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### Officers to be clear roadmap to implement law & public welfare: CM vows to continue action against terrorists, facilitators without any indiscrimination

**Independent Report** 

QUETTA: The Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti has reiterated his government's resolve to continue action against the terrorists and their facilitators in the province without any discrimination

The Chief Minister exhorted all the security institutions to continue effective action through mutual coordination for elimination of terrorism and establishing peace in the province.

He also directed to the officers to ensure enforcement of law impartially and keep them away from the partial political affairs.

In addition to this, he also directed to the Home Department to expedite action for payment of the financial compensation to the heirs of martyrs as already decided.

The Chief Minister was chairing a high level meeting on the law and order situation here at the CM's secretariat on Mon-

day. The Provincial Minister for Home, Mir Ziaullah Langove, Minister Finance. Mir Shoaib Nausherwani. Chief Secretary, Shakeel Qadir Khan, Additional

Nawaz Sharif likely to elect **PML-N President** LAHORE (INP): The Paers

Chief Secretary Home, Zahid Saleem, Inspector General of Police. Abdul Khaliq Sheikh and other concerned high ups. The Chief Minister on

the occasion directed to ensure prevention of crimes in the urban areas through snap checking.

Besides, the Chief Minister adding ordered to ensure prevention of the extortion at the check posts of Levies and Police all over the province. He warned that stern action would be taken against those officers and personnels involved in the extortion

Similarly, he directed to all administrative officers to take practical steps for improving service delivery and provision of relief to the general public

The Chief Minister announced to hold conference of all commissioners. deputy commissioners and district police officers. He said that the offic-

ers would be given clear roadmap for implementation on the law and public welfare

He also vowed to implement the "key performance indicators" to review performance of the administrative offic-



PESHAWAR: Chief of the Army Staff General Syed Asim Munir attending funeral prayers of soldiers who embraced Shahadat during an intense exchange of fire with terrorists at general area Bagh, Khyber district

Takbeer".

the region.

**CM Bugti** congratulates nation on 26th Youm-e-Takbeer **Independent Report** 

QUETTA: The Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti has greeted Pakistani nation on the 26th Youm-e-Takbeer being observed marking the nuclear blasts carried out on May 28, 1998 in Chaghai.

In a statement issued here on Monday, the Chief Minister paid rich tributes to the armed forces and those who remained firm while rendering their remarkable services to make the defence of country in-

vincible Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti said that Pakistan's defence is strong and the nuclear capability of Paki-

stan is for maintaining balance of power in the South Asian region. Continued on page 2



## **CJCSC**, Services Chiefs greet nation on Youm-e-Takbeer

Independent Report dedication and selfless sacrifices of all those **RAWALPINDI: Chair**who contributed to this man Joint Chiefs of remarkable Staff Committee and achieved against over-Services Chiefs on bewhelming odds. The scihalf of the Armed Forces entists, engineers, and of Pakistan, extend officials who devoted warm felicitations to the their lives to realizing nation on the 26th annithis dream rightly deversary of "Youm-eserve the gratitude and admiration of the nation This momentous oc-

and its Armed Forces. casion commemorates On this important the historic achievement day in Pakistan's hisof Pakistan's nuclear tory, the Armed Forces tests in 1998, which sucof Pakistan reaffirm cessfully established their unwavering recredible minimum desolve to defend the mothterrence and restored erland, protect its soverthe balance of power in eignty and territorial integrity, and ensure the The Armed Forces nation's security at all and the nation pay tribtimes and at any cost, ute to the unwavering

InshaAllah. Pakistan Zindabad!

## Seven soldiers embraced martyrdom, 23 terrorists killed in three separate IBOs: ISPR

PM pays tribute to Pak Army's officers, soldiers for successful operations against terrorists

RAWALPINDI (APP): A Captain among seven soldiers of Pakistan Army embraced martyrdom while gallantly fighting against terrorists in three separate intelligence-based operations (IBOs) that resulted in eliminating 23 terrorists by the security forces.

According to the Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) news release the security forces conducted three separate operations from May 26-27 in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province.

On May 26, an intelligence based operation was conducted in general area Hassan Khel, Peshawar District, where six terrorists were successfully neutralized by the security forces and multiple hideouts were busted.

feat,

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**COAS** offers funeral prayer of martyrs of **Khyber operation** 

RAWALPINDI (APP): Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Syed Asim Munir on Monday, along with a large of military and civil officials, attended the funeral prayer f martyrs who had embraced martyrdom during an in ense exchange of fire with the terrorists in Bagh area of hyber district, offered in Peshawar Garrison

Those whose funeral prayer was offered included Sepoy Taimoor Shaheed (age 32, resident of Layyah listrict), Sepoy Nadir Sagheer Shaheed (age 22, resident of Bagh district), Sepoy Muhammad Yaseen Shaheed age 23, resident of Khushab district), Lance Naik Syed

Danish Afkar Shaheed (age 30, resident of Poonch dis rict) and Naik Ashfaq Butt Shaheed (age 32, resident o Cahuta district) was offered, an Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) news release said. Later on, the COAS visited the Combined Military Hospital (CMH) Peshawar o inquire after the well-being of troops injured during the pperation. The Army Chief appreciated their high mo rale and reaffirmed the resolve of the nation to fight the errorism with full vigour and spirit.



**OUETTA: Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti presides** over the meeting to review law and order situation and payment of compensation to those martyred in terrorism incidents.



kistan Muslim League-Nawaz election commission will issue nomination papers for election of the party's new president to-

day. The five-member election commission of the party being headed by Rana Sanaullah. Iqbal Jhagra, Ishrat Ashraf. Jamal Shah Kakar and Khealdas Kohistani are

other members of the commission. Candidates can get nomination papers upto 5:00 in the evening, a party spokesperson said. "The papers could be submitted from 10:00am to 12;00 noon tomorrow, spokesman said. "Scrutiny of the papers will be held between 1:00 to 2:00pm"

The central general council of the party will elect new president at 4:00pm tomorrow," election commission announced. Former prime minister Nawaz Sharif could likely to return unopposed as the PML-N president.

According to the agenda of the PML-N general council session, it will elect the party's president and approve amendments in the party's constitution. Acting president of the party Shehbaz Sharif and newly elected president will address the session

The general council will also approve resolutions over Kashmir, Palestine and other matters during the session.

sembly.

#### **Budget for fiscal** 2024-25 to be presented on June 8 in NA

ISLAMABAD (Online): Budget session of National Assembly (NA) will take place at 5pm evening on June 05

According to sources the budget for financial year 2024-25 will be presented in NA on June 08. Finance Muhammad minister Aurangzeb will present the budget.

The debate on budget will start on June 10. The approval of budget will be obtained in the last week of June after Eid ul Azha

LAHORE: Chairman Prime Minister Youth Program Rana Mashhood Ahmed calls on Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif.

### Day of 28th May has immense importance in history of Pak, says Governor Balochistan

Independent Report QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Sheikh Jaffar Mandokhail has stated that the day of 28th May has great importance in history of Pakistan.

In a statement issued here on Monday marking the Youm-e-Takbeer, the Bovernor said that Pakistan had emerged as an Atomic power among the Muslim countries of the world.

He said that the defence of Pakistan became undiscoverable after becoming Atomic power.

kistan is an Atomic power

and is very much stronger than before. The Governor said that it is fact that the increased

manpower has no meaning against the Atomic power. He stressed that at the moment, we have to demonstrate internal unity among the country and provinces. We would also have to make pledge to take part in development of the country and would not hesi-

tate from rendering any sacrifice for prosperity and protection of the country, He said that today Paadding he stressed.

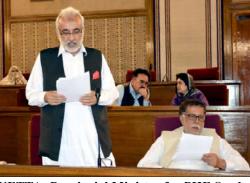
### Felicitation Resolution on Youme Takbeer approved: **BA** adopts motion for formation of special committee for CPEC **Project consisting of MPAs** Independent Report QUETTA: Th

(Retd) Abdul Khaliq Achakzai was in chair here The on Monday. Balochistan Assembly

Similarly, the provincial adopted a motion for forassembly also adopted the mation of a special commitfelicitation resolution retee for China-Pakistan Ecogarding Youme Takbeeper nomic Corridor (CPEC) being celebrated today (Tuesday). Project constating of the members of provincial as-

The resolution was tabled by the Provincial The motion was tabled Minister belonging to PML-N, Sardar Abdul by Provincial Minister Finance, Mir Shoaib

Nausherwani in the session Continued on page 2 while the Speaker, Captain



**QUETTA: Provincial Minister for PHE Sardar** Abdul Rehman Khetran presenting resolution about Youm-e-Takbeer Day at Balochistan Assembly session.



PM announces

public holiday

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Monday declared a public holiday on May 28 to mark Youm-e-Takbeer, the day when Pakistan's defence became impregnable after nuclear tests in the hills of Chagai Balochistan in the year 1998.

"Youm-e-Takbeer reminds how the entire Pakistani nation got united on that day to make the country's de-fence invincible," the prime minister said in a statement issued by the PM House.

A convicted person can't acknowledge Govt's diplomatic achievements, initiatives for developments: Tarar

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Information, Broadcasting, Na-tional Heritage and Culture Attaullah Tarar on Monday said that a convicted person in prison could not digest and acknowledge multiple achievements of current government on diplomatic front and initiatives for the development of the

country. "Definitely, there is a sinister plan to compare the current situation with that of 1971 but theses tactics are doomed to fail: InshaAllah, Pakistan will remain on the map of the world and make march towards progress and prosperity", he said while ad-dressing a press conference.

**US envoy** calls on FM ISLAMABAD (APP): The

Ambassador of the United States of America to Pakistan, Donald Blome called on Federal Minister for Finance & Revenue, Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb here on Monday. On the occasion, the finance minister underscored the long-term mutual relations between Pakistan and the USA

He informed the Ambassador about successful completion of the Stand-By Arrangement (SBA) and that the Government of Pakistan was engaged with the fund to build upon the reforms under the SBA

## Celeberating Youm-e-Takbeer

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**Tuesday May 28, 2024** 



OUETTA: Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti presides over the meeting regarding budget of next fiscal year 2024-2025 and Finance Bill of Balochistan Revenue Authority.

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#### Seven soldiers embraced martyrdom, 23 terrorists... **BA** adopts motion for formation...

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years; resident of district

Layyah), Sepoy Nadir

Sageer (age 22 years; resi-

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(age 23 years; resident of

district Khushab), having

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Weapons, ammunition and

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involved in numerous ter-

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security forces as well as

Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Mon-

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#### district Kahuta), Lance Continued from page 1 Naik Syed Danish Afkar (age 30 years; resident of

Captain Hussain Jehangir and Havildar Shafiq Ullah also embraced Shahadat on May 26, while fighting gallantly. On May 27, in another

operation conducted in Tank District, the Army troops effectively engaged the terrorists' location, as a result of which ten terrorists were killed.

The third engagement occurred in general area Bagh, Khyber District, wherein, the security forces killed seven terrorists, while two terrorists were injured.

However, during the intense exchange of fire, five brave soldiers; Naik Muhammad Ashfaq Butt (age 32 years; resident of



Through Electronic or Manual Bid Submission, It is Mandatory For All Bidders to Get Registered At Electronic Public Procurement System of BPPRA GOB. The Divisional Forest Officer Loralai invites bids from Eligible Bidders for execution of following works for the Year 2024 based on Composite schedule rates 2018 on Percentage Rates.

#### Tender Fee Rs.1000/- & Bid Security 2%

S.No Name of Work/s E/Cost 1 Establishment of breeding Center at Chinjan 5,000,000 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 2 Assignment of similar nature of work. Turn over of at least 3,500,000 PKR Amount in1 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 day paid tribute to the of-Continued from page 1 ficers and soldiers of the Rehman Khetran.

Pakistan Army for carry-In the resolution, it ing out successful operawas mentioned that Pakitions against the terrorists stan had the honour to bein Tank, Dera Ismail Khan come 7th atomic power in and Bagh, Khyber disthe world and first in the Islamic world on May 28, The prime minister 1998. The resolution furalso paid tribute to five ther said that Pakistani soldiers Naek Muhammad nation's and Islamic Ashfaq Butt, Lance Naek world's head was raised Syed Danish Afkar, Sepoy with pride with the nuclear Taimoor Malik, Sepoy tests. This achievement was Nadir Sagheer and Sepoy Muhammad Yaseen who

made because of the armed embraced martyrdom durforces of Pakistan, politiing the operation in Bagh. cal leadership and scien-tists. Besides the regional He said the Pakistan Army soldiers took part stability, independence and in the operations against sovereignty of the country the terrorist elements by was also made possible. Through the resolu-

putting their lives at risk. "May Allah Almighty tion, provincial assembly elevate the ranks of the paid tributes to the then martyrs in the paradise Prime Minister and central and grant courage to the leader of PML-N, Mian bereaved family members Muhammad Nawaz Sharif to bear this loss with paon the nuclear blasts contience," he said in a mesducted on May 28, 1998. In the resolution, it sage issued by the PM House. PM Shehbaz said

was made pledge not to the entire nation including avoid from rendering any himself paid tribute to the kind of sacrifice for stabilfamily members of the ity, development and defence of the country and He emphasized that foil the internal and exterthe officers and soldiers of nal conspiracies to be Pakistan Armed Forces alhatched against the stabilways preferred the country's integrity and ity of country and institusolidarity over their lives. tions In the resolution, tributes were also paid to the

"We will continue the war till complete elimination of the menace of terrorism from the country,' he resolved.

martyrs.

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#### NOTICE INVITING TENDER

martyrs of security forces

rendering sacrifices for the

cause of country.

The Executive Engineer Road, CWPP&H Department, District Jaffarabad invites sealed percentage rates tenders based on CSR-2023 Government of Balochistan amended up-to-date from eligible bidders who can prove their eligibility and gualification as mentioned in the Bidding Documents for the work mentioned

## On Youm-e-Takbeer, Gilani emphasises constant efforts to make country's defence impregnable

**Miscellaneous** 

ISLAMABAD (APP): As working towards a peace- ment would not have been the nation observes Youmful and stable world. He said on that day,

e-Takbeer on Tuesday to Pakistan successfully demcommemorate the 26th anniversary of Pakistan's onstrated its nuclear capanuclear tests, Acting Presibilities and joined the ranks dent Syed Yusuf Raza of nuclear powers. "Youm-Gilani called for drawing inspiration from that success to make the country's defence impregnable through technological and economic advancements.

The acting president, in his message to the nation, termed the day a pivotal moment in the nation's history and called for a renewed pledge to continue

Earlier, on tabling the

motion about formation of

special committee on

CPEC projects, the Chief

Minister said that he al-

ways wants to give the

is an important role of

Balochistan in CPEC

However, the CPEC

projects are not seen in the

province, he mentioned

adding that the Opposition

MPAs would also be part

of the special committee on

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projects would be the most

important committee. He

said that the provincial as-

sembly would be on driv-

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e-Takbeer serves as a testament to our nation's resilience, unwavering determination, and commitment to maintaining regional peace and stability," he added. He said the journey to becoming a nuclear state was not without its diffi-

culties as the national leadership and scientists braved various challenges to achieve the remarkable feat. 'Today, as we reflect on

this journey, we acknowledge the hard work of our scientists and engineers as a responsible nuclear ing President Gilani reiter-without whom this achieve- state, firmly believed in the ated.

