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Acting President, PM express grief 29 people dead, 21 injured in fatal road accident in Washuk

CM Bugti orders shifting of Basima bus injured to Quetta by Air Ambulance

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QUETTA: At least 29 people, including women and children, were killed and 21 others injured after a passenger bus turned turtle and plunged into a ditch in Basima area of Washuk district on Wednesday morning.

ill-fated passenger bus was travelling from Turbat to Quetta carrying over 50 passengers.

rific accident and prayed for those who were wounded.

According to the reports reaching here, about 21 people sustained injuries in the accident and have been moved to the Civil Hospital in Basima from where at least 11 were moved to Quetta

The levies and local administration rushed towards the spot of accident. The bodies and injured persons were retrieved from the bus and shifted to the civil hospitals of Basima, Panjgur and Khuzdar.

In two similar incidents in May, 13 people belonging to the same family were killed and nine others got wounded as a truck plunged into a ditch in Punjab's Khushab district.

Later, the seriously injured persons were brought to Quetta by the air ambulance and shifted to CMH Quetta for treatment where condition of few patients is stated to be precarious.

The accident occurred because of a brake failure on Panj Pir Manawan Road in Khushab, consequently, the truck driver lost control of the vehicle and it fell into the ditch.

The initial reports suggested that the accident took place after the tyre of the passenger bus burst, said the rescue officials. The

The deceased of the ill-fated crash included women, too, and the family was going to Khushab. Meanwhile acting

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ISLAMABAD: A delegation of Buddhist Monks led by Minister of Budhassasana and Religious Affairs of Sri Lanka Vidura Wickramanayaka calls on Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif.

Judge writes letter to IHC to transfer PTI founder's marriage case to another court

ISLAMABAD (APP): Judge Sharukh Arjmand of the District and Sessions Court of Islamabad on Wednesday wrote a letter to the Registrar of the Islamabad High Court (IHC), urging him to transfer the marriage case of PTI founder and his wife to another court, as the plaintiff, Khawar Manika, had expressed no confidence in his court.

(on Wednesday) tried to disrupt the hearing.

At the onset of the hearing, defence counsel Rizwan Abbasi was not present in the courtroom. When asked by the judge in that regard, his assistant lawyer informed the court that Rizwan Abbasi was in the Supreme Court and requested for some time.

Subsequently, the court directed Rizwan Abbasi to appear before the it by 10:30 a.m.

The court then asked the assistant lawyer to consult with Rizwan Abbasi and clarify their intent on pursuing the case.

The assistant lawyer responded that they wanted that the case be transferred to another court, because the plaintiff was not satisfied with the proceedings in his court.

The judge inquired about the reason and requested him to furnish concrete evidence in support of his arguments.

Prices of petroleum products likely to be reduced from June 01

ISLAMABAD (Online): Prices of petroleum products are likely to be reduced once again from June 01.

According to sources price of petrol per liter is likely to be slashed by Rs 5.50 for next 15 days while diesel price is likely to be decreased by Rs 4.30 per liter. Kerosene oil price may go down by Rs 2.15 per liter while light diesel price is likely to be reduced by Rs 5.08 per liter.

International market witnessed reduction in price of petroleum products.

OGRA will send working to government on May 31 in proportion to reduction in international market.

Final approval to reduction in price of petroleum products will be accorded by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif.

Ministry of finance will issue notification in respect of reduced prices of petroleum products.

PM highlights ancient heritage of Pakistan

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Wednesday highlighted that Pakistan was proud of its ancient Buddhist heritage, which flourished in the northwest Pakistan in the shape of Gandhara art and culture, over two thousand years ago. He underscored the importance that his government attached to interfaith harmony.

The prime minister expressed these views during a meeting with a delegation of esteemed Buddhist leaders who called on him.

The delegation is visiting Pakistan to attend a symposium and an exhibition titled "From Gandhara to the World," organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, PM Office Media Wing said in a press release.

The delegation included Sri Lanka's Minister for Budhassasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs Vidura Wickramanayaka, Most Venerable Thich Duc Tuan from Vietnam, Most Vener-

able Anil Sakya from Thailand and Dr Keshabman Shakya from Nepal. Minister for Religious Affairs, Ch. Salik Hussain, Minister for Information and Broadcasting and Cultural Heritage Attaullah Tarar, SAPM Syed Tariq Fatemi also attended the meeting.

The prime minister warmly welcomed the delegation and expressed his gratitude for their participation in the symposium, being held in connection with the 'Vesak Day' that commemorates the birth, enlightenment and passing away of Lord Buddha.

He also acknowledged the valuable contributions of the Buddhist scholars and monks to the promotion of interfaith harmony and understanding. During the meeting, the prime minister and the delegation discussed ways to strengthen interfaith dialogue and co-operation, as well as opportunities for cultural and academic exchanges between Pakistan and the Buddhist majority countries.



QUETTA: Chairman Balochistan Public Service Commission Abdul Salik Khan presenting annual report of the Commission to Governor Balochistan Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail

Governor stresses need to strengthen BPSK financially for expansion of services at large scale

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QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail has underlined the need to financially strengthen the Balochistan Public Service Commission (BPSK) further so as to expand its services at large scale.

The Governor was of the view that the issue of unemployment and especially the sense of disappointment among the youth can easily be removed by ensuring merit in the examinations and interviews of the Commission and giving right to the right persons.

The Governor said that the selection of talented and able officers is possible for different government departments through the competitive exams even today.

He said that the easiness and facilities can be created for the Commission and candidates appearing in the competitive examinations by building a big hall in the premises of BPSK.

He was speaking to the Chairman of BPSK, Abdul Salik Khan and its members who called on him here at the Governor's House on Wednesday.

He said that it is responsibility of the government to provide new opportunities of the employment and utilize their hidden potential for the national interests.

The Chairman BPSK presented annual report of the Commission to Governor.

He said that there creates big hope for youngsters of the province when hundreds of the poor but able candidates are selected for jobs through different competitive examinations like CSS, PCS and ISSB.

During the course of meeting, overall performance of BPSK, implementation on the merit, financial matters and procedure of the tests and interviews for the posts came up for

Zia takes notice of incident of killing of two persons in Naseerabad

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QUETTA: The Provincial Minister for Home and Tribal Affairs, Mir Ziaullah Langove has taken notice of the incident of emity that claimed two lives and left two others injured in Naseerabad.

According to an official handout issued here on Wednesday, the Minister Home sought report from the concerned authorities.

Mir Ziaullah Langove directed to the Deputy Commissioner to form special team for arrest of the culprits involved in the incident.

He also directed to review the incident from all the aspects and provide justice to the heirs of deceased on priority basis.

The Minister prayed for the departed souls and grant of patience to the bereaved families.



Federal Minister for Communications, Investment Board and Privatization, Abdul Aleem Khan met with Prime Minister Tajikistan, Kokhir Rasulzoda in Dushanbe.

Maternal mortality rate in Balochistan alarming: Dr. Rubaba Buledi

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QUETTA: The Advisor to the Chief Minister of Balochistan for Women Development, Dr. Rubaba Khan Buledi has expressed concern over the high maternal mortality rate in the province, stating that it is higher than in other provinces. According to a survey, 298 women out of 100,000 women die during childbirth.

The Balochistan Maternal and Perinatal Death Surveillance and Response Bill 2024 is being introduced for the first time, and consultations with all stakeholders are underway.

Dr. Buledi attributed the poor infrastructure in the province as one of the reasons for the high mortality rate, particularly in remote areas. She emphasized the need for legislation and awareness campaigns to address this issue.

Dr. Buledi appreciated the long-term support of the World Health Organization (WHO) in Balochistan's health care system and assured that collaborative efforts will continue to provide quality health facilities to the poor people in remote areas of the province. She stressed that effective measures will be taken to reduce the maternal, Perinatal and infant mortality rate in Balochistan.

Govt cracks down on smuggling, hoarding with zero tolerance policy

ISLAMABAD (APP): In a significant crackdown on smuggling, hoarding, and power pilferage, the government has made substantial progress in its zero-tolerance policy, yielding impressive results.

Since September last year, the Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC) has been instrumental in facilitating the recovery of billions of rupees and scores of arrests, PTV reported. In a major anti-smuggling operation, authorities foiled the smuggling and illegal movement of 3,036 metric tons of fertilizer.

Additionally, 281 metric tons of wheat and flour were seized from smugglers, preventing the smuggling of essential items.

The government's efforts have also led to the seizure of 34,640 metric tons of sugar, putting an end to illegal profiteering.

Furthermore, authorities recovered 2,503 metric tons of wheat, 56,948 metric tons of ghee, and 10,379 metric tons of sugar from market price manipulators.

The government's commitment to upholding the rule of law and protecting Pakistan's economy is evident in the registration of 145,365 FIRs against individuals involved in power theft, resulting in the arrest of over 70,000 power thieves and the recovery of PKR 93 billion.



QUETTA: Chief Executive Officer of Arya Hospital Dr. Sohail Khan shaking hand with Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sardar Ahmed Bugti

Arya Hospital Chief calls on CM Bugti

QUETTA (APP): Head of Arya Hospital Quetta, Dr Sohail on Wednesday in a called on meeting briefed the Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfaraz Bugti about the medical services provided by the hospital, which was established according to international standards. The provincial government of Balochistan was keen to provide quality healthcare facilities through public-private partnerships, similar to the model in Sindh, so that people in Balochistan can also access quality medical facilities at the local level. The Chief Minister expressed his desire to visit Arya Hospital soon.

He noted that there is a lack of quality private hospitals in Balochistan, due to which most people travel to Karachi and other cities for medical treatment.

The Chief Minister praised Dr. Sohail Ahmed's services, saying that his decision to return to Quetta, Pakistan, from United States, and serving his province and people, is commendable.

On this occasion, Dr Sohail Ahmed thanked the Chief Minister for his appreciation and said that the provincial government's determination to improve the health sector in Balochistan is commendable.



QUETTA: Benazir Income Support Program Chairperson, Rubina Khalid along with Director General Balochistan Abdul Jabbar interacts with women during her visit to camp site located on Saryab Mill in Quetta.

Rubina Khalid reaffirms federal govt commitment to alleviate poverty in Balochistan

QUETTA (APP): Chairperson Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP), Rubina Khalid Wednesday reaffirmed the federal government's dedication to alleviate poverty in Balochistan by providing substantial economic support to the women of the province.

This announcement was made during a high-level meeting with key stakeholders to discuss the coordination and implementation of BISP initiatives in Balochistan.

The meeting was attended by Secretary IT Ayaz Khan Mandukhel, Secretary Industries Noor Ahmed Perkan, Secretary Colleges Hafiz Tahir, DG

Benazir Income Support Programme Abdul Jabbar, and other relevant officials.

The discussion centered on enhancing the effectiveness of BISP in the province and introducing new initiatives aimed at poverty reduction.

Rubina Khalid stated that her visit was in accordance with the directives of the President of Pakistan, Asif Ali Zardari, who has shown a keen interest in the welfare of Balochistan. "The President has instructed us to pay special attention to the needs of Balochistan, particularly focusing on the economic empowerment of its women," she emphasized.



QUETTA: Home Minister Mir Ziaullah Lango enquiring about health of injured of Washuk bus accident at CMH

Establishment piling up pressure on state institutions, PTI says after iddat ruling delay

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ISLAMABAD (INP): A delay in the ruling on the un-Islamic nikah case has apparently shattered Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) hopes of the early release of its founder Imran Khan from prison.

Islamabad court had reserved the verdict last week on appeals filed by the PTI founder and his wife against their conviction in the iddat case. However, District and Sessions Judge Shahrukh Arjmand sought his recusal from the case because it would not be appropriate for him to announce the verdict owing to repeated expression of no confidence by Khawar Manika, Bushra's ex-husband and the petitioner in the case.

Addressing a press conference in Islamabad on Wednesday, PTI Information Secretary Raouf Hasan said state institutions were trying to keep the party founder behind bars despite him securing bail in several cases. "Establishment's pressure on state institutions is piling up," he stated while reacting to the delay in the announcement of a reserved verdict in the iddat case against the PTI founder and his wife Bushra Bibi by an Islamabad sessions court earlier today. The

In the presser today, the PTI spokesperson said the party has been witnessing "murder of justice" for the last two years and expressed fears that the former prime minister would have to spend more time in jail.

