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ICJ orders Israel to urgently halt Rafah military operation against Palestinians

Court also orders Israel to keep the Rafah crossing into Gaza open for the "unhindered" provision of humanitarian aid; Hamas welcomes ICJ decision on Rafah, says not enough, urges end to Israel's offensive on all of Gaza

Monitoring Desk THE HAGUE, Nether-lands: The top United Nations court ordered Israel on Friday to immediately halt its military operations in the southern Gaza city of Rafah. While Israel is unlikely to comply with any such order, it will ratchet up the pressure on the increasingly isolated country.

Criticism of Israel's conduct in the war in Gaza has been growing - even from its closest ally, the United States, which warned against an invasion of Rafah, where hundreds of thousands of Palestinians have sought shelter from fighting elsewhere. And this week alone, three

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PM Shahbaz hails ruling ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Muhammad

Shehbaz Sharif on Friday welcomed the decision of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) on a petition filed against genocide in Palestine.

The prime minister paid tributes to the courage of

The prime minister paid tributes to the courage of the 13 ICJ judges who made the decision and thanked South Africa for filing the petition. In a statement, he reiterated Pakistan's support for the Palestinians and pledged to continue fighting for their rights. He said Pakistan had extended support to the petition filed by South Africa. The prime minister called upon the United Na-tions Security Council and the international com-munity to immediately implement the Interna-

munity to immediately implement the International Court's decision to stop the Israeli operation in Gaza.

He also urged the international community to ensure the provision of humanitarian aid and relief to the people of Palestine, besides providing immediate access to the United Nations investigation commission to Gaza and Rafah.

ISLAMABAD: A delegation of representatives from Chinese companies in Pakistan meeting with Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif.

Ziarat to be made beautiful tourism destination: CM assures to take practical steps for resolving issues of people of Ziarat

Independent Report QUETTA: The Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti has categorically stated that Ziarat would be developed as the beautiful tourism destination of Pakistan.

He assured that practical policies would be devised for promotion of tourism in the province including Ziarta. The necessary resources would be provided for the viable projects of tourism development in Ziarat. He also assured to take practical steps for resolving the issues being faced by people of Ziarat. He announced to take all elders and political parties along for resolving public issues and development of Ziarta.

The Chief Minister was addressing at the review meeting of Ziarat Development Authority (ZDA) and tribal elders during his visit to Ziarat on Friday.

The Provincial Minister, Noor Muhammad

Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail

street crimes in Quetta city

Governor concerned about

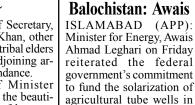
Dummar, Chief Secretary, Shakeel Qadir Khan, other senior officials, tribal elders of Ziarat and adjoining areas were in attendance. The Chief Minister

vowed to make the beautiful tourism place of the country. He on the occasion directed to the concerned to prepare Ziarat tourism project on the pattern of Galiyat

periences of Galiyat Development Authority for better tourism planning.

the occasion said that he would not be going to make any promise which may not be implemented. He said that Ziarat would be developed at the pattern of

He announced to make amendment in the rules for inclusion of Chief Secretary and Chairman Municipal Committee Ziarat in the governing body of ZDA.



Federal govt. to

of agricultural

tube wells in

In response to a calling

Balochistan attention notice regarding the limited electricity sup-

tric Supply Company (QESCO), which provides only three hours of electricity per day, he said that once the Balochistan gov-The Chief Minister on ernment formulated a

solarization initiative. Nathiagali and Galiyat.

He highlighted that approximately 12,000 illegal transformers were operat-ing on 404 feeders in Balochistan, with 96 percent of these feeders running at a loss.

PM invites Chinese firm to invest in Pakistan's mining sector

ISLAMABAD (Online): Prime Minister Shehbaz has invited Chinese firm MCC Tongsin Resources to make investment in Mining sector of Pakistan and assured provision of all-out facilitation in this connection. The Mining and Mineral sectors have been on the priority list of Special Investment Facilitation Council and a significant headway has also been achieved in this sector.

The Chinese firm MCC Tongsin Resources is fund solarization a research and investment company and a part of Metallurgical Group Corporation, which has been enlisted among the major Metallurgical Construction Contractors of the world.



The visit of the Chinese company to Pakistan aimed at cementing ties between China and Pakistan and to assure that Pakistan would ensure security of Chinese nationals, working on different development rojects.

China has so far made investment of more than sixty-five billion dollars in energy and infrastructure projects in Pakistan under China-Pakistan Economic Corridor.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Information, Broadcasting, National Heritage and Culture Attaullah Tarar flanked by Federal Minister for Commerce Jam Kamal addressing a Press conference

Tarar terms economy, SIFC lifeline & redline; sees great investment in days ahead

UAE's \$10 b investment, a testament to business-friendly policies: Jam Kamal

ISLAMABAD (APP): government's policies. Federal Minister for Information, Broadcasting, Na- which some disgruntled eltional Heritage and Culture ements are trying to violate Attaullah Tarar on Friday and trespass and they are pointed out that the surely doomed to fail," the economy and Special Ining a press conference flanked by Federal Minisvestment Facilitation Council (SIFC) were the lifeline and redline, expressing the optimism that development process would definitely move forward in the country with great investment days ahead. "Surely, the economy QUETTA: A delegation led by central leader Majlis Wahadat Muslimeen is our lifeline and redline, Pakistan Allama Magsood Ali Domki meeting with Balochistan Governor which is linked with the jobs of millions of people,' he said, adding curtailing inflation, ensuring bright Abdul Wali Khan future for the youth, and enhancing exports and foreign reserves were the prime objectives of the **Chairman PRCS**

"These are our redlines



ZIARAT: Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti presiding over meeting of Governing Body of Ziarat Development Authority

CM expresses angriness over Flightfrom Kyrgyzstan carrying complains of extortion at 172 Pak students

ply to agricultural tube wells by the Quetta Elec-In this regard, he di-rected to benefit from the ex-

mechanism for the distribution of funds to consumers, the federal government would be implementing the

check posts of police & Levies

QUETTA: DS Civil Services Academy Shabana

Sultan presenting a souvenir to Chief Justice

Balochistan High Court, Mr. Justice Hashim Khan

Independent Report QUETTA: The Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti has expressed angriness over the alleged complains of extortion at the check posts of police and Levies in the province.

On the issue, taking immediate action, the Provincial Minister for Home and Tribal Affairs, Mir Ziaullah Langove issued letter to the Additional Chief Secretary Home to take action.

The Minister asserted that no extortion would be tolerated at the check posts of Police and Levies.

He mentioned that the Chief Minister has directed them

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2019.

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pa-

kistan on Friday rejected

the fresh order of the In-

dian Supreme Court up-

holding its earlier ruling that

had endorsed the Indian

government's unilateral de-

cision of revoking the spe-

cial status of Jammu and

Kashmir by abrogating Ar-

ticle 370 of the Constitu-

Court just as we had re-

internationally recognized

disputed nature of Jammu

cannot distract the interna-

tion from the gross and sys-

temic human rights viola-

lands in Quetta QUETTA (INP): A special to take stern action against the complains about extorflight carrying Pakistani students from Bishkek, the tion expressing anger.

He warned that stern capital of Kyrgyzstan, landed at the Quetta airport action would be taken against those involved in on late Thursday night. the extortion

Pakistan International Air-He said that the Police lines (PIA) flight PK-6264 and Levies are responsible for protection of the life and carrying 172 students from property of the people. Bishkek reached Ouetta on He said that we may be Thursday. Sources said that

80 students belong to informed about any com-Balochistan while 92 belong plain in this regard as acto other provinces, Balochistan Chief Mintion would be taken against those involved.

He also urged the ister Mir Sarfraz Bugti and masses to cooperate with others welcomed the stuthe government and idendents on their return. Famitify the officers and perlies of students were also present in large numbers at sonnel involved in the extortion so as to dismiss airport.

increasing incidents of street crimes in Ouetta. other districts Independent Report QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail has ex-Journalist pressed deep concern over the increasing incidents of

Nasrullah succumbs to

According to details,

KARACHI (INP): A journalist of a Sindhi newspaper known for his bold reporting against feudal lords and waderas, who was seriously injured in a gun attack a few days ago, succumbed to his wounds at a hospital in Karachi on Friday morning.

Journalist Nasrullah Gadani was left fighting for his life after he suffered serious gunshot wounds in the attack by unidentified assail-

Pakistan rejects Indian SC ants near Mirpur Mathelo in Ghotki district on Tuesday orders failing to recognise last. The motorcycle-riding armed men were waiting for J&K's disputed status: FO Nasrullah Gadani and sprayed him with bullets

cupied Jammu and Kash-mir," Foreign Office torcycle at around 11:00 am. spokesperson Mumtaz Gadani, who received Zahra Baloch said at her three bullets, was first

weekly press briefing. She said the Kashmiris had an inalienable right to self-determination as enshrined in the UN Security Council's resolutions. India has no right to

tion through legislation in make unilateral decisions on the status of disputed ter-"We reject the fresh orritory against the will of der of the Indian Supreme parties in the dispute -Kashmiris and Pakistan, jected the earlier order of she added. The spokesper-December 11, 2023. Two son welcomed the anverdicts fail to recognize the nouncement by Ireland, Spain and Norway to recognise the Palestine state, following a and Kashmir...Indian Susimilar announcement by preme Court judgments Bahamas, Tobago, Jamaica and Barbados, and called it tional community's attena milestone in the decadesold quest of the Palestinian people for their right to self-determination. tion in Indian Illegally Oc-

and different other districts of the province. injuries The Governor has directed to the police and other law enforcement agencies to take solid measures to remove the complaints about occurrence of the street crimes. He asserted that no

Speaker BA, Ministers & MPAs express anger

ministers and members of provincial assembly have expressed their anguish near Kori Goth when he was over the long-time electricon way to the town on his moity load shedding in the

province. They urged the Chief Executive Officer of Quetta rushed to Shaikh Zayed Electric Supply Company Hospital in Rahimyar Khan (QESCO) and other high but later he was shifted to ups to reduce the duration Aga Khan Hospital in of power load shedding Karachi. However, he breathed particularly in Naseerabad

The Speaker, provincial ministers and members of provincial assembly were in meeting with the CEO and other senior high ups of QESCO who was summoned in the Speaker's chamber of assembly on Friday afternoon.

negligence would be toler-

ated in maintaining law and

order and protection of life

and property of the people. The Governor was

speaking to the Additional

Inspector General of Police.

Jawad Ahmed Dogar here

at the Governor House on

there should be close coor-

dination among all law en-

forcement agencies in order

to protect the people and

maintain law and order in

The Governor stressed

Friday

the province.

The Speaker had summoned the QESCO Chief on the issue of electricity load shedding in the province as the issue was raised in the session of assembly the other day. The members of assembly pointed out towards the issue of load

is reaching to 50 degree Celsius. They said that the people are enraged over the issue. They urged the QESCO to provide electricity to the people in severe hot weather as their representatives can't face them due to the electricity crisis.

posted as

Balochistan

Independent Report

QUETTA: Abdul Wali

Rhan Ghibzai has been ap-

pointed as the Chairman

Pakistan Red Crescent So-

ciety (PRCS) Balochistan.

an official statement issued

fication, appointment of

Abdul Wali Khan as Chair-

man PRCS Balochistan

has been made by the

Governor for three years

here on Friday.

term.

This was announced in

According to the noti-

The members of assembly alleged that the QESCO employees are involved in the electricity theft. The QESCO Chief on the occasion stressed that the provincial government may take up the matter with the federal governter for Commerce Jam Kamal Atta Tarar said that the efforts led by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif to woo investors were bringing positive results with the

clear signs of economic stabilization. Steps were underway to create an enabling envi-

ronment for the foreign investors, he added. Unfortunately, he said,

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OUETTA: Provincial Ministers Mir Ziaullah Lango, Mir Zahoor Buledi and Mir Shoaib Nausherwani holding a meeting

Gwadar port to boost economic activities in Balochistan: Chairman GPA

QUETTA (APP): Chairman Gwadar Port Authority, Mir Pasand Khan Buledia on Friday said that Gwadar Port was central project of CPEC, and would accelerate economic development in Balochistan. improving the economic conditions of the people and boosting the national economy. Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz Bugti, directed to remove obstacles in Gwadar Port and related projects, expedite the pace of work, and resolve issues related to the federal government through dialogue

The chairman said that Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz Bugti was serious about the early activation of Gwadar Port and

wanted speedy progress. He desired that Gwadar Port Authority would become functional as soon as possible to attract national and international investors to Balochistan. The chairman stated that they have presented their stance on the Gwadar Shipyard master plan on the relevant forum and, in that regard, the Chief Minister Balochistan had sought a report from the Gwadar administration officials.

KP Govt presents Rs 1754b surplus budget 2024-25; proposes 10pc increase in salaries, pensions

PESHAWAR (APP): The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Minister for Finance Aftab Alam on Friday presented Rs 1754 billion annual budget for the fiscal year 2024-25 with a surplus of Rs 100 billion.

The government has projected Rs 1.654 billion expenses, said the minister during budget speech in the assembly here, adding that as per the instructions of

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QUETTA: In light of rolling of Provincial Assembly, the Chief Executive Officer QESCO briefed Speaker Balochistan Assembly Captain (Retd) Abdul Khaliq Achakzai and MPAs about load-shedding

over issue of long-time power load shedding **Independent Report** QUETTA: The Speaker Balochistan Assembly, Captain (Retd) Abdul Khaliq Achakzai, provincial

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Miscellaneous

Babar Azam to lead a pace-heavy Pakistan side at T20 World Cup

Sports Desk

LAHORE: The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) on Friday announced the 15member squad for the ICC Men's Twenty20 World Cup 2024, one day ahead of the May 25 deadline.

Prominent names like Shaheen Afridi, Naseem Shah, Mohammad Rizwan and Fakhar Zaman are part of the Pakistan squad for the World Cup, which be-gins in the United States and West Indies from June

The likes of Saim Ayub, Abrar Ahmed, Usman Khan, Azam Khan and Abbas Afridi will be featuring in their first-ever T20 World Cup while this will be Mohammad Amir and Imad Wasim's first ap-

the Chief Minister Ali

Ameen Gandapur the

budget 2024-25 mainly fo-

cused on social protection,

peace, employment op-

portunities, and economic

proposed 10 percent in-

crease in both salaries and

pension of the government

employees and increase

minimum wage from Rs

While giving details of the budget 2024-25, he

said that the KP govern-

ment anticipated receiv-ing a total 1754 billion

under different heads

during the fiscal year 2024-25 including 1212.036 billion from

the federal government

under Federal Tax As-

signment, one percent of

The government has

development.

32000 to 36000.

since 2016 and 2021 respectively. It is worth mentioning that no reserves for the

World Cup squad have Irtaza Komail (chief secubeen announced rity officer), Mohammad Imran (masseur), Mohammad Khurram Pakistan squad Babar Azam ©, Saim Ayub,

Rizwan,

Haris Rauf.

KP Govt presents Rs 1754b surplus....

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Mohammad Sarwar (team doctor), Talha Azam Khan, Ijaz (analyst), Raza Shadab Khan, Fakhar Kitchlew (media and digi-Zaman, Usman Khan, tal manager) and Drikus Iftikhar Ahmed, Imad Saaiman (strength and con-Wasim, Abrar Ahmed, ditioning coach). "This is Mohammad Abbas Afridi, an extremely talented and Mohammad Amir, Naseem balanced side that has a mix-Shah, Shaheen Shah Afridi, ture of youth and experience. These players have Player support perbeen playing together for sonnel: Wahab Riaz (senior

some time and look well team manager), Mansoor prepared and settled for Rana (team manager), Gary next month's event," the Kirsten (head coach), Azhar PCB said in a press release. Mahmood (assistant "Haris Rauf is fully fit coach), Simon Helmot and bowling well in the

Tarar terms....

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pearance in the tournament (fielding coach), David Reid nets. It would have been (mental performance coach), Aftab Khan (high nice if he had gotten an outing at Headingley, but we performance coach), Cliffe remain confident that he Deacon (physiotherapist), will continue to maintain an upward trajectory in the upcoming matches, as he will have an important role to play along with other strike bowlers in the T20 World

Pakistan are in Group A of the event, alongside India, Ireland, Canada and

Pakistan's T20 World Cup 2024 schedule June 6: Pakistan vs

SA, Dallas June 9: Pakistan vs In-

dia, New York June 11: Pakistan vs anada, New York

June 16: Pakistan vs Ireland, Lauderhill

The Islamabad High Court

(IHC) on Friday rejected

the request to immediate suspend the PEMRA noti-

fication regarding media

coverage of the court pro-

ceedings and sought com-

ments from respondents in the petition till May 28. IHC Chief Justice

Aamer Farooq heard the petition filed by Islamabad

High Court Journalists Association's (IHCJA)

President

ISLAMABAD (APP): the court.

ZIARAT: Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti in a group photo with tribal elders IMF, Pak make significant progress towards new

loan programme

May 23, was in Islamabad to discuss Pakistan's pursuit of a longer, larger Extended Fund Facility

"Building on the economic stabilisation achieved through the successful completion of the 2023 Stand-by Arrange-ment (SBA), the IMF and the Pakistani authorities made significant progress toward reaching a Staff Level Agreement (SLA) on a comprehensive economic

Porter was quoted as saying in the statement. "The authorities' re-

form programme aims to move Pakistan from economic stabilisation to strong, inclusive, and resilient growth.

