important oolicy. Only China is repmeeting here to discuss the esentative of people of provision of facilities to the China in UN, she added. industrial sector, the prime Avoiding to give reacminister emphasized the tion to any matter between importance of industrial de-Iran and India she said this velopment and export

s internal matter of other growth. He said the governountries. ment would ensure the sup-There are solid brothply of electricity and gas to

erly relations with Iran, she the industries at affordable said adding we support pleasant relations with Af-The prime minister

BA adopts joint resolution....

Continued from page 1 not available. Chaghai, Washuk, Kharan and Noshki districts where tabled by the Opposition MPA, Mir Asadullah the poor students of the areas are to go to Quetta or Baloch. other provinces of the coun-In his resolution, he demanded of the provincial

try for getting medical education due to non-existence government to approach of the medical college. federal government for en-suring installation of LPG The students are facing hardships due to the lack plants in the districts of resources, the resolution which lack the facility of further mentioned. natural gas.

tutions in the division.

College in Kharan.

Mir Asadulah Baloch pointed out that the natu-Speaking on his resolution, the Minister Finance said that the students beral gas facility is available longing to Rakhshan Divionly in few districts out of sion can't continue their total 36 districts inspite of studies after matriculation or intermediate mainly because of non-existence of Sui area of Balochistan. the higher educational insti-

areas where gas has been He urged the House to provided even are facing adopt the resolution regardhardships due to its low ing establishment of Medi-Meanwhile, another resolution was tabled about installation of LPG plants in the districts where there

NAB Balochistan

Independent Report / cell.

The Director General QUETTA: In connection with anti-corruption awarealso interacted with the delness campaign, NAB (Balochistan) invited a delegation and informed the students about the working egation of students of Namechanism of NAB and moral responsibility for tional University of Science eradication of corruption. and Technology (NUST) In order to eradicate corrup-Quetta to visit NAB Balochistan. During the tion from society, it is visit, the delegation was stressed upon the students to live as per Islamic valbriefed about vision, role ues, so the evil of corrupand mandate of NAB tion can be eliminated from against corruption. It was explained that NAB adopts our society. three pronged strategy

During his lecture, he deliberated various aspects against corruption i.e. observed during the stages Awareness, Prevention and of Complaint, Inquiry, In-Enforcement. In this regard vestigation and Reference achievement of NAB were shared with the delegation. filing. He said students are the future leaders and they It was also informed that NAB is reforming its opneed to know working of NAB, its complaint filing

Govt sets up **Climate Change**

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Federal Government on Friday established the country's first "Climate Change Authority" under the Climate Change Act 2017.

of 2017

RAWALPINDI: Chief of Army Staff (COAS), General Asim Munir in a group photo along with the Players of Pakistan Hockey Team, at General Headquarthe natural gas facilities is Authority The resolution was

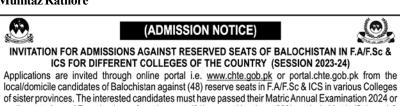
According to a notification of the Ministry of Climate Change and Environmental Coordination. the Authority was formed under sub section (1) of Section 5, of the Pakistan Climate Change Act No.X

The three-judge Su-preme Court bench comprising Justice Athar Minallah, Justice Syed Mansoor Ali Shah. and Justice Muhammad Ali Mazhar, in its judgment in the petition of Public Interest Law Association of Pakistan to highlight the existential threat of climate change, had ordered the Federal Government to establish the Climate Change operations Authority to cope with the

these SOPs includes a warnrisk of global warming and environmental degradation.

A significant aspect of

MUZAFFARABAD: Director Investigation Mohtasib Shazia Ashraf meeting with AJK Minister for Local Government and Rural Development Faisal **Mumtaz Rathore**



New security SOPs Non-essential people, videos banned in **Parliament House**

ISLAMABAD (INP): The tives. Journalists are now National Assembly Secreforbidden from stopping tariat has rolled out new and engaging lawmakers in security standard operating conversations within the corridors. This move aims to ensure that lawmakers can carry out their duties without unnecessary interruptions. Additionally, the SOPs stipulate that any individual caught violating the video recording ban will have their mobile phones and other recording devices confiscated, and they'll be evicted from the premises. This measure underscores the commitment to maintaining the privacy and security of parliamentary

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Moreover, Senate card holders will no longer have access to the National Assembly, and a decision has been taken to enforce tighter security protocols at all entry points, including the Parliament Gate on the ing to media representa- Constitution Highway.

As per the new directives, entry of non-essential persons is strictly prohibited, and a ban has been placed on video recording by TikTokers, Vloggers, and YouTubers within the Parliament House building. The speaker of the National Assembly has taken notice of the excessive crowding at Gate No. 1. which prompted these roceedings. measures. The new SOPs

procedures (SOPs) for the Parliament House, aimed at reducing congestion and enhancing security.

are part of a broader initiative to streamline access and ensure the safety and efficiency of parliamentary

passage of long time of the discovery of natural gas in Besides, the people of

pressure and load shedding, he mentioned. he Provincial Minister Noor Muhammad Dummar and some other MPAs supported the resolution

Students of NUST visit

Meanwhile Prime also directed the relevant au-Minister Shehbaz Sharifon thorities to prioritize ad-Friday directed the authorities concerned to immedi-

S. TENDER NOTICE The Water and Sanitation Authority Quetta invites bids from those contractors who are involved in the same nature of works. Tender Fee Rs.1000/-

dressing the issues facing

the industrial sector.

Govt's business friendly...

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Bid Security 1 Petty repair works of sluice valve 160.000/-8.00 M Spindles etc. for the year 2024-2025

CONDITION Procurements shall be made under the Balochistar Public Procurement Rules 2014. Eligibility of Bidders: (a) Registration with relevant taxation departments. (b) Registration with Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC) in relevant category. Method of Procurement: Single Stage-One Envelope Procedure Bid Security: The bids must accompany Bid Security in the form of Call Deposit or Bank Guarantee of amount specified above in the name of the Managing Director WASA from a scheduled bank. Tender Documents: The bidding documents can be obtained from the office of the undersigned upon payment (non refundable) bidding document fee (amount mentioned above) through Allied Bank on account No.1170-7, New Zarghoon Road Quetta Branch. (The NIT 8 Bidding Document can also be downloaded from www.bppra.org.pl under TSE No. 232405416833 Issuance of tender Documents From the date of publication of NIT to 04-06-2024, during office hours on working days. Last Date of bid submission: The Tender must be submitted latest by 04-06-2024 till 11:00AM at the office of the Managing Director WASA. Tender opening: All tenders will be opened on same day at the office of the Chairman Procurement Committee WASA at 12:00 PM Address: Q-WASA Head Office near NADRA office New Zarghoon Road, Quetta, Phone no. 081 9211614 Fax no. 081-9211610 Email:mdwasagta@gmail.com



WASA, QUETTA

TENDER NOTICE TSE-232405418003 Only electronic bid will be submitted, No

physical bid is required. Note: In All Procurements of GOB Whether Through Electronic or Manual Bid Submission. It is Mandatory For All Bidders to Get Registered At Electronic Public Procurement System of BPPRA GOB.

The EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (ROAD) CW, PP&H DEPARTMENT DISTRICT JAFFARABAD invites bids from Eligible Bidders for execution of following works for the Year 2024 based on Composite schedule rates 2018 on Percentage Rates Tender Fee Rs 2000/- and bid Security 2%

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Moh	ammad road to Bhayo Goth Khan Wah	

to Soomro Goth and Noman Goth District Jaffarabad

Procurements shall be made under the Balochistan Public Procurement Rules - 2014. Eligibility of Bidders: Presence in Active Tax Payer List. The bidding firm must not be blacklisted by any procuring agency of Pakistan. Balochistan Revenue Authority Registration is required. The bidder must have completed Assignment of similar nature of work. Turn over of at least 100,100,000 PKR Amount in5 subsequent previous years showing financial capacity of the firm. Bidding Document Fee in Shape of Green Chalan Form. 2% of Estimated Cost. Procedure Of Procurement: Single Stage Two Envelope Bidding Procedure Bid Security: The bids must accompany Bid Security in the form of Bank Gurantee, Deposit at Call of 2 % specified above in the name of the under-signed from a scheduled bank. Tender Documents: The NIT & Bidding Document can be obtained electronically from www.bppra.gob.pk Issuance of tender Documents: Complete Bidding Document can be viewed at www.bppra.gob.pk Last Date of bid submission: Bid can only be submitted electronically lates by 03 June, 2024 till 11:00 AM through supplier dashboard. Tender opening: All tenders will be opened on same day at 12:00 PM or EPPS System

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erational methodology The During recent visit of Iranian president to Pakistan several agreements were signed. We have seen Indian aggressive statements . Pakistan has given

detailed stance in this regard this week, she held. and Prevention) and his Pakistan is ready to team facilitated the guests counter any threat to its for their visit and briefing security and regional integabout the official working rity, she remarked. by respective heads of wing

process, corruption and delegation visited different offices of NAB (B) includits consequences on sociing investigation wing. ety etc. Mr. Alamgeer focal person of NUST Univercomplaint verification cell. sity thanked the DG NAB prosecution wing, library, art gallery and other offices. (Balochistan) and his team for arranging such informa-Director (Awareness tive session and assured the cooperation to NAB (Balochistan) for disseminating message against corruption.



Director General NAB (Balochistan) Izhar Ahmed Awan delivering awareness lecture to the students of NUST University during their visit to NAB (Balochistan)

CM Bugti vows to revoke....

Continued from page 1 ment among the deserving collection....

Continued from page 1 right". August. Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Ministions in the Department of ter said that performance of Education were advertised last two months have been outstanding, however audit would be done from the audit team of the Finance

Process of

Department. The team of Finance Department would conduct audit of last two months views the Chief Minister added.

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Eidul Azha

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Besides, the Anti Corvealed that former educaruption Establishment tion ministers and a mafia would conduct inquiry of comprising corrupt officials the fuel expenditures of and others had allegedly worth Rs. 700 million in the collected millions of rupees

from the unemployed can-The Chief Minister didates, but the appointalso directed to expedite the ment process was not ongoing cleanliness camcompleted within the paign on Eidul Azha instead stipulated 90-day period as of observing leave. mandated by the He announced to can-Balochistan Recruitment cel leaves of all officers and employees of Metropoli-Policy 2019.

tan Corporation on Eidul The policy, approved Azha and asserted that all by the previous provincial assembly, requires that He said that he would tests, interviews, merit also not observe leave on postings, higher authority approvals, and appoint-In addition to this, the ment orders for non-gazet-Chief Minister directed to ted positions be completed start cleanliness campaign within 90 days. Any delay in Airport road cant board

beyond this period grants area from today. the competent authority The Commissioner the right to cancel the pro-Quetta Muhammad Hamza cess and re-advertise the Shafqaat said that the work positions is continued in connection

Despite the passage of with the ongoing cleanliness one and a half years, the campaign round the clock. appointments have neither He also informed that the cleanliness drive had been made nor the codal started formalities fulfilled till date. in Pashtoonabad area for the This has led to significant frustration and disappoint-

candidates. The victims of the job Last year, some 8, 500 selling mafia have praised non-teaching staff posi-Chief Minister Bugti for his commitment to address the

for which over 300,000 ap-They demanded that plications were submitted the positions should be rewith the Sardar Bahadur advertised according to the Khan Women's University, rules and suggested replacwhich was authorized to ing the District Recruitconduct the tests and interment Committee (DRC) with the chairman and mem-However, it was rebers of the Chief Minister Inspection Team CMIT committee to ensure a fair

> and merit-based recruitment process. It may be recalled that the former caretaker prime minister Anwarul Haq Kakar has also criticized the SBK's appointment, expressing his displeasure and raising serious questions on the process adopted for filling the

posts. On the other hand, the successful candidates have claimed that the delay in results was a violation of the court's order. The Balochistan High Court, however, ruled

against the candidates citing lack of any evidence. The candidates said that the decision was challenged in the Supreme Court that ordered the Education Department to release the re-

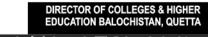
sults "We are not afraid of taking the test again," the successful candidates said. urging the CM to make a just decision.

45% in Matric (Arts) Group should have passed SSC examination from Schools located in the Province/Area of their respective Local/Domicile). Those students who are waiting for their results can apply on hope certificate. All seats are reserved for open merit. The distribution of these (48) reserved

dier up to Appual Examinations of previous one (01) years with at least 60% marks in Matric (Scie

seats a	seats as per the admission policy is as under. GOVERNMENT COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY LAHORE					
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	(Pre-Engineering)	02 Seats	60% marks in SSC with Science Subjects.			
	eral Science Group	02 Seats	60% marks in SSC with General Science.			
	puter Science	02 Seats	60% marks in SSC with Computer Science.			
5 Arts	Group	02 Seats	60% marks in SSC with Arts/Science Subjects.			
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ISLAMIA COLLEGE PESHAWAR						
S.No	FACULTY	SEATS	ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA			
	(Pre-Medical)	02 Seats	60% marks in SSC with Science Subjects.			
	(Pre-Engineering)	02 Seats	60% marks in SSC with Science Subjects.			
	eral Science Group	01 Seat	60% marks in SSC with General Science			
TOTAL		05				
EDWARD COLLEGE PESHAWAR						
S.No	FACULTY	SEATS	ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA			
	(Pre-Medical)	02 Seats	60% marks in SSC with Science Subjects.			
	(Pre-Engineering)	02 Seats	60% marks in SSC with Science Subjects.			
	puter Science	02 Seats	60% marks in SSC with Computer Science.			
4 Arts		02 Seats	45% marks in SSC with Arts/Science Subjects.			
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	(Pre-Medical)	02 Seats	60% marks in SSC with Science Subjects.			
	(Pre-Engineering)	02 Seats	60% marks in SSC with Science Subjects.			
3 Arts		06 Seats	45% marks in SSC with Arts/Science Subjects.			
TOTAL		10 LAHORE COLLEGE FO				
		(For Female Ca				
S.No	FACULTY	SEATS	ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA			
	(Pre-Medical)	02 Seats	60% marks in SSC with Science Subjects.			
	(Pre-Engineering)	02 Seats	60% marks in SSC with Science Subjects.			
3 Arts		01 Seat	45% marks in SSC with Arts/Science Subjects.			
TOTAL		05				
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(For Female Candidates only)						
S.No	FACULTY	SEATS	ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA			
1 F.A(Home Economics)	10 Seats	45% marks in SSC with Arts/Science Subjects.			
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(s will be 50%, e) Total Weightage of E ntry lest ma marks will be deducted from the total marks of those candidates who have passed their Matric and the same will be applicable for each gape/year. g) All selection will be made according to admission policy which is mention in prospectus. h) The prospectus is available at the above mentioned website."www.chte.gob.pk IMPORTANT NOTE:- Only shortlisted candidates will be required to submit their documents in hard. In case of submission of fake documents, the application/nomination will be rejected at any stage. Since, the application form is a legal document, any wrong information provided therein or over-writing or tampering in any other way is illegal and may results in outright rejection of form without any notice and such candidates will be prosecuted under criminal law, and consequently, they will be debarred for a period of 3 years for applying against any reserved seats through Directorate of Colleges. The student who have gualified or selected as per merit will pay the fee as per concerned College policy. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:-1. Candidates will apply through online portal i.e. www.chte.gob.pk or portal.chte.gob.pk. 2. The prospectus and video "How to apply" is available at the above-mentioned website. 3. Fill the form carefully. After submission of form candidates could not change their priorities. 4. Challan slip (treasury receipt) bearing account number can be downloaded from the given website, where candidates have to submit fee Rs.1000/- (One Thousand Rupees) in any branch of UBL, before applying for online admission within the CLOSING DATE from 17th May to 30th May,2024. No application will be accepted after the closing date. 5. It will be mandatory for the candidates to bring original CNIC/ B-form, original paid challan slip (treasury receipt) and downloaded copy of admission certificate/online slip with thumb impression, recent passport size picture and signature, at the time of Entry Test, to avoid any inconvenience at the examination center, 6. The shortlisted candidates will have to get verified their Local Certificates from the concerned district's Deputy Commissioner, before selection. 7 Place and venue of Entry Test will be announced/communicated to the candidates through Newspaper, and also at our website "www.chte.gob.pk or portal.chte.gob.pk." in tracking applicant section. So, keep frequently visiting our website. 8. Selected Candidates will have to pay fee as per college policy. Ph & Fax # 0819202676