Langove, Buledi visit CMH to inquire health of accident injured

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QUETTA: The Provincial Minister for Home and Tribal Affairs, Mir Ziaullah Langove and Minister for Planning and Development, Mir Zahoor Buledi visited the Combined Military Hospital on Wednesday.

During the course of visit, they went to see the injured persons of Washuk passenger coach accident and inquired about their health. They assured their cooperation to the injured being treated at CMH.

They also directed the concerned high ups to provide best medical treatment to the injured persons.

They also prayed for their early recovery from the injuries caused to them in the fatal accident.

Pak Armed Forces pay tribute to martyrs on UN Peacekeeping Day

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RAWALPINDI (APP): The Pakistan Armed Forces on Wednesday paid tribute to its martyrs who had rendered the ultimate sacrifice while serving as UN peacekeepers in conflict-hit countries across the world on the International Day of UN Peacekeepers.

The international community in commemorating the International Peacekeepers Day, paying tribute to the brave men and women who have served in the United Nations peacekeeping missions around the world," an Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) news release said.

"Today, Pakistan joins



QUETTA: Chief Secretary Balochistan Shakeel Qadir Khan presiding over a meeting regarding Finance Bill

# Pakistan clinch volleyball series against Australia with back-to-back wins

## Green Shirts outplay Kangaroos by winning the second tie of three-match series in straight sets

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan team secured a dominating 3-0 victory over Australia, in the second game of the three-match Sarsabz Volleyball Series 2024 here at the Liaquat Gymnasium of Pakistan Sports Complex on Wednesday.

Demonstrating exceptional skill and determination, the Pakistan team outplayed Australia by 3-0 with set points of 26-24, 25-19, and 25-23.

This impressive win marks Pakistan's second consecutive victory in the series, ensuring they clinch the series win with a match still to be played out. This achievement was a testament to the hard work and dedication of the Pakistan volleyball team and the unwavering support from the Pakistan Volleyball Federation.

The match began with a nail-biting first set, where both teams displayed remarkable prowess. Pakistan managed to edge out Australia with a close score of 26-24, setting the tone for the rest of the game.

Building on their momentum in the second set, Pakistan dominated the second set with a score of 25-19. Their strategic plays and cohesive teamwork left Australia struggling to keep up.

The final set was a testament to Pakistan's resilience and skill. Despite a strong challenge from the Australian team, Pakistan secured the win with a score of 25-23, sealing their victory in the match and the series.

Chairman Pakistan Volleyball Federation, Chaudhry Muhammad Yaqoob, expressed his pride in the team's performance, saying, "This series win is a significant milestone for Pakistan volleyball. The team's hard work and dedication have paid off, and we are thrilled to see them perform at such a high level. We encourage all fans to come out and support the team in the final match."

## Pakistan all set to launch new satellite PakSat MMI on May 30

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan Space and Upper Atmosphere Research Commission (Suparco) is all set to launch a new satellite PakSat MMI on May 30 through the support of China, in accordance with the National Space Program 2047. The Project Management Team of PakSat MMI has finalized all the arrangements for the launch of this new satellite through evaluating its performance. Project Director, PakSat MMI, M. Imran said "Our team is very excited for the upcoming launch of PakSat MMI on May 30". The satellite PakSat MMI, conceived keeping in sight the growing needs of the country in the broad spectrum of communication and connectivity, would be launched from Xichang Satellite Launch Center (XSLC), China. This satellite project is a hallmark of technological cooperation between the People's Republic of China and Pakistan and is expected to revolutionize communication in Pakistan and serve as a giant leap towards a digitally connected Pakistan. Based on advanced communication technologies, PakSat MMI will play a pivotal role in the socio-economic uplift of the country and will prove to be a stepping stone in the transformation of the country into Digital Pakistan.



ISLAMABAD: Players of Pakistan and Australia Volleyball teams in action during 2nd match of Sarsabz Volleyball Series-2024 at Liaquat Gymnasium, Sports Complex.

## 29 people dead & 21 injured in...

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President Syed Yousaf Raza Gilani and Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif have expressed grief and sorrow over the deaths in a traffic accident in Washuk, Balochistan.

Condoling with the bereaved families, they prayed for the departed souls.

They said we stand with the bereaved families in this difficult time.

The Acting President prayed for the early recovery of those injured in the accident.

Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif has expressed deep grief and sorrow over the tragic traffic accident in Washuk district of Balochistan.

The Prime Minister also directed to provide all possible medical aid to those injured in the accident.

APP adds: Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfaraz Bugti on Wednesday has ordered to shift the injured of Basima Bus accident to Quetta by Air Ambulance for best medical treatment.

The Balochistan government ordered helicopter left for Panjur to pick up the injured people.

Chief Minister of Balochistan Mir Sarfaraz Bugti directed for the immediate transfer of the seriously injured to Quetta and should provide best medical treatment.

Deputy Commissioner Panjur Zakir Ali said that on the instructions of Chief Minister Balochistan, the 10 seriously injured people will be transferred to Quetta in a short time.

Pakistan Army also took the lead in the rescue operations of Basima Bus accident.

Along with government of Balochistan, a helicopter of Pakistan Army also reached Panjur to transfer the injured to Quetta.

District administrations of Panjur and Washuk, police force, Jwans of Levies, FC South are engaged in the rescue operations.

The chief minister expressed sorrow over the losses of precious lives and those who were injured in the bus falling into a ravine near Washuk while travelling from Turbat to Quetta.

In a condolence message, Chief Minister Mir Sarfaraz Bugti said he was deeply saddened and shocked by the loss of precious lives in the tragic accident.

Sarfaraz Bugti expressed his condolences and heartfelt sympathy to the families of those who died in the bus accident and shared the grief of the families of the deceased.

## Leading mountaineer Naila Kiani appointed as goodwill ambassador for girls education

ISLAMABAD (APP): Naila Kiani Pakistan's leading female high-altitude mountaineer, has achieved yet another milestone by being declared as Girls Education National Goodwill Ambassador by the Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training.

In Mountaineering, Naila Kiani has an unparalleled record and in her new role, she aims to highlight the importance of girls' education across Pakistan and support initiatives by federal and provincial governments. She is the first Pakistani woman and the overall third Pakistani to have climbed 11 of the 14 highest peaks above 8,000 meters. She holds the distinction of being the first Pakistani woman to climb an 8,000-meter mountain in Pakistan.

Kiani is also the first Pakistani woman to summit Nanga Parbat, Gasherbrum I (G-I), Gasherbrum II (G-II), Lhotse, Manaslu, Broad Peak, Annapurna, Makalu, and Cho Oyu.

She is among the ten mountaineers worldwide, and the only Pakistani, to have climbed multiple (seven) peaks above 8,000 meters in less than six months, in 2023. Furthermore, she is the fastest Pakistani, regardless of gender, to have climbed all eleven 8,000-meter peaks in less than three years.

She is the only female athlete to receive Sitar-i-Imtiaz, the highest civilian honour given to any female athlete in Pakistan.

Advocate for Girls' Education Naila Kiani's appointment as the National Goodwill Ambassador for Girls' Education is a testament to her commitment to empowering women through education.

**NOTICE INVITING TENDER**

Deputy Director Agriculture OFWM Harnai invites sealed bids based on Composite Schedule of Rates, 2023, Government of Balochistan from eligible bidders for execution of following works under the Project "Provision of Reservoir WST Talab for District Harnai PSPD No. 208/22023.00877": - **Tender Fee Rs. 1,000/- in shape of Green Challan form deposited in head of account (C03136) E/Money 3% in shape of Call Deposit and time limit 30-06-2025 for the work**

S#	Name of Works	E/ Cost
1	Const. of Water Storage Tanks Stone Masonry of various sizes (34Nos)	49,773,224

**Procurements shall be made under BPPRA Rules 2014 Basic Eligibility:** 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. Turnover of at least 49,773,000 PKR Amount in 3 subsequent previous years showing financial capacity of the firm. Registration with Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC) C-5 and above (Upto 65million) in relevant category and specialized code is CE04(i) (Dams/Water Retaining Structures) , CE09(i) (Sewerage Works), CE10(i) (General Civil Engineering Works) . Income Tax Registration certificate is required. The bidding firm must submit Income Tax Return of 3 subsequent previous years. The Bidding Firm must submit Audit Report/ Audit Balance Sheet of 3 subsequent previous years. The bidding firm must submit Company's latest Bank Account Statement or Bank Credit Line Certificate. The issuance date of Bank Account Statement or Bank Credit Line Certificate shall not be older than April 2024. **Method of Procurement:** Single Stage- Two Envelope Procedure. **Issuance:** Tender documents will be issued from the date of NIT published in newspapers till deadline of bid submission. The bidding documents can be obtained from the office of the under-signed of any working day or can be downloaded from authority website against above mentioned TSE No. 232405439623 **Bid Validity Period:** 90 days **Deadline of Bid submission:** The tender should be submitted on 13-06-2024 till 11:00 AM in the office of the undersigned. **Tender opening:** All tenders will be on same day at the office of the under-signed at 12:00PM. **Address:** Deputy Director Agriculture On Farm Water Management District Harnai. **Contact No. 03327856292**

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TSE-232405439973 Only electronic bid will be submitted. No physical bid is required. Note: In All Procurements of GOB Whether Through Electronic or Manual Bid Submission, It is Mandatory For All Bidders to Get Registered At Electronic Public Procurement System of BPPRA GOB. THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (E&M WORKSHOP) DIVISION KHUZDAR invites bids from Eligible Bidders for execution of following works for the Year 2024 based on Composite schedule rates 2018 on Percentage Rates. Tender Fee Rs. 2000/- and Bid Security 4%

S.No	Name of Works	E/ Cost
1	RECONSTRUCTION OF ROAD MULA-KARAKH CROSS TO MULATOWN KHZ.	1,308,749,000

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 1 Assignment of similar nature of work. Turn over of at least 916,124,300 PKR Amount in 3 subsequent previous years, showing financial capacity of the firm. Registration with Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC) C-1 and above (Upto 2500 million). Relevant Category And Specialized Code is CE10(iv) (Soil Investigation and Stabilization), CE04(iv) (water retaining structure), CE10(i) (General Civil Engineering Works) , CE10(ii) (Slope Protection System), CE10(iii) (Concrete Repairs), CE01, CE01-(i) (Road and Pavements Drainage & Retaining Structure) , CE01-(ii) (Signcraft Installation), affidavit showing detail of JV **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 4 % 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.gov.pk **Issuance of tender Documents:** Complete Bidding Document can be viewed at [www.bppra.gov.pk](http://www.bppra.gov.pk) Last Date of bid submission: Bid can only be submitted electronically latest by 14 June, 2024 till 12:00 PM through supplier dashboard. **Tender opening:** All tenders will be opened on same day at 01:00 PM on EPPS System **Address:** EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (E&M WORKSHOP) DIVISION KHUZDAR **Phone no: 3337988220**  
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The Conservator of Forests, Zhob Civil Division invites bids from Eligible Bidders for execution of following works for the Year 2024 based on Composite schedule rates 2018 on Percentage Rates. Bid Security 2% for each work. **Tender Fee Rs. 1000/- for S.No.1 & 2 and Rs.2000/- for S.No.3**

S.No	Name of Works	E/ Cost
1	CONSTRUCTION OF SEED STORE	4,920,000
2	CONSTRUCTION OF GIS NODE	4,920,000
3	CONSTRUCTION OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDING FOR CONSERVATOR OF FOREST	14,800,000

Procurements shall be made under the Balochistan Public Procurement Rules - 2014. **Eligibility of Bidders:** Eligibility Criteria for bidders may be seen in the Bidding Documents **Bidding Procedure:** Single Stage Two Envelope Bidding Procedure (TSE-232405437703, TSE- 232405437673, TSE-232405437603) **Tender Documents:** The Bidding document can be downloaded from [www.bppra.gov.pk](http://www.bppra.gov.pk) (free of cost) and the same can also be obtained from the office of the under-signed upon payment of prescribed tender fee. **Last Date and Time of Bid Submission** 14 June, 2024 at 08:30 AM and will be opened on same day at 09:30 AM **Address:** office of the PD, UGPP(TBTP) Forestry Component spiny Road Quetta. **Phone no: 0333781654**  
Email: kakararoq7@gmail.com

