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Cabinet expresses dissatisfaction over probe Commission's report on Faizabad sit-in

Directs to form a special committee that will present its recommendations on the matter; Cabinet members back SC observation on inquiry report; Adopts condolatory resolution; vows to carry forward Raisi's vision of stronger bilateral ties

ISLAMABAD (APP): inquiry report over the equipment donated to recommendation of the :The federal cabinet, with Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif in the chair, on Tuesday expressed its dissatisfaction over a report of an Inquiry Commission into Faizabad sit-in (dharna) by observing that the commission had not adhered to its

Terms of Reference (ToR). The meeting directed to constitute a special committee of the cabinet that would submit its recommendations in this regard.

The Attorney General

matter and gave a detailed briefing to the cabinet, PM Office Media Wing said in a press release.

The cabinet also adopted a resolution expressing condolences on the shahadat of Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi, Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian and their companions in a helicopter

The meeting also granted its approval to the recommendation of Ministry of Interior for duty and

Balochistan police by Guangdong Public Security Department, China. However, under Federal Excise Tax 2005, the federal excise duty would be imposed on

The cabinet directed that in future, such like donations and grants would be exempted from taxes.

these items.

It also approved signing of memorandum of understanding between Pakistan and the United Kingdom with regard to handing over of three accused of

National Livestock Breeding Policy, 2022 was presented by the Ministry of National Food Security and Research and the cabinet directed it to resubmit it after holding consultations with the private sector. While on the recom-

During the meeting, the

mendation of ministry of national food security and research, the cabinet approved in principle the legislation work related to

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QUETTA: Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti chairing meeting of Provincial Cabinet

for Pakistan submitted an tax exemption on the Pakistani nationality on the

ISLAMABAD: A delegation of Kashmiri Diaspora activists calls on Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif.

Governor, CM, Opposition leader agree on mutual consultation in best interest of Balochistan

Independent Report

QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail and Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti have agreed on doing mutual consultation and having constant coordination among them in the best interest of

They also stressed the need to take concrete measures for ending poverty and backwardness in the province and especially for decorating the young generation with ornament of education.

The Governor was in meeting with the Chief Minister who called on him here at the Governor House on Tues-

Also present in the meeting was leader of the opposi-

tion, Mir Younas Aziz Zehri. During the course of meeting, different matters about ongoing development projects as well as important political and administrative affairs were discussed besides the matters of mutual interests.

There was also discussion about the changes taking place in the region, besides the matters about ensuring good governance and different other ones.

The Governor especially insisted to take steps for ending poverty and backwardness from the province. He also stressed that we have to take solid measures for imparting quality education to the young generation.



JEDDAH: Federal Minister of Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony, Chaudhry Salik Hussain meeting with Saudi Minister of Hajj and Umrah, Dr. Tawfiq bin Fawzan Al-Rabiyyah.

GoB demands airplane from Ministry of Defence to bring Balochistan's students from Kyrgyzstan

Independent Report

QUETTA: The Government of Balochistan has demanded of the Ministry of Defence a special airplane on an emergent basis for bringing students of the province from Kyrgyzstan after the issuance of orders issued by the Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti in this regard.

According to the sources of Chief Minister's secretariat on Tuesday, the decision about demanding special airplane from the Ministry of Defence was made because of the nonavailability of immediate seats in the commercial air-

The sources said that government of Balochistan would bear the expenses of carrying the students from Kyrgyzstan

The Chief Minister has issued standing directives to ensure safe return of the province's students stranded in Kyrgyzstan at Balochistan.

the earliest.

He mentioned that the provincial government is making arrangements of the travels of students from Kyrgyzstan to Pakistan.

It was mentioned that the data of 95 students has been officially confirmed, who are studying in different educational institutions of Kyrgyzstan. Meanwhile, the stu-

dents of Balochistan studying in Kyrgyzstan expressed gratitude to the Chief Minister for making arrangements for their return to their country.

They said that they were very much upset on the situation developed in Kyrgyzstan, however, they are thankful to the Chief Minister who issued orders for their return from

They said that the provincial government's high ups were in contact with them on directives of the Minister Chief

Dr. Raghib Naeemi appointed as CII chairman

SLAMABAD (APP): Dr. Hussain Naeemi, a current member of the Council of Islamic Ideology (CII), has been appointed as its chair-

According to a notifi-cation issued by the Ministry of Law and Justice, he has been appointed for the residual period of his membership in accordance with clause (5) of Article 228.

Notably, Dr. Naeemi is also the Vice-Chancellor of Jamia Naeemi and Chairman of the Muttahida Iema Board Punjab.

Recently, he was awarded the 'Sitara-i-Imtiaz' (Star of Excellence) by President Asif Alí Zardari on Pakistan Day, March 23, 2024.

PTI spokesperson Raoof Hasan iniured in Islamabad attack

ISLAMABAD (INP) Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) spokesperson Raoof Hasan was injured after he was attacked by unknown people in Islamabad on uesday evening.
Onlookers said there

were four assailants who attacked him outside a private news channel in G7 Markaz. They said the attackers used an object to hit on his face.

The attackers fled after people started gathering and stopping them from beating Hasan. During the attack, the PTI leader suffered injuries on his face. He has been shifted to hospital where he is being treated for the injuries.

PTI leader Shibli Faraz has condemned the attack. While addressing in the Senate, he urged the government to take stern action against the attackers.

Parvez Elahi walks free from Kot Lakhpat jail

AHORE (INP): Former

chief minister of Punjab Chaudhry Parvez Elahi was released from Kot Lakhpat ail in Lahore on Tuesday. Jail authorities con-

firmed the development, stating that Mr Elahi had been released in all corruption cases, registered against him. He has recently been shifted to Kot Lahkpat jail from Adiala prison a few

His family members and friends received him outside the jail and taken him to home

Peace in South Asia linked with just settlement of **Kashmir dispute: PM**

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday emphasized that a durable peace in South Asia was contingent upon a just settlement of the Jammu and Kashmir dispute, in accordance with relevant UN Security Council resolutions and the aspirations of Kashmiri

The prime minister, talking to a delegation of Kashmiri diaspora activists, led by Dr. Ghulam Nabi Fai, Secretary General World Kashmir Awareness Forum which called on him here, reaffirmed Pakistan's unwavering moral, diplomatic and political support for Kashmiri people's struggle for realization of their inalienable right to self-deter-

lauded Kashmiri activists' efforts to increase global awareness about the Jammu and Kashmir dispute and the plight of people of Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK).

The prime minister recalled that he had never missed any opportunity to raise the voice in support of Kashmiri brothers and sisters, as evident from his address at the 2022 UN General Assembly, as well as at other forums including SCO and with other world leaders.

The Kashmiri activists thanked the prime minister for Pakistan's consistent support to the Kashmir



Gillani penned down condolatory remarks over the sad demise of the President of Iran Dr. Seyyed Ebrahim Raisi in the visitor's book during his visit to the Embassy of Iran.

Justice Mohsin Akhtar says:

It makes no difference if some one holds press conference on behalf of some one else

Justice Mohsin Akhtar Kayani of Islamabad High Court (IHC) has remarked if some one holds press conference on behalf of some one he is at liberty to do it as it makes no differ-

The case for recovery of missing Baloch students came up for hearing in IHC Tuesday. Justice Mohsin Akhtar

Kayani took up the case for Justice Mohsin Akhtar Kayani inquired from At-

ISLAMABAD (Online): torney General (AG) It is allegation that so many people are allegedly in the custody of agencies. They eat food. The expense is incurred by state. İs annual audit of fund of agencies conducted. The courts will continue to work as long as the cases of missing persons take place. If some one holds press conference on the behalf of some one else he is at liberty to hold it. It makes no difference as the courts transcend these

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Mourning on demise of Iranian President:

National flag flies at half-mast at Balochistan Assembly, other official buildings



Independent Report

QUETTA: The national flag flew at half-mast at the Balochistan Assembly and other official buildings here on Tuesday as the country observed one-day national mourning on demise of Iranian President and other digni-

taries who lost their lives in helicopter crash. It may be mentioned here that the government of Balochistan declared Tuesday, 21st as a day of national mourning in the province, in expression of fraternal solidarity on behalf of the government and people of province with the government and people of Iran on the sad demise of Iranian President and other dignitaries

"Women police station to be set up in Sibi":

Balochistan cabinet approves Early Age Marriage Prevention Bill 2024; **Elimination of Domestic Violence Bill**

Cabinet approves formation of committees for elimination of violence against women at district level; Dr. Rubaba Buledi says long struggle of civil society and NGOs working on women's rights bear fruit

Independent Report QUETTA: Th

Balochistan cabinet approved the Early Age Marriage Prevention Bill 2024 and the amendment bill of Elimination of Domestic Violence 2023 here on Tues-

The cabinet decided to set up women police sta-tion in Sibi in order to provide legal aid and guidance to the women.

The cabinet meeting was chaired by the Chief Minister, Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti at the CM's secretariat on Tuesday.

According to the Advisor to Chief Minister for at the district level. Women Development, Dr. Rubaba Buledi, certain im-

Visits Iranian embassy

Islamic Ummah

lost great leader,

savs Gilani

ISLAMABAD (APP)

Acting President Syed

Yusuf Raza Gilani on Tues-

day paid a condolatory visit

to the Iranian embassy here

wherein he said that with

the death of Iranian Presi-

dent Dr Ebrahim Raisi, the

Islamic Ummah had lost a

great leader.

sad demise of

made in the cabinet's meet-

proval was accorded to different departmental matters as officially required, mentioned in a hand out issued here. The cabinet meeting would also be held on second consecutive day, today (Wednesday).

However, the Advisor Chief Minister for Women Development mentioned that the cabinet approved in principle the formation of committees for prevention and elimination of violence against women

were made on three imporportant matters were dis- tant matters related to and cabinet members.

cussed and decisions were She said that the long struggle made by the civil society and non governmental organizations work-

ing on rights of women has bear fruit finally. Dr. Rubaba Buledi said that the provincial government is taking steps for welfare of the women and protection of their rights under leadership of Chief

She thanked the Chief Minister and all cabinet members on approval of the bills regarding women in the province. She said that the approval of the pending matters and bills was made She said that decisions possible because of the

Ahsan Iqbal chaired review meeting on CPEC Phase- 2

Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Ahsan Iqbal on Tuesday chaired a review meeting on China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) Phase 2 and the 13th Joint Cooperation Committee (JCC) on Tuesday at the Ministry of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives.

The acting president expressed deep grief on be-Attendees included half of the government and people of Pakistan on the the Additional Secretary of the Ministry, senior officials from various ministries, and representatives from federal and provincial

Dr Raisi, the Iranian foreign minister and others in the helicopter accident, ministries. saying that the whole na-The officials received tion shared the grief of the Iranian brothers and sisters.

Talking to the Iranian Ambassador Reza Amiri Moghadam, Acting President Gilani said that Pakistan and Iran enjoyed excellent relations based on historical, cultural, and literary linkages.

Tyrian White case: IHC larger bench rejects petition against Imran

ISLAMABAD (Online): A 3-member larger bench of Islamabad High Court (IHC) has rejected the petition filed against PTI founder Imran Khan for not showing his alleged daughter Tyrian White in nomination papers declaring it non maintainable.

Justice Mehmood Jahangiri remarked there is closed envelope in this file. Open it. There are decision of two judges. 2 judges have declared the petition non maintainable. Therefore, how can we hear this case

He gave these remarks on Tuesday

The petition came up for hearing before a three members larger bench of IHC comprising Justice Tariq Mehmood Jahangiri, justice Arbab Muhammad Tahir and justice Saman

Rafat Imtiaz Tuesday Counsel Hamid Ali appeared on behalf of petitioner citizen Muhammad ISLAMABAD (APP): on the preparations for the upcoming online JCC meet-

ing scheduled for this Discussions covered projects related to communications, infrastructure, energy, economic development, agriculture, and the security of Chinese officials working in Paki-

Addressing the security concerns for Chinese personnel. Federal Minister Ahsan Iqbal asserted that ensuring the protection and safety of Chinese personnel, projects, and programs is a top priority for the Government of Paki-



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Planning, **Development and Special Initiatives Ahsan Iqbal** chairing a review meeting on CPEC Phase 2 and the 13th Joint Cooperation Committee (JCC) at the Ministry of Planning, Development & Special Initiatives.

Railway fares decreased by over 50%

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Pakistan Railways on Tuesday has announced a significant reduction in train fares across various classes. The official notifica-

tion regarding the fare reduction has been issued and is effective immediately, as reported private news. The fare reduction applies to train journeys ranging from one to 200 kilometers for all classes of trains, benefiting passengers traveling

shorter distances. The most notable reductions were seen in the economy and AC classes. Economy class fares on certain routes have been reduced by up to 54%. For instance, the minimum fare for the economy class on the Lahore to Kawalpindi

route has decreased from 250 to Rs100.

Similarly, the economy class fare for the Khyber Mail, covering distances from 1km to 130km, has also been reduced from Rs250 to Rs100. Passengers traveling in AC class will also enjoy a significant reduction, with fares cut by % across various routes.

This move comes as a relief to daily commuters and occasional travelers alike, who will benefit from the lowered cost of train

The Railways Department emphasizes that this fare reduction aims to pass on the benefits of decreased fuel costs to the public and to make rail travel more af-

PM reaffirms Pakistan's commitment to SAARC charter

Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday reaffirmed Pakistan's unwavering commitment to the principles and objectives of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) charter and stated that Pakistan would continue to play its part to strengthen the SAARC

views during a meeting with Secretary General South Asian Association for Re-Cooperation (SAARC) Muhammad Golam Sarwar who paid a courtesy call on him, PM that he would play his due egation.

vouth leaders

Meeting being held in Dhaka.

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National Animal Health,

Welfare and Veterinary

Public Health Act 2024. Å

Cabinet Committee on Leg-

islative would comprehen-

also directed for formulation

of a mechanism under a pri-

vate-public partnership

project for establishing a

quality slaughterhouse for

Islamabad and its surround-

ommendation of National

Disaster Management Au-

thority (NDMA) granted

its approval to ex-post

facto on the relief goods dis-

patched to the Palestinians

prised that the government

of Pakistan had sent 931

tons of relief goods via six

airplanes and two ships.

The meeting was ap-

Meanwhile the federal

other terms and conditions will remain same

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by the NDMA.

The cabinet on the rec-

ing areas.