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To achieve this, the authorities plan to continue to strengthen public finances to reduce vulnerabilities by improving domestic revenue mobilisation through fairer taxation while scalpolicy and reform ing up spending for huprogramme that can be man capital, social protecsupported under an Ex- tion, and climate resilience; tended Fund Facility secure energy sector viabil-(EFF)," IMF Mission ity.



MULTAN: Acting President, Syed Yusuf Raza Gilani exchanging views with Ch. Abdul Waheed Arain, Former MPA during meeting held at Circuit House in Multan.

ISLAMABAD (INP): An which concluded its visit on Chief to Pakistan Nathan International Monetary

ten order regarding the hearing, said that as per the petitioner's lawyer, the PEMRA had stopped the TV channels from reporting the court proceedings through a notification on May 19. It added that the lawyer stated that the noti-

before its issuance.

The petitioners' law-yers Barrister Umar Ijaz Gilani and Islamabad High Court Bar Association (IHCBA) President Riasat Ali Azad appeared before 28

fication was a violation of Article 19 and 19A of the Constitution, as the stakeholders were not consulted

The court, in its writ-

Fayyaz Mehmood and Press Asso-Rejecting the request ciations of Supreme Court's for immediate stay order, the court said that the noti-(PAS) President Ageel Afzal challenging the notification should be implemented. However, it stopped PEMRA from lefication of Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority (PEMRA). gal action against TV chan-

nels till next date. The court sought comments from respondents including PEMRA and adjourned the case till May

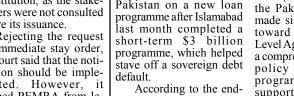
Fund (IMF) mission and the Government of Pakistan have made significant progress toward reaching a (EFF) staff-level agreement for an extended fund facility. In a statement posted on its website on Friday, the IMF said the Fund has opened discussions with Pakistan on a new loan programme after Islamabad

> the Pakistan authorities and the global lender have made "significant progress" towards reaching a staff-level agreement (SLA) on a new loan programme. The IMF mission,

Training can play a pivotal role in grooming of investigation officers Independent Report

QUETTA: NAB (Balochistan) organized a Workshop for NAB (B) officers on the QUEITA: NAB (Balochistan) organized a workshop for NAB (B) officers on the topic of "Artificial Intelligence (AI), GPT (Generative Pre-trained Transformer) and White Collar Crime Investigation – New Dimensions". Mr. Waheed Noor, Director, Government Innovation Lab (GIL), University of Balochistan Quetta and his associate Mr. Saud Khan were invited to NAB (Balochistan) for the said Workshop.

66 Percentage Rates The Director General NAB (Balochistan) in his inaugural words thanked the resource persons and stated that trainings and workshops play an important part in the grooming of NAB officers, improving their professional abilities and overall expert skills in present dynamic and ever-changing work environment. Officers must constantly upgrade their knowledge and stay current on the latest organizational techniques in order to perform affectively and efficiently.



According to the end-of-mission IMF statement,

DG NAB (Balochistan) says



the last few years and had the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leadership was engaged in such steps which

were against directly inimical to the national interests thus misleading the nation at the critical juncture. "Don't be mistaken. the foreign investment will definitely come to the country and we will take all steps to ensure the welfare of the people," he said. erty tax, tobacco tax, cess

Regrettably, they were the same people who had made a botched attempt in the past to make the GSF Plus status of Pakistan larly, fixed sales tax rate tional progress and dehas been proposed for wedding halls.

divisible pool on war on terror, Straight Trans-Aftab said the governfer under the head of ment has also given relief royalties and surcharge on in property tax and reoil and gas, windfall duced the tax amount levy and net hydel levy and net hydel on per kanal for facto-profit. He said that the ries form Rs 13600 to 10,000.

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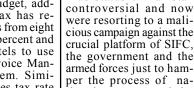


1 Establishment of Breeding Farm/Breeding Center

chalked out a mobilization plan and fixed a target of achieving Rs 93.5 billion revenue for the fiscal year 2024-25.

He said the KP government has decided to improve tax net instead of increasing the taxes and for the purpose several steps have taken including reforms in sales tax, prop-

and other taxes. The government has decreased the sales tax ratio on different online services in the budget, adding that the tax has reduced on hotels from eight percent to six percent and bound the hotels to use Restaurant Invoice Management System. Simi-



velopment. They intentionally tar-geted the SIFC on social media on the day the UAE made a pledge of \$10 billion investment in Pakistan, he added.

"It is okay if they just target me or criticize my political party; but they are hell bent on sabotaging the economy, and the nation is witnessing and is fully vigilant to their misadventures.

ICJ orders.....

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IHC rejects request to suspend PEMRA notification

Procurements shall be made under the Balochistan Public Procurement Rules – 2014. Eligibility of Bidders: Presence in Active Tax Payer List. The bidding firm must not be blacklisted by any procuring agency of Pakistan. Balochistan Revenue Authority Registration is required. The bidder must have completed Assignment of similar nature of work. Turn over of at least 3,500,000 PKR Amount in3 subsequent previous years showing financial capacity of the firm. PEC Registration C-6 or above and Specialized Code isCE10, Income Tax Registration certificate is required. 03 successfully similar work completion certificate each of estimated cost or above, for the last 03 year. The bidding Firm must submit Company's latest Bank Account Statement or Bank Credit Line Certificate. Authority Letter addressed undersigned, specifically for this NIT issued by the owner of the firm on judicial stamp paper The bidder should have fully operational office/ branch in Balochistan. The firm must be provide from last 3 year audit report duly issued by the registered with ICAP The last 3 year audit report duly issued by the registered with ICAP The bidder must be submit the Income Tax Return of the last (3) three year. The Bidders must comply with all prevailing all Govt Taxes as notified by FBR from time to time The firm must be deposit a tender fee amount to Rs.1000/ through green in the head of account ¬C-03370 2% bid security must be attached. Signature & company/firm seal on every page of the bidding document. **Procedure Of Procurement**: Single Stage One Envelope Bidding Procedure **Bid Security**: The bids must accompany Bid Security in the form of Bank Gurantee, Deposit at Call of 2 % specified above in the name of the under-signed from a scheduled 2 % specified above in the name of the under-signed from a scheduled bank. Tender Documents: The bidding documents can be obtained from the office of the under-signed 1,000 PKR Issuance of tender Documents: From the date of publication of NIT to 12 June, 2024 during office hours on working days Last Date of bid submission: The Tenders must be submitted latest by 12 June, 2024till 10:30 AM. Tender opening: All tenders will be opened on same day at the office of the under-signed at 11:30 AM Address: divisional forest officer mastung Phone no: 0843895048Fax no: 0843895048 2 % specified above in the name of the under-signed from a schedule Email: nadirshah789@gmail.com

nounced they would recog nize a Palestinian state, and the chief prosecutor for another U.N. court requested arrest warrants for Israeli leaders, along with Hamas officials

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is also under heavy pressure at home to end the war, which was triggered when Hamasled militants stormed into Israel, killing 1,200 people, most civilians, and taking some 250 captive. Thousands of Israelis have joined weekly demonstrations calling on the government to reach a deal to bring the hostages home, fearing that time is running out.

While the ruling by the International Court of Justice is a blow to Israel's international standing, the court does not have a police force to enforce its orders. In another case on its docket, Russia has so far ignored a 2022 order by the

invasion of Ukraine

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DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER MASTUNG court to halt its full-scale

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The Executive Engineer (Roads) Communication Works, PP&H Department Awaran invites bids from Eligible Bidders for execution of work for the Year 2023-24 based on Composite schedule of rates 2023.							
S#	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Time Limit	TSE No	Relevant Category		
1.	CONSTRUCTION OF BLACK TOP ROAD FROM MAIN AWARAN BELA ROAD TO QAMBERO DAROGHA NASEEB BAZAR DISTRICT AWARAN (LENGTH 2 KM UPTO 1.5 KMJPSDP No. 2549/Z2023, 129	78,200,000	12 Months	232405430193	(PEC) C-4 and above (Upto 200 million)		
2.	Construction Of Black Top Road From Awaran Main Road To Murad Chanal Goth Jaho District Awaran. Length 5.500 Km PSDP No. 2545 //22023.1286	198,096,000	36 Month	232405430013	(PEC) C-4 and above (Upto 200 million)		
3.	CONSTRUCTION OF BLACK TOP ROAD FROM MUSAL PIR TO SADIQ GOTH AWARAN LENGTH 0.500 KM 2542/Z2023.1283	29,714,000	12 Months Tender fee Rs.1,000/-	232405429373	(PEC) C-5 and above (Upto 65 million)		
4.	CONSTRUCTION OF B/T ROAD FROM SURAB TO DANUK SURAB PSDP NO.2548 /Z2023.1289 DISTRICT AWARAN 1.00 KM UPTO 0.80 KM	29,714,000	12 Months Tender fee Rs.1,000/-	232405429563	(PEC) C-5 and above (Upto 65 million)		
5.	MIR ABDUL MAJEED BEZINJO CHOK SHANDI CROSS CAMP JAHOO DISTRICT AWARAN PSDP NO.2543/Z2023.1284 rements shall be made under the B	9,904,000	12 Months Tender fee Rs.1,000/-	232405430483	(PEC) C-5 and above (Upto 65 million)		

Procurements shall be made under the Balochistan Public Procurement Rules - 2014 Eligibility of Bidders: Presence in Active Tax Payer List. The bidding firm must not be blacklisted by any procuring agency of Pakistan. Balochistan Revenue Authority Registration is required. The bidder must have completed Assignment of similar nature of work. Turn over of at least year PKR Amount in subsequent previous years showing financial capacity of the firm. Registration with Pakistan Engineering council (PEC) Relevant Category and Specialized Code is CE10(i) (General Civil Engineering Works), ongoing projects of similar nature atleast 50% of Estimated cost of Project Procedure Of Procurement: Single Stage Two Envelope Bidding Procedure Bid Security: The bids must accompany Bid Security in the form of Deposit at Call of 2 % specified above in the name of the under-signed from a scheduled bank. Issuance of tender Documents: From the date of publication of NIT during office hours on working days Last Date of bid submission: The Tenders must be submitted latest by 11th June, 2024. Tender opening: All tenders will be opened on same day at the office of the undersigned. Note: All Detail uploaded in BPPRA website Address: Executive Engineer Executive Engineer (Roads) Communication, Works PP&H Department District Awaran near Deputy Commissioner Complex Main Bazar Awaran. Phone no: 03366117867 Email: asadullahbaloch977@gmail.com

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He stated that NAB has already established a specialized Training and Research Division, which produces and oversees training programs to meet the ever-changing needs of work of its officers

The resource persons shared their views in accordance with the subject topic. It was asserted to learn it to expedite and improve results. It was also briefed about available softwares which can be utilized to get assistance in generating reports and analysis of data. The speakers kept on explaining the operating process of Artificial Intelligence tools and collaboration of such tools with legal and investigative work. NAB officers asked various questions, which were replied by the resource r



The Executive Engineer Road CWPP&H Department District Washuk invites sealed tender to composite schedule of rates 2023, from interested contractors / firms for the work lister Earnest Money (2%) in shape of call deposit, Tender Fee Rs.500/- in head of account C-027 Time limit 12 Months for each work.

S		E/Cost			
1	CONSTRUCTION OF BLACK TOP ROAD FROM KILLI KALAG TO BAZAR	63.393 M			
	MASHKAIL 4 KM TEHSIL MASHKAIL DISTRICT WASHUK				
	PSDPNO:2438(Z2023.1178) TSE-232405428473				
2	CONSTRUCTION OF BLACK TOP ROAD MASHKIL BAZAR 2 KM TEHSIL	31.695 M			
	MASHKAIL DISTRICT WASHUK. PSDP NO:2440(Z2023.1180)				
	TSE-232405428553				
3	CONSTRUCTION OF BLACK TOP ROAD FROM KILLI SORGAZO TO KILLI	31.466 M			
	GARANG 2KM UC GARANG DISTRICT WASHUK PSDP NO:2444(Z2023.1185)				
	TSE-232405428193				
4	CONSTRUCTION OF BLACK TOP ROAD FROM CPEC ROAD TO KILLI CHAD UC	31.695 M			
	NAG 3KM DISTRICT WASHUK PSDP NO:2447(Z2023.1188)				
-		40 500 M			
5	CONSTRUCTION OF BLACK TOP ROAD SHRIZATO PATAK BASIMA1 KM	12.586 M			
6	DISTRICT WASHUK PSDP NO:2453(Z2023.1194) TSE-232405428613 CONSTRUCTION OF BLACK TOP ROAD KILLI LIAQUAT ALI BASIMA 1KM	15 50 M			
Ø	DISTRICT WASHUK PSDP NO:2454(Z2023.1195) TSE-232405428303	15.58 M			
7	CONSTRUCTION OF BLACK TOP ROAD KILLI BASIMA TOWN3KM DISTRICT	47.504 M			
1	WASHUK PSDP NO:2461(Z2023.12012) TSE-232405428383	47.304 IVI			
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	Procurement shall be made under the Balochistan Public Procurement rules, 2014, <u>ELIGIBILITY</u> : The				
	Contractor must have valid registration with Pakistan Engineering Council in relevantCategory with tax				
	uthorities i.e. (NTN, BRA and Sales Tax Department), where applicable. Two Years Rel				
	xperience.Turn-over of last Two year. Audit Report for last Three Years. Two similar nature				
	ork for last five years METHOD OF PROCUREMENT : Single stage – One envelope Pro ECURITY: The bid must accompany bid security in the form of call deposit or bank guarante				
	becified above in the name of the undersigned from a scheduled bank. TENDER DOCUM				
	dding documents can be obtained from the office of the undersigned upon payment (non				
	dding documents from fee mentioned above through green challan head of Account C-02				
	Government treasury District washuk in any branch of NBP washuk (the NIT and bidding documents can				
	also be downloaded from www.bppra.gob.pk under TSE No. given above against scheme. The S.No1 will				
	be E-Bidding other will be manually. ISSUANCE OF TENDER DOCUMENTS: The tender documents				
	sued from the date of uploading in BPPRA website LAST DATE OF BID SUBMISSION:				
	ust be submitted latest by 11-06-2024at 12:00 PM at the office of the undersigned.				
	OPENNING: All tenders will be opened on 11-06-2024 at 1:00 PM in the office of the undersigned before				
	ocurement committee in the presence of contractors. PLACE OF ISSUANCE AND SL				
	WILL BE:- Address:Office of the Executive Engineer Road CWPP&H Department District Washuk				
BID VALIDITY PERIOD: Ninety (90) Days. TERMS AND CONDITIONS: Terms and conditions are					
	mentioned (incorporated) in detail in bidding documents. A Procuring Agency may cancel the bidding				
	rocess at any time prior to acceptance of bid or proposal, as per provision in BPPRA, rule 201				

process at any time prior to acceptance of bid or proposal, as per provision in BPPRA, rule 2014

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SE-232405427193 Note: In All Procurements GOB Wheth Through Electronic or Manual Bid Submission, It is Mandatory For All Bidders to Get Registered At Electronic Public Procurement System of BPPRA GOB. The RESIDENTIAL MODEL COLLEGE KHUZDAR invites bids from Eliaible Bidders for execution of following works for the Year 2024 based on Composite schedule rates 2018 on

TENDER NOTICE

Tender Fee Rs.1000/- and Bid Security 2%

S.No Name of Work/s	E/Cost		
S.No Name of Work/s 1 supply and installation of solar system	12,000,000		

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 3 Assignment of similar nature of work. Turn over of at least 8,400,000 PKR Amount in3 subsequent previous years showing financial capacity of the firm. Procedure Of Procurement: Single Stage One Envelope Bidding Procedure Bid Security: The bids must accompany Bid Security in the form of Bank Gurantee, Deposit at Call of 2 % specified above in the name of the under-signed from a scheduled bank. Tender Documents: The bidding documents can be obtained from the office of the under-signed 1,000 PKR Issuance of tender Documents: From the date of publication of NIT to 10 June, 2024 during office hours on working days Last Date of bid submission: The Tenders must be submitted latest by 10 June, 2024 till 12:00 PM. Tender opening: All tenders will be opened on same day at the office of the under-signed at 01:00 PM Address: Balochistan Residential College Main RCD road

persons.	khuzdar Phone no: 0848412323 Email: brck@gmail.com
based on	PRINCIPAL RESIDENTIAL MODEL COLLEGE KHUZDAR
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E/Cost	As per Notification issued by the Government of Baluchistan
63.393 M	Education Department Notification No So (Budget)/Edn: /2-25/983- 85, Dated 12 March 2015 regarding constitution of procurement committee for purchasing agency, as chairman procurement
31.695 M	committee, Govt Boys High School Barshore Pishin invites the tender for the following items during the financial year 2023-2024 according to the BPPRA Rules 27 (1) TSE-232405431861
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	1 Reading Writing Material 2000000/= TOTAL 2000000/=
31.695 M	ELIGIBILITY: The Firm must be registered income discipline and registration with tax authorities (NTN and Sales Tax Department),
12.586 M	FBR & BRA Method of Procurement: Single Stage One envelop procedure. Bidding / Tender Documents: Issuance Documents will
15.58 M	be issued from the date of publication at Rs.1000/ non-refundable. Submission: Last Date of Submission of Document with
47.504 M	2%inshape of Call deposit is 10-06-2024 at 9.00 AM. Opening: The sealed Tender Technical will be opened on 10-06-2024 at 9.30 AM (Financial Bid shall be opened with in one hour of deadline for
I TY : The	submission of bids) before procurement committee in the presence
y with tax	of contractors or their authorized representative /agents. Place of
ant Work	issuance submission inquires and opening will be:- Address
dure. BID	Office of the Head Master Govt Boys High School Barshore Pishin
of amount	3 Year Experience in Supply of stationary show Supply Order of 6 Million Terms and Condition: (A) Under following condition bids will
NTS: The	be rejected. (i) Conditional, electronic and telegraphic bids tender.
efundable) 6 through	23(ii) Bids not Accompanied by bid security earnest money of 2% in
ments can	shape of Call Deposit in Favor of Undersigned. (iii) Bid Received
S.No1 will	after specified date and time. (iv) Black listed contractors / Firms. (B)
ocuments	The procuring agency (PA) reserve the rights to cancel the bidding
he tender TENDER	process at any time prior to acceptance of a bid or proposal subject to the relevant provisions of Balochistan public procurement regulatory
ied before	authority rules 2014. (C) Responsive bidder is required to submit
MISSION	documents with their bids. (D) NTN Activation For the current year
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D	HEAD MASTER CHAIRMAN, PROCUREMENT
D	COMMITTEE GOVT BOYS HIGH SCHOOL BARSHORE

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PM for efforts to protect Markhor, other species for sustainable future

the country observed the we take pride in the majesfirst International Day of the Markhor on Friday (May 24), Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif called for the efforts to protect the national animal of Pakistan and other species which enrich the planet's biodiversity.