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sealed gallop tender on form 'B'-I & B-II as per schedule 'A' are invited from the approved Government Contractor/Firm of Public Health Engineering Department Balochistan and registered with BPPRA who are enlisted / renew their name for the current financial year 2023-24 for the following works				
<b>E/Money 2% in shape of CDR for each work.</b>				
S.#	Name of Work	Qty	Estimated Cost	TSE No
1	"CONSTRUCTION OF WSS KILLI UIC SPEZAND DISTRICT MASTUNG"(PSPD 7422) i) Drilling and Development of Bore up to 1000 feet Depth ii) Supply & Installation of Solar System iii) Supply of HDPE Pipe 90mm iv) Const: of Pump House, Water Storage Tank 3000 Gallon & Laying, jointing of Pipe Line (CIVIL WORK)	1 Job 1 Set 800 Rft 1 Job	6202,185/- 9285,622/- 267,255/- 4148,053/-	TSE-232405436683 TSE-232405436693 TSE-232405436683 TSE-232405436933
2	"CONSTRUCTION OF WSS KILLI UIC SHEIKH WASAL KANAK DISTRICT MASTUNG"(PSPD 7431) i) Drilling and Development of Bore up to 1000 feet Depth ii) Supply & Installation of Solar System iii) Supply of HDPE Pipe 90mm iv) Const: of Pump House & Laying, jointing of Pipe Line (CIVIL WORK)	1 Job 1 Set 4300 Rft 1 Job	6290,041/- 8642,347/- 436,496/- 1487,521/-	TSE-232405436953 TSE-232405436963 TSE-232405436973 TSE-232405436983
3	"CONSTRUCTION OF WSS CHAIRMAN DOCTOR ISMAIL BALOCH KILLI HASSAN ABAD KHAD KOOCHA DISTRICT MASTUNG"(PSPD 7433) i) Drilling and Development of Bore up to 1000 feet Depth ii) Supply & Installation of Solar System iii) Supply of HDPE Pipe 90mm iv) Supply of HDPE Pipe 75mm v) Const: of Pump House 8X10, Water Storage Tank 3000 Gallon & Laying, jointing of Pipe Line (CIVIL WORK)	1 Job 1 Set 3100Rft 1300 Rft 1 Job	6282,809/- 7996,382/- 1035,613/- 281,608/- 2343,846/-	TSE-232405436993 TSE-232405437023 TSE-232405437033 TSE-232405437043 TSE-232405437053
4	"CONSTRUCTION OF WSS MENGAL ABAD KANAK DISTRICT MASTUNG"(PSPD 7435) i) Drilling and Development of Bore up to 900 feet Depth ii) Supply & Installation of Solar System iii) Supply of HDPE Pipe 90mm iv) Const: Boundary Wall 100X100, Pump House 8X10& Laying, jointing of Pipe Line (CIVIL WORK)	1 Job 1 Set 1900 Rft 1 Job	5919,990/- 7373,476/- 634,731/- 4074,359/-	TSE-232405437083 TSE-232405437093 TSE-232405437103 TSE-232405437113
5	"CONSTRUCTION OF WSS KAREZ NOOR MUHAMMAD KILLI HAJI KARIM 2 DISTRICT MASTUNG"(PSPD 7439) i) Drilling and Development of Bore up to 1000 feet Depth ii) Supply & Installation of Solar System	1 Job 1 Set	5144,327/- 7768,747/-	TSE-232405437123 TSE-232405437133
6	"CONSTRUCTION OF WSS SIDDIQUE ABAD KHAD KOOCHA DISTRICT MASTUNG"(PSPD 7440) i) Drilling and Development of Bore up to 1000 feet Depth ii) Supply & Installation of Solar System iii) Supply of HDPE Pipe 90mm iv) Const: of Pump House & Water Storage Tank 5000 Gallon Laying, jointing of Pipe Line (CIVIL WORK)	1 Job 1 Set 2100 Rft 1 Job	6312,004/- 7996,382/- 1701,544/- 2824,399/-	TSE-232405437153 TSE-232405437163 TSE-232405437173 TSE-232405437193
7	"CONSTRUCTION OF WSS TAKARI KARAM BAKHSH MUHAMMAD SHAHI DISTRICT MASTUNG"(PSPD 7441) i) Drilling and Development of Bore up to 1000 feet Depth ii) Supply & Installation of Solar System iii) Supply of HDPE Pipe 90mm iv) Const: of Pump House, Water Storage Tank 3000 Gallon & Laying, jointing of Pipe Line (CIVIL WORK)	1 Job 1 Set 4500 Rft 1 Job	6290,041/- 8636,342/- 1561,129/- 1520,477/-	TSE-232405437203 TSE-232405437213 TSE-232405437223 TSE-232405437263
8	"CONSTRUCTION OF WSS HAJI EID MUHAMMAD JATTAK KANAK DISTRICT MASTUNG"(PSPD 7442) i) Drilling and Development of Bore up to 1100 feet Depth ii) Supply & Installation of Solar System iii) Supply of HDPE Pipe 90mm iv) Const: of Pump House, Water Storage Tank 3000 Gallon & Laying, jointing of Pipe Line (CIVIL WORK)	1 Job 1 Set 5500 Rft 1 Job	4466,222/- 9150,717/- 1837,378/- 2538,849/-	TSE-232405437303 TSE-232405437313 TSE-232405437323 TSE-232405437363
9	"CONSTRUCTION OF WSS TULL DAREY KHAN DISTRICT MASTUNG"(PSPD 7444) i) Drilling and Development of Bore up to 1000 feet Depth ii) Supply & Installation of Solar System iii) Supply of HDPE Pipe 90mm iv) Const: of Pump House, Water Storage Tank 3000 Gallon & Laying, jointing of Pipe Line (CIVIL WORK)	1 Job 1 Set 4000 Rft 1 Job	6210,943/- 7996,382/- 1338,275/- 2291,683/-	TSE-232405437473 TSE-232405437513 TSE-232405437523 TSE-232405437623
10	"CONSTRUCTION OF WSS TAKARI ABDUL MANAN BACHA ABAD DISTRICT MASTUNG"(PSPD 7445) i) Drilling and Development of Bore up to 1000 feet Depth ii) Supply & Installation of Solar System iii) Supply of HDPE Pipe 90mm iv) Const: of Boundary Wall 80X80, Pump House & Laying, jointing of Pipe Line (CIVIL WORK)	1 Job 1 Set 2700 Rft 1 Job	6290,041/- 7541,112/- 901,986/- 3617,990/-	TSE-232405438043 TSE-232405438103 TSE-232405438123 TSE-232405438633
11	"CONSTRUCTION OF WSS TAKARI ADAM KHANDISTRICT MASTUNG"(PSPD 7446) i) Drilling and Development of Bore up to 1000 feet Depth ii) Supply & Installation of Solar System iii) Supply of HDPE Pipe 90mm iv) Const: of Boundary Wall, Pump House & Laying, jointing of Pipe Line (CIVIL WORK)	1 Job 1 Set 2700 Rft 1 Job	6290,041/- 7313,477/- 901,986/- 3340,632/-	TSE-232405438643 TSE-232405438663 TSE-232405438673 TSE-232405438683
12	"CONSTRUCTION OF WSS AT KILLI ROODINI LAK PASS DISTRICT MASTUNG"(PSPD 7447) i) Drilling and Development of Bore up to 1000 feet Depth ii) Supply & Installation of Solar System iii) Supply of HDPE Pipe 90mm iv) Const: of Boundary Wall 70X70, Pump House & Laying, jointing of Pipe Line (CIVIL WORK)	1 Job 1 Set 1200 Rft 1 Job	5692,170/- 8721,179/- 400,883/- 3095,545/-	TSE-232405438693 TSE-232405438703 TSE-232405438713 TSE-232405438723
13	"CONSTRUCTION OF WSS SHADINI KANAK TAKARI HAJI MUHAMMAD RAFIQ DISTRICT MASTUNG"(PSPD 7448) i) Drilling and Development of Bore up to 1000 feet Depth ii) Supply & Installation of Solar System iii) Supply of HDPE Pipe 90mm iv) Const: of Pump House & Laying, jointing of Pipe Line (CIVIL WORK)	1 Job 1 Set 5000 Rft 1 Job	5414,133/- 8414,712/- 1670,344/- 1574,570/-	TSE-232405438733 TSE-232405438743 TSE-232405438763 TSE-232405438773
14	"CONSTRUCTION OF WSS RAISANI TOWN DASHI ABDULSATTAR DISTRICT MASTUNG"(PSPD 7449) i) Drilling and Development of Bore up to 1100 feet Depth ii) Supply & Installation of Solar System iii) Supply of HDPE Pipe 90mm iv) Const: of Pump House, Water Storage Tank 3000 Gallon & Laying, jointing of Pipe Line (CIVIL WORK)	1 Job 1 Set 1700 Rft 1 Job	5407,945/- 10,083,249/- 567,917/- 1894,399/-	TSE-232405438803 TSE-232405438823 TSE-232405438833 TSE-232405438853
15	"CONSTRUCTION OF WSS AT KILLI MUSLIM ABAD DRINGARH DISTRICT MASTUNG"(PSPD 7450) i) Drilling and Development of Bore up to 1000 feet Depth ii) Supply & Installation of Solar System iii) Supply of HDPE Pipe 90mm iv) Const: of Pump House & Laying, jointing of Pipe Line (CIVIL WORK)	1 Job 1 Set 11000 Rft 1 Job	6312,004/- 7313,477/- 3674,757/- 2650,062/-	TSE-232405438863 TSE-232405438883 TSE-232405438903 TSE-232405438913
16	"CONSTRUCTION OF WSS KILLI ZARKHAILAN TEERI DISTRICT MASTUNG"(PSPD 7451) i) Drilling and Development of Bore up to 1000 feet Depth ii) Supply & Installation of Solar System iii) Supply of HDPE Pipe 90mm iv) Const: of Pump House, Water Storage Tank 5000 Gallon & Laying, jointing of Pipe Line (CIVIL WORK)	1 Job 1 Set 4900 Rft 1 Job	6290,040/- 8641,307/- 1636,937/- 3321,732/-	TSE-232405438923 TSE-232405438933 TSE-232405438953 TSE-232405438963