The prime minister

a press release. The nization. SAARC secretary general is on his maiden visit to

In the regional context, the prime minister underscored that the SAARC had immense potential for regional development, trade, cooperation and collaboration. He expressed his earnest desire to see SAARC act as a means of progress He expressed these and prosperity in the re-

congratulated Golam regional cooperation. He Sarwar on his appointment as the 15th Secretary General of SAARC and hoped tality extended to his del-

Chairman of PMYP addresses D-8

youth ministers' meeting in Dhaka

ISLAMABAD (APP): In a momentous address at the D-8 Youth Ministers' meeting in Dhaka, Bangladesh, the Chairman of the Prime Minister's Youth Programme(PMYP),

Rana Mashhood Ahmed Khan representing the Government of Pakistan, highlighted the importance of youth empowerment and collaboration among D-8 countries.

eral, the Chairman emphasized the significance of integrating youth empowerment into

Youth and Sports of Bangladesh, the Chairman expressed gratitude for the successful hosting of the meeting, which showcased Bangladesh's dedication to youth develop-

powerment through the Prime Minister's Youth Programme, highlighting initiatives

such as skills development, education, entrepreneurship, and environmental

sustainability, Pakistan demonstrated its commitment to providing opportunities for

DHAKA: Rana Mashhood Ahmad Khan, Chairman Pakistan Prime Minister's

Youth Programme delivering statement during 1st D-8 Youth Ministerial

Cabinet expresses dissatisfaction over probe....

cabinet on Tuesday

adopted a resolution to ex-

press condolence over the

demise of Iranian President

Dr Ebrahim Raisi, paying

tributes to his services for

relationship as well as for

which met under the chair

of Prime Minister Shehbaz

Sharif also conveyed its

sadness over the death of

Iranian Foreign Minister

Hossein Amir-Abdollahian

and others in the same tragic

incident and said that the

whole Pakistani nation

sympathised with the be-

reaved families and the Ira-

nian people in that difficult

who read out the resolu-

tion, recalled late Raisi as a

great scholar and a vision-

ary leader saying that with

his death, Pakistan had lost

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DEPARTMENT ZHOB

Electronic Bids Only

The prime minister,

sively look into the matter. promoting Pakistan-Iran

CORRIGENDUM

This office Notice for Inviting Tender for the work of COVID Response

& Programme 2021-22 (District Zhob) 1-

Rehabilitation of DHQ Hospital Zhob. vide TSE No. 232405406833

published in daily leading Newspapers under PRQ No. 2224/08-5-

2024. The Procedure Of Procurement: Single Stage One Envelope

Moreover, the date of submission of documents is 28-05-2024 at

01:30 PM and tender opening on the same date at 02:30 PM. The

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Balochistan Provincial Assembly Secretariat invites electronic bids

as per Balochistan Public Procurement Regulatory Authority

(BPPRA) Rules, 2014 from well-reputed, established and

experienced firms for **PROCUREMENT OF SOUVENIR AND GIFT**

ITEMS having registration and active status of NTN and BSTS with

Federal Board of Revenue and Balochistan Revenue Authority

respectively on the basis of following terms & conditions:1.The

bidder shall not be blacklisted by any of Provincial or Federal

Government Department, Agency, Organization or Autonomous

Body or Private Sector Organization anywhere in Pakistan.2

Detailed bidding document can be downloaded from B-PPRA

website www.bppra,gob.pk. 3. Single stage two envelope bidding

method shall be used as per Rule 41-(3) of the BPPRA Rules, 2014.

Contract will be awarded as per the evaluation criteria mentioned

in bidding document, 5.Bid can be submitted electronically through

B-PPRA e-portal on or before THURSDAY, 6th JUNE 2024 (11:00

am). Technical bids will be opened on the same day at (12:00 pm) at

the Procurement Cell Room #76 of Balochistan Provincial Assembly

Secretariat, Zarghoon Road Quetta. Financial bids of technically

qualified bidders will be opened on the same day at (12:30 pm).6

Bidding document fee of Rs.1000/- shall be submitted through

Green Deposit Challan in National Bank of Pakistan (Head of

Account CO-3870), 7. The bids must accompany Bid Security of 2%

of Offered cost in the shape of Call Deposit issued from a scheduled

bank in favor of Secretary Balochistan Provincial Assembly

Secretariat. 8. Performance Security (2% of the contract value) in the

shape of Demand Draft issued from a scheduled bank in favor of

Secretary Balochistan Provincial Assembly Secretariat will be

required from successful bidder. 9.Bidders shall quote their rates

inclusive of all applicable taxes and duties for each and every item

enlisted in bidding document/Data sheet. 10.The Balochistan

Provincial Assembly Secretariat reserves the right to reject any or all

bpaprocurement@yahoo.com

CONTACT INFORMATION: Telephone Number:081-9203079

bids as per provisions of B-PPPRA Rules, 2014.

Fax Number:

Bidding Procedure shall be read as Single Stage Two Envelope.

the region.

mitment to nurturing its vibrant and dynamic youth population.

With a focus on youth development, the Chairman underscored Pakistan's com-

Recognizing the commendable efforts of the D-8 Secretariat and Secretary-Gen-

Acknowledging the exceptional leadership of Mr. Nazmul Hassan MP, Minister of

The Chairman elaborated on Pakistan's comprehensive approach to youth em-

Furthermore, he emphasized the importance of networking and collaboration among

ISLAMABAD (APP): Office Media Wing said in role to revitalize the orga-

Noting that the secretary general belonged to Bangladesh, the prime minister conveyed his warm wishes for the prime minister of Bangladesh and said that Pakistan desired to strengthen its bilateral ties with Bangladesh.

The secretary general thanked the prime minister for receiving him and briefed him on his aspirations for making SAARC The prime minister an effective platform for also thanked the prime minister for the warm hospi-

sincere and brotherly

Raisi' services for his na-

tion and promotion of Pa-

kistan-Iran relations and

regional cooperation would

milestone in further

strengthening the bilateral

relations. The moments

spent with the late Iranian

president during his Paki-

remembered," Prime Min-

iterated the resolve to carry

forward Dr Raisi's vision

relationship.

minister and others.

It makes no...

or parliamentarian is sup-

porting terrorists. No court,

judge, journalist, lawyer

and parliamentarian talks of

preventing agencies from

working as per law. They

talk of preventing them

from doing the work against

the law. If the procedure of

working of agencies be-

comes clear then it will be good. In law FIA and po-

lice can investigate. Agen-

cies can assist in investiga-

tion. We have to work

(AG) Mansoor Awan said

we have done a lot of work

in missing persons cases.

We will do it what is left

Please give some time more.

The political solution to

this matter is being ex-

Kayani remarked ceasefire

is done in war by waving

white flag. Solution is

also request this that some

time be given. The missing

persons matter will be

taken up in next two meet-

ings of cabinet. Court

should make change in the

committee of DG ISI, SI,

DG MI and DG IB. Court

should put in it below DG

level people so that coordi-

Akhtar Kayani while

moving to AG said "AG

Sahb tell this where are

people like you who re-

difficult question. If this

problem is not resolved

then the problems will in-

AG said Sir, it is most

Judge replied I will is-

Mohsin

nation process is eased.

sue order. You see it.

Justice

solves problems.

found through talks.

Justice Mohsin Akhtar

AG said in reply we

General

within the ambit of law.

Attorney

plored.

The federal cabinet re-

The members prayed

ister Shehbaz remarked.

"Dr Raisi's visit to Pa-

always be remembered.

He said that late Dr

Opposition to resist defamation bill

LAHORE (INP): Leader of the Opposition in the National Assembly Omar Ayub Tuesday said that a black law is being imple-

Speaking to the media outside Lahore's Anti-Terrorism Court (ATC), Omar stated that they will resist the black law in the national and provincial assem-

He stated that according to the constitution, no e's speech can be banned. Omar Ayub added that whosoever talked about Ayub Khan's martial law, ask him what Nawaz Sharit



DPM Dar visits Bishkek National Hospital; meets Kyrgyz authorities

BISHKEK (APP):Deputy Dar also held a very pro-Prime Minister and Foreign Senator

Bishkek.

Deputy Prime Minister Dar was received at the hospital by Deputy Chairman of the Kyrgyz Cabinet of Ministers Edil Baisalov and Kyrgyz Minister of Health Alymkadyr Beishenaliev, Foreign Office Spokesperson said in a press release.

The deputy prime minister inquired after the health of Shahzaib who expressed a desire to return to Pakistan. At a special request by

He would travel to Pa-

kistan with the deputy prime minister on the spe-Deputy Prime Minisductive meeting with Kyrgyz Deputy Chairman of Cabinet of Ministers Edil Baisalov.

He took up the issues relating to the welfare of Pakistan textile workers living in the Kyrgyz Repub-The Kyrgyz leader ex-

pressed readiness to find an early resolution to their visa status issues and regularize their continued stay in the Kyrgyz Republic.

The two sides also agreed to initiate discussions on a government-togovernment labour mobility agreement and strengthen trade and economic ties between the two countries.

prime minister and foreign minister arrived in Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic for a working visit.

ISLAMABAD (APP): In accordance with the National Space Program 2047, Pakistan Space and upper Atmosphere Research sidelines of the SCO Coun-Commission (SUPARCO) cil of Foreign Ministers. has announced the launch of

The two ministers trav-

Babar on brink of historic milestones in T20I cricket currently sits third among It's worth noting that

ISLAMABAD (APP) -Pakistan's captain Babar Azam is poised to achieve several significant milestones in T20I cricket as he prepares for the upcoming atches against England.

With his impressive track record, Babar is set to add more accolades to his name, cementing his position as one of the greatest batsmen in the format.

Firstly, Babar needs just 45 runs to become the first Pakistani player to reach 4,000 runs in T20I cricket, surpassing the current top run-scorer for Pakistan. This feat would demonstrate his exceptional skill and consistency, as he

Mission Satellite

PAKSAT MM1

to be launched

on May 30

Pakistan's Multi Mission

Communication Satellite

PAKSAT MM1 on May 30

from XiChang Satellite Launch

conceived keeping in sight

the growing needs of the

country in the board-spec-

trum of communication and

connectivity. This satellite

project is a hallmark of tech-

nological cooperation be-

tween Peoples Republic of

communication technolo-

gies, PAKSAT MM1 will

play a pivotal role in the

socio-economic uplift of the

country. It will prove to be

a stepping stone in the

Based on advances

China and Pakistan.

PAKSAT MM1 was

Center (XSLC), China.

come the only captain to score 2,500 T20I runs, distinguishing him as a top player and a leader who consistently contributes to his team's success. Pakistan's Multi

Babar recently created a the highest run-scorers in world record during the T20I cricket with 3.955 T20I series against Ireland, runs, behind only Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma. becoming the most success-To surpass Virat ful T20I captain with 45 Kohli's total runs in T20Is, wins, eclipsing the record held by Brian Masaba of Babar needs only 82 more runs. The current standings Uganda, who had 44 wins are: Virat Kohli: 4,037 runs as captain.

(109 innings), Rohit Sharma: 3,974 runs (143 As Babar continues to break records and achieve innings), Babar Azam: 3,955 runs (110 innings). Furthermore, with 48 milestones, he solidifies his position as one of the greatest cricketers of all more runs, Babar will be-

The Pakistan team would play the first T20I match against England on May 22 (Wednesday) at Headingley Cricket Ground in Leeds

Swat mayor vows to resist taxes in Malakand, demands economic relief

By Haroon Siraj SWAT: Mayor Shahid Ali Khan has vehemently op-

posed the proposed taxes in the Malakand Division, pledging to resist any attempts to impose them on the already struggling population. In a press statement. Khan commended Chief Minister Ali Amin Gandapur for announcing that the province will not impose taxes, winning the hearts of the people. However, he emphasized that the to address the region's ecohave made immense sacri- struggling population fices in the war against terrorism and have faced natural disasters, devastating their economy," Khan stated. "Instead of imposing taxes, the government should provide employment

opportunities and address their issues.' Khan warned that any

would face strong resistance from the people. "We will not let the government impose taxes on our people without a fight," he declared. 'We demand that the government take stakeholders into confidence and prepare a plan of action with their consultation.

The Mayor's statement comes amid growing resentment among the people of Malakand Division over the proposed taxes. The region has faced government must do more economic hardship for years, and the proposed nomic woes. The people of taxes are seen as an addi-Swat and Malakand Division tional burden on the already Khan's bold stance against the government's policies has been welcomed by the people of Swat and Malakand Division, who see it as a beacon of hope. The issue is likely to gain momentum in the coming days, with more protests and demonstrations ex-



QUETTA: Members of Balochistan Union of Journalists (BUJ) are holding protest demonstration against the locking of press club by the district administration and police, at Quetta press club.

Minister Mohammad Ishaq Dar, soon after arrival in

Kyrgyzstan, on Tuesday visited the National Hospital to meet Shahzaib, a Pakistani textile worker who was injured during the recent mob violence in

the deputy prime minister, the Kyrgyz authorities decided to discharge him and to let him undertake further treatment in Pakistan

cial aircraft ter and Foreign Minister elled together from Astana

Earlier, the deputy

He was invited to visit the Kyrgyz Republic by Kyrgyz Foreign Minister Zheenbek Kulubaev after their meeting yesterday in Astana, Kazakhstan on the

Senator Mohammad Ishaq to Bishkek

Pakistan vying UNSC seat to address Kashmir, counter-terrorism issues

NEW YORK, (INP): non-permanent seats on the Pakistan's Permanent Representative to the United term 2025-26 slated for next kistan last month was a Nations. Ambassador Munir Akram has revealed that Islamabad is vying to secure a place as a non-permanent member of the UN Security Council (UNSC) allowing it to address Kashstan visit would always be mir and counter-terrorism issues The Kashmir Media Service has reported that, "We are hopeful that we will be elected at the polls on June 6 as a non-permanent member of the UNSC," for a stronger Pakistan-Iran Ambassador Akram said while speaking virtually to to Allah Almighty for peace the members of the US-

for the departed souls of Dr based Pakistan Students Raisi, the Iranian foreign Association Coalition "If elected, we will bring a lot of responsibili-Continued from page 1 ties on Pakistan to play a He further observed No Pakistani be he a journalist

leadership role in addressing not only our issues which are the Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK), Afghanistan and counter-terrorism but also to promote consensus on peacekeeping," he added. His remarks come as

Pakistan has so far secured the endorsement of the 55member Asian Group for the elections for five of the 10

month. Pakistan has been elected to the Security Council seven times, with the most recent term being in 2013. Other occasions were 1952-1953, 1968-1969, 1976-1977, 1983-1984, 1993-1994 and 2003-2004. Furthermore the envoy

accentuated that the opportunity would allow them to "articulate the aspirations and the rights of the developing countries and push for peace and security in the Middle East, Africa and the promotion of the right to self-determination for the people facing foreign occupation". Underscoring the country's active role in the inter-governmental organization, the envoy recalled Islamabad's leading role in advocating the concepts of vaccine equality, and the creation of new money for the developing countries enabling them to fight off the impact of COVID-19 — an effort that led to restructuring of debt and suspension of interest payments by G-20 and therefore providing a substantial relief to the developing world.

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 MAINTENANCE I DIVISION QUETTA 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% E/Cost

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WSS WITH SOLAR SYSTEM IN TEHSIL CHAGAI DISTRICT CHAGAI SUPPLY OF HDPE PIPES 50MM (21000 Rft) TSE-232405418203

PSDP NO. 8361 Z2023.4420 Chagai WATER SUPPLY SCHEMES FOR TEHSIL TAFTAN DISTRICT CHAGAI **PACKAGE NO.1**

PSDP NO. 8360 Z2023.4419 Chagai

CONSTRUCTION OF WSS FOR TAFTAN & AD-JOINING KILLIES DISTRICT CHAGAI SUPPLY OF HDPE PIPES 110 MM FOR INTERCONNECTION (1600 Rft) PACKAGE NO.2

CONSTRUCTION OF WSS AT ZERO POINT FOR TAFTAN AND AD-JOINING **KILLIES DISTRICT CHAGAI**

SUPPLY OF HDPE PIPES 110 MM FOR INTERCONNECTION (1600 Rft)

PROVIDING AND LAYING OF PIPE LINE 4"DIA FOR TAFTAN TOWN AND

AD-JOINING KILLIES. SUPPLY OF HDPE PIPES 110 MM (2000 Rft) TSE-232405418303

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PM for maximum utilization of IT sector's potential

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday stressed upon the need of maximum utilization of opportunities in the Information and Technology sector as the country possessed immense potential in this

He said the government was taking all possible steps for the promotion of IT sector and urged the IT industry to play its role in the country's economy by supporting the government.

The prime minister chaired a meeting on the

matters related to Ministry Ahsan Afzal and relevant the IT industry for further of Information Technology and Telecommunications and National Information Technology Board.

The meeting was at-

tended by Minister for Finance and Revenue Muhammad Aurangzeb, Minister for Planning and Development Ahsan Iqbal (via video link), Minister for Economic Affairs Ahad Khan Cheema, Minister for Information and Broadcasting Attaullah Tarar, Minister of State for Information Technology and Telecom Shaza Fatima Khawaja,

PM's Coordinator Rana

Media Wing said in a press release. During the meeting, the prime minister observed that Pakistani entrepreneurs had played a very critical role in the promotion and development of IT

He directed for taking of suitable steps for improving the quality of 4G

services in the country. The prime minister while underscoring the need of taking practical steps, on priority basis, to enhance ÎT export, directed for resolution of issues faced by

senior officials, PM Office enhancing of harmony between the government and the IT industry.