Bhutto's decision as the opposition leader of the time to support Nawaz Sharif for conducting nuclear tests. Indeed, it was the collective determination of our civil and military

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marked.

peaceful resolution of conflicts. "We are also strictly adhering to international standards, and have imple-Bhutto whose efforts led to mented stringent controls measures to safeguard our nuclear assets," he maintained

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"Pakistan remains committed to maintaining Credible Minimum Deterrence, preserving the balance of power and deterring aggression. Pakistan's strategic capability serves as a powerful deterrent and a weapon for peace. Nuclear deterrence stands as a cor-South Asia, and we remain steadfast in our resolve to uphold this principle," Act-

IHC says:

## Missing persons problem calls for political solution

committee comprising min-

ISLAMABAD (Online): Islamabad High Court (IHC) has remarked missing persons issue calls for political solution.

"Attorney General (AG) has assured court that every person who is alleged to be missing will reach his family at every cost. The missing persons issue warrants political solution, this was said by IHC in its written order issued on Monthe committee on the day during hearing of missing Baloch students case. As per order counsel

Meanwhile, a resolution demanding allocation Imaan Mazari has handed over list of 3 missing stuof funds for establishment of Cadet College in dents to AG. We expect that Washuk was also apon next hearing the court proved. The resolution dewill be informed about manded of the House to these 3 missing persons. It was said in 4-page

make allocation of the funds for establishment of order issued by Justice Cadet College in Washuk Mohsin Akhtar Kayani that in the next financial year AG assured the court that budget. The amended bill about the DHA tabled by

#### CM Bugti... Continued from page 1

The Chief Minister said that Pakistan made it clear to all anti-country forces with the Atomic blasts of May 28 that it has capability of defending it's frontiers and maintaining it's survival.

He also said that the historic achievement made by our armed forces and atomic scientists is also

The Chief Minister

said that Youm-e-Takbeer

teaches us lesson of serv-

ing selflessly for develop-

ment, stability and pros-

perity of Pakistan. It also

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the Pakistanis that they

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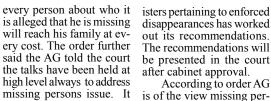
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According to order AG is of the view missing perwas said therein that the sons problem calls for political solution



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possible. Today, we also

recognize the contributions

of Shaheed Zulfikar Ali

making Pakistan a nuclear and comprehensive safety state. We also appreciate Benazir

June, 2024 during office hours on working days Last Date of bid submission: The Tenders must be submitted latest by 10 June, 2024 till 10:00 AM. Tender opening: All tenders will be opened on same day at the office of the under-signed at 11:00 AM Address: **Divisional Forest Office Loralai** Phone no: 3369288138 Email: ImranMani000138@gmail.com



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- 6 CONSTRUCTION OF BT ROAD MIR SHOAIB JAN 44.621 N BORING TO KILLI MATTI DISTRICT KHARAN PSDP NO: 2638 Z2023.1379 (2023-24)
- TSE-232405434663 7 CONSTRUCTION OF BLACK TOP ROAD KILLI 44.574 M GAZZI TO KACHO LOOP ROAD DISTRICT KHARAN PSDP NO: 2639 Z2023.1380 TSE-232405434703
- 8 CONSTRUCTION OF LINK BT ROAD AT KILLI 19.802 M GOASH TO KILLI LAKKAR KHAN DISTRICT KHARAN PSDP NO: 1738 Z2023.0476 (2023-24) TSE-232405434743

Procurements shall be made under the Balochistan Public

Procurement Rules - 2014, Eligibility of Bidders: a. Presence in Active Tax Payer List b. The bidding firm must not be blacklisted by any procuring agency of Pakistan c. Balochistan Revenue Authority Registration is required **d**. The bidder must have completed Assignment of similar nature of work e. Turnover of PKR Amount mentioned in Bidding Docs for each work in 5 subsequent previous years showing financial capacity of the firm f. Registration with Pakistan Engineering council (PEC) In Relevant Category with Specialized CodeCE01, CE09 & CE10. Procedure of Procurement: Single Stage One Envelope Bidding Procedure Bid Security: The bids must accompany Bid Security in the form of Bank Guarantee, Deposit at Call of 2 % specified above in the name of the under-signed from a scheduled bank. Tender Documents: The bidding documents can be obtained from the office of the undersigned 1,000 PKR to be submitted in the Head of Account C-02716 against each work. 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, 2024 till 11:00 AM. Tender opening: All tenders will be opened on same day at the office of the undersigned at 12:00 PM Address: Office of The Executive Engineer Roads, Co 084

below. Earnest Money 2% of Estimated Cost, Completion Time Period 24 Month, and Tender Fee Rs.2000/-E/Cost S No. Name of Scheme 1 CONSTRUCTION OF B/T ROAD IC RETAINING WALL MAIN SOHBAT PUR ROAD 100.00 M VIA SEEM SHAKH TO MOULANA PETRO PUMP QUETTA ROAD.

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ONLY ELECTRONIC BID WILL BE SUBMITTED, NO PHYSICAL BID IS REQUIRED

Bidding process of aforementioned work will be carried out in accordance with the relevant rules o Balochistan Public Procurement Authorities 2014 & Pakistan Engineering Council By Laws.PRELIMINARY / BASIC ELIGIBILTIY CRITERIA: The contractors must have valid Registration of firm with PEC in category C-4 and above with specialization codes CE01 & CE10 in relevant discipline with till date renewal and as well registration with Tax Authorities i.e. (NTN, Sales Tax Department and BRA with till date renewal), where applicable. The prospect bidder(s) must meet the eligibility / qualifying criteria as mentioned in the bidding documents. METHOD OF PROCUREMENT: Single Stage Two Envelope Bidding Procedure. BIDDING/TENDER DOCUMENTS ISSUANCE: The bidder(s) can obtain the bidding documents from website of BPPRA (www.bppra.gob.pk), under TSE No. given above from the date of publication of this invitation in newspapers till the last date of submission i.e 13/06/2024 until 11.00 AM on production of green challan form for an amount of Rs.2000/- (NON REFUNDABLE deposited in the head of account C-02716 DDO Code JF7009 thorough Government Treasury/National Bank of Pakistan Jaffarabad. The bids must accompanied Bid Security with "Technical Bid" for the Project in the form of Call Deposit or Bank Guarantee of amount Specified above in the name of the undersigned from a Scheduled Bank. DEAD LINE OF SUBMISSION: Bid can only be submitted electronically latest by 13th June, 2024 till 12:30 PM through supplier dashboard. OPENING OF BID(S): All tenders will be opened on same day at 1:30 PM on EPPS System. BID VALIDITY: Ninety (90) days. ADDRESS: Office of the Executive Engineer (Road) CWPP&H Department District Jaffarabad, Telephone No.0838-510249, Email address: bandrofficejfd@gmail.com TERMS & CONDITIONS: Terms & Conditions are mentioned (incorporated) in detail in Bidding Documents. The bidders providing unsubstantiated and / or incorrect information will be liable to disqualification and / or legal action.

## EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (ROAD) CWPP&H DEPARTMENT DISTRICT JAFFARABAD

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#### 1 FLOOD PROTECTION BUND IN YALOO DASHT MUGHALZAI IN DISTRICT

PRQ No.2615/27-5-2024

- KALAT. TSE-232405417583 CONSTRUCTION OF FLOOD PROTECTION BUND IN PUSS SHER DISTRICT KALAT. TSE-232405418423
- CONSTRUCTION OF GABION WALL FOR KILLI MIR ABDUL KARIM MANDEHHAJI 29.150 KHALIQABAD DISTRICT KALAT. TSE-232405418873 41.500
- FLOOD PROTECTION BUND IN KOHING IN DISTRICT KALAT. TSE-232405417633 5 FLOOD PRTECTION STRUCTURE KILLI GOM KALAT. TSE-232405417693
- 6 CONSTRUCTION OF FLOOD PROTECTION WALLAND PCC IN KILLI
- MALANGZAI CHOTTANK KHALIQABAD AREA DISTRICT KALAT. TSE-232405418853 FLOOD PROTECTION BUND WALLAT CHOTAL AREA KAPOTODISTRICT KALAT. TSE-232405417663
- CONSTRUCTION OF GABION WALL FOR BOTH BANKS OF CHATTI VILLAGE IN 24.860 DISTRICT KALAT. TSE-232405418793
- CONSTRUCTION OFFLOOD MANAGEMENT SCHEME AT BARANCHINA 49.293 KHALIQABAD RIVER DISTRICT KALAT. TSE-232405418813 0 CONSTRUCTION OF FLOOD PROTECTION BUNDS FOR HOUSES AND 29,680
  - AGRICULTURAL LANDS IN KILLI ARBABZAI KARIMZAI KHALIQABAD DISTRICT KALAT. TSE-232405418383

Procurements shall be made under the Balochistan Public Procurement Rules - 2014. Eligibility of Bidders: The bidder must have completed Assignment of similar nature of work as Mentioned in the Bidding Ducments. Turn over Amount in 3 subsequent previous years showing financial capacity of the firm is mentioned in the bidding documents. Rs. 2000 thorough Green Challan. Call Deposit / Bank Guarantee @ 2% Procedure Of Procurement: Single Stage Two Envelope Bidding Procedure Bid Security: The bids must accompany Bid Security in the form of Bank Guarantee, Deposit at Call of 2 % specified above in the name of the under-signed from a scheduled bank. Tender Documents: The NIT 8 Bidding Document can be obtained electronically from www.bppra.gob.pk Issuance of tender Documents: Complete Bidding Document can be viewed at www.bppra.gob.pk Last Date of bid submission: Bid can only be submitted electronically latest by 10 June, 2024 till 11:00 AM through supplier dashboard. Tender opening: All tenders will be opened on same day at 12:00 PM in the Office

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		conditions are mentioned (incorporated) in detail in bidding documents.
Executive Engineer-Roads		
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Procurements shall be made under the Balochistan Public Procurement Rules - 2014. Eligibility of Bidders: Presence in Active Tax Payer List. The bidding firm must not be blacklisted by any procuring agency of Pakistan. Balochistan Revenue Authority Registration is required. The bidder must have completed 3 Assignment of similar nature of work. Turn over of at least 35,000,000 PKR Amount in3 subsequent previous years showing financial capacity of the firm Procedure Of Procurement: Single Stage Two Envelope Bidding Procedure Bid Security: The bids must accompany Bid Security in the form of Bank Gurantee, Deposit at Call of 2 % specified above in the name of the under-signed from a scheduled bank. Tender Documents: The NIT & Bidding Document can be obtained electronically from www.bppra.gob.pk Issuance of tender Documents: Complete Bidding Document can be viewed at www.bppra.gob.pk Last Date of bid submission: Bid can only be submitted electronically latest by 11 June, 2024 till 11:00 AM through supplier dashboard. Tender opening: All tenders will be opened on same day at 12:00 PM on EPPS System Address: Assistany Director, Local Govt & amp; Rural Development Deppt Quetta Phone no: 0081920209 Email: sadlgrdquetta@gmail.com

Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti prayed for the stability and survival of the country.

Name of Work



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- RAFIQ BAZAR TUMP DISTRICT KECH (PSDP NO. 2346 Z2023.1086) TSE-232405432823
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The procurement shall be carried out in accordance with BPPRA rules, 2014. 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 2 Assignment of similar nature of work. The bidder must have valid registration with Pakistan Engineering Council in relevant category C-6 for S.No.1 and C-5 for S.No 2 to 8 Relevant Category And Specialized Code is CE10(i) (General Civil Engineering Works), CE01-(i) (Road and Pavements Drainage & Retaining, Structure). Turn-over 70% of E/Cost from last Three years. METHOD OF PROCUREMENT: Single stage - One envelope Bidding Procedure. BIDDING / TENDER DOCUMENTS: Issuance: The contractors/firms having registered with PEC in aforementioned category in relevant discipline can obtain the bidding documents form the address mentioned below on production of green challan form for an amount of Rs 2000/- (Non-Refundable) deposited in the head of account C-02716 through Government Treasury/National Bank of Pakistan or can be downloaded from website of BPPRA, form the date of publication of this invitation in newspapers till one day prior to the last date of submission. contractors/firms who obtain bidding documents by downloading them from BPPRA website will also be required to produce deposited green challan form of above mentioned fee. Earnest Money as mentioned above should be submitted in the shape of Bank Guarantee or Deposit at Call from a scheduled Bank. Dead line of Submission: The Bidding Documents duly filled and attached with copies of supporting documents must be delivered in sealed envelopes by hand or through registered mail to the address mentioned below on or before 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 at 12:00 Hrs. Opening: The tender document will be opened on 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 at 13:00 Hrs, before procurement committee in the presence of contractors or their authorized representatives/agents. Bid Validity: Ninety (90) Days Place of issuance and submission will be:-Address: Office of the Executive Engineer-Road, CW, PP&H Department District

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## SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT

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# Youm-e-Takbeer: A proud day for nation

Four PAEC agriculture

research centers have been

established in the three

provinces of Pakistan hav-

ing a major share of the cultivatable land in the country. Nuclear Institute of

Agriculture (NIA) in Tando

Jam, established in 1962

was the first such institute

followed by Nuclear Insti-

tute for Agriculture and Bi-

ology (NIAB), in Faisalabad; Nuclear Insti-

tute for Food and Agricul-

ture (NIFA), in Peshawar

and National Institute for

Biotechnology & Genetic

Engineering (NIBGE), in

agriculture centers have de-

veloped and evolved more

than one hundred and fifty

(150) crop varieties for Pa-

kistan. For utilization of

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developed technology for

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fected lands and this tech-

nology is being provided not only to the local farm-

ers but also at international

These centers also have

development

So far, these PAEC-run

Faisalabad.

level.

## **Youm-e-Takbeer: the day PAEC** made the nation proud



By Muhammad Aftab Alam

May 28 has a special significance in the life of every Pakistani. On this day, the scientists, engineers and technicians of PAEC achieved the unachievable and delivered what they had promised in the form of five nuclear blasts at Chaghi in Balochistan, making the nation's defense unconquerable. Besides some known names who contributed in this herculean task through unmatched contributions for the country's security, there were numerous unsung heroes who worked day and night towards achieving this unbelievable mission by a developing country

PAEC has so far estab- at CERN and International lished nineteen (19) Atomic Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). Pakistan became Energy Cancer Hospitals Associate Member State of (AECHs) located in all CERN on July 31, 2015, provinces and major cities of the country while the 20thcancer hospital at Muzaffarabad, AJ&K, is under construction. These status agreement with CERN on August 26, 2015. hospitals are helping the In the use of nuclear government in catering to energy for generating electhe healthcare needs of cantricity, PAEC is currently cer-affected patients in the country by providing diag-nostic and therapeutic

operating six nuclear power plants (NPPs), including Karachi Nuclear Power facilities.PAEC-managed-Plants Unit-2 & Unit-3 cancer hospitals provide diagnostic and therapeutic commonly known as K-2 and K-3 in Karachi; and Cfacilities to patients at sub-1, C-2, C-3, C-4 NPPs in sidized rates by dint of support from Patient Wel-fare Society (PWS) of the hospitals and Pakistan Data Mal (Mal Chashma, Mianwali. These plants are collectively producing over 3500 megawatts (MWs) of electricity.