17	"CONSTRUCTION OF WSS KILLI DAND LEHRI ABAD DISTRICT MASTUNG"(PSPD 7454) i) Drilling and Development of Bore up to 1000 feet Depth ii) Supply & Installation of Solar System iii) Supply of HDPE Pipe 90mm iv) Const: of Pump House, Water Storage Tank 3000 Gallon & Laying, jointing of Pipe Line (CIVIL WORK)	1 Job 1 Set 1200 Rft 1 Job	6290,041/- 7313,477/- 400,883/- 946,765/-	TSE-232405438993 TSE-232405439003 TSE-232405439043 TSE-232405439053
18	"CONSTRUCTION OF WSS WADERA RASHEED BEHRAM SHAHI DISTRICT MASTUNG"(PSPD 7456) i) Drilling and Development of Bore up to 1000 feet Depth ii) Supply & Installation of Solar System iii) Supply of HDPE Pipe 90mm iv) Const: of Pump House, & Laying, jointing of Pipe Line (CIVIL WORK)	1 Job 1 Set 1400 Rft 1 Job	6290,041/- 8188,985/- 467,896/- 979,725/-	TSE-232405439063 TSE-232405439083 TSE-232405439103 TSE-232405439113
19	"CONSTRUCTION OF WSS IMRAN ASIF DISTRICT MASTUNG"(PSPD 7457) i) Drilling and Development of Bore up to 900 feet Depth ii) Supply & Installation of Solar System	1 Job 1 Set	5317,405/- 4631,762/-	TSE-232405439133 TSE-232405439153
20	"CONSTRUCTION OF WSS MOHALLA KHWAJA KHAILAN KOONGARH DISTRICT MASTUNG"(PSPD 7458) i) Drilling and Development of Bore up to 1000 feet Depth ii) Supply & Installation of Solar System iii) Supply of HDPE Pipe 90mm iv) Const: of Boundary Wall& Laying, jointing of Pipe Line (CIVIL WORK)	1 Job 1 Set 1200 Rft 1 Job	5714,133/- 7541,111/- 400,883/- 3353,516/-	TSE-232405439173 TSE-232405439183 TSE-232405439203 TSE-232405439213
21	"CONSTRUCTION OF WSS MOULANA ZAKARIA SHAHWANI KOONGARH DISTRICT MASTUNG"(PSPD 7459) i) Drilling and Development of Bore up to 900 feet Depth ii) Supply & Installation of Solar System iii) Supply of HDPE Pipe 90mm iv) Const: of Boundary Wall& Laying, jointing of Pipe Line (CIVIL WORK)	1 Job 1 Set 2800 Rft 1 Job	5714,933/- 7541,111/- 935,393/- 3605,476/-	TSE-232405439223 TSE-232405439233 TSE-232405439243 TSE-232405439283
22	"CONSTRUCTION OF WSS KILLI SARDAR SANA BALOCH GHULAM PRINZDISTRICT MASTUNG"(PSPD 7461) i) Drilling and Development of Bore up to 1000 feet Depth ii) Supply & Installation of Solar System iii) Supply of HDPE Pipe 90mm iv) Const: of Pump House, Water Storage Tank 3000 Gallon & Laying, jointing of Pipe Line (CIVIL WORK)	1 Job 1 Set 2000 Rft 1 Job	6090,041/- 7996,382/- 668,198/- 1931,673/-	TSE-232405439293 TSE-232405439313 TSE-232405439323 TSE-232405439353
23	"CONSTRUCTION OF WSS KILLI ABAD KANAK HAJI AZAMDISTRICT MASTUNG"(PSPD 7462) i) Drilling and Development of Bore up to 600 feet Depth ii) Supply & Installation of Solar System iii) Supply of HDPE Pipe 90mm iv) Const: of Boundary Wall 80X80, Water Storage Tank 10000 Gallon & Laying, jointing of Pipe Line (CIVIL WORK)	1 Job 1 Set 1500 Rft 1 Job	4392,476/- 6349,912/- 501,103/- 5699,136/-	TSE-232405439363 TSE-232405439393 TSE-232405439413 TSE-232405439483
24	"CONSTRUCTION OF WSS AT KILLI HAIR BAKHSH SIRAJ ABAD DISTRICT MASTUNG"(PSPD 7463) i) Drilling and Development of Bore up to 1000 feet Depth ii) Supply & Installation of Solar System iii) Supply of HDPE Pipe 90mm iv) Const: of Pump House, Water Storage Tank 3000 Gallon & Laying, jointing of Pipe Line (CIVIL WORK)	1 Job 1 Set 4200 Rft 1 Job	5692,170/- 7313,477/- 1403,089/- 1442,748/-	TSE-232405439513 TSE-232405439523 TSE-232405439603 TSE-232405439643
25	"UP-GRADATION OF WSS GHAZI DISTRICT MASTUNG"(PSPD 7452) i) Up-Gradation of Solar System ii) Up-Gradation of Pipe Line (CIVIL WORK)	1 Job 1 Job	1082,390/- 2193,445/- 859,980/-	TSE-232405439733 TSE-232405439743 TSE-232405439763
26	"UP-GRADATION OF WSS KHAWASAM DISTRICT MASTUNG"(PSPD 7452) i) Up-Gradation of Solar System ii) Up-Gradation of Pipe Line	1 Job 1 Job	2448,576/- 322,505/-	TSE-232405439793 TSE-232405439803
27	"UP-GRADATION OF WSS PASSAND KHAN DISTRICT MASTUNG"(PSPD 7452) i) Construction of Boundary Wall 100X100 (CIVIL WORK)	1 Job	2994,292/-	TSE-232405439853
28	"UP-GRADATION OF WSS BABRI KANAK DISTRICT MASTUNG"(PSPD 7452) i) Up-Gradation of Solar System	1 Job	5060,390/-	TSE-232405439883
29	"UP-GRADATION OF MUHAMMAD SHAHI TANK DISTRICT MASTUNG"(PSPD 7452) i) Construction of Boundary Wall 70X70 (CIVIL WORK)	1 Job	2216,148/-	TSE-232405439893
30	"UP-GRADATION OF WSS ABDUL AZIZ BANGULZAI DISTRICT MASTUNG"(PSPD 7452) i) Supply of Pumping Machinery	1 Set	2508,234/-	TSE-232405439973
31	"CONSTRUCTION OF WSS AT KILLI GAZI DISTRICT MASTUNG"(PSPD 7470) i) Drilling and Development of Bore up to 1000 feet Depth ii) Supply & Installation of Solar System	1 Job 1 Set	5390,379/- 8025,410/-	TSE-232405439

## PCFA-KP celebrates 73rd anniversary of Sino-Pak diplomatic relations

**Independent Report**  
ISLAMABAD: Sino-Pakistan Relations are new heights. The Pakistan-China Friendship Association (PCFA) Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province Pakistan organised an event at KP House Islamabad to celebrate the 73rd anniversary. Syed Ali Nawaz Gilani Secretary-General PCFA mentioned that understanding the dynamics of Chinese socio economic development is very important for us (Pakistan) being a close friend.

In a testament to their enduring friendship, Pakistan and China celebrated the 73rd anniversary of their diplomatic relations this morning at KP House, Islamabad. The event, or-



ganized by the Pakistan China Friendship Association Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (PCFA KP), underscored the deep-rooted ties and mutual cooperation between the two nations.

Mr. Arshad Ayub Khan, Minister for Local Government and Rural Development Department, highlighted the significance

of this historic friendship in his address. He emphasized the need to further enhance people-to-people relationships, drawing lessons from China's successful implementation of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). "Pakistan and China are time-tested friends, and our friendship has stood the test of time. We must continue to strengthen our bonds by increasing cultural, trade, and business exchanges. The CPEC is a game-changer for Pakistan's economy, and with enhanced cooperation, we will see significant development across various sectors," stated Mr. Arshad Ayub Khan.

He also praised the

efforts of the Pakistan China Friendship Association KP and encouraged more initiatives that foster cultural understanding and economic collaboration. He specifically urged for the learning of the Chinese language and deeper engagement with Chinese experts to benefit from their experience and expertise.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony, Chaudhry Salik Hussain in a meeting with the Ambassador of Kazakhstan to Pakistan, H.E. Yerzhan Kistafin.

## Randhawa orders comprehensive upgrade plan for I'abad centers

**ISLAMABAD (APP):** Chairman of the Capital Development Authority (CDA), Muhammad Ali Randhawa, called for a plan on Wednesday to upgrade all centers in Islamabad, including Jinnah Super Market, F-7.

Muhammad Ali inspected the underground parking plazas at the market.

"Built with million of rupees, these parking plazas should be made fully operational immediately," he added.

He emphasized the need to utilize the parking plazas by ensuring the availability of necessary facilities.

## Illicit cigarettes worth around Rs202m destroyed in Jhelum Zone

**ISLAMABAD (APP):** The Jhelum Zone of Regional Tax Office, Rawalpindi on Wednesday destroyed a massive quantity of illicit, smuggled and counterfeit cigarettes worth Rs 202 million, including Rs 147.15 million in evaded duties.

A ceremony for destruction of massive quantity of illicit/smuggled/counterfeit cigarettes was held by the Jhelum Zone of Regional Tax Office, Rawalpindi, said a news release.

The ceremony was organized for the destruction of about 2700 packets of illicit cigarettes including non-duty paid and smuggled cigarettes at Chak Barahm, Jhelum.

## 15 years of injustice; global community called upon to investigate Shopian tragedy

**ISLAMABAD (APP):** Justice continues to elude families of Shopian double rape and murder victims despite the passage of fifteen years.

According to a report released by Kashmir Media Service on the 15th anniversary of Shopian rape and double murder incident on Wednesday, the victims Aasiya and Neelofar were abducted, raped and subsequently killed by the men in uniform in Shopian and their bodies were found from a nullah on the intervening night of 29th and 30th May 2009.

The harrowing incident, where the victims were abducted, raped, and subsequently killed by men

in uniform in Shopian, serves as a grim reminder of the brutalities inflicted by Indian troops in Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir.

This tragic event stands as a testament to the institutionalized and structured violence that India perpetrates in the region. The report highlights the use of harassment, torture, and rape of Kashmiri women as tools to suppress the legitimate demand for a plebiscite. Shockingly, it reveals that since 1990, there have been 11,263 reported cases of rape, gang-rape, disgrace, and molestation by Indian troops, paramilitary, and police personnel in IIOJK.



ISLAMABAD: The mobile unit of Islamabad Traffic Police meet Managing Director Associated Press of Pakistan, Muhammad Asim Khichi after concluding a day-long facilitation process of licence renewal for APP employees at the APP Headquarters.

## NSU joins European initiative ISATCOVE for vocational excellence

**ISLAMABAD (APP):** National Skills University Islamabad (NSU) has embarked on a unique journey of active engagement in the International Self-Assessment Tool for Centres of Vocational Excellence (ISATCOVE) initiative, a pioneering effort spearheaded by the European Training Foundation (ETF).

This initiative aimed to enhance technical and vocational education and training (TVET) globally by providing a comprehensive toolkit database, said a press release on Wednesday.

ISATCOVE, a pioneering digital platform, is crafted to aid vocational education and training (VET) providers in scrutinizing and refining their educational practices.

The university representatives underscored the need of dedication to vocational excellence and aspiration for perpetual improvement in education and training.

The NSU team, under the dynamic leadership of Prof. Dr. Muhammad Mukhtar, convened for their second ISATCOVE meeting.

The session highlighted the university's strategic vision, with Prof. Dr. Mukhtar remarking, "ISATCOVE aligns with our mission to provide high-quality, responsive education that meets the needs of students and the broader community. By adopting this tool, NSU aims to improve training delivery and become a recognized leader in skills education excellence."

The webinar also featured profound insights from Team Leader Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq Ahmad, whose expertise enriched the discussion.

His emphasis on a customized approach to ISATCOVE usage illustrated how VET centers could meticulously evaluate specific facets of their operations. Equally pivotal was Ms Spogmai Shahab's contribution as NSU's Focal Person for ISATCOVE. Her efforts are central to ensuring NSU leverages ISATCOVE's full potential, driving continuous improvement and excellence in vocational training programs.

ISATCOVE operates through a framework of 23 criteria: teaching and Learning, Partnership and Cooperation, and Governance and Funding.

## AIOU hold Int'l moot on "Ijtihad Bilmaqasid"

**ISLAMABAD (APP):** "To solve social problems, everyone must change their thinking so that we can promote a peaceful and civilized society free from intellectual chaos," said Vice Chancellor, Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU), Prof. Dr. Nasir Mahmood on Wednesday.

Speaking at the opening session of three-day international conference on "Ijtihad Bilmaqasid" Dr. Nasir said that the new problems are arising rapidly, and we have the way of Ijtihad for the solution in Islam, which explain the causes to the people with reason. Vice Chancellor emphasized that in these three days, the participants and speakers will come up with recommendations on this topic for the guidance of institutions, scholars and researchers working on Ijtihad. Dean, Faculty of Arabic and Islamic Studies, Prof. Dr. Mohyuddin Hashmi, highlighted the aims and objectives of the conference, stating that this is the first conference on this topic in Pakistan. Over 100 articles were submitted for the conference, and approximately 50 foreign and local scholars and teachers are participating.

While giving her introductory remarks, Amina Khan said that this MoU is a testament to the long-standing relationship between Pakistan and Turkiye which is built on mutual respect and shared history. Collaboration between ISSI and the Yunus Emre Enstitüsü is a step towards further enhancing as well as opening new avenues for cultural and academic cooperation between the two countries.

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Ambassador Reza said President Raisi's significant gestures, such as defending the Holy Quran at the United Nations amidst desecration controversies and vocally supporting Palestinian rights while opposing Western policies, solidified his status as a beloved leader. "His principled stance on global issues often disregarded the repercussions on Iran's foreign policy, prioritizing religious and moral commitments," he added. He said the Iranian foreign minister, who also perished in the crash, was lauded for numerous diplomatic successes and his contributions played an important role in elevating Iran's international standing and fostering key alliances.

Ambassador Reza said initial reports indicated that the tragic incident occurred due to adverse weather conditions.