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Speakers call for promoting mystics' values of peace and tolerance

ISLAMABAD (APP): Speakers at the concluding session of a two-day national conference on Friday emphasized on highlighting the teachings of Maulana Rumi, Hazrat Sultan Bahu and other mystics to eradicate the effects of materialism and colonialism on Muslim

thoughts. "The values propagated by mystics including tolerance, philanthropy and religious harmony had a profound impact on society, language and literature which needed to be promoted among the citizens", they said.

The national conference titled "Maulana Rumi and Hazrat Sultan Bahu; Insaan Dosti, Aman-o-Mohabbat aur Rawadari key Payambar " was arranged under the auspices of Muslim Institute and Turkey's Yunus Emre Institute and cluded. National Language Promotion Department (NLPD).

"The poetry and thoughts of mystics are not only an expression of ideas but a source of education. The thoughts of Maulana Rumi and Hazrat Sultan Bahu created a personality

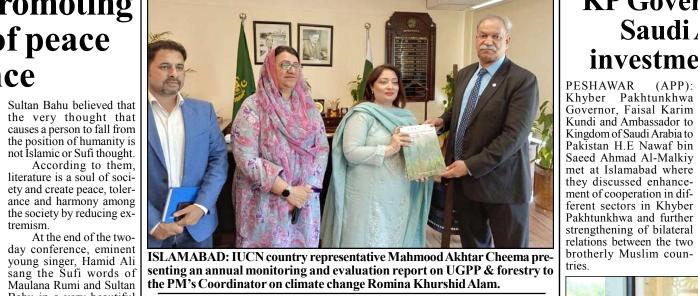
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like Iqbal", they said. ety and create peace, toler-On the second day, the ance and harmony among speakers included Director the society by reducing ex-Ĝeneral NLPD, Dr. tremism Muhammad Salim Mazhar, At the end of the two-Member of National Asday conference, eminent sembly, Sahibzada Amir young singer, Hamid Ali Sultan, Ambassador of

sang the Sufi words of Azerbaijan to Pakistan, Maulana Rumi and Sultan Bahu in a very beautiful Chairman Higher Edumanner The conference was cation Commission (HEC),

Professor Dr. Mukhtar attended by the speakers Ahmad, DG Public Librarfrom the four provinces of ies, Kashif Manzoor, Vice Pakistan and the universi-Chancellor Kohsar Univerties and academic institusity Dr. Syed Habib tions of Azad Jammu and Bukhari, Executive Director Kashmir.On the second of NLPD, Dr. Rashid day, the speakers included Hameed, Chairman Muslim Director General NLPD, Institute, Sahibzada Sultan Dr. Muhammad Salim Ahmad Áli, Dr. Farooq Adil. Mazhar, Member of Na-Dr. Arshad Mahmood tional Assembly, Nashad and others were in-Sahibzada Amir Sultan, Ambassador of Azerbaijan to Pakistan, Khazar Farhadov

The speakers said that Maulana Rumi and Hazrat



Malala Fund welcomes Pakistan's new plan to address its national education crisis ISLAMABAD (APP):

Malala Funds has wel-Friday. comed Pakistan's new edu-Through the Education Emergency initiative, cation emergency plan to the government of Pakistan address its national education crises and bring more aims to make significant reductions to the overall

than 26 million out-ofschool children into schools under the directives of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif. Malala Fund welcomes this news, which responds to demands from Pakistani activists, educators and civil society for the

tion, said a press release on four per cent of GDP. 'The Education Emer-

gency Initiative is a promising first step," said Lena Alfi, Acting CEO of Malala Fund.

"If Pakistan fulfils its number of children out of commitment to double eduschool. In a directive recation spending over the leased from the Prime next five years, it could Minister's office on Friday change the trajectory of millions of girls' lives for the better. Malala Fund looks the government has committed to allocating at least Rs25 billion to education over the next five years. This includes a commitment administration to take ur-gent action on girls' educa-budget from 1.7 per cent to civil society.

Entry of PML-O (PDP)

Ban has been imposed on entry of PML-Q Member of National Assembly (MNA) Tariq Bashir Cheema in the house during ongoing session of National Assembly (NA) due to sorrowful incident took place between Tariq Bashir Cheema and Zartaj Gul.

The speaker NA got approval from the house in this regard. NA speaker Sardar Ayyaz Sadiq said a day before a sorrowful incident took place in the house. It has been resolved in consultation with all parliamentary parties that en-try of PML-Q MNA.

KP Governor lauds Saudi Arabia investment in Pak

PESHAWAR (APP): Pakhtunkhwa Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Governor, Faisal Karim

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and expressed best wishes to him. Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

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Governor said that relations between the two brotherly countries were deep-rooted and people of both countries were connected in a strong bonds of religious, culture and historical values

Faisal Karim Kundi said Saudi Arabia's investment in different sectors in Pakistan would signifi-

stability in the latter, say-ing KP is blessed with an

abundance of natural re-



During the meeting, investment opportunities in different sectors in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa came under discussion.

sources and there is a lot of The Saudi ambassador opportunities for investors of the friendly countries to congratulated Faisal Karim Kundi on assuming the of- make investment i fice of Khyber stan including KP. make investment in Paki-

Attempts underway to repeat 1987-like situation in IIOJK: Mehbooba

ISLAMABAD (APP): Peoples Democratic Party President Mehbooba Mufti on Friday had warned that attempts are underway to repeat the tumultuous 1987 situation in Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir, when massive rigging altered the territory's trajectory, leading to bloodshed. According to Kashmir Media Service, addressing

Mehbooba said. various rallies in north Kashmir's Baramulla parliamentary constituency, reminiscent of 1947, ging these elections could lead to disastrous out-

support BJP's proxy candidates, fearing a repeat of 1987's electoral manipulation. "The head of the administrative affairs in Jammu and Kashmir has summoned officers of a particular community, warning them of dire consequences if they do not support BJP's proxy candidates in Kashmir. I fear a 1987-like situation is being repeated",

"Even today, we see people being coerced ahead of elections. They are threatened by a situation Mehbooba said. She stressed that today's youth are voting to express their sufferings, warning that rig-

ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of Portugal to Pakistan Frederico Silva, speaks during a ceremony on the eve of World Day of the Portuguese Language and the Lusophone Culture at the residence of Brazil Ambassador in the Federal

Capital, Ambassador of Brazil to Pakistan, Olyntho Vieira and Prof. Guiomar de Grammont is also seen in the occasion.

Dengue defense: KSrelief concludes ICT's admin 4 more medical camps in Sindh, Balochistan

ISLAMABAD (APP): early detection and treat-The King Salman Humaniwrapped up its sponsorcamps in Pakistan, mark- medical examinations and

ment of eye-related issues tarian Aid and Relief Cen- to prevent blindness and (KSrelief) has enhance thousands of lives. Over the course of the ship of four more medical program, more than 18,056

cessfully conducted. Fur-

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launches public education campaign

ISLAMABAD (APP) The Islamabad Capital Territory Administration with the collaboration of District Health Office Friday started an awareness cam-

Amir Muqam participates in farewell reception of outgoing **Federal Secretary SAFRON**

ISLAMABAD (APP): Ministry of States & Frontier Regions (SAFRON) on Friday arranged a farewell party in the honour of outgoing Federal Secretary SAFRON Naheed S. Durrani. The farewell reception was participated by Federal Minister for Kashmir Affairs & Gilgit Baltistan and SAFRON Engineer Amir Muqam as a chief guest, said a press release.

The farewell reception was attended by senior officers of SAFRON, Joint Secretary Agha Waseem, Joint Secretary Azra Jamali, Chief Commissioner Afghan Refugees Muhammad

Abbas Khan, Filiberto Gabresi Principal Adviser, Heidi-GIZ Islamabad and Dr Imran Zeb-UNHCR Consultant. Federal Minister Engr

Amir Muqam said that Naheed S. Durrani was a principled and competent Secretary and her services for Ministry of States and Frontier Regions will always be remembered. The Minister also lauded the federal secretary's efforts

for the promotion of Ministry. Outgoing Federal Secretary thanked Federal Minister Engr Amir Muqam and all the officers for their support and acknowledgement.

forward to monitoring the progress of all commitments made to girls alongside our local partners and

MNA, Tariq banned in NÂ ongoing session ISLAMABAD (Online):

Mehbooba Mufti said that the authorities were using the same old tactics they used to muzzle the just voices in 1987. She said that the New Delhi-installed IIOJK administration was pressuring officers from specific communities to comes.

ing the second phase of a 1,633 surgeries were sucvital project aimed at combating blindness and eye thermore, 3,116 pairs of diseases

Collaborating with the Al-Basar International Foundation and Al-Ibrahim Eye Hospital Karachi, these camps provided advanced eye care facilities to individuals facing financial constraints or lacking access to specialized treatment.

Strategically posi-tioned in rural and urban areas of Sindh and Balochistan, these camps addressed regions with limited eye care services. The primary goal was sion and offerin brighter future.



ISLAMABAD: Visitors take keen interest in a painting during paintings exhibition of different artists Gellry-6 in the Federal Capital.

Special training session organized to enhance IFA's staff food testing skills

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Islamabad Food Authority (IFA) and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) Food Authority on Friday organized a special training session for staff to enhance their food testing skills

Talking to APP, Deputy Director Operations of IFA, Dr Tahira Saddique said that the initiative, organized by Nutrition International, aimed at to enhance the accuracy and efficiency of food safety inspections in the federal capital.

The training focused on using modern Continuous Data Recording (CDR) machines, and iCheck Chroma, she added.

The training programme was designed to equip IFA staff with advanced techniques and tools city for food testing.

With the new skills, ous drive to improve the cathey would be able to conduct more thorough inspections and ensure that the the adoption of advanced food available to the public technology, she added.

meets safety standards, she added

The deputy director highlighted that this training marked a significant step towards improving food testing processes. She said the CDR ma-

chines represented a major upgrade in the equipment available to the IFA teams.

These machines were expected to make the testing process more efficient and accurate, which would ultimately lead to better enforcement of food safety regulations.

By employing modern machinery, the IFA aimed at to protect public health by ensuring that all food products in the market were

safe for consumption. This training initiative reflected a broader effort to enhance food safety in the It is part of a continu-

pabilities of food authority staff through education and citizens

paign to combat the dengue outbreak in the Federal Capital.

corrective glasses were dis-According to the Spokesman of ICT's Adtributed, along with prescribed medications, ensurministration, Deputy Coming comprehensive care for missioner, Irfan Nawaz Memon, and District The impact of this ini-Health Officer, Dr. Zaeem tiative has been profound, Zia, led the campaign by touching communities engaging directly with the and public.

They handed out in-Held in Karachi. formational pamphlets to Sukkur, Kandiaro in Sindh, residents, aiming to educate and District Kharan in them about preventive mea-Balochistan, these camps sures against dengue. The provided specialized eve DC highlighted that the care services, restoring visuccess of the dengue presion and offering hope for a vention campaign relies heavily on the active par-

ticipation of citizens. He urged everyone to adhere to the standard operating procedures (SOPs) designed to prevent dengue. To tackle he issue effectively, joint teams have been established o locate and eliminate dengue larvae across the city. These efforts were part of a broader initiative to ensure the community remains vigilant and takes ecessary precautions.

SP Dolphin orders Squad officials to perform their duty efficiently Independent Report

ISLAMABAD: According to details, following the special directions of Inspector General of Police (ÎGP) Islamabad Syed Ali Nasir Rizvi, the SP Dolphin held a meeting with the Dolphin Squad officers, a public relations officer said.

issued here.

He said that, the SP details Dolphin Syed Kazim Naqvi emphasized the need to make patrols more effective in combating crimes in Islamabad, particularly by positioning themselves strategically in areas with higher crime rates.

Encouragement was extended for arrests of criminals, and a strict zerotolerance policy against corruption within the police force was underscored. Furthermore, the SP Dolphin reiterated the importance of all police officers and officials in the pre-

vention and control of crimes, emphasizing their role in ensuring the safety of lives and property of the



Students and Faculty members of Lahore College for Women University vis iting Senate Museum at Parliament House, Islamabad.

CUI arranges open house, job fair

ISLAMABAD (APP): believes in transparency COMSATS University Islamabad (CUI), Wah and digitization of such scicampus organized an Open House and Job Fair for the graduating students of Spring semester 2024. Ă total of 595 students from Electrical and Com-

able on website providing global visibility of the CUI puter Engineering, Civil Wah graduates. He added that when Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Management Sciences, and Computer industry and academia work together, students Sciences departments showcased 204 Final Year will be able to benefit from real-world experiences and Projects (FYPs) which porpractical training that helps trayed their professional them to prepare for their skills and expertise for infuture careers and to sucdustries. Representatives ceed in the competitive job from 136 companies evalumarket. The Campus Direcated projects, conducted intor also pointed out the terviews, and short listed availability of the best talent here at CUI Wah Camstudents for job placements, said a news release pus and persuaded the

Dr Mushtaq Ahmad of students for the better-Bhatti, Incharge of the Catry. Assistant Vice Presireer Development Center (CDC), highlighted the CDC's role and the event Latif graced the occasion as the chief guest in the open-The Campus Director, ing session of event. He

Prof. Dr Muhammad Abid, stressed the importance of welcomed the participating industry-academia partnerindustry, guest, students ships and support of the and FYP evaluators. He Systems Ltd's for making shared that the CUI Wah graduates industry-ready.