Advantages of nuclear In the field of internapower generated electricity tional cooperation and proinclude low per unit cost of motion of the culture of generation, all-year-round sharing and learning from availability, and no emisfellow scientists' research, sions of greenhouse gases, PAEC started conducting besides being critically imannual meetings of reportant from energy-secusearchers and scientists in rity point of view. Pakistan.A brainchild of the Às a responsible Nobel Laureate of Pakistani

origin, Dr. Abdul Salam, the nuclear state, a founding idea of holding the annual member of the IAEA and

a fair share in human resource through training courses, workshops and intern-ships. These courses **يوم تلبير كا نشان** مضبوط دفاع ،خوشحال يا كستان tions and universities.

Bait-ul-Mal (PBM).

Apart from defense, PAEC is also the torchbearer in ensuring sustainable development for the country in all spheres of life by using nuclear science and technology for peaceful purposes.International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), in line with its velopment' mandate, sup-

meeting of topnotch researchers and scientists of the world in Pakistan was eration, Pakistan takes adopted by the then Chairman Muneer Ahmed Khan and his successor Dr. Ishfaq Ahmad and all successive chairmen of PAEC. 'International cess of personnel and retina

Nathiagali Summer College identification for entry at Atoms for Peaceand De- (INSC) on Physics and the power plants are some Contemporary Needs' has of the measures that help

wards agriculture industrian emerging player in the alization and commercialfield of nuclear power genization, PAEC recently organized a huddle of agriculpride in ensuring impeccable security arrangements at all of its nuclear power plants. Stringent entry protocols in the form of controlled ac-

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reached

ture scientists, agriculturists and business leaders in the field of agriculture. The Agriculture symposium cum exhibition was organized at NIAB and NIBGE institutes in Faisalabad. Titled "Cultivate Innovation to Harvest Business



## Nuclear Technology .....an imperative for national defense and development

**By Saima Durrani** The famous lines of US president John F Kennedy tutes

uttered half a century ago 'Ask not what your country can do for you-ask what you can do for your country" may seem bit clichéd now but the devotional pledge and undercurrents of selfless service embodied in his statement can still inspire anyone anywhere in the world eager to serve one's motherland.

This notion of selfless equally benefit researchers, service should resonate students and academia from rather well with us who are various research organizastill striving to achieve the cherished dream of seeing a NIAB and NIBGE in prosperous Pakistan among Faisalabad are also affiliated the comity of nations.

with Pakistan Institute of Pakistan today faces Engineering and Applied formidable social, eco-Sciences (PIEAS) – the leading university of the nomic, and security challenges. Many nations have country, for award of MPhil and PhD degrees in faced similar challenges in history and successfully Biology and Biotechnology. turned them into opportu-Taking a big step tonities through dedicated commitment of self less hard working individuals. Once effectively addressed, our challenges likewise offer unprecedented opportu-

nities for transformational progress And if this dedication is coupled with capability in science and technology, the real engine for economic growth, we have the recipe

for success at our hands.

of laboratories and insti-As nuclear technology Radiation

(PARAS), a subsidiary of is the most innovative way to improve agriculture prac-PAEC, a 10 MeV, 20 kW E-Beam plant caters for tices, PAEC never lagged sterilization of healthcare products manufacturing as well as fulfilling the requirements of export food items to Australia, America, New Zealand, and other European countries. In the human health

domain, PAEC has been Subsequently, first fullproviding services in cancer care through use of radiation since 1960s. PAEC's 60 years' experience of designing, executing and operating cancer hospitals has resulted in 19 Atomic Energy Cancer Hospitals (AECHs) throughout Pakistan. One more hospital is under construction at Muzaffarabad, AJK. Patients receive high quality diagnostic and treat-

The Commission took lead in utilizing nuclear technology to improve productivity by developing new crop varieties, pest control technologies, plant nutri-

through its dedicated setup and genetically modified organisms. Likewise, at Pakistan

C-2, C-3, & C-4) of cumulative 1,330 MWe capacity are located at the Chashma Nuclear Power Generating Services Station (CNPGS). Ground breaking for another similar plant named C-5 at Chashma has also taken place.

Two NPPs (i.e., K-2 & K-3) of the total 2,200 MWe capacity are operating near paradise point of mega polis Karachi. K-2 is operating commercially since May, 2021 and K-3 since April, 2022. During the year 2023, these six nuclear power plants supplied 22,372 million kWh to NTDĆ system.

An elaborate and diversified engineering set up of PAEC successfully caters to design, manufacturing & testing of mechanical equipment for medium and heavy industries in accordance with the International Codes and Standards especially for Power Plants, Chemical and Petrochemical Plants and other Industrial Projects for itself and the national industry. These setups are well equipped with modern engineering manufacturing and fabrication facilities geared

toward attaining excellence. A set up of PAEC,viz Heavy mechanical complex-3,HMC-3 is one of the largest industrial projects in the heavy engineering sector of Pakistan. One of PAEC en-

way back in 1958 which was followed by the establishment of Radiobiology Division in early 60's at Atomic Energy Centre, Lahore.

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behind in this arena and recruited its first biologist

fledged Atomic Energy Agriculture Research Center was established in 1962 at Tandojam which was followed by Nuclear Institute for Agriculture and Biology (NIAB) in 1972 at Faisalabad, Nuclear Institute for Food and Agriculture (NIFA) at Peshawar in 1982 and National institute of Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering (NIBGE) in 1994.

ment facilities here. AECHs are equipped with latest SPECT-CT Gamma Cameras, PET-CT Scanners, Cyclotrons, Radionuclide therapy and

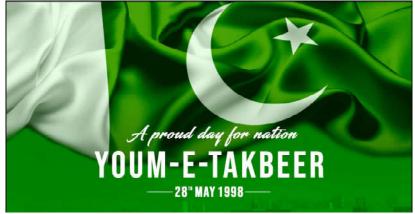
ports countries in their efforts to reach the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) set out in the United Nations (UN) 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.Many countries use nuclear science and technology to contribute to and meet their development objectives in areas including energy, human health, food production, water and science students. management and environmental protection.

Being member of the Board of Governors of the IAEA. Pakistan has been utilizing nuclear technology for peaceful purposes since the inception of PAEC, which has contributed immensely in achieving the SDGs.

been organized every year ensure authorized access since 1976, mostly at the only. scenic hill resort of Nathiagali. So far, 7 Nobel best practices in the field of nuclear power, Emerlaureates and 41000 scientists, out of which 1000 gency Preparedness Measures are well in place for were foreigners, from 72 timely intervention at these countries have participated in the annual springs of sci- power plants. The safety and security are the two entists in Pakistan to exchange valuable knowledge highlights of nuclear power with their local colleagues plants operating in the

country. PAEC has taken the Owing to the untiring efforts of PAEC scientists, lead in utilizing nuclear techengineers, technicians and nology to improve producresearchers, Pakistan is tivity of agriculture sector proudly an Associate through the introduction of Member of European Or- new crop varieties, pest ganization for Nuclear Re- control technologies, plant search (CERN) and scien- nutrition, water managetists from the country are ment, animal health and actively participating in productivity and food devarious research activities contamination and preser-

As per international



## **Comprehensively deliberated** decision for Youme-e-Takbeer

By Dr Anjum Sarfraz India surprised the world on 11 May 1998 by conducting three nuclear underground explosions and two on 13 May. The PM of India very proudly announced that we have become sixth nuclear weapon state and should be treated by the world as such. At the same time, Indian stance towards Pakistan became aggressive. The se-Nuclear nior Indian hierarchy started giving provocative statements. The Indian Home Minister L.K Advani made a statement of Indian intention to cross the LoC under the pretext of hot pursuit. The Corps Cdr in Indian Illegally Occupied Kashmir (ĨĬOJK) held an unprecedented news conference and advocated his plans to attack Azad Kashmir across the LoC. As a declared nuclear state and almost negligible international reaction, India was taken by political leader-

clearly placed in a better position than Pakistan. ship or was it thrust upon it by the military. The DCC

The PM, Nawaz meeting was held on 13 Sharif, was on official visit May chaired by the PM, attended by Foreign Minto Kazakhstan. He talked to Gen Jehangir Karamat, ister, Finance Minister, Interior Minister, Chairman Chairman JCSC and COAS, JCSC. and Services Chiefs. it was decided to hold a meeting of Defence Com-In addition Dr. A Q Khan mittee of Cabinet (DCC) and Dr. Samar Mubarakmand attended as upon his arrival. However, according to Naeem Salik, reps of KRL and PAEC respectively. A lot of delib-(The Genesis of South Asia Deterrence: erations had taken place to Pakistan's Perspective decide appropriate rep141) Gen Karamat's acsponse. The opportunity count of the event is little provided by India to bedifferent. The PM called come nuclear state and the economic challenges were General and told him to start preparations for the pondered thoroughly. The test. He suggested the PM meeting was like a war cabito return to Pakistan as net taking the decision in a soon as possible, and then crisis mode where the DCC the decision would be taken members were evaluating all after deliberation in DCC, the implications of testing, under tremendous economic the institution designed to deliberate and take such and international pressures. decisions. It is relevant to It was virtually an undeclarify speculation about clared emergency situation. whether the decision was Armed forces were alerted for extra safe guards of the

sensitive areas. The test tunnels prepared at Ras Koh have to be provided extra security which was entrusted to Corps Cdr at Quetta, Navy augmented the sea patrol and PAF flew Combat Air Patrol (CAP) On political front all the opposition parties were for the nuclear detonation. A unanimous resolution was passed in Senate for an effective response to the Indian tests. In accordance with Gohar Ayub, the Foreign Minister (Testing Times, p35), General Jehangir Karamat, views were, we could match India, but the decision to do so would have to be political. Dr Samar informed the DCC that PAEC will take 10 days to conduct the tests. Later when Dr. Ishfaq, Chairman PAEC returned from abroad. gave the positive reply about the preparations. The cabinet meeting was called on 14 May, which sup-

Growth", the two-day Science and technology event was sponsored by (S&T) are fundamental for Support Industries and social and economic Technologies (SITECH), in progress in developing line with Government's countries as they have been Green Pakistan Initiative. central in the progress and Its ultimate aim was to development of virtually all commercialize and poputhe nations of the world. larize the latest technical Nuclear technology, a top advancements in the field of notch specialty in its own agriculture and biotechnoldomain offers a wide array of applications leading to Leading agricultural ex-

the development push we perts and researchers from all aspire. Moreover, in seed companies, progrestoday's geo-political scesive farmers, corporate secnario, the strategic and detors, researchers, academia fense portfolio of any counfrom agri and biotech fields try is measured up against and representatives from its potential economic vigovernment, Fongrow Coy ability. And it is the growth FFC also of this nexus of strong participated. The particieconomy and defense pants appreciated the event which can guarantee a prosand they hoped that orgaperous country. nizers will provide more It was no mere coincisuch opportunities of es-

dence that despite initial tablishing linkages among problems, as early as 1956, agricultural researchers, an S&T set up the Pakistan farmers and allied depart-Atomic Energy Commisments as well as businesses sion PAEC was established by the farsighted leaders to Although PAEC is make use of the internastriving to prove a catalyst tional trend of atoms for

in all key areas of national peace initiative of American development, May 28 will president Eisenhower . always remain a feather in This organization not only its cap asit made Pakistanis provided the scientific hold their heads high with thrust intended for national pride.- The writer is a PR development in agriculture, practitioner. He can be human health, energy& inat dustry but also delivered journalistinmaking@gmail.com when asked to make the motherland's defense impregnable.

The Commission now

holds sway over utilization of nuclear technology for a wide array of national development initiatives .Incidentally these initiatives are also key tools used to support the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGS). Out of the 17 SDGs of UN agenda, PAEC contributes to 11 of them ported the option of going for nuclear. Also Finance Minister was tasked to evaluate the effect of sanctions and for development of contingency plan in consultation with the concerned ministries and state bank. It was proposed conversion of foreign currency accounts into Rupee at official exchange rate (About \$ 7bn). Banks to offer attractive rates on these rupee accounts. The PM gave the 'final go ahead' on 18 May to Chairman PAEC to carry out tests. All parties conference was called on 24 May by PM to inform about the decision of deto-

nation which was unani-



tion and water management, animal health and productivity and food decontamination and preservation.

Combining conventional breeding methods with mutation breeding, marker assisted selection and genetic engineering techniques, so far more than 150 crop varieties of cotton, wheat, rice, oilseed, pulses and fruits and vegetables have been developed which are popular among the farming community of Pakistan.

These PAEC agriculture institutes have also developed technologies to improve irrigation techniques that reduce water losses. Alternate cheap sources of nutrients have been identified to efficiently manage plant nutrition and reduced application of chemical fertilizers. Exports play a vital role in the economy of a country and as our exports are mainly (70%) based on agriculture therefore any efforts in this sector contribute directly toward the development of Pakistan. Services are being provided by PAEC institutes for removal of contaminants from export commodities through irradiation, identification of aflatoxins and

based testing of basmati rice Insight Special Issue on Youme e Takbeer p27-30).

drug residues in food and

dairy products and DNA

The President of USA Bill Clinton had telephoned the PM, a few times and offered lucrativeeconomic packages. At the same time he elucidated the difficulties to be faced as economic sanctions. In addition President of USA, sent a delegation headed by Mr. Strobe Talbot, the then Deputy Security of State, and Genday before tests US Presieral Anthony Zinni, head of dent called the PM about US Central Command to five times not to carry out persuade Pakistan not to tests and used carrot and respond. The delegation stick (Sartaj Aziz, Between was initially declined but Dreams and Realities, later allowed to visit Pakip194). In the decision makstan. It met several times ing process, the governthe PM, his Ministers, Gen ment also sought the views mously supported (CISS Jehangir Karamat but was of retired defence and eco-

Theranostics facilities. Supportive radiology equipment like MRI, CT Scanner, digital X-ray, Mammography and ultrasonography/Color Doppler is also available.

These PAEC cancer hospitals are equipped with Linear Accelerators, Cobalt-60 Teletherapy, Cyber Knife. Brachytherapy, Digital Simulator and Treatment Planning System. Additionally these AECHs are equipped with up-to-date hematology, chemical and pathology laboratories to give diagnostic tests services along with treatment

under one roof at these hospitals. Production of electricity through nuclear power has evolved over the decades and nuclear reactors now being installed in the world are far superior to their predecessor in term of performance and safety. PAEC currently oper-

ates six nuclear power plants at two sites generating 10 percent of electricity through nuclear of the country's total and almost a quarter of its ow-carbon electricity.Nuclear power generation is economically competitive in the power market of Pakistan. Among

these six, four NPPs (C-1, unable to convince them not to carry out the nuclear test (Daily Dawn, June 6, 2004. Sharif Government refused to receive USN-delegation). Seventeen days before the nuclear devices were detonated, were very difficult, for the PM, Ministers and Army Chief to sustain external pressure not to detonate especially from USA. On 27 May a

tity National Centre for Non-Destructive Testing (NCNDT) is providing, inspection, testing, training, calibration, qualification, certification, condition assessment and root cause analysis services to PAEC and national industry to meet the requirements in accordance with local and international standards.