## Pakistan strives to preserve Buddha heritage, spreading its peaceful message: Jamy

**ISLAMABAD (APP):** Federal Secretary Ministry of National Heritage and Culture Nasir Hassan Jamy on Wednesday said that Pakistan was spearheading the efforts to preserve and protect the Buddha heritage and had also accelerated the efforts to spread the peaceful message of Buddha and Silk Road.

The federal secretary, in his opening remarks at the third session of the two-day symposium titled "From Gandhara to the World: The Legacy of Gandharan Buddhism" held by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs here, said that Pakistan placed a great emphasis on tracing the roots of Buddhism in Pakistan and other countries.

The two-day event brought together religious leaders and experts from Nepal, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam, besides scholars, diplomats, historians and art enthusiasts to provide them a platform to exchange ideas and foster connections.

He said the ancient Gandhara civilization left indelible footprints in the realm of art, architecture, culture and spirituality with Lord Buddha being its central figure having an odyssey of spreading knowledge, wisdom, peace and harmony.

Jamy said that besides introducing Buddhism to China and the greater part of East Asia, Gandhara civilization also contributed to embellishing the rich cultural tapestry of modern Pakistan.

He said that Gandhara civilization also led to the early linkages between Pa-



ISLAMABAD: A view of the Panel taking part in the first session of the conference titled "National Street Children Conference - I am Somebody" under the auspices of Muslim Hands and Maidaan at a local hotel.

## Ambassador Reza expresses gratitude to Pakistan for support after tragic helicopter crash

**ISLAMABAD (APP):** Iranian Ambassador Reza Amiri Moghadam expressed deep gratitude to the Pakistani people, political figures, and government for their condolences and unwavering support following a devastating helicopter crash that claimed the lives of Iran's President Seyed Ebrahim Raisi, Foreign Minister Hussain Amirabdollahian and other companions.

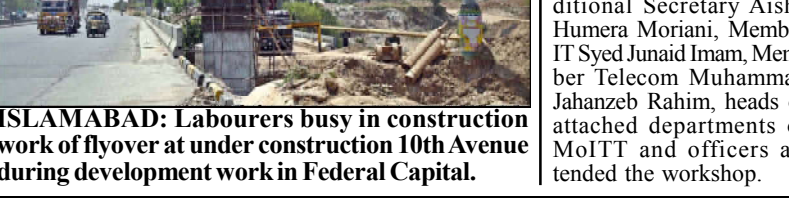
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## ISSI concludes MoU with Turkiye's Yunus Emre Enstitusu

**ISLAMABAD (APP):** The Institute of Strategic Studies Islamabad (ISSI) concluded a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Yunus Emre Enstitüsü, Turkiye for further strengthening its international collaboration here on Wednesday. The MoU signing ceremony included the participation of the Turkish Ambassador, Mehmet Pacaci; Coordinator of Yunus Emre Enstitüsü; Turkiye, Dr Halil Toker, Ambassador of Pakistan in Ankara; Dr Yousaf Junaid, Director General ISSI, Ambassador Sohail Mahmood; Director CAMEA, Amina Khan; and Team CAMEA, a news release said.

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Ambassador Sohail Mahmood, in his remarks, welcomed the conclusion of the MoU stating that it will lead to further fortifying the relationship which goes back centuries and is underpinned by cultural and religious affinities as well as shared history. He added that Pakistan and Turkiye are two indispensable partners and that initiatives such as these further reinforce the efforts of the two governments to further deepen their multifaceted partnership. He concluded by saying that effective implementation of this MoU will provide a range of opportunities.



ISLAMABAD: Labourers busy in construction work of flyover at under construction 10th Avenue during development work in Federal Capital.

## Shahzad Khalil says: CDA Plan unveiled to tackle prevention of forest fires, awareness drives launches

**ISLAMABAD (APP):** The Capital Development Authority has rolled out a new awareness campaign to sensitize the public about forest fire prevention and chalked out a comprehensive strict plan against individuals setting fires to prevent such mishaps in the future, Shahzad Khalil a member environment to the CDA board said on Wednesday.

Talking to the PTV news channel, he said that the department will arrange various awareness drives, patrolling, coordination committees, and monitoring and will use drone mock exercises to manage the incidents, adding, that we have directed for taking steps to make the act of setting fire to a forest as a non-bailable offense.



ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of the Kyrgyz Republic, Ulanbek Totuiev briefing the representatives of Media on the ongoing security situation in Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic at the Embassy of the Kyrgyz Republic in the Federal Capital.

## Clue of missing poet Ahmad Farhad found, police show his arrest

**ISLAMABAD (Online):** Poet and journalist Ahmad Farhad who is missing from Islamabad since last 15 days has been traced as federal government has shown his arrest.

The case regarding recovery of poet Ahmad Farhad came up for hearing before Justice Mohsin Akhtar Kayani of Islamabad High Court (IHC) Wednesday.

Imaan Mazari advocate appeared in the court on behalf of wife of poet Ahmad Farhad.

Attorney General (AG) represented federal government.

During the hearing AG Mansoor Usman told the court Ahmad Farhad is arrested and is in the custody of AJK police.

The AG presented report of police station Dhir



ISLAMABAD: Students of Government College University, Faisalabad visiting Senate Museum at Parliament House.

## Excise deptt offers civic facilities under ICT doorstep initiative

**ISLAMABAD (APP):** The Excise department is providing civic facilities to residents of the Federal capital to get their vehicle registration as well as access to various essential services at Rose & Jasmine Garden on Wednesday under the ICT doorstep initiative.

According to the Spokesman of ICT, the excise staff would be stationed at the park's parking lot from 3.00 to 5.00 p.m.

Citizens hailing from

## I'abad Police education float actively providing awareness to citizens

**Independent Report**  
**ISLAMABAD:** Islamabad Police's education wing float continues its awareness campaign on traffic rules and road safety through a float.

According to the details, following the special directions of Inspector General of Police (IGP) Islamabad, Syed Ali Nasir Rizvi, the Islamabad Police has launched an awareness campaign on traffic rules and road safety in the federal capital.

As part of this initiative, a special education float from the Islamabad

Kot AJK in the court.

Imaan Mazari counsel for poet Ahmad Farhad came on the rostrum during the hearing of the case and took the plea one more went missing and his FIR was registered after four days.

Justice Mohsin Akhtar Kayani inquired what is your information. Imaan Mazari said he was doing social media posts with reference to Kashmir. Justice Mohsin Akhtar Kayani remarked IG Islamabad should see this matter.

The court remarked now I am not saying anything. Only I have informed you to see it.

Justice Mohsin Akhtar Kayani remarked no one has any enmity with agencies. We only say that they should work as per law.

nearby areas of Rose & Jasmine Garden can get civic facilities through a dedicated van, he said.

He said that whether you need a fuel permit for domestic or commercial use, or looking to register your motor vehicle seamlessly, the on-ground service will ensure a swift and straightforward process. This initiative aims to streamline processes and provide ease to the public regarding vehicle registration, transfer, and token tax procedures, he added.

Traffic Police is actively providing awareness about road safety and traffic regulations in various markets, and other important locations in Islamabad.

Using an SMD screen installed on the float, a large number of citizens were informed in the markaz of sectors G-7, G-9, G-10, F-7, and F-10. SSP Traffic Muhammad Sarfaraz Virk also issued special directions to the Education Wing.

Trained officers on the float are using their professional skills to educate citizens about traffic laws.

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**First steps**

It is, without doubt, a positive development. The chief minister of KP seems to have reached an arrangement that will allow him to stick to his party's politics while he works with Islamabad on matters related to the governance and administration of his province.

In the context of present-day politics in Pakistan, this is no mean feat. There has been considerable tension between the centre and KP — the only province where the PTI managed to seize power and form a government — ever since the general elections.

From reserved seats to provincial funds, an electricity supply crisis and non-invitation to the Special Investment Facilitation Council meetings, Peshawar has clashed bitterly with the government in Islamabad, demanding that its 'rights' be restored and that it be given a seat at the table. However, from recent developments, it appears that the federal and provincial governments have finally managed to break the ice.

On Saturday, KP Chief Minister Ali Amin Gandapur finally attended the SIFC meeting to which he had previously not been invited, and it seems to have gone well. The federal information minister later issued a glowing appraisal of the development, stating, "I think today's meeting was held in a very cordial atmosphere with great positivity [...] I think the good thing is that a message of unity was sent after today's SIFC meeting that the centre and the provinces are on one page."

Mr Gandapur, too, described it as "a very good meeting", while iterating that his province's resources should benefit both its residents and the larger country. He promptly apprised his party chief, Imran Khan, of the discussion in a visit to Adiala Jail. Then, on Monday, the KP chief minister also managed to reach an understanding with the ministers of interior and power over his province's power issues, signalling a shift away from his government's confrontational stance.

Both parties said they had arrived at a mutually acceptable solution to address prolonged load-shedding in the province, which seems to be rooted in rampant power theft. Signalling his commitment to mobilising his own party to lead the initiative, the KP CM revealed that the federal government, too, would play a part by extending some relief and relaxations. When asked what prompted the sudden thaw, Mr Gandapur deftly explained that his discussion with the two representatives of the federal government was a negotiation between institutions rather than a parley between individuals or the politics they represented.

This is a commendable approach. There is no reason why ordinary people should suffer because of the differences between their leaders. It is mature of the KP government to set aside its differences for the good of its people, and one hopes that this small change will pave the way for bigger things.

**Rafia Zakaria**

The case against former US president Donald Trump is set to conclude soon. Once closing arguments by both sides have been presented the case will be handed to the 12-member Manhattan jury who will decide if Trump is guilty of the 34 charges of falsification of business records. These deceptions revolve around allegations of Trump ordering his attorney to pay hush money to Stormy Daniels in exchange for her silence about her sexual encounter with the former president. If Trump is found guilty, he will become the first former US president to become a convicted felon. He will also become the first American to run for president as a felon. Because this is a criminal case, it is possible (though unlikely) that Trump will go to jail.

As is well known, this is just one of the many cases that have been filed against the former president since the last election. Many would have imagined that another case, such as the

one which involves direct election interference, and that has been filed by district attorney Fani Willis in Georgia, would have been the one that would have gone to trial and produced a verdict prior to the election.

Other charges involving Trump's incitement to insurrection also have a greater bearing on his actual conduct and the events of Jan 6, 2021. Relative to those cases, this one is less serious since the falsification of business records while a criminal offence is hardly as serious as asking someone to alter election results by 'finding' votes.

However, at the end of the day, a felon is a felon, and a felon is what Donald Trump will be if the jury of 12 New Yorkers decides that the prosecution has met its burden of proof and shown beyond reasonable doubt that the former president did, in fact, order his attorney to pay hush money to Daniels and then lied about it on his business records. The prosecution's main witnesses, Stormy Daniels herself and the attorney

Michael Cohen, performed well on the witness stand. While the defence was able to poke some holes into the credibility of attorney Michael Cohen, it is unclear if this helped, because the fact that a shady character like Cohen would be Trump's attorney boosts the perception that Trump was doing shady things. Similarly, Daniels was able to hold her own on the stand despite protracted efforts by Trump's attorneys to highlight her work in the sex industry as the basis for her lack of credibility.

Then there is the jury. Following threats from Trump supporters and others during jury selection, many were deterred from serving on the panel. Some selected jurors asked to be excused after people, likely Trump supporters, found all their personal information, including home addresses and telephone numbers, and released it on the web. It goes without saying that the 12 people and the two alternates that have agreed to serve on the

jury are a gutsy bunch. In general, Manhattan, from where they have been selected, is a Democratic stronghold, where people have above-average education and are likely to dislike Trump and his politics. If this holds true, it is quite likely that Trump will be found guilty.

At the same time, during jury selection, the defence was able to get in older and seemingly more conservative jurors on the panel. The defence's hope and that of most Trump supporters is that one of them will refuse to accede to a unanimous verdict. In the US, if a unanimous verdict cannot be reached, then there is a hung jury.

This means that the case has to be tried again. Whether or not this will happen depends not only on the defence's calculations (regarding the allegedly conservative and possibly pro-Trump jurors) being correct but also whether a juror can hold their own against the pressure of 11 other people persuading them to change their mind.

Jury rooms are high-pressure environments, and, in most cases, it is true that hold-out jurors are convinced into changing their minds and going along with the majority. At the same time, this is no ordinary defendant, nor is this an ordinary case.