The Governor State Bank of Pakistan was directed that there should be no hurdles from the banks with regard to the debit cards and foreign currency issues of the exporters of software products.

The prime minister also underlined that the Higher Education Commission, universities and the training institutes should work on priority basis to increase the number of IT professionals.

ISLAMABAD (APP): On

the directions of Federal

Minister for Education and

Professional Training Dr. Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui,

a landmark move to com-

bat illiteracy in Pakistan,

the Secretary of the Minis-

try of Federal Education

and Professional Training

(FE&PT), with the support

of the National Commis-

sion for Human Develop-

ment (NCHD), has an-

nounced the launch of the

'Each One Teaches One'

(EOTO) initiative under the

Prime Minister's Roshan

Pakistan - National Lit-

departments concerned.

This groundbreaking

NDMA issues alert to

departments' concerned

amid GLOF threat in KP

ISI.AMABAD (APP): The National Disaster Management

Authority (NDMA) in view of possible Glacial Lake Outburst Flood (GLOF) threat in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP)

and Gilgit Baltistan (GB) Tuesday issued an alert to the

After the Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) predicted a possible GLOF in KP and GB, the NDMA issued instructions to PDMA, KP and GBDMA.

cal conditions, GLOF or severe floods, landslides and

strong winds were likely to increase in the mountainous

areas of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Gilgit-Baltistan from May

21 to 27. The Provincial Disaster Management Authorities

have been directed to be in full coordination with the concerned

departments to arrange and pre-deploy necessary inventory

and equipment in case of any disruptions, road closures and

In view of increasing temperature and meteorologi-



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif chairs a meeting on the matters related to Ministry of Information Technology and Telecommunications and National Information Technology

Acting Chairman Senate, Syedaal Khan presiding over a senate house business advisory committee meeting at Parliament House, Islamabad

BISP blocks 170 fake websites, deactivates 37,389 SIM cards to combat fraudulent practices

order to combat fraudulent practices, the Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) Technology Wing has so far blocked 170 fake websites and deactivated 37,389 SIM cards involved in scams with the help of concerned departments.

This was disclosed during a briefing given to the Chairperson BISP, Rubina Khalid by the Technology Wing officials during a meeting held here Tuesday.

The officials revealed the significant achievements by the Technology Wing including the blocking of 170 fake websites in cooperation with the FIA activities that defame BISP.

ISLAMABAD (APP): In and the deactivation of order to combat fraudulent 37,389 fraudulent SIM cards. The meeting was aimed at discussing the ongoing efforts and future strategies to counter fraudulent activities associated with BISP. The meeting was also attended by the Additional Secretary of BISP, Dr. Muhammad Tahir Noor. The primary focus of the meeting was to brief the Chairperson about the

Technology Wing's func-tions and the measures taken so far to combat fraud. Rubina Khalid emphasized the need to publicly identify and shame those involved in fraudulent

"name and shame" policy structed the Technology team to organize a meeting next week with the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA), Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA), and other relevant stakeholders to address and resolve security issues collaboratively.

She also directed the Technology Wing to draft a comprehensive proposal to present to the FIA, aiming to strengthen their efforts in tackling individuals.

ICP ensuring

foolproof

High Security

Zone

Independent Report

ISLAMABAD: According to the details, following the

special directions of In-

spector General of Police Officer (IGP) Syed Ali Nasir Rizvi the Islamabad

Police is using all available

resources to ensure the

peace and tranquility

within the federal capital, a

public relations officer said.

Islamabad Police ensured

data registration, identifica-

tion documents and effec-

tive search of citizens en-

tering the high security zone

During the last week, the Islamabad Police re-

moved tinted glasses from

942 vehicles and improper number plates from 125

on a regular basis.

vehicles.

He said that the

SC reserves judgment on appeal pleas against abolition of entire scheme

ISLAMABAD (Online): within three weeks. Supreme Court (SC) has reserved judgment on the appeal pleas filed against disbandment of the entire scheme including plots of F-14 and F-15.

The decision will be

announced later. A 3-member bench of SC presided over by Justice Muneeb Akhtar and comprising Justice dicial bench of SC had Muhammad Ali Mazhar given decision in favor of and Justice Ayesha Malik took up appeal pleas for hearing Tuesday.

the respondents want to place and abolished the enfile their written submis- tire scheme at the same sions, they can file them time.

Additional Attorney General (AAG) Aamir ul Rehman said a two members bench of Islamabad High Court (IHC) compris-ing Justice Athar Minallah and Justice Mohsin Akhtar Kayani had abol-ished the guota of emished the quota of employees. We are against the decision of IHC. A judicial bench of SC had use of housing society for

public purposes. The court remarked if single bench decision on one



Students of Political Science Department from Islamic International University, Islamabad visiting senate museum at Parliament House, Islamabad

Iranian people not to forget concern of Pakistan over death of Raisi: Ambassador

ISLAMABAD (INP): Ambassador of Iran Reza Amiri Moghadam has extended his heartfelt gratitude to the government and people of Pakistan for expressing sympathies and solidarity over the martyrdom of President Seyed Ebrahim Raisi, Foreign Hussain Minister Amirabdullahian and other dignitaries in the consequence of a helicopter

This was stated by him while talking to President Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI) Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari who along with a delegation visited to the Embassy to condole the death of President Raisi and other high-ups in the tragic

Ambassador Reza Amiri Moghadam while describing Pakistan a great friend of Iran said that President Raisi's vision of

High court upheld its

strengthening and promot-

ing Pakistan-Iran relations

would continue and all the

agreements inked on the

occasion of his recent visit

to Pakistan will be imple-

mented letter and spirit and

that there will be no change

in the foreign policy of Iran.

He especially expressed his

thanks to President and

Prime Minister of Pakistan

for sharing their deep con-

cern and grief over the trag-

sion, ICCI President Ahsan

Zafar Bakhtawari said that

late President Raisi was a

bold, sincere and dedicated

leader of the Islamic world.

His efforts for peace and

services for the nation are

unforgettable and restora-

tion of diplomatic ties with

Saudi Arabia was one of his

big achievements for unity

of the Muslim Ummah

which elevated his stature

as a true leader of the Is-

lamic world.

Speaking on the occa-

Strict directions have been issued to police offic-ers and officials performing their duties at high security zone checkpoints to exercise their duty with full responsibility.

63-member student's delegation visits Parliament House

ISLAMABAD (APP): A 63-member delegation, comprising students and faculty from the Department of Political Science at International Islamic University, visited the Parliament House.

Officials from the Upper House warmly welcomed the students, who were excited to have the opportunity to explore the inner workings of the country's legislative body.

During their visit, the delegation received a comprehensive tour of the Senate Museum. They were shown a documentary about the history and functioning of the Upper House, the legislative process, and various aspects of the country's political system. The students also had the opportunity to observe the proceedings of the Upper House, which was undoubtedly a fascinating and enlightening experience for them. Throughout their visit, the delegation showed a keen interest in the various historical artifacts displayed in the Senate Museum.

program aims to eradicate is to empower citizens illiteracy and empower citizens across Pakistan by mobilizing students from schools, colleges, and universities to serve as literacy teachers, said a press release on Tuesday.

Education ministry to launch

'Each One Teach One' initiative

to eradicate illiteracy

The EOTO initiative, meticulously designed and led by the National Commission for Human Development under the Ministry of FE&PT, also aims to harness the potential of Pakistan's youth by engaging students from schools, colleges, and universities as literacy teach-

The Secretary's vision

education, thereby contributing to the country's broader development objec The Each One Teaches One initiative aims

to reduce illiteracy rates, enhance life skills, and create economic opportunities for participants.

The initiative targets 66,759 illiterate individuals

in the Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT), involving 185 educational institutions (150 schools and 35 colleges) and approxi mately 1,932 teachers in

Senate expresses grief, sorrow over martyrdom of **Iranian President**

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Senate on Tuesday unanimously passed a resolution expressing profound grief and sorrow over the martyrdom of President of Iran Ebrahim Raisi and his companions in a tragic heli-

The resolution was resented by Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) senio in the House. The resolution

copter crash on May 19.

leader Senator Sherry Rehman expressed profound grief and sorrow over the martyrdom of President Iran.



Ory, addressing during exhibition "Impression of Pakistan" by Gonzelo Ruiz Navarro organized by Pakistan National Council of the Arts and the Embassy

Health delegation from Ethiopia visits HEC

ISLAMABAD (APP): A delegation from the health sector of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia (FDRE) on Tuesday visited the Higher Education Commission (HEC) of Pakistan and held a fruitful discussion with the management of the commission for potential collaboration between the two countries in healthcare and education sector. On arrival, the HEC management including its Chairman Dr Mukhtar Ahmed accorded a warm welcome to the delegation led by Jemal Beker Abdula, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the

a press release of embassy said issued here.

The two sides had a detailed discussion on the matters of mutual interest including the modalities for initiating a collaboration for sharing knowledge, experiences and expertise in the health sector.

They also discussed arrangements regarding mutual initiatives for capacity building of health experts from both the countries through short and long term training courses.

Speaking on the occasion, Ambassador Jemal Beker said, this is an ideal time for forging strong collaboration in the health and lamic Republic of Pakistan, education sector.

IFA intensifies action against unsafe milk; destroys 1500 ltrs

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Islamabad Food Authority (IFA) on Tuesday took action against contaminated milk in the the Federal Capital and destroyed 1500 liters of unsafe milk.

Talking to APP, Deputy Director Operations of IFA, Dr Tahira Saddique said that numerous complaints about adulterated milk prompted the operation. The IFA, along with food safety teams, conducted inspections in the G-15 and G-8 areas of Islamabad. During these inspections, authorities found large quantities of unsafe milk, which they immediately destroyed.

Pak improves on WEF's travel, tourism development Index 2024

The WEF report ranks Pakistan 101st globally, showing an improvement of 20 ranks as compared to 2019, with a score of 3.41, reflecting a 3.6 percent improvement since 2019 and, a 14% improvement on its 2019

FDR Ethiopia to the Is-

rankings.

Pakistan has significantly improved its global rankings of the Travel and Tourism Development Index (TTDI).

Keeping the base year 2019, Pakistan has improved 20 ranks and scored at 101 on the TTDI in 2024. said a press release issued here on Tuesday Pakistan is classified

ISLAMABAD (APP): as a lower-middle-income natural, cultural, and noneconomy and part of the leisure attractions Asia-Pacific regional group in the Travel and Tourism Development Index (TTDI) 2024.

The top countries on the Travel and Tourism Development Index (TTDI) in 2024 are the United States, Spain, Japan, France, Australia, Germany, the United Kingdom, China, Italy, and Swit-

zerland. These countries have been recognized for their favorable business environments, open travel policies. well-developed transport, tourism, and ICT infrastructure, as well as rich

They collectively accounted for over 75% of the Travel & Tourism industry GDP in 2022 and 70% of GDP growth between 2020 and 2022

Within the Asia-Pacific region, Pakistan shows potential, especially in natural resources and cultural

However, challenges remain, particularly in air transport infrastructure and tourist services. Pakistan's efforts to enhance its tour ism sector are evident, with various initiatives to im prove ICT readiness and cultural resources

Randhawa commends role of 'Margalla Hills' firefighters

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister's directive, the Capital Development Authority (CDA) Chairman and Islamabad Chief Commissioner Muhammad Ali Randhawa on Tuesday invited the "Margalla Hills" firefighting crew to his office, honouring them as a special guests.

Speaking on the occasion, Chairman Randhawa acknowledged the successful containment of fires on Margalla Hills. He praised the diligent role of Margalla Hills firefighters, in preventing significant damage through effective fire control. Randhawa stated that the crew was invited for encouragement in accordance with the directive from Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi. Additionally, Randhawa confirmed that, following the Federal

firefighting crew would be rewarded. He mentioned that the crew will be supplied with modern equipment to enhance their accessibility to hills during fire incidents. Additionally, he stated that vehicles will be acquired for transporting the crew during such occurrences. Randhawa cautioned about the heightened risk of fires on Margalla Hills during intense heat and urged the crew to maintain their preparedness as usual. He reassured that prompt action would be taken to resolve any issues the crew may have. It is worth mentioning here that Chairman Randhawa personally visited the Margalla Hills firefighting crew at their posts, shaking hands and commending their role.



ISLAMABAD: PM's Coordinator on Climate Change & Environmental Coordination Romina Khurshid Alam visits Iranian Embassy to extend her heartfelt condolences over martyrdom of Iranian President Agha Ebrahim Raisi and Iranian FM Hussain Ameer.

PBM empowers 190,000 destitute children through **Rehabilitation Schools**

ISLAMABAD (APP): A tablishment of PBM total of 190,222 trainees schools for the rehabilitahave successfully completed their training from 159 Pakistan Bait ul Mal Schools for the Rehabilitation of Child Labour working across the country since 1995 to enable destitute children to achieve self-suf-

According to the website of Pakistan Baitul Mal (PBM), 19,888 trainees have also benefited from these schools since their inception. The main objective of Pakistan Baitul-Mal (PBM) is to serve destitute, needy widows, orphans, invalids, infirm, and other needy persons. Capital Territory/A

tion of child labor (SRCL) in 1995 under the name of the National Centre for Rehabilitation of Child Labor (NCRCL). Within these schools, orphans and children engaged in hazardous labor receive complimentary primary education. Over time, it underwent a name change to Pakistan Bait ul Mal School for Rehabilitation of Child Labor (PBM-SRCL). Among the 159 SRCL establishments, 46 are located in Punjab, 20 in South Punjab, 37 in Sindh, 24 in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, 14 in Baluchistan, 13 in Islamabad Capital Territory/Azad

Police determined to address public' issues on priority: SP Rural

Independent Report ISLAMABAD: Following the special directions of the Inspector General of Police (IGP) Islamabad, Syed Ali Nasir Rizvi, the SP Rural Zone holds a Khuli Kachehri at Shahzad Town

Police Station, a public relations officer said. He said that the Khuli Kachehri was attended by citizens and senior police officials. Khuli Kachehris are being held as per the di-rections of IGP Islamabad across the city to ensure the early redressal of public

complaints. At the outset of the proceedings, the partici-pants shared their grievances and also gave suggestions to resolve them. The

SP Rural Zone Shoaib the spot to address the issues of the participants and assured them that their suggestions will be taken into He highlighted that

police were determined to resolve the issues faced by the citizens. However, Khuli Kachehris were helpful in maintaining direct relationships with the public. He asserted that better strategy on part of the police led to reduction in crime in the city. Islamabad Police are taking steps to control crime further. He asked the participants to cooperate with the police in controlling the crime in the



city.

ISLAMABAD: Police officials are busy in investigation outside a local news channel office after the attack on PTI Central Information Secretary Raoof Hasan from transgender in the Federal Capital.

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Iranian tragedy

The tragic helicopter crash on Sunday, in which Iranian president Ebrahim Raisi, foreign minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian and several other officials lost their lives, comes at a critical time for the Islamic most of us as a conversa-Republic. While internally, Iran is faced with significant economic challenges, externally,

Tehran is in the midst of an undeclared war against Israel with the Zionist state's savagery in Gaza the key trigger of this conflict. However, a power vacuum within Iran is unlikely, as an interim president has been named, and elections are due within 50 days. Raisi and his delegation were returning from Azerbaijan when his copter went down in a mountainous terrain, apparently in bad weather. The deaths of all on board were confirmed early on Monday.

Raisi oversaw a truncated but eventful term. He took the reins in 2021. One of the most formidable internal challenges to his administration came in the form of the 2022 Mahsa Amini protests, after a young woman died in controversial circumstances, reportedly while in the custody of the 'morality police'. Anti-government protests shook Iran, and the state responded by cracking down on demonstrators.

On the foreign front, Raisi had reopened channels with Saudi Arabia, thanks to Chinese mediation last year, a process in which Amir-Abdollahian also played a crucial role. But an issue to hammer the align with the ideals of perhaps the late president's opposition with on a given most difficult foreign policy moment came in the aftermath of the Israeli attack on Iran's diplomatic facility in Damascus last month, killing a number of high-ranking Iranian military men. Tehran responded with an unprecedented drone-andmissile strike on Israel some two weeks later.