The prime minister, in his message to the nation, said, "Let us work together to protect not only the Markhor but also all species that enrich our planet's biodiversity. By doing so, we secure a sustainable future for generations to come.

He called upon all Pakistanis and the international community to reaffirm their commitment to environmental conserva-

"Today, as we celebrate the first International Day of the Markhor, the

tic creature that symbolizes our rich natural heritage," he remarked. The prime minister

said that the Markhor, with its unique corkscrewshaped horns, represented Pakistan's commitment to preserving biodiversity and maintaining ecological balance. He said the day, proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly on May 2, 2024, acknowledged the nation's efforts unwavering dedication to and successes in wildlife

conservation. Prime Shehbaz said that the sigsources nificant increase in the Markhor population over the past decade was a testament to Pakistan's dedication to protecting its natural environment.

He said that the responsible trade practices country's conservation and the well-being of enprogrammes, supported by dangered species

ISLAMABAD (APP): As national animal of Pakistan, local communities and guided by scientific research, had shown that with collective effort, the decline of endangered species could e reversed. "Pakistan, as a com-

mitted signatory to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and lora (CITES), proudly announced its significant elevation to CITES Category I. This elevation is a testament to the nation's wildlife conservation and the sustainable manage-Minister ment of our natural re-

He said that the country's exclusive legislation, the Pakistan Trade Control of Wild Fauna and Flora Act, 2012, underscored its commitment to



Velcome

Day at ICCI Chamber House.

BISP supports disadvantaged segments irrespective of political affiliation: Rubina Khalid

the

ISLAMABAD (APP): news release issued here. Chairperson of the Benazir directly interacted with the Income Support Programme (BISP), Rubina beneficiaries of the BISP Khalid Friday said that the and listened to their con-BISP was providing financial assistance to all poor

Addressing and deserving people irrewomen, she advised them spective of any political to visit the payment center only after receiving a message from the BISP

"This money is the ight of the poor people, and it is our responsibility to ensure that funds are provided to deserving women in a dignified and transparent manner", she Rs. 10,500. said during her visit to the BISP payment centers in Swabi

affiliation

count and collect the full The objective of amount and to ask for a Rubina Khalid's visit to bank receipt. Swabi was to review the In case of any deducdistribution process of tions, she urged them to payments to deserving immediately file a comwomen and to assess the plaint with the BISP necessary arrangements

ĥelpline at 0800-26477. Giving instructions to the staff, Rubina Khalid and facilities provided to the beneficiaries, said a

Islamabad Police distribute water among the citizens in extreme hot weather

Independent Report in Islamabad for citizens AMABAD: According to the details, following the special directives of Inspector General of Police (IGP) Islamabad Syed Ali Nasir Rizvi, the Islamabad Police is utilizing all available re-

traveling in extreme hot weather. This is to ensure that citizens can travel safely and comfortably to their destinations despite the hot weather. On this occasion, SSP

Traffic said that the pursources to provide citizens with every possible assispose of this initiative is to

protect the lives and prop-

erty of citizens, ensure safe

travel, promote community

policing, and bridge the gap

between the police and the

appreciated this initiative

by the Islamabad Traffic

Police and have also

thanked the IG Islamabad

Citizens have greatly

public.

AIERD, Arid Agriculture

Fellowship 2024"

added.

emphasized that senior citi During her visit, she zens and women with small children should be given

priority. She instructed the staff to inform the beneficiaries of their exact amount while issuing to-

Later, Rubina Khalid visited the BISP office in official number 8171. Swabi. She directed the Rubina Khalid anstaff to clean the office and nounced that the total improve the arrangements amount received in this infor deserving women.

She reminded the staff stallment of the stipend is that this program is associ-She instructed the ated with the name of beneficiaries to ensure they Shaheed Benazir Bhutto and should not be misused.

Speaking to a media representative, Chairperson BISP stated that more than 9.5 million families are benefiting from this program. The survey process for identifying eligible families i underway.

PTI leader Aamir sent to jail on judicial remand

ISLAMABAD (Online): Anti Terrorism Court (ATC) Islamabad has sent PTI leader Aamir Mughal to jail on judicial remand.

tice Azam Nazeer Tarar Aamir Mughal was Friday informed the Senate that the 128-kilometer Sarai arrested during operation against encroachments out-Gambila-Kohat Road in side PTI office. Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

Aamir Mughal was would be completed by the presented before the ATC end of June, at a cost of Rs Islamabad led by judge 30 billion. bual Hasanat Muhammad

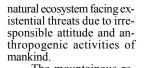
Romina says: Pak leading world in community-based **Markhor conservation**

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister's Coordinator on Climate Change, Romina Khurshid Alam on Friday announced that Pakistan was the leading the world in community-based conservation of Markhor and other wild goats and sheep that were thriving in population across the northern region of the coun-

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Addressing a press conference, flanked by Inspector General of Forest, Ministry of Climate Change and Environmental Coordination, Ghulam Qadir Shah on the occasion of International Markhor Day, the PM's Coordinator mentioned that the country along with the rest of the world was celebrating its national animal's day under the ambit of the United Nations to raise awareness on its conservation and significance in the

ecology. Romina Khurshid said the United Nations General Assembly on May 2nd approved the resolution to celebrate global Markhor Day to highlight that it was an important member of the



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The mountainous region of the country particularly Gilgit Baltistan, Chitral, Kohistan, Swat, Dir, and Balochistan were the habitats of more than a dozen of wild goats and sheep including Ibex, Markhor, Urial, Himalayan Gorel, Blue Sheep and Marcopolo Sheep, she added.

"Markhor is an enchanting tough and highly impressive wild Capra that resides in the harsh mountainous terrain and its not only important part of the natural food chain but also a major source of livelihood for the local populace," she said

She underlined that the sports hunting meant for conservation through trophy hunting was criticized by the masses but it was a complete conservation programme under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES).



ISLAMABAD: PM's Coordinator on Climate Change & Environmental Coordination Romina Khurshid Alam talking to media on International Markhor day.

Sarai Gambila-Kohat road to be completed by end of June: Minister

ISLAMABAD (APP): ceeding Rs 17 billion.

He further informed the House about the challenges encountered in the Peshawar Northern Bypass project, with a budget of Rs 27 billion, primarily related to land acquisition.

Despite these challenges, the project is antici-

ISLAMABAD: A view of closed Jinnah avenue due to Ghaza sit protest (Dharna) at D-Chowk in the Federal Capital. Laghari visits Kuwait **RCS** headquarters

board members.

addressing the current hu-

manitarian challenges in the

region. In his remarks,

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chairman of the Pakistan Red Crescent Society (PRCS), Sardar Shahid Ahmed Laghari, visited the Kuwait Red Crescent Society (KRCS) headquarters

in Kuwait on Friday. According to a press release issued here, he was warmly welcomed by Chairman Kuwait Red Crescent Society

Chairman Laghari high-Dr. Hilal Musaed Allighted Kuwait's steadfast Sayer along with Deputy support during times of Chairman Dr Anwar peace and crises. He em-Abdullah Al Hasawi, Sec-

Director General KRCS

ISLAMABAD (APP): The National Institute of Abdul Rehman Al Aoun and Health (NIH) has issued an During the visit, Chairadvisory regarding the risman Laghari engaged in dising intensity of heatwaves cussions with the senior and the associated risk of officials of KRCS, focusing sunstroke across the counon strengthening bilateral humanitarian relations and

The advisory highlights the increasing impact of climate change due to global warming, reported a private news channel on Friday

According to the NIH, the risks and effects phasized the historic and of heatwaves are on the

NIH issues advisory on heatwave

Barjas Hamoud Al Barjas, KRCS.

Senator Shibli says: Govt responsible for operation to demolish **PTI central secretariat**

ISLAMABAD: Visitor viewing painting during

exhibition "Archipelago of the Self" at Tanzara

IFA's late night action;

tainted spices destroyed

ISLAMABAD (Online): Opposition leader in Sen-ate Shibli Faraz has strongly condemned CDA operation to demolish PTI central secretariat, held government responsible and demanded of immediate release of PTI arrested work-

Shibli Faraz opposition leader said in Senate he came to know on Friday in session that finance committee of house has been established in consultation

Gallery.

The Islamabad Food Au-

thority (IFA) on Thursday

night raided at a pickle and

of tainted spices.

food products.

with opposition leader. This is a sheer lie and wrong

Law minister is making offensive on judiciary now a days, he added. A wave of fascism has come in the country.

He said PTI central office was demolished in the darkness of night. Party workers were lathi charged. Government side cannot erase the love of people for Imran Khan from their hearts through use of force.

dration is crucial in avoid-

the NIH warned that extreme heat can also lead to yphoid fever. The NIH urges the

public to take these warnings seriously and adopt measures to protect themselves during the heatwave.

> **ECP** imposes ban on officer transfers for

PK-22 by-Polls ISLAMABAD (APP):

The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) has imposed a ban on the posting and transfer of government officers within Bajaur district to ensure free, fair and transparent upcoming byelections in PK-22, Bajaur IV, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. According to a notifi-

cation, the ban will remain in effect until the names of returned candidates are published. Additionally, the 6510 kg fake pickle, 155kg ECP has prohibited government functionaries or elected representatives, including local government officials, from announcing ISLAMABAD (APP): colours to adulterate spices any development schemes

and selling these items in attractive packaging, misuntil July 11, 2024. leading consumers.

spice unit in the Industrial area of the Federal Capital, Dr. Tahira emphaand sealed it while recoversized the importance of food safety and promised ing 6510 kilograms of fake pickles and 155 kilograms strict action against those who compromise the qual-Talking to APP, ity

Deputy Director Operaof food. She urged the tions of IFA, Dr. Tahira public to support the IFA Saddique, said that the IFA in identifying and eliminataccompanied by food ing such practices in their safety teams (FSTs) raided neighborhoods. This raid underscored the IFA's comat late night in the pickle unit and destroyed a large mitment to ensuring safe quantity of contaminated and healthy food for the residents of Islamabad, she She said that the inadded.

spection revealed rotten On the occasion, she vegetables stored uncovered warned that the sale of suband treated with chemicals. standard and harmful food The team also discovered items was a criminal offungus, insects, and flies fense under the law and infesting the pickles. The strict action would be taken unit was using banned against the violators.

rise, with an expected increase in morbidity and mortality due to heat-

stroke. The Institute stresses the importance of immediate measures to combat heatstroke, particularly by avoiding direct sunlight. The advisory emphasizes that preventing dehy-

ing complications from heatstroke. Additionally, tance and travel facilities, a public relations officer said. He said that, the SSP Traffic Muhammad Sarfraz

Virk directed the officials to promote community policing and improve public-police relations. In this regard, the Islamabad Traffic Police are ensuring the provision of water at various locations and his team.

University launch "China ISLAMABAD (APP):

The Asian Institute of Ecocivilization Research and Development (AIERD), in collaboration with Pir Mehr Ali Shah Arid Agriculture University has launched the China

ship experts on China from Pakistani and Chinese universities and think tanks would deliver lectures and for constituencies where conduct workshops to train bye-elections are underway the participants.

the participants with the Understanding China Felknowledge and information lowship Programme 2024 about Chinese success in different fields, acquaint for the youth intending and them with the Chinese aspiring to understand model of development and Chief Executive Ofshared prosperity, and proficer (CEO), AIERD, vide them guidelines as to Shakeel Ahmed Ramay told how they can suggest a way APP that under the fellowforward to Pakistani policymakers in line with

> The fellowship is a four-month long duration programme to be divided into two parts.

the Chinese way of think-

The program was

ISLAMABAD: Visitors are looking handmade items on Indonesia stall during Asian African Culture Night at a local hotel in the Federal Capital.

Zulqarnain.

On being inquired by the court the investigating Mansehra motorway officer told that rod has to would be constructed with be recovered from Aamir the support of Saudi funds. Mughal

Judge Abual Hasanat Muhammad Zulqarnain remarked when Aamir Mughal has been caught Jand Road with Motorway then has the rod to be re-M-14, linking Islamabad covered. and Dera Ismail Khan.

Comedian Rangeela remembered on death

anniversary ISLAMABAD (APP) The 19th death anniversary of comedian, film actor, singer and director, Rangeela was observed on Friday.

Rangeela's real name was Muhammad Saeed Khan. He was born in Parachinar Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in 1937. In 1957, Rangeela

supported by the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Pakistan, he started his cinematic journey with the film "Jati' marking the start of a re The basic objectives markable career that soared of the program are to equip o great heights.

He received eleven Nigar Awards and Pride of Performance in recognition of his services.

Rangeela died on this day in 2005, at the age of 68

Study finds fish oil supplements may pose risks for health

ISLAMABAD (APP): recent study conducted at Sun Yat-sen University in China has raised concerns about the use of fish oil supplements among healthy individuals.

Contrary to popular belief, the study published in the BMJ Medicine journal suggests that regular consumption of fish oil supplements by people with healthy hearts may actually increase the risk of a first heart attack or stroke.

While long-term studies have previously indi-cated potential benefits of fish oil for individuals with heart disease, this new research sheds light on potential risks for otherwise were arrested, and 46 kilohealthy individuals

hour in the House, he said December. that the Muzaffarabad to

This project, costing

The minister provided

Rs 18.7 billion, is also ex-

pected to be completed by

the end of June

Minister for Law and Jus-

Tarar also highlighted the completion of the Chakdara-Fatehpur section at a cost of Rs 7 billion and He also mentioned mentioned that the Pezu to that a dual carriageway was Tank Road was scheduled currently under construcfor completion by June tion to connect Kohat to 2024

Regarding the Khyber Pass Economic Corridor, aimed at serving as an international trade route, Tarar stated that the project would cost approximately \$460 million.

He confirmed the fiupdates on the ongoing con-struction of the old Bannu nalization of the agreement and announced that the bid-Road, slated for completion ding process would comby September at a cost exmence soon.



ISLAMABAD: Children playing in a ground as strong duststorm obstruct them at Barakahu.

1546 accused arrested; cash, valuables worth Rs 165mn recovered during one month

Independent Report ILAMABAD: According to the details, following the special directions of In-spector General of Police (IGP) Islamabad Syed Ali Nasir Rizvi, the Islamabad Police carried out an extensive crackdown against criminal elements in the federal capital during the last month to maintain peace and tranquility, a public relations officer said. He said that, in this regard the Operations Division Islamabad arrested a total of 1,546 accused involved in different

criminal activities, and recovered cash and valuables worth over Rs 165.25 millions from their possession. Moreover 102 accused from 44 gangs involved in robbery activities were also arrested and valuables worth over 24.4 mil-

lion rupees were recovered from their possession. During the ongoing 'Nasha ab Nahe'' movement in the federal capital,

ous operations against professional beggars and their facilitators throughout the city, 775 men, women, children, and transgender india total of 338 drug dealers

viduals were arrested

grams of hashish, 97 kilograms of heroin, 20 kilograms of ice, 2,020 liters of liquor, and 203 intoxicating pills were recovered from their possession. Âdditionally, 291 ac-

cused involved in property crimes such as theft, robbery, burglary, vehicle and motorcycle theft, and vehicle tempering were arrested. Police teams also recovered cash and valuables worth over Rs 165.25 million, including vehicles and motorcycles, from their possession.

The Islamabad Police Operations Division also carried out extensive operations against those possessing illegal weapons, and arrested 277 accused and recovered 15 rifles, 5 carbines,

231 pistols, and 55 daggers from their possession. Similarly, during vari-

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IMF's unease

The first round of 'engagement' between Pakistan and the IMF over the former's request for a larger and longer programme appears to have concluded with some bumps still visible. Both sides are believed to have reached an understanding on the reform measures that Islamabad must include in the budget for the next financial year and get approved by parliament before an agreement on a new bailout facility is signed.