As far as the impact of a guilty verdict on the upcoming US presidential election is concerned, matters are largely unclear.

It has been said that Trump, who is also rumoured to have been falling asleep during the five-week trial, has been unhappy that more of his supporters have not shown up to protest outside the courtroom.

This could be because Manhattan is just very far from red state Trump country; in these parts, it does not matter whether or not Trump is convicted; he will win there regardless.

The battle is likely to be fought in swing states, where suburban middle-class voters may see voting for a convicted felon as something they simply cannot bring

themselves to do. At the same time, it is possible that the high cost of groceries and continuing inflation has so turned American voters away from President Joe Biden that they will hold their nose and vote for a criminal anyway.

All of this prompts the question of whether it is ever worthwhile to try former presidents for anything; the taint of the proceedings being politically motivated reduces the credibility and legitimacy of convictions and ends up bolstering the former leader's popularity.

Others would argue that there are gradations in culpability and voters can see the difference between someone like Trump who appears to have been underhanded and self-enriching in every dealing, and someone else who has been indicted simply because they failed to fulfil some detailed protocol or procedure.

In the US, this will be the moment where such questions are pondered, if not solved. -- Courtesy Dawn

**Case of the missing poet****Zahid Hussain**

Yet another case of alleged enforced disappearance has demonstrated the impunity granted to certain forces in the country, which consider themselves above the law in an increasingly repressive dispensation. Ahmad Farhad Shah, a Kashmiri journalist and poet, was reportedly picked up from his home in Islamabad a couple of weeks ago and has been missing since then.

He is the latest addition to a long list of missing persons, which highlights the state's worsening human rights record and increasingly repressive nature. Over the years, the country has seen intelligence agencies orchestrate the abductions of dissidents. There has been a marked uptick in such cases over the past few years, with the hybrid administration becoming increasingly coercive.

There has been intriguing inaction from the administration over the fate of the young poet who dared to question the establishment. He was taken away after the recent violent protests in Azad Kashmir that caused fatalities.

He had reportedly been facing harassment from the intelligence agencies for his political views.

The case of the missing poet has drawn wider traction after the Islamabad High Court summoned the officials of the ISI, MI, IB, the federal law minister and the secretaries for interior, defence and law to appear for the next hearing. Justice Mohsin Akhtar Kayani, the senior puisne judge of the IHC, also ordered the live-streaming of all cases pertaining to missing persons to "facilitate public awareness and understanding of important legal issues".

It has certainly been a bold decision by an increasingly assertive superior judiciary, which has been defying pressure from the intelligence agencies. The court order has also sharpened the clash between the judiciary and the establishment-backed dispensation.

The case of Ahmad Farhad Shah has brought the issue of enforced disappearances in the country to the fore once again. Scores of cases of missing persons have been pending before the courts. Many of the abducted have been missing for years. The number of missing persons

in the country runs into the thousands. Little is known about their whereabouts. Notwithstanding the government's claim that it is committed to finding a solution to the problem, unlawful detentions have not stopped. Fifty-one cases of enforced disappearances were reported last year alone.

Over the past one year, we have also seen PTI leaders from Punjab and KP being abducted and later released after being forced to change their political allegiance. Many who were picked up have been languishing in detention for months without trial. The enforced disappearance of the Kashmiri poet is a glaring example of the government's continuation of such unlawful acts. So much for the government's democratic credentials.

What is happening these days is not an isolated phenomenon; it is a symptom of shrinking democratic space in the country, with the 'legitimacy' of hybrid rule being increasingly questioned. The rule of law seems to have completely collapsed as intelligence agencies appear to have been given a free hand.

An increasingly inse-

ecure PML-N-led government, struggling to sustain its rule, has taken draconian measures to completely stifle freedom of expression in the country. Recently, it placed restrictions on the coverage and reporting of court proceedings. The latter are also focusing on political and missing person cases. These are the same political parties that, when in the opposition, claimed to be championing democratic rights and the rule of law. The federal government's latest move to regulate social media seems to be a part of the effort to curb freedom of expression. The Punjab Defamation Bill, 2024, passed recently, is one of the blackest laws in the country's recent history, and reminiscent of the era of authoritarian rule.

Despite strong protest by civil society and media organisations, the Punjab provincial government pushed through the bill on the pretext that it was aimed at curbing fake news and criticism of state institutions. There are no two views that there is a need for a rules-based and more responsible media. But the way the controversial defamation law has been drafted reflects sinister designs. Defamation in the bill has

been loosely defined as the "publication, broadcast or circulation of a false or untrue statement... which injures or may have the effect of injuring the reputation of a person or tends to lower him in the estimation of others...". So, any criticism of the government and the unlawful action of security agencies defined under the new law becomes a crime.

While the government claims that the law is meant to provide legal protection from false, misleading, or defamatory publication, it is being seen not only as an infringement on the freedom of the press but also as a means to clamp down on the political opposition.

It gives sweeping authority to tribunals set up by the government to prosecute anyone it deems to be against the security forces and other state institutions without giving them legal recourse. Such a draconian law has not been enforced even under the worst military rule. In fact, it provides protection to illegal and unconstitutional actions by the establishment and government. Curiously, Punjab is the only province to have passed a defamation bill.

While the controversial bill is still waiting to be

signed by the governor for it to be promulgated into law, the Punjab government, led by Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz, has already decided to initiate legal action against former prime minister Imran Khan and some other PTI leaders "for building hate-narrative against the state institutions". This makes it apparent that the defamation law is to be used as a tool to suppress the opposition and silence any voice of dissent. How does criticism of the establishment's extra-constitutional involvement in political manipulation become a criminal act? Similarly, questioning the apex court's judgement cannot be declared unlawful. In fact, it is the harassment of judges by the government and establishment that is a criminal act. Even before the draconian defamation bill, we saw poet Farhad being abducted and the judges facing pressure and intimidation. The country is in real danger of turning into an authoritarian state. One can only pity the PML-N-led government that is virtually signing its own death warrant by imposing such draconian laws that could be used against its own politicians in the future.

**World War III?****Mahir Ali**

The president of Ukraine has lately devoted a great deal of his energy to soliciting international attendance at a supposed peace conference scheduled to be held in Switzerland in mid-June. He is particularly keen on the participation of Joe Biden and Xi Jinping. Vladimir Putin has not been invited.

Kyiv's idea is to persuade the Global South to ditch its purported neutrality and help persuade Moscow to end the war it launched more than two years ago. Convincing China to reassess its alignment with Russia would be the biggest prize, but that is almost certainly out of reach for now — the same could probably be said about the bulk of nations economically (or politically) reliant on China or Russia.

Thanks largely to China and India, among others, as well as a stepped-up military industry, the Russian economy has not tanked because of Western sanctions: earlier this year, the IMF predicted a 3.2 per cent growth rate, higher than what lies in store for Britain, France and Germany. What's more, many of the Western imports coveted by the Russian elite that helps to sustain Putin flow in via Dubai and other such entrepôts. It is unlikely that recent Western initiatives to deploy frozen Russian assets in the aid of Ukraine will make much difference.

Nor can a peace conference that excludes Russia produce a meaningful result. Putin would not anyhow have accepted an invitation without an embarrassing Swiss assurance of immunity for the duration of the conference, given the International Criminal Court's warrant against him from last year for the war crime of transferring Ukrainian children

to Russia. It could even be argued that he has committed far worse crimes both within Russia and on its periphery. What stands out, however, is the Western hypocrisy in hailing Putin's indictment while placing Benjamin Netanyahu — whose regime has slaughtered children, rather than transporting them to Israel — on a pedestal of impunity, and hence immunity in the face of an ICC warrant.

It would appear that the Western-designed 'rule of law' applies chiefly to Russia and China. The US and its close allies are exempt from this much-ballyhooped standard of civilisation. A vengeful killing spree by Israel apparently does not violate those norms. An International Court of Justice injunction against deadly operations in Rafah cannot be supported, even though it echoes similar suggestions by the US and many of its allies — perhaps because they had factored in the likelihood of the Netanyahu administration heeding their pleas.

Were the West so inclined, switching off military supplies to Israel would help to stem the hostilities in Gaza and the West Bank. Ukraine is a far trickier proposition. For all its foibles, Kyiv isn't the aggressor. Russia's historical paranoia about influence, infiltration or aggression from the West, even when combined with EU and US efforts to woo Kyiv, cannot even begin to justify its military assault and the subsequent war of attrition.

Fortuitously, the attempted invasion initially went badly for Russia, but lately the tide appears to have turned — to the extent that the US and Nato are considering openly deploying 'military trainers' within Ukraine, and Wash-

ington is debating whether to allow US-supplied weapons to target Russian territory. That seems like a potent recipe for facilitating a third world war, regardless of who lobs the first missile.

Putin has lately purged his defence hierarchy, ostensibly on grounds of corruption (and incompetence). Volodymyr Zelensky has done the same now and then, recently purging his personal bodyguard amid suspicions of a plot to assassinate him as a gift to Putin on the eve of the latter's umpteenth inauguration as president. Such indications serve as a reminder that both countries, beyond the historical connections absurdly exaggerated by Putin and crudely under-emphasised by Kyiv's rulers. There have been indications that some territorial concessions — Crimea and the Donbas region, for instance — would quench Putin's thirst for expansion. Back when the Soviet Union was intact, which region belonged to which constituent republic did not matter much. Potential geographical disputes ought to have been settled before the USSR split up in 1991, but the Russian, Ukrainian and Belarusian architects of its demise were in too much of a hurry to worry about such niceties. Among others, Xi Jinping and Pope Francis both reckon that reasonable territorial concessions would be an acceptable price to pay for peace. Reports suggest that Donald Trump — once and, appallingly, possibly the future US president — does not disagree. Zelensky and most other Ukrainians would understandably question the idea of rewarding aggression. But is there a feasible alternative for ensuring more Ukrainians don't perish? -- Courtesy Dawn

**Termination limits****Parvez Rahim**

There is an acute misconception that employers in Pakistan possess an unrestricted right to hire and fire their workers. The phrase 'hire and fire' is used primarily to denote the employers' unfettered right to sack workers. On the other hand, the idea of unlimited hiring is laudable as it provides employment to the populace.

The 'right' to anything is only derived from the law and not assumed by people. In labour laws, the provisions relating to the termination of workers' employment are governed by the Industrial and Commercial Employment (Standing Orders) Ordinance, 1968. Following the devolution in 2010, this ordinance was re-enacted and promulgated by all the provinces but with minimal amendments. SO 1 (Section 2) classifies the workman into six categories: permanent, probationers, badlis, temporary, apprentices and contract worker. SO 12 provides the mode of termination of workmen other than the apprentices and the contract workers.

A probationer is provisionally employed for a period of three months to fill a permanent vacancy. A badli is appointed in the post of a temporarily absent workman. A temporary workman is engaged for provisional work, which is scheduled for completion within a nine-month period. The apprenticeship conditions are governed by the Apprenticeship Ordinance, 1962, including the termination of contract. The contract worker works on a contract basis for a specific period but the law is silent on his termination before the stipulated period ends.

Under SO 12 (2), the services of temporary

workmen, badlis and probationers may be terminated without notice. However, the written order of termination should explicitly state the reason for the action taken. SO 12 (5) provides that the services of a permanent or a temporary workman shall not be terminated on grounds of misconduct "otherwise than in the manner prescribed in SO 15".

SO 12 also contains the provision for 'termination simpliciter' in certain conditions. The services of a permanent workman may be terminated for "any reason other than misconduct" with a month's notice or payment of one month's salary in lieu of the notice. In Punjab, Sindh and KP, the employers are required to pay a month's salary, whereas in Balochistan, three months' salary has to be paid.

Contrary to what the title implies, it becomes difficult for the employers to invoke 'termination simpliciter' as there is little reason to do so other than for misconduct. However, termination on the pretext of misconduct, carried out in the garb of termination simpliciter, is reversed by the labour court and the petitioner reinstated.

SO 12 also stipulates that "a workman shall be entitled to receive the amount standing to his credit in the provident fund, including the contributions of the employer to such fund, even if he resigns or is dismissed from service".

SO 15 is the most important provision of the ordinance of 1968 with a list of offences constituting misconduct. A workman accused of misconduct is required to explain the charges levelled against him. If the employer is not satisfied with the explana-

tion, he will ask the latter to appear before a domestic inquiry and his services will only be terminated if the complaint against him is declared valid.