International collaboration is highly valued by PAEC and this aspect is covered mainly through technical cooperation with International Atomic Energy Agency IAEA, European Organization for Nuclear Research CERN and other such organizations and also the scientific discourses of International Nathiagali Summer College INSC which help its manpower both personnel as well as students of its Human Resource Development institutes to engage with the latest technologies and add to their technical acumen.

Even this cursory summary of the scope and achievements of the organization presented here makes it clear that PAEC is uniquely placed to cater to national needs of both socio-economic development and strategic edge. Whereas this special occasion of Yaum-e-Takbeer calls for renewing the self less dedication of PAEC personnel to remain motivated and strive to excel in both domains of national development in future as well, it also reiterates the critical support needed from all relevant stakeholders if we pledge to serve our nation and see it prosper.

nomic experts. According to Air Marshal Asghar Khan (We Have Learnt Nothing from History p243) Nawaz Sharif sent one of his ministers to seek my advice and I advised him not to do so. On 28th Mayat 3:15 PM, the button was pressed by saying "Allah-o-Akbar" by a member of the team headed by Dr Samar Mubarakmand in the presence of Dr AQ Khan. A total 5 nuclear bombs were exploded. Soon after the tests, the Prime Minister announced that Pakistan has become the seventh nuclear power. The sixth was exploded on 30 May. This day is remembered as Youme -e-Takbeer

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## **OPINION**

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## **Mercury** rising

Should we expect a political heatwave this summer? The climate seems to be rather conducive to it. The two largest parties are once again on the warpath, with a slew of troubling developments precluding any hopes for the long-awaited normalisation of political temperatures.

In Lahore, the chief minister of Punjab has approved the registration of fresh cases against the PTI leadership, this time for "building a hateful narrative against state institutions". It appears that the PML-N government will rely on the tion. odious defamation bill it recently passed in the Punjab Assembly to go after its chief rival. The provincial information minister, speaking on the matter, explained to the media that the Punjab home department had provided information establishing that PTI leaders were "spreading mischief inside and outside jail". She claimed that the party was "spreading hate as part of organised propaganda" to incite the people, destabilise the country and inculcate hatred against its institutions.

Was this anticipated? Unfortunately, yes. Meanwhile, in Islamabad, the PTI has been engaged in a bitter confrontation with the Capital Development Authority, which this week razed part of the party's central secretariat and later sealed the building under an anti-encroachment drive after issuing several warnings. components for military Twenty-six individuals, includ- use. This happened immeing a PTI leader, were subsequently booked by Islamabad Police on various charges, including terrorism, allegedly for violently resisting the CDA operation. Understandably, the party is incensed by its relentless victimisation; disappointingly it has yet to show any remorse for its own culpability in similar targeting of its opponents in the past. It has also seemed unwilling to mend fences with its opponents, having set strict preconditions for any negotiations that are unlikely to be accepted in the current situation. It seems in no hurry to see matters resolved and appears to be hoping that the crises engulfing the government will eventually bring about its downfall. These are all worrying retively. minders that political stability. a prerequisite for the economic stability desperately sought by the inflation-weary citizenry, remains as elusive as ever. With the budget almost upon us and the IMF making it clear it will not consider extending run larger enemy continmore loans till its painful requisites are met, the months ahead are likely to see civil discontent explode once again as summer electricity bills and new taxation measures land on the largely unsuspecting public. The country seems to be at the end of its tether. At some point, its leaders need to ask themselves: what is the point of fighting if ashes are all that will be left to rule over after they are done? Each of them is equally responsible for the deep pit Pakistan seems to have blend in with other vefallen into. It is time they stopped digging deeper and detect. started thinking about how to get it out.

## In defamation's name

**Umair Javed** Last week, the Punjab Assembly hastily passed a defamation bill, despite grave concerns raised by journalist unions and rights bodies, as well as opposition legislators. The bill, which now only requires the governor's assent before coming into force, proposes special tribunals to deal with cases of 'fake news' and purposeful 'misinformation', with punishments ranging from a fine of Rs3 million in scale general damages to 10 times that amount as pu-

nitive damages. There are several reasons why the passage of this bill is a worrying development. It provides a pretext to the state to clamp down on speech in the name of fighting fake news; it opens up a new route to victimise opposition politics; and it empowers unaccountable, single-member platforms citizen media watchdogs, outside the existing legal apparatus to determine journalist associations, and what constitutes defamarights bodies, especially those dealing with digital

Before getting into rights. these in detail, there is sufficient ground to wonder whether a defamation

#### law of this nature helps in of legislation stem from addressing its targeted problem in the first place. There is no denying that the particular track record of the Pakistani public authorities on issues related the widened use of social to speech, especially in the media outlets has created online domain. The impact an oversupply of informaof Peca's passage under the PML-N government tion, much of which is free in 2015 and subsequent from the burden of factual amendments in recent rigour or accuracy. It is also true that the prolifyears has been detrimeneration of such informatal to free expression especially regarding rights activists and critical tion happens at a much faster rate now, with intended, or otherwise, efvoices (such as those of fects taking place more the opposition). This point was ably demonrapidly and at a wider strated by representatives This premise makes

of the Lahore Press Club who pointed out the it seem that a legal remdouble standards of the edy of some sort is recurrent government, which sided with journalquired, which defamation laws usually provide. But the government in this inists against the Peca amendments while in opstance is monopolising the position, but were quick nature of the remedy, when it is not equipped or to pass them once they stepped into power. capable of determining the scale and nature of the problem. The task de-The end result has been that the grounds esserves careful deliberation tablished for Peca, that it would protect the online by a much wider set of stakeholders that includes

rights of citizens, have been subverted by the act itself. Instead, it has turned out to be yet another example of the state using the law to empower itself against citizens. This

self primarily on grounds of (self-defined) national security, and sees seg-ments of its population as a source of insecurity and risk In turn this vision flows from the imbalance between civilian and security apparatuses within the structure of the state itself.

A second reason for caution lies in the timing dural critique of setting up a parallel judicial and the political context in which this bill has been structure, raised forcefully drafted. The last two years by the Human Rights have seen an escalation of Commission of Pakistan. rights violations, culmiis also worth raising here. nating in the suppression As the rights body has of the PTI through a varistated in a recent stateety of legal and extra-legal means. The opposition ment, the 180-dav timebound nature of proceedings, while possibly well-intentioned, underparty's use of social media is frequently cited as a mines the quality of the key reason for its enduring popularity, which allegal process and may lead lowed it to wage an un-precedented, insurgent to large punishments be-ing levied in relative haste. election campaign and It also sidesteps the proemerge as the largest party visions of existing witness in the country. laws in the country.

This defamation bill places the regulation of soauthorises the government to appoint tribunal memcial media as one of its cenbers (drawing on a pool tral objectives. In other words it is reasonable to solicited from the chief iustice of the high court) think of it as a key legal instrument that can be deand offer emoluments ployed against an already higher than currently being done by the judiciary. This represents a signifi-

ability to play its role as an effective opposition. While there is no doubt social that media disinformation has been a key plank of the PTI's political strategy, such a punitive legal instrument in the hands of state au-thorities can only indicate coercive intention.

cant encroachment of executive authority on judicial functioning, leaving the door open to misuse and subversion for a wide range of political purposes

Overall, the bill has solicited an outcry from media and rights-based civil society, along with the expected opposition Finally, the procefrom PTI-SIC members in the legislature. This alone should give the government reason to pause and evaluate the contours of this legislation.

It is an indictment of public authority in this country that punitive attempts to resolve a problem such as fake news invite significant scepticism about intentions and expected use. It reflects a deepening of mistrust between key civil society stakeholders and the state. and an erosion of democratic norms that grants Additionally, the bill rights and space for the functioning of political op-position. Simultaneously, it provides yet more proof that the undergirding logic of public authority in Pakistan is legal and extralegal coercion rather than legitimised consent. Courtesy Dawn

## **Tightening embrace** missed US accusations as creates a security threat for it had misgivings about sia has few computcions nomic sanctions, growing "groundless". Foreign Min- all countries in the region." Russia's 2022 invasion. It to act responsibly. More-

saying "China is neither the creator of the Ukraine cris nor a party to it" Subsequently, the Biden administration significantly raised tariffs on Chinese imports including electric vehicles, computer chips and medical products in a bid to woo blue-collar voters in America's swing

states, where the president is trailing his rival, Donald Trump. This added to a growing stream of US trade restrictions, which Beijing sees as aimed at containing China and thwarting its economic progress. Predictably, the latest curbs provoked a furious response from Chinese officials.

The wide-ranging joint statement issued during Putin's visit directed strong words at the US. It accused Washington of following a policy of "dual in Europe. The statement containment" towards also expressed their shared

The statement criticised America's Indo-Pacific strategy and also denounced US missile deployments around the world that 'pose a direct security threat to China and Russia". Both pledged to counter America's "destructive and hostile course" that they cast as undermining

global peace and stability. The lengthy, comprehensive statement also listed the steps the two countries planned to take to solidify military ties and scale up economic relations while identifying other areas of cooperation for a "new era of partnership". Both restated support for the other's core interest. Russia reiterated its recognition of Taiwan as an "in-

alienable" part of China. China joined the Russian critique of Nato activities

ment of Russia's military

adopted a 'neutral' position

on the Ukraine conflict and

offered to be a mediator in

In fact, China has

intervention in Ukraine.

often communicated these to Moscow and occasionally even publicly voiced them in a veiled manner. In the meeting between Xi and Putin on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation summit in 2022, the Chinese leader conveyed his reservations over escalation of the Ukraine crisis. Putin later acknowledged that "con-

cerns and questions" were raised by the Chinese president. China's repeated calls for a ceasefire and negotiations for a political solution reflects its strong preference for a speedy conclusion to the war. Last year, it also offered a 12-point plan for a political settlement of the Ukraine crisis. But hostile US actions

and its trade and tech war with China have only aligned Beijing more closely with Russia and relegated differences with Moscow China and Russia and en- view on North Korea. Con- on Ukraine and other issues gaging in "hegemonic spicuous by its absence to the background. To be behaviour." "The United was any Chinese endorse-sure, China-Russia interwas any Chinese endorse- sure, China-Russia inter-

over, they confront different challenges and have different stakes in global sta-

US threats of sanctions against Chinese banks and companies engaged in transactions that can aid Russia's military machine have apparently made Beijing somewhat cautious. Nevertheless, Beijing has responded strongly to US allegations that it is supporting Putin's war by supplying critical weapon components. It has countered these charges by insisting it is not supplying lethal arms and it "prudently handles the export of dual-use items in accordance with laws and regulations". Mounting US pressure on this count has led Beijing to rebuff Washington by strengthening its military relations with Russia. Their deepening strategic cooperation has in turn

China have enabled it to mitigate the impact of Western financial and trade curbs. In 2023, two-way trade between them reached a record high of \$240 billion. The bulk of this trade is conducted in rubles and renminbi. Last year, Russia also became China's top source of oil supply, overtaking Saudi Arabia, providing discounted, cheaper crude. China is Russia's biggest trading partner, exporting a range of products from cars and machinery to electronics. Both countries face pressure and sanctions on different grounds from the US in an increasingly coercive and punitive approach, even if Western actions against Russia are of a different order. This has created a greater incentive and common interest for China and Russia to join forces to resist US pressure. While there will be perturbed Western nations. limits to the Sino-Russian Uneasy China may be relationship over time bewith Putin's Ukraine adven- cause the interests of the two countries don't con verge on many counts, for now, US policies have ensured they will maintain a close alignment to counter Washington's pressure. --Courtesy Dawn

# ister Wang Yi shot back,

With election politics dictating current US foreign policy moves, Washington's actions are driving China and Russia much closer in a strengthened strategic partnership. The unintended consequences of American policies were laid bare by the outcome of the recent meeting between Chinese President Xi Jinping and Rus-sian President Vladimir

Maleeha Lodhi

Putin in Beijing. This was Putin's first overseas visit after he secured a fifth term as president. It took place against the backdrop of tough US warnings to China not to support Russia's war effort in Ûkraine, where Russian forces are reported to be

advancing in an offensive in the northeast. Washington imposed sanctions earlier this month on several Chinese companies for allegedly supplying Russia with iately after Secretary of State Antony Blinken's States," it said "still thinks in terms of the Cold War visit to Beijing, where he and is guided by the logic raised US concerns about of bloc confrontation put-China's military dealings with Russia. This met with ting the security of 'narrow a sharp response from Chigroups' above regional security and stability, which nese officials, who dis-

## One primary reason for caution and scepticism is a natural consequence of suppressed political en-regarding this latest piece a state that envisions it-tity, further limiting its

## **Moving bombs**

A two-man SVBIED

engine

the

#### Mohammad Ali Babakhel

These were used during In the post-9/11 scenario. conflicts in Iraq and Syria. suicide bombing emerged The improvised shielding as the deadliest and most protected the vehicle, the popular terrorist strategy attacker, and the fitted exdopted by various groups plosives from incoming around the world. After 9/ fire until the intended 11. there was an intensifipoint of detonation. After cation in both the frecapturing Mosul in 2014, quency and innovation of IS seized many militarysuicide bombings. Among armoured vehicles, modithese, the suicide vehiclefied them, and used them borne improvised explo-sive device (SVBIED) SVBIEDs. quickly became one of the is operated by two attackmost lethal weapons deers: one driver and one ployed. This sophistirooftop gunner. The gunated weapon requires signer provides suppressing nificant technical profifire until the vehicle ciency, which leading milireaches its detonation tant organisations devel-

point. This type of SVBIED was used in atoped and employed effectacks against hardened The Islamic State's military targets in Iraq and frequent use of SVBIEDs Syria. To target fortified in Iraq and Syria helped positions, IS designed the militant group attract specific SVBIEDs capable global media attention. of removing concrete blast VBIEDs served as a barriers to clear the paspowerful force multiplier. enabling numerically infe-The militants also rior militants to deliver use parked VBIEDs, tons of explosives to deswhich resemble SVBIEDs ignated targets and overbut are parked at a location and detonated regents. IS used SVBIEDs motely. Parked VBIEDs to punch holes in static lack drivers and function defences, with follow-up

as larger, disguised staattacks inflicting further tionary IEDs. Different damage on defenders. vehicles provide varying IS tried to gain an storage capacities to place dge over its enemies by explosives as needed, eftailoring SVBIED designs fectively targeting and ento specific threats, targets, suring maximum damage. and environments, with Usually, VBIEDs are emthe aim of increasing the ployed by terrorists likelihood of the vehicle ainst large targets to fareaching its intended detocilitate forced entry and nation point. For example, create significant impact. the covert SVBIED, the To increase the most commonly used plosion's impact, a few type, features a vehicle SVBIEDs were designed with an unmodified exteand used on some occarior fitted with an interior sions by IS with rooftop explosive payload, driven rocket pods and a firing and detonated at a spemechanism that enabled cific target. The unmodithe drivers to suppress fire from the SVBIED's fied exterior allows it to

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target hicles, deceiving the police In some instances, and making it difficult to explosives are mounted on e doors and windup-armoured shields' interiors to direct SVBIED typically has as much of the explosive steel plates welded on the power of the blast forward

front exterior, shielding and to the sides. The payblock, load arrangement also inwindscreen, and tyres. cluded crude oil to increase the primary blast effect upon detonation of the main payload and ensure that the remnants at the site were burned, causing more losses. From 2014 to 2024.

a total of 85 suicide atincluding 26 tacks, VBIEDs, resulted in the deaths of 557 civilians and 143 policemen in KP. The highest number of VBIED attacks was eight in 2014 followed by four in 2023 Between 2014 and 2024 Peshawar faced the highest number of attacks, with 26 suicide and 11

VBIED attacks, followed by 14 suicide attacks in North Waziristan and six VBIED attacks in Bannu. Ground realities suggest that suicide bombing, including VBIEDs, is primarily an urban or bordering district phenomenon.