A report in this paper has quoted a government official as saying that the IMF mission is leaving the country without announcing a formal staff-level agreement, because the "Fund wants a stamp of approval from parliament for the reforms and policy actions [to be implemented as 'prior actions' for the new programme] given the un-How do two workingpredictable political environclass village women, meeting for the first time, learn ment". about each other's state of

This is not a new condition well-being? Pardon my in Pakistan's context, nor is it travelling in rural Punjab surprising, considering the endless political instability roiling the country. The IMF had happened to overhear a recently noted that high political uncertainty and the resurgence of social tensions could they fared in their struggle undermine economic to ensure a supply of stabilisation.

grain and milk) for their "Downside risks remain exfamilies throughout the ceptionally high. While the new talk. The two stood for all government has indicated its vomen guardians of the intention to continue the family food; the two com-[Stand-by Arrangement's] polimodifies they discussed re the main pillars of cies, political uncertainty refood security for tens of millions in our country. mains significant," the IMF had said in its staff report on the hold Integrated Economic conclusion of the second and Survey 2018-19, the comfinal review of the \$3bn SBA. milk in consumption ex- home consumption, while headlines and paints the It added that "the resurgence penditure on food by all the harvest from another in social tensions reflecting the complex political scene and households, is a little high cost of living could weigh on policy and reform implementation". Despite its concerns that the political situation might create obstacles in the way of Imagination is not an escape from reality or sim-ply a tool of fantasy parliamentary approval of the new budget, the IMF has also among creative types. It influences how we perexpressed its confidence in the ceive reality and even represent political administrashape it. As such, it is not necessarily opposite to reason. The two can tion. "The return of the outgoing government to power after complement each other to the elections means continued offer deeper insights. Thoughtful, innovative commitment to the reform works in science, social studies, language, and agenda agreed at the time of even mathematics can all the SBA. This not only means benefit from imaginative thinking. Imagination a higher likelihood for the conmust not be confined to tinuity of reforms but also pocurriculum discussions on arts and crafts or re-stricted to preschool and litical stability for the next five years. The current coalition elementary school years. Its relevance must be government consists of almost taken seriously across all the same political parties, levels of education. which despite heavy political cost implemented all the actomatic of our modern times that we have become accustomed to viewtions committed under the [Exing reason and imagina-Facility] tended Fund tion as dichotomous to each other. Moreover, each is often attributed programme and approved all the prior actions under the solely to a self-contained individual, whose origin is SBA," it said. further reduced to neuro-It is thus anticipated that logical functions of the brain. We seem to have the Fund will conclude a new moved away from a hoever, a new arrangement is the listic way of perceiving and relating to the world. least of the community of the sector of the s least of the common man's thought, creative spirits inspired philosophers problems. The real issue for and poets alike. Carl Jung most is the additional financial tried to break out of modern individualism by proburden in the shape of new posing the notion of a collevies — such as a hike in the lective unconscious. Within irfan, or Muslim petroleum levy, an increase in mystical thought, imagiindirect taxes, more taxes on nation was viewed as a faculty of perception and salaries — and enhanced enintellect that enabled the ergy prices that they will have discovery of new horizons, even allowing one to bear as the cost of the new to attain truth and cerloan. Going by the just-containty. Reason and imagicluded engagement with the nation were not dichoto-mous as such. IMF mission, it is clear that the next phase of economic stabilisation will be very tough for most of the population. one's himma, or power of

Faisal Bari Punjab's School Education Department (SED) has recently set up 'student councils' in public sector elementary, high and higher skills

secondary schools. The first elections for class representatives, president, vice president, general secretary and finance secretary took place on May 16, when 61,212 school representatives and other office bearers were elected in 15,303 elementary, high and higher secondary schools. Some 7 million children voted. Student councils are not a new concept. Inter-

nationally, many school systems, private and public, have them. They are present in some private schools in Pakistan too. But this is a relative first for the public sector in Pakistan and the scale at which it was done was quite impres-

Literature on student councils shows the latter can have a significant impact on students individually, on student-student, student-teacher and student-community interactions as well as on the school itself. Students gain in self-esteem and confi-

Tahir Mehdi

eavesdropping, but while

in a cramped bus, which

featured goats and hens

amongst its passengers, I

conversation between two

women seated next to me.

They shared with each

other the details of how

danay and doodh (wheat

Aqsa Zainab

Perhaps it's symp-

This was no small

ditions, they understand the value of arguments and learn decision-making and leadership among other

Communication within and across stakeholders can improve as well. The teachers and management do not remain too distant from students. and even student interactions — as a student body - with the community can improve significantly. School can benefit from more involved and engaged student bodies. More cocurricular and sports activities take place, school discipline can improve, student grievances get addressed faster and better and the school can be more involved and engaged with the local community too.But the literature also

points out that the question of student councils being able to do anything or not depends on a whole host of factors. One of the most important factors pertains to whether or not students feel their representatives have been selected/ elected through free, fair and transparent means. Student cooperation with the council

one

An interesting initiative dence, they get used to depends on that. democratic values and tra-Other factors include whether or not councils and

representatives have any actual decision-making powers, access to some of the budget and freedom to act, whether the students have ample support from supervisors/ teachers, and whether teachers/ counsellors have been given adequate training on how they are supposed to work with student councils. If these are not present, the effectiveness of student councils is reduced. And sometimes, if students feel it is a waste of time engaging with student representatives who are selected at the management's whim or have no actual powers, the impact of the councils can be negative as students become more sceptical about notions of representation

and self-governance. This can make them uncooperative SED has started out cautiously. Knowing our distrust of people, democracy and representation as well as our particular history with student unions, it has made sure it calls

least an 80 per cent attendance record and a good standing in class and school. They have given powers to the school administration to remove members if they breach boundaries, and even do away with the council and re-elect it if things get out of bounds

ers in class, who have at

However, in the SED document on student councils, there is no mention of the budget that will be there for the council to use when organising activities and taking initiatives. One presumes these will have to be done out of school budgets. Do school budgets have the space to allow activities or SED will have to think this to upscale them? Punjab through. If they want more effectiveness, trainings will schools do get a non-salary budget, but this has historibe needed. cally not been much for have observed that there is anything beyond repairs, not a whole lot of teacherwhitewash, maintenance, a teacher or two on a shortstudent interaction in term basis, or utility bills. classes in public schools in Will the non-salary budget Pakistan. Students are not be enhanced, or a proporencouraged to ask questions, they are not asked to give arguments, they are not made to debate, disagree, and so on. Respect for the

Our teachers, head teachers is interpreted in terms of compliance, silence and discipline. Asking students to suddenly

sion-making is going to be Will they be able to do so? Democracy tends to be hard. We will need time loud and messy. When you and perseverance and tolhave a student council, with erance for mistakes as all class representatives well. there and if they are want-Even at the level of teachers, when Punjab started the non-salary ing to do things, there will be disagreements and arguments. Will our teachers and

budget, it took a long time administrators be able to to 'convince' the head manage things effectively to teachers to start spending ensure student participait. It involved a lot of tion and ownership? SED trainings too. So, to expect the system to pivot withhas not mentioned any out hand-holding and training is asking for too training for teachers or administrators on this count so far. Without training, I much. Maybe it will happresume, the results will be pen in a year or two, when mixed. Some administrators the results from the exwill be able to manage, othperiment are better ers will not. But, over time, nown Students councils are

a wonderful idea. SED has taken a good and bold step. It can be transformative for the students as well as for the schools. But for that to happen, we need to help teachers and students get used to the idea and experiment with the space they have been provided. And we will need patience. There will be plenty of mistakes but that is exactly what we want students to make. Otherwise, how will they learn? Let us see if SED can now follow up on the initiative and ensure its start participating in deci- success. -- Courtesy Dawn

tion of it earmarked for student council-inspired or organised activities? This remains to be seen. teachers, principals and education officers are not these bodies 'student counused to giving space for decils'. SED has restricted eligibility to the top perform- cision-making to students.

Making hay of wheat

fight against many odds to secure these two top food items; among these odds is the most taxing, unforgiving and unpredictable the market. Over the last century, our agriculture has transformed from family need-driven subsistence farming to market-oriented commodity production. The relationship with the market, however, has not evolved into a stable, trustworthy solace in having achieved bond. Farmers thus vaciltheir food security goal and late between market logic and a subsistence mindset, streets while making cropping decisions. Growing wheat

exemplifies this. Nothing can match the contentment that a brimming silo of wheat brings to a farming family. Eighty-four per cent of 8.3 million farming families across Pakistan sow wheat on 28m acres of land in the Rabi season. The average size of wheat farms in Pakistan is 4.1 wheat prices suppressed. acres. Broadly speaking, Cheaper roti at city farmers reserve the protandoors makes good

other non-producing con-sumers. If the sale proceeds of their surplus exceed cash expenses on farm inputs, they are happy as they end up with enough wheat for the family and a mound of hay that serves as fodder for 2020. their milch animals for a good part of the year, plus some cash. They are grumpy if their cash income is nominal but find

thus won't take to the The Rabi season does not offer many cropping options. And the few available can only be afforded by rich farmers. While the percentage of farms sowing wheat re-mains above 80 for small and medium farms, it drops to 60pc for the biggest farms. This 'supply inelasticity' is exploited by our policymakers to keep

Rs1,300 Rs1,300 per 40 kilogrammes from 2014 to 2019, discounting inflation and the rise in production costs. Our policymakers sat pretty till it became a full-blown national flour shortage crisis in January

This policy apathy has found a new rationale in recent times: international market rates. Our farmers are scolded for being old-fashioned, giving a lower yield at a higher cost of production as compared to other countries. This narrative is built by pushing some facts under the rug. The average size of large wheat farms in Australia, a top surplusproducing country, is 11,660 acres, while the average size of the biggest wheat farms in Pakistan is 93 acres. An agriculture census for 2022 counted a the market is estimated at just 20,000. The number income of Rs14,014 for the

2023, as the global wheat market feared a shortage after the Ukraine war began, wheat prices went through the roof. The government announced an unprecedented 77pc rise in the wheat support price. Farmers responded and the country faced no shortage. Luckily, the fears proved wrong and prices actually slumped before the current season. The government continued with its policy to provide foreign producers a level playing field and filled its strategic godown with cheap imports. Wheat's current price in the international market is \$225 per tonne, translating to Rs2,500 per 40kg. Crop Reporting Service, a Punjab government

A lot of researchers

institution, has estimated the cost of producing 40kg total of 97,014 wheat of wheat for the current farms in the US, another season at Rs3.280. If the major wheat exporter. In produce had been bought Russia, the number of at the support price of French queen had famously farms producing wheat for Rs3,900, it would have said: 'let them eat cake'.

free market axioms. In September 2023!) To top it all, these cost estimates are official and fiercely contested by farmers. According to them, land rent and the cost of fertilisers are actually 50pc more than the quoted estimates. The market is hesitant in offering farmers even Rs3,000 per 40kg. Can the government force private buyers to pay farmers a higher rate, while it has bought its own stockpile at a much lower international rate?

Political rhetoric aside, the government has thrown farmers under the free market bus. Farmers penchant for food security now faces a huge challenge There is no way they can surmount it without the government incorporating a food security perspective in its policy.

Annoyed by the noisy protest of hungry farmers outside her palace and on being told that they had no bread, an 18th-century Two-and-a-half centuries

ined share of wheat and duce from one acre for five quintiles, from the acre is paid in kind to farm poorest to the richest labourers, and that of the more than 41pc.

remaining two offered to the market. This is bought Farming families and sold to urban and

Imagination in education

the heart. Various wayfar-

ing manuals also indicate

that the mystic teacher

would prescribe the ini-

tiate to engage in rigorous

spiritual exercises in or-

der to control the inner

powers of imagination

and discern divine inspi-

rations from distracting

whispers. In contrast, it

seems that we have re-

duced imagination to just

manipulating ideas cre-

atively and expressing

oneself creatively. And

creative pedagogies keep

on stimulating the imagi-

native powers of children

without helping them

learn how to handle these

powers. For comparison,

one might consider the

pedagogies of Muslim and

Japanese traditional cal-

ligraphy that approach

the work of art and the

heart of the artist as in-

terconnected components

of a holistic experience in-

volving self-awareness,

self-discipline, and self-

tive modern sense, imagi-

nation today is often rel-

egated to early years of

education. Beyond el-

ementary school, there is

only lingering space for

Yet even in its reduc-

transformation.

government as pro-poor but hides the fact that it is the rural producer who is being made to pay for it. The support price for wheat had stayed put at

even in upper school,

where an individual

teacher or curricular com-

ponent may adopt an in-

terdisciplinary or holistic

approach to a topic. So

students may discover

the patterns and beauty

of trigonometry in the

cosmos, delving into not

only quantitative but also

qualitative aspects. They

might explore how inno-

vative scientists use

visualisation to come up

with new theories. In so-

cial studies, it requires

imaginative abilities to

interconnectedness of all

life forms within an eco-

logical framework. Per-

haps students might also

glean some lessons from

the complicated biogra-

phies of math and science

geniuses of the past cen-

tury, who spoke of tap-

transpersonal horizons of

knowledge and creativity,

and yet also the toll it

took on their well-being.

edge points to what exists,

while imagination points

to what could be. The ex-

ternal senses perceive the

manifest, while imagina-

-- Courtesy Dawn

It is said that knowl-

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of wheat farmers in Pakistan is close to 7m. Can we compare our agriculture with these countries?

however, blindly follows

income of Rs14,014 for the later, one expects policy average four-acre farmer prescriptions from demofrom this six-month crop. cratic rulers to be some (The Punjab government what better. They should raised the minimum wage for workers from Rs25,000 to Rs32,000 per month in wheat grown by farmers.

Hot capital

Pakistan is burning up. And so is much of its neighbourhood. The Indo-Gangetic plain, spanning the breadth of the subcontinent, is currently the hottest place on the planet. Extremely high temperatures are not unusual in these parts for this time of year, but the swing from the exceptionally wet and cool weather of a few weeks ago is hard to ignore. One can only hope that the next extreme is not a monsoon like 2022.

Then again, hope should not be the only fallback plan. It is not as if global warming is an unknown phenomenon, or that most people are unfamiliar with the lexicon of climate change. There are many, in fact, who whip out terms such as 'mitigation', 'adaptation' and 'resilient development' at will. And 'experts' are said to be working in tandem with donors, governments and businesses to usher us towards a 'just transition' away from fossil fuels

Pakistan's quota of experts has increased markedly since the 2022 floods. They gather increasingly regularly at conferences on climate change, both at home and abroad. Consultants are hired and reports written. But virtually nothing changes

no end in sight.

lustrative murmurs about

solar power. The private

market for solar panels

has exploded lately; even

katchi abadi residents and

small farmers unable to ac-

cess the formal power grid

have bought relatively

cheap panels and batter-

ies to meet some electric-

ity needs. The rumoured

tax on solar power con-

sumers provoked an up-

roar and was subse-

quently played down by

the authorities. But to

the extent that there was

Imagination isn't The global political economy continues to be structured around what Swedish scholar-activist Andreas Malm calls 'fossil capital'. For 200 years, coal and then oil have functioned as the ultimate global commodities, and the struggle to control them still shapes world politics. The continuing centrality of fossil capital makes a possibilities of imaginamockery of the notion that tion and more cautious rethe rich and powerful are garding the separation of interested in reducing carimagination from reason. bon emissions sufficiently

to prevent the planet from any truth to the rumours, becoming uninhabitable they reflected the rigged game which is state — and for humans.

The Indo-Gangetic IMF-dictated — policy; on the one hand is the unplain is one of the regions which will experience addressed and decadesold IPP scandal, and on widespread desertification if the current rate of heatthe other, the fleecing of ing continues. Yet Westworking class and whitecollar salaried populaern governments and corporations who milked the tions through indirect benefits of colonial-era extaxes to meet revenue obligations. propriation, continue to generally, disproportionately emit More carbon to the detriment of Pakistan's political economy is centred South Asia's working around real estate, oil and masses. The Gulf states and rapidly growing East coal-fired power, big in-

Asian economies like frastructure (especially China, too, are producing roads and bridges), and and guzzling oil. They logistics. Demand is conmay not be as big contribusumption-dr-iven, tors to the rule of fossil differentiat--ed across capital as Western impeclass bra-ckets (expensive rialist powers but any im-ported goods and enmeaningful analysis of our tertainment for the rich; present and future must cheap consumer durab-les include the growing role of for the mass). Trade the powers of the 'East'. dominates manufactur-The history and on-

ing, mostly in the black. going evolution of fossil The establishment is capital is absent from the top dog, all other state mainstream debate on cliand private profiteers mate change, let alone the competing for its largesse. policy prescriptions There is no respite for about so-called resilient vulnerable ecosystems, development. Yes, Pakino matter which combistani 'experts' do bring up nation of landlords, real the question of climate fiestate moguls, traders and nancing and the historic remanufacturers sit in govsponsibility of Western ernment with Big Brother emitters, but there is much hovering over them. The silence on domestic ecocore areas continue to be nomic policy, and particu-'developed' intensively, larly the nexus of state and which makes them proclass power that presides gressively hotter, while over ecologically destructhe peripheries are exprotive 'development' with priated and turned into tourist havens', making Take the minor but ilthem hotter too.