The ordinance also prescribes procedures for the closure of establishment (SO 11-A) and retrenchment of workers (SO 13). In the case of closure, the employer cannot terminate more than 50 per cent of the workmen without prior permission from the labour court. In the context of retrenchment, the employer is to retrench the last person employed in a category.

While the aforesaid terms prove that the employers do not have unrestrained powers to terminate the services of their workers, aggrieved personnel face numerous impediments in their pursuit of reinstatement. At the outset, they need a lawyer conversant with labour cases and laws to pursue their cases before the court. People who have never witnessed the functioning of courts are often fearful of appearing before a judge. Besides, cases are adjourned frequently for various reasons.

Since 2018, I have visited the court 10 to 15 times for cross-examination by the petitioners' lawyers on my affidavit filed before the court, but this is yet to take place. Such inordinate delays may not cause any difficulties for resourceful managements, but victimised parties suffer immensely as the process is expensive and time consuming. Therefore, only the expeditious delivery of justice can pave the way for labour litigation to become consequential and beneficial for wronged employees. -- Courtesy Dawn

## Governor pledges constitutional role for betterment of province

**Independent Report**  
LAHORE: Punjab Governor Sardar Saleem Haider Khan has reaffirmed his commitment to play a constitutional role for betterment of the province. During a meeting at the Governor's House with delegations from the Pakistan People's Party (PPP) Sargodha, the People's Students Federation (PSF) Punjab, and the PPP Minority Wing, he emphasised the importance of setting aside internal differences to work tirelessly for the country's development and stability. In his address, the governor welcomed the party delegations, stressing that his role transcends party lines and that he serves all of the province. He reiterated that the Governors' House remains accessible to both workers and the general public. "The PPP holds its workers in high esteem," he said, promising that the issues raised by the delegations would be addressed promptly.

Key figures at the meeting included General Secretary PPP Central Punjab Hassan Murtaza, Information Secretary Shehzad Saeed Cheema, Tasneem Qureshi from Sargodha, PSF President Musa Khokhar, and Imran Athwal and Edwin Sohotra from the PPP Minority Wing. The governor's inclusive approach and dedication to public service were well-received by the attendees, underscoring a collective effort towards the province's progress.



KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah presides over the meeting of Education Department at Chief Minister House.

## Minister says: Entrepreneurship to fortify economy, empower women

LAHORE (APP): Punjab Minister for School Education Rana Sikandar Hayat has said promotion of entrepreneurship is necessary for empowerment of women and stability of the country's economy. He was addressing the 15th post-graduate students' conference, organised by the Punjab University Institute of Education and Research on the theme of 'Education for Entrepreneurship' at Waheed Shaheed Hall, here on Wednesday. Punjab University (PU) Vice Chancellor (VC) Prof Dr Khalid Mahmood, IER (Institute of Education and Research) Director Prof Dr Tariq Mehmood, Conference Secretary Iffat Alvi, senior faculty members, researchers and a large number of students were present. In his address, Rana Sikandar said that in Bangladesh, India and Malaysia, women were brought forward in every sector to develop the country. He said that students must learn to use technology to promote entrepreneurship. He said that 64 per cent of Pakistan's population consisted of youth; if they were provided with skills along with education, they could take the country far ahead. He said Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif was working day and night for development of youth and women. He said that for the high quality of education in the country, it was necessary to make education free from politics.

## Edu ministry shows serious concerns over schools destruction in merged districts of KP

ISLAMABAD (APP): Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training has drawn the urgent attention of Chief Secretary Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) Peshawar regarding the destruction of schools by terrorists in newly merged districts and demanded prompt action against the menace of terrorism. In a letter written to the Chief Secretary KP, the Federal Secretary Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training has expressed grave concern over the recent incidents of destruction of schools in the newly merged districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. "It is particularly disheartening to note that these heinous acts of terrorism are disproportionately targeting institutions dedicated to girls' education," the letter said. The federal government is deeply alarmed by these developments, which not only endanger the lives of our children but also threaten the progress.



LAHORE: Former Prime Minister Azad Kashmir Raja Farooq Haider meeting with Speaker Punjab Assembly Malik Muhammad Ahmed Khan.

## Establishment of South Punjab Secretariat marks new era of progress: ACS

MULTAN (APP): A delegation comprising members of the business and farming communities on Wednesday met Additional Chief Secretary (ACS) South Punjab, Fuad Hashim Rabbani. The delegation was led by Malik Khalid Bhutta, President of Qaumi Tajir Ittehad South Punjab, and Abdul Ghafoor Babar, District President Kisan Ittehad, Muzaffargarh. Other members included, Maqbool Khokhar, Isfaq Malik, Iqbal Khan and others. ACS, Rabbani highlighted that the establishment of the South Punjab Secretariat marks a new era of progress and development in the region. He emphasized the focus on agricultural development and increasing literacy rates to eradicate poverty. Rabbani said that the recommendations from international organizations, discussed during the Deep Dive Conference, were being implemented to eradicate poverty. He lauded the School Education Department South Punjab for its unique initiatives in education, which he described as a source of pride for the Secretariat.

## Ministers rush to Khanewal on CM's orders after children died of measles

KHANEWAL (APP): In a quick response to Chief Minister Punjab Maryam Nawaz Sharif's orders, two provincial health ministers rushed to a Basic Health Unit (BHU) in Kot Haq Nawaz, district Khanewal on Wednesday to collect details regarding deaths of some children due to measles and review level of facilities to plug chances of further spread of the disease in the area. Punjab Minister for Specialized Healthcare and Medical Education Khawaja Salman Rafiq and provincial Health Minister for Primary and Secondary Healthcare Khawaja Imran Pervaiz, accompanying Secretary Health Ali Jan, visited BHU Kot Haq Nawaz where they enquired into the matter pertaining to deaths of some children due to measles. They promised action against more officials if found negligent in course of inquiry.

## Dacoit killed, constable injured in police encounter

FAISALABAD (APP): A dacoit was allegedly killed while a police constable sustained injuries during an encounter in the area of Mansoorabad police station. Police spokesman Talish Abbas Jutt said here on Wednesday that dolphin force team signaled three suspects riding on a motorcycle near Abadi 80 Murabba Chak No. 203-RB on Sheikhupura Road late Tuesday night but the accused opened fire and injured a constable Ali Raza Cheema. The dolphin team called police help through wireless message as the accused had managed to escape towards Nishatabad. On receiving information, a police team rushed to the spot and chased the accused. The police encircled the outlaws near Sabina Town Sheikhupura Road and directed them to surrender but the criminals once again opened fire on the police party.

## 3 killed over domestic dispute

SARGODHA (APP): At least three people were in firing over a domestic dispute in Kot Momin police station precincts, here on Wednesday. Rescuers - 1122 Emergency Officer Mazhar Shah said that 25-year-old Maratib, son of Nawaz, 22-year-old Ali Shehbaz, son of Shehzad and 17-year-old Bilal Muneer, son of Muneer Ahmed, resident of Dera Sheekh Saleem, Chak No. 66-SB, had a dispute over some domestic matters. During exchange of harsh words, they started firing on each other, which resulted in their death on-the-spot.



PESHAWAR: A delegation of representative of South Waziristan Angoor Ada meeting with Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Governor Faisal Karim Kundi.

## Kundi directs establishment of NADRA citizens facilitation centres at tehsil level

PESHAWAR (APP): Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Governor, Faisal Karim Kundi here Wednesday directed the Director General (DG) National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA) Regional Head Office KP, Khalid Inayatullah to establish citizens facilitation centres at tehsil level to facilitate the local population of the province. The governor passed these directives during a meeting with DG NADRA here at the Governor's House.

The meeting discussed the ongoing CNIC registration campaign from NADRA

Mobile Van in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and NADRA services provided to citizens including issuance of CNIC and attestation process. The DG NADRA said that every possible service is being provided to the citizens of KP at NADRA offices and open katcheries (open courts) for the resolution of people's complaints are being arranged in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Besides the establishment of National Registration Centre (NRC) at Panyala in DI Khan, he said that the upgradation of the NRC at Paharpur and the setting up of a new

NRC at Khasoor would provide the best possible services to the area people. The governor directed the establishment of passport offices at NADRA Offices in KP. The governor said residents of rural areas especially senior citizens and women were confronted with problems in the renovation and registration of CNICs and emphasized mobile registration services in the morning and evening in rural areas. He also directed the simplification of collective services including the acquisition of identity cards of NADRA to facilitate people.

## WB Mission reviews progress on SRP, SFERP

KARACHI (APP): A World Bank Mission has noted with satisfaction that the possibility of flood from Manchhar Lake has been substantially reduced by 70% due to the increased number of discharge gates from 5 to 12 at the Aral Wah head regulator which would help in enhancing the discharge from 12,000 cusecs to 52,000 and would help to bring the level of lake down from two inches to one foot in twenty-four hours. According to a spokesman of the Sindh Flood Emergency Rehabilitation Project (SFERP), the WB team

was informed on Wednesday that the level of embankment has also been raised by another two feet throughout its stretch of 30 kms which is also widened from twenty feet to thirty feet. The World Bank mission is here in Karachi on three days visit to review the progress on two ongoing projects, the Sindh Resilience Project and Sindh Flood Emergency Rehabilitation Project, funded by the Bank and this first meeting was held with PIU irrigation component officials to review the activities undertaken so far.

## 01 killed, 6 injured over land dispute

BUREWALA (APP): A person was killed while six others including a woman sustained injuries over brawl between two groups on land dispute in limits of Saddar police. According to details, there was a two kanal land dispute between Lagrial community in Chak No 457/EB on which one group consisted of over 20 armed persons including Malik Asghar Lagrial, Ehsan Lagrial, Muzamil, Farooq and others attacked on opposite group. They opened firing and allegedly killed Muhammad Shahzad Langrial and injured Manzoor Ahmad.



KARACHI: Sindh Minister for Information, Transport and Mass Transit, Excise Taxation and Narcotics Control, Sharjeel Inam Memon being briefed by officials during inauguration ceremony of the New Biometric Vehicle Registration System Counters, at Civic Centre building in Karachi.

## Civil Services Academy initiates 'Heat wave mitigation campaign'

LAHORE (APP): The Community Development & Environment Society of Civil Services Academy (CSA) has initiated the 'Heat wave mitigation campaign, aiming to address the challenges, posed by rising temperatures. Two relief camps have been set up as part of the endeavour, each serving a dual purpose of providing refreshments and disseminating vital information on preventive measures. CSA Director General Farhan Aziz Khawaja, Director PS Sadiq Chohan led the campaign which was arranged by Community Development & Environment Society President Talha Rafiq Alam, General Secretary Dr. Aleena Shaheel Nagra

and under-training assistant commissioners, here on Wednesday. The inaugural camp, located at The Mall road, was made possible through a collaboration with Pearl Continental Hotel. At this site, volunteers distributed a range of beverages, including Lemon Mint, Rooftop Atza, Leach, Water, and other cooling drinks, to individuals passing by. Simultaneously, they engaged with the public, offering education on heat wave prevention strategies. A second relief camp was established the Hall Road, in collaboration with the Hall Road Traders Union, where similar efforts were undertaken to provide relief to the community.



LAHORE: Members of Wapda Paigham Union are holding protest demonstration for acceptance of their demands, at Mall road in Lahore.

## CTD conduct province-wide search operations, detain 8 suspects

KARACHI (APP): The Sindh Counter Terrorism Department (CTD), in collaboration with Pakistan Rangers Sindh, the Special Branch and local police conducted targeted search operations across various cities in the province. According to a CTD spokesperson on Wednesday, data of 435 individuals was reviewed using the Talash app during these operations. Additionally, around 200 vehicles were inspected and searched. The operations resulted in the detention of eight suspects linked to criminal activities, who were subsequently handed over to the local police for further action.

## ANF recovers 178 kg drugs in eight operations

RAWALPINDI (APP): Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) while conducting eight operations across the country managed to recover 178 kg drugs and arrested three accused, said an ANF Headquarters spokesman here on Wednesday. He informed that 11 kg ice was recovered from a parcel sent to Australia from a courier office in Jhelum.