ISLAMABAD: A view of deserted 7th Avenue due to hot weather in the Federal Capital.

sealed under CDA anti encroachment operation

25 illegal buildings

ISLAMABAD (APP): den management to halt the The Capital Development, on the directives of Chairman Capital Development Authority (CDA) Chaudhary Muhammad Ali Randhawa, Friday sealed 25 illegal buildings and issued warning to a private housing society during its operations conducted against illegal construc-

tions, encroachments, illegal housing societies and violation of building bylaws all over the city.

In this connection strict action was taken against the violation of layout plan (LOP) in Jinnah Garden Extension and all the roads including the entrances built beyond the LOP were removed, a news release said. The CDA administra-

construction beyond the approved LOP. The administration of Jinnah Garden has assured that they will get the permission on Monday by submitting the regular fee.

Moreover, the Build-Control Department sealed 25 buildings in Sawan Garden Housing Society on violation of building by-laws. It is pertinent to mention here that these 25 sealed buildings were constructed in the violation of Building Control and Regulation 2020.

On this occasion, Chairman CDA Chaudhary Muhammad Ali Randhawa said that CDA's actions against illegal constructions and encroachments will continue in the coming

tion warned the Jinnah Gar- days.

AIG Operations holds Khuli Kachehri to address grievances of public

Independent Report ISLAMABAD: According to the details, following the special directives of the In-(IGP) Islamabad, Syed Ali

complaints of the citizens and marked their applications to the concerned officers for timely action on spector General of Police merit. He also directed them to send reports to his



Operations Islamabad Anayat Ali Shah said that the Islamabad Police is committed to resolve public issues on priority, a public relations officer said.

well as police officials dur-ing the Khuli Kachehri held at Central Police Office Islamabad. Citizens, student volunteers of the Friends of Police program, and senior police officers

were also present on this During the Khuli

frame. He further said that strict action will be taken against officials involved in bribery or corruption and a zero tolerance policy will be adopted in this regard. He emphasized that

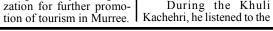
secure the lives and property of the citizens. "Such interaction would be continued in future to provide maximum relief to the citizens." he added.

AIG Operations further said that interaction during "Khuli Kachehris" would help to promote friendly policing.

Nasir Ali Rizvi, the AIG offices in the given time

He said this while listening to the complaints and issues of the public as leave any stone unturned to

Murree to facilitate them with dignity. Talking to APP here on Friday, a TDCP official said the practical steps are being taken by the organioccasion.



address any issues found and ensure the provision of clean and safe drinking wa-

Islamabad, aims to identify any impurity in water quality and ensure to take appropriate measures to rectify them promptly. Following the testing, schools and colleges are required to take necessary actions to

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ISLAMABAD (APP)

The Tourism Development

Corporation of Punjab

(TDCP) has made compre-

hensive and best arrange-

ments for the tourists in

water in ICT entific projects and reschools searches to show the world. He briefed the industry that all FYPs presentations and student's resumes are avail-

ISLAMABAD (APP) Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Education has taken an initiative to ensure the safety of drinking water within educational institutions of Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT). According to the Edu-

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cation Ministry, it has been decided to conduct testing of the water quality in al schools and colleges in

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ter for students and staff.

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Dangerous law

Our political leaders never reluctance to allocate a fair seem to learn from their mistakes. The Punjab Assembly is due to vote on a new defamation law for the province, which, its government says, has been designed to 'stop fake news'. Speaking at a press conference on Wednesday, the provincial information minister sought to assure the media's growing apprehensions regarding the proposed law in the following words: "[Only] a person who lies under the guise of a journalist with a specific agenda will face justice. Sisters and daughthe music under this proposed law."

Her choice of words is telling. The PML-N, which leads the government in Punjab, has had a rough few years as far as its image-building efforts are concerned. Even though it has returned to power at the The old and much-mourned centre and Punjab, its public image has proven extremely difficult to rehabilitate. The minister's words merely reflect the frustration her party feels at those who have been making the job more difficult.

The PML-N's first attempt at putting a muzzle on this new class of 'influencers', which set the narrative on social media platforms like X, Facebook, TikTok and others, took the form of the Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act, 2016 - a law that was widely criticised for placing draconian limitations on Pakistanis' digital rights. Later, the PTI, too, tried to build on Peca to make its worst aspects more 'effective' in silencing critics. plated in isolation. The turf — and democracy – Thankfully, both efforts were Constitution envisages a largely neutralised, owing to the efforts of journalists and Each of the three organs of rights activists who identified state pivots on its own or-bit, but also complements the severe consequences for freedom of speech and expression that such legislation would entail. Unfortunately, the PML-N has now returned The country is in the grip with what seems to be an even sharper weapon to silence way from December-Janucriticism. Much more detailed than baffled weather oracles. the Defamation Ordinance, 2002, it will replace, the new fall, and westerly systems Punjab Defamation Bill, 2024 brought frequent and heavy rain spells. Torrengoes even further than the dic- tial rains in southern tatorship-era regulations laid Balochistan during Febru-arv-April avoided the proout in the original law. With a dangerously loose definition of defamation, much higher financial penalties and blanket restrictions on commenting on tered by untimely downongoing cases, it seems to have been drafted with the sole purpose of striking fear dwarfing a 75-year record, in anyone who may be contemplating criticising or expressing their frustrations at those system crippled and the currently in power. Worst still, the law has been finalised without seeking input from civil society, journalists' unions or even the political opposition. Already, several media organisations and journalists' representative bodies Guangdong's provincial have denounced the proposed law and intend to fight it. The 100,000 residents amid a Punjab government would be massive surge in the Beijiang river. The El well-advised to put the brakes Niño-stricken East and on this bill till it can get key stakeholders on board. It must remember that the same law can be weaponised against it one day, just as Peca was when experiencing a drought and heatwave, compelled the the PTI took power. Online government to suspend indefamation is a growing problem, but one cannot cut off the weather pushed the heat nose to spite one's face. This issue must be handled with tures of over 40°C. utmost care.

Redefining Inheritance: The Reluctance to Share with Sisters and Daughters

der inequality and under-**By Muhammad** mines their economic em-Mohsin Iqbal powerment. Islamic teachings offer

inheritance laws have long a different perspective on been a topic of contention inheritance, emphasizing in many societies, often refairness and justice for all flecting deep-seated cultural heirs, regardless of gender. norms and beliefs. While The Quran and Sunnah promodern legal systems strive vide clear guidelines on the for equality, there persists a distribution of inheritance, allocating shares to daughshare to sisters and daughters and sisters alongside ters. This reluctance, rooted other heirs. in tradition and societal bi-According to Islamic ases, warrants a critical exlaw, daughters are entitled to amination.

inherit from their parents' In many cultures, sons estate, with their share speciare favored over daughters fied based on various factors when it comes to inheritoutlined in the Quran. Simiance. This bias often stems larly, sisters are recognized from the historical perspecas heirs and are entitled to a tive of sons as primary heirs, portion of the inheritance, responsible for carrying on although the exact share may the family name and lineage. vary depending on the pres-Daughters, on the other ence of other heirs. (Surah hand, were traditionally An-Nisa 4:11-12) viewed as joining another Allah commands you

family upon marriage, thus regarding your children: diminishing their claim to the share of the male will be twice that of the female. However, it is crucial If you leave only two ?or to reassess these outdated more? females, their share perceptions in light of modis two-thirds of the estate. ern values of equality and But if there is only one female, her share will be oneters are equally integral half. Each parent is entitled members of the family unit, to one-sixth if you leave offspring. But if you are childcontributing to its well-being and success. Denying less and your parents are the them their fair share of inonly heirs, then your mother heritance perpetuates genwill receive one-third. But

if you leave siblings, then daughter receives a fixed your mother will receive one-sixth—after the fulfilment of bequests and debts. ?Be fair to? your parents and children, as you do not ?fully? know who is more beneficial to you. ?This is? an obligation from Allah. Surely Allah

is All-Knowing, All-Wise. You will inherit half of what your wives leave if they are childless. But if they have children, then ?your share is? one-fourth of the estate—after the fulfilment of bequests and debts. And your wives will inherit one-fourth of what you leave if you are childless. But if you have childence. dren, then your wives will receive one-eighth of your

estate—after the fulfilment of bequests and debts. And if a man or a woman leaves neither parents nor children but only a brother or a sister ? from their mother's side?, they will each inherit one-sixth, but if they are more than one, they ?all? will share one-third of the estate—after the fulfilment ters of bequests and debts with-

out harm ?to the heirs?. ?This is? a commandment from Allah. And Allah is All-Knowing, Most For-

bearing.

share of the inheritance, which is typically half of what a son would inherit. This principle is based on Quranic verses such as Surah An-Nisa (4:11-12), which specify the shares of various heirs. As for sisters, they are

entitled to inherit from their deceased brother's estate if he has no surviving children or parents. In such cases, each sister receives a fixed share of the inheritance, usually half of what a brother would inherit. This allocation is based on the principle of 'awl (reduction), as outlined in Islamic jurispru-

The principles of Islamic inheritance are designed to ensure the equitable distribution of wealth among family members, regardless of gender. By adhering to these principles, societies can promote social cohesion and economic stability while upholding the rights of all individuals, including sisters and daugh-

In Pakistan, inheritance rights protection is afforded through legal frameworks like the West Pakistan Muslim Personal Law (Shariat Act, 1962) and the Muslim For daughters, each Family Law Ordinance,

1961. These statutes ensure held in Pakistani law, there the rights of legal heirs are upheld. The regulation of land

and inheritance rights in Pakistan is a complex interplay of civil, Islamic, and customary laws. Civil laws such as the Contract Act of 1872, the Transfer of Property Act of 1882, and the Registration Act of 1908 primarily govern ownership and property transfer, irrespective of gender. However, for inheritance, the Muslim Personal Law of 1962, operating under Sharia law, holds sway. This legal framework introduces specific provisions and guidelines ensuring equitable dis-

tribution of inheritance among heirs, adhering to Islamic principles. This distribution is mainly done by judges of courts keeping in mind the personal law applicable to an individual.

Under Pakistani law, daughters and sisters are recognized as heirs and are entitled to inherit from their deceased parents or siblings' estate. However, the actual portion of inheritance may vary depending on several factors, including the presence of other heirs, any specific bequests, and local customs. While the principles of Islamic inheritance are up-

may be variations in how they are interpreted and applied in practice. Legal professionals and Sharia scholars play a crucial role in ensuring that inheritance matters are resolved in accordance with both religious and legal principles, taking into account the specific circumstances of each case.

Addressing the reluctance to share inheritance with sisters and daughters requires a multifaceted approach. Education and awareness campaigns can challenge ingrained biases and misconceptions surrounding gender roles and inheritance rights. Legal reforms can also play a crucial role in enshrining gender equality in inheritance laws and ensuring their effective implementation. In conclusion, the reluctance to give sisters and daughters their fair share of inheritance is a reflection of deep-seated biases and outdated cultural norms. By embracing the principles of equality and ustice, as outlined in both religious and secular frameworks, societies can move towards a more inclusive and equitable distribution of wealth, empowering sisters and daughters to fully participate in their family's legacy and prosperity.

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inheritance.

'matter' of how to secure judicial independence has resurfaced — this time, in the wake of an explosive letter that was recently sent to the Supreme Judicial Council (a constitutional body meant for the accountability of the higher judiciary) by six out of the eight judges of the Islamabad among High Court. The letter solicits a 'guidance' to deal with the meddling in judicial affairs and the harassment of judges by shadowy intelligence agencies. The matter has finally landed in the Supreme Court where various stakeholders, including the petitioners, the bars, and the government, Tameezuddin Khan' have given various propos als on how to save the judiciary from interference internal and external'. Will the endeavour bear the desired results for the judi-

system, judicial indepenence cannot be contem-

constitutional framework securing judicial autonomy they are conjoined in a and strengthening the demoway where they float or cratic dispensation, the flounder together. The solo court attempted to domiflight of an institution has nate other organs of the proven to be untenable. if state, unleashing an not downright destructive unsavoury judicial activism for the troika. In fact, much that ultimately damaged the of the history of our falterjudiciary, and weakened ing democracy reflects the democracy. But no lessons perfidy of — and the muwere learnt. Some of chief tual suspicion and discord justice Chaudhry's succes-— institutional sors took judicial activism leaderships. Had our early to its extreme. They underpolitical leadership secured mined the trichotomy; gave a fledgling democracy with controversial 'political' dea robust constitutional cisions; dismissed an armour — as did its counelected prime minister, and terparts in India - a weak deprived many parliamenand 'compromised' judicial tarians of their seats, if not leadership would not have liberty. allowed the country to suffer the tragedy of 'Moulvi curities generated by a lax

Deplorably, history has since witnessed a string of judicial debacles - 1977 1999, 2009, 2017, 2022. But the historians were also contemporaneously recording their sad com-As part of a whole mentaries on the failure of mainstream political government — now seems leaderships to protect their

Institutional attrition portunity when, instead of gime

No wonder, the inse-

or an absent rule of law are now hitting all — including the judges of the higher and lower judiciary. Still, the ruling political leadership the ones who had faced the wrath of the judiciary allegedly at the behest of the establishment just be-

stitutional 'wars of attrition' have undercut democracy and deprived the people of their rights and liberties is disregarded. As a result, recurring political instabilities and economic meltdowns have brought the country to the verge of an implosion. It is, therefore, naive to believe that institutional autonomy can be ensured in a hybrid re-

We have had a history of constitutional aberrations including the long eras of military dictatorships. We also saw a 'controlled' democracy in the 1990s. But trajectory even that had constitutional sanction, being forged on the anvil of the Eighth Constitu-ti-onal Amendment that created an (establishment-supported) 'executive' president to downgrade parliament. But the existing hybridity has no constitutional basis. It is rooted in its capacity to work the institutional handles on the strength of fore and during the PTI's its vast security and intelli- largely consisting of the gence assets. And yet, it has to be aligning its interests been widely 'recognised' as against with unelected elements the 'new normal' forces and happily running a 'hy-So, it is not an administrative lapse or a legal to see the apex court engagbrid' system. Thus, the ing with all stakeholders dangerous game of musical vacuum — as is believed by some members of the bench chairs continues; the fact that these never-ending in-— which allows shadowy the bars, and also the pub-

forces to breach judicial lic (through the live telecast fences. The entire system has caved to a de facto order, which mirrors a larger systemic breakdown. Therefore, what is needed is the revival of constitutional democracy in its true form and substance. Only then can judicial/institutional autonomy be secured, and the people's rights and legitimate expectations, realised. Luckily, that revival is still possible as we, as a body politic, have achieved some promising milestones, notwithstanding democracy's tragic

First, a series of recent constitutional reforms have significantly entrenched the constitutional architecture. giving rise to an increasingly competitive political culture, which is complemented by a large array of democratic jurisprudence. Second, despite political polarisation and tribalisation, a massive new body of political forces youth is pushing back

of proceedings) — to evolve an 'institutional response' to those threatening its security and independence. Finally, thanks to these factors, the proponents of the hvbrid system are running out of credible narratives. including those cast in the public-interest, ideology, or security mould. No wonder, people are visibly tired of political shenanigans They want democratic stability and their well-being which is what the hybrid regime has demonstrably failed to deliver over the

But the promise of a conducive environment can be realised only when the leadership (judicial and political) reclaim their respective spaces lost to the establishment. The question is, how is this to be achieved? The judges have historically used their jurisprudential armoury to save the day for democracy. But the burden of redeeming democracy has always fallen on the political lead-

against extra-constitutional state run by the executive, forces. More recently, a popular and resurgent judi-ciary, under the then chief justice Iftikhar Chaudhry, again missed a historic op-

April enigma

Naseer Memon

of an enigmatic weather cycle. Snowfall drifted its ary to February-April. A startlingly wet April

Jpcountry mountains were enveloped in snowvious trajectory. Gwadar, located on the shore, experienced nightmarish urban flooding. Standing and harvested wheat in the fields of Potohar was batpours.

