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UAE President commits \$10 billion investment in Pakistan

PM Shehbaz highlights Pakistan's "huge human resource potential" that can be engaged in multiple sectors; UAE president accepts invitation by PM Shehbaz for an official visit to Islamabad; Broke the begging bowl as nations prospered through hard work, not aid: PM

ABU DHABI (APP): President of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan on Thursday assured his country's full support to Pakistan in all circumstances, pledging to invest \$10 billion in its multiple sectors. The UAE President made the commitment during a bilateral meeting with Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif.

The meeting provided an opportunity to discuss the whole gamut of bilateral relations, including co-

operation in political, economic, social, cultural and defence sectors.

The prime minister underscored the importance of galvanizing existing cooperation and strengthening strategic partnership including in the fields of information technology, renewable energy and tourism. He highlighted the steps taken by the government aimed at ensuring socio-economic stability in the country and building the investors' confidence.

He reiterated Pakistan's commitment to

ensure meaningful implementation of investment cooperation agreements in the areas of energy, port operations projects, waste water treatment, food security, logistics, minerals, and banking & financial services. PM Shehbaz expressed gratitude to the UAE leadership for hosting 1.8 million Pakistani diaspora and highlighted Pakistan's huge human resource potential that could be engaged in multiple sectors.

Both leaders exchanged views on other issues of mutual interest, including regional and global developments.

The prime minister reiterated his invitation to the UAE president for an official visit to Pakistan, which was accepted by the latter. PM Shehbaz was accompanied by Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Muhammad Ishaq Dar, Minister for Commerce Jam Kamal Khan, Minister for Defence Khawaja Muhammad Asif and Special Assistant to Prime Minister Syed Tariq Fatemi.

Meanwhile Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif

on Thursday said that he had broken the begging bowl as no nation had ever achieved prosperity through the begging bowl or aid rather through sacrifice and hard work. "Gone are the days when I will go to a brotherly country with a begging bowl. I have broken that bowl. The bowl will lead us nowhere. When was the last time that a country prospered through aid and bowls? Only the nations made their mark and left indelible footprints through sacrifice, hard work, sweat and blood," he said.

The COAS visited the Army Combat Training Centre, Gardelegen along with the German Army Chief. He was briefed on various facets of the Centre and the training being imparted to the German Army and contingents of other armies. He also witnessed a demonstration on urban warfare and visited different training facilities.

The COAS also met Jens Plötner, Foreign Policy and Security Advisor to Federal Chancellor; Tobias Linder, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs and Nils Hilmer, State Secretary at the Ministry of Defence.



ABU-DHABI: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif and President of UAE H.H. Sheikh Muhammad bin Zayed Al Nahyan during a meeting.

Participants of National Security Workshop Balochistan meets: Every citizen desires peace; personal interests not backwardness behind insurgency in Balochistan: CM

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QUETTA: The Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti has categorically stated that every one in the province desires peace, however, the youngsters are being misled through baseless propaganda.

However, the gaps between the State and youth have to be overcome.

He said that one has to be familiar with the history to understand the issue of Balochistan.

One thing which is clear is that the reason behind insurgency is the personal interests not backwardness.

In this regard, there is a need to tell facts to the people.

These and similar other views were expressed by the Chief Minister while

speaking to the participants of 13th National Workshop Balochistan here on Thursday.

The Chief Minister maintained that the people think that there is a war of State and separatists in Balochistan, which is a wrong impression.

Rather it is the war of all of us as we would survive as long as the State survives.

Referring the reforms in education and health sectors, the Chief Minister said that we are making efforts to bring about reforms in these two sectors.

However, it is not possible to correct the system of 70 years in few months, he added.

He said that the opportunities of livelihood would be provided to some 30,000 youngsters of the province

abroad after making them skilled in next couple of years.

He said that the government would provide interest free loans to the graduates on bringing business plan.

While on the other hand, the Benazir Bhutto Shaheed Scholarship Programme has been started in the province.

We would be offering educational scholarships to the students from the basic to higher level.

Besides, the students going to do Ph.D in the sciences would be given scholarships, adding he announced.

Similarly, complete scholarships would be given to the students for studies in 200 most prestigious universities of the world.

Enemy countries investing in enticing youth of Balochistan, says Mir Ziaullah Langove

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QUETTA: The Provincial Minister for Home and Tribal Affairs, Mir Ziaullah Langove has stated that our enemy countries are making investment to entice youth of Balochistan for their nefarious designs.

However, he exhorted the young generation to become ambassadors of Pakistan denying the provocation against the country. The Minister Home stressed that we have to be sincere with our homeland first of all. He said that we have to defend our country.

Mir Ziaullah Langove was addressing the dialogue organized by Voice of Balochistan on the topic "a journey towards peace and stability in Balochistan" here at the auditorium of Balochistan Information Technology, Engineering and Management Sciences (BUIITEMS) on Thursday.



QUETTA: Chief Justice Balochistan High Court, Mr. Justice Hashim Khan Kakar being briefed about newly constructed building of Balochistan Civil Services Academy.