Pakistani capitalism government plans to tax is a never-ending disaster story with even the rich diaspora providing a stream of hot capital for real estate, absent the slightest concern for future generations of working people. But then, fossil capital has never been characterised by foresight or humanity. Profit and power rule while most of the world's people and ecosystems burn. We will need more than lip service for the tide to turn. --Courtesy Dawn

imagination as found in tion reveals the sublime. the subjects of humani-Imagination facilitates abstract thinking, allowing ties. In contrast, math, science, and even social one to move beyond the studies increasingly rely world of images. With on analytical reasoning imagination one can also skills. Thus the demarcaempathise and walk in antion between imagination other person's shoes. But and reason gets more rihere is the challenge for gidified. Perhaps this is educators partly why students find math and science chalthat simple or straightforlenging in upper school as ward to teach, if it can be these subjects no longer taught at all. It's likely involve the whole self, if that whatever we try to they ever did in previous teach directly or indirectly years. Even preschool enwill only scratch the survironments operate under face, representing a mere immense pressure to rapfraction of the boundless idly meet narrow acaimaginative potential demic benchmarks, for within human beings. However, we can become children must pass highly competitive entrance more aware of the deeper

In Henry Corbin's tests and interviews for reading of Muslim esoschool admissions. Imagiteric traditions, one's ability to tap into the higher nation thereby gets realms also depended on stifled.

Exceptions exist,

Aasim Sajjad Akhtar

The policy paradigm,

have by now realised that even cakes are made of the

Daily soice of Masse Independent

CM Sindh says: Sindh govt to construct Ring **Road by connecting Port** with Malir Expressway

KARACHI (APP): Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah in his the FPCCI delegation led by its President Atif facilitate construction of a Ring Road facilitating freight traffic providing them security, and outlining the and necessary facilities." boundaries of peripheral This he said whi growth.

delegation is to interact with industrialists, listen to their grievances, and seek their proposals for industrial growth by developing new economic to CM Raheem Shaikh, zones and infrastructural facilities, Murad Shah said and added that the FPCCI

"We are going to to constitute a group to take Expressway from Karachi industrialists on board for Port to Malir Expressway meaningful meeting with the development of at Korangi to facilitate Commerce & Industry and freight traffic from the port Shaikh announced the industrialists to establish on Malir Expressway is their industrial units by going on the fast track and

The purpose of the delegation of the Federation entire segment a Ring meeting with the FPCCI of Pakistan Chambers of Road. The FPCCI of Pakistan Chambers of Road. Commerce & Industry at representatives told the CM House. Minister Industries Jam Ikram Dharejo, Minister Labour Shahid Thahim, Secretary CM that street crime was creating problems, particularly in the shahid Thahim, Secretary Secretary Industries, Secretary Labour, and had made the SHOs of Chairman SRB Asif the area responsible for has proposed the Memon and other any crime. "We have construction of an alternate concerned officers also considerably brought the

bridge to reduce only attended the meeting. street crime under control dependence on native Jetty Mr Shah said that his and it further be reduced,"

locally called Netty Jetty. government was planning he said.

construct serious to the Motorway. "Work after its opening another Expressway from Port to This he said while Korangi would be talking to a 15-member constructed to make the

> said that his government had taken strict measures

street crime under control



KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister, Syed Murad Ali Shah exchanging views with Dr. Mehmet Pacaci, Turkish Ambassador during meeting held at CM House in Karachi.

Governor Punjab resolves to get the country out of difficulties together

Khan

ATTOCK Governor Punjab Sardar were determined to make Salim Haider Khan Friday PPP stronger in Punjab. said that the Pakistan People's Party (PPP) was media on the occasion of a democratic party and it the visit of senior Party leader Dr. Sardar Sikander would not do any Hayat Khan at the residence of PPP District unconstitutional work. Together we would get President Sardar Ashar Pakistan out of its problems by giving a gift Hayat Hassanabdal on Friday. in the form of University of Attock, he said and On this occasion,

(APP): added that the workers former National Assembly candidate Sardar Zulfikar Hayat Khan, Party leaders He was talking to the and a large number of dignitaries from the city were also present.

On this occasion, the workers and listened to security arrangements were in made on the Governor's arrival

Governor mingled with the their problems. Tight **KP** Governor

visits Mufti Mehmood Markaz to meet **JUI leadership** PESHAWAR $(AP\bar{P})$ Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Governor, Faisal Karim

Kundi here on Friday visited Mufti Mehmood Markaz and met with JUI Senator, Moulana Atta-ur

The governor was accompanied by Provincial President PPP. Najamuddin and former federal minister, Sajid Hussain Turi.JUI Secretary General Moulana Ata-ul-Haq Darwaish and City Mayor, Haji Zubair Ali was also present on the occasion.Speaking on the occasion, the governor said that he was meeting leaders of political parties to get rights of the province.

He said that devising plan with mutual consensus would pave

ational Page 05 **Governor KP chairs** senate meeting of UoS

> ESHAWAR Khyber Governor Pakhtunkhwa, Faisal Karim Kundi here Friday chaired the13th Senate meeting of University of discussed various matters plan and age relaxation. The meeting among

officials.

meeting

The

deliberating

the university.

Meeting

discussed matters including

approval of minutes

presented in last senate

reservations regarding

financial resource plan of

ews

(APP): discussed report about amendments that was presented in the meeting after getting approval from syndicate. Participants of the meeting also pondered Swabi (UoS) that matters including age relaxation for appointment including financial resource and abolishing of certain allowances.

Addressing the meeting, KP Governor suggested deciding a time others was attended by Provincial Minister for Higher Education, Meena frame for preparation of Khan Afridi, Vice Chancellor (UoS), Dr. Nasir senate minutes and said that approval of minutes should be delayed. Jamal and concerned

He also stressed to devise a proper mechanism and policy relating to age relaxation.

He said that universities should not be deprived of competent faculty members and qualified youngsters should also be given also opportunities.



meeting

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LAHORE: Punjab Information Minister Azma Bokhari addressing a Press conference at DGPR.

Azma Bokhari says: **Country's development** top priority of PML-N

LAHORE (APP): Punjab Adiala Jail. Information Minister She further said that in the 8th meeting of Punjab Azma Bokhari said on Cabinet presided over by Punjab CM Maryam Friday that the Punjab Nawaz, a number of development works had

been approved. She said that Punjab Cabinet had paid tribute to the Punjab CM for reducing Addressing a press conference here, she said inflation to a great extent which helped in mitigating

man. Azma Bokhari said that prices of rice, ghee, flour had reduced while rates of cement, gas cylinder and transport fares had also gone down. She said that Pakistani promoted through a rupee also got stable

ANP Leader Samar Bilour. Minister promises Sharjeel visits peace, order

across province

LAHORE (APP): Punjab Health Minister Khawaja Salman Rafique has Rawalpindi affirmed that peace and order are being maintained

throughout the province. Chairing the 5th Zealand cricket series. The health minister meeting of the Sub-Cabinet conducted a thorough Committee on Law and review of the province's Order on Friday, on the law and order situation, directives of Chief including security Nawaz Sharif, he Nawaz emphasised the ongoing actions against drug kite-making dealers, factories, and electricity thieves. During the meeting, which was held at the Interior Department on Friday, the committee approved the formation of a Joint Investigation Team (JIT) to probe various incidents. Additionally, ten prisoners were granted conference

parole, and resources were allocated to the Lahore and administrations in preparation for the New

Friday Chairman District Council Tando Muhammad Khan Qasim Naveed Qamar and arrangements for Eld-ul-People's Party leader

Punjab govt appoints judges in special courts, LHC told

LAHORE Punjab government has filed notification in Lahore High Court (LHC) regarding appointments of judges in special court.

The court gave time of 15 days to federal government for PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Governor, Faisal Karim Kundi in a group

appointment of judges. Chief Justice (CJ) photo with delegation of elected representative Local Government led by LHC Malik Shahzad Ahmad Khan heard the case of appointment of judges in special courts of Punjab Friday.

Consulate, Advocate General (AG) Punjab presented the offers condolence notification regarding appointment of judges in KARACHI (APP): Sindh LĤC senior Minister Sharieel

The court gave 15 Inam Memon visited the days time to federal Iranian Consulate in government for Karachi and met with the appointment of judges. Iranian Consul General CJ LHC appreciated Hassan Nourian here

positive role of ÂG Punjab. He remarked all are

respectable for us. You sought time for 15 days.

the

(Online): have shown good attitude. AG Punjab told the court judges in all Special courts of Anti Terrorism have been appointed in

Punjab. He further told two judges have been Rehman. appointed in anti corruption and one each in service tribunal and consumer court. If

appointment has to be made anywhere it will soon be made, he added. During the hearing of case federal government sought more time. Counsel for federal government said approval for appointment of judges will be obtained in the

meeting of federal government. The CJ LHC remarked now Punjab government has made appointment of judges but

federal government has way for the province to get its rights.



propaganda started from against dollar.

Cabinet had given approval to take legal action against Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf founder and other leaders for adopting hatred narrative against state institutions.

the country's development the sufferings of common and prosperity was the top priority of the Pakistan

Muslim League-Nawaz. She said, "Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf promotes hatred on social media in an organized way." Azma said that hatred was being

Adha. Briefings were given by relevant officers, commissioners, and Regional Police Officers (RPOs). Home Secretary Noorul Amin Mengal Special Secretary Home, IG Prisons Mian Farooq Nazir, Additional IC Zulfikar Hameed, DIG Operations Lahore, along with all commissioners and RPOs, participated in the meeting via video link

Rawal Sharjeel Memon were accompanied the minister. Sharjeel Inam Memon offered fateha and prayed for the departed soul of Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi, and others who lost

> their life in a recent helicopter crash. He conveyed his heartfelt condolences to Iranian Consul Hassan Nourian on the death of Iranian President Ebrahim

Iranian

Raisi Sharjeel paid tributes o the late Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi for his efforts in promoting peace in the region.

Eradication of dengue mosquito priority: DC Attock

KARACHI: Members of Civil Society are holding protest demonstration against the killing of Journalist, Nasrullah at Karachi press club.

Secretary Health says: Doctors issues to be resolved on priority

MULTAN (APP): Secretary Health Punjab, Ali Jan Khan on Friday stated that all issues faced by doctors would be resolved on a priority basis.

He said that under the Sehut Sahulat Programme (SSP), it is the doctors' right to receive their share, saying that once the renovation of Nishtar Hospital is completed, it will wear a news look.

He expressed these views while talking to a delegation from the Medical Pakistan Association (PMA) during his visit to Nishtar Hospital.

Dr Zulqarnain Haider, the Vice President of the PMA and others informed him that the doctors of Nishtar Hospital have not yet received their share, while the Director of Finance and his staff are Additional demands keeping 43 pc of the share, which is against the rules.

Similarly, a visit by the University of Health Hospital and speeding up Sciences to the departments of Pulmonology,

Gastroenterology,

Dermatology, and Nephrology has not yet taken place due to delays in approval from Pakistan Medical and Dental Council (PMDC), a news release issued here on

Friday. They also highlighted unresolved issues in several departments such as Anesthesia, Gynecology, and Surgery after completing their MSM (Master of Science in Medicine).

with this, departments are In response, Ali Jan assured that he would also running campaigns for public awareness speak with the Vice

controlled.

Chancellor of UHS and the President of PMDC to resolve these issues promptly. He also mentioned initiating diploma programs in Nishtar and making the contract doctors permanent who have been on contract for a long time. included increasing the number of postgraduate trainee seats in Nishtar the ongoing renovation work at the hospital.

Secretary Health Ali Jan asked the NMU VC.

by the provincial president, Mian Iftikhar Hussain on Friday visited ATTOCK (APP): Deputy the Iranian Consulate here Commissioner Attock Rao to condole over the tragic Atif Raza Friday said that death of Iranian President people should ensure the Ebrahim Raise in a helicopter crash last implementation of the code of conduct issued by the Sunday.

The Punjab government to delegation eradicate the dengue mosquito so that this comprising of ANP provincial vice general epidemic can be effectively secretary, Sayyed Aqil Shah, general secretary, He expressed these Hussain Shah Khan,

views while presiding over provincial vice president Shahi Khan Shirani and a meeting in connection with the anti-dengue campaign at DC Office spokesman Arsalan Khan met with Deputy Consul Attock. While giving a detailed General, Hussain Maliki and offered heartfelt briefing to the participants condolences over the demise of the Iranian regarding the anti-dengue campaign, the officials of President and other the health department said government officials.

Talking on the occasion, Mian Iftikhar that steps are being taken to eradicate dengue throughout the district. In Husain said the death of the this regard, all the Iranian President, Foreign departments are playing Minister Dr Hussain Ameer Abdul Hayan and their special roles. Along other government high-ups was a great tragedy. He said the services of late

GILGIT: Chief Minister Gilgit-Baltistan, Haji Gulbar Khan chairing the first meeting of Public Private Partnership Board.

ANP delegation visits Iranian Consulate, condoles over Iranian President demise

PESHAWAR (APP): A president Raise were delegation of Awami evident to all and his death National Party (ANP), led created a vacuum that would take a long time to fill

He said the late President Raise always wanted brotherly, peaceful and strong bonds with the neighbouring countries. The patience and courage shown by the Iranian people at this critical time was commendable, he said adding the Supreme Council of Iran also tackled the situation with great

insight and courage. He hoped that the process of selection of the new Iranian president would also be completed peacefully and harmoniously.

The Iranian Deputy Consul General thanked the ANP delegation for their supportive gesture and solidarity and said relations between the two brotherly countries will further strengthen in future. The delegation offered tribute to the Iranian people and prayed for eternal peace to the souls of those martyred.

Friday. Two killed, one injured in the commitment of the two institutions to enhance **Katlang firing** academic cooperation and PESHAWAR (APP): At mutual advancement.

least two people were killed when unknown assailants fired at them in Anwar Khan Killay of Katlang Tehsil in Mardan

District on Friday. Police said the incident took place in the vicinity of Jabbar police station where two people identified as Sattar Khan and Afsar were killed by the firing of unknown assailants

Another unknown man also sustained bullet injuries in the firing. The officials of Rescue 1122 shifted the dead and injured to DHQ Hospital.

Jabbar police have started an investigation into the incident after the registering a case.

One-day PHC job fair, education expo on May 27

KARACHI (APP): The Patron-in-chief of Pakistan Hindu Council (PHC) Dr. Ramesh Kumar Vankwani on Friday said that a PHC iob fair and education expo 2.0 would be held on May 27, Monday from 9am to He said that a total of

120 companies had been invited to establish their stalls in the fair.

While addressing a press conference at PHC Secretariat, he said that the upcoming job fair would be more big than the last one.

Vankwani said that Pakistan Army, Pakistan Anti-Narcotics Navy, federal and Force. provincial governments, overseas employment, Higher Education Commission (HEC), banks.

Sialkot, Kazakhstan universities sign MoU

SIALKOT (APP): The USKT spokesperson, the Jniversity of Sialkot MoU signing ceremony USKT), represented by took place at KIMEP (USKT), represented by University's campus in Almaty, Kazakhstan, Faisal Manzoor, Chairman board of Governors, and Almaty, Kazakhstan, marking the beginning of a University (Kazakhstan), represented promising partnership by President Chan Young Bang (PhD), formally between the two esteemed institutions. signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on

This collaboration aims to foster academic exchange, research The MoU pledged collaboration, and joint initiatives that will benefit students, faculty, and the broader academic community in both

According to the Kazakhstan and Pakistan.



PESHAWAR: Lady Health Workers are holding protest demonstration for regularization, upgradation and other demands, outside Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Assembly in Peshawar.

Punjab ombudsman disbursed Rs.13.4m outstanding dues

RAWALPINDI (APP): On Provincial Welfare Board the directions of the Ombudsman Punjab, Major (Retd.) Azam Suleman Khan, various provincial departments have paid 13.4 million rupees in outstanding dues to 48 applicants who registered complaints of negative response to their repeated demands of due amounts from the respective departments. According to a press

release by Rawalpindi's Directorate of Public Relations (DPR) issued on Friday, eight departments the provincial of government were asked by the ombudsman to pay back due amounts of the applicants. According to details the departments including the Secretary of Punjab Workers Welfare Board Lahore, Administrative Officer of scholarships.

Punjab, Punjab Government Servants Benevolent Fund Board Lahore, Secretary of Workers Welfare Board of the Labour and Human Resources Department, Secretary of the Department of Construction and Communication, Lahore District Labor Officer, Chief Officer Municipal Committee, District Health Authority, and District Education Authority have paid the said amounts to the concerned 48 complainants from complainants districts. different Consequently, the ombudsman issued orders to the relevant departments to promptly pay the outstanding dues to the applicants. Following the orders, the mentioned departments paid over 1.044 million rupees in



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providing employment to more workforce from Paki

stan, especially health pro-

fessionals and skilled labor,

as well as taking the busi-

ness community into confidence and the private sec-

export companies for dairy

farming, meat products,

rice and other food items to

move forward through ac-

"Pakistan will in-

Jam Kamal invites Korean companies to invest in Pakistan

Key sectors high-

During the meeting,

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Republic of Korea's Ambassador to Pakistan, Park Kijun Friday called on Federal Minister for Commerce, Jam Kamal Khan and discussed strategize on boosting bilateral trade and investment.

Jam Kamal Khan extended an open invitation to Korean companies, urging them to explore and invest in Pakistan's commercial and strategic projects.

He emphasized that over the past three months, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's top priorities have focused on enhancing business connectivity and simplifying the process of doing business in Pakistan, said a press release issued

here. He briefed the Korean envoy on government's investors to capitalize on proactive measures in staupcoming privatization opportunities within varibilizing the economy, which he believes are making Paous government departkistan an increasingly at- ments. This move aligns with the Prime Minister's tractive destination for foreign investment. vision of increasing private sector involvement in the

Ambassador Park Kijun expressed a strong economy to improve effidesire to collaborate closely ciency and service delivery. with Pakistan to enhance lighted for potential investtrade volumes and explore ment included energy, port new business opportuniand shipping, fisheries, and

ties.