With regard to Pakistan, under Raisi's watch, efforts were made to improve bilateral ties. While there was an ugly exchange of missiles in January over alleged militant hideouts, the late leader's state visit to Pakistan last month indicated that Tehran wanted to deepen ties with this country. It is hoped the incoming Iranian president continues on this trajectory.

Due to Iran's regional and geopolitical influence, the world will be watching the power transition carefully. While some Western observers dismiss the Iranian system as a totalitarian dictatorship run by the supreme leader, the reality is more complex. While the supreme leader does exercise a key veto over state policies, the president and other centres of power

are not without agency. Iran's new leader will have to confront economic woes and political polarisation internally. On the other hand, the Middle East presently resembles a powder keg, principally due to Israeli atrocities in Gaza.

Iran has a major role in regional dynamics, as it is a vocal supporter of Hamas, Hezbollah and other armed groups fighting Israel. Therefore, much will depend on how the incoming Iranian president and the Islamic Republic's establishment choose to respond to continuous Israeli provocations.

Budgeting without people

Arifa Noor

Budget time is here again, with unending discussions of money in amounts most of us cannot fathom. Numbers amounting to billions and arabs — not to be mistaken for the Saudi visitors we have been waiting for — will be thrown about, along with incomprehensible English phrases, such as 'primary deficits', 'slippages' and' base charges'. It will make about as much sense to tion in a foreign language.

Indeed, even though the economy is a critical issue, discussions about it involve a select few who are not really interested in communicating with the people. Let me confess that I too number among not the economic experts but the clueless masses who cannot grasp the stuff that economies are made of, especially in the land of the pure.

Consider the state of the economy, which is rency and it dawned on more fragile than the civilmilitary relationship. Yet couldn't provide the mievery political party, raculous solution. Then all the right things, but it government tried to con-

cent past, claims to have moment brought it back from disaster and default. If this is success, I wonder what failure looks like.

Indeed, other than having a finance minister who says the IMF is unavoidable, little else has changed. The constants in terms of our 'solutions' have been around well after 2018. We continue to look for manna to drop from the heavens to bail us out. This manna, for as long as I can remember, continues to be an injection of foreign funds. If earlier it was in the shape of foreign aid and development for the troublesome part of the world we are located in, during the PTI's times, it was going to be a sudden and miraculous increase in 'exports' once Ishaq Dar's

dustbin But a couple of years of a punishing deterioration in the value of the curmany that exports

exchange rate policy had

been consigned to the

Pakistan needed foreign direct investment (FDI).

With this latest mantra, we continue to look towards the sky where this FDI is supposed to magically appear. We do little to change the environment. It makes as much sense as that childhood memory of reciting "urran kabootar, pigeon fly, look dekho, aasmaan sky". If I ain't giggling at the memory it is because of the utility bills that turn up every month. One waits with bated

breath for this FDI dream to give way to something else. But in the meantime, it must be said that there is another change — other than the continuous upward journey of prices, that is. After the PTI's Rachel-Ross relationship with the IMF and then Dar sahib's game of Russian roulette, I suppose one should be grateful for a finance minister who indicates there is no choice but to gaze obediently into the IMF's eyes and not blink — ever. He says

seems there's no one to vince the IMF to give a tell him that the average Pakistani has heard enough people say the right things about what needs to be done. The challenge is to find a way to convince the populace that the government is

Ideally, it should not

be his headache but that of his 'boss'. However, the challenge of reaching out to the people is compounded when the prime minister is, by his own and his party's admission, in his position only because his brother didn't want the job. The populace is not easily convinced when faced with the consolation prize winner, while the 'real leader' is not even willing to own the crisis. More importantly, for the likes of the less well versed, hope is an extinct animal because the government so far is repeating all the tricks from the PDM era even after having gotten rid of hewho-can't-be-kept-awayfrom-finance.

My favourite has to be the latest idea, according to a report, where the

subsidy to industrialists by charging consumers more. The IMF didn't agree, said the story. It was eerily reminiscent of a plan the PDM government came up with last year when they promised to charge those with motorbikes a lower rate for petrol by having a higher one for those who drove to the petrol station in a car. I can't remember if the IMF turned it down or the government went home before they could implement it but both these plans remind me of the time Amitabh Bachchan played the role

back films. Both films flopped. It seems as if no one has any solutions to the power sector crisis. Prices only keep rising to the point where the people are crushed or hit the streets, while the government harps on about 'difficult' decisions serious words that convince no one outside air-conditioned drawing rooms where the cooling is done on public money.

of a magician in back-to-

'difficult' decisions in air- tesy Dawn

conditioned drawing rooms. It is hard work to implement them — such as bringing traders into the tax net, a move which in its latest reincarnation first appeared in news stories during the caretaker set-up Remember the unelected government, which feared no political backlash, yet did little other than raising utility bills? The traders remained untaxed during their six months of 'good governance' as now. But for saying this, I will end up with a slap on the wrist for my cynicism and be told to wait for the budget. I will. But in the mean-

time, let me say that my favourite story about the economy remains the assertion that it has stabilised. Which appears akin to someone putting on a corset, holding one's breath and then claiming: 'Hey! I just lost a bunch of weight.

Only one's best friend would agree, because that is what best friends sign up for. But then, what do I know of the economy? I can only crack silly jokes It is easier to discuss about weight loss. -- Cour-

Suppose Modi took a DNA test

Jawed Naqvi

Leave alone Prime Minister Modi's mindless rant for a moment — and the needlessly craven apology by the Congress party spokesman — over Sam Pitroda's scientific-spirited but lazily presented comment that Indians comprised a range of races. Mr Modi feigned outrage at an election rally when the US-based Pitroda, scientific adviser to Rajiv Gandhi and a known Gandhi family loyalist, said one could find African, Arab and Chinese elements in the racial mix of India. It was an innocent remark, for which Pitroda was forced to resign as head of the Congress party's overseas cell.

Compare that to Modi, who is remembered for his notorious profiling of Muslims, who, he said, could be identified by their clothes. Now, for want of y, Modi latched on to Pitroda's casual assertion. "They want to insult us for the colour of our skin,' Modi thundered, gnashing his teeth for effect. It was,

thereby avoiding discussion on electoral bonds scam or rampant unemployment. As for the Congress's reaction, it was typically supine. The party accused Pitroda of uttering offensive ideas and asked him to withdraw them. The timidity had to do with the need to keep the head down.

'Racism' is not a word that Indian politicians readily identify with their countrymen. There is a history of some other words being shunned without a devious intent. Indira Gandhi inserted 'secularism' and 'socialism' as ideals into the preamble of India's constitution. Rahul Gandhi or Priyanka Gandhi won't use the words even though both are excellent speakers who could send Modi cartwheeling in a one-onone debate. They would say everything that would secularism and socialism.

them out. Similarly, mention the word 'Muslim' and Modi said the Congress would steal mangalsutras

Except that it was not po-

litically expedient to spell

storm over a non-issue, and give them to Musthereby avoiding discuslims. Ditto with buffaloes. Priyanka poked fun at the idea, as she should have, except that mangalsutra in her version would be given to "kisi aur ko", someone else. I believe skirting the word 'Muslim' could be a political strategy without necessarily derogative implications for anyone. Muslims are routinely identified in refined conversations as members of a particular community, or less directly as belonging to the minority commu-

nity. Are Blacks a particu-

lar community? There are cultural variants of the problem. At one level, it's not very different from Maharashtrian middle classes introducing their spouses as 'mazha mishter' or ʻmazhi misses'. The same way 'husband and wife' is a more acceptable synonym for 'pati and patni', partly because in the old would attempt to dilate people in the world. Acdays, there was no occa- on Krishna's serious sion for a husband or a query with possible latter- most Indians are primarily wife to introduce their day genetic implications. a mixture of three anceselephant in the room, where embarrassing words they would look wary. are concerned, is 'shudra', an ancient reference for the Tulsidas. lowest rung in the caste

system. The people answering the call have been merged with the conveniently anglicised category OBCs, or Other Backward Classes. On the other hand, when Gandhiji tried to call the Dalits by what he thought was a politer name — 'harijan' the Dalits rejected it outright. In this vein, pervasive colourism and the implicit racism that accompanies it is treated with diffidence and even

Listen to two lines among several from compositions that are popular with Hindi-speaking Hindus. In a bhajan sung by Lata Mangeshkar, little Krishna prods his mother to explain why he was dark-skinned and Radha, his childhood friend, fair. Not sure if Mr Modi

denial. This was not al-

or the avoidably cautious Congress spokesman, for entirely different reasons, on the acceptance of racial mix among Indians is popularised as a bhajan sometime between 4,700 nity of Kerala.

Paluskar. Tulsidas observes Sita travelling with Ram and Laxman through unknown villages on their foot journey to the Dandakaranya forests. The village belles accost Sita and quiz her about the two men with her: "Kaun so preetam, kaun so devarava?" Who are the two men with her? "Siya muskai, bolati mridubani" Sita smiles and says: 'Savaro'n so preetam, gaur so devarava." (The darker one is my beloved. The fair fellow his younger brother, my devar.) Using mythology to explain a pervasive reality here is not the pur-

varied colours of skin that eludes the present. South Asia, we are given to understand, is home to one of the most diverse assemblages of cording to one such study,

pose. The point is that

there has been an unstated.

unobtrusive acceptance of

by classical singer D.V. and 3,000 BCE, and herders from the central Eurasian steppe region who swept into the region sometime after 3,000 BCE, perhaps between 1,900 and 1,500 BCE.

In the new study, University of California, Berkeley, population geneticist Priya Moorjani – who also co-led the previous work — and her colleagues confirm the identities of those ancestral groups. By estimating how much genetic mutation occurs between generations and calculating how long it would have taken India's modern population to reach its current state of variation, Moorjani and her colleagues argue that the settlers who gave rise to contemporary Indians were part of a single migration out of Africa about 50,000

As for Mr Modi, he might consider following the lead of Gopal Pillai, a former home secretary. spouses to anyone. The But my favourite citation tral populations: hunter- Muslim biases among othgatherers who lived on the ers, that his DNA test land for tens of thousands showed him as 80 per cent a 16th-century verse from of years, farmers with Ira- Central Asian. And he be-It was nian ancestry who arrived longs to a Hindu commu-

Climate resilience

Ajaz Ahmed

While the modern economy depends heavily on the smooth operation of critical infrastructure to deliver basic services, there are new challenges confronting

sustainability and durability of this infrastructure. Climate change is one such challenge. Notwithstanding the lack of data and adequate reporting, estimates show that climate-related natural disasters disrupted basic services such as health, education, and transport in at least 44 reporting countries in 2020 and 2021.

According to the World Bank, the financial toll of infrastructure disruptions in low- and middle-income countries reached up to \$647 billion in 2019. If there is one thing that developing countries like Pakistan need to learn from this, it is to ensure that development gains are preserved. This means that there is an urgent need to develop the resilience of critical infrastructure to enable it to withstand climate shocks, such as floods. However, the current approach to infrastructure development rarely factors in climate risks and the cascading impact of climate-related disasters. Similarly, high upfront costs often discourage the incorporation of the climate resilience aspect in infra-

ructure development. Whenever a natural disaster, such as floods, hits Pakistan, it destroys infrastructure, depriving people of access to basic services, including water supply, sanitation, electricity, health, and transport to the nearest market to buy food and other needed supplies. The disruption of basic services during

natural disasters amplifies the exposure of the affected population; it aggravates their vulnerability and undermines

The damage to critiinfrastructure also has indirect effects. For example, evidence shows that small businesses that provide livelihood to low-income households suffer losses due to the disruption of transport and electricity supply and not the flood itself. However, infrastructure resilience improves the reliability of service provision and increases the life of assets - including those which are of an income-generating nature — thereby protecting returns, enabling livelihood diversification, and reducing

disaster risk Since Pakistan has decarbonisation achieve Nationally Determined Contributions targets etc, investing in climate-resilient infrastructure could be a winwin situation. It would allow the economy to decarbonise and also develop resilience to climate shocks. Making infrastructure resilient to climate shock would mean a marginal increase in the total investment cost. But, not only would these be recouped soon, the extra effort will increase the lifetime of an asset. Nevertheless, investments in climate-resilient and lowcarbon infrastructure need a fundamental transformation of critical infrastructure systems, which should be re-

considering different proposals. Pakistan highly vulnerable to cli-

flected in the projects'

planning, design, and de-

livery. A crucial element

is to incorporate this as-

pect into the public pro-

curement process, while

mate change and the freclimate-induced natural disasters expected to increase, ensuring infrastructure resilience should be a priority of the government. This requires prioritising investments to develop this resilience and mitigate the impact of natural disasters on vulnerable communities. In addition to such investments, assessing the resilience of existing infrastructure and improving weaknesses is also important to cope with natural disasters. This would req-uire developing quantitative and qualitative techniques and methods to ass-ess the resilience of a system to a po--t-ential natural disaster.

In addition to spearheading the resources, generating high-quality data and inf-ormation, deve-loping required tools, and improving the technical and institutional capacity of relevant departments are crucial to supporting decision-making under uncertain climatic conditions. Integrating this aspect of uncertainty in the planning, development and deployment of tools for decision-making can mitigate infrastructural damage and post-disaster reconstruction costs.

Similarly, leveraging nature-based solutions can significantly reduce climate risks and help develop infrastructure resil-

Nature-based solu-

tions do much to ensure that infrastructure has a harmonious relationship with the natural environment, so that environmental sustainability is not undermined by weak infrastructure. Such infrastructure assets and corresponding basic services are better protected against climate shocks. - Courtesy Dawn

Syed Saadat

Not too long ago, it was reported that the Pakistan Customs Group's association had moved a resolution seeking proof of the government's allegations of corruption and inefficiency against certain tax officers. It threatened to take legal action against Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif for purging the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) of these officers. A majority of votes for the resolution ensured its passage within 24 hours. This was a swift reaction to the removal of 25 of-— 11 of them belonging to Customs and 14 were from Inland Revenue. Apparently, the PM's actions were rooted in adverse reports from the intelligence agencies regarding these officers.

Sooner or later, a court will issue a stay order on these removals and various delaying tactics will ensure that these officers retire in due course of time. If guilty, they would neither be stripped of their privileges nor penalised for the plunder that they might have indulged in during their career. This is the playbook for all unscrupulous elements in powerful quarters. Issue a swift and aggressive rejoinder, let the matter cool down, emerge from media scrutiny and take the exit. This happens with the connivance of comrades in the service, who are sometimes accomplices to the crime and at others too timid to complain about wrong-

doing.

The association, instead of just threatening Mr Sharif with legal action, could have gone a step further and revealed the assets of the 'honest' officers for public scrutiny. I am sure investigative journalists can do the honours — as they

Law that rules do in their scrutiny of political persons. We all

know about political sacred cows, but some civil servants do not lag too far behind; and are themselves often considered untouchable' in this

The association took 24 hours to come to the defence of the officers who have been removed from their posts. But on how many occasions has the same association issued press releases calling for departmental action against corrupt officers who bring disrepute to their organisation? Does it mean that no officer in Customs or FBR has been involved in any corrupt practices? I leave the answer to this question to the common sense of the readers.