Planning Commission released Rs 29.28b to NHA: BHC told

QUETTA (APP): The Planning Commission on Thursday informed the Balochistan High Court (BHC) that following the court orders, the Planning Commission of Pakistan released Rs 29.28 billion to the National Highway Authority (NHA) Balochistan for the dualization of N-25 Road. Imran Ali, a representative from the Planning Division, in this connection presented a letter confirming the fund release dated May 23, 2024.

A divisional bench of the Balochistan High Court, comprising Justice Abdullah Baloch and Justice Rozzi Khan Baraich, was hearing the case regarding the N25 Karachi-Khuzdar-Quetta-Chaman road.

Member NHA Balochistan Basharat Hussain confirmed that land acquisition issues were being addressed with the Commissioners of

Quetta and Kalat divisions. The process is expected to be completed within two weeks, with directives issued to all relevant Deputy Commissioners to cooperate with the NHA. The NHA plans to finalize technical and financial bids for the N-25 by June 30, 2024, and issue work orders promptly," the Authority's member said adding that a focal person has been appointed by the Chairman NHA in Islamabad to oversee the project's expedited completion.

Earlier, General Manager NHA West Syed Ashraf Ali Shah informed the court that repair work on the Surab, Panjgur and Gwadar CPEC road has commenced.

General Manager South Noor ul Hassan reported that the construction of the Hub River Bridge is in its final stages and will be completed by June 30, 2024.



QUETTA: Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti addressing participants of 13th National Workshop Balochistan.

Dialogue on "Journey to peace & stability in Balochistan": Governor calls for making serious decisions to resolve complex issues facing Balochistan

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QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail has underlined the need to make serious decisions to resolve the complex issues being faced by the province immediately.

He said that the lawlessness and insurgency is a political issue, and the sustainable solution to that issue exists too. We should keep the doors of consultation and talks open no matter there is turbulence and situation is disappointing.

He insisted that still there are bright chances to find out the acceptable to all solution to the tense situation and political crisis.

The Governor Balochistan was addressing the one-day dialogue on "a

journey to peace and stability in Balochistan" organized by the Voice of Balochistan at the Balochistan University of IT, Engineering and Management Sciences (BUIITEMS) here on Thursday.

The provincial Ministers, Mir Ziaullah Langove, Mir Zahoor Ahmed Buledi and Ms. Rahila Hameed Durrani, members of provincial assembly and other dignitaries, spokesman of provincial government, Vice Chancellor BUIITEMS, Dr. Khalid Hafeez, participated in the dialogue. The former Ferrari commander joining the national mainstream, Gulzar Imam Shambay and Sarfraz Bangulzai also participated in the dialogue.

Addressing the dia-

logue, the Governor said that some time, it happens to be very necessary to find out solution of a collective nature issue because we can face numerous social and political risks and hazards if the collective issue is overlooked.

He on the occasion appreciated Gulzar Imam and Sarfraz Bangulzai for joining the national mainstream and termed it welcoming.

He said that he personally values it a lot to hold result oriented negotiations with the "angry" brothers besides their surrendering in the national interest.

He said that we are facing numerous hardships regarding insurgency and turmoil in the province, which have also caused human and financial losses.

One dead, three missing after attack on coal trucks in Duki

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QUETTA: A convoy of six coal-laden trucks en route to Punjab from Duki coal fields in Balochistan came under a gun attack in the Sanjavi area of Ziarat on Tuesday night, resulting in the death of a driver and causing injuries to another.

The unknown assailants targeted the convoy from nearby mountains. Three drivers, however, remained missing as the security forces could not trace their whereabouts following the attack. Officials said that the trucks loaded with coal from Duki had reached the Baghoo area of district Ziarat when unknown armed men perched on the nearby mountains opened fire late Tuesday night.

As a result of firing a truck driver lost his life and another got injured. "In the armed attack the trucks loaded with coal caught fire and were completely gutted before the security force reached the spot," Ziarat Deputy Commissioner Liaquat Ali Khan Kakar said.

BA adopts condemnation resolution against torching trucks in Harnai; solarization of 11,000 tube wells

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QUETTA: The Balochistan Assembly adopted a condemnation resolution against the incident of firing on several trucks and setting a blaze seven of them, here in its session on Thursday. The Assembly also adopted a resolution demanding solarization of 11,000 unregistered agricultural tube wells in the province after their registration.

The Speaker, Captain (Retd) Abdul Khaliq Achakzai presided over the session. The condemnation resolution against attacking the trucks in Harnai was tabled by the Provincial Minister, Noor Muhammad Dummer.

In his resolution, Mr. Dummer pointed out that the anti-state elements resorted to fire on several trucks on May 21 in Harnai area. They torched seven trucks, as a result one person died and several others got injured, the resolution mentioned.

It was demanded of the government to pay financial compensation to the de-

ceased and injured of the incident.