Minister Khan as- agriculture—areas deemed sured the ambassador that critical for Pakistan's ecothe government stands nomic development and offering substantial opportuready to promptly resolve any problems to ensure nities for international insmooth and efficient operavestors tions for foreign businesses the minister also briefed the in Pakistan

Additionally, Jam ambassador on the success-Kamal Khan invited Korean ful holding of the recent Saudi Arabia-Pakistan Investment Forum 2024 which was attended by the top investors from Saudi Arabia

He informed the ambassador that Pakistan can organise a similar matchmaking event for the big Korean conglomerates and investors wishing to invest in Pakistan.

In conclusion, Jam Kamal Khan reiterated the government's commitment to making business operations in Pakistan more accessible and reliable.

He expressed optimism Pakistan is now progressing towards a phase of prosperity and growth.

The



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister Industry production and food security Rana Tanveer chaired high level meeting regarding supply chain and prices of fertilizer.



ISLAMABAD: Minister of State for IT and Telecommunication Ms. Shaza Fatima Khawaja chairing 49th Universal Service Fund (USF) Policy Committee meeting.

Chief Collector Customs Appraisement interacts with SCCI members

SIALKOT (APP): Chief Industry Collector Appraisement (Punjab) Lahore Saima Shehzad, along with Collector Customs Sialkot Saima Aftab, visited the Sialkot Chamber of Commerce and confronting local Industry (SCCI) on Friday businesses. Highlighting bolster regional trade.

SCCI President Abdul national Ghafoor Malik, Senior Vice prosperity.

Customs welcomed the officials. In a meeting held at the SCCI Auditorium, the SCCI Auditorium, the SCCI International Airport president apprised Chief Limited (SIAL), and Collector Saima Shehzad AirSial, were hailed as of the for foster cooperation of the business community and addressing customs-related challenges to

President Malik importing polyurethane

efforts in fostering a culture

community development.

initiatives

Notable

of export promotion and

(WCCIS), spearheaded by the SCCI including the establishment of Sialkot Dry Port, Sialkot hurdles milestones in the city's progress

During the dialogue, the SCCI president president several faced by business exchange earnings and community, including economic delays in duty drawback payments, impediments to

customs schemes and

SBP injects

over Rs241b

into market

KARACHI (APP): State

Bank of Pakistan, Friday, injected Rs241.350 billion

in the market through

reverse repo purchase and

Mudarabah based Open

Compliant

procedures.

Shariah

in collaboration ISLAMABAD (APP): Economic Security Chair at IPRI is for a period of three years, and it will be known Islamabad Policy Research Institute (IPRI) on Friday entered into a collaboration as 'IPRI-OGDCL Chair.' This collaboration is a with the Oil and Gas Development Company classic example of Limited (OGDCL), wherein the latter came up interaction between the

IPRI, OGDCL enter

corporate sector and with an Endowment of academia Economic Security Chair. The portfolio will be spread kick-off ceremony was attended by over the themes of Circular Chairman Board of OGDCL Zafar Masood Economy and Green Entrepreneurship and CEO Bank of Punjab Ahmed Hayat Lak, CEO/ Pakistan, carbonization of Oil and Gas value chains, Environmental Social Director OGDCL, and senior officials of the industry, said a press Governance, New Age of Corporate Governance in

release issued here. President IPRI, Dr Pakistan, Economic Viability of Renewable Raza Muhammad and Dr Aneel Salman, Chair Economic Security IPRI, Energy Alternatives in presented their welcome remarks and apprised the delegates of their think tank's profile, and how it has made inroads in the world of research. The Endowment of mining.

SCCI assures full cooperation to facilitate WCCIS

SIALKOT (APP): Sialkot after the success of 'We-Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI) President Abdul Ghafoor Malik assured of full cooperation to facilitate ease of doing business for women active role in the national economy, adding that the

O i l - D e p e n d e n t Economies, Economic Implications of Shale Gas Development, and Exploration & Production (EP), Climate Change, Inflationary trends and

Exhibit 2024', the business women of Sialkot had achieved a new identity. She said businesswomen of Sialkot were playing an

WCCIS

facilitating

salons,

shares in the stock market; 215 of them recorded gains

ISLAMABAD (APP): A high-level delegation headed by Federal Minister for lease issued here on Friday. there will be progress in Board of Investment, Privatization and Communications Abdul Aleem

The Pakistani delegation is expected to have meetings with Prime Minister of Kuwait and Minisin Deters of Foreign Affairs, Power and Petroleum while Trade Minister of Kuwait will host, said a news re-

Trade and business activities between the two countries will also be finalized and the visit to Kuwait will be made more useful in collaboration with the Ministry of Trade and Com-

BOI Minister to visit Kuwait to

enhance bilateral cooperation

Abdul Aleem Khan presided over the impor- crease cooperation through tant consultation meet- taking on board Pakistan's ing regarding the visit to Kuwait in which the necessary issues were final-

ized The minister said that celerated measures", he during his visit to Kuwait,



added.

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Commerce, Jam Kamal Khan exchanging views with Park Kijun, Ambassador of Republic of Korea to Pakistan during meeting held in Islamabad.

Shaza chairs USF **Board, Ignite Policy Committee meetings**

ISLAMABAD (APP): Optical Fiber Cable (OFC) Minister of State for IT and Secretary IT Captair

Policy Committee.

news release said.

federal and constitutional

budget as an imaginary plan

but not a proper one. The

budget was not only uncon-

stitutional but also contrary

In a reaction against

Khan will visit Kuwait by end of current month for boosting investment in Paresearch kistan.

with bullish

The 100-index of the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) continued with a bullish trend on Friday and gained 868.56 points, a positive change of 1.16 per cent, closing at 75,983.04 points against 75,114.47 points the previous day.

Rs 23.580 billion were traded during the day as compared to 758,944,398

shares valuing Rs 16.708 billion the previous day. As many as 382 companies transacted their

PSX continues

trend, gains 868 points ISLAMABAD (APP):

A total of 609,848,980 shares valuing

President Wahub Jahangir, Vice President Amer lauded SCCI's pioneering under SRO 492 for the Majeed Sheikh, and Dr. Mariam Nouman. president of the Women Chamber of Commerce and



HUB: Sacrificial animals wait for their buyers at a make-shift sacrificial animals market established for the upcoming festival Eid-ul-Azha, at Raees Goth located on Hub River road.

Businessmen should support & cooperate in advancing mandate of SAARC: Golam

Independent Report ISLAMABAD: "I urge the business community of SAARC member states to lack of activity has support and cooperate in impacted all the Apex and advancing the mandate of recognized bodies of SAARC and its SAARC. Excellency, called SAARC and its SAARC. Excellency, called initiatives," said Md. for a renewed and dedicated Golam Sarwar, Secretary General, SAARC.

This was stated by maiden visit to Pakistan success hinges on member

after assuming the Chair of

SG, SAARC in SAARC

Secretariat Kathmandu

Nepal. Excellency, lauded

the commendable efforts

of the SAARC Apex and

recognized bodies in taking regional agenda forward. He

pledged relentless efforts

to fortify cooperation

among Member States,

striving to unlock the full

potential of SAARC.

Expressing concern, Mr.

Sarwar stated that since the

last SAARC summit held

taken place to overcome the procedural issues of SAARC Apex bodies. This effort to overcome the

longstanding challenges that have impeded Hon'ble Ambassador SAARC's progress. He Golam Sarwar, Secretary emphasized that the General SAARC during his organization's future

Market Operation (OMO). According to OMO results issued here, the SBP conducted Open Market Operation, Reverse Repo Purchase (Injection) on May 24, 2024 for tenors of 7 and 28 days. The central bank received 4 quotes for 7-day tenor amounting to Rs154

billion offered at the rate of return ranging between 22.09 to 22.11 percent and 3 quotes for 28-day tenor amounting to Rs23.35 billion at 22.09 % annual rate of return. The SBP, accepted all

the 7 bids for 7 and 28 day tenor accumulatively amounting to Rs176.35 billion at 22.09% rate of return.

Rupee gains 10 paisa

against dollar SLAMABAD (APP): Pakistani Rupee on Friday gained 10 paisa against US dollar in the interbank trading and closed at Rs 278.20 against the previous day's closing at Rs 278.30. According to the

Forex Association of Pakistan (FAP), the buying and selling rates of the dollar in the open market, however, were Rs 277.50 280.20 and Rs respectively.

reduction. The price of the Euro decreased by 51 paisa to close at Rs 301.16 against the last day's closing of Rs 301.67, according to the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP). The Japanese Yen remained unchanged to forecasts close at Rs 1.77, whereas a decrease of 51 pasia was

> tight. The

witnessed in the exchange rate of the British Pound, which traded at Rs 353.34 as compared to the last day's closing of Rs 353.85.

gistered with the Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry Sialkot (WCCIS). football industry, and issues related to various

He expressed these views while speaking at an independent. introductory meeting of the WCCIS on Friday. president highlighted the purpose of the WCCIS which was Addressing the participants, Ghafoor encouraging business Malik congratulated the women and informing them women chamber for ways to improve product organizing a successful and besides business visas. She said the excellent exhibition 'We-Exhibit 2024'

women of Sialkot produced and sold products like surgical He said 'We-Exhibit 2024' was a revolutionary initiative of the WCCIS instruments, football, which had given women garments, textiles, gloves, the best platform to do shoes, food items, business. On this occasion, boutiques, President WCCIS Dr sportswear within the Mariam Nouman said that country and abroad.

and 144 sustained losses. WCCIS had an important whereas the share price of role in empowering women 23 companies remained and making them unchanged. The

The three top-trading companies were K-Electric Limited with 130,069,373 shares at Rs 5.21 per share, WorldCall Telecom with 50,574,182 shares at Rs 1.42 per share and Dewan Cement with 28,324,001 shares at Rs 10.49 per share.

Hoechst Pakistan Limited witnessed a maximum increase of Rs 102.72 per share price, closing at Rs 1,472.50, whereas the runner-up was Mari Petroleum Company

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LAHORE: Provincial Minister for Industries and Commerce Chaudhary procedure and norms. Shafay Hussain presides over the meeting regarding establishing of the KP budget, the federal Garment City. minister termed the KP

deal blow to rate cut hopes

and Europe on Friday, tracking a sell-off on Wall health, quelling the excitement sparked by last Street sparked by a string of better-than-expected US week's news that the consumer price index slowed in April after three months of topping data that added to worries the Federal Reserve will hold off on cutting interest forecasts. rates this year.

"The data erase some A weeks-long rally in of the cooling signals in equities has petered out in recent outcomes and the past few days on contrast the month-long profit-taking and as central run of broader US data bank officials pushed back tending to surprise on the soft side," said Taylor Nugent of National Australia Bank. against bets on an early Confidence was dealt

The figures came after minutes from the a further blow Thursday as a closely watched gauge of the services sector showed Fed's May policy decision services activity rose at its showed decision-makers wanted to keep borrowing fastest pace in a year, while costs elevated until they the factory sector also beat are confident prices are Meanwhile, fewer under control, while some

people than estimated even said they were willing made unemployment to hike again. FHN Financial's claims, suggesting the Chris Low said: "The labour market remains minutes are a reminder that

readings

another rate hike as likely-and certainly does not see it as a base-caseit will not rule out hikes if inflation does not behave. All three main

indexes in New York ended in the red, and Asia followed suit.

Hong Kong fell for a fourth straight day, having hit a nine-month high earlier in the week, while there were also losses in Tokyo, Shanghai, Seoul, Singapore, Sydney, Singapore, Bangkok, Mumbai, Bangkok, Wellington, Taipei and Manila. London opened on the back foot, and Paris and Frankfurt also fell.

"It appears that markets are in the 'good (economic) news is bad market news' mode as they fret 'higher for longer' Fed," said Vishnu Varathan, of Mizuho Bank.

(FCCI), he said all The prospect of interest rates remaining at establishments in Punjab where their total income two-decade highs through was not less than Rs. 5 while the Fed does not see most of the year.

Secretary IT Captain Muhammad Telecommunication Shaza (Retd) Fatima Khawaja on Friday Mahmood was also chaired the meetings of present in the meeting. Meanwhile, the 43rd Universal Service Fund (USF) Board and Ignite

Ignite Policy Committee, chaired by Shaza Fatima, The USF Board also accorded its approval meeting approved the release of the 4th quarter budget of Rs. 4.7 billion, a for release of the 4th quarter budget of Rs. 318.88 million. The Ignite authorities briefed the The minister was meeting about their ongoing briefed about the ongoing and future programmes.

projects of USF. It was The minister directed told that presently the total for utilizing funds and ongoing projects were 33. completing the projects including 23 of 4G and 10 within their timeline.

KP budget's presentation a violation of constitutional norms: Engr Amir Muqam

ISLAMABAD (APP): eration, adding that this was a fake budget and a new mir & Gilgit-Baltistan and trick to deceive the people.

"KP budget is without solid planning, economic strategy, public welfare and relief to the common man of the province," he maintained.

Engr Amir Muqam said the KP budget will be hypothetical, unrealistic and without the estimate of federal revenue."Revenues are collected in the federation and their distribution matters are decided through consultation.

He said that the KP chief minister has himself to the reality and only a political stunt, he added.He admitted that he will amend the KP budget proposals said that it was a violation of the spirit and procedure after the federal budget of the Constitution and fed- comes.

PRA holds awareness session on workers welfare fund at FCCI

FAISALABAD (APP): lakh were liable to pay WWF equal to two per Punjab Revenue Authority Additional cent of their total income (PŘA) Commissioner Faisalabad to the PRA. He said the Muhammad Khalid said on amount would be spent on Friday the Authority was industrial workers in the all set to start collection of form of housing facilities, Workers Welfare Fund marriage grants, death (WWF), as mandated grants and under the 18th Amendment scholarships/ education to their children. and after promulgation of

the Punjab Workers Welfare Fund Act 2019. preferred to interact with the Addressing stakeholders and give them an awareness session at Faisalabad Chamber of

basic information about WWF before serving them with notices. He clarified Commerce & Industry that this contribution would be recovered from November 27, 2019 when this act was promulgated

talent

He said that the PRA

free

states putting aside political differences and focusing on regional cooperation. The Secretary General noted the recent positive signals from both India and Pakistan regarding SAARC. expressing hope that these gestures could serve as a potential 'icebreaker' for future collaboration.

The Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) hosted in 2014, no major events at the government level have honor of His Excellency.



Markets sink after US data

indicated the world's top economy was still in rude

HONG KONG (AFP/ APP): Markets fell in Asia

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Biden woos Kenya's President Ruto with key state visit

Monitoring Desk WASHINGTŎN: US President Joe Biden is rolling out the red carpet Thursday for his Kenyan counterpart William Ruto with a diplomacy-heavy state visit and a lavish White House dinner with all the trimmings. It is the first state visit to Washington by an African leader in more than 15 years

As Biden seeks to counter geopolitical headwinds across the continent, he will formally ask Congress to grant Kenya the status of "major non-Nato ally," according to a senior administration official. The label officially confers military and diplomatic privileges on the countries—currently 18

without any formal secu- Biden, then a joint press rity guarantees.

dition of anonymity.

Kenya would become the first sub-Saharan Affirst ladies. rican nation on the list.

"Democracy is obviously on the back foot gloion on the White House bally and we see Kenya as lawn, where tables will be an important, stable democadorned with African orracy in East Africa," said the chids and American roses. official, who spoke on conloom tomato soup Hence the pomp and

circumstance that awaits short ribs and butter-Ruto on Thursday—a day poached lobster, with baafter he met with Biden at nana ganache for dessert. the White House-during a

visit expected to touch on clude country music star the issue of global peace Brad Paisley and a gospel and security, and notably an choir. The White House upcoming role for Kenya in has promised partnership announcements in health and the battle against climate change, as

ceived with military honors well as private sector inaround the world-that in the morning, followed by vestment.



Delegates attend a ruling on South Africa's request to order a halt to Israel's On the menu: Heirthe International Court of Justice in The Hague. fruitwood-smoked bee Macron says extra security

Entertainers will in

a mission to restore order to chaos-torn Haiti. Ruto will first be re-

Caledonia as long as needed **Monitoring Desk** began more than a week ago. NOUMEA: Police reinand days, massive new opforcements in New erations will be scheduled Caledonia will stay as long as needed, President where necessary, and repub-Emmanuel Macron said on lican order in its entirety will Thursday after viewing arbe re-established because there eas devastated by deadly riis no other choice," Macron ots triggered by a contested said during a meeting with electoral reform in the political and business leaders in the territory's capital

French-ruled Pacific island. Macron's hastily arranged visit comes after six people were killed in riots that have left a trail of looted shops, torched cars

dents shared advice on social media on safe routes to find and businesses since they food, petrol and medicine. Trudeau signals Canada's readiness to recognise Palestine

to stay in riot-hit New

Monitoring Desk

TORONTO: Prime Minister Justin Trudeau on Wednesday said Canada is "prepared to recognise the state of Palestine at the right time — not necessarily as the last step along the path." Trudeau's statement came in response to a challenge from New Democratic Party (NDP) MP and foreign affairs critic Heather McPherson in the House of Commons, as she urged him to "take a stand" on the matter. "We urgently need to build a credible path towards lasting peace. We oppose efforts by the Netanyahu government to reject a two-state solution.

At the same time, Hamas, a terrorist group, currently controls areas in Gaza and has not laid down its arms or released

Zahid applauded the European countries' initiatives and emphasised that recognition should not be delayed due to ongoing disputes between Palestine and Israel. The Palestinian people have the same right to selfdetermination as any other people. Canada is a supporter of a two-state solution, and it's time to take the next step in advancing that

eral Party advised caution.