Regional countries received almost two years' rainfall in a single day, leaving Dubai's drainage city under waist-deep water. Just before, Oman had been lashed by an abnormal downpour, leading to fatalities.

Moving eastward, in April, southern China experienced over double the normal precipitation for the month, the second-Barrage highest level since 1961. emergency department had to relocate over South Asian countries, including the Philippines, Thailand, Bangladesh and India, endured blistering heatwaves. Half the districts in the Philippines person classes.

In Bangkok, muggy index to 52 degrees Celsius amid real tempera-Bangladesh also had to close schools as tempera-

This

some areas. In India, an intense heatwave has affected the voter turnout in the ongoing elections. India's election commission has constituted a task force to monitor the impact of heatwaves before each round of voting. Inclement weather attacked East Africa where at least 155 people lost their life in Tanzania and more than 100 in Kenya in the flooding generated by the rain-

fall in April. Bewildering bouts of rain and snowfall in April could be the precursor of a wet monsoon. In April, the weather took a sharp turn in Pakistan. In early April, the Indus River System Authority (Irsa) predicted a 30 per cent water shortage in the early Kharif season. (This was subsequently reversed after improved Kabul river flows.) Sluggish flows in the Indus river forced Hyderabad's water and sanitation authority to stop the consumption of drinking water from the Kotri Barrage canals due to contaminated flows from Manchhar lake. Additional water had to be

released to lessen the intense pollution at Kotri However, soon Pakistan was struck by a series of westerly weather systems that brought substantial rain, hailstorm and snowfall. A flood of over 110,000 cusecs in the Kabul river augmented flows in the Indus zone. Within a fortnight, an abrupt climate twist nullified Irsa's calculations regarding the early Kharif flows. By the end of April, the country received rainfall which was more than 150pc of the usual for the month. Balochistan received an astoun-ding 500pc excessive rainfall. In KP and Sindh, the amount of rainfall was almost double that usually to manage a freshet. observed in the month. portentous Courtesy Dawn

tures soared to 42°C in behaviour of climate can lead to a dangerous situation during the next monsoon. The climate outlook for the 2024 southwest monsoon season was finalised during the 28th session of the South Asian Climate Outlook Forum held on April 29 in Pune, India. The outlook anticipates above-normal rainfall during 2024 in most parts of South Asia except some areas in the northern, eastern and northeastern parts.

This forbidding monsoon scenario should be taken se--riously by the aut-horities. Sindh and Balochistan, the two worst-affected provinces in the 2022 floods, have not yet recovered from that apocaly-ptic disaster. Although breaches in dykes and cuts in roads have been plugged, the root causes of the disaster remain unaddressed. The Sindh High Court's Sukkur bench, in its verdict on a petition filed by several flood affectees, ordered the revival of natural wa-

terways and storm drains. The court order reads "there is also utmost necessity to improve the drainage of storm water from both sides of Indus river by reviving the natural water ways including constructing new surface storm drains in the left over area. Simultaneously, there is need to accelerate the work of RBOD (Right Bank Outfall Drain Project)". Sadly, neither have the encroached waterways been unclogged tion nor the two major drains, namely, the Left Bank Outfall Drain and RBOD, improved to transport

flows of a similar scale. Inadequacy of flood prevention measures is a cause of consternation. Trepidation is mounting as the monsoon approaches. The fact is that, just as in 2022, this year, too, we are not prepared undemocratic

ership. They have turned the Third, it is heartening wheels of history because they have the wherewithal to effect a radical change the executive, legislature, a sense of purpose, training, backing and vision.

New way to learn

its reading culture. Few people read books and the publishing industry has for never flourished here as in other countries where books sell by the millions. But we shouldn't be surprised. After all, education is also in the doldrums in Pakistan and the co-relationship between

the two is obvious. An ideal solution would be to combine the two by prioritising books, with teaching literacy following much later. This may sound ridiculous and untenable. But it is not and those who have experienced the joy of reading from an early age would testify to the feasibility of this ap-

proach. Here is how books, libraries and education can be integrated systematically, not randomly, to make an impact. My friend of long-standing with whom I have shared an interest in books, education and language, actually outlines a plan. Considering that "reading is the first and vital step for all gain in knowledge", my friend (she prefers anonymity) says our focus should be on the library. On the contrary, very few schools have a functioning library with a full-time librarian. Even in the public discourse on education, the library hardly ever finds a men-

To "kindle children's interest in reading", it is important to introduce them to books as early as possible. My friend, a children's book writer of merit herself, describes to have fainted in school her "dream library" as one as they get no breakfast that is spacious, "airy and at home and come to well-lit". It should be comfortably furnished even if sparsely — and ideally with mats, cushions and rugs and appropriately designed tables ing them is an excellent

writing and drawing material, including a white could have a snack bar at-Pakistan is not famous for board, markers, pencils tached where the school and paper, and electronic could offer edibles to the equipment as is suitable students before they enpromoting storytelling.

Books, mostly in a language familiar to children, should be attractively arranged in openaccess shelves. The most essential component riod every day that should should be a child-friendly librarian who has a passion for books. The walls should be adorned with colourful pictures with some wall space for the students to hang the pictures they draw. The aim should be to help the child relax by allowing her to browse and draw, without compulsion.

What will a child learn in this library? She whose philosophy on will acquire confidence, early childhood learning will acquire confidence, agency and the love of books. In the process, she will also pick up library etiquette which will come naturally to her if the librarian gently demonstrates to the children what is expected of the library user. The librarian should encourage children to discuss the books they read. She should also facilitate book-related activities such as famous people being invited to tell their own life stories. Essay writing, illustrating a text and reviewing books would draw children to the library. Another feature of

her plan pertains to the importance of nourishment for the child. She strongly suggests that all children in a school should be provided some nourishment, such as milk and a boiled egg every day. Children are known at home and come to school hungry. Given the fact that nearly 50pc of Pakistan's children are malnourished and

The dream library tered the library.

The plan outlined here could be tried on an experimental basis in one school in each province. The primary classes should have a library pebe free of the rigours of 'normal' schooling. The results can be assessed a year later to de--cide the future of school libraries. I am confid-ent that if tes-t-ed in its true spirit this plan should be a gre-at success. Here are the reasons why I believe it would show pro-mising results Maria Montessori,

has revolutionised education in many countries, places emphasis on the first six years of a child's life. This phase is marked by the mind's capacity to absorb. She talks of the unconscious mind acquiring consciousness and memory. What the child experiences in this period remains in her psyche. The child's book experience — if she has had one - would shape her passion for reading. This should spur on the selfdirected learning drive every child possesses. It will stimulate her creativity and self-discovery instinct as well as her curiosity. Montessori talks of some children learning to read without the teacher's guidance if she has been

ven the right exposure. Here is food for thought for the readers. A child enticed by a kindly librarian to come to the librarv she had hitherto shunned, remarked excitedly, "What lovely books. I had always believed all books are like my textbooks and I am bored stiff of them." Courtesv Dawn

and chairs. It must have Zubeida Mustafa

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British HC calls on Punjab governor, discusses promotion of bilateral relations

Independent Report LAHORE: British High Commissioner to Pakistan, Jane Marriott called on Governor Punjab Sardar Saleem Haider Khan at Governor House Lahore, today. In the meeting, issues of mutual interest, ways to strengthen bilateral relations, climate change and important issues including wheat crisis were discussed in detail. Head of Lahore Office, Clara Strandhoj was also present during the meeting

Speaking on the asion, Governor occasion. Punjab, Sardar Saleem Haider Khan said that Pakistan attaches great importance to its relations with Britain. He said that He said government was trying to Britain has supported Pakistan in every difficult time including floods, earthquake, which is duly acknowledged by the improved. Government of Pakistan.

Governor Punjab further that as a representative of said that Pakistan has the federation in Punjab, he suffered a colossal loss in would play a positive role the form of flash floods due in the improvement of to climate change . He said Punjab.

that climate change was He said that the also having adverse effect strengthening of the on the agricultural sector of coalition government is Pakistan. Governor Punjab very important for the expressed hope that stability of the country. Britain would highlight the Governor Punjab said that issue of Pakistan being political stability is vital to affected by climate change boost the economy of the in international forums. He country. He reiterated that said that Pakistan is an all parties should forget agricultural country and it their petty differences and is very important to should be on same page for support farmers for the the development of the development of the country agriculture sector. He said

British High that Pakistan People's Commissioner Jane Marriott said that Pakistan Party has always taken steps for the welfare of and Britian enjoy good farmers and labour class. relations. She said that was that the encouraging that the government was addressing resolve wheat crisis issue the climate change issue on on priority and the priority basis. She said that situation had already Britian would extend all out support to Pakistan to Governor Punjab said tackle climate change issue.



Governor Punjab Sardar Saleem Haider Khan at Governor House.

LHC gives 3-week time to Punjab govt to appoint special court judges

LAHORE (Online): The in court, following Lahore High Court (LHC) directions issued at the on Friday granted the previous proceedings. provincial government

standards.

justice

new air ambulance

three-week time to appoint

judges to special courts,

including anti-terrorism

Malik Shahzad Ahmad

Khan issued the orders

while hearing a petition,

filed by the provincial

government, seeking the

transfer of certain cases

Court-1 Rawalpindi to

proceedings, members of

he provincial committee

tasked with finalising the

At the start of

Anti-Terrorism

Marriyum

Services

the

appreciated the

LHC Chief Justice

courts

from

another court.

Advocate General Punjab Khalid Ishaq informed the court about the steps taken so far for appointment of judges. Minister Provincial Marriyum Aurangzeb highlighted

At this, the chief government's commitment justice questioned where it to making transparent was written in law that the appointments, while Provincial Law Minister Sohaib Ahmad assured that appointments would comply with the legal However, the chief

Marriyum

submitted that if the chief justice gave two or three names to the government, one of them would be appointed as a judge.

> Governor to Chairman

(APP) LAHORE Governor Punjab Sardar Saleem Haider Khan on Friday administered oath to the new Chairman Punjab Public Service Commission (PPSC) Lieutenant General (® Muhammad Abdul Aziz during a ceremony at the

motorways and improve Governor's House. The Governor Punjab the existing motorbike congratulated Lieutenant General ® Muhammad projects under the Abdul Aziz on assuming Department of Emergency the post of Chairman

ANF recovers

133 kg drugs in

five operations

RAWALPINDI (APP):

Anti-Narcotics Force

(ANF) while conducting

five operations across the

He informed that 65

accused rounded up near

was recovered from a drug

smuggler arrested near Sabi

Jinnah House attack:

ATC issue

warrants

for 11 PTI

workers over

non-appearance

LAHORE (APP): An anti-terrorism court (ATC) on Friday issued bailable

arrest warrants for 11 workers of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI),

who were out on bail, due

to their non-appearance in

a trial related to Jinnah House attack. The court

Road Quetta.

best wishes.

detailed report regarding and expressed his

scheme to NOC.

scheme

The court ordered to motorcycle to students submit report regarding restoration of 7 sports

ordering for restoration of

all parks of the city

completely and making

them secure remarked if

fine has to be imposed for

restoration of parks and

their preservation then this

hearing of the case the LHC

had remarked need is there

to provide electric buses

instead of motorcycles to

students. Motorcycles be

not distributed unless new

policy is framed. Smog and

environmental pollution

has already increased,

therefore, government

should promote electric buses. Traffic load will

reduce due to provision of

During the previous

should be slapped.

The court while

LHC has sought complex of LDA and cutting of tree

appointments of judges, including KARACHI: Sindh PPP President Nisar Khuhro meeting with Sindh Chief Aurangzeb and Mujtaba Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah at Chief Minister House. CM takes notice of theft from a temple non-compliant hotels KARACHI (APP): The

Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah has taken notice of a theft of an idol and other goods from

Rama Pir temple in Tando Adam He directed IGP Sindh to recover the stolen

eport to him. The CM Shah said, 'I have given clear KPRA Fouzia Iqbal, KPRA instructions that no unfair treatment against Assistant against non-compliant minorities will

Collector Roohullah Khan, taxpayers across the tolerated. He had asked the IGP

Shujaur Rehman, appeared service as 'gift from CM' LAHORE (APP): Punjab field staff to ensure they Minister for Health and can meet the demands of

Emergency Khawaja Salman Rafique has goods from the temple and

be

introduction of the air ambulance service as a gift from Chief Minister Punjab Maryam Nawaz Sharif for the people of the province.

Presiding over a service. He also meeting at the Emergency emphasised that public Head Office on Friday, he underscored

dissatisfaction over the delay in appointment of judges, stating that timely appointments would lead to prompt decisions. Health minister lauds

administers oath **PPSC**

court. expressed

chief justice would give a regalia rubbed many the panel of judges. The provincial law secretary presented the procedure for appointment of judges and relevant law in the

response

Aurangzeb

mentioned that the Punjab

government had formed a

committee for judges

appointments, with a

request to suggest a panel

of judges, assuring that the

appointments would be

made from the given list.