Later, the resolution demanding solarization of 11,000 unregistered tube wells of the province after their registration was tabled by the member provincial assembly, Asghar Ali Tareen. Similarly, another resolution was adopted in which it was demanded to include the construction of Zhub-Maikhatar road in the federal PSDP. The resolution was tabled by the MPA Dr. Nawaz Kibzai.

Meanwhile, the debate on results of the test conducted under Sardar Bahadur Khan Women University (SBKWU) for recruitment in Education department was deferred.

The debate was deferred because of absence of the Advocate General in the session. Besides, the amended draft ordinance of the Defence Housing Authority (DHA) was also deferred. MPA Dr. Abdul Malik Baloch demanded of the House to hand over the draft act to the concerned standing committee.



COAS General Syed Asim Munir meets German military officers during official visit to Germany.



QUETTA: Governor Balochistan Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail addressing the participants of a seminar organized Voice of Balochistan in BUIITEMS.

Rana seeks stakeholder consensus on social media regulation to curb misuse

ISLAMABAD (APP): Advisor to the Prime Minister for Inter-Provincial Coordination (IPC) and Political and Public Affairs, Rana Sanaulah said on Thursday laws to regulate social media and mitigate its negative effects on the general public was much needed.

Speaking to a private news channel, he highlighted the necessity, justification, and effectiveness of such legislation, provided if it was not misused.

He said that journalist organizations and other stakeholders have also acknowledged the need for a regulatory framework.

However, he noted that the barriers to prevent misuse of the law must be carefully considered in drafting the law.

Advisor said that journalist organizations did not oppose the defamation law but felt that the consultation process with them was incomplete.

He suggested that this consultation could still be carried out to ensure comprehensive input from all relevant parties.

Answering a question, he said that he regularly called for political dialogue over the past two months.



QUETTA: Provincial Ministers, Parliamentary Secretaries and MPAs expressing their views on resolution presented in Balochistan Assembly session chaired by Speaker Captain (retd) Abdul Khaliq Achakzai.

Kundi assures to address problems, concerns of tribal people

PESHAWAR (APP): Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Faisal Karim Kundi Thursday highlighted the sacrifices of tribal people for the protection of motherland and said that pledges and promises made to them would be fulfilled.

He was talking to a 120 member delegation of merged areas tribal elders at Governor House. The delegation that was led by former federal minister, Sajid Turi included tribal elders from Bajaur, Mohmand, Orakzai, Kurram and Waziristan.

The Governor assured delegation resolution of problems and said that their concerns and reservations would be conveyed to relevant authorities for necessary action. He said that a Jirga would be arranged for tribal elders to meet President, and Bilawal Bhutto. He said their problems relating to law and order would be resolved with the assistance and cooperation

of concerned authorities. The delegation also informed KP Governor about their issues including load shedding, students' quota, recruitment in levies. They also urged governor to take steps for protection of Sikhs residing in tribal areas and punishment to those involved in target killing of the minorities.

The governor assured delegation of his cooperation to solve problems and suggested tribal to form a five member committee for compiling recommendations. He said that concerns of tribal people would be raised in available forums while police department would be contacted to provide safety to Sikh community members. He said that both provincial and federal authorities would work for provision of basic facilities to tribal people and to bring them into national mainstream of development.



KARACHI: Ambassador of Türkiye, Mehmet Paçacı addressing Meet the Press programme of Karachi Press Club.

Sharjeel Memon says; Random drug tests of some students will be conducted

KARACHI (Online): Information Minister Sindh Sharjeel Memon has said random drug tests of some students will be conducted and their names will be kept secret.

Talking to a private TV Channel, Sharjeel Memon said if drug test of any student comes positive then they will talk to his parents and will ask from the said student who has provided him drug.

Sharjeel Memon said "I know that initially the

matter of drug test in educational institutes will be criticized. If drug test of any student comes positive then it does not mean legal action will be taken against him. He underlined K-Electric should suspend electricity supply to that consumer who is not paying bill. Punishment be not given to entire mohallah. You cannot award punishment to consumers collectively. K-Electric should improve its performance.

Minister discusses steps for completion of Dir Motorway

PESHAWAR (APP): Provincial Minister for Communication and Works, Shakil Ahmad here Thursday chaired a meeting to discuss timely completion of Dir motorway.

The meeting was also attended by Managing Director, KP Highways Authority, Assad Ali, Secretary Communication, Dr Assad Ali, Project Director Dir Motorway, Barkat Ali and concerned officials.

The meeting deliberated various aspects of Dir Motorway and the measures needed to

complete project at the earliest. It also stressed to utilize resources for project completion and directed steps to ensure quality of work.

Speaking on the occasion, provincial minister said that project that include 6.2 kilometer tunnel would be completed with an estimated cost of Rs. 49 billion.

He directed authorities to take steps for project initiation with in two week adding that motorway would open new avenues of development and growth for areas people.



LAHORE: CTO Lahore Amara Athar distributing side glasses to motorcyclists in Faisal Chowk of the provincial capital.