There have been very few whistle-blowers among the ranks of officers and their fate has not been very encouraging. Either they are tagged as problematic and never get a good posting, or are themselves accused of wrongdoing just to erase

the credibility of their accusations trainings during the career of civil servants are meant to promote camaraderie and coordination within the law and the ambit of Pakistan's civil service. However, these often end up creating a mafia of sorts, whose members ensure they protect each other whenever some adverse action is taken against one of them, even if justified. Loyalty to one's batchmate takes precedence

over loyalty to the state. It is impossible to obtain proof of kickbacks, because the latter are not received directly in bank accounts, but more often in cash. On top of that, those who give these kickbacks are not in a position to be-

come whistle-blowers. If they make any such move, they turn into persona non grata for these services. No businessman wants Customs or FBR officials to scrutinise his day-to-day dealings, because the law is complicated and he can be dragged into long legal

Under such circumstances, there is no official law — just the official who is the law. The proverbial 'software update' (a term used for a change in the stance of someone accusing powerful quarters of wrongdoing) is just round the corner if a mere mortal tries to be a whistleblower. So, for a businessman, it makes perfect sense to make less profit by paying these elements their cut, rather than making no profit at all by being put out of business. Forgive me for being

harsh but, in protecting each other, civil servants often disregard the law. The only time they go against each other is when one gang is pitted against the other. For example, the Pakistan Administrative Service might find fault with the Police Service of Pakistan, or the Secretariat Group officers might accuse PAS officers of being promoted undeservingly nothing more. It is a fact that civil services personnel tend to protect their own no matter how unscrupulous or corrupt these elements may be, rather than serving a public denied its fundamental rights. Many would say, not incorrectly, that there are two ways of getting rich in this country: giving or taking a bribe. Businesses that wish to grow, give bribes; government functionaries receive it. Whether anyone likes it or not, that is the law that rules.

Punjab Governor visits

Bhutto family graveyard

at Ghari Khudabhash

Haider Khan, along with

Sindh Provincial Minister

Mir Tariq Hussain Talpur, on Tuesday reached Garhi

Kudabakhsh Bhutto, laid

floral wreaths on the graves

of Zulfikar Ali Bhutto,

Shaheed Benazir Bhutto,

Shaeed Mir Murtaza

Bhutto, Shaheed Shah

Nawaz Bhutto, Begum

Nusrat Bhutto and Amir

Begum and offered Fateha.

on this occasion, he said

that after taking oath as the

Governor of Punjab, I have

come to Garhi Kudabakhsh

Bhutto for the first time.

We have come to Garhi to

renew our pledge that we

will keep the party flag

high in Punjab and we will work harder and struggle.

people of Punjab had for

Shaheed Bhutto and

Shaheed Mohtarma Bibi is

for Bilawal and it is in the

hearts of the people of

Punjab and it needs to be

brought out. We will once

again make Punjab a

stronghold of PPP, a joint

operation is needed on

Sindh and Punjab to

to the Chief Minister of

Minister of Punjab to play

He said, "I will talk

eliminate dociots.

The love that the

Speaking to the media

CM decides to upgrade tourist sites, improve breeds at cattle farms under PPP mode

Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah presiding over a meeting of the Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC) discussed Green Pakistan Initiative projects to be launched on PPP mode to develop tourism sites, promote safari desert, develop agricultural and livestock farms.

The meeting was held at CM House and was attended by provincial ministers - Nasır Shah, Jam Khan Shoro, Haji Ali Hassan Zardari, Zulfiqar Shah, Dost Ali Rahimoo acting chief Secretary Musadiq Ahmad, PSCM Agha Wasif, Chairman P&D Najam Shah, SMBR Baqaullah Unar, provincial secretaries, Major General Muhammad Hussain of PCIC, Brig Zile Hasnain of 5 Corps and others.

meeting discussed and decided on some proposals as follows: The meeting discussed the development of Keenjhar Lake, Haleji Lake, Hawks Bay and Gorakh Hill Resorts as world-class tourist sites in Public-public-private partnership.

Development Corporation start (STDC) and the irrigation dept for running the Lake as a tourist spot was pending since 2006 and needed to be renewed so that further action could be initiated.

The CM issued their agreement. The also meeting discussed a discussion for the proposal to develop new establishment/raising of Tourism Sites at Parchi the Sindh Tourism Police.

Javeri and Nagarparkar. The chief minister directed Minister Culture & Tourism Zulfiqar Shah to study the proposal and file his recommendations. The CM was told that

six km road from Karachi—Thatta to Haliji Lake was dilapidated. The CM said that the road must The agreement between Keenjhar Lake Sindh Tourism bereconstructed for which he directed the Works & Services department to reconstruction work. The meeting agreed that Desert Safari may be incentivised by launching special trains and offering different packages to attract visitors and participants. Mr Shah sought proposals for directives to the Irrigation improving desert safari & Culture dept to execute activities. A proposal came under

MS. MARYAM N



meeting of Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC), held at CM House

Maryam launches pilot project to make Lahore best eco-friendly city

LAHORE (APP): Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif reached LDA Avenue-1 to launch a pilot project to make Lahore the eco-friendly residential city.

She inaugurated LDA Avenue-1 Central Park, covering an area of 87 canals, and planted a sapling there. LDA DG Tahir Farooq briefed the CM about the Central Park Project, upgraded LDA Enforcement Squad and other related issues. She was briefed that in LDA Society, Avenue-1 innovative steps have been taken to protect and beautify the environment. The Central Park of LDA Avenue-1, a pilot model park, is a major step in this briefed that a jogging track, walkways, kids play area, open gym and badminton court; besides a cafeteria, mosque and rose garden have been established in LDA Avenue-1 Central Chief Minister

Maryam Nawaz Sharif

was briefed that apart from LDA Avenue-1 Central

Park, solar streetlights have also been installed on walkways. Moreover, specific vending points have been set up for the purchase of food items. Arrangements rainwater harvesting and cycling have also been made. A model cemetery has been built there. The chief minister was apprised

Provincial that the LDA enforcement direction. It was also squad is being supplied

equipment and machinery She visited vending points of LDA Avenue-1, where fruits and vegetables were available for sale on clean and newly designed carts. 'It's a good arrangement, but I will come and check again sometime," the CM

inspected the LDA upgraded enforcement squad. She gave keys of new bikes to the enforcement squad. Senior Marriyum Aurangzeb, Information & Culture Minister Azma Zahid Bukhari, Special Assistant Zeeshan Malik, MNA Afzal Khokhar and MPA Sania Ashiq accompanied Madam Chief Minister.

Youth going abroad can approach FO, says Malik

BAHAWALPUR (APP): semi judiciary has powers Regional Head, Federal to listen complaints Ombudsman Office in Bahawalpur, Dr. Muhammad Zahid Malik

on Tuesday said that the youth going abroad could lodge their complaints with the Federal Ombudsman Office against the federal

He expressed these views while addressing an awareness seminar at College of Tourism and Management Hotel (COTHM) Bahawalpur, he said that around 187 federal departments, and others. institutes and corporations came under jurisdiction of the Federal Ombudsman Office. "Federal

against 187 departments of the federal government besides issuing directives to resolve them," he said.

Zahid Malik said that youth and other people who wanted to go abroad to earn livelihood or for tourism visit could file their applications with the Federal Ombudsman Office if they had legitimate complaints against the federal departments including FIA, Passport Office, NADRA, airports

He added that the Federal Ombudsman Office could also listen to complaints regarding bank Ombudsman Office as transactions.

Sharjeel condemns

Senior Minister for Information Sharjeel Inam Memon has condemned attacks on journalists Iqrarul Hasan and Nasrullah Gadani, here on Tuesday.He said that such attacks on journalists are an attack on freedom of press

protection of journalists is important and any kind of violence against them is unacceptable.He further said that the Sindh Government is determined to ensuring the safety of journalists. He hoped that the culprits will be brought to justice as soon as possible.

Pervaiz Elahi

in 20 new

cases of May 9

LAHORE (Online): Police

have nominated former

Chief Minister (CM)

Punjab Chaudhry Pervaiz

Elahi in 20 news cases

related to May 9 incident.

report in Lahore High

Court (LHC). It has been

said in the report Pervaiz

Elahi has been nominated

in 3 cases of Lahore and

cases of Faisalabad. While

11 cases of Rawalpindi.

he has been nominated in

report filed in LHC that

Pervaiz Elahi is nominated

in one case each in Attock

Muharrars

of two police

stations

suspended

FAISALABAD (APP)

Muharrars in two police

stations were suspended

incomplete while its

Muharrar, Muhammad

Tayyab was absent from

duty without informing the

department properly.

dereliction from duty.

and Gujranwala.

It was told in the

IG Punjab has filed

attacks on journalists KARACHI (APP): Sindh

and democracy.
Sharjerl said that the

Wagas with Nandwani, Kokari, and

Bello Banglani gangs. involvement in robberies and kidnappings for

Overall, the Pakistan security operations against the recovery of significant ammunition, and drugs. Additionally, the hideouts of the Arsala Sabzoi and Bello Banglani gangs in

> demolished, leading to the rescue of 109 hostages.
>
> Major General Azhar Waqas also conducted an aerial survey of the robbers' hideouts to assess the situation firsthand.

Kandhkot

Following this, he issued directives to increase patrolling on the Motorway and Indus Highway to ensure the safety of citizens' transport. This includes heightened activity at



Saleem Haider Khan showering rose petals and offering Fateha for the peace of departed soul at the graves of PPP Founder, Martyred Zulfiqar Ali **Bhutto and Martyred Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto** during his visit at Bhutto Mausoleum in Garhi

May 9 related cases bail of sisters of PTI

founder and others.

over negligence and According to a police spokesman, City Police Officer (CPO) Kamran Adil paid a surprise visit to Thikriwala police station and found its record

Umar Ayub, Fawad evening today. The court Chaudhry and others in ordered that the accused be May 9 cases Tuesday. During the hearing of

the case, Aleema Khan, Uzma Khan sisters of Imran Khan, Umar Ayub and others appeared in the court. Prosecution did not present the record of the June 29

ARKANA (APP): The a role in ending the bandit regime by conducting a joint operation so that the people of both provinces can live in peace. I think those who are real journalists will not be offended by this bill. You are a journalist and I am a politician and I have defamed you by making false accusations against you so that you can prove it to someone. After investigating every news, it should be broadcasted.

In order to appoint a judge, all kinds of reports have to be looked at and then appointed. It has been a mismanagement, it was decided to import wheat without considering the wheat produced in the country, the people involved will be punished. Farmers are facing more problems due to delay in heat procurement.

On this occasion, Commissioner Larkana Division Ghulam Mustafa Phul, DIG Larkana Nasir Aftab Pathan, Deputy Commissioner Larkana Dr. Sharjeel Noor Channa, Chairman District Counci Larkana Ijaz Ahmad Leghari, Deputy Chairman District Council Larkana Asadullah Bhutto and a Sindh and the Chief large number of PPP workers were present.



KARACHI: Sindh Governor Kamran Khan Tessori talking to media persons during his visit to Iranian

DG Rangers visits riverine areas to oversee ongoing operations

KARACHI (APP): Major General Azhar Waqas, the Director General of Pakistan Rangers Sindh, criminals across 122 visited the riverine areas of operations. Sindh to review the ongoing operations have resulted in

criminal gangs in the region. quantities of Senior officers from both the police and Rangers accompanied him during this visit, according to the Sindh Rangers spokesman

on Tuesday.

During the visit, the area Sector Commander provided Major General comprehensive briefing on the progress of the operations. Since March 2024, a joint effort between the police and Rangers has led to the arrest of 127 criminals from the Arsala Sabzoi.

ransom along the National Highway.

These gangs have check posts to prevent any been notorious for their criminal activities. Emphasizing the importance of a continued crackdown, the DG

Rangers.



GARHI KHUDA BUX: Governor Punjab, Sardar

ATC extends interim founder, others till June 29

has expressed annoyance for not providing record by the prosecution in May 9 cases against sisters of PTI

ATC Lahore took up for hearing interim bail pleas of Aleema Khan, Uzma Khan, told to the accused till

LAHORE (Online): Anti accused persons in the Terrorism Court (ATC) court. The court expressed court. The court expressed displeasure over it.

Judge Arshid Javed of ATC ordered prosecution should evolve some method to include accused Judge Arshid Javed of in investigation. The Procedure for including them in investigation be investigated and report thereof be filed on next hearing. The court also extended interim bail of Aleema Khan, Uzma Khan, Umar Ayoub , Fawad Chaudhry and others. till

LAHORE: Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif inaugurates LDA Avenue-I Model Central Park. Minister assures Hangu delegation of resolving village council issue

Independent Report Pakhtunkhwa Minister for Revenue and Estate Nazir Ahmad Abbasi on Tuesday met with a delegation of local elders led by Shah Abu Tarab Bangash, Member of Provincial

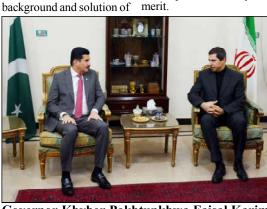
informed the Provincial Minister Nazir Ahmad Abbasi about the problems faced by the locals and said that a village council of Hangu district which consists of two villages has been included in Karak district due to which the residents of the area are facing problems. The Village Council is in every respect near Tehsil Doaba of Hangu District. It is more than 80 KM from Karak district headquarters while 14 KM from Tehsil meeting, there was a

Member Board of Revenue and other relevant officials were present in

the meeting. Nazir Ahmad Abbasi assured the delegation of resolving the problem and said that the Revenue Assembly from Hangu Department has no objection to the inclusion of said Village Council in Hangu district, but the rejoining Hangu can be done only with the approval of the Provincial Cabinet. He directed for preparing a complete case and submitting all the necessary documents and

along with the application. He further said that public issues will be solved on priority basis. Department

Transparency and merit are being prioritized in the Revenue and Estate accountability will be Doaba headquarters. In the ensured adding that decisions will be made in discussion on the the department only on



Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi condoles with firs consul over martyrdom of President of Iran Ebrahim Raisi during his visit to Iran's consulate General Peshawar.

Faisalabad police dealing with crime by exploiting IT and AI: CPO

The city police have established a number of dedicated units to deal with specialized crimes by exploiting the innovative tools of Information Technology (IT) and Artificial Intelligence (AI), said City Police Officer

(CPO) Kamran Adil. Áddressing business community in the Faisalabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry (FCCI), he said, "We are deficient in police force but we could get best possible through multitasking as per prevailing private sector practices. We are passing through a revolutionary age which has particularly complicated urban crimes. We could overcome these challenges by efficiently using IT and AI." He said that he had introduced some fundamental reforms their best interest.

FAISALABAD (APP): in city police during the last fifteen days with a focused approach to get best transforming institution into a unified team. He said that dedicated units for gender violence, prevention of crimes, traffic, finance, and property-related issues have been established in addition to cattle theft. "Each incident is being geotagged to preserve the onground crime scenes," he added. He said that traffic and dolphin police have been directed to operate round the clock to contribute its role in arresting crimes. He said that five checking points would be established on important roads to ensure combing of criminals. "It may perturb people but they must be educated that the step has been taken in

CM visits Iranian Consulate, offers condolence

KARACHI (APP): Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah Tuesday said that Iranian President Dr Syed Ebrahim Raisi was a lofty personality and was

a hero of the Islamic world. "His sudden demise in an air crash has caused me more pain because the memories of his visit to CM House are less than a month old and are still alive in my heart and soul," he said and added that he was a courageous leader.

This, he said while talking to the media persons just after offering condolences with the Iranian Consul General, Hassan Nourian over the loss of the Iranian President and Foreign

Minister at the Consulate. He said that receiving the President of Iran Dr Ebrahim Raisi and the delegation at the CM House was an honour for him.

"The President's staff told us that the President will not be able to sit longer for the dinner because he was tired but he sat with us, enjoyed food and shared his valuable thoughts for around an hour," he recalled.

Murad Shah on behalf of the people of the province offered deepest condolence to the family of Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi and Foreign Minister Hossain Amirabdollahian.

Four robbery gangs busted

AISALABAD (APP): The police claimed to bust out four gangs by arresting their nine active members along motorcycles, weapons and other items during past 24

Police said here on Tuesday that Roshanwala police on a tip-off conducted raid and nabbed three robbers including Faisal, Khaleeq-ur-Rehman and Shahid Iqbal residents Chak RB, besides recovering a looted loader truck worth Rs.5 million, 6 freezers, 2 washing machines, one airconditioner and weapons from their possession.