To prevent such incidents, Pakistan needs to revise the legal, administrative, and procedural dynamics of vehicle registration, purchase, activation and change of ownership of SIM cards, rentaccommodation, drones and explosives businesses, and recordkeeping of travellers. Strict enforcement is required for the regulation of auto workshops. Transcentage point. parency in vehicle transactions and the prevention

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bombs

of vehicular theft, as well as addressing gaps in the transaction of explosives, will reduce the chances of using vehicles as moving Employing sniffer dogs, high-tech explosive detectors, public safety education, target harden-

ing, and redesigning the security architecture of highprofile hotels and commercial buildings, along with adherence to improved security protocols

for public transport and trains, will reduce the space for terrorist groups. Courtesy Dawn

ests do not converge on many issues especially as China, as a rising global power, has nothing to gain upending or destabilising the interna- tries more closely. For Rus-

ture, but what the war has done is to significantly deepen its economic ties with Russia and tied the economies of the two coun-

## **Boiling point**

Women are especially

#### Huma Yusuf

Another heatwave, anthose with less education other slew of alarming are more likely to die in headlines. We are better heatwaves. These are prepared than we were in typically groups with fewer resources, informal 2015, when over 2,500 housing, erratic energy acpeople lost their lives to cess and poor healthcare. soaring temperatures. And we cannot easily ig-Public awareness has imnore this demographic: proved, and emergency 1.2bn urban and rural poor measures such as relief have been will be coping without camps cooling solutions by 2030. mobilised in urban areas. But Pakistan is still a long hard hit by extreme heat. way from building the re-According to an FAO resilience — in all respects, sociopolitical port published in March, to - that it female-headed households infrastructural will need to endure the lose 8pc of their income ravages of climate change, due to heat stress; in the

case of female farm labour particularly extreme heat. Concern about exa key working constituency in Pakistan treme heat has largely been each day of extreme high driven by economic contemperatures reduces the siderations. The Potsdam Institute for Climate Imvalue of crops produced pact Research has estiby women by 3pc as commated that global warming pared to men. This is bewill reduce global income cause when the mercury rises, women focus more by 19 per cent by 2049. on unpaid domestic work The ADB has found that sourcing water, caring extreme heat results in 650 for heat-affected depenbillion hours of annual dents, and cooking under labour losses globally prohibitive conditions. (equivalent to 148 million full-time jobs). Of imme-The physical toll of exdiate relevance to Pakitreme heat on women, particularly pregnant ones, is stan, 2022 research from so more adverse. Dartmouth University Worse, high temperafound that an annual intures also correlate with an crease in the temperature of the five hottest days of increase in gender-based violence. A 2023 study by the year can reduce eco-JAMA Psychiatry based nomic growth by a per-

on research in Pakistan, This economic fallout India and Nepal found is driven by decreases in that a one degree Celsius increase in the average anlabour productivity and nual temperature linked to supply as the working a 6.3pc increase in incipoor become unwell, supdents of physical and ply chain disruption, and agricultural loss. A recent sexual abuse. Again, this is no surprise: when tempolicy report by LSE's Grantham Institute on the peratures rise, crops fail, daily wage earners struggle impact of high temperato work, health suffers, tures on Bangladesh's workforce found that and the financial pressures resulting from these realiwlabour productivity and ties kick in just as famisupply would decrease by 46.2pc by 2080 in a world lies are trapped indoors to escape the sun. with a three-degree temperature rise.

Extreme heat means But extreme heat is extreme stress, driving not about GDP alone. only domestic violence but also poor mental health. Evidence is mounting that Research from the US, for heatwaves amplify inequality. Women, the ruexample, shows that

ral and urban poor, higher temperatures coincide with an increase in marginalised groups and hospital visits for anxiety, self-harm and substance

Children are also susceptible to extreme heat and it's not just about de-Frequent hydration. heatwaves can have a long-term effect on a child's educational attainment. Half of our country's school-going population has lost a week of learning to the current heatwave. Globally, according to the FAO, higher temperatures also result in 49 more minutes of child labour per week as children pick up chores that women cannot attend to while they manage the extra domestic burden of hot

Given this, heat cannot only be considered through an economic lens, with bottom line considerations of worker productivity driving climateadaptation efforts. We have to see extreme heat as an amplifier of social inequality and marginalisation, and recognise that the welfare of future generations could be jeopardised with each poorly managed heatwave. We know the solutions (heat-resilient urban infrastructure, greenhouse gas reduction, holistic farm policies that acknowledge women's challenges in a climatestressed world, etc). But what will make us implement them? Perhaps our policymakers should closely watch the election across the border, unfold ing in extreme heat, with collapsing candidates and stalled campaigning. Early evidence shows that heatwaves alter voter preferences, with ballots going to those with proactive plans for building agricultural resilience and planning irrigation. If money couldn't get us to plan better for extreme heat, maybe politics will? -- Courtesy Dawn

## the crisis From the outset tional system, while Rus- sia, facing Western eco-

#### Daily soice of Masse Independent

## Youm-e-Takbeer, a day of renewing pledge to make Pak defense impregnable: Kundi

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Governor Faisal Karim Kundi congratulating the nation on Youm-e-Takbeer said that it was the day to renew our pledges to make the country's defense

the country's defense impregnable. In his message in said, "May 28 Takbeer Nawaz Sharif, materialized Day is actually the Day of survival, day of loyalty and day of renewal pledge to make the country's defense impregnable."

He recalled that after the Indian nuclear tests, the then Prime Minister of Pakistan, Shaheed Zulfikar Pakistan showed its Ali Bhutto, decided to make Pakistan a nuclear power not only in South being the only nuclear make atomic bombs.

PESHAWAR (APP): Asia but also in the Islamic power in the Islamic world. world.

India's nuclear explosions,

It was the day when

Balochistan.

The decision of moments in the life of Shaheed Bhutto gave nations when a decision Pakistan a prominent place changes their destiny and in the comity of nations May 28 was the day for which can never be Pakistan.

He said that the whole world could not deny the fact that India had been involved in the nefarious ambitions of the dream of Shaheed weakening Pakistan internally and externally Zulfikar Ali Bhutto and from the very beginning. made Pakistan a nuclear power, and in response to India's

There are certain

nuclear explosion was actually to the successful nuclear tests send a threatening message were carried out in to Pakistan, he said and Balochistan. recounted the historic words of former Prime Minister Shaheed Zulfigar strength to the whole world Ali Bhutto that, "They and attained the honor of will eat grass but they will

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LAHORE: Chairman Prime Minister's Youth Programme Rana Mashhood Ahmed Khan unveiling the plaque at Superior University Lahore.

## No compromise on development projects: Zeeshan

SIALKOT (APP): a drainage project in Daska Provincial Minister for as the city had been divided as the city had been divided Government into three zones where Local Zeeshan Rafique has said there will be no compromise on speed and quality of development projects. He said this while listening to problems of people in an open court at the Municipal Committee Officer Municipal

desilting of sewerage lines and drains was going on. The minister said establishment of e-cattle market was an important project, 1233 helpline had been set up for the convenience of consumers. Rest House in Daska on Zeeshan Rafique said Monday.MPA Chaudhry there would be no Naveed Ashraf, Chief compromise on cleanliness Officer District Council in cattle markets and illegal

allowed. Later,

inaugurated the project of

installing tuff-tiles in

**CM reviews** facilities, issues of SEZs LAHORE (APP): Punjab Chief Minister Maryam

Nawaz Sharif chaired a meeting to review facilities and issues faced by Special Economic Zones (SEZs) in Punjab, here on Monday. The CM said, "We

want to set up an industrial estate on a plug and play model". She added, "They will fix issues of the past by providing maximum facilities to the industry."

The chief minister expressed indignation at the failure of institutions concerned to promote Ulfat Shahzad, Chief cattle markets would not be | industry in the province, and directed to change

conducted.

Minister

Sher Dil..

LAHORE: PPPP Leader in Punjab Assembly, Syed Ali Haider Gillani meeting with Governor Punjab Sardar Saleem Haider at Governor House. MNA Syed Abdul Qadir Gilani is also present on the occasion.

## **Parliamentarians complain** to CM of continuous power load-shedding

KARACHI (APP): The Kareem and eight Members Parliamentarians on Monday complained to the Sindh Chief Minister of continuous load-shedding of electricity during the conditions of prevailing heat wave and scorching heat across the province. They expressed their

reservations pertaining to different issues during their one-on-one meeting with the chief minister at his chamber here on Monday

Those, who called the CM were one Member of l Assembly Jam Abdul National (MNA)

of the Provincial Assembly (MPAs) of Sindh including Dr. Sikandar Shoro, Adeel detail Altaf Unar, Arbab Lutufullah, Taj Mallah, Mohammed

Arbab Amir Abdullah, Malik Asad Sikandar Khan, Seema Khurrum and Eijaz Sawat. All the parliamentarians informed

Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah of the problems of their constituencies and their solutions.

They discussed issues of load-shedding, health,

## Govt focusing on infrastructure, social development: Nasir

KARACHI (APP): Sindh Minister for Planning and Development, Syed Nasir Hussain Shah, on Monday, said that government was focusing on infrastructure and social development projects that not only meet immediate needs but also contribute to long term national development. He while chairing a ongoing schemes would be conducted to monitor the progress and ensure their

meeting of Sindh Planning and Development Board. alignment with the set directed to gear up process targets and standards.

#### **PMSA** seizes massive drug haul at sea

education, drainage of sewerage water and development projects in

> They complained that the power companies had continued the loadshedding even in the conditions of heat wave and scorching heat in the province. The CM responded that the passed first two budgets of provincial government had the caretaker government warned the power and the current budget was companies including HESCO, SEPCO and KE. this assembly's own budget but nothing for people of He said that the provincial the province. Dr Ibad raised government was making allquestion that for the first out efforts to resolve the time in history, the province issues of the people. broke the tradition and presented the budget before

4 injured in Hazro's clash ATTOCK (APP): Four individuals were injured due to an old enmity in the village of Saman, within the Hazro Police Station limits

of Attock, on Monday. According to police sources, a violent clash erupted between two rival groups in the village. Following a heated exchange of words, Jehanziab drew a firearm and opened fire on his rivals. As a result, 23-yearold Yousaf, 22-year-old Sher Zaman, and 27-year-old Asmat sustained bullet injuries and were transported to Tehsil Headquarters.

## Sardar Saleem says: **Doors of Governor** House open for all the workers and the public

Parliamentary Leader in Punjab Assembly, Syed Ali Haider Gillani met Governor Punjab Sardar Saleem Haider today at Governor House Lahore. Member National Assembly Syed Abdul Qadir Gillani was also present on this occasion. In the meeting, the overall situation of Punjab including matters of mutual interest was discussed.

the federation.

He said that the

budget of the province

depended on the revenue

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LAHORE (Online): Sardar Saleem Haider said Pakistan People's Party that the doors of the Governor House are open page for the betterment and development of the country. He emphasized that strengehing the coalition government was important to bring stability in the country. He added that political stability is vital to the Speaking on the economic development of

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occasion. Governor Puniab the contry.

## **Opposition criticizes KP** government for presenting non profitable budget

PESHAWAR (APP): Federation up to 92 Leader of the Opposition Dr Ibabullah while starting percent. The current budget debate on Budget Session was nothing but a political for financial year 2024-25, stunt, he added. The the Speaker Babar Salim opposition leader said that Swati was in chair Monday it was important to know criticized that the incumbent KP government the motives behind presenting the budget so

quickly and then passing it. Dr Ibad expressed that the budget was the most important document regarding expenditure and revenue of any province.

He observed that health, education, IT, Mines and Mineral departments had been fully ignored and nothing for ongoing developmental schemes and no powers had been given to local bodies



KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister, Syed Murad Ali Shah exchanges views with MNA Jam Abdul Karim Bijar during meeting held at Provincial Assembly CM Chamber in Karachi.



Committee Abdul Hai besides local authorities of Zeeshan government departments were also present.

Zeeshan Rafique said Government Girls Model the work was underway on High School Daska.



SARGODHA: Hafiz Muhammad Tahir Mehmood Ashrafi Chairman Pakistan Ulema Council addressing a press conference at DC office.

## Mashood opens first PM **Youth Development Centre**

Punjab

LAHORE (APP): Prime and are proud of it." Minister's Youth Programme Chairman Rana Mashood Ahmad Khan has said that the future of Pakistan lies in the hands of its youth.

Addressing the inaugural ceremony of the Prime Minister Youth Development Centre at Superior University here policy that if Pakistan on Monday, he said that opportunities were available at national and he added. international levels for youths who were Punjab government passionate and committed. distributed laptops,

He emphasized that it was the government's job to provide platforms and facilitate young minds, held youth festivals to adding, "We did this engage the youth throughout our life. We positively. Additionally, introduced a number of the youth initiatives in the past Development Company.

He noted that Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif had a special vision for the documents youth, which was why Punjab introduced the first

murder case. Youth Policy in 2010 when Shehbaz Sharif was the Chief Minister of Punjab. It was determined in the were to make progress, it must invest in its youths, Mehmood, Constable Consequently, the

Hassan, Head Constable Tassawar Hussain, and Head Constable Haq established the Punjab Nawaz. Education Endowment According to a police

spokesperson, a case has Fund, Daanish schools, and been filed against these officers for their actions, which favoured the accused Skill and compromised the investigation

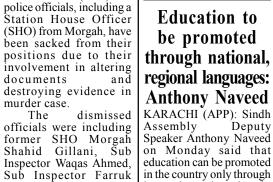
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Minister heads and boards of the KARACHI (APP): In a Rafique industrial estates for their significant intelligencebased operation, the Pakistan Maritime Security Agency (PMSA), in collaboration with the Directorate of Customs

An industrial estate Intelligence, Karachi, has seized a substantial quantity of drugs on the high seas. A spokesman for

the PMSA reported on Monday that the joint Marriyum operation resulted in the Aurangzeb, Information & interception of a boat carrying 675 kilograms of Culture Minister Azma Zahid Bukhari and MPA methamphetamine, Sania Ashiq attended the commonly known as "Ice," meeting. Chief Secretary Zahid Akhtar Zaman, on May 23. The drugs were expertly concealed in Finance Secretary Mujahid various compartments of the vessel. During the operation, seven crew

**6** police officials members aboard the boat were arrested. Both the sacked over arrested individuals and the confiscated drugs have been malpractices handed over. RAWALPINDI (APP): Six



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education can be promoted in the country only through imparting education in national and the local Murtaza languages. Addressing a Roundtable session themed "Supporting Girls Education: Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP's) Taleemi Wazaif as a Social Protection Intervention" at local hotel and organized by the Society for the Advancement of Education (SAHE). Anthony Naveed suggested that Sindh government was considering to set up skill development institution at Union Council level so that children could be provided technical education. In order to promote education at every level, there is a need to impart education in national as well as local languages instead of foreign languages. Deputy Speaker Sindh Assembly said, adding that people must ask from political representatives before and after elections about what steps they had taken for the uplift of education and

health in their respective

constituencies



Punjab

LAHORE: Punjab Minister Khawaja Imran Nazir alongwith IG Prison Mian Farooq Nazir inaugurate Free Medical Camp in Jail.