KP IGP suspends SHO over maltreatment with senior journalist

PESHAWAR (APP): Inspector General of Police Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) Akhtar Hayat Khan Gandapur on Thursday ordered the suspension of SHO Gulbahar Shakirullah Afridi for misbehaving with senior journalist Saiful Islam Safi and putting him behind bars despite proving his identity.

The IGP issued the instruction of suspension of the SHO in a meeting with President Peshawar Press Club Arshad Aziz Malik here at the Central Police Office. The latter

conveyed the resentment of the journalist community over the unfortunate incident.

The police chief expressed regret over the incident and said that the police were responsible for protecting the lives and properties of people, adding that the cooperation of the journalist community was valuable in highlighting the security issues. He vowed that no police official would be allowed to misbehave with anyone, including journalists.



LAHORE: A delegation of Asian Development Bank meeting with Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif.

US, provincial govt launch \$9 million initiative to combat Tuberculosis in Sindh

KARACHI (APP): United States of America's Ambassador to Pakistan Donald Blome, and Sindh Minister for Health and Population Dr Azra Fazal Pechuho launched a collaborative initiative aimed at addressing tuberculosis (TB), a significant health challenge in Pakistan.

This joint effort between the United States and Pakistan signifies a crucial step forward in combating this disease.

Funded by the US Agency for International Development (USAID), the newly launched program, named the Tuberculosis Local Organization Network (TB-LON), is an investment of \$9 million over five years. Its

primary goal is to provide expert guidance and resources for Pakistan to effectively tackle TB. Through direct engagement with affected communities and individuals, the program will tailor solutions to meet specific needs.

TB-LON will treat more TB cases in Sindh and significantly reduce the number of people affected by the disease.

Ambassador Blome emphasised the strong partnership between the US and the Sindh government stating,

"Tuberculosis is not just a disease affecting millions in Pakistan, it's an illness that disrupts lives, livelihoods and communities. Pakistan ranks fifth amongst countries with the highest rate of TB,

but I am proud to say, we are changing that with this groundbreaking \$9 million initiative that will provide expert guidance and resources to help eradicate TB, exemplifying our constant commitment to the resilient people of Sindh".

Dr Pechuho expressed appreciation for the ongoing support from the US government and reaffirmed the Sindh government's commitment to enhancing healthcare services.

"We are confident that our joint efforts in addressing critical health challenges will bring a positive change in the lives of people of Sindh," she added, emphasising the importance of joint efforts in addressing critical health

challenges.

Despite being preventable and treatable, TB remains the world's leading infectious disease killer, sickening 10.6 million people and taking 1.3 million lives annually and Pakistan ranks fifth amongst high TB burden countries.

USAID leads the US government's global TB efforts, working with partners around the world including Pakistan, on the shared goals of reaching every person with TB,

curing those in need of treatment, and preventing the spread of new infections. USAID prioritizes local community involvement, recognizing its critical role in ensuring sustainable and effective outcomes.

Federal Ombudsman commends Sindh's prison reforms

KARACHI: Federal Ombudsman Ejaz Ahmed Qureshi and Chief Secretary Sindh Syed Asif Hyder Shah presided over a meeting regarding prison reforms on Thursday.

Senior Advisor to the Ombudsman Anwar Haider, the Secretary of Health, the Inspector General of Prisons and officials from the Home Department attended the meeting. The primary focus of the meeting was to comprehensively assess the current state of prisons across Sindh and devise strategies for their enhancement and reforms.

Chief Secretary Syed Asif Hyder Shah informed the meeting about several key initiatives aimed at enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of the province's correctional facilities.

Chief Secretary Sindh said that the provincial government plans to introduce audio and video link systems in all prisons across Sindh. This will enable prisoners to appear in court proceedings and

talk with their families via video links. The Chief Secretary further stated that 500 acres of land will be allocated for the construction of a new prison in Karachi.

This development is expected to alleviate overcrowding issues and improve living conditions for inmates. Furthermore, the budget for providing quality food to prisoners has been significantly increased from 1200 million to 2400 million,

underscoring the commitment to ensuring the well-being of inmates. To strengthen oversight and accountability within the prison system, Chief Secretary Shah announced the formation of 22 oversight committees, each dedicated to monitoring the conditions within a specific prison facility. Highlighting efforts to empower inmates through education and skill-building initiatives, it was announced that educational and vocational training programs are being extended to 2824 prisoners.



KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah receives stranded Pakistani students from Bishkek-Kyrgyzstan on their arrival at Jinnah Terminal.

Govt intensifying efforts for health insurance reforms

LAHORE (APP): The Punjab government is intensifying efforts to enhance the health insurance programme, aiming to make it more beneficial for people.

This was stated by Punjab Health Ministers Khawaja Salman Rafique and Khawaja Imran Nazir during the third meeting of the sub-committee of the working group on health insurance, held at the Punjab Health Initiative Management Company (PHIMC) on Thursday.