Similarly, Saddar police team arrested two outlaws of a robbers' gang including Muhammad Nawaz, r/o Chak no.162 Sikandar Pur and Amjad Siddique r/o Chak no.228-GB Chiniot along with two stolen motorcycles, cash mobile phones and weapons. Meanwhile, Chak Jhumra police arrested two robbers Shahid Jameel and Shah Jahan along with motorcycle, cash and weapons, whereas Jaranwala Saddar police nabbed two robbers- Kashif and Mudassar Aslam along with six motorcycles, cash of Rs.100,000.

LAHORE: President American Claytan Agri-Marketing Company Tony

Clayton meeting with Provincial Minister for Information Azma Bukhari and Provincial Minister for Agriculture Syed Ashiq Kirmani. Police nominate

KP's govt commitment for polio eradication laud by global organization

Oversight Board (POB), a subsidiary of Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) on Tuesday has appreciated the strong commitment and dedication of government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa eradication of polio.

communicated by POB in wake of visit of its members to Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, says a press release of Health Department.

In the report filed by POB after visit of KP, the subsidiary appreciated Chief Minister KP, Ali Amin Gandapur over engaging locally elected leaders and officials, particularly in South KP and his strong

The Health Minister, Syed Qasim Ali Shah, was also commended by POB for establishing the Outbreak Coordination Committee to fully engage the assets of the provincial health department.

Health Minister's The appreciation is commitment to enhance essential service and improve immunization in deprived communities of South of KP and review progress every month is also lauded.

organization appreciated consistent support of Chief Secretary to keep the provincial administration and Law enforcing agencies fully engaged to ensure foolproof eradication teams.



KARACHI: Karachi Union of Journalists and Federal Union of Journalists hold a protest against closure of Quetta press club in the Provincial Capital.

complex challenges in

coordination, and market

dynamics, of the cigarette

industry which are causing

significant tax revenue

losses for the national exchequer. Additionally, the

inadequate enforcement of

existing laws, rules,

regulations, and policies

has further bolstered the

While quoting efficacy of the Track and

Trace System (TTS) under

enforcement regime, the

report mentioned that the

TTS had been aimed at

reducing the levels of illicit

trade in the country.

Contrary to that goal, the

government's

continuation of the scheme,

that Net metering is a billing tool that allows the

energy generated by solar panels to the local grid in

importance of E&P sector

reforms, a supportive

investor policy, and

was not demanded anything

exchange for credits to the about monthly electric bills.

To a question, he said

he added.

Govt to bring reforms in

key areas to provide relief

to masses: Energy minister

ISLAMABAD (APP): currently 113,000 Federal Minister for connections on the net. Energy Sardar Awais The government is

Energy Sardar Awais The government is Ahmad Leghari Tuesday willing to review the solar

said that the government would bring reforms in key needed, it supports the

measures to eliminate consumers to send excess power theft to reduce the energy generated by solar

stakeholders into confidence before taking any final decision, adding that the PML-N-led government in 2017 clear that the IMF has yet

encouraged, and there are related to this Policy.

areas to address the issues

news channel, he said that we will take effective

financial burden on the

Pakistan's solar net

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OMMERCENEWS

Khawaja Asif for an end to cigarette manufacturers' influence for tax evasion

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister for Defence and Khawaja Muhammad Asif on Tuesday said that it was absolutely saddening that taxes while the share of all counterfeit cigarette the other cigarette were members of the assemblies and watch guard their business' interests through

"Pakistan has a capacity to generate 27,000 billion rupees in terms of taxes and we will not need IMF support if we only collect half of this tax," this was stated by Defence Khawaja Muhammad Asif at the launching session of the research report titled 'Illicit Cigarette Trade in Pakistan Current Situation and Way Forward', produced by the National University

(NUST), a news release audience was briefed on the

"Two major cigarette administration, revenue manufacturers are collection, contributing Rs170b in coordination manufacturers is just 2 billion rupees," he added. Khawaja Asif quoted

ex Chairman FBR Shabbar Zaidi that during his tenure when FBR planned to implement tax on the cigarette industry, at that time Speaker National Assembly Asad Qaiser pressurized Shabbar Zaidi not to implement taxes on the cigarette industry.

The NUST research report on the tobacco sector revealed that Pakistan is losing 310 billion rupees annually due to tax evasion in the



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Commerce, Jam Kamal Khan and Federal Minister for Communication, Abdul Aleem Khan, jointly chairing a cabinet committee dedicated to promoting Pakistani enterprises in global markets.

Jam Kamal for fostering Intl collaborations to maximizing market opportunities

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Commerce, Jam Kamal Tuesday emphasized fostering international and market collaborations maximizing opportunities for Pakistani

Federal Minister for Commerce, Jam Kamal Khan, and Federal Minister for Communication, Abdul Aleem Khan, jointly chaired a cabinet committee dedicated to promoting The Pakistani enterprises in identifies

global markets, said a press release issued here.

The committee is tasked with developing recommendations for Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, drawing on insights from various industry

Kamal emphasized Pakistan's workforce and competitive labor costs, highlighting the country's potential across multiple sectors.

engineering, construction, services, IT, and other industries, leveraging both domestic and international exhibitions with the support of Trade and Investment Officers.

This initiative aims to In his remarks, Jam enhance Pakistan's global market presence and stimulate economic growth. The Prime Minister established the committee to explore export opportunities and assess the potential o Pakistani companies.

CCP approves product supply agreement between Aramco, GO Petroleum

ISLAMABAD (APP): Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) has granted a timebound exemption on the relevant clauses of product supply agreement between Aramco Trading (ATC) Fujairah FZE Ltd and Gas and Oil Pakistan Ltd (GO Petroleum) for importing and selling gasoline and diesel products to

Pakistan. ATC Fujairah, registered in the United Arab Emirates, is one of the world's largest integrated energy and chemicals companies, said a press release here on Tuesday.

Gas and Oil Pakistan Limited, an Oil Marketing (OMC) Company

outlets across the country that sell petrol, diesel, and lubricants. Under the referred agreement, ATC Fujairah intends to meet GO Petroleum's demand for essential petroleum products for its outlets, which primarily includes gasoline and diesel.

The parties submitted to the CCP that this arrangement is expected to achieve economies of scale in procurement for GO Petroleum, potentially resulting in better prices for Pakistani consumers. Accordingly, the

exemption sought was on exclusivity aspects of the commercial agreement to supply 100% demand of operates a network of retail Petroleum's retail outlets.

Gold rates dip by Rs 1,900 per tola

ISLAMABAD (APP): The per tola price of 24 karat gold decreased by Rs 1,900 and was sold at Rs 248,500 on Tuesday compared to its sale at Rs 250,400 on the last trading

The price of 10 grams of 24 karat gold also decreased by Rs 1,630 to Rs 213,048 from Rs 214,678 whereas the price of 10 grams 22 karat gold went down to Rs 195,295 from Rs 196,788, the All Sindh Sarafa Jewellers Association reported.

The price of per tola and ten-gram silver remained constant at Rs2,850 and Rs2,443.41, Department to reduce respectively.

association reported.

ISLAMABAD: Mr. Ahmar Ellahi, Accountant General of Pakistan Revenues along with senior officers visiting all sections of the AGPR.

No increase in water charges for hydro power projects: CM

Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif, chairing the fourth meeting of the Standing Committee of the Cabinet on Finance and Development (SCCFD), directed that water charges for hydropower projects should not be increased. "Though increasing

the charges will increase revenue, but it may increase the price of electricity, so I will not approve," she remarked. The CM also directed

the Local Government proposed sanitation The price of gold in the international market decreased by \$21 to \$2,418 from \$2,439, the charges for the solid waste and 2 million commercial

LAHORE (APP): Punjab of Rs.300 on up to 5 marla house and Rs.500 on 10 marla house. However, in rural areas, Rs 200 will be imposed on up to 10 marla house and Rs 500 on houses larger than 10

> approved release of PSDP 2023-24 funds out of Rs.685 million block allocation for the construction of 2 roads, including a 123 km long road from Lower Topa Murree via Chowk Pandori to Kotli Sattian and a 47 km long road from Salam to Sargodha via Bhalwal

Approval of funds for Green Pakistan Programme granted by that Punjab has 19.85 SCCFD, besides approving million residential units allowance for Accounts Group member of Punjab units. It was decided to Revenue Authority impose sanitation charges Appellate Tribunal.

Exports increase by 29% to Rs 7.1trln in 10 months

The exports from the country in the rupee term witnessed an increase of 29.07 percent during the first ten months of the current fiscal year as compared to the corresponding period of last year, the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) reported. Exports during July-April (2023-2024) totaled Rs. 7,172,151

million as against Rs.5,556,750 million during the corresponding period of last year, according to PBS provisional figures.

exports from Pakistan during April, 2024 amounted to Rs.654,226

ISLAMABAD (APP): million (provisional) as against Rs. 715,458 million in March, 2024 and Rs. 608,239 million during April, 2023 showing a decrease of 8.56% over March, 2024 but increased by 7.56% over April, 2023.

On a year-on-year basis, the exports during April 2024 increased by 7.56 percent and were recorded at Rs. Rs.654,226 million compared to the exports of Rs. Rs. 608,239 million in April 2023.

On a month-on-month basis, the exports however decreased by 8.56 percent when compared to the exports of Rs. 715,458 million in March 2024.



LAHORE: A worker busy in preparing for air room-coolers at his roadside workplace.

SECP holds workshop on collaboration with China in capital markets

Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) on Tuesday organized a workshop to explore areas of potential collaboration in capital markets between Pakistan and China. The purpose of the workshop was to benefit from the experience and ideas of financial market experts and veterans.

Chairman SECP Mr. Akif Saeed chaired the workshop. participants included Mr. Abdul Rehman Warraich, Commissioner SECP, senior management of

KARACHI (INP): The SECP, and experts from capital infrastructure institutions, brokerage houses, banks, insurance companies, and asset management companies.

The participants deliberated ways to strengthen connections between the capital markets of both countries and to enhance Chinese investment in Pakistan's capital markets. Specific suggestions included exploring cross listings between the respective stock exchanges. establishing joint ventures between Chinese firms.

illicit trade had increased tobacco sector. since its implementation. of Science & Technology This increase of illicit

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Finance & Revenue Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb in a meeting with the delegation of Pakistan Retail Business Council (PRBC) led by Mr. Ziad Bashir.

for the fiscal year 2023-24

have witnessed a revised

growth of 2.71% and

1.79% as compared to

earlier, the growth in the

second quarter has improved from 5.02% to

upward revisions in

important crops (from

8.12% to 12.92%) and

other crops (from -0.31%

improvement in mining and

quarrying from 7.78% to

15.46%, the industrial

activities have posted

0.24% to -2.44%.

ISLAMABAD: Labourers busy in unloading sacks

AGPR enhances

services delivery with

innovative solution

ISLAMABAD (APP): removed the cumbersome

risk bills, significantly resources, and

cheque

processes associated with

collection, and encashment.

financial transactions and

saving valuable time and

collaboration with the

State Bank of Pakistan,

payments are now processed on Saturdays as

well, further enhancing

General also praised the

establishment of a

facilitation center, which

assists pensioners and

demonstrates the AGPR's commitment to improving

public service delivery.

This center provides

pensioners receive timely

pensioners includes the

introduction of seamless

biometric verification for

pensioners, and financial

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He praised the ongoing efforts and highlighted the importance the pensioners receive time and effective assistance.

The facilitation of the pensioners receive time and effective assistance.

Elahi noted the both conveniences for

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of grains from a truck at Ghouri Town.

Accountant General Ahmar

Elahi on Tuesday

highlighted the benefits of

the Green Channel Facility

which accelerates payment

for high-volume but low-

reducing transaction delay

sections of the Accountant

General Pakistan Revenues

initiatives aimed at

facilitating government

operations, said that that

Green Channel Facility has

enabled government offices

to complete their financial

transactions within 24

hours, ensuring prompt

and effective financial

management, said a news

of focusing on efficient service delivery for

government employees and

success of the micro-

payment gateway said that accuracy

this innovative system has government.

While visiting all

(AGPR) office, he efficiency. commended several key The

and improving efficiency.

Despite significant

NAC approves provisional GDP at 2.38% for fiscal year 2023-24

ISLAMABAD (APP): and second quarters The National Accounts estimates for 2023-24. Committee (NAC) on Overall GDP for the first Tuesday approved the provisional growth of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the country at 2.38 per cent for the ongoing fiscal year (2023-

The approval was accorded in the 109th growth in agriculture meeting of the NAC, which was held with the Secretary remained stable at 8.59% Ministry of Planning, development and Special Initiatives in the chair, said a press release issued here committee

approved the quarterly GDP growth rates for firstquarter (revised), second (revised), and third quarter during the fiscal year 2023-24 and annual growth rates for 2021-22 (final), 2022-23 (revised) and 2023-24 (provisional).

committee downward revision from approved the revised first

82,660 power pilferers in **240 days** LAHORE (APP): Lahore Electric Supply Company quarter and second quarter

(LESCO) has detected a total of 82,660 connections from where the customers were pilfering electricity in all its circles of five districts (Lahore, 1.79% as compared to 2.50% and 1.0% estimated in the 108th NAC meeting.

While the revised the integral agriculture Sahib, Kasur and Okara) in 240 days of grand antipower theft campaign.

The LESCO

LESCO detects

spokesman told media here Tuesday that the company as against 8.58% presented has also submitted FIR applications against electricity thieves, out of which 76,097 FIRs have 5.83% mainly due to been registered in respective police stations, while 32,353 accused have been arrested. The LESCO has so far charged a total of 97,085,841 detection units worth ,543,823,518 to all the power pilferers.

Grand anti-power theft operations against electricity thieves are being conducted directives of the Federal Power Division and the LESCO Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

Ideal season for sowing cotton, Anjum

BAHAWALPUR (APP) Agriculture Scientist, Dr. Anjum Ali has said that prevailing season was ideal for sowing cotton to get bumper yield of its crop.

Addressing a ceremony held here, Consultant, Agriculture Department, Government of Punjab and Agriculture Scientist, Dr. Anjum Ali said that Agriculture Deparment, government institutes and all other stakeholders had been making joint efforts to promote campaign for sowing cotton.

'Cotton is considered as white gold and cash crop which used to benefit local farmers due to its growing demand in international market," he said. He said that prevailing season and months were ideal for sowing cotton in Multan, Bahawalpur, Dera Ghazi Khan and other regions to get bumper yield of the crop.

chairman PRBC to discuss

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue challenges faced by retail

Minister of State for Finance and Revenue Ali Pervez Malik also attended the meeting, said a news release issued here. The PRBC delegation expressed their appreciation over steps being taken by the government to improve economic conditions in the They also country. extended their support for

faced by the retail businesses. They highlighted the need for the inclusion of

untaxed, undocumented retail sector in the tax net. Furthermore, they gave proposals encourage documented business in the country.

The federal minister acknowledged concerns and mentioned that McKinsey and been Company has been engaged to assist the FBR's end-to-end digitalization, which will broaden the tax

He also informed the delegation that he had assigned the minister of state Ali Pervez Malik to oversee this task on a dayto-day basis to ensure its timelv completion. Minister



QUETTA: A delegation of Anjuman-e-Tajiran Quetta led by Haji Noor Muhammad Achakzai meeting with Speaker Balochistan Assembly Abdul Khaliq Achakzai.

PSX turns bullish, gains

ISLAMABAD (APP): The 100-Index of the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) turned around to bullish trend on Tuesday, gaining 122.77 points, a positive change of 0.16 per cent, closing at 75,206.77 points against 75,084.00 points the previous trading

A total of 462,304,427 shares valuing Rs 15.871billion were traded during the day as compared to 375,359,048 shares valuing Rs 16.301 billion on the last day. Some 381 companies

transacted their shares in the stock market; 174 of them recorded gains and 184 sustained losses whereas the prices of 23 companies remained unchanged. The three top trading companies were K-Electric Limited with 40,931,358 shares at Rs4.84 per share, Dewan Cement with 38,491,341 shares at Rs 10.80 per share and Symmetry Group Limited with 32.850,970 shares at Rs

4.94 per share.
Serice Industries Limited witnessed a maximum increase of Rs 56.46 per share price closing at Rs 841.46, whereas the runner-up was Mehmood Textile Mills Limited with Rs 26.30 increase to close at Rs 525.52. Unilever Pakistan Foods Limited witnessed a maximum decrease of Rs 428.42 per share closing at Rs 18,555.32, followed by Nestle Pakistan Limited with Rs 96.54 decline to close at Rs 7,321.28.