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poor performance. She said a performance audit of heads of industrial estates and their teams will be

should be used for the same purposes for which it was established, she added. Senator Pervaiz Rashid, Senior Provincial

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# ECC approves Rs 4272 million TSGs

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Coordination Committee (ECC) of the cabinet here on Monday approved Technical Supplementary Grants (TSGs) of Rs Intelligence Bureau plants to operate for a 4,272.422 million for Division. various divisions and ministries.

ministry, Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Plans Muhammad Aurangzeb chaired the meeting.

The

committee approved Rs Mission Communication Economic 2.363 million for the Satellite System". payment of troops costs / Furthermore, the

subsistence allowance for proposal of the Ministry the Ministry of Interior of Industries & Production and Rs 200 million for to allow SNGPL based period of 6 months starting Likewise, the ECC from March 31, 2024 till

the

also approved Rs 19.373 September 20, 2024 was According to press million for the Ministry of approved release issued by finance Law & Justice and Rs committee, to ensure 4,050.686 for Strategic smooth supply of urea fertilizer for Kharif season. Division SUPARCO to meet the According to the

requirements of the project statement, the meeting was cabinet titled "Pakistan Multi- attended by the Minister

for Commerce, Jam Kamal Khan; Minister for Power,

Sardar Awais Ahmad Khan Leghari; Minister for Petroleum, Musadik Masood Malik; Minister for Industries & Production, Rana Tanveer Hussain; Minister for Economic Affairs, Ahad Khan Cheema; Minister of by State for Finance & Revenue, Ali Pervez Malik; Governor SBP, Chairman SECP, Federal Secretaries, and other senior officials of the relevant ministries.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Finance & Revenue Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb presiding over a meeting of Economic Coordination Committee (ECC).

to



Federal Minister for Finance & Revenue Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb called on by the Ambassador of USA to Pakistan H.E. Mr. Donald Blome in

## Plan to use tariffs hike to reduce circular debt not implementable: Murtaza

LAHORE (INP): Economy Watch (PEW), Dr. Murtaza Mughal has debt is not implementable.

In a statement issued here on Monday, he stated that persistent tariffs hike worsened theft, lowered power use, and incompetence compromised national corruption, which was development therefore unacceptable. The IMF failed policy should be reversed and a new workable plan should be trillion, which reached 2.7 prepared.

Dr Murtaza Mughal demanded that officials who messed up the Neelum pardoned

The continuously production costs, capacity President of Pakistan increasing price of payments and other issues electricity was that need to be addressed strangulating the masses on priority. He said that said the plan to use tariff and the economy therefore residential consumers were hike for eliminating circular it should be reconsidered, the most affected by he urged. The business rampant corruption in the leader said that consumers power sector. They have to should not be made to pay pay for pilferage, system the price of the power losses, subsidies to influential manufacturers bureaucracy's and and similar charges for each unit of electricity they consume, he added.

circular debt below Rs2.31 majority of people are trillion in November last electricity. Starting in July, year and may now reach the general public will not around 3 trillion, he only have to pay higher informed. Dr Mughal said base tariffs but also bear Jhelum project should be that the increase in circular the costs that will result dealt in accordance with debt includes insufficient from a significant reduction according and must not be collection of bills, rampant in tariffs for influential theft, line losses, high industries.

free loans to be given to farmers: Saqib Ateel lining of the 7300 water MULTAN (APP): Secretary Agriculture south Punjab Saqib Ateel said that interest free loans will be hired for promotion south Punjab Saqib Ateel said that interest free loans worth Rs 300 billion would

**Rs 300 bln interest** 

be given to farmers in order to enhance agricultural productivity He said this in the

Meet the Press" event of the local Press Club, here on Monday. The secretary agriculture south Punjab stated that overall Rs 400 billion would be spent under the Transforming

Agriculture Punjab project. The loans will be given with collaboration of Bank of the Punjab, he informed. About 0.5 million farmers will obtain these loans, he hinted. He also maintained that 7,000 tubewells would be energized through the solar system. Huge amounts will also be spent on brick- guidelines.

## Pak, Netherlands negotiate on economy, trade for eying new investment opportunities

ISLAMABAD (APP): At present, the Pakistan and Netherlands on Monday discussed the unable to afford the opportunities for economic and trade ties and also eye investment new opportunities increasing the bilateral economic ties.

deepen the trade relations,

said a press release issued.

appreciated the role of

Minister of Commerce in

coordinating and support

for resolving the issues of D u t c h

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The Ambassador

of the agriculture sector, said Saqib. In order to promote research, funds to the tune of Rs 2.5 billions have also been earmarked Responding to a query, he stated that local farmers were spending huge amounts on inputs. However, sometimes, they did not know about the accurate use of inputs. He

also shared his experience in introducing Integrated Pest Management Model. He added that IPM was a highly successful model in terms of control on pests and lowering input cost. To a query about export of Mangoes, he stated that the exporters should follow international

including

minister

renewable energy, services, agriculture, IT, human

resources, fisheries, and

companies. Minister Jam Kamal Khan requested to renew the technical programs like CBI and PUM for benefits of SMEs in Pakistan. for He also extended an

invitation to the Dutch Minister for Trade to visit Netherlands Pakistan along with a Ambassador to Pakistan, business delegation as Henny Fokel De Vries many Dutch companies are

sectors,

textiles.

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## **Speakers for dedicated** track, trace system to bring informal sector into tax net

ISLAMABAD (APP): The speakers at a prebudget consultative session Monday urged the taxes. He added that these government to ensure a dedicated track and trace system to bring the retailers and businesses from the informal sectors into the tax net to generate revenue from untaxed sectors

The Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) organized the consultative discussion titled "Pre-Budget Seminar: Tax Reforms in Agriculture, Retail and Real Estate Sectors"

Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri, Executive Director,

#### China's industrial profits swing back to growth in April

ANKARA (AA/APP) China's industrial profit posted an increase in April reversing a decline in March, according to data from the National Bureau of Statistics on Monday.

Profits at China's industrial companies rose 4% at an annualized pace in April, compared with March's 3.5% decrease which ended seven consecutive months of rises.

April's uptick was led by the government's stimulus measures which

SDPI underlined that it was the non-tax paying imperative to unearth the bottlenecks in paying sectors were willing to pay taxes and it was necessary consider their suggestions in the policymaking processes. Zafar Ahsan Bakhtawri, President,

Islamabad Chamber of Commerce, and Industry (ICCI) said the retail sector was paying taxes in the country, but it was crucial to integrate the retailers who were not part of the system. He urged the government to develop a

retailers who were doing billions of rupees annual business but did not pay taxes. He said that products should not supplied to retailers who lack NTN or national tax numbers. The POS integration system needs to integrate all retailers otherwise it would lead to massive erosion in the market balance among competitors, he added.

Afaq Tiwana, CEO Farmers Association of Pakistan said the under discussion three sectors shared a common challenge proper track and trace of bringing the informal system that could identify sector into the tax regime.



Chairman Pakistan Agricultural Research Council Dr. Ghulam Muhammad Ali calls on Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi in Islamabad.

## Pak economic downfall, Indian development started

## Second Zone of CPEC a game changer for Pakistan's economy: Salma Butt

ISLAMABAD (APP): PMLN Member Punjab Assembly Salma Butt Monday said that Pakistan was enjoying excellent ties with China and expressed confidence that under the dedicated leadership of Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif Pakistan will soon successfully enter into the second phase of CPEC which will prove a game changer for Pakistan's economic.

Talking to PTV news channel, she said that Prime changer project to improve Minister Shahbaz Sharif the economic condition of has pledged to raise the country.

ISLAMABAD (APP):

The Central Directorate of

National Savings (CDNS)

has attained a target of

Rs1.515 trillion in fresh

bonds and achieved 85

percent of the annual target

in the current fiscal year,

year 2023-24, in which it

is encouraging that 85

percent of the target has

been achieved, and it is

hoped that National

Savings will surpass its

annual target this FY 2023-

the annual target and

The CDNS surpassed

Monday

The National Savings

from July 1 to May 26th.

millions out of poverty and turning country into a progress country, adding, Shehbaz Sharif will take China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) forward with new vigor, vitality and

achieved the target of Rs

and innovations

FAISALABAD: Farmers busy in routine work in their field.

1.6 trillion in fresh bonds

in a rejuvenated manner. She said the PML-N government does not believe in the politics of anarchy and hatred but in the practical measures and not in mere hollow slogans, adding, we have founded the CPEC that is a game

targets in fresh bond

ISLAMABAD (APP): The per tola price of 24 karat gold increased by Rs 800 and was sold at Rs 240,800 on Monday compared to its sale at Rs 240,000 on the last trading day. The price of 10 grams

of 24 karat gold also increased by Rs 686 to Rs 206,447 from Rs 205,761 whereas the price of 10 grams 22 karat gold went up to Rs 189,243 from Rs 188,615, the All Sindh Jewellers Sarafa Association reported.

Gold rates up

by Rs 800

per tola

The price of per tola and ten gram silver remained stagnant at Rs,2,800 and Rs.2,400.54 **CDNS collects Rs 1.5tlln** 

respectively. The price of gold in the international market increased by \$10 to \$2,343

## **Rupee sheds**

in the current fiscal year, against dollar he said. He said this was an Rs 200 billion additional SLAMABAD (APP) annual target than the target of Rs 1300 billion for Pakistani Rupee on Monday lost 10 paisa against US dollar in the the previous financial year 2021-22. The CDNS has interbank trading and closed at Rs 278.30 against set a reviewed saving target has set an annual target of of Rs 1.4 trillion for the the previous day's closing at Rs 278.20. Rs 1.742 trillion for the financial year (2021-22) which will promote savings

culture in the country," he said. Given the current market trend in the country the ambitious target had been set to improve the savings culture further, he Rs 24, the senior official of added. The official said that CDNS told APP on work was being done on and respectively.

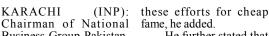
institutional reforms in increased by 68 paisa to close at Rs 301.84 against CDNS and new reforms



Chamber of Commerce and Industry. **KP** govt should assist **Centre for a successful** 

According to the Forex Association of Pakistan (FAP), the buying and selling rates of the dollar in the open market, however, were Rs 277.50 280.10

The price of the Euro



IMF deal: Mian Zahid

provincial minister Mian Zahid Hussain has said that the efforts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government to spoil the relationship between the IMF and Pakistan are condemnable.

In a statement issued here on Monday, he said that during past some elements have tried their best to bankrupt Pakistan several times but they have failed and will fail again. Mian Zahid Hussain

said rulers should take strict action because the country's interests cannot be sacrificed for someone's political wishes.

He said that the government had improved the economic situation with great difficulty, for which the people had to make huge sacrifices. Still, unscrupulous some elements want to frustrate

Business Group Pakistan, He further stated that Pakistan conspiracies were being and hatched in this regard; Intellectuals Forum, and therefore, authorities All Karachi Industrial should remain vigilant and Alliance, and former cautious The business leader said that participation of

Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Ali Amin Gandapur in the SIFC meeting and assurance of cooperation on national issues are welcome. Still, it was inappropriate for the

provincial government to present the budget before the federal government, he noted. He said that to get the country out of its difficult economic situation, the IMF needs to provide a long-term package. The IMF wants guarantee

the implementation of its policies and ensure that the whole country is on the same page. Implementing

the IMF's preconditions fully was necessary to demonstrate goodwill and allow PTI to return to the tonnes national mainstream

called on Minister for operating in Pakistan. The came into effect to boost Commerce Jam Kamal minister highlighted Khan. Both discussed to Pakistan's significant the economy and a recovery in exports. potential in various

In January-April, industrial profit went up Former President of the Islamabad Chamber of by 4.3% from a year ago to Commerce and Industry 2.09 trillion yuan (\$289 (ICCI), Dr. Shahid Rasheed billion).

Butt has said that the State-owned journey of Pakistan's industrial companies saw a economic downfall and 2.8% fall in profits.



said that good laws were industry, agriculture, and MULTAN: Commissioner Ms. Maryam Khan addressing the members of the

#### Shipping activity at **Port Qasim**

KARACHI (APP): Shipping activity was report at the port where seven ships, Maersk Phuket, Bo-Mustafa-O, Kouros Leader, Sea Steller, Isabella Kosan, Marangas Asclepius and Sunny Bay scheduled to load/offload Container, Cement, Rice. Chemicals, LNG and Coal berthed at Container Terminal, Multi-Purpose Terminals, Grain Terminal, Engro Terminal, Elengy Terminal and Bulk Terminal respectively on Sunday.

Meanwhile three more ships, Blue Bird, Ullswater and Bateleur carrying Mogas and LPGs also arrived at outeranchorage of the Port Qasim during last 24 hours.

A total of eleven ships were engaged at PQA berths during the last 24 hours, out of them a container ship 'Maersk Phuket' left the port on today morning while three more ships, Alba Gas, Ultra Colonsay and Torm towards Venture are expected to sail on today afternoon.Cargo volume of 174,265 tonnes,

attached with gemstones sector. comprising 135,938 Fuad Ishaq was

## in 1990s: Shahid Rasheed

In a statement issued

However, Pakistan,

development

ISLAMABAD (INP): services sectors and to lure investments, while in Pakistan, legislation was enacted to protect the stolen funds.

Such laws were made in Pakistan to safeguard the corrupt, which shocked the civilized world, he underlined.

The business leader said that our politicians made laws prohibiting investigation about the source of the capital coming to Pakistan under various pretexts, including investment.

The movement of capital into and out of the country was made very easy, and money changers were given a free hand, which resulted in a massive flight of capital.

Shahid Rashid Butt said that the politicians in Shahid Rasheed Butt Pakistan continued to dig the foundations of the made in India to promote country for their interests. At the same time.



QUETTA: As the mercury going high, the people purchasing solar plates for alternate source of electricity.

## **SCCI** for putting gemstones sector on modern lines to enhance foreign exchange

PESHAWAR (APP): ceremony of a two-day President, Sarhad Chamber Gemstones and Mineral of Commerce and Industry Show organized by Fuad Ishaq on Monday said the gemstones sector was a prime source for enhancement of country' export and foreign exchange

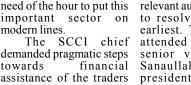
and stressed that it was need of the hour to put this important sector on modern lines. demanded pragmatic steps

matic steps senior vice president financial Sanaullah Khan, vice the traders president Ejaz Khan Afridi, Saddar Gul, Faiz the Rasool, the Gemstone Traders

Traders

Association addressing an opening president Haji Murad.