The ministers reviewed ongoing reforms and discussed future strategies for the health insurance sector. Punjab Minister for Specialized Healthcare and Medical Education Khawaja Salman Rafique emphasised the need to address existing flaws in the programme. "We are striving to increase the capacity of government hospitals," he stated. He highlighted the government's efforts to enhance the financial model of the health insurance programme, stressing that the primary focus remains on patients utilising government hospital services. He also mentioned that the final

recommendations from experts regarding Universal Health Insurance would be presented to Chief Minister Punjab Maryam Nawaz Sharif.

Khawaja Imran Nazir, Punjab Minister for Primary and Secondary Healthcare, announced plans to revise the rates within the universal health insurance programme. "We aim to encourage private practice in government hospitals," the minister remarked. He underscored the meeting's primary goal: to improve the universal health insurance programme. He noted that the gathered experts provided valuable insights and suggestions.

Key figures in attendance included Secretary Health Punjab Ali Jan Khan, Special Secretary Development Syed Wajid Ali Shah, Vice Chancellor University of Child Health Sciences Professor Dr. Masood Sadiq, and CEO PHIMC Dr. Ali Razaq, among others. Additionally, Vice Chancellor King Edward Medical University Prof. Mahmood Ayaz and Principal Bahawalpur Medical College Prof. Dr. Sophia Farrukh joined the meeting via video link.

First flight carrying 205 students from Kyrgyzstan arrives Karachi

CM receives first flight of stranded students from Kyrgyzstan

KARACHI (APP): The first flight carrying 205 stranded students in Kyrgyzstan here arrived at Jinnah International Airport from Bishkek on Thursday morning and was received by Sindh Chief Minister Sindh Syed Murad Ali Shah.

The parents and relatives of the students belonging to different cities and towns of Sindh, were also present on the occasion.

As many as 205

students on board the flight have returned home with special arrangements made by the provincial government.

Talking to the media at Karachi Airport, Sindh Chief Minister Murad Ali Shah said 205 students including 55 girls and 150 boys, have so far been returned while the remaining 180 will soon be brought back. Out of the remaining 180 students 6 are said to be injured but their condition is stable,

CM informed.

The CM said out of 205 students who returned from Kyrgyzstan, 99 belong to Karachi, 22 from Hyderabad, 13 from Khairpur, 15 from Naushehro Feroze, 12 each from Sukkur and Nawabshah, 5 each from Badin, Dadu, Mirpurkhas and Jacobabad, 3 from Tando Adam, 2 each from Jamshoro and Kashmore and one each from Kandhkot, Panoaqil and Tharparkar.



LAHORE: Provincial Ministers Khawaja Salman Rafique and Khawaja Imran Nazir preside over the meeting of Punjab Health Initiative Management Company.

Seminar held on planning for development of city

HYDERABAD (APP): A seminar about the proposed master plan of Nawabshah city was held on Thursday in the Darbarhal of the Deputy Commissioner's office. Public representatives of the city and district officers participated in the seminar to plan for the development of the city under the master plan on the instructions of the Chief Minister of Sindh Syed Murad Ali Shah.

Information was exchanged with the officers of Public Health, Forest Department and other departments while informing the meeting, Director General, Urban and Regional Policy Imtiaz Bhatti said that under the master plan, the problems of the city such as water supply, drainage,

environmental pollution, health, education and traffic problems will be solved, which will provide ample opportunities for employment, economic development and human development.

Master plan is being drawn up for Larkana, Islamkot, Nosharoferoz, Sanghar, Mirpur Khos, Umartkot, Mithi, Thatta, Badin, Sajawal, Tando Mohammad Khan, Tandwalhiyar, Matiari, Dadu and Jamshoro and all relevant stakes before provincial Cabinet for approval and notification.

The DG further said that a master plan will also be prepared for 12 more cities of Sindh through Annual Development Plan (ADP) schemes on behalf of the Directorate of Urban Planning.

Three killed in road accident

DG KHAN (APP): City Police Taunsa Sharif registered a case against three nominated and two unknown accused after sad incident of death of three people including a kid into sewerage manhole in Taunsa Sharif last night and arrested three outlaws.

The case was registered against the accused on the application of Assistant Commissioner Taunsa Azhar Tariq.

The two contractors Khurram Saeed, Qari Saeed and Municipal officer/sub engineer Fazal Elahi were nominated and two unknown farmers were found guilty in the tragic incident. Commissioner DG KHAN Division Dr Nasir Mahmood Bashir took notice of the incident and directed DC DG Khan Shahid Zaman Lak to reach the spot. DC launched an inquiry. Police have arrested two contractors and sub engineer Fazal Elahi.