KARACHI: Mashreq Pakistan Chief Information Officer, Khurram Abid and Group Chief Business Solutions Officer PTCL and Ufone 4G, Zarrar Hasham Khan sign an agreement for provision of primary data center colocation services to Mashreq at PTCL Tier-III Data Center in Karachi. 122 points

Finance Minister meets with retail sector challenges

Muhammad Aurangzeb on Tuesday met with the Chairman of the Pakistan Retail Business Council (PRBC) Ziad Bashir and a delegation to discuss the

Federal Board

Revenue's Tajir Dost Scheme. Additionally, they informed the minister about the challenges being about the challenges being Minister of State appreciated the proposals submitted by PRBC. Additionally, they

Iranians pay last respects to late president Raisi killed in helicopter crash

Monitoring Desk TEHRAN: Tens of thousands of Iranians gathered on Tuesday to mourn president Ebrahim Raisi and seven members of his entourage who were killed in a helicopter crash on a fogshrouded mountainside.

Waving Iranian flags and portraits of the late president, mourners set off from a central square in the northwestern city of Tabriz, where Raisi was headed when his helicopter crashed on Sunday.

They walked behind a lorry carrying the coffins of Raisi and those who died with him, who also included foreign minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian. "We, the members of the government, who had the honour to serve this beloved president, the hardworking

people and leader to follow killed by a US missile in the path of these martyrs," Interior Minister Ahmad Vahidi said in a speech.

"Everyone has come to bid farewell to the martyred president and his companions regardless of their faction, ethnicity or language," said Tabriz lawmaker Masoud Pezeshkian.

However, although state TV said a large crowd appeared in Tabriz, some insiders see a stark contrast in public grief compared with past commemorations for the deaths of other senior figures in the Islamic Republic's 45-year history. While Iran proclaimed

five days of mourning for Raisi, there was little of the emotional rhetoric that accompanied the death of Qasem Soleimani, a senior commander of the elite

2020 in Íraq, whose funeral drew huge crowds of mourners, weeping with sorrow and rage.

The helicopter lost communications while it Tabriz after Raisi attended the inauguration of a joint dam project on the Aras River, which forms part of the border with Azerbaijan, in a ceremony with his counterpart Ilham Aliyev. A massive search and rescue operation was launched on Sunday when two other helicopters flying alongside Raisi's lost contact with his aircraft in bad weather. State television announced his death in a report early on Monday, saying "the servant of the Iranian nation, Ayatollah Ebrahim Raisi, has achieved the highest



A man stands as Israeli military machineries operate in Jenin, in the Israeli-

aid from Britain, Romania,

the United Arab Emirates,

island's business chamber

said 150 companies had

net meeting, French govern-

ment spokesman Prisca

Speaking after a cabi-

been looted and burnt.

Required Quantity

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14 items

Procurements shall be made under the Balochistan Public

Procurement Rules 2014. Eligibility of Bidders: (a)The bidder

must have completed 2 assignment of similar nature of work in last 3

years. (b) Turnover for each item is different please download &

check SBD showing financial capacity of the firm. (c) Registration

with relevant taxation departments. Bid Security: The Bid Security

in the form of Call Deposit or Bank Guarantee of amount specified

above in the name of the under signed from a scheduled bank

Tender Fee: The bidding document fee for each item mentioned

above may be deposited through Green Challan in the name of

Director General Farms and Feed Resources Livestock and Dairy

Development Department Balochistan A/C Number: C-03223-

Others. Issuance of tender Documents The NIT & Bidding

Document can be obtained electronically from under above TSE

numbers and may be obtained from the office of undersigned for

S.NO 3 TO 6.during office hours. Last Date of bid submission: Bid

can only be submitted for S.NO 1 & 2 electronically while physical

bids may be submitted for S.NO.3 to 6 latest by 5th June, 2024 till

11:00 AM in the office of undersigned. Tender opening: All tenders

will be opened on same day at 12:00 PM on EPPS System for S.No 1

& 2 while physically for S.NO.3 TO 6. Address: Baghnari Cattle

Farm Usta Muhammad Near Cadet College Jaffarabad.

 $\textbf{Phone no.}\, 03320372205 \;\; \textbf{Fax no.}\, 08339230260$

Maritime aid shipments to Gaza 'on track': Cyprus

Zealand send evacuation flights

Monitoring Desk NICOSIA: Four ships from the United States and France are transporting aid from Larnaca port to the Gaza Strip amid the spiralling humanitarian crisis there, the Cyprus presi-

dency said on Tuesday.
Victor Papadopoulos

the United States and other countries have accumulated from the presidential press office told state radio that 1,000 tonnes of aid were shipped from Cyprus to reporters on Tuesday the the besieged Palestinian ter- maritime aid effort was "on ritory between Friday and track".

Monitoring Desk

SYDNEY: French President

Emmanuel Macron will

travel to the Pacific island

of New Caledonia on Tues-

day, a government spokes-

person said, just over a week

after riots erupted in the

French overseas territory,

toral reform have left a trail

of destruction with shops

looted, cars burnt and road

barricades restricting access

to medicine and food. The

The riots over elec-

leaving six dead.

of quoted rate

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1. Purchase of Livestock

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TSE232405419941

5. Purchase of Furniture

6. Purchase of Veterinary

4. Purchase of Electrical &

Electronic items TSE232405419971

and Fixture TSE232405420031

Medicines TSE232405418721

3. Purchase of IT equipment

2. Purchase of Mix Cattle Feed

Sunday. He said the vessels were shuttling between Gaza and the east Mediterranean island, a distance of about 360 kilometres (225 miles). Large quantities of

The statement said Asma, 48, would undergo a at Larnaca port. Cyprus President Nikos Čhristodoulides told

said she had fully recovered **Macron heads to New** from breast cancer that she said had been discovered Caledonia as Australia, New

banker has taken on the public role of leading charfamilies of killed soldiers, but has also become hated by the opposition.

Thevenot said Macron would travel to "set up a mission," without saying what it could entail. Some politicians have called for veteran politicians to be named as mediators but Thevenot did not say if

this was what Macron had NOTICE INVITING TENDER The Chairman Procurement Committee Bhagnari Cattle Farm Jaffarabad invites bids from eligible Bidders for supply of following items under PSD Scheme "UPGRADTION OF BHAGNARI CATTLE FARM USTA MUHAMMAD" bearing PSDP NO.4866 Z2021.1227 (Revenue Cost) for the CFY 2023-24. Bid Security 2%

Modi's party, chasing a rare third term in office, has also faced stronger opposition than anticipated in a handful of states, leading election experts and Indian financial markets to adjust forecasts of a landslide

New device helps paraplegics regain partial use of hands

ARIS: Around 40 individuals who were 'paralysed' from the neck down, have regained 'partial control' of their arms and hands, thanks to a relatively 'simple to use device', a large study said on Mon-

The trial has raised hopes that the 'non-invasive' device may help people with spinal injuries, get back' the use of their



This handout picture provided by the Iranian president's office shows honour guards carrying the coffin of late president Ebrahim Raisi during a funeral procession in Tabriz, the capital of Iran's East Azerbaijan province.

work on a bilateral accord

that would likely call for

formal US guarantees to

defend the kingdom as well

US, Saudis close to strategic agreement

Monitoring Desk ASHINGTON: United States and Saudi Arabia are close to a deal on a bilateral agreement after the US national security adviser made significant progress in talks with Saudis over the weekend, the White House said on Mon-

White House national security spokesperson John Kirby said the two sides are "closer than we've ever been" on an agreement US and Saudi negotiaas Saudi access to more advanced US weaponry, in return for halting Chinese arms purchases and restricting Beijing's investment in White House national security adviser Jake Sullivan held talks with Saudi Crown Prince

Mohammed bin Salman and other Saudi officials over the weekend where progress was made, Kirby ors are seeking to complete said.

Singapore Airlines flight hits severe turbulence, one passenger dead, seven critically injured

Monitoring Desk BANGKOK: One passenger was killed and 30 injured after a Singapore Airlines (SIAL.SI), opens new tab flight from London hit severe turbulence en route on Tuesday, forcing it to make an emergency landing in Bangkok, officials and the airline said.

"Singapore Airlines offers its deepest condolences to the family of the deceased. We deeply apologise for the traumatic experience that our passengers and crew members suffered on this flight," the airline said, adding it was working with Thai authorities to

provide all necessary assistance. The flight fell into an air pocket while cabin crew was serving breakfast before it encountered turbulence, prompting the pilots to request an emergency landing, Suvarnabhumi airport general manager Kittipong Kittikachorn told a press conference. A 73-year-old British

man died during the incident, likely due to a heart attack, he said. Seven people were critically injured with head injuries. Eighteen people have

been hospitalised and 12 are being treated in hospitals, Singapore Airlines said.

Lawmakers protest and fight during a parliamentary session in Taipei,

TENDER NOTICE

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1 HOME SOLAR SYSTEM FOR UC NASIR ABAD,

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ABAD TSE 232405419413

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CHUR, GASHRDAN TUMP TSE 232405419343

SHEKAN, NODIZ TSE 232405419373

BALICHA, RUDBUN TUMP TSE 232405419743

KOSHKALAT, MALIKABAD TUMP TSE 232405419783

PULLABAD, MALANT, GOMAZAI TSE 232405419683

B HOME SOLAR SYSTEMS FOR KALTUK, BALOCH 39,655,931

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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. Turnover of at least 30,000,000

PKR Amount in 3 subsequent previous years showing financial

capacity of the firm. Registration with Pakistan Engineering council

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Taliban poets sing praise of new Afghan order

Monitoring Desk CHARIKAR: Taliban poets, long fuelled by fervour for jihad against foreign forces, have focused their efforts on flattering the men who now rule Afghanistan.

Overlooking the deserted Bagram airfield, the US military's former centre of operations in Afghanistan, a governmentorganised poetry reading attracts Taliban bards who eulogise their power.

'It is a pure system this is our victory," proclaimed Samiullah Hamas in front of an avid crowd in Parwan province.

Yemen's Houthis say they downed **US** drone over al-Bayda province **Monitoring Desk**

DUBAI: Yemen's Houthis downed a US MQ9 drone over al-Bayda province in southern Yemen, the Iranaligned group's military spokesperson said in a televised statement on Tuesday. Yahya Saree said the drone was targeted with a locally made surface-to-air missile and that videos to support the claim would be released. The Houthis said last Friday they downed another US MQ9 drone over the southeastern province of Maareb.

criminal change "chaos".

In a statement, the three NGOs and eight in-

pro-Iran fighters in Syria

Israeli strikes kill six

Monitoring Desk BEIRUT: A war monitoring body has said that at least six pro-Iran fighters were killed on Monday. Israel conducted strikes in Syria (near the Lebanese border), in an area where Lebanon's powerful Hezbol-lah group, holds

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said "Israeli strikes targeted two positions of pro-Iran groups in the Homs region" including "a Hezbollah site in the Qusayr area" (near the border), where "six Iran-backed fighters were killed". The Observatory did not specify their na-

source from Hezbollah told journalists' that 'at least one fighter' from the group was killed in the Israeli strikes, within the Qusayr area.

ments on individual strikes conducted in Syria but has 'repeatedly' said it will 'not allow' its arch-enemy Iran, to expand its presence in the region.

On Saturday, the Observatory said an Israeli drone strike near the Lebanese border targeted a vehicle carrying "a Hez-bollah commander and his companion" (without reporting casualties).

Hez-bol-lah did not announce any deaths among its ranks, on Saturday.

On the 9 of May, Israeli strikes on Syria targeted facilities belonging to Iraq's 'Al-Nujaba armed movement, the Observatory and the pro-Iran group said.

In addition to this, Damascus said an unidentified building was at-

Kremlin says it is very curious that US appears ready to sanction the ICC

Monitoring Desk MOSCOW: The Kremlin said on Tuesday it was very curious that the United States appeared ready to use sanctions against the International Criminal Court whose prosecutor requested arrest warrants for Israeli Prime Minister

war crimes. prosecutor

Benjamin Netanyahu, his defence chief and three

Hamas leaders over alleged

had reasonable grounds to believe the five men 'bear criminal responsibility" for alleged war crimes and crimes against humanity.

US President Joe Biden called the legal step 'outrageous", while Secretary of State Antony Blinken said it could jeopardize negotiations on a hostage deal and ceasefire. Some US lawmakers

called for the United States Karim Khan said in a to impose sanctions on the statement issued after court. In 2020, the United more than seven months States imposed sanctions of war in Gaza that he on an ICC prosecutor.

NGOs seek climate trial of French oil giant TotalEnergies

Monitoring Desk PARIS: NGOs filed a

complaint against French oil giant TotalEnergies and its top shareholders in Paris on Tuesday, seeking a trial for involuntary manslaughter and other con-

The case targets the company's board, includchief executive Patrick Pouyanne, and major shareholders that backed its climate strategy, including US investment firm BlackRock and Norway's central bank, Norges Bank.

dividuals said they ac-

cused the group of "deliberately endangering the lives of others, involuntary manslaughter, neglecting to address a disaster, and damaging biodiversity".

The complaint was filed at the Paris judicial sequences of climate court, which has environmental and health departments, three days before TotalEnergies holds its annual share holders meeting.

The prosecutor now has three months to decide whether to open a judicial investigation. the NGOs said. If it does not go ahead the plaintiffs can take their case directly before an investigative judge.

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Paris climate accord is not enough to protect oceans, court says **Monitoring Desk**

India shuts

schools as

temperatures

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NEW DELHI: İndian au-

thorities in the capital have

ordered schools shut early

for the summer holiday, af-

ter temperatures hit 47.4

degrees Celsius with Delhi

gripped by a "severe heatwave". Delhi city offi-

cials asked schools to shut

with "immediate effect" due

to the blistering heat, accord-

ing to a government order

quoted by the Hindustan

Times on Tuesday, cutting

short the term by a few

days. India's weather bureau

has warned of "severe

heatwave conditions" this

week, with the mercury

reaching the sizzling peak of

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Bagnari Cattle Farm Jaffarabad

Syrian first lady Asma al-Assad has leukemia, presidency says **Monitoring Desk** DUBAI: Syria's first lady,

Asma al-Assad, has been diagnosed with leukemia. the Syrian presidency said on Tuesday, almost five years after she announced she had fully recovered from breast cancer.

special treatment protocol that would require her to step away from public engagements as a result. In August 2019, Asma

Since Syria plunged into war in 2011, the British-born former investment ity efforts and meeting

RSS steps in as Modi's BJP faces resistance, fatigue in election

Monitoring Desk NEW DELHI: As Prime Minister Narendra Modi faces voter fatigue and some resistance from a resurgent opposition in India's mammoth general election, foot soldiers of his party's Hindu nationalist parent have stepped in to help regain momentum, in-

With less than two weeks left of a six-week voting schedule, voter turnout has been lower than previous elections, raising concern within the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) that some of its core supporters were staying

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(PEC) C-5 and above (up to 65 million) in Relevant category and specialized code is EE11 (i) (Solar). Procedure Of Procurement: Single Stage Two Envelope Bidding Procedure Bid Security: The bids must accompany Bid Security in the form of Bank Guarantee, Deposit at Call of 2 % specified above in the name of the undersigned From a scheduled bank. Tender Documents: The bidding documents can be obtained from the office of the Under - signed 1000 PKR. Issuance of tender Documents: From the date of publication of NIT to 6th June, 2024, during office hours on working

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ASTANA: Official Group Photo of the Foreign Ministers attending the SCO Council of Foreign Ministers taking place at Astana, Kazakhstan. Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar is leading the Pakistan delegation.