The law minister

CM wears Elite Force's uniform 'Elite Force officers render services with unwavering commitment,' Punjab CM

ational

ews

LAHORE (INP): Punjab opposition PTI. Chief Minister Maryam Opposition Leader in Nawaz did it again donned

a uniform of the Elite Force

while attending a passing-out parade in Lahore on

the harsh criticism she

faced last time she wore a

uniform, Maryam Nawaz

appeared on screens of TV

channels on Friday morn-

ing wearing the uniform

with broad smile on her

Minister Maryam Nawaz

had caused quite a stir

when she attended a pass-

ing-out ceremony for women constables and traf-

fic assistants decked out in

Addressing the gradu-ating class at Police Train-

ing College Chung, the chief minister said "After wear-

ing the police uniform for

the first time. I have real-

ized that being a police of-

ficer or being sworn in as a

CM is a very responsible

iob. In the chief minister's

office, we take decisions

and you get them imple-

mented." But the chief

minister's decision to attend

a Punjab police uniform.

Late last month, Chief

Not bothered about

Friday.

the National Assembly Omar Ayub, Yasmin Rashid, Moonis Elahi and Shahbaz Gill all criticised CM Maryam's decision to don a police uniform. The issue also remained among the top trends on social media, with many users questioning the logic behind the move. A Lahore-based law-yer even went to the trouble of filing a petition before a sessions court seeking the registration of a case against the Punjab chief minister for 'impersonating' a police officer. But in the face of the criti-cism, both the PML-N and Punjab police defended CM Marvam's actions. "In the whole world, the head of the states can wear the uniform of their forces to enhance their respect. Nawaz Sharif did the same when he was in power and CM Marvam has followed him. Puniab Information Minister Azma Bokhari said in a statement then. In a statement on X (formerly Twitter), the Punjab police shared a copy of the relevant rules that govern how the ceremony in full police governors and chief ministers can dress on forma wrong way, especially the occasions.

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LAHORE: Punjab Chief Minister, Maryam Nawaz standing in a respect of National Anthem during the passing out parade of Elite Force, in Lahore.

LHC links distribution of motorcycle to students scheme to NOC

LAHORE (Online): students Lahore High Court (LHĆ) conditional to NOC. has linked Distribution of

Collector province. In Peshawar, the Assistant Shahnawaz Khan, KPRA team confiscated Assistant Collector record of noted restaurant Muhammad Imran Khan, located in Cantt area in Saddar.

Independent Report

PESHAWAR: Khyber

Authority (KPRA) Friday

continued raids on the

business premises of non-

compliant taxpayers in

Peshawar to improve tax

compliance and discourage

tax evasion. A team of

KPRA Peshawar including Assistant Collector Khalid

Mansoor.

Punjab CM bringing Rs 400bln package for farmers: Azma

SUKKUR: Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Sindh President,

Haleem Adil Shaikh addresses to media persons

announces interest-free

loans for farmers

Legislation

Local

departments.

deliberated

during press conference, in Sukkur.

LAHORE (INP): Punjab

Finance Minister Mujtabi

Shujaur Rehman has

announced the provision

of interest-free loans to

farmers during the crucial

crop sowing season for

bolstering agricultural endeavors. This financial

assistance seeks to

empower farmers and

facilitate their agricultural

activities. Furthermore,

emphasized the need to

ensure swift financial

timeframe of three months,

to the wives and children

of employees who

tragically lost their lives

during their tenure of

service. This measure

reflects the government's commitment to providing

comprehensive support to

the families of deceased

announcements were made

during the fourth session of

Rehman

These

within a

Minister

support.

employees.

KPRA continues

crackdown against

Pakhtunkhwa Revenue Hussain Bangash and

Inspector Muhammad

Afzal Abid, Auditor Hadi

Auditor Sikandar Hayat

conducted a raid on a

restaurant located in

Cantonment area and

confiscated its record. On the

directives of Director General

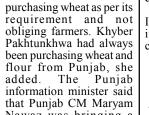
has launched a crackdown

Saddar

Peshawar

LAHORE (APP): Punjab Information Minister Azma Bukhari has said that the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government should be thankful to the Punjab government that it allowed it to purchase wheat.

According to a press release, issued here on Friday, she said the KP was billion for farmers. government



Nawaz was bringing a historic package of Rs 400

accidents

during the last 24 hours. Ăs many 638 people with serious injuries were shifted to different hospitals, while 768 with minor injuries were treated at the incident site by the rescue medical teams.Data analysis showed that 767 drivers, 60 underage drivers, 147 pedestrians, and 507 passengers were among the victims of road

showed that 283 accidents **Punjab Finance Minister** were reported in Lahore, which affected 300 people. placing the provincial capital at top of the list, followed by Faisalabad with 84 accidents and 99

victims. the Standing Committee on and Privatization of the reply from Cabinet, presided over by Minister Rehman. The meeting was attended by for inclusion notable figures including Provincial Minister for Law and Communications Malik Sohib Bharat. in PNIL

Provincial Minister for Government Zeeshan Malik, and key officials from related During the session, a nine-point agenda was upon encompassing crucial matters such as agreements with financial institutions, approval of memoranda of Speaker understanding (MoUs) with governmental bodies. Provisional

and a review of pertinent legislative acts. Minister Rehman directed relevant authorities to expedite processes related to the Provincial Assembly. issuance of Kisan Cards.

ernment's commitment Sindh also about progress in the recovery of a child Punjab's citizens through Muhammad Hussain improved emergency services.

Arayen, who was kidnapped three days ago from Puno Aqil. The Chief Minister directed the IGP for the Punjab,' details of the hostage recovery in the last three capacity building for our

days. Shah instructed the IGP to increase patrolling in areas with increasing crime including Karachi.

15 dead. 1,406 injured in Punjab road

LAHORE (APP): At least 15 people were killed and 406 others injured in ,280 road accidents in all 37 districts of Punjab

crashes. The statistics

PHC seeks federal govt of Swati name

PESHAWAR (APP): A two-member bench of Peshawar High Court (PHC) comprising Justice Arshad Ali and Justice Waqar Ahmed on Friday sought a response from the federal government within seven days over the

inclusion of the name of Khvber Pakhtunkhwa Assembly Babar Saleem Swati in the National Identification List (PNIL). The counsel of the petitioner told the court that Babar Saleem was the Speaker of the

Punjab will to enhancing welfare of undergo weekly reviews to progress.

effectively.

The

"Emergency Services is the department dedicated to welfare of the people of ' the minister added. "We are focusing on the

ensure their efficacy and out the notification regarding the appointment of Chairman Public Service Punjab Emergency Services Department Secretary Dr. Rizwan Commission. Secretary Naseer, aligning with the

emergency situations

highlighted ongoing efforts

to review and enhance

emergency services on

minister

PPSC, officers and staff minister's vision, detailed from the commission were department's present during the oathachievements taking ceremony

LAHORE: Punjab Minister for Health and Emergency Services Khawaja Salman Rafique presiding over a meeting at the Emergency Head Office.

<u>From Bahrain to Kalam</u> Elders of Kalam give govt. a one-week ultimatum to reconstruct 6 km road

By Haroon Siraj SWAT: Elders from Kalam and surrounding areas, including Mattiltan, Uttor and Gabral have given the government a one-week ultimatum to reconstruct the 6 km road from Bahrain to Kalam. If the demand is not met, they have warned of drastic measures. During a press confer-

ence at the Swat Press Club on Friday, the elders ex-

pressed their frustration and disappointment at the government's failure to complete the road project despite approvals and significant funding. The 33 km road, which connects Kalam to other areas, was severely damaged in the 2010 and 2022 floods, cutting off the region's land connection.

country managed to recover 133 kg drugs and According to Kalam elders, over 100 traffic inarrested four accused, said an ANF Headquarters cidents have occurred on the incomplete road, respokesman here on Friday. sulting in loss of life and injuries. Despite assurkg hashish was recovered ances from the Prime Minfrom Pisni Gwadar while ister, Chief Minister, and 36 kg hashish and 2.2 kg other relevant departopium were recovered from ments, the project remains Khushab and two accused unfinished, and the apwere arrested.18 kg hashish proved funds have not been was recovered from an

utilized. The elders appealed to both the provincial and fed-GT Road, Attock. In another raid, 12 kg hashish eral governments to take immediate action and announce the road tender within a week. If the deadline is not met, they warned of escalating protests, including closing hotels and roads and prohibiting government officials from en-

tering Kalam.



FAISALABAD: Participants hold a banner during awareness walk on the eve of World Mental Health at Allied Hospital in the city.

bikes distribution scheme from Punjab government Secretary I&C read till May 27.

The petitions regarding elimination of smog came up for hearing before LHC Friday. Justice Shahid Karim

of LHC took up for hearing petitions filed by citizen Haroon Farooq and others Friday. Justice Shahid Karim remarked the issue of pollution is grave which cannot be ignored.

During the hearing of the case related to distribution of motorcycles to students scheme the court said in its remarks obtaining non environmental NOC before project is criminal case.

The court made the electric buses to schools motorcycle distribution to and colleges



PESHAWAR: Mayor Peshawar, Zubair Ali addresses to media persons during press conference, at Peshawar press club.

Problems of merged areas' police being solved on priority basis: IGP

PESHAWAR (APP): Inspector General of Police (IĜP) of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Akhtar Hayat Khan said on Friday that providing all the prevailing privileges to the police of the merged districts had been his first priority since day one. He said that all the

available resources were being utilized to make the police force of the merged district professional and for the welfare of the personnel.

He expressed these views while meeting a representative delegation of the police of the merged districts at the Central Police Office here. Additional Inspector

issued bailable arrest warrants of accused, Abdul General Headquarters Awal Razzaq, Qasim Liaqat, Khan, Capital City Police Majid Rais, Aman Ullah Maqbool Murad. Officer Peshawar Syed Ashfaq Anwar, and AIG

Amalgamated Districts Dr. Qureshi Khan were also present on the occasion.

The members of the delegation reported their problems to the IGP and requested to depute the constables in the specialized units, i.e., CTD, FRP, Special Branch, and Elite Force, established in the merged districts, who want to join

They also demanded the release of salaries to those officials who were transferred to these units but could not join duties due to unavoidable reasons. Similarly, the delegation also presented their issues of promotion and early disposal of the absorption cases.

The IGP issued onthe-spot orders to regional police officers.

these units voluntarily.

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OMMERCENEWS



Govt taking steps on priority basis to increase foreign investment in country: PM

Invites Chinese firm to invest in mining; assures maximum facilitation

ISLAMABAD (Online): A of a mineral park in full facilitation for Chinese Company MCC Tongsin Resources has about expressed deep interest in increasing its investment in the mineral and mining Prime Minister said the sector of Pakistan.

Wang Jicheng during a meeting with Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif in Islamabad. The company gave a detailed briefing to regarding the construction

Pakistan and informed extraction of minerals, their the further processing and export of investment plan. Welcoming their products in order to the Chinese company, the enhance the country's exports.The government is taking steps Minister directed the The interest was on priority basis to increase concerned federal ministers expressed by Chairman of foreign investment in the and officers to consult MCC Tongsin Resources country. The Prime with the Chinese company. Minister invited the He also directed to include Chinese company to invest the Chief Minister of in the mineral sector in Balochistan and relevant Pakistan from mining to departments the production of export stakeholders of the Prime Minister goods. He said the province in investment will be extended consultation process.

Shehbaz Sharif said China is Pakistan's longstanding friend and important partner in development. He said China helped Pakistan in Prime difficult times, for which the entire Pakistan nation, is grateful to the Chinese leadership and people.

He said that being a time-tested friend, China supported Pakistan in every difficult hour for and which the Pakistani nation the was grateful to Chinese the leadership and people.



ISLAMABAD: Chairman MCC Tongsin Resources Mr. Wang Jicheng calls on Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif.



LAHORE: Provincial Minister for Industries and Commerce Chaudhary Shafay Hussain witnessing the MoU ceremony between TEVTA and Pakistan **Coating Association.**

Time for submitting offers for privatization of **PIA ended: Aleem Khan**

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister for Privatization, Board of Investment and Communications Abdul Aleem Khan Friday said that time for submitting offers for the privatization Fly Jinnah, Air Blue the eligible institutions for of Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) has ended.

He said so far, the Privatization Commission has received Expression of Interest by eight major business groups, adding that these expression of interests (EOIs) have been submitted by the business groups in the form of individuals and consortiums. Now, the Privatization Commission conduct pre- Privatization Abdul Aleem

the PC Ordinance 2000, he their stated.

ed. Qualification and Federal Minister Expression of Interest have submitted offers are Limited, Habib Corporation, Sardar Ashraf bidding process.

D. Baloch, Shanxi CIG Limited and Gerry's International Private Limited. Similarly, the Consortium Lead by Younas Brothers Holdings (Private), Consortium Lead by Pak Ethanol and Consortium Lead by Blue World City have also He added that especially shown their Expression of Pakistani furniture is of the Interest. Minister for international standard,

Abdul Aleem Khan within the stipulated time said that among those who and now, the Privatization Commission would invite the next stage of the Meanwhile, minister inaugurated a

Statement of

with

community.

the

Technology (KUST), Prof.

representatives of Oil and

University, Karak.

Gas

three day Pakistan Lifestyle Furniture Expo in Islamabad. Speaking on the occasion, he said that Pakistani products are of quality and low cost who can compete in any market. which should be promoted qualification process as per Khan said that these eight in domestic and foreign the rules and regulations of institutions have submitted markets.

Rupee gains

20 paisa

against Dollar

ISLAMABAD (APP):

Pakistani Rupee on Friday

gained 20 paisa against US

Dollar in the interbank

278.20 against the previous

280.20 respectively.

However, according

The price of the Euro

assured to prioritize visas to businessmen: Atif Ikram Independent Report country. He put forward KARACHI: Mr. Atif the top areas of B2B Ikram Sheikh, President cooperation as startups,

German Consul General

Lotz, has apprised the business, industry and trade community from the apex platform of FPCCI that the business visas will be given priority in the visa issuance to Pakistani citizens as economic relations top the agenda. It

FPCCI, has said that the German Consul General in Karachi, H. E. Rüdiger vocational training and vocational training and facilitation of business tourism.Mr. Saquib Fayyaz Magoon expressed his pleasure that the German Consulate has appointed a prominent women member of FPCCI, Ms. Sahibzadi Mahin Khan, as their focal person

ISLAMABAD (APP): State Information Technology and Telecommunication, Shaza Fatima Khawaja said on Friday that the government was committed to ensuring internet access, smartphones, devices, and fiber optic facilities across the country

ceremony organized by Huawei Pakistan on the occasion of World Telecommunication Day, she highlighted Huawei's significant contributions to the global technological landscape and its positive impact on Pakistan.