PESHAWAR: Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Faisal Karim Kundi talking to a 120 member delegation of merged areas tribal elders at Governor House

PUBLIC NOTICE	PUBLIC NOTICE	PUBLIC NOTICE
Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Mr. Pand Khan with regards to movable & immovable assets of deceased Mr. Pand Khan (Father). 1. Pand Khan (Father) On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice.	Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Mrs. Bibi Rubina with regards to movable & immovable assets of deceased Mrs. Bibi Maryam (Mother). 1. Bibi Rubina (Daughter) On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice.	Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Mrs. Alam Khatoun with regards to movable & immovable assets of deceased Mr. Muhammad Usman. 1. Alam Khatoun (Spouse) On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice.
Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Mr. Babar Ali with regards to movable & immovable assets of deceased Mr. Gull Muhammad. 1. Ghazal Gul (Daughter) 2. Karwal Gul (Daughter) 3. Karat Gul (Daughter) 4. Babar Ali (Son) 5. Sajid Gul (Son) On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice.	Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Mrs. Samina Mushtaq with regards to movable & immovable assets of deceased Mr. Mushtaq Ahmad. 1. Aisha Mushtaq (Daughter) 2. Saba Mushtaq (Daughter) 3. Samina Mushtaq (Spouse) 4. Muhammad Mujahid (Son) 5. Muhammad Zahid (Son) On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice.	Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Mrs. Farzana Aslam with regards to movable & immovable assets of deceased Mr. Muhammad Islam Qureshi. 1. Farzana Aslam (Daughter) On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach in person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice.

PM says in UAE to seek joint investments, not loans

Expresses resolve to transform economy through collaboration with UAE

ABU DHABI (INP): Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif said on Thursday he was on a day-long visit to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) not to seek loans but to explore opportunities for joint investment and collaboration that would pave the way for "mutual benefits" for both nations.

Addressing a roundtable session "Innovate Together: UAE-Pakistan Tech Collaborations," in Abu Dhabi today, the Pakistani Prime Minister said the government is fully focusing on how to promote information technology, and artificial intelligence in various sectors of Pakistan's economy, including agriculture, mines and minerals, and industry to enhance exports.

Shehbaz Sharif has said that he had broken the begging bowl as no nation had ever achieved prosper-

ity through the begging bowl or aid rather through sacrifice and hard work.

"Gone are the days when I will go to a brotherly country with a begging bowl. I have broken that bowl. The bowl will lead us nowhere. When was the last time that a country prospered through aid and bowls? Only the nations made their mark and left indelible footprints through sacrifice, hard work, sweat and blood," he told the roundtable conference.

This event was organized by Pakistan Software Houses Association (P@SHA) and Pakistan Software Export Board (PSEB) in collaboration with Ministry of Information Technology and Telecommunication and Pakistan Embassy in Abu Dhabi. Shehbaz Sharif arrived in Abu Dhabi on Thursday with a high-level

delegation amid a concerted push by Pakistan to seek foreign investment as it navigates a challenging path to economic recovery. Sharif is scheduled to meet UAE President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan in Abu Dhabi later today, Thursday.

The UAE is one of Pakistan's closest allies and has frequently bailed out the South Asian country, joining Saudi Arabia and China in rolling over billions of dollars of loans to Pakistan last year to help it clinch a last-gasp deal with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and avoid a sovereign debt default.

The UAE is Pakistan's third-largest trading partner, after China and the United States. Policymakers in Pakistan consider the Gulf state an optimal export destination due to its geographical proximity.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Maritime Affairs Qaiser Ahmed Sheikh chairs a meeting on Gwadar Development and Trade Facilitation.

Govt trying to make 'Gwadar Port' trade hub to boost economy: Qaiser

ISLAMABAD (APP): In a continued effort to boost economic growth and streamline trade operations, a follow-up meeting was convened under the chairmanship of Federal Minister Maritime Affairs Qaiser Ahmed Sheikh on Thursday. As per the directives of the prime minister, this was the second important meeting in a series, focused on enhancing measures to increase business activity through "Gwadar Port" and sought proposals from stakeholders, said a press release issued here.

The key stakeholders including representatives from the Ministry of Maritime Affairs (KPT, POA, GPA, KoFHA, PNSC) Commerce, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of National Food Security, Ports and Shipping members of Quetta & Lahore Chamber of Commerce and other stakeholders also attended

the discussion session.

The discussions centered around optimizing the port's operational capacity, improving infrastructure, and implementing efficient customs procedures to facilitate smooth import and export processes.

The minister said that we are gathered to work out a comprehensive plan in making Gwadar Port a pivotal hub in Pakistan's trade network according to the dynamic vision of prime minister. By addressing the challenges and implementing strategic improvements, we are poised to enhance our import and export capabilities, which will have far-reaching benefits for the entire country.

Plans to upgrade port facilities, including the expansion of storage capacities and the modernization of loading and unloading equipment, were also re-

Pakistan, US working to promote mutually beneficial ties: Masood

WASHINGTON (APP): Pakistan and the United States are engaged in promoting shared objectives through a dialogue process and working on an agenda that is mutually beneficial for the two countries, Ambassador Masood Khan has said.

"We are looking towards the future with confidence," the Pakistani envoy said in an interview with China Global Television Network-America's new show, The Heat.

The two countries, he said, had worked on "perception management" which was critical after the "messy" war on terror, and using the space available given the geostrategic complexities of the region to build a stand-alone relationship.

"I think we have succeeded to a great extent, and will enhance this space."

On Pak-China relations, Masood Khan observed that the relationship was productive, adding "Our relationship with China is not at expense of our friendship with the United States."