Gemstones Association here. He assured the chamber will take up issues of gemstones traders with the government and relevant authorities and try to resolve them at the earliest. The event was The SCCI chief attended by the SCCI



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**International News** 

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## **Death toll from Israeli** strikes on Rafah camp rises to 40: Gaza civil defence

GAZA (INP): Gaza's civil defence agency said on Monday that the death toll from Israeli air strikes on a camp housing displaced Palestinians near

Rafah had risen to 40. "The massacre committed by the Israeli occupation army in the refugee tents northwest of Rafah city in the southern Gaza Strip has left 40 martyrs and 65 wounded," Mohammad al-Mughayyir, a senior official



Similar Nature and Complexity 3,000,000 in Previous 3 Years. Turn over of at least 3,000,000 PKR in 2 Subsequent Previous Years. Presence in Active Tax Payer List. Sales Tax Certificate. The bidding firm must not be currently blacklisted by any procuring agency o Pakistan. JV is not permissible. Submission of the required Bid Security In case Bid Security is not found as required during financial evaluation the bidding firm shall be declared as in-eligible and nonresponsive. Submission of the required Bidding document Fee. 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. Tender Documents: The bidding documents can be obtained from the office of the undersigned 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, 2024 till 10:00 AM. Tender opening: All tenders will be opened on same day at the office of the under-signed at 11:00 AM Address: Directorate General of Agriculture Research, AR Village Aid Sariab Road Quetta.

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Procurements shall be made under the Balochistan Public Procurement Rules - 2014. Eligibility of Bidders: 3 Assignments of Similar Nature and Complexity Worth PKR. 15 Million each in Previous 3 Years. Accumualted Turn over of at least PKR.2 Million in 3 Subsequent Previous Years. Presence in Active Tax Paver List. BRA Registration Certificate. The bidding firm must not be currently blacklisted by any procuring agency of Pakistan. Audit Report of 3 years. General experience. Staff avaiablity. Technical staff at work shop. register workshop with all accessories. 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 amount 45,000 PKR specified above in the name of the under-signed from a scheduled bank. Tender Documents: The NIT & Bidding Document can be obtained electronically from www.bppra.gob.pk Issuance of tender Documents: Complete Bidding Document can be viewed at www.bppra.gob.pk Last Date of bid submission: Bid can only be submitted electronically latest by 10 June, 2024 till 11:00 AM through supplier dashboard. Tender opening: All tenders will be opened on same day at 12:00 PM on EPPS System Address: block 1 civil secretariat Queta Email: afzalsarparah@gmail.com Phone no: 0081920280

at the civil defence agency, "There is also a shortage of told. "We saw charred bodwater to extinguish fires."

Israel has kept up opies and dismembered limbs erations in Rafah despite a We also saw cases of ruling by the top UN court amputations, wounded chilon Friday ordering it to imdren, women and the elderly." He said that rescue mediately halt its military operations in the overefforts were facing major crowded city, once claimed challenges. "There is a fuel by Israel to be a safe zone. shortage ... there are roads The spokesman for the that have been destroyed, health ministry in Gaza. which hinders the move-Ashraf Al-Oidra, had earment of civil defence velier said most of the injured hicles in these targeted arwere women and children. eas," Mughayyir said. The strike took place

Al-Sultan Tel 1n neighbourhood in western Rafah where thousands of people were taking shelter after many fled the eastern areas of the city where Israeli forces began a ground offensive over two weeks ago The International Committee of the Red Cross said its field hospital in Rafah

was receiving an influx of casualties, and that other hospitals also were taking in a large number of patients. Senior Hamas official Sami Abu Zuhri described the attack in Rafah as a

Meanwhile, the Israeli

military claimed its air force struck a Hamas compound in Rafah and that the strike was carried out with "precise ammunition and on the basis of precise intelli-



injured, six crew members

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ling on a Qatar Airways

flight from Doha to Ireland

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after a Singapore Airlines flight from Heathrow airport hit severe turbulence over the Indian Ocean leav-



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BID IS REQUIRED. The Executive Engineer (Buildings), CW, PP&H Department District Killa Saifullah invites sealed percentage tender based on composite schedule of rates 2023 amended up to date G.O.B from interested contractor / firm for the work list below: Earnest money 2% of Estimated cost. Tender Fee Rs.1000/-S. No Name of work E/Cost



Palestinians gather at the site of an Israeli strike on a camp area housing

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internally displaced people in Rafah.

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Through Electronic or Manual Bid Submission, It is Mandatory

For All Bidders to Get Registered At Electronic Public

Procurement System of BPPRA GOB. The Chief Executive Officer

SNGBRM Matung invites bids from Eligible Bidders for execution of

following works for the Year 2024 based on Composite schedule

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

Procurements shall be made under the Balochistan Public

Procurement Rules - 2014. Eligibility of Bidders: Presence in

Active Tax Paver 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 2,100,000

PKR Amount in3 subsequent previous years. showing financial

capacity of the firm. Registration with Pakistan Engineering council

(PEC) C-6 and above (Upto 25 million)In Relevant Category And

Specialized Code is CE10(i) (General Civil Engineering Works)

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 11 June, 2024

during office hours on working days Last Date of bid submission

The Tenders must be submitted latest by 11 June, 2024 till 10:00 AM.

Tender opening: All tenders will be opened on same day at the

office of the undersigned at 11:00 AM Address: Main RCD Road

MOSCOW (INP): Russian President Vladimir Putin. making his third foreign trip since his re-election in March, arrived in ex-Soviet Uzbekistan on

Sunday and met with his counterpart Shavkat Mirziyoyev ahead of the start of formal talks.

Russian news agencies said Mirziyoyev met Putin on arrival in Tashkent in the evening and the two leaders travelled together in a single car. Photos and video footage posted on the Kremlin website and by Russian news agencies showed Putin visiting the New Uzbekistan park in Tashkent and laying a wreath at a monument to Uzbek independence.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov, quoted by news agencies, told Russian television that Russia was open to broader cooperation on gas supplies with Uzbekistan, saying "the possibilities here are very extensive". Putin has already visited China and Belarus since securing reelection by a wide margin.

#### China, Japan premiers in Seoul for rare summit

**Monitoring Desk** SEOUL: South Korean and Chinese leaders agreed on



Tender Fee Rs.1000/-S.No Class of Object **Bid Security** 

1 Live Plants & Seeds (Total Item(s) Count: 14) 2% Procurements shall be made under the Balochistan Public Procurement Rules - 2014. Eligibility of Bidders: 2 Assignments of Similar Nature and Complexity 2,000,000 in Previous 3 Years. Turn over of at least 2,000,000 PKR in 3 Subsequent Previous Years. Presence in Active Tax Payer List. Sales Tax Certificate. The bidding firm must not be currently blacklisted by any procuring agency of Pakistan. JV is permissible. Submission of the required Bid Security In case Bid Security is not found as required during financial evaluation the bidding firm shall be declared as in-eligible and nonresponsive Submission of the required Bidding document Fee 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. Tender Documents: The bidding documents can be obtained from the office of the undersigned 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, 2024 till 01:00 PM. Tender opening: All tenders will be opened on same day at the office of the under-signed at 02:00 PM Address: Directorate General of Agriculture Research, ARI, Village Aid Sariab Road Quetta. Phone no: 0819330016



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Tender Fee Rs.1000/- and Bid Security 2% for each work. S.No Name of Work's E/Cost CONSTRUCTION OF LOCAL BORE AT VARIOUS 49,000,000 AREAS OF MC ZEHRI DISTRICT KHUZDAR PSDP No. 5359

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 34,300,000 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 12 June, 2024 during office hours on working days Last Date of bid submission: The Tenders must be submitted latest by 12 June, 2024 till 11:00 AM . Tender opening: All tenders will be opened on same day at the office of the undersigned at 12:00 PM Address: Chief Officer, Muncipal Committee, Zehri



"massacre", holding the United States responsible for aiding Israel with weapons and money. "The air strikes burnt the tents, the

tents are melting and the people's bodies are also melting," said one of the residents who arrived at the Kuwaiti hospital in Rafah.

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However, the flight (QR017), a Boeing 787 Dream-liner, landed shortly before 1pm, Dublin Airport said, adding that the plane landed safely and as scheduled.

"Upon landing, the aircraft was met by emergency services, including airport police and our fire and rescue department, due to six passengers and six crew [12 total] on board reporting injuries after the



**Indian police** arrest hospital boss after six babies die in fire **Monitoring Desk** 

NEW DELHI: Indian police said on Monday they had arrested a doctor and the owner of an unlicensed hospital where six newborn babies died when a fire erupted in a crowded ward without fire exits. The blaze broke out at the New Born Baby Care hospital in New Delhi's Vivek Vihar area late Saturday evening. In the crucial first minutes

bystanders spotted the fire and braved the blaze to rescue the newborns inside. 'We didn't even name

her [...] I never even held her in my arms," Anjar Khan, whose 11-day-old

daughter died in the blaze, was quoted as saying by the Hindustan Times. Vinod Sharma, who lost his dayold baby boy, blamed the hospital authorities for the tragedy. "He had a problem with breathing. The doctor had said that he will be fine in a few days," Sharma was quoted as saying by The Indian Express newspaper. 'We didn't know that the hospital would kill him. Fires are common in India due to poor building practices, overcrowding and a lack of adherence to safety regulations. The narrow two-storey hospital building was squeezed between

a row of homes, without space on either side, making it hard for fire engines to reach.

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The procurement shall be carried out in accordance with Balochista Public Procurement Regulatory Authority rules, 2014. BASIC ELIGIBILITY: The contractor must have valid registration with Pakistan Engineering Council for the year 2024 in categories C-4 and above in relevant category and specialized code as mentioned in the bidding documents and having valid (NTN), Balochistan Revenue Authority (BRA) certificates and experience certificates as mentioned in the biding documents. TERMS & CONDITION: The undersigned has right to cancel the tender before opening dated of same date of the tender opening. METHOD OF PROCUREMENT: Single Stage - Two Envelop Bidding Procedure, BIDDING TENDER DOCUMENTS: Issuance: the contractor/firm having registered with PEC in categories mentioned can download the bidding documents electronically from the BPPRA website. The tender fee can be paid on green challan from for amount mentioned above (nonrefundable) deposited in the head of account C-02716 through Government Treasury / National Bank of Pakistan, from the date of publication of this invitation in newspaper till one day prior to the last date of submission. The documents if requested by mail will be promptly dispatched by registered mail for which cost of mail will be borne by the applicant, however, under no circumstances the procuring Agency will be held responsible for late delivery or loss of documents so mailed guarantee or deposit at call from scheduled Bank. Dead Line of Submission: The Bidding Documents duly filled and attached with copies of supporting documents must delivered in sealed envelopes by hand or through registered mail to the address mentioned below on before 11-06-2024 at 12:00 PM Opening: The tender documents will be opened on 11-06-2024 at 01:00 PM before procurement committee in the presence of contractor or their representatives with their original CNIC, PEC Certificate / Fresh Power of Attorney (attested) for the said scheme Place of Issuance and submission will be: Address: Office of the Executive Engineer (Buildings), CW,PP&H Department District Killa Saifullah. Telephone No.0823-610614 E-Mail Address: xenbuildingkillasaifullah@gmail.com

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GOB. Tender Fee Rs.500/-

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Sunday to start diplomatic and security dialogue and push a trade deal, when they met in Seoul ahead of a key trilateral summit with Japan.

There are low expectations of any major anno-uncements or breakthroughs at the trilateral meeting on Monday, but the leaders have expressed hopes it could help revitalise three-way diplomacy and ease regional tensions. South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol met Chinese Premier Li Qiang, who is making his first visit to South Korea since taking office in March 2023, and they agreed to establish a diplomatic and security dialogue and resume talks on a free trade deal.

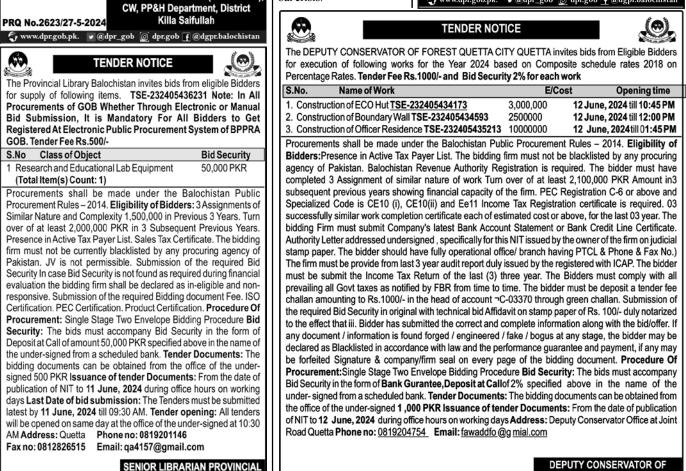
'China and South Korea face significant common challenges of the international affairs," Yoon said, pointing to the wars in Ukraine and Gaza as sources of increased uncertainty in the global economy. But with decades of solid ties behind them, he said he hoped the two countries "will continue to strengthen our cooperation amid today's complex glo-EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (BUILDINGS) bal crisis.

Security In case Bid Security is not found as required during financial evaluation the bidding firm shall be declared as in-eligible and nonresponsive. Submission of the required Bidding document Fee. Must agree & comply to serve the Contract within the time. The firms shall furnish Guarantee Certificate to supply spare parts for at least 10 years. (Chassis & Fabrication) Firm Must have own 3S dealership outlet in Quetta Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) Certificate. Manufacturer / Assembler Authorization in the name of Procuring Agency Procedure Of Procurement: Single Stage Two Envelope Bidding Procedure Bid Security: The bids must accompany Bid Security in the form of Bank Gurantee, Deposit at Call of 2 % specified above in the name of the under-signed from a scheduled bank. Tender Documents: The NIT & Bidding Document can be obtained electronically from www.bppra.gob.pk Issuance of tender Documents: Complete Bidding Document can be viewed at www.bppra.gob.pk Last Date of bid submission: Bid can only be submitted electronically latest by 12 June, 2024 till 01:45 PM through supplier dashboard. Tender opening: All tenders will be opened on same day at 02:45 PM on EPPS System Address: DGMM Office Link Sariab Road Quetta

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## Chief Minister chairs review meeting on FY budget 2024-25: Education, health and better service delivery to be top priorities in next FY budget, states Sarfraz Bugti

#### CM directs to spend available resources on collective public welfare projects after reviewing the unbeneficial ongoing development projects

**Independent Report** QUETTA: The Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti has categorically stated that the education, health and better service delivery would be among top priorities in the next financial year's budget for 2024-25. He directed the con-

cerned authorities to keep in view the collective interests of the people of Balochistan instead of the interests of individual as well as liking and disliking

in the upcoming budget. The Chief Minister was chairing a meeting held to review the next financial year budget of the project, here on Monday.