SBP injects Rs 809.7 billion

State Bank of Pakistan, Friday, injected Rs 809.7 billion in the market through reverse repo purchase and Shariah Compliant Mudarabah based Open Market Operation (OMO) Operation

received two quotes for 7day tenor amounting to Rs

Govt committed to ensuring internet access, digital facilities: Shaza Fatima attended by Vice CEO of

Minister for

Speaking at telecommunications in the lives of people and in the development of societies worldwide. will like to congratulate Huawei on all the success it has achieved so far, and also thank Huawei for being in Pakistan and helping Pakistan achieve its goals".

The event was also

into market KARACHI (APP): The

cumulatively. According to OMO

results issued here, the SBP conducted Open Market Operation, Reverse Repo Purchase (Injection) on May 17, 2024 for tenors of 7 and 28 days. The central bank

89 billion offered at the rate

She also offered full Public Affairs Yushaoning, support to Huawei Pakistan. The minister President of Carrier Network Business Group outlined Prime Minister Zhangzhen, Director PACD Saad Talha and Shehbaz Sharif's vision of creating a fully digitized CEO Cloud Shahzad Rasheed. nation where every citizen had a digital identity and all processes in the World Telecom Day is dedicated to raising awareness about the role of economy, governance, and society are transparent, streamlined, and efficient.

"Connectivity whether it is fiber or wireless, is a top priority The minister said, "I for Pakistan. We recognize that connectivity and the internet form the foundational architecture for any ICT development we aim to achieve in the future," she said.



ISLAMABAD: Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari, President Islamabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry (ICCI) receiving Deputy Head of the Mission UAE Embassy Mohammed Sultan Alkaitoob at Chamber house.

PIC directs FBR to disclose information on tax evasion

is pertinent to note that on trade and investment for top German diplomats Sindh and Balochistan visited FPCCI Head Office region. Mr. Shabbir in Karachi to attend a high-Mansha, former VP profile, interactive session FPCCI, requested that the German consulate should business issue long-term visas to the Mr. Šaquib Fayyaz business community after Magoon, SVP FPCCI, due diligence of their invited the business papers as it can result in enhanced collaborative community and chambers

partnerships between the of Germany to be their partner in growth and private-sectors of two development of Pakistan; countries. Additionally, he proposed that Pakistan has whereas, he outlined the principle objective of a large, young and skilled pool of human resources; achieving \$100 billion in which can be employed across various industries.





QUETTA: President Anjuman-e-Tajiran o the Forex Association of Balochistan Rahim Agha meeting with GM Billing Pakistan (FAP), the buying SSGC Shahbaz Islam. and selling rates of the Dollar in the open market stood at Rs 277.50 and Rs

FBR holds meeting with trade unions

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) on Friday convened a meeting with representatives from country aimed to addressing concerns raised by the trade and business community implementation of the 'Tajir Dost Scheme".

The meeting was nded by Chief attended by Chief coordinator of the Tajir Dost Scheme Naeem Mir and other senior officials to foster a collaborative retailers to register under approach towards the success of scheme, said a press release issued by the FBR

unions emphasized the and recommendations.

of Expression of Interest

(EoI), for Divestment of

Pakistan International

Airlines Corporation

business groups have expressed interest and

received the Statement of

Privatization Commission.

The business groups which submitted the

Statement of Qualification

included Fly Jinnah, Air Blue Limited, Arif Habib

Corporation Limited, Sardar Ashraf D. Baluch–

SHANXI CIG Co Limited

(China) and Gerry's

International (Private)

Limited, said a press

release issued by the

Privatization Commission

Oualification

need for clear guidelines on taxation for newly registered traders under the Tajir Dost Scheme. They were of the view that various trade unions of the retailers' reluctance to register stemmed from ambiguity surrounding the

taxation regime. over potentially hindering the scheme's effectiveness in enrolling traders.

Additionally, the representatives highlighted the absence of facilitation, tax exemptions of incentives to convince the scheme FBR officials and the

Chief coordinator of the Tajir Dost Scheme agreed During the meeting, to consider the trade representatives of the trade to consider the trade

8 major business groups

received Statement

of Qualification

decreased by 86 paisa to close at Rs 301.84 against the last day's closing of Rs 302.70, according to the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP). The Japanese Yen went down by 02 paisa to close at Rs 1.78; whereas an decrease of Rs1.06 was witnessed in the exchange

rate of the British Pound, which traded at Rs 351.94 as compared to the last closing of Rs353.00. The exchange rates of

the Emirates Dirham and Saudi Riyal decreased by 04 paisa each to close at Rs 75.74 and Rs 74.18 respectively.

PSX stays bullish, gains 411.65 points ISLAMABAD (APP): The 100-Index of the Pakistan Stock Exchange

on Friday. (PSX) witnessed a bullish trend on Friday, gaining data, the SPI for the week 411.65 points, a positive change of 0.55 per cent, under review in the aboveclosing at 75,342.35 points against 74,930.70 points

the previous trading day.A total of 496,699,517 shares valuing Rs 17.631 billion were traded during the day compared to

407,625,139 shares valuing Rs 16.987 billion on the last day. Some 386 companies transacted their shares in the stock market; 212 of them recorded gains and 153 sustained losses. whereas the prices of 21 remained companies unchanged. The three top trading companies were Kohinoor Spinning with 44,618,981 shares at Rs4.85 per share,P.I.A.C (A) with 28,760,119 shares at Rs 24.31 per share and K-Electric Limited with 23,057,050 shares at Rs 4.57 per share. **MoU with OGDCL**

KUST & KKKUK sign

KARAK (APP): Vice initiatives and other projects aimed at benefiting Chancellor of Khushal Khan Khattak University, students and the local Karak, and the Vice Chancellor of Kohat populace. Memorandum University of Science &

understanding (MoU's) were also signed between Dr. Muhammad Naseer Ud KUST and OGDCL as well Din, recently held as KKKUK and OGDCL productive meetings with showing the commitment between the universities Development and OGDCL. Prof. Dr. Muhammad

Corporation Limited (OGDCL) in Islamabad. Naseer ud Din expressed The Vice Chancellor gratitude to the OGDCL was accompanied by a authorities for their delegation from KUST and support towards the well-Khushal Khan Khattak being of students and communities in oil and gasproducing districts. Prof Dr The Vice Chancellor

met with OGDCL General Muhammad Naseer Ud Manager Corporate Social Din informed the OGDCL Responsibility (CSR), Abdur Raziq Khattak, and authorities that the two other senior officers of the universities would company. The OGDCL incorporate marketauthorities expressed their oriented courses into their willingness to extend curricula to better prepare assistance to both students for meeting the universities in plantation demands of the industry.

Short-term inflation eases further by 1.06 percent

As compared to the corresponding week of last year, the SPI for the witnessed further decrease of 1.06 per cent for the combined consumption combined consumption group in the week under groups during the week ended on May 16, the Pakistan Bureau of review witnessed an increase of 21.22 per Statistics (PBS) reported cent. The weekly SPI with

the base year 2015-16 =100 covers 17 urban According to the PBS centres and 51 essential items for all expenditure groups

of return ranging between 22.09 to 22.10 percent and 13 quotes for 28-day tenor amounting to Rs 827.7 billion at the rate of return ranging between 22.05 to 22.10%

Of them, the SBP accepted for 7-day tenor all the two quotes at 22.09 % rate of return p.a. While for the 28-day tenor 11 quotes amounting to Rs 658.70 billion were accepted at 22.07 % return rate.

Shipping activity at **Port Qasim**

KARACHI (APP): Six ships, America, Aljalaa, Chemroad Journey, Pan IVY, Gaslog Sydney and World Virtue scheduled to load/offload Container, Fuel oil, Palm oil, Chemicals, LNG and Coal, berthed at Container Terminal, Oil Terminal, Liquid Terminal, Grain Terminal, Elengy Terminal and Bulk Terminal respectively on Thursday.

Meanwhile five more ships, MSC Positano, Clemens Schulte, Tethis-7. Peace Victoria and Marangas Efessos carrying Container, Palm oil, Mogas and LNG also arrived at outer-anchorage of the Port Oasim during last 24 hours

A total of thirteen ships were engaged at PQA berths during the last 24 hours, out of them an containers ship 'San Diego Bridge' left the port on today morning, while five more ships, America, Clemens Schulte



LAHORE: Wholesalers are selling watermelons on loading trucks at Fruit and Vegetable market in the Provincial Capital.

requested

information under the Right

of Access to Information

Act, 2017 to the applicant,

of three companies: M/s.

PVT.) Limited, M/s.

The appellant, Azmat

said a press release.

disclose

enterprises.

provide

ISLAMABAD (APP): Perfect Craft (SMC-PVT.) The Pakistan Information Limited, and M/s. Zavyan Commission (PIC) has Trading Co., Karachi. The request specifically sought directed the Federal Board information regarding the of Revenue (FBR) to detailed inquiry's findings, any information regarding tax actions taken against the evasion investigations companies or individuals involving prominent involved, and the rationale behind any inaction. The order comes in

The appellant sought response to an appeal filed after the FBR failed to answers to several questions, including whether FIRs and criminal proceedings had been initiated against Junaid Marisori, outcomes of inquiries under the Anti-Money Laundering Khan, filed a request (AML) Act, 2010, and seeking details on an reasons for the noninquiry conducted by the registration of M/s. FBR into the tax practices Zayyan Trading Co. with the Sales Tax Department AKK Enterprises (SMCdespite significant purchases



BAHAWALPUR: Laborers are collecting dry fodder for animals with the help of a thresher machine.

LCCI president stresses fortifying ties with provincial ombudsman

LAHORE (APP): Media Advisor to the Provincial Ombudsman for Tax Abdul Basit Khan visited the Lahore Chamber and held a special meeting with LCCI President Kashif Anwar and members.

LCCI President, Kashif Anwar, emphasized the significant role of the Provincial Ombudsman. He noted that the Provincial Ombudsman's institution addresses citizens' issues departments, and it is Lahore Chamber. This relationship helps in understanding

established a One Window Smart Services to resolve the members' issues in various institutions. Additionally, the Lahore Chamber has set up the ADRC for Alternative Dispute Resolution to facilitate the quick resolution of business

disputes. LCCI President Kashif Anwar highlighted the importance of interaction between related to government institutions. Improved interaction leads to quicker essential to have strong ties and easier problem-solving, between the Provincial he said and referred the Ombudsman and the recent visit of the Director General of the Environment Protection Department and to the LCCI, and resolving the issues of the mentioned that many business community. The recommendations Lahore Chamber has were made.

ISLAMABAD (APP): In on Friday. The Consortium response to the Invitation Lead by Y.B. Holdings Private Limited. Consortium Lead by Pak Ethanol and Consortium Lead by Blue World City Limited (PIACL), 8 major also received the Statement of Qualification from the Privatization Commission, it added. The Statement of to the Qualification was received in response to the invitation of Expression of Interest (EoI), for Divestment of Pakistan International Airlines Corporation, published

advertisement in leading national and international newspapers on April 2 and 3, 2024. The last date for the submission of EoIs or Statement 01

Qualifications was 1600 hours on May 17, 2024.

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mentioned group was recorded at 309.25 points

ISLAMABAD (APP): as compared to 312.56 The weekly inflation points during the past measured by the Sensitive week. Price Indicator (SPI),

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150-bed facility made up of

Since the first evacua-

Putin says Russia wants a buffer zone in Ukraine's Kharkiv but has no plans to capture the city

Putin says oil pipeline could run alongside planned new gas link to China

Monitoring Desk KYIV: Russian President Vladimir Putin said Friday that Moscow's offensive in Ukraine's northeastern Kharkiv region aims to create a buffer zone but has no plans to capture the city.

Putin's comments on a trip to China were his first on the offensive launched on May 10, which opened a new front in the war and displaced thousands of Ukrainians within few days. It came hours after a massive Ukrainian drone attack Russian-occupied on Crimea early Friday caused power cutoffs in the city of Sevastopol while damaging aircraft and fuel storage at an airbase. In southern Russia, Russian authorities said the attack also

set a refinery ablaze. Speaking to reporters Friday on a visit to Harbin, China, Putin said that Moscow launched attacks in the Kharkiv region in response to the Ukrainian shelling of Russia's Belgorod region. "I have said publicly

that if it continues we will be forced to create a security zone, a sanitary zone," he said.

Putin said that Russian troops were "advancing daily according to plan" and said that there were no plans to capture Kharkiv, for now. Ukrainian troops

were fighting Friday to halt Russian advances in Kharkiv region that began late last week The town

Vovchansk, located just 5 kilometers (3 miles) from

move in. chief Öleksandr Syrskyi

of said Friday.

the Russian border, has been a hot spot in the fighting in recent days. Ukrainian authorities have evacuated some 8,000 civilians from the town. The Russian army's usual tactic is to reduce towns and villages to ruins with aerial strikes before its units By starting a new of-

fensive in the north of Kharkiv region on May 10, Russian troops "expanded the zone of active ostilities by almost 70 kilometers," in an effort to force Ukraine spread its forces and use the reserve troops, Ukraine's military

off US-built pier Monitoring Desk homes and shops in the CAIRO: Israeli forces battled Hamas fighters in

the narrow alleyways of Jabalia in northern Gaza on Friday in some of the fiercest engagements since they returned to the area a week ago, while in the south militants attacked tanks massing around Rafah

Residents said Israeli armour had thrust as far as the market at the heart of Jabalia, the largest of Gaza's eight historic refugee camps, and that bull-

path of the advance. As fighting raged in the north and south of the territory, the U.S. military

said trucks had started moving aid ashore from a temporary pier built off "Israel's focus is Jabalia now, tanks and planes are wiping out residential districts and markets, shops, restaurants,

everything. It is all happening before the oneeyed world," said Ayman ee camps, and that bull-Rajab, a resident of west-lozers were demolishing ern Jabalia.

Iran arrests over 250 in raid on 'satanist network'

Monitoring Desk FEHRAN: Iranian police announced on Friday they arrested more than 250 people, including three foreigners, over promoting satanism" west of the capital Tehran, state media reported. "The Police Information Centre announced the identification, dismantling, and widespread arrest of members of the satanist network," the IRNA state news agency reported, citing a police statement. Police arrested 146 men and 115 women who were in an undesirable

of satanism on their clothes, head, face, and hair", the

statement said 'Three European citizens" were also arrested during the police operation in Shahryar City, west of Tehran, on Thursday night. Symbols of satanism, alcoholic beverages and psychoactive substances along with 73 vehicles were seized" during the raid, police added in the statement. Raids on so-called "satanist" gatherings are not uncommon in the deeply conservative country, often targeting parties or concerts with alcohol consumption.