Termed China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) project "very significant", the ambassador said that after completing early harvest projects, the two countries realized that the mega project should also have a holistic programme, including investments in tourism, technology, vocational training, agriculture and people-to-people exchanges.

"Up to now we've already disbursed about \$25 billion and by 2030, we will be able to complete the remaining projects," he said.

"Since it is the flagship project of Belt and Road Initiative, so we have reputational commitment to this project so that it succeeds under all circumstances," he added.



ISLAMABAD: Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi chairing a meeting regarding NADRA.

Naqvi presides meeting, directs NADRA to make national registration policy

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi while presiding over a review meeting regarding National Database Registration Authority (NADRA) on Thursday directed to make National Registration Policy.

The minister in a meeting said that authenticity of identity card and citizenship is of utmost importance, therefore, a comprehensive policy should be evolved in this regard. He also directed to develop consensus of all provinces on this policy because union council has the status of foundation and access of NADRA to Union Councils is necessary in this connection. He said that the policy will make citizen's registration transparent and foolproof.

The new policy will also prevent illegal registration of citizenship, due to which the issue of releasing identity cards and passports to foreigners came to light, the minister said. The plan to increase NADRA centers in six major cities was also reviewed in a meet-

ing. Apart from Karachi, Lahore, Peshawar, Quetta, Islamabad, and Rawalpindi, Multan had been decided to be included in this plan. The plan should be finalized and implemented in the next few days, so that people could avoid unnecessary rush and hassle, said the Interior Minister.

NADRA counters should also be started in service centers for the convenience of the people, he directed.

Home Minister's visits and subsequent measures have reduced the waiting time from 120 minutes to 75 minutes, Mohsin Naqvi was informed in a briefing. However, the minister directed measures to further reduce waiting time.

At present NADRA registration is 85% of the total population, the minister was briefed.

Secretary Interior Khurram Ali Agha, Chairman NADRA Lieutenant General Mohammad Munir Afzar and senior officers also participated in the meeting.

Enhancement in sugar price is not acceptable at any cost: PM

ISLAMABAD (Online): Prime Minister (PM) Shehbaz Sharif has said hike in sugar prices is not acceptable at any cost.

"The decision to export additional sugar will be made by Economic Coordination Committee (ECC)."

A special meeting was held under PM Shehbaz Sharif to review the matters related to export of sugar. PM was briefed if crushing is not started then sugar mills will become bankrupt.

PM was told that about 40 sugar mills are near to be shut in next season due to financial problems.

PM was told in the briefing that sugar mills paid Rs 760 billion out of 800 billion to growers of sugar cane in this running season. Mills have yet to pay Rs 40 billion to cultivators in current season.



QUETTA: A delegation of Pashtoonkhwa Milli Awami Party (PkMAP) led by central General Secretary Abdul Rahim Ziaratwal meeting with Governor Balochistan Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail.

Governor assures to resolve issues of Quetta traders

Independent Report

QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail has assured that every possible cooperation would be extended to resolve the issues being faced by the traders of Quetta.

The Governor was speaking to the delegation of traders who called on him under the leadership of President Anjuman Tajran Balochistan, Abdul Rahim

Agha, here at the Governor House on Thursday.

During the course of meeting, the issues being faced by the shopkeepers and traders were discussed.

The Governor was apprised about the increase in fares of different markets, incidents of theft and dacoities in Circular road and other areas due to non-availability of street lights and the poor cleanliness situation of the city.

Speaker summons QESCO CEO on issue of electricity in Balochistan

Independent Report

QUETTA: The Speaker Balochistan Assembly, Captain (Retd) Abdul Khaliq Achakzai summoned the Chief Executive Officer of Quetta Electricity Supply Company (QESCO) on the situation of electricity load shedding in the province, in his chamber today (Friday).

The Speaker summoned the CEO of QESCO to appear for explaining the situation of load shedding in his chamber after Jumma prayer today.

The Provincial Minister Mir Saleem Ahmed Khosa pointed out that long hours load shedding of electricity is going on in Naserabad and Jaffarabad. Therefore, the QESCO Chief may be summoned in the assembly over the issue of electricity, he pleaded.



QUETTA: Provincial Education Minister, Rahila Hameed Khan Durrani is addressing a function organized by Voice of Balochistan held at Balochistan University of Information Technology, Engineering and Management Sciences (BUTEEMS) in Quetta.

CM assures to review increase in annual grant of Quetta Bar Association

Independent Report

QUETTA: The Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti has assured that the government would review the increase in annual grant of Quetta Bar Association (QBA).

The Chief Minister was speaking to a representative delegation of Quetta Bar Association who called on him here at the CM's secretariat on Thursday.

The President QBA, Qari Rehamatullah Advocate led the delegation.

The Chief Minister said that the necessary directives have been issued to resolve the issue of parking

outside the High court and other subordinate courts in Quetta.