Dar reaffirms Pakistan's adherence to SCO charter, warns against bloc-based geopolitics explained Council resolutions.

ASTANA (APP): Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar on Tuesday addressed the SCO Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM) wherein he reiterated Pakistan's firm adherence to the SCO Charter and the "Shanghai Spirit" standing for mutual trust and respect for shared

In his statement, the deputy prime minister warned against bloc-based or confrontational geopolitics and advocated for a multipolar world firmly grounded in multilateralism.

prosperity.

He explained Pakistan's priorities as the current Chair of SCO Council of Heads of Government (CHG) which included promoting connectivity, transport links, youth empowerment, poverty alleviation, and enhanced practical cooperation among SCO member states.

The deputy prime minister called for upholding international law and the UN Charter, emphasizing the people's right to selfdetermination and peaceful settlement of longstanding disputes in accordance with the relevant UN Security Pakistan's firm call for an any country.

He stressed the need to combat the menace of terrorism through collective and cooperative approaches including by addressing its root causes. He urged the rejection of myopic and self-serving inter-

ests to use the mantra of

terrorism for political gains. Ishaq Dar strongly condemned the barbaric Israeli onslaught in Gaza, which had resulted in the killings of over 35,000 innocent civilians, mostly women and children.

ceasefire and unhindered provision of humanitarian assistance.

He also emphasized the need to realize the twostate solution for durable peace and stability.

On the Afghanistan situation, he called on the international community to meaningfully engage with the Interim Afghan Government (IAG) for the genuine economic and development needs of Afghanistan and urged the IAG to ensure that Afghan soil was not reiterated used for terrorism against

Working to provide facilities to private sector; economy on right track: PM

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday while expressing satisfaction over the economic situation of the country, said that from day first, they had been working to provide facilities to the private sector for the economic development, provision of job opportunities and expansion of businesses and investment.

He observed that due to the government's policies, the inflation rate in the country was on the nosedive and through governance they had been taking steps to pass on the ef-

expressed these views ing of the Economic Advisory Council, PM Office Media Wing said in a press The meeting was at-

tended by council members including Jahangir Khan Tareen, Saqib Sherazi, Shahzad Saleem, Mussadiq Zulqarnain, Dr Ejaz Nabi, Asif Pir, Zaid Bashir, Salman Ahmed and Sheharyar Chishti. Federal Ministers Ahad Khan Cheema, Ahsan Iqbal,

price hike to the common man. Chairman Planning Commission, Dr Jehanzeb Khan, PM' Coordinator Rana Ahsan Afzal, goverwhile chairing the first meet- nor SBP and relevant senior officials were also present.

The prime minister observed that the positive trends in the stock market reflected trust of the business community and investors in the government's policies, adding they would provide further facilities to the foreign investors and business community in the next fiscal budget.

The prime minister said that they would reduce the tax ratio on common man and would increase the number of tax filers

Production

RAWALPINDI (APP): A

high level defence delegation

of Uzbekistan headed by

Director General of De-

fence Industry Agency, Mansurjon Ibodullaev

called on Secretary Minis-

try of Defence Production,

Lt Gen ® Muhammad

Chiragh Haider here on

fence Production warmly

welcomed the delegation,

ing relations between the

two countries in the do-

main of defence Production.

Chairman

CMIT visits

TTC Hub

QUETTA (APP): Chair-

man Chief Minister In-

spection Team Dostain

Jamaldini, along with

Deputy Commissioner

Hub Rohana Gul Kakar and

District Education Officer

Habibullah, on Tuesday

visited the Technical Train-

ing his visit, inspected vari-

ous departments of the

Technical Training Insti-

students, he appreciated

their skills and said that the

current government is giv-

ing priority to the develop-

ment of human resources.

sioner HUB Ruhana Gul Kakar on the occasion told

the Chief Minister Inspection Team Chairman that

the industrialists of Hub

district have been demand-

ing to provide them with skilled local youth.

Bilawal, Aseefa

visits Iranian

Consulate, offer

condolence

KARACHI (APP): Chair-

man of Pakistan People's Party (PPP) Bilawal

Bhutto Zardari, accompanied by MNA Aseefa

Bhutto Žardari, visited the

Iranian Consulate in

Karachi to express their

condolences on the tragic

passing of Iranian President

Ebrahim Raisi and his col-

leagues due to a helicopter

crash. Bilawal Bhutto Zardari

and Aseefa Bhutto Zardari

expressed profound sorrow

over the deaths of President

Ebrahim Raisi and Foreign

Minister Amirabdollahian ir

Deputy Commis-

Chairman CMIT, dur-

While talking to the

ing Center Hub.

news release said

The Secretary De-

He appreciated exist-

Tuesday.

Pakistan, IMF agree to increase budget for BISP ISLAMABAD (INP): In tect BISP beneficiaries

the ongoing negotiations between Pakistan and the International Monetary Fund (IMF), a significant agreement has been reached to increase the budget for the Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP). The budget for the next financial year is set to rise from the current Rs470 billion to Rs530 billion.

Alongside this increase, there are also proposals to expand the number of beneficiaries and the stipends they receive.

The IMF has underscored the need for greater expansion of social protection programs to eradicate poverty. This includes using data from individuals registered in BISP to implement targeted subsidies more effectively. The government has assured the IMF that provinces will be encouraged to share the burden of social security. There is a plan to prothrough a cash transfer program to mitigate electricity tariff impacts. This move is part of a broader strategy to provide targeted subsidies using data from BISP registrants. Additionally, the number of beneficiaries is proposed to be increased, with a goal to register 20 million households by September. Currently, BISP ben-

IMF mission, adding that this year, an additional 300,000 families have been included in the sponsorship The health cash transprogram now supports 900,000 families, while the

efits 9.3 million individuals,

as per the briefing to the

education cash transfer program has enrolled 1.9 million children. Hussain The IMF has demanded increased transparency and improved admin-



QUETTA: Auditor General of Pakistan Muhammad Ajmal Gondal meeting with Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti

Iranian national flag flies at half-mast: Many from different walks of life visit Iranian Consulate in Quetta; express condolence

Independent Report QUETTA: A large number of people belonging to different walks of life visited

the Iranian consulate located in Quetta on Tuesday. During the visit, the people including the religious and political personalities expressed condolence over the tragic incident of helicopter crash that had claimed lives of Iranian

President, Ebrahim Raisi, Foreign Minister and other personalities the other day.

They also offered fateha for the departed souls. On the occasion, some also recorded their remarks in the condolence book placed at the Iranian Consulate. They were included the acting Ameer of JUI-Nazrayati and it's other

Meanwhile, the Ira-nian national flag continued to fly at half-mast on the sad demise of Iranian President and his companions at the Iranian Consulate on second consecutive day i.e., Tuesday, as mark of mourning on the demise of Iranian President and oth-

The condolence and fateha would also remain continued today (Wednes-



KARACHI: Peoples Party (PPP) Chairman, Bilawal Bhutto Zardari exchanges views with Iranian Consul General Hassan Noorian during condolence meeting over the death of Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi and his companions in helicopter crash incident, at the Iranian Embassy in Karachi.

for funds allocation for varsities

QUETTA (APP): Vice- 160 Ph.D.s would soon be Chancellor (VC) of Balochistan University of Information Technology Engineering Management Sciences (BUITEMS) Dr. Khalid Hafeez said that measures would be taken to provide the required funds to the universities in order to meet the demands of education and research in the province. He said that the BUITEMS was facing a loss of Rs 4 billion annually, which was affecting

press

that he was happy to hold a national level festival in the institution, saying that 160 Ph.D. s were serving in the BUITEMS while more

With the support of Germany, experts are being prepared to improve the environment and deal with natural disasters, this project will be completed

take up the appeals against He said that all the terminations of NAB universities were facing fiamendments for hearing on nancial crisis and the bud-May 30. A five- member get for higher education inlarger bench of the top stitution should be allocourt presided by Chief cated. Separate budget Justice of Pakistan Qazi should be allocated for the Faez Isa would hear the universities in order to adcase. The registrar office of dress issues of the varsities the SC has issued the cause in the province, he said addlist in that regard. The PTI ing that for the past five founder would appear beyears, there has been no infore court on next hearing crease in the portion rethrough the video link and served for universities in the the court had issued instructions in that regard.

mony Chaudhary Salik a medical contingent, comprising specialist doctors, nurses, and paramedics, was also extending basic health services to the pilgrims round the clock, adding, separate male and female wards had been also been established. The minister said that of medicines.

the Pakistan Hajj Mission had also arranged ambulance services to fetch and drop ailing pilgrims from their buildings to the hospitals, adding, elaborate arrangements had also been made to shift serious patients to Saudi hos-

He said there would be no compromise on quality

state-of-art medical facilities to Pakistani Hajj pilgrims ing ensured. Talking to a Private ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister for Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harnews channel, he said that

ISLAMABAD: Chief of Tehreek Tahafuz Ain-e-Pakistan Mehmood Khan

Achakzai alongwith a delegation offering Fateha for departed soul of Iranian

Minister pledges to provide

President Dr. Seyyed Ebrahim Raisi at Iranian Embassy.

pledged to provide stateof-the-art medical facilities to the Hajj pilgrims and available stock of medicines and other devices catering to the emergency needs of the intending pilgrims were be-Khalid meets

Tuesday

Federal Minister for Edu-

cation & Professional

Training, Dr. Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui has met

with Deputy Foreign Sec-

retary and Minister of State

(Development and Africa)

of the UK, Rt. Andrew

Mitchell MP during "Edu-

cation World Forum 2024"

Pakistan to the UK, Dr.

Mohammad Faisal was also

present, said a press release

held on further enhancing

collaboration between the

two governments and with

Siddiqui briefed Andrew

Mitchell MP on the educa-

tion emergency declared by

the Prime Minister of Pa-

Dawood Shah

Acquittal of

PTI central

leaders in

May 9 cases

victory of

Party's stance

Independent Report
QUETTA: The Provincial

President of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI)

Balochistan, Dawood Shah

Kakar has stated that the

honourable acquittal of founder of PTI, Imran

Khan, Shah Mehmood

Qureshi, Qasim Khan Suri

and other senior leaders in the case of May 9, 2023 is

victory of stance of the

party. In a statement issued here on Tuesday, Dawood

Shah Kakar said that Imran

Khan would be among the

masses soon after acquittal

from what it termed the bo-

He said that the founder of PTI is the only

leader of world against whom more than 200 cases

were registered by the so-called governments.

SC to hear

appeals about

NAB amend

on May 30

ISLAMABAD (APP)

The Supreme Court will

gus and baseless cases.

kistan Shehbaz Sharif.

the British Council.

The discussions were

Dr. Khalid Maqbool

issued here on Tuesday.

in London.

Law Minister says Govt ensuring all possible assistance to students in Bishkek

Minister for Law and Justice Azam Nazeer Tarar government was ensuring all possible assistance to Pakistani students in Bishkek, with many of

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister was personally monitoring the measures. Following his direc-

said on Tuesday that the tions, the embassy has been activated, and a special desk has been established there to assist the students. He noted that three

them having been brought special flights and two exback to the country on five traordinary flights had already brought back stu-Speaking in the Sen- dents, with further mea-



QUETTA: Opposition leader Mir Younis Aziz Zehri, Rehmat Baloch, Khair Jan Baloch and Zabid Ali Reki meeting with Speaker Balochistan Assembly Captain (Retd) Abdul Khaliq Achakzai

DG NAB Balochistan says NAB would make its all-out efforts within mandate to facilitate business community

Independent Report QUETTA: In accordance with the vision of the Chairman NAB, NAB (B) Business Facilitation Desk conducted meeting with the Patron-in-Chief Chamber of Commerce District Pishin on 20 th May 2024. Director General NAB (B) chaired the meeting alongwith Business Facilitation Desk officers of NAB (B). The meeting was a part of continuous process for fa-cilitation and an effort to create conducive environment for doing business. NAB has constituted Business Facilitation Cell (BFC) at NAB HQs Islamabad and Business Facilitation Desk (BFD) at all Regional NAB Bureaus for better coordination between NAB and business community and such desk is working proactively in NAB (Balochistan). In this regard, NAB (B) has already conducted meetings Small Traders & Damp; small industry, Women Chamber of Commerce Quetta Division and Joint Chamber of Commerce (Pak-Iran) across the Balochistan including Gwadar Makran Division. Meetings with Business Community at Gwadar were chaired by the Chairman NAB during his visit at Gwadar for inauguration of NAB Sub Office on 7 th May, 2024. The purpose of these meetings is to address issues pertaining to business, ensuring good governance and preventive measures against corruption.

The Patron-in-Chief sserted that red tapism, bribery and extortion affect the ease of doing business. He further stated that issues of ineffective representation of Business Community, deficient business policies and poor implementation, limited with Quetta Chamber of institutional support.



QUETTA: Passed candidates of S-B-K Central Committee are holding protest demonstration for appointment letters, at Quetta press club.

Muhammad Aurangzeb, Ali fects of the reduction in the Pervaiz Malik, Deputy Balochistan to get 30 AI-based **Uzbek defence** delegation calls digital x-ray machines under on Secretary TB control programme **Defence**

OUETTA (APP):As many as 30 digital x-ray machines equipped with artificial intelligence will be dispatched to all districts of the province as part of Provincial TB control programme's measures to properly diagnose and control the Tuberculosis posing massive hazards to the populace of Balochistan

"The IA equipped xray machines, provided by the global fund will not only diagnose stages of TB but will also give a hint to other pulmonary diseases," Dr. Asif Shahwani, Provincial Manager of TB Control Programme told APP on

need of Radiologist once the check-up on monthly basis. IA equipped x-ray machines are installed in the districts, he remarked.

noted that a technical training session would be launched to train the technical staff for the operation of the digital X-Ray Ma-

He said currently there were 15,000 TB patients with 17 per cent ratio of children in the province and the programme was enhancing efforts to trace the af-

With the supports of the programme, the treatment of TB daises has been minimized from 18 to six months, he said, adding that every patient has been providing Rs 10,000 in term of food and Rs 2000 as travel-As Many as four mobile vehicles equipped with



RAWALPINDI: Mansurjon Ibodullaev, Director General of Defence Industry Agency of Uzbekistan called on Secretary Ministry of Defence Production, Lt. Gen. (Retd) Muhammad Chiragh Haider.

Nazar Baloch expresses resent on absence of doctors in BMC Hospital

QUETTA (APP): Om- Nazar Baloch about the budsman of Balochistan Nazar Muhammad Baloch on Tuesday expressed his resentment over the absence of some senior doctors in Bolan Medical Complex (BMC) hospital and directed them to ensure their attendance provision of health facilities to patients. He expressed these views while visiting Bolan Medical Complex (BMC)

The provincial Ombudsman also directed doctors and paramedical staff to perform their duties honestly and courteously in order to provide health facilities to patients.

He said that it was the responsibility of the government to provide health facilities to the people.

Medical Superintendent (MS) of the BMC

Mandukhel briefed the

public about the problems of the hospital and the du-

ties of the health facilities. The Provincial Ombudsman expressed his displeasure over the dilapidated buildings of the hospital and the special sewage system, saying that all the lights of the sewage have been broken and the hospital building and missionary were being deteriorated.

He also summoned the officials of C&W department and directed to rectify the worsen condition of it at the earliest.

He said that any kind of dereliction of duty would not be tolerated and he also expressed his resentment over the absence of some senior doctors in the hospital and they should ensure their attendance so that health facilities could be Dr. Amin provided to the poor



HUB: Chairman CMIT Dostain Jamaldini issuing directives to Deputy Commissioner Hub, XEN C&W and Principal Girls Degree College during a briefing about Girls Degree College Hub Project

VC BUITEMS calls

the education system. He expressed these views while addressing a conference at BUITEMS here.

Dr. Khalid Hafeez said

part of BUITMS's Main Artificial Academy to be activated in the next three

in three years, he noted.

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