'playing with fire' in 'indirect **Monitoring Desk**

MOSCOW: A top Russian diplomat said on Friday the United States had long since entered into a state of indirect war with Moscow and was playing with fire over Ukraine by behaving in such a way that the situation could spin out of control. The comments by deputy foreign minister Sergei Ryabkov in an interview with state TASS Volodymyr news agency reflect growsigned a law allowing some ing Russian concern over convicts to join the armed forces as it battles to hold the line against Russian offensives in Ukraine's northeast, east and south,

Slovakia's PM Fico still in intensive care bid, govt says

ties to introduce stricter measures for draft evaders. parole to convicts who sign a contract to join the army, Bratislava from the central city of Banska Bystrica where he is being treated.

'Our supplies will not last', warns doctor at Gaza trauma centre

Monitoring Desk JERUSALEM: At a field

numerous white tents and hospital that has become shipping containers. one of Gaza's main trauma centres, a doctor who has tion orders for Rafah were worked in a dozen war issued on May 6, ahead of zones described the situaa long-feared ground invation as the most "catasion of the southernmost part of Gaza, nearly half of strophic" he had ever seen. the 1.4 million people who "It is devastating," said Javed Ali, International had been sheltering there have left, according to UN Medical Corps's head of agencies. "There has been a masemergency response in

Gaza sive movement of popula-tion," Ali said, adding that Speaking to this news agency from a field hospimost had avoided Al-Mawasi, which was already tal northwest of the areas of Rafah ordered evacuated by Israel, he said the situation around the far-southheading instead for the warern city was "dire" The hospital, in the

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The new law offers

scarred city of Khan Yunis, which was a battleground until just last month. coastal area of Al-Mawasi which Israel has designated a "humanitarian zone", has

Those arriving were "exhausted, they are swelled in a matter of scared, they don't have remonths into a more than sources".

dramatically overcrowded,

Ukraine allows some convicts to join armed forces in manpower push

and crimes against national security, would still not be KRAINE: President allowed to enlist. Zelenskiv

Separately, Zelenskiy signed a law increasing fines for draft dodgers to up to 8,500 hryvnias (\$218), according to the parliament's website. The average monthly wage in Ukraine is about \$560.

The lack of manpower is seen by some military analysts as Ukraine's biggest problem. Weapons supplies that have been significantly delayed, particularly from Washington, are expected to reach the frontline soon. Ukraine has already lowered the draft mobilisation age from 27 to 25. The upper limit is 60. In tandem, the government has also temporarily suspended consular services for men of military age who reside abroad, complaining they were not helping the as the premeditated murder Ukrainian state fight for its of two or more people, rape survival.

Ukraine braces for 'heavy battles' as Putin says Russia carving out Kharkiv buffer zone

Monitoring Desk the attack had expanded

Taiwan lawmakers argue and exchange blows during a parliamentary session in Taipei, Taiwan.

Forty Thai senators seek PM's dismissal over cabinet appointment

he said.

Monitoring Desk BANGKOK: Forty caretaker senators on Friday petitioned Thailand's Constitutional Court to dismiss Prime Minister Srettha Thavisin over a cabinet appointment which they say

preaches the constitution. The senators object to the appointment of Pichit Chuenban, a former lawyer, as minister to Srettha's of-

integrity and ethical stan-dards required by the constitution to hold a ministerial position and whether Srettha had breached the law by making the appoint-

ment. "Pichit is not qualified to be a minister but the prime minister still nominated him for the position," Derekrid Senator Janekrongtham told

sent less than a month be-

fore European Parliament

elections across the 27-na-

tion European Union, in

which far-right anti-immi-

gration parties are forecast

Cyprus, the Czech Repub-

lic, Denmark, Finland, Es-

Latvia, Lithuania, Malta,

the Netherlands, Poland

Austria, Bulgaria.

to make gains.

Rescue efforts halted after **South African** building collapse

where 33 died **Monitoring Desk** OHANNESBURG: Officials in the South African city of George halted the search for survivors and more bodies on Friday at the site of a collapsed building where 33 people died. Rescue personnel and

and obscene condition with emblems, signs, and symbols volunteers have been combing through the rubble for

11 days, after the five-



Chinese EXPO and the 4th Russian-Chinese Forum on Interregional Cooperation in Harbin, China. Fierce fighting in northern

Russia says US Gaza, as aid starts to roll war' with Moscow

what Moscow casts as dangerous Western escalation in Ukraine. after assassination

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the parliamentary database showed on Friday. Manpower has long been an issue for Kyiv's military as it fights a much larger and better-equipped foe. The problem has grown more acute in recent months, prompting authori-

BANSKA BYSTRICA: Slovakia's Prime Minister Robert Fico remains in intensive care, the government said on Friday, two days after he was shot at close range in an assassination attempt that stunned the small Central European nation and drew international condemnation. Earlier. local media reported that Slovak

a move that some officials have said could generate a maximum of 20,000 soldiers for the Ukrainian war effort. Those convicted of the most serious crimes. such doctors would meet on Monday to assess whether Fico, who underwent hours of surgery, could be transported to the capital

fice last month during a cabi-Reuters net reshuffle.

Pichit was jailed for six months in 2008 for contempt of court after an alleged attempt to bribe court officials with 2 million baht (\$55,218) hidden in a paper grocery bag. His law licence was suspended for five years by the Lawyers Council of Thailand after the incident.

The senators said they still wields considerable were seeking a court ruling political influence over the on whether Pichit has the government.

EU pushes to send asylum seekers to third countries

Monitoring Desk BRUSSELS: Fifteen EU states want "new ways" to handle irregular migrants, including sending some to third countries, in a demand made as the bloc plots out how to implement a recently adopted overhaul of its asylum rules. The countries presented their joint tonia, Greece, Italy, stance in a letter dated May 15 to the European Comand Romania signed the mission, which was made public on Thursday. It was

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storey residential building "The prime minister's under construction in the action may therefore breach city east of Cape Town ethical standards as well." crumbled, leaving a cloud of dust in its wake. Government critics

The Western Cape say Pichit was appointed to the cabinet due to his government said it now believed 62 people were at the close relationship with a site at the time of the disasclient, ex-premier Thaksin ter. Twenty-nine people Shinawatra, who returned survived after being resto Thailand last year after cued. At one stage munici-15 years in exile. Thaksin pal officials believed 81 people were on site when the building came down.

'The site is empty. We have done our job," Anton Bredell, a Western Cape provincial official, told reporters.

Aid trucks begin moving ashore via Gaza pier. US savs

Monitoring Desk DUBAI: The US Central Command said on Friday that trucks carrying humani-

tarian assistance began moving ashore via a temporary pier in Gaza at 9 am local time (0600 GMT). No US troops went ashore in Gaza, it added. the latest in series of 'This is an ongoing, weapon tests carried out by multinational effort to de-Pyongyang in recent liver additional aid to Palmonths. South Korea's estinian civilians in Gaza via Joint Chiefs of Staff said the a maritime corridor that is projectiles were fired from entirely humanitarian in nathe east coast town of ture, and will involve aid Wonsan, while Japan's

commodities donated by a public broadcaster NHK number of countries and humanitarian sile appeared to have been organisations.³ US launched and had already Centcom said. fallen, citing a government

French police kill man trying to set fire to synagogue:

minister **Monitoring Desk**

ARIS: French police n Friday shot and illed an armed man who was allegedly tryng to set fire to a synagogue in the northern ity of Rouen.

"National police in ouen neutralised early his morning an armed inlividual who clearly vanted to set fire to the ity's synagogue," Inteior Minister Gerald Darmanin wrote on X. Police responded at

:45am local time to reports of a "fire near the synagogue", a police source said

rockets in recent months, describing them as part of a programme to upgrade its

fensive capabilities. Earlier on Friday, the powerful sister of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un said its tactical weapons were intended solely as a deterrent against South Korean military aggression, while again denying that Pyongyang was exporting the weapons. US and South Korean officials have accused the North of shipping weapons to Russia to help Moscow replenish stocks for use in its war

against Ukraine. Moscow and Pyongyang have denied the accusation

Out on bail, firebrand Indian politician poses fresh challenge for Modi

Monitoring Desk JEW DELHI: Firebrand Indian politician Arvind Kejriwal has hit the ground running since his surprise release from detention amidst a contentious general election, energising the opposition as it challenges Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The Supreme Court gave 55-

year-old Kejriwal, also the chief minister of the national capital territory of Delhi, bail in a graft case on May 10 and he wasted no time in getting on the campaign trail.

'I have only one request from you, we all have Party (BJP).

to come together to save the country from dictatorship. I am fighting this dictatorship with all my might," he told a jubilant crowd soon after walking out of Delhi's Tihar jail, clearly referring to Modi. Kejriwal is part of the INDIA alliance led by the Congress party and

one of its biggest crowdpullers. Analysts say while his campaigning will give fresh impetus to the opposition, they are unsure if that will translate into any significant victories against

deputy director-general of the government's departthe ruling Bharatiya Janata ment of climate change and environment.

KYIV: Ukraine's top commander warned on Friday of "heavy battles" loomthe northeastern in Kharkiv region as Russian President Vladimir Putin said Moscow was carving out a "buffer zone" in the area.

tacked the Kharkiv region's north last Friday, making inroads of up to 10 kilometres (6 miles) and unbalancing Kyiv's outnumbered troops who are trying to hold the line over a sprawling front nearly 27 months since the full-scale invasion.

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Colonel-General largest, was not part of the Oleksandr Syrskyi said current plan.

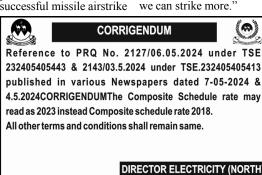
Hezbollah introduces new weapons and tactics against Israel as war in Gaza drags on

it has launched from within BEIRUT: The Lebanese Israeli airspace.

The group has stepped up its attacks on militant group Hezbollah this week struck a military post in northern Israel us-Israel in recent weeks, paring a drone that fired two ticularly since the Israeli missiles. The attack wounded three soldiers, incursion into the southern city of Rafah in the Gaza Strip. It has struck deeper one of them seriously, according to the Israeli miliinside Israel and introduced new and more advanced Hezbollah has reguweaponry.

larly fired missiles across 'This is a method of sending messages on the the border with Israel over the past seven months, but ground to the Israeli enemy, the one on Thursday apmeaning that this is part of what we have, and if needed pears to have been the first we can strike more.'

ENERGY DEPARTMENT





PRQ No.2448/17-5-2024

As per instructions of BPPRA, some important correction/ amendments have been made in the bidding documents on BPPRA website in the tender documents of NITS (TSE-232405414721) TSE-232405414641 & TSE- 232405414691) published vide PRQ Nos. (2382/14-5-2024, 2381/14-05-2024 & 2383/14-05-2024) in daily newspapers on 16th May, 2024. In the light of necessary correction/ amendments the updated bidding documents may be downloaded.

aling GPP (TBTTP)-vBalochistan, Quett PRQ No.2446/17-5-2024

Mongolian climber dies in season's first **Everest fatality**

North Korea fires multiple short-range ballistic missiles, Seoul says

Monitoring Desk SEOUL: North Korea fired multiple short-range ballistic missile towards the sea off its east coast on Friday, South Korea's military said,

reported a short-range mis-

official. North Korea has launched ballistic and cruise missiles as well as tactical

Rahul Gandhi, a senior leader of India's main opposition Congress party, addresses his supporters as his sister Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, and their mother Sonia Gandhi look on during an election campaign rally in Raebareli in the state of Uttar Pradesh, India.

Monitoring Desk KATHMANDU: Sherpas recovered the body of a Mongolian climber from Mount Everest and were looking for another mountaineer missing since the weekend, officials said on Friday. It marked the first confirmed death on Everest of the current climbing sea son

The two Mongolians set off last weekend from their final camp at 8,000 metres (26,300 ft) to head for the summit of the world's tallest mountain in Nepal. They were attempting the summit approach from the South Col.

Climate

change could

'force Bangkok

to move'

Monitoring Desk

BANGKOK: Thailand

may have to consider relo-

cating its capital Bangkok

because of rising sea levels,

a senior official in the

country's climate change

tently show that low-lying

Bangkok risks being inun-

dated by the ocean before

the end of the century

Much of the bustling capital already battles flooding

Pavich Kesavawong,

during the rainy season.

Projections consis-

office said on Wednesday.

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the area of hostilities by around 70km and that Russia had launched its ining on the war's new front cursion ahead of schedule

Russian forces at-

when "it noticed the deployment of our forces' We understand there will be heavy battles and that the enemy is preparing for that," the head of the Ukrainian armed forces wrote in a statement on

the Telegram app. Speaking during a state visit to China, Putin said Moscow's forces were creating a "buffer

zone"to protect Russian border regions, but that capturing the city of Kharkiv, Ukraine's second

Daily **Independent**, Quetta

Saturday May 18, 2024

UN projects Pakistan's economy to grow by 2% in 2024 as global economic prospects improve

NEW YORK (APP): Paki-stan, which faces significant the risk of sudden oil price stan, which faces significant economic challenges, is expected to have "modest" growth", with its Gross Domestic Product (GDP) projected to expand by 2 per cent in 2024, according to a major United Nations report.

Noting that Pakistan had entered into a Stand-by Arrangement with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) worth \$3 billion, the mid-year World Economic Situation and Prospects report said that the programme was expected to help stabilize the economy, increase the country's foreign exchange reserves, and facilitate fiscal adjustment while also protecting crucial social spending.

At the same time, it said that in South Asia tight financial conditions and fiscal and external imbalances will continue to weigh on growth in the near term.

"In addition, geopolitical tensions - including the ongoing war in Ukraine and the conflict in Western Asia – will expose net-oilimporting countries in the a record high of 22 per cent percentage points).

spikes.

Most countries in acute food insecurity in-South Asia, according to the report, experienced cur- Pakistan and decreased in rency depreciation pres-sures during the second half tinued to be the country of 2023. Between July and most affected by the food

dollar climbed by around 6.5 per cent against a basket of global currencies, reaching its highest level in 11 months, mainly supported by the strong performance of the American economy and high interest

"Thus," it said, "between July and October, the Sri Lanka rupee depreciated by 3.2 per cent against the U.S. dollar, while the Indian rupee depreciated by 1.2 per cent. After raising policy rates in 2022, most central banks in South Asia paused monetary tightening or started lowering their key policy

rates in 2023, with a few exceptions. In this regard, the report noted that the State Bank of Pakistan has kept its policy rate unchanged at in 2025 (an increase of 0.1

since June 2023. In 2023, it said, the number of people facing creased in Bangladesh and October, the United States crisis in the region, with around 46 per cent of the population facing acute lev-

s of food insecurity. Ever-worsening cli mate shocks are also a challenge, threatening decades of development gains, especially for the world's east Developed Countries (LDCs) and small island

developing States (SIDS), the report said. ⁶Droughts intensified considerably during July and August (2023), affecting most of India, Nepal, and Bangladesh, while Pakistan recorded above-average rainfall," it said.