Besides, the directives have also been issued to Commissioner Quetta for settling the matter of rent of offices of the lawyers located in the Baldia plaza through mutual talks. He also assured that the provision of basic facilities would be ensured in the Baldia plaza. He said that two elevators would be installed after establishing a restaurant in the rooftop of the Baldia plaza. The Chief Minister also announced to make the old Baldia Tea House hub of literary activities after its restoration.



QUETTA: Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti expressing his views during Balochistan Assembly session.

OGDCL, Al-Shifa Eye Trust Hospital hold free medical, surgical camp

By Rafiullah Mandokhail

ZHOB: Oil and Gas Development Company Limited under its Corporate Social Responsibility programme and Al-Shifa Eye Trust Hospital organized a three-day free eye medical and surgical camp here in bor-



dering town Zhub. Thousands of patients suffering from eye ailment benefited from the camp set up at the district headquarters civil hospital. Assistant Commissioner Zaheer Ahmed Zehri flanked by the Regional Director OGDCL Ikramullah Kasi, camp supervisor Abdul Jabbar Memon, Aqeel Khosa and general secretary Para medical staff association Qasim Khan Mandokhail inaugurated the camp. Prominent ophthalmologists and surgeons participated in the three-day camp, where thousands of patients from far-off areas were examined, and received free medicines and glasses.

According to the OPD data, 2294 patients have been screened and provided them free medicines and glasses, while 220 cataract surgeries have also been carried out during the camp.

Regional Director OGDCL Ikramullah Kasi told journalist Rafiullah Mandokhail that OGDCL in collaboration with Al-Shifa Eye Trust Hospital organizes free eye camps in different remote parts of Balochistan, with the aim at providing free eye care services to the poor and needy patients belong to the marginalized communities.

"Besides free examination of patients in the camp, cataract surgeries are also performed. Those patients who cannot afford the medical expenses in adjacent districts have fully taken advantage of the free camp" he said.



QUETTA: Voice for Baloch Missing Persons Leaders, Mama Qadeer along with others addressing to media persons during press conference, in Quetta.

Pakistani Hujjaj's "Advanced Caravans" get high-tech escort from Madinah to Makkah

MAKKAH AL-MUKARRAMAH (APP): Pakistan is utilizing a Live Bus GPS tracking system for the first time to monitor the movement of Hajj pilgrims' caravans arriving in Makkah after offering 40 prayers at Masjid-e-Nabvi (SAW) during their eight-day stay in Madinah.

"This innovative approach aims to ensure a seamless and timely journey for the pilgrims," Incharge of the Madinah Departure Cell Dr Shahid Ur Rehman Marth told APP in an interview.

A dedicated team, he said, of highly skilled professionals were monitoring the 100 percent movement of each bus-caravan com-

ing from Madinah, bringing Pakistani Hajj pilgrims to Makkah al Mukarramah, the final convergence destination for the obligatory acts of Hajj starting from the 8th of Zilhajj.

Currently, around 80-85 buses operate daily between Madinah al-Munawwarah and Makkah al-Mukarramah, covering a 450-kilometer distance in approximately 8-9 hours, Dr Shahid added.

He said the live monitoring enabled the team to track the journey, including stopovers at Miqat Dhu al-Yulayfah (Masjid ash-Shajarah) to enter the Ithram, and the rest areas for prayer and refreshment.

Fateha offers for departed souls of Iranian President, companions in BA session

Independent Report

QUETTA: The fateha was offered for the departed souls of Iranian President, Ebrahim Raisi and other dignitaries died in the Helicopter crash, here in the session of Balochistan Assembly on Thursday afternoon.

The Speaker Balochistan Assembly, Captain (Retd) Abdul Khaliq Achakzai was in the chair at session.

Earlier, the session resumed around an hour late from the scheduled time after two days break.

Governor takes notice of abduction of child from Muslim Bagh

Independent Report

QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail has taken notice of the kidnapping of a four-year old boy from Muslim Bagh area.

The Governor has directed the Inspector General of police, Abdul Khaliq Sheikh and district administration to take immediate measures for safe recovery of the child namely Rehan Khan son of Muhammad Rahim. It may be mentioned here that Rehan Khan was abducted from Killi Karezgai area of Muslim Bagh four days ago.

ECC approves \$8m for Roosevelt Hotel

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the Cabinet on Thursday approved \$8 million to pay severance packages and operational expenses of the Roosevelt Hotel.

Ministry of Aviation presented a summary to allow the utilization of \$8 million available with National Bank of Pakistan to pay severance and other operational expenses of Roosevelt Hotel. The meeting was met under the chairmanship of Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Muhammad Aurangzeb, said a news release.

The ECC also allowed the request of Industries and Production Division for the release of Rs. 2,159.53 million from already approved budgeted allocation, to pay gas bills of Pakistan Steel Mill (PSM). The Committee also considered the summary of Finance Division to make amendments in policy for equity investment abroad to facilitate IT exports. Similarly, the ECC considered and approved proposals for Technical Supplementary Grants, including Rs. 1,027.378 million to the Earthquake Reconstruction.



QUETTA: Chief Secretary Balochistan Shakeel Qadir Khan presiding over a meeting regarding Quetta Safe City project.