12 Palestinians killed and 25 wounded in Israel's 2-day West Bank operation

Monitoring Desk NEW YORK: The Israeli military said Thursday it has completed a two-day operation in the occupied West Bank that the Pales-tinian Health Ministry says killed 12 Palestinians and

wounded 25.

Rippling tensions from the Israel-Hamas war

were also felt in the Red Sea, where a missile splashed down in the water near the crucial Bab el-Mandeb Strait on Thursday, but caused no damage, and in Lebanon, where state-run National News Agency says an Israeli drone strike killed one person and wounded three school students who were passing nearby in a bus.

More than 400 people have been killed in Lebanon since Israel and Hezbollah cide that Isra

US will announce \$275 million more in artillery and ammunition for Ukraine, officials say

Monitoring Desk WASHINGTON: The United States is expected to announce an additional \$275 million in military aid for Ukraine on Friday as Kyiv struggles to hold off advances by Russian troops in the Kharkiv re-gion, two U.S. officials say.

This will be the fourth installment of military aid for Ukraine since Congress passed a longlast month and comes as the Biden administration has pledged to keep weapons flowing regularly and to get them to the front lines as quickly as possible.

The package includes high mobility artillery rocket systems, or HIMARS, as well 155 mm and 105 mm high-demand artillery rounds, according to the two U.S. officials. They spoke on the condition of anonymity to provide details of the aid package before the public

announcement. It follows a monthly gathering Monday of about 50 defense leaders from Europe and elsewhere

began exchanging fire the day after the latest war in Gaza began.

Norway, Ireland and Spain said Wednesday they were recognizing a Palestinian state, a move welcomed by Palestinians as an affirmation of their decadeslong quest while Israel recalled its ambassadors to the three countries.

It was the second blow to Israel's international reputation this week after the chief prosecutor of the International Criminal Court said he would seek arrest warrants for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his defense minister.

The International Court of Justice is also considering allegations of genocide that Israel has strenu-

Secretary Lloyd Austin

said Ukraine was in a "moment of challenge" due to Russia's new onslaught on Kharkiv, Ukraine's secondlargest city. He pledged to keep weapons moving "week after week."

Russia has sought to take advantage of Ukrainian shortages in manpower and weapons while the war-torn country waits for the arrival of delayed foreign aid bill late more U.S. assistance, which was delayed for months in Congress. Ukrainian forces have been pushed backward in places, while Russia has pounded its power grid and civilian areas.

In the month since President Joe Biden signed the \$95 billion foreign aid package, which included about \$61 billion for Ukraine, the U.S. has announced and started to send almost \$1.7 billion in weapons pulled from Pentagon stockpiles.

It's also announced \$6 billion in funding through the Ukraine Security Assistance Initiative. That pays for longer-term contracts with the defense Kittiratanapaibool, Direc-tor of Bangkok's Samitivej Srinakarin Hos-

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U.S. President Joe Biden welcomes Kenyan President William Ruto during an official White House State Arrival ceremony on the South Lawn of the White House in Washington, U.S. Russian missiles kill 7 in

Ukraine's second-largest city where Moscow's troops are pressing

Monitoring Desk KYIV: Russian missiles slammed into Ukraine's second-largest city in the northeast of the country and killed at least seven civilians early Thursday, officials said, as Kyiv's army labored to hold off an intense cross-border offen-

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verberated around the city of some 1 million people. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy called the attack "extremely cruel."He expressed renewed frustration at not getting enough air defense systems from the country's Western vears of unrelenting war. The

sound of 15 explosions re- Russian border. Moscow's

troops have in recent weeks captured villages in the area as part of a broad push, and analysts say they may be trying to get within artillery range of the city. In what is shaping up to be Ukraine's biggest test since Russia's fullscale invasion in February sive by the Kremlin's larger partners to prevent the bar- 2022, outnumbered and and better-equipped forces. rages after more than two outgunned Ukrainian forces are being pressed at severa

'at the right time' Pales-tine, prompting Canadian lawmakers to discuss the issue. Several Liberal MPs have urged Prime Minister Trudeau

"In the coming hours

Noumea. Roads across the is-

land remained blocked by pro-

tester barricades, and resi-

to follow suit and the call within Canada's Parlia-ment for formal recognition of a Palestinian state is growing. Liberal MP Salma

goal," Zahid stated. However, some within the Lib-

Rafah offensive in Gaza as part of a larger case accusing Israel of genocide at **Russia says IS** behind deadly Moscow concert

hall attack

Monitoring Desk

MOSCOW: Russia on Fri

day said for the first time

that the militant Islamic

State group coordinated the

March concert hall assault

in Moscow, the country's

deadliest terror attack in

sibility on multiple occa-

sions for the March 22 at-

tack which killed over 140

people, but Moscow has

repeatedly tried to link

Ukraine and the West to the

attack. FSB chiefAlexander

Bortnikov was quoted as

saying by the RIA Novosti

news agency that "prepa-

Thai hospital says

20 people from

Singapore Airlines

flight remain in

intensive care

Monitoring Desk

BANGKOK: Twenty

people who were aboard

flight that hit severe tur-

bulence and diverted to

Bangkok for an emer-

gency landing on Tues-

day remain in intensive

care, a hospital official

the flight still under treat-

ment, 22 patients have

spinal cord injuries and six

have brain and skull inju-

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Of the 40 people on

said on Thursday.

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Singapore Airlines

rations, the financing.

IS has claimed respon-

two decades.

were injured as S-300 missiles struck the city of capital of the region of the Kharkiv, regional Gov. Oleh Syniehubov said. The

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city of Kharkiv, which is the points along the about 1,000-kilometer (600-mile) same name, lies about 20 ki- front line that snakes from lometers (12 miles) from the north to south.

<u>(@)</u> NOTICE INVITING TENDER The Executive Engineer Public Health Engineering Division Kachhi invited the sealed percentage tender based on composite Schedule of Rates 2023 Government of Baluchistan along with tender Fee and item rates from interested Contractors/Firms for the work mentioned below:-

T.S-No.	S.No	Name of Work	E/Cost	Qty	T/Fee
	1	PROVIDING AND LAYING OF G.I PIPE LINE IN DIFFERENT WARD OF MACH CITY (PSDP NO. 8396)			
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232405431003	ii)	Railway ward to Civil ward Killi Bangulzai Jail Ward Bashir Mohallah Tehsil Mach i) P/L/J of G.I pipe line 6"dia	13.894 M	4000 Rft	2000
232405431013	iii)	Vagan Adda to Kaka Mohammad Jan Ward Farooq Kurd street Tehsil Mach i) P/L/J of G.1 pipe line 4"dia	21.221 M	9800 Rft	2000
232405431053	iv)	Kala Ground to Marriabad Ward Mach i) P/L/J of G.I pipe line 3"dia	29.840 M	20000 Rft	2000
232405431093	V)	Kala Mohammad Jan Ward to Imam Bagah Eid Gah Ward, Majeed Ward, and Killi Haji Azam Tehsil Mach i) P/L/J of G.I pipe line 2'dia	10.068 M	11000 Rft	2000
232405431133 232405431173	2	Solar Based WSS Mushkaf Station Tehsil Dhadar (PSDP No 8398) i) D/D of Bore 500 ft ii) Civil work	2.562 M 4.532 M	1 No 1 Job	650 650
232405431223 232405431253		iii) S/O P/E pipe line iv) Solar system	5.881 M 5.960 M	12500 1 Set	650 650
	3	CONST: OF WATER SUPPLY SCHEME GOTH CHUMB, BHARMANI AND PER TEHSIL SUNNI (PSDP NO.8397)			
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Eligibility:-The Authorized Dealer must have valid registration with tax authorities i.e. (NTN, GST & BRA (Original) valid PEC certificate registration (Original) with Pakistan Engineering Council in relevant category and discipline with renewal for the year 2023-24.where applicable including three years works experience and bank (Turnover) The Bidder must Have completed three assignments of similar nature and the same above value work in the last two years in hand. 10% Security Deposit Should be submitted by Contractor/firm in case of rate offered below 10% of the total cost, In case of failure, Bid may be rejected at any STAGE. In case of contractor / firm they should have valid dealership certificate of manufactures. The pipes may be tested at site/lab on firm's cost. The Manufactures will provide tax paid certificates. The Joint venture is not allowed. The firm authorized representative will be allowed having original CNIC and authorization letter/Deed must be provided on Judicial Stamp paper Of Rupees 100 attested by the Notary public Or first Class Magistrate. The tender fee should be deposited in the head of account 02726-02 PHE Tender Fee through Green Challan in National Bank of Pakistan Dhadar only. Terms & Condition. (A) under following condition bid will be rejected. (i) Conditional & telephonic bid / tenders. (ii) bid not accompanied by a bid security of required amount of bid (iii)bid Submitted after specified date & time. (iv) blacklisted firms /contractors. (iv) Original firm or authority letter mention against each work and original CNIC, Stamp with letter Head. (B) Bid validity period 90 days. METHOD OF PROCUREMENT: Single Stage, One envelope procedure. BID SECURITY: 2% of total bid Value in the shape of CDR must be submitted in Favor of EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PHE Division Kachhi from Scheduled Bank. BIDDING / TENDER DOCUMENTS ISSUANCE: The Contractor/Firm should download NIT and Bidding Document by self From.WWW.BPPRA.ORG.PK SUBMISSION: The last date for submission is 10-06-2024 at 11:00 PM. OPENING: The tender will be opened on 10-06-2024 at 12:00 PM. Place of issuance, submission inquiries, and opening will be: ADDRESS: Office of the Executive Engineer PHE Division Kachhi @ Dhadar E.Mail:- xenphe0000@gmail.com Other terms and conditions are attached to tender documents. NOTE: It may be noted that no pay order will be accepted/entertained and the firm's complete title/name should be written on the call deposit. All the terms & conditions/sites of the work can be seen inoffice hours of the undersign .under sign have reserve rights to reject all any bid with any condition. The Tender form/Documents will be download BPPRA web site

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its hostages," Trudeau added. MP Anthony Housefather Ireland, and Spain to recognise in control of Gaza.

The debate in the House of expressed concerns about Commons was sparked by re-cent decisions from Norway, recognising a Palestinian state while Hamas remains

China launches 'punishment' war games around Taiwan

Monitoring Desk BEIJING: A furious China launched "punishment" drills around Taiwan on Thursday in what it said was a response to "separatist acts", sending up heavily armed warplanes and staging mock attacks as state media denounced newly inaugurated President Lai Ching-te.

The exercises, in the Taiwan Strait and around groups of Taiwan-controlled islands beside the Chinese coast, come just three days after Lai took office, a man Beijing detests as a "separatist".UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres's spokesman called for all sides to "refrain from acts that could escalate tensions in the region" amid China's military drills around Taiwan.

'On China, I can tell you that we're of course fol- measures.'

Strong winds topple stage at a campaign rally in northern Mexico, killing at least 9 people

Monitoring Desk SAN PEDRO GARZA GARCIA: A strong gust of wind toppled the stage at a the tragedy. campaign rally Wednesday evening in the northern Mexican state of Nuevo Leon, killing at least nine people — including a child - and injuring 63, the state's governor said. The collapse occurred during an event attended by presidential long-shot candidate dates Jorge Alvarez Máynez, who ran to escape. Videos of the collapse on social media showed people screaming, running away and climbing out from under metal polls. two hours.

The victims "will not be alone in this tragedy,' Máynez told reporters Wednesday night, adding that he had suspended upcoming campaign events.

Garcia, near the city of Afterward, soldiers, police and other officials Monterrey. He said he was roamed the grounds of the in good condition.

lowing the developments in the Taiwan Straits closely. We urge the relevant parties to refrain from acts that could escalate tensions in the region." said Stephane Dujarric. The United States "strongly urged China to show restraint after it launched military drills around Taiwan following the inauguration of a new president, describing Beijing's actions as "reckless". Washing-

ton had "noted with concern" and was "closely monitoring" the drills that China said were punishment for said.

Beijing to act with restraint," the Biden administration official said, warning China not to use Taiwan's political transition as a "pretext or excuse for provocative or coercive

Taiwanese Presi-dent Lai Ching-te's inauguration speech, a senior US official "We strongly urge

park where the event took place while many nearby sat stunned and haunted by Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador said he "sends a hug to family members, friends of the victims and political supporters." Condolences poured in from

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across Mexico, including by other presidential candi-In a video message, Nuevo Leon Gov. Samuel Garcia, a leading member of Máynez's Citizens Movement party, asked residents to shelter in their houses for the next Máynez wrote in his social media accounts that he went to a hospital after the accident in the wealthy (incorporated) in detail in bidding documents. suburb of San Pedro Garza

The Executive Engineer, Irrigation Division Ziarat invites sealed percentage rate tenders based on composite schedule of rates 2023, Government of Balochistan amended up to date from interested contractors /firms for the works listed below: Earnest Money 3% of Bid cost and Time limit 30-06-2025 for each work. Name of Works E/Cost S.No 1 CONSTRUCTION OF FLOOD PROTECTION WALL KAWAS SHARKI 49.52 M DISTRICT ZIARAT. TSE-232405429403 2 CONSTRUCTION OF KAREEZ FOR KILLIAGHBARG TEHSIL SINJAVI 49.50 M DISTRICT ZIARAT. TSE-232405430153 3 PROVISION OF WATER CHANNAL FOR KILLI KACH DISTRICT ZIARAT. 29.71 M TSE-232405430233 CONSTRUCTION OF SASNAK MANNA KAREEZ DISTRICT ZIARAT. 29.71 M TSE-232405430283 CONSTRUCTION OF KAREEZ FOR KILLI PORNA SINJAVI TEHSIL 29.71 M SINJAVI DISTRICT ZIARAT, TSE-232405429343 CONSTRUCTION OF KAREEZ FOR KILLI SHENLAIZ, SUI, RAKINI, 29.71 M DAGGER, TEHSIL SINJAVI DISTRICT ZIARAT. TSE-232405430343 FLOOD PROTECTION WALL FOR KILLI ZARGI DISTRICT ZIARAT. 19.80 M TSE-232405430373 PROVISION OF KAREEZ FOR KILLI ZARGAI DISTRICT ZIARAT. 19.80 M TSE-232405430413 CONSTRUCTION OF KAREEZ FOR SARDAR HEDYAT KILLI 09.90 M CHOWTAIR TEHSIL SINJAVI DISTRICT ZIARAT.

TSE-232405430433 The office of the Executive Engineer Irrigation Division Ziarat invites technical proposal of Contractors/firms along with sealed financial proposals (Single Stage-Two Envelope Bidding Procedure) for above mentioned Works.S.No 1 to 6 works and (Single Stage-One Envelope Bidding Procedure) for S.No 7 to 9 . Interested firms / Contractors. All interested bidders are required to submit documents as per following brief in support of their technical/Financial proposal: The procurement shall be carried out in accordance with Balochistan Public Procurement Regulatory, Rules 2014 and Pakistan Engineering Council By-Laws. Eligibility of bidders: - Registrations with relevant taxation department i.e (NTN), Income Tax / Sales Tax Department, Balochistan Revenue Authority (BRA) updated. Registration with Pakistan Engineering Council in Relevant Category C-5 and Above for S.no 1 to 6 and C-6 and above for Sno 7 to 9. Discipline Code CE-04 (v) (Irrigation Only) valid for the year 2023-24. BASIC ELIGIBILITY: The Contractor must have fresh valid registration i.e. 2023-24 registered with Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC) in category codes of CE-04 and registration with tax authorities i.e. (NTN, sales tax Department and BRA). The Technical Proposal shall consist of the Following Documents: - Name of Firm / Contractor with year of establishment along with postal address and telephone number. Name of Technical Supervisory staff/Management Staff along with their qualifications/ Experience and proof of their stay with the firm, with fresh affidavit (duly attested by first class Magistrate) as per criteria specified in bidding data. Detail of Works Machinery as per details mentioned in bidding documents Complete with all respect giving their model, make, condition and location. No of Projects completed (Details should be given as per criteria Specified in bidding documents). Fresh Registration / Clearance from income tax Department and BRA Original must be shown on submission/Opening the technical Proposals. As per BPPRA rule 25 sub rule (2) serial 3 only one bid can be submitted against one NTN. Under taking on judicial paper (duly attested by First Class Magistrate) that the firm has never been black listed and involved in litigation. It is mandatory that the Contractor must show the original fresh PEC valid registration i.e. 2023-24 with Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC) on the time of submission / opening the Technical Proposals. Non satisfactory performance in past or present with any executing agency will lead to the disqualification of Firm /Contractor. Detail of bases of evaluation of technical proposal is referred to the bidding documents (IB-3-3.2). The Financial Proposal shall consist of the Following Documents: - Detail BOQ with Quoted Rates in sealed envelope mentioned the name & Title of scheme. Bid Security @ 3 % of bid quoted amount must be in the form of call deposit from the Frim Account in favor of the office Name of the under signed from a scheduled bank of Pakistan. No any Bank Drafts & Banker Cheque will be acceptable. TENDER DOCUMENTS: The bidders can obtain the bidding document from the address mention above on production of green Challan of (Rs) Mentioned against Each work deposited in the head of account C-03434 Civil works through Govt: Treasury/National Bank of Pakistan or can be downloaded from the Website of BPPRA (wwe.bppra.gob.pk), during working hours, from the date of publication of this invitation in newspapers till one day prior to the last date of submission. DEADLINE OF SUMBISSION: Technical and financial proposals from intending contractors/firms sealed in two separates envelopes clearly marked with Work title & type of proposal must be delivered by hand or through registered mail to the address mentioned below on or before 10" June, 2024 at 11:00 AM. OPENNING: The envelope containing "Technical Bids" will be opened on the same day 10th June , 2024 at 12:00 Pm. Before procurement committee in the presence of bidders or their authorized representatives who choose to attend. The Second sealed envelope containing "financial bids" of technically responsive / gualified bidders will be opened later, the date of which will be communicated after evaluation of the technical bids. In case of any holiday or force majeure the opening willing be on the next official day. Bids Validity: Ninety (90) days Place of issuance and submission will be:- Address: Office of the Executive Engineer Irrigation Division Ziarat Telephone No : 0833-920072 Terms and Conditions: Terms and conditions are mentioned



pital told reporters. latest meeting, Defense arrive.