As far as the global economy is concerned, it is now forecast to grow by 2.7 per cent in 2024 (an increase of 0.3 percentage points from the forecast in January) and 2.8 per cent



CPEC Phase-2: Ahsan Iqbal ISLAMABAD (APP): ister directed them to pre- copper/lead/zinc refining

Federal Minister for Planpare their proposal, accord- and deep processing, giving ning, Development and ing to press release issued Special Initiatives, Profesthe Planning Ministry. sor Ahsan Iqbal said Friday It was discussed durthat mining sector was the ing the meeting that if their

priority area of China Paenergy needs are met by establishing a national power kistan Economic Corridor grid, the operational cost of During a meeting with all mining projects in the a MRDL Saindak, a Chinese province will be reduced.

mining company working in It is pertinent to men-Chaghi Balochistan, he tion here that the Saindak commended the company's Copper-Gold Project in Balochistan is operated by decades long efforts to pro-MCCT Resources Develmote mining sector in the resource rich area of opment Company Pvt Ltd (MRDL)

In response to the company's request to seek a proposal of establishing a inclusion of their latest project in CPEC, the min-

BISP announces new installment schedule for union councils

of the Benazir Income Support Program (BISP) in Oalat has released the schedule for the new installment distribution. Councilors from all relevant Union Councils are requested to inform their communities about the up-

(CPEC) Phase-2.

Balochistan.

Chhapar, Nimurg, Maliki, and Gazag. Thursday will BISP funds. see distributions in Nichara,



more value addition to the

of more mining projects,

establishing such an indus-trial park will become fea-

park will also attract inves-

tors to invest in metal re-

plant which produces

wires, rods, plate and other

Meanwhile, power

With the development

The mineral industrial

mineral products.

Member of the National Assembly Ali Pervaiz took Minister of State here on Friday. President Asif Ali Zardari administered the oath to Ali Pervaiz in a cere-Sadr. The swearing-in ceremony was attended by Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi, Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb parliamentarians, and notables from different walks of life. Ali Pervaiz was elected as MNA from NA-119 constituency of Lahore on the ticket of the Pakistan Muslim League-N in the recently held by-elec-

Khawaja asks for enhanced security measures within premises of NA

toward incident. Referring

to an incident in Dasu,

where a suspicious vehicle

remained in Pakistan for ten

cern about the behavior of

individuals seated in the

gallery, who often engage in

slogan chanting, thereby

undermining the sanctity of

the House.

He also expressed con-

The minister stressed

Speaker National As-

days without any checks.

ISLAMABAD (APP): are crucial to avoid any un-Minister for Defense Khawaja Muhammad Asif on Friday stressed to ensure elaborate security measures within the premises of National Assembly building and its lobbies.

Speaking in the Na-tional Assembly, the minister said that a large number of unidentified individuals are often present at the building's entrance.

Khawaja Asif noted that such activities should that people congregate outcease and that the National side the hall, in front of the Assembly is not a place for elevators, and in the corriprotests or demonstrations. dors, posing significant security risks.

semblŷ Sardar Ayaz Sadiq The minister said said that verbal instructions there was a system for ishad been issued previously, suing passes to the Memfollowed by written direcbers of National Assembly tives on May 14. Ayaz Sadiq said that in the past, which should be implemented strictly to guests visiting from the Senmaintain security in the

ate also come to the National Assembly, and ran-Parliament. Khawaja Asif said that dom checks are being conenhanced security measures ducted.



OUETTA: Home Minister Mir Ziaullah Lango talking with Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti during Assembly session

PDMA DMC approves establishment of DMV in Zhob Division

Independent Report QUETTA: The Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) Disaster

Management Commission approved in principle establishment of Disaster Management Villages in the Zhob Division and directed to present working paper

about the project. The PDMA Disaster Management Commission also decided to allocate separate budget for PDMA to carry out the relief and rehabilitation activities.

Besides, the Commission directed to PDMA to send summary on the proposal of handing over of the silos under the arrangements of Food Department.

operations across various

regions of Balochistan, the

Frontier Corps (FC)

Balochistan has success-

fully intercepted illegal goods valued at over Rs123

million during operations

conducted from April 17 to

ried out in areas including Dera Allah Yar, Barkhan,

Pishin, Chaman, and

Mastung, saw the confis-

cation of a substantial quan-

sugar, 671 tires, 159 cartons

smuggled items. Among the seized goods

The operations, car-

May 17, 2024.

tity of

The PDMA Commission met with the Chief

agement Commission, Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti here

on Friday. The Provincial Minister for Finance, Mir Shoaib Nausherwani, leader of opposition in provincial as-sembly, Mir Younas Aziz Zehri, Member provincial assembly, Mir Zafar Zehri, Chief Secretary Shakeel Qadir Khan, Secretary Live-stock, Muhammad Tayyab Lehri, Director General PDMA, Jahanzaib Khan and members of the board of Commission.

The Director General of PDMA, Jahanzaib Khan briefed the meeting about agenda points.

The PDMA Disaster Management Commission decided to conduct audit of the budget to be allocated

QUETTA: A delegation of National Party led by its President MPA Dr. Abdul Malik Baloch meeting with Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti during Assembly session Nasimur Rehman says Disposal of hazardous waste

of public, private hospitals in scientific manner top priority

Independent Report QUETTA: The Advisor to Chief Minister for Environment and Climate Change, Nasimur Rehman has stated that the disposal of hazardous waste of public and private hospitals in scienfic manner is included in

sented on the measures taken during last six months It was informed that

incinerators have been installed in for disposal of the waste in eight hospitals. Out of them, four inerators are operational

Rana urges All political parties to play constructive role for democracy in

parliament SLAMABAD (APP)

Adviser to Prime Minister on Political and Public Affairs Rana Sanaullah Friday asked Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam-Fazl (JUI-F) Chief

dated payment schedule. According to the schedule, payments will be made based on Union Council zones. The distribution

in Oalat city area will take place over two days, every Monday and Tuesday. On Wednesday, payments will be distributed in

OALAT (INP): The office Pindran, Kaputu, and Muhammad Tawah. On Friday, the schedule covers Skulko, Shekhari, Bencha,

and Dashtaguran. Special provisions have been made for widows, disabled individuals. the sick, and elderly

women These groups are encouraged to visit the BISP office on Saturdays to avoid difficulties, ensuring they visit on their designated Union Council days for efficient service.

ures are urged to assist in spreading this information to ensure smooth and organized distribution of the



Political and social fig-

supply, water supply, MCCT has submitted transportation and other industries can also develop to facilitate the industrial

sible.

products.

mineral industrial park in Pakistan which consists of

tion

ISLAMABAD (APP):

the oath of the office of emony held at the Aiwan-

the priorities of provincial government.

In this regard, wholehearted campaign would be launched all over the province as per the vision of Chief Minister, Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti.

The Advisor was speaking at a meeting held regarding disposal of hos-pitals' waste in Quetta city on Friday

The Secretary Envi-Nadeemur ronment. Rehman and Director General, Yasir Bazai were also in attendance

During the course of meeting, report was pre- city.

which have the capacity of Maulana Fazal disposing around 22,000 Rehman that he must kilogram of hospital waste, come to the 'negotiation it was informed further. table' if he believed in de-In all nine hospitals mocracy and the su-

premacy of the law. have been charged fine on violation of the waste man-Talking to a private agement rules. While on the news channel, he said that other hand, notices have any attempt to create chaos and anarchy been issued to some 48 hospitals while the cases of through agitation would three hospitals are under hearing in the Environmental Protection Tribunal

It was also informed that currently 15 government and 78 private hospitals are operating in Quetta country.

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be resisted, adding that the government would neither permit anyone to cross the limits of democratic freedom nor allow misuse of democratic rights to vitiate the peace-

ful atmosphere of the

MADINAH: Federal Minister of Religious Affairs and Ýnterfaith Harmony,

Chaudhry Salik Hussain meeting with Pakistani pilgrims.

Govt not stopped from blocking SIMs of non-filers: IHC

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Islamabad High Court (IHC) on Friday clarified that it had not stopped the government to block the SIMs (Subscriber Identity

Modules) tax non-filers. Its previous order had

only stopped the action against the mobile company, Chief Justice Aamer Farooq observed while hearing the appeal of Federation against stay order against blockage of SIM s. The AGP responded Attorney General for that no notice would be iscards.

Pakistan Mansoor Usman sued to any poor person. Awan appeared before the Notices were being issued to the tax non-files since court During the hearing, the chief justice asked that what

November 2023. "If the person conaction would be taken cerned satisfies the Federal against a child if he was Board of Revenue about his tax status, his/her SIM card using a SIM card issued in his father's name who will be restored," he added

was not a taxpayer. Simi-The AGP prayed the larly, what a poor workcourt to withdraw its stay order regarding the block-age of SIMs. ing man, who was not a taxpayer, would do if his

SIM card was blocked, he The court served notices to the respondents and adjourned the hearing till May 22.

Chairman **PRCS** visits **Qatar Red Crescent HQs**

ISLAMABAD (APP) Chairman Pakistan Red Crescent Society Sardar Society headquarters in and the head of programs.

PRCS Sardar Shahid Ahmed Laghari held talks with the top officials of QRCS.

project soon with standard for facilitating people in the area. The Deputy Commissioner was briefed about progress works of the road. The DC Kaleemullah Kakar said that Duki to Chamalang road was the biggest project of the district and this road was very important beand challenging times.

Minister and Chairman for relief and rehabilitation Provincial Disaster Man- activities.

FC seizes contraband worth Rs123 million

QUETTA (INP): In a ters of Iranian diesel. crackdown on smuggling

In addition to these items, authorities also recovered other contraband such as fertilizers, solar panels, and non-customs paid vehicles. These seized goods were promptly handed over to customs authorities for further action. The smugglers had been attempting to transport these illicit items through various means including trucks, passenger buses, and clandestine

routes. However, the timely intervention of FC Balochistan foiled their atwere 76 metric tons of tempts, preventing the illegal flow of goods across the region.



QUETTA: Provincial Finance Minister Mir Shoaib Nausherwani presenting a resolution in the **Balochistan Assembly**

DC Kaleemullah reviews works of Duki to Chamalang road QUETTA (APP): Deputy

Roads are also the ba-

area also reach the markets in time with the construc-Kaleemullah Kakar on Frition of roads and travel faday reviewed works of cilities will be available to Duki to Chamalang road and the public, he said. directed to complete the

He said that the speed of work on the under-construction road should be completed in a fast and standard manner within the stipulated time so that the public could benefit from it. Substandard work and

delaying will not be tolerated, he warned adding that non-standard materials would not be allowed to be used in the development works and action to be taken against the contractor and the officers of the relevant department for substandard constructions.

QUETTA: Advisor for Women Development Department Dr. Rubaba Khan **Buledi addressing Balochistan Women Lawyers Conference**

Balochistan.

Japan important development partner of Pakistan: Tarar

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Attaullah Tarar said on Friday that Japan was an important development partner of Pakistan and Tokyo's support in difficult times has always been valuable for the people of Pakistan. During a meeting with Japanese Ambassador to Pakistan Wada Mitsuhiro here, he said Pakistan and Japan enjoyed a long-standing relationship of friendship and cooperation. In the meeting, bilateral diplomatic relations, cooperation in media sectors, fake news, economic initiatives of the government, and other important issues of mutual inter-

est were discussed. The two countries agreed to further expand the scope of cooperation in various sectors. The minister appreciated Japan International Cooperation Agency for its support for the development of Pakistan

Apprising the ambasmedia were also discussed

sador of Japan about the government's economic initiatives, the minister said the present regime was determined to bring the country's economy back on track under the vision of the Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif. "The government has taken several steps to improve the business environment and promote investment, including reforms in the FBR to increase the

tax net," he added. Steps were also being taken to provide business facilities to the private sector, the minister remarked. Attaullah Tarar said after the current government assumed power, the economic development of Pakistan accelerated and international financial journals were also predicting further improvement in the eco-

nomic progress of the country. In the meeting, issues regarding the prevention of fake news and the promotion of relations between the two countries in the fields of

Salik interacts with Pakistani Hujjaj to get feedback on

PESHAWAR arrangements Khyber Pakhtunkhwa MADINAH Chief Minister Ali Amin MUNAWWARAH (APP) Gundapur has threatened :Minister for Religious Afto take over the Peshawar fairs Chaudhry Salik

Electric Supply Com-Hussain made surprise vispany (Pesco) if it fails to its to different hotels and extend relief to the interacted with Pakistani people of the province Hujjaj staying there to get their feedback on the arwithin 15 days. rangements made by Pakistan for their facilitation in Pakistan and Saudi Arabia.

The minister's humble gesture resonated deeply with the Hujjaj, who expressed their delight and appreciation for this rare opporfunity to connect with their leader in such a spiritually significant setting. He was accompanied by Additional Secretary Dr Ata-ur-Rehman and Director Hajj Madinah. Some pilgrims complained about non-activation of the mobile sim cards provided by the government for Hajj days in Saudi Arabia, upon which, Chaudhry Salik directed the Mouavneen (Hajj supporting staff) to provide technical assistance.

He was addressing Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Asthat numerous requests sembly on Friday were made to the centre but The KP CM said the to no avail.

added

(INP):

and oppressed but the people gave the party mandate despite their symbol was snatched. "The federal

KP electricity issues Pakistan Tehreek Insaf (PTI) had been victimised



Shahid Ahmed Laghari visited the Qatar Red Crescent Commissioner (DC) Duki

Doha on Thursday. He was warmly received by Qatar Red Crescent Society (QRCS) Secretary General

Faisal Mohamed Al-Emadi

The meeting shed light on bilateral humanitarian relations and the current humanitarian picture across the region. Speaking on this occasion, the Chairman highlighted the steadfast support from brotherly Qatar through both good

cause of Chamalang coal. He praised the Qatar Red Crescent Society's resic need of the people and lentless dedication, which the construction of roads has been crucial in their colwill bring development and laborative efforts to address prosperity because the ag-ricultural products of the major crises in Pakistan.

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DOHA: Chairman Pakistan Red Crescent Society

Sardar Shahid Ahmed Laghari witnessing MoU be-

tween Red Crescent Qatar and Red Crescent Pa-

kistan during visited the Qatar Red Crescent So-

ciety headquarters.