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Pakistan's Ambassador to

the United States, Masood

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enclave who, he said, were

being pushed from one lo-

cation to another in search

Convention organized by

Muslim bodies — ICNA

and MAS-in Baltimore,

Addressing the  $49^{th}$ 

of safety

needed humanitarian assis-

Khan, has called for an im-

attendance at the meeting projects within a month. were included the Provin-He also directed to cial Minister for Finance, spend the available re-Mir Shoaib Nausherwani, sources on collective pub-Minister for Planning and lic welfare projects after Development, Mir Zahoor reviewing the unbeneficial ongoing projects. Besides. Ahmed Buledi, Additional Chief Secretary Develop-ment, Hafiz Abdul Basit, unnecessary vacancies should be converted in the Secretary Finance, Babar Chairman Balochistan Revenue Au-

thority, Noorul Haq surgery is needed in the Baloch, Principal Secretary PSDP to make the develto Chief Minister, Imran opment projects compat-Zarkoon, Special Secretary ible with the public re-Asfandyar Baloch besides quirements.

other concerned high ups of the Finance and Planning is a need to keep public interests in view irrespective and Development departof the political opportun-Addressing the meetism as it is very necessary to benefit from the fruits of

ing, Chief Minister directed budget

vacancies having much importance, he added. He said that major

He stressed that there

recovery issues in KP: Awais KP, Federal gov't agree to cooperate for eliminating load shedding, reducing electricity line losses: Gandapur role in this regard, he said ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister for Power Divithe federal and provincial sion Sardar Awais Ahmad departments would jointly Khan Leghari on Monday work to sort out issues persaid a comprehensive plan taining to load-shedding, power theft and recovery. has been devised in collaboration with Chief Minister Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa to sort out issues related to

Ahmed are also present.

The power load-shedding could be over-powered through elimination of power pilferage, load-shedpower pilferage, he said. The minister said PTI. PML-N and allied parties jointly took a step to revive the country's economy. Praising the CM KP, he said that today all political parties have recog-

the Pakistan's agenda. Under the plan, parliamentarians and general public would be involved to create awareness among the masses about elimination of power theft and payment of outstanding dues

QUETTA: Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti talking to

journalists during his visit to Quetta Press Club. President Quetta Press

Club Abdul Khaliq Rind and President Balochistan Union of Journalists Khalil

Joint plan chalked out to sort out

power pilferage, load-shedding,

Lauding the Interior Meanwhile Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minis-

**OUETTA: Senator Dostain Domki meeting with** Balochistan Governor Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail.

## **Religious leaders unite to combat** interfaith disharmony following Sargodha blasphemy incident

## Tuesday May 28, 2024

## Governor calls for paying special attention on constructing new roads, improving civic system in Quetta city, outskirts

#### Independent Report

QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail has underlined the need pay wholehearted attention on construction of new roads and improvement of the civic system in the Quetta

He also stressed the

need to pay special heed to-

wards construction of new

roads as well as resolve the

issues related to education,

health and cleanliness in the

outskirts of Quetta besides

restoration of beauty of the

speaking to the Secretary

Communication and Works,

The Governor was

city.

ter Ali Amin Khan

said that the federal and

provincial governments

have agreed to eliminate load

shedding, recover electric-

ity dues, and reduce line

losses from the province aiming to provide relief to

the people of the province.

Chief Minister Ali Amin

Khan Gandapur, accompa-

nied by Minister for Energy

Sarfaraz Awais Khan Leghari and Interior Minis-

ter Mohsin Naqvi, he said

that a formal agreement be-

tween the federal govern-

that ongoing discussions

with the Federation concerning load shedding in KP

have led us to meet and re-

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and efforts of all the depart-

ments concerned and offi-

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Khyber

Speaking to the media,

Monday

Gandapur

The Governor was briefed about the under construction roads as well as the sewerage and sanitation system in the Ouetta city and adjoining areas.

The Governor said that Quetta is provincial capital and as such is the face of Balochistan.

However, new problems are creating due to influx in the population.

The Governor said that it is necessary to resolve the issues being faced by the people so that they may get relief from them. He also stressed that the poor and middle class people should benefit from the development projects.

Lal Jan Jaffar, Commis-The Governor assured sioner Quetta, Muhammad Hamza Shafqaat and his every possible cooperation to provide basic facili-Project Director of Quetta development Package, ties to the citizens and resolve the issues being faced Rafiq Baloch here at the Governor House on Monby them.



**ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Interior** Mohsin Nagvi presenting allotment letter of home to the mother of a martyr.

## Naqvi laid the foundation stone of housing project for police martyrs families

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Interior Mohsin Naqvi on Monday laid the foundation stone of Mubeen Cottages Project for the families of martyrs of Islamabad Police

Mohsin Naqvi's good initiative for the families of police martyrs resolved the long-standing issue of accommodation for the families of 64 martyrs of Islamabad Police after 43 vears.

He went to the seat of an elderly woman and gave her the allotment letter words of comfort.

It is our responsibility to take care of the families of martyrs, said Mohsin Naqvi adding this work is not a favor to the families of the martyrs. It as their right.

He said that this work cannot pay even a single drop of blood of martyrs. IG Islamabad Ali

Nasir Rizvi briefed about the project to the minister and guests, MD National Rawalpindi's NPF sego Police Foundation, Chair-

parts of the world. Israel's deadly war in month, has killed nearly 36,000 Palestinians, mostly women and children. Around 80% of the population's 2.3 million people have fled their

Pakistan calls for Gaza ceasefire,

relief for besieged Palestinians at

Islamic convention in a US city

homes, severe hunger is widespread and U.N. officials say parts of the territory are experiencing famine. Ambassador Masood Khan also paid tribute to for the Palestinians, went the South African govern- to ICJ and showed the Maryland, he urged the ment for its "singular con-United States to demon- tribution" to uphold inter- and truth means." Ismail

WASHINGTON (APP): United States and other community. The comity of nations respects you as a standard-bearer for the Pal-Gaza, now in its eighth estinian people's right to self-determination", he told

the gathering where a special award was presented to a representative of South Africa for backing the Palestinian cause. Earlier, Dr. Mohsin Ansari, President of the Islamic Circle of North America (ICNA) said that South Africa "stood up, raised its voice

the South African Embassy

ceived received the award,

ding and recovery from the defaulters. Addressing a oint press conference along Minister for Interior Mohsin Naqvi and CM KP Ali Amin Gandapur here, Awais Leghari said the plan would be finalized by tonized morrow, adding the model ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Finance & Revenue Senator Muhammad which was devised for KP Aurangzeb called on by Abdul Rehman Al Raheem Al Nooriyani, Chairman would also be replicated in the other provinces. Etisalat Int'l Pakistan accompanied by Hatem Bamatraf, CEO & President He said line losses and

country would be ad-dressed jointly

Minister for playing a key



strate leadership in ensuring the implementation of two-state solution to resolve the deadly Middle East crisis. The annual three-day convention is being attended by thousands of Muslims from across the

national humanitarian Esau, Charge d'Affaires a law-obviously referring to the genocide case that in Washington, who re-Pretoria brought against Israel at the International highlighted the suffering of Court of Justice (ICJ).

Palestinians under occupa-"You deserve admiration and the ongoing milition of entire international tary operations.



QUETTA: Provincial Minster for Education Rahil Hameed Durrani, Secretary Education Hafiz Muhammad Tahir, Vice Chancellor UoB Professor Dr. Zahoor Ahmed Bazai, Pro-VC Professor Dr. Muhammad Alam Tareen talking to leaders of Joint Action Committee Professor Dr. Kaleemullah Bareach, Shah Ali Bugti, Nazeer Ahmed Lehri regarding Financial issues and non payment of Pay and Pension to Employees of University of Balochistan.

## **Opposition voices** solidarity with Tribal jirga

ISLAMABAD (Online): The senior leadership of the Opposition in the National Assembly voiced solidarity with the tribals elders and vowed to raise their concerns on the floor of the House. A delegation of the tribal elders from the South Waziristan comprising Wazir and Mehsud tribes called on the senior leadership of the Opposition bench including Omar Ayub Khan, Asad Qaiser, Mehmood Khan Achakzai and others at Parliament House on Monday.

The tribal elders apprised the Opposition leaders on the objectives of their demonstrations and highlighted the problems arising from lack of compensation for the damages by the Federal Government, 'One Pakhtunkhwa Government's Document Regime' and the subsequent closure of demand for compensation Angoor Ada border. The and demanded allocation in participants of the meeting this regard in the upcoming jointly passed a resolution budget. It was regretted that underlining the redress of despite promises, only togrievances and joint effort kens are issued to the resito demonstrate for the condents of the region and no stitutional rights of the compensation has been people of ex-FATA. The made since last eight years. Opposition Leader endorsed their demands and tribes on both sides of the borvowed to raise their grievder have familial ties and reances on the floor of the stricting their movement.

House and advocate for their rights outside the Assembly. The leadership of the Tehreek-e-Tahaffuz-e-Ayeen-e-Pakistan vowed to support the demonstration of the residents of

Waziristan. They collectively demanded for compensations to address the damages inflicted by military operations in the region and urged the Federal government to

honour its commitments made to the people of the tribal areas. They high-lighted the destruction of homes, displacement of families, loss of livelihoods, and the overall disruption of socio-economic infrastructure as key areas requiring compensations. They urged the Federal government to approve Khyber

They submitted that the

Rs 18 per kg ISLAMABAD (APP) The Utility Stores Corporation (USC) on Monday announced a reduction of Rs 18 per kilogram in the price of subsidized ghee with immediate effect.

**USC reduces** 

ghee price by

According to the USC spokesperson, the corporation has reduced the price of ghee by Rs 18 for registered families of Benazir Income Support Program PMT 40.

**PCG** seize Indian gutka, foreign cigarettes

from coach KARACHI (APP): The Pakistan Coast Guards (PCG) on intelligence information intercepted a passenger coach traveling from Quetta to Karachi at Uthal, Balochistan, and recovered a significant quantity of Indian Gutka and foreign brand cigarettes. A PCG spokesperson reported on Monday that during a routine road check in the Uthal area of Balochistan, 4,650

packets of Indian Gutka and 85 sticks of foreign brand cigarettes were found on the passenger coach.

SARGODHA (APP): Religious scholars and leaders from various schools of thought, in the wake of a recent blasphemous incident in Sargodha, on Monday came together under the auspices of Pakistan Ulema Council (PUC) to pledge a united front against attempts to incite interfaith disharmony in the country.

The incident, which has stirred tensions within the community, is being seen by many as a deliberate effort by certain elements to destabilize Pakistan by exploiting religious sentiments

Key religious figures expressed their firm commitment to countering any attempts to sow discord among different religious communities in Pakistan. They emphasized that unity and mutual understanding were essential to safeguarding national stability and preventing violence.

Coordinator Ministry of Addressing a press Climate Change Rumina Khursheed Alam and officconference accompanied with Ulema and Mashaykh ers and staff of the minishere at Deputy Commis-sioner Office, PUC Chairtry for their tireless efforts in extinguishing the fire. man Hafiz Muhammad He also expressed Tahir Mehmood Ashrafi gratitude to the Pakistan said the incident in question Army for providing heli-

copters to extinguish the involved allegations of blasphemy, a highly sensitive and incendiary topic in Pakistan, which had histori-

cally led to significant social unrest. However, in this instance, the swift and measured response from local law enforcement agencies played a crucial role in preventing the situation from

escalating, he said adding that their prompt action was lauded by religious leaders, who recognized the importance of maintaining peace and order in such volatile situations. Ashrafi stated, We will not allow anyone to destabilize our country through interfaith disharmony

Salik offers condolence on tragic demise of Iranian president

Minister for Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony, Chaudhry Salik Hussain on Monday visited the Iranian embassy and offered condolences over the sad demise of Iranian President Seyed Ebrahim Raisi, foreign minister and other officials in the heli copter crash.

lence message in the visitors' book, he said the entire Pakistani nation was saddened by the passing of the Iranian president.

IED blast kills one, injures another in Bajaur

PESHAWAR (APP): A gen erator mechanic was killed and his driver was injured when the vehicle they were travelling in was targeted with an improvised explosive device (IED) in Mamond tehsil of Bajaur district, the police said on Monday.

They said the blast occurred in Bandagai area of Mamond tehsil where the vehicle of a generator mechanic namely Etebar Khan was targeted. The police registered a case and started investigation.

As result of the explosion, Etebar Khan, resident of Babulai, Khar tehsil was killed while the driver, of the Pakistan Hajj Mission Muhammad Noor was into extend maximum facilities jured. to intending Pakistani pil-

The police said both grims. "It is greatly helping were shifting some machinin the timely redressal of ery when the blast ripped complaints of pilgrims and through their vehicle. their proper guidance to The police registered

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QUETTA: Provincial Minister for PHE Sardar Abdul Rehman Khetran meeting with Provincial Home Minister Mir Ziaullah Lango.

## Qaiser inaugurates renovated KPT **Staff College**

KARACHI (APP): Federal Minister for Maritime Affairs, Qaiser Ahmed Sheikh along with Chairman KPT Syedain Raza Zaidi inaugurated the renovated KPT Staff College, which was established in 1979 and had not undergone proper renovations until now.

Additionally, the minister distributed cash awards and certificates of appreciation to students and teachers of KPT Schools in recognition of their outstanding performance in the SSC exams.

Qaiser Ahmed Sheikh praised the KPT for its dedication to train officers in line with international standards. He lauded the organization's proactive approach in preparing its personnel to meet the requirements in maritime industry. The minister emphasized that KPT serves as Pakistan's gateway and has consistently delivering clock for Karachi

outstanding performance. He further said that KPT has the potential for improvement and expressed confidence in achieving maximum benefits through collaborative efforts. During his address, Chairman KPT, expressed contentment with the renovation of the KPT Staff College and performance of KPT schools. He praised the relevant general managers and their teams for relentless efforts in achieving this milestone.

Chairman KPT underscored KPT's historical commitment to serving the nation and the people of Karachi through various CSR initiatives. These include funding 6 schools for underprivileged students, operating a hospital for workers and nearby residents, maintaining a Fire Station with modern equipment available round the



HUB: Pakistan Coast Guard Officials are exposing huge quantity of recovered Chew Tobacco and foreign cigarettes seized during routine check of passenger buses on Uthal Coast Guard Check Post. to media persons during a press conference.

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## **Over 70,000 intending pilgrims** actively using 'Pak Hajj App'

MAKKAH AL-MUKARRAMAH (APP): The innovative approach adopted to bring together all sonal details of Hujjaj, the wings and departments of the Pakistan Hajj Misgroup Mehram details, helper insion under the DG Facilitation Cell and Complaint Management System seems to be effectively working in the overall Hajj operation

The 'Pak Hajj App,' through which online monitoring of all Hajj-related activities is performed, has received an overwhelming response in a short span of time, with over 70,000 active intending Pakistani Hajj pilgrims registered so far.

service, the Ministry of Religious Affairs has received more than 20,000 complaints, which have been resolved and disposed of in an efficient manner.

Through this online

# for 2024.

established this year for improved coordination among all wings and departments

formation, additional facilities, Hajj dues, nominee information, bank account details, and training schedules. Commenting on the role of the DG Facilitation Cell and Complaint Management System, its incharge Muhammad Ahmed Usmani told APP that it was

to them," he said

The Pak Hajj App provides all the required information, including per-

information,

Recording his condo

ISLAMABAD (APP)