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Daily **Independent**, Quetta

Ahsan Iqbal terms CPEC a transformative force in region

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Planning, Development, and Special Initiatives, Ahsan Iqbal on Friday said that the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) has become a transformative force in the region as the flagship project of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), especially for Pakistan.

The minister said that CPEC will enhance cooperation and development for both countries in the fields of agriculture, industry, information technology and science.

The minister and Vice Chairman National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) Li Chunlin jointly chaired the 13th Joint Cooperation Committee (JCC) meeting. At the beginning of the meeting, Li Chunlin praised the Pakistani minister of

planning for his deep com-

mitment to CPEC and his Iqbal said, "We are ready to work with NDRC to active role in promoting it. Ahsan Iqbal chaired finalise the scope and 10 of the 13th JCC meetimplementation plan on these corridors. Both sides ings held so far, which is quite an honour in itself, are highly committed to this shared vision, and tosaid Li Chenlin. Federal Minister for gether, both countries have

Privatization, Minister of embarked on a journey of shared dreams, working hand in hand to build high-Communications, Federal Minister of Information Technology, Secretary Planning, Secretary Enquality development projects. ergy, Secretary Commu-nications, Secretary Last year, Pakistan and China celebrated a de-Board of Investment,

cade of successful high-qualand senior officials of ity development and ever federal and provincial mincloser collaboration under CPEC, he said. istries participated in the The minister stated

meeting. In the JCC meeting, that during the celebrations, the Pakistan side appreci-ated the vision of Chinese Vice Premier He Lifeng unveiled five new corridors leadership to upgrade the second phase of CPEC with proposed by President Xi Jinping, including the Growth Corridor, Livelithe inclusion of these new hood Enhancing Corridor. corridors which are in har-Innovation Corridor, Green mony with Pakistan's 5E Corridor, and Opening Up/ Regional Connectivity Cor-

Meanwhile speaking on the occasion, Ahsan ridor.



framework.

meeting of the Committee on Medical Education at Ministry of Foreign Affairs Islamabad.

Govt utilizing resources for facilitating people in Balochistan: Adviser

QUETTA (APP): Adviser liamentary Secretary and on Environment and Cli- congratulated him on mate Change to Chief Minister Naseem-ur Rehman Khan Mulakhel on Friday said that provincial government was utilizing all available resources to provide basic facilities to public in the respective area of province.

talking to Parliamentary Secretary Social Welfare Wali Noorzai called on him at his office.

The Secretary Wali Noorzai congratulated him on taking over the portfolio of Environment.

The Environment ing over the portfolio of En-Adviser thanked the Parvironment.

joining the Cabinet and taking charge of the Department of Social Wel fare.

In the meeting, the importance of both departments in the development of the province was discussed and the commit-He said that while ment was expressed that all

resources will be utilized for public service. Later, a delegation led by socio-political leader Chaudhry Naeem Karim also met the Provincial Adviser on Environment and

Talking to media on KP Assembly premises, opposition leaders said that provincial budget is against expectations of people and devoid facts and figures. They said that government is unaware of the required procedure and

policy to run the province keeping in view expectations of the people. Oppo-sition said that provincial government has failed to fulfill its pledges and promcongratulated him on takises made to people of KP during elections.



Joint opposition

in KP rejects

provincial budget

PESHAWAR (APP): The

joint opposition in Khyber

Pakhtunkhwa assembly has

rejected provincial budget

and termed it misleading and

puzzle of number that

lacks ground realities.



Federal Minister for Planning Development and Special Initiatives, Prof. Ahsan Iqbal co-chairing the 13th JČC meeting with China on CPEC in Islamabad.

Dar emphasizes uniform high quality medical education in Pak

ISLAMABAD (APP): ensured in all the provinces. Deputy Prime Minister The committee con-Mohammad Ishaq Dar on ducted a comprehensive re-Friday underlined the need view of the country's medical education system, fee to improve the regulatory framework for medical edustructure, and identified key cation in Pakistan, besides areas for improvement and establishing a coordination development of a strategic mechanism between mediplan to align medical educal institutions, and the cation with international public and private sectors standards. to ensure uniform high-

on devising a plan to solve He was chairing the the issues faced by Pakifirst meeting of the Comstani medical students mittee on Medical Educastudying abroad. It also distion that was constituted cussed strategies to support by the prime minister earand empower medical stuier this week on May 20. dents in their academic and professional endeavours.

The deputy prime minister emphasized the mportant responsibility of the committee to address the gaps in medical education in the country. Highlighting the importance of nurturing a con-

quality education.

ducive environment for medical students to excel and contribute meaningfully to the healthcare sector, Ishaq Dar stressed that the world-class quality of

bers include key stakeholders from the medical com munity, the education sec tor, and government officials. It aims to reform the medical education across the country. This initiative underscores the government's commitment to improve healthcare standards and It specifically focused ensure the highest quality of medical training for fu-

The committee mem

generations of ture ealthcare professionals. After a detailed discussion in the meeting, a sub-executive committee was constituted with Dr Malik Mukhtar Ahmad The meeting was at-National Coordinator fo

Health as Convener and tended by the Minister for Law and Justice, the Coor-Tariq Bajwa as Co-Condinator to the Prime Minister on Health, Secretary The sub-committee Health, the Deputy Chairwill deliberate on the existman Planning Commission ing terms of reference and Chairman Higher Edu-ToRs) along with addication Commission, MNA tional tasks including syn-Dr Nafeesa Shah, heads of ergies among regulatory prominent public and pribodies, streamlining proce

and eminent experts from

ZIARAT: Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti visiting Quaid-e-Azam public library.

43 Pakistani prisoners in Sri Lanka to return home

ISLAMABAD (APP): In-The arrangements for terior Minister Mohsin the return of Pakistani prisss on the dip- oners will be finalised

Saturday May 25, 2024

Minister says; Action against political party office taken in accordance with law

Federal Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, Azam Nazeer Tarar, informed the Senate that action against a political party office had been taken in accordance with the law and for violat-

ing building bylaws. Responding to a point of order raised by opposition leader Shibli Faraz, he further explained that the first notice was issued to the political party in 2020 for violating building bylaws. Notices were repeatedly issued from 2020 to 2024 at six-month intervals, with the final notice given on May 10 for ongoing vio-

ISLAMABAD (APP): lations. "In view of the last notice dated May 10, the action is in accordance with the law," the minister said.

He elaborated that he had talked to the chairman of the Capital Development Authority (CDA), who confirmed that the process had been ongoing for the past four years due to the violations. The final notice was issued to ensure compliance with CDA directions, he added. The minister further explained that reminders were issued to the political party regarding two floors constructed without CDA approval and the misuse of a public place for parking containers.



QUETTA: Provincial Minister Nawabzada Tariq Magsi and former MPA Malik Sikandar Advocate meeting with Governor Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail.

Pakistan's border crossing with Iran at Taftan, Gabd to remain open 24/7

ISLAMABAD (INP): Pa- common border between kistani Ambassador to Iran the two states from a 'bor-Muhammad Mudassir der of peace' to a 'border of Tipu announced on Friday prosperity', both countries that Pakistan's border had reiterated the imporcrossing with Iran at Taftan tance of cooperation in the and Gabd will remain open energy domain, including trade in electricity, power transmission lines and Iran-24/7 to promote business between the neighbouring Pakistan gas pipeline countries.

Calling it a big step project. forward, the ambassador said it would hopefully Pakistan, both sides had unsharply increase the flow of derscored the imperative goods between the two of a long-term durable economic partnership countries and consequently and collaborative regional widen economic opportueconomic and connectivnities.

ity model, particularly Pakistan and Iran on April 24 reiterated the imfor socio-economic deportance of energy coopvelopment in Iran's eration and electricity trade, Sistan-Balochistan and despite the warning of po-Pakistan's Balochistan tential sanctions hinted at by the United States following the then Iranian president Seyyed Ebrahim Raisi's three-day visit to

provinces. This was stated by the Foreign Office in a 28-point joint statement, hours after the Iranian head of state had departed for Tehran

During Raisi's visit to

Agreeing to turn the from Karachi.

vate medical institutions, medical education should be the medical community.

dures for foreign students in Pakistan and the unifor mity in curricula. **EC fixes** hearing of PT

May 30 ISLAMABAD (Online)

mission (EC) for hearing on May 30. A five members bench of EC led by chief election

reply to questionnaire of

Pakistan. Hassan.

5 persons killed

PTI intra party case has been fixed by Election Com-

commissioner will hear the

PTI has already given

EC issued notice to barrister Gohar and Rauf

intra party poll case on



LAHORE: Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Naveed Ashraf meeting with Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz.

Digital X-Ray machines provided in 30 districts of Balochistan, says Dr. Asif Anwar Shahwani

Independent Report QUETTA: The Provincial Manager, TB Control Programme, Dr. Asif Anwar Shahwani has stated that the digital and artificial intelligence based new X-Ray machines have been provided in 30 districts of the province.

According to an offi-cial press release issued here on Friday, the digital X-Ray machines have been pro-

Shahwani said that the digital machines can diagnose the TB disease by itself. The Manager TB control Programme said that the technical staff would be imparted necessary training

vided in the districts with

assistance of the Global

Fund. Dr. Asif Anwar

All necessary measures taken for Gwadar

security: DC QUETTA (APP): Deputy Commissioner Gwadar Hamood ur Rehman Friday dismissed rumors about the erection of a fence in the coastal city of Gwadar, labeling such claims are baseless. Talking to APP, Rehman categorically denied any ongoing or future plans for constructing a fence in Gwadar. The DC emphasized that the government was committed to provide all necessary facilities to the local population, ensuring their freedom of movement within the city.

He mentioned that false rumors are being spread by certain political groups, obscuring the facts from the public.

Addressing the concerns about the so-called fence, Rehman clarified that a temporary trench was dug as a security measure. which has been misrepresented as a fence by some factions for propaganda purposes. DC Gwadar further noted that before initiating work on the trench, the local community was

taken into confidence



QUETTA: Provincial Ministers, Bakht Kakar, Zareen Magsi are in a group photo along with stranded Pakistani Students from Bishkek-Kyrgyzstan on their arrival, in Quetta.

lomatic front will bring 43 Pakistani citizens back to meets Malala ISLAMABAD (APP): their homes from Siri Minister for Federal Edu-Lankan jails.

cation and Professional In a high-level meeting Training, Dr Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui had a on Friday with the High Commissioner of Sri Lanka, meets with Nobel Peace Admiral (Retd) Ravindra Prize laureate Malala Chandra ousafzai here on Friday. Gunaratne, it was agreed to Provincial ministers immediately repatriate 43 for education and British Pakistani citizens impris-Council representatives oned in Sri Lanka. The Minwere also present, said a istry of Home Affairs had Malala reaffirmed that been working with the Sri Lankan authorities for the the Malala Foundation's

regard.

support for education, esthese prisoners. pecially girls' education, will continued across all provinces in the country.

4 dead, 5 injured in traffic accident

s release.

ZHOB (INP): Four people oners lost their lives, and five others were injured when a tractor trolley overturned due to over speed in Zhob.

According to a private news channel, the accident occurred when the driver of the tractor trolley, carrying nomads, lost control of the vehicle due to over speeding. Rescue officials responded promptly, arriving at the scene to provide immediate assistance.

The bodies of the deceased and injured were transported to the hospital for medical treatment. The victims included women and children, all reportedly from the same family.

ECP employees to get three salaries as bonus

ISLAMABAD (INP): The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) decided to give three salaries as bonus to its officers and employ-

According to letters dispatched to the provincial election commissioners. the ECP has informed that employees and officers will get three basic salaries as bonus.

Those who are facing departmental inquiries and moved to services tribunals or judiciary will not be eli-gible for the bonus, the ECP letter stated

The ECP has already given two salary bonuses to its employees in March after conducting the general elections in February

few days, Mohsin Naqvi said in his statement. The minister said that

relations between Sri Lanka and Pakistan have been going from strength to strength over the past seven decades. He said that Pakistan wants to further de-Srivijay velop mutual relations in various fields with Siri Lanka. In the meeting, it was agreed to take immediate steps to return the prisoners of both countries to their country. Issues of

past month to bring back mutual interest and the development of bilateral rela-The Sri Lankan High tions were also discussed in Commissioner assured all the meeting. Both sides possible cooperation in this agreed to increase cooperation in the field of security Interior Minister and counter-narcotics.

Monsin Naqvi thanked the Earlier, Mohsin Naqvi Sri Lankan High Commiswelcomed the Sri Lankan sioner for his support for High Commissioner on his the repatriation of the prisarrival at the Ministry of Interior.



QUETTA: Home Minister Mir Ziaullah Lango visiting control room of PDMA.

Pakistan grapples with severe heat wave, temperatures soar to 50°C in some areas

ISLAMABAD (APP): A severe heat wave continues to grip Pakistan, with temperatures expected to reach a scorching 50 degrees Celsius in some parts of Sindh, a spokesperson for Met Department said on Friday. Talking to a private news channel, he said the plains

of Punjab and Sindh were bearing the brunt of the heat, with major cities also experiencing extreme temperatures.

Dadu and Mohenjodaro in Sindh, he said were expected to be the hottest, with temperatures reaching 50° C, while Lahore is expected to sizzle at 42° C, Karachi at 34° C, and Islamabad at 41° C,.

He has warned that the weather would remain hot and dry in other parts of the country, with some respite expected in the form of rain in upper Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Potohar region, Gilgit-Baltistan, and Kashmir.

However, Karachi is expected to experience hot and humid weather, with sea winds providing some relief throughout the day.

He said the city's residents could expect some respite from the heat, but not for long, as the Met Department predicted a third heat wave in June.

The Meteorologist said that the heat wave's microimpacts would be felt more severely in smaller towns and cities, and urged people to take precautionary measures evervwhere.

The country is experiencing its second heat wave, with the first one having occurred earlier this month.

in exchange of firing between two

rival groups PESHAWAR (APP): As many as five persons were killed as a result of firing between two rival groups with five other injured here on Friday, an official of the Chamkani Police Station told media men.

The incident of the cross firing between the two rival groups accused in the jurisdiction of the Chamkani police Station, the Police official said. As a result of firing between two parties, five people were injured, Police said. Three people died from one side and two from the other side, Police officials in formed the media men.

According to the Po lice, there was a property dispute between the two rival groups. Police reached the spot and sent the bodies for autopsy. Syed Niaz Ali Shah, Babar, Wasiullah, Jameel Shamil and a police man are among the dead. Injured Iftikhar was shifted to hospital for medical assistance, police said.

PM Shehbaz visit to UAE to yield fruitful results: Tirmzi ISLAMABAD (APP) Pakistan's Envoy to the United Arab Emirates, Ambassador Faisal Niaz Tirmizi Friday said that Minister Prime (PM)Shehbaz Sharif'

much-anticipated and comprehensive visit to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) was highly success ful which would eventually bring about extensive posi tive results within the next few months.

In his exclusive talk with PTV news, he said that the visit will yield positive results not only in terms of economic and other cooperation but also in terms of forging alliances and friendship. He said that the Saudi 'believes in the economic potential of Pakistan" including its demography, location and natural resources, adding, the UAE will be 'moving ahead signifi cantly" to invest in project in Pakistan.



ISLAMABAD: JUI F chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman met with deputy chairman senate Syedaal khan Nasir and discussed overall political situation, in the Federal Capital.

Recovery of missing Ahmad Farhad case: IHC summons defence secretary, sector commander ISI in person

ISLAMABAD (Online): Justice Mohsin Akhtar Kayani of Islamabad High Court (IHC) has summoned defence secretary and sector commander ISI in person in the matter of recovery of missing poet Ahmad Farhad.

The petition seeking recovery of Ahmad Farhad came up for hearing before single bench of IHC led by justice Mohsin Akhtar Kayani

Attorney General (AG) said the state has not failed yet. We are tracing through CDR. Mohsin

Justice Akhtar Kayani remarked " you are saying state has not failed . Recovering the missing person is compulsion of state otherwise there is failzimni. ure of state. The failure of state are mere words and its results.

SSP operations appeared in the court and said location has been traced. Team is present there. Police is seeking assistance from IB.



The court further remarked law and situation deteriorates too. Police walas are beaten and their uniforms are torn. Now the recovery of this man is left behind. We will settle some things. Now the statement of sector commander will be recorded in missing persons case. Police officer will record statement and write

Justice Mohsin Akhtar Kayani remarked if the institutions are not answerable and you could not make them accountable then what will happen. You are seeking support of which agency. ISI and MI are not included.



HUB: Members of All Balochistan Transport Ittehad are holding protest demonstration against high handedness of police and coast guards.

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