## Governor presides meeting to review progress on PSDP projects in Sindh

KARACHI (APP): Sindh Governor Kamran Khan Tessori presided over an important meeting related to the ongoing PSDP projects in the province on Wednesday. Federal Minister Dr Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui and officers concerned were present in the meeting. Governor was briefed on the progress of the projects while obstacles in the completion of these projects were also discussed. Governor asked the authorities concerned to present him report about PSDP projects of the province with special reference to projects underway in Hyderabad district. Kamran Tessori asked the offices concerned to ensure timely completion

of these projects and obstacles must be removed at all cost. Tessori said he will soon visit the project sites to review progress of the ongoing projects and also witness the completed schemes. Governor vowed that all possible cooperation will be extended for timely completion of the PSDP projects. Governor was briefed that efforts were afoot to ensure timely completion of these schemes so that people could be benefited. Federal Minister Dr Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui, Chief Engineer PWD Mehmood Alam, Said Rehman Khan, Amir Rafiq Memon, Faraz Saleem, Imran Shams and others were also attended the meeting.



LAHORE: Khawaja Jalaluddin Rumi, a well-known industrialist and former president Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Multan, Dera Ghazi Khan, meeting with Governor Punjab Sardar Saleem Haider Khan at Governor House.

## Pakistan, China ties strengthening with every passing day: KP Minister

PESHAWAR (APP): Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Minister of Local Government and Regional Development Arshad Ayub Khan on Wednesday said that China was a trusted friend and neighbour of Pakistan. "The 73-year bilateral ties between the two countries are strengthening with every passing day," he said during a ceremony held in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa house in Islamabad in connection with the 73-year Pakistan-China Friendship Association. The minister said that Pakistan should learn from China's experiences for socio-economic development, adding that China has been Pakistan's largest trading partner for eight consecutive years and a network of development projects was being laid between Pakistan and China under the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). He said both countries share boundaries and good relations between the two nations. The student exchange program would further provide opportunities to the youth besides bringing them closer. The minister said that there were vast investment opportunities in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and invited Chinese investors and companies to tap the opportunities. On the occasion, the Chinese Consul General in Pakistan said that China was currently working on more than 40 projects in Pakistan.

## Motorway chowk blocking case: Court extends interim bail of Ali Amin Gandapur

RAWALPINDI (Online): Additional District and Sessions Judge Rawalpindi Faisal Rashid has extended interim bail of Ali Amin Gandapur Chief Minister (CM) KP till June 11 in the case registered against him for blocking motorway chowk in connection with reception of former Chairman PTI, interference in government affairs and others clauses. The court adjudged the hearing of the case on the exemption plea of the accused. During the hearing of the case Muhammad Afzal advocate counsel for Ali Amin Gandapur took the stance in written plea that his client cannot appear in the court due to his engagements with reference to budget and government affairs. Therefore, exemption from attendance is needed. The court while accepting the plea adjourned the hearing of the case till June 11. It is pertinent to mention here Nasser Abad police had registered case on March 19 last year under sections, 186m 149, 148, 341 and 188 of Pakistan Penal code against Ghulam Sarwar Khan.



LAHORE: Members of Punjab Teachers Union (PTU) are holding protest demonstration for rise of salaries and pensions, outside Punjab Assembly in Lahore.

## LGH launches special Measles Helpline

LAHORE (APP): The Lahore General Hospital (LGH) has established a helpline to assist patients with measles. Citizens can reach out to the helpline at 04299268877 / 04299268816 from 8:00am to 8:00pm for guidance and preventive measures from the hospital's medical staff. Ameer Uddin Medical College (AMC) Principal Professor Al-Fareed Zafar highlighted that, as per the instructions of Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz, medical facilities are being extended to people's doorsteps.

in light of recent media reports about measles cases. Following these reports, senior doctors from PGMI, led by Prof Al-Fareed, visited Baba Bulhe Shah District Hospital in Kasur. They examined children in the Gynecology and Pediatric Wards and provided parents with crucial information on preventive measures. Prof Al-Fareed Zafar highlighted that, as per the instructions of Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz, medical facilities are being extended to people's doorsteps.

## Jam Kamal says: Govt all set to resolve rising production costs, industry issues

LAHORE (APP): Federal Minister for Commerce Jam Kamal Khan has said that the government has devised a well-tailored, well-thought-out and doable strategy to overcome rising production cost issue for the sake of promotion of manufacturing sector in the country.

"A conducive business environment would be ensured to cut

unemployment and promote the SMEs (Small and Medium Enterprises)," he said while talking to the business community here at Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI) on Wednesday.

He said that it was the responsibility of the Ministry of Commerce to maintain contact with the business community to understand and resolve their issues. He

emphasised that the government's top priority was addressing challenges related to trade, export, import, manufacturing, and tariff competitiveness. Additionally, issues like circular debt, the IMF conditions, and the inefficiency of various institutions, which burden consumers, needed to be tackled. He promised that Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif had guaranteed the

involvement of relevant stakeholders in addressing economic issues. LCCI President Kashif Anwar welcomed the Minister and highlighted the challenges being faced by the business community including inflation, depreciating currency, rising costs of electricity, gas, fuel, high-interest rates, MDI charges, axle load laws, and increased cargo delivery charges.



LAHORE: Federal Minister for Commerce Jam Kamal Khan addressing during his visit to Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry.



QUETTA: A delegation of Zhob led by President Anjuman Tajiran Zhob Hakeem Khan Mandokhail meeting with Governor Balochistan Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail.

## Ahsan honoured by APO for outstanding contributions to socio-economic develop.

ISLAMABAD (APP): Development and Special Initiatives. He was awarded for his achievements during all his tenures as federal minister, implementing innovative projects to increase productivity in Pakistan through international networks.

Ahsan Iqbal formulated progressive policies and regulations that contributed significantly to Pakistan's productive agenda and overall development. The award recognizes individuals who have made exemplary contributions to improving national or regional socio-economic productivity through their work, inspiring ideas, and influence, it added.

He received the award at the 66<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Governing Body of the Asian Productivity Organization (APO) Kuala Lumpur for his outstanding contribution to socio-economic development efforts through policy, strategic thinking, effective leadership and management.

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## Dastgir says: Inflation to come down gradually, drastic measures to cut high electricity prices

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan Muslim League Nawaz senior leader Engineer Khurram Dastgir Khan Wednesday claimed that inflation would gradually come down in the country and drastic measures including improvement in power supply system, setting up cost effective energy plants and functioning of solar projects to reduce electricity prices soon for benefiting people.

Talking to PTV news, he said that the effective policies of Pakistan Muslim League-N led government were resulting in improvement in the



PESHAWAR: A large number of people purchasing sacrificial animals from Cattle Market at Ring Road.

## FCCI calls for a growth-oriented budget 2024-25 for trade, industry

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FCCI) Wednesday called for a growth-oriented budget 2024-25 for the trade and industry and also prioritised export-led growth.

The FCCCI suggested the government tax reform for broadening the tax base to revive the businesses in the country and also urged the government to hold thorough consultations with all stakeholders including the business community on the upcoming federal budget.

Chairman FCCPCI Capital Office, Karim Aziz told APP here that in consultation with the business community

across Pakistan, FCCCI has finalized its budget proposals, which have been sent to the relevant ministries and called upon the government to incorporate them in the federal budget 2024-25.

He said that their implementation would address the key issues of trade and industry, facilitate better growth of business activities, improve tax revenue of the government and help in the revival of the economy.

He stressed the need for reforming and simplifying the taxation system in consultation with the real stakeholders.

The senior business leader said the private sector wanted to supplement the government's efforts.

## Pak consul general discusses with New York mayor need to boost trade, investment

NEW YORK (APP): Pakistani Consul General in New York, Aamer Ahmed Atozai, Tuesday held "fruitful" discussions with City's Mayor Eric Adams that focused on the potential for increasing trade and investment between Pakistan and New York, one of the biggest and wealthiest American city.

The two officials met during a breakfast hosted by Mayor Adam for foreign consuls at his residence. The event was organized by the Society of Foreign Consuls in New York, a signature organization uniting foreign consuls in world largest consular corps.

New York City, a metropolis of 8.8 million people, hosts the United Nations Headquarters and is often called the "world capital".

Consul General Atozai expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to discuss key issues with Mayor Adams.

## Malaysian HC for enhancing bilateral trade up to \$12b

ISLAMABAD (APP): Malaysian High Commissioner to Pakistan Mohammad Azhar Bin Mazlan Wednesday said that the current volume of bilateral trade between both countries stood at \$1.8 billion as compared to its existing potential of \$12 billion annually.

Addressing the businessmen at the Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI), he said that the current volume of trade between the two countries was less than the mutual trade potential and that ICCI can play a significant role in its advancement, said a press release.

There are many opportunities for development in the halal industry in Malaysia and Pakistan, in which the private sector of both countries should play their full role by taking tangible steps, he said adding that his country would extend full cooperation to Pakistan to become a regional hub of halal industry.

He said that currently, over 5,000 Pakistani students were studying in Malaysian universities and an Islamic environment was available for Pakistani students in Malaysia, especially the female students who can continue their education there with full religious freedom.

## Pakistan eyes on ramped-up CPEC cooperation with China to grow local economy

BEIJING (APP): Chinese experts said that the continuously strengthened cooperation in the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) under the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) is poised to foster greater economic development momentum in Pakistan. It will also create new market potential for Chinese businesses.

The remarks were made as China and Pakistan recently unveiled five new corridors under CPEC, while Pakistani officials have reportedly expressed

Southwest China launches new air cargo route to Pakistan

BEIJING (APP): A new air cargo route was launched linking southwest China's Guizhou Province and Pakistan's largest city Karachi. Marking the official start of the air route, an all-cargo plane carrying 6 tonnes of freight, including clothing, electronic products and other commodities, took off from Guiyang, capital of Guizhou, on Tuesday morning and arrived in Karachi in nearly six hours, Xinhua reported. The plane will return to Guiyang loaded with blue crabs from Pakistan, according to the Guiyang Customs. This is the first air route linking Guizhou and Pakistan, and it is also the first air freight route connecting the province with a Belt and Road Initiative country.

hope to revitalize cooperation within the BRI framework to bolster the country's stagnating economy.

The identified five new corridors for the second phase of the CPEC include the Growth Corridor, the Economic Development Projects Corridor, the Innovation Corridor, the Green Corridor, and the Regional Connectivity Corridor.

At a high-level meeting, Federal Minister Ahsan Iqbal highlighted the revival of projects in

Gwadar and the newly identified corridor programs were the latest progress made under CPEC, which he hailed as a milestone in Pakistan-China friendship.

laying a robust foundation for bilateral cooperation.

China-Pakistan economic cooperation is being upgraded across a number of sectors. It is expected the next stage of bilateral ties will focus on agricultural technology, infrastructure upgrades, and quick-win projects.

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## Punjab govt to offer better incentives to Chinese investors: Ch Shafay

"A mechanism is being evolved to ensure no change in policy irrespective of the coming in or going out of any government," he said, adding that the Punjab government would also ensure full scale security for the Chinese investors working in the province.

He visited APTMA Lahore office along with the provincial government's delegation including Javed Iqbal, Chairman PIEDMC, Jalal

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KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister, Syed Murad Ali Shah presiding over a meeting of the Agriculture Department, held at CM House in Karachi.

## Thar Coal: A game changer for Pak energy and economy

HYDERABAD (APP): Thar coal is emerging as a transformative force for Pakistan's energy sector for economic stability and development across the nation. This initiative is not only poised to eradicate darkness and bolster the economy but also provide a base for substantial progress in various sectors including health, education, women's economic empowerment, green revolution and livestock development.

The Vice President of Site Operations at Sindh Engro Coal Mining Company (SECMC) for Thar Coal Block II Azhar Malik shared that out of Pakistan's total 185 billion tons of coal reserves, 175 billion tons are located in Tharparkar district of Sindh. He highlighted that from just two blocks of Thar coal, approximately

2,640 MW of electricity is being added to the national grid. Initially, Block II produced 3.8 million tons of coal annually, generating 660 MW of electricity. This output is doubled to 7.6 million tons, producing 1,320 MW and by the end of 2024, production is expected to reach 11.4 million tons, adding 1,960 MW to the national grid, combined, these two blocks will contribute about 3,280 MW.

Malik emphasized the economic benefits, noting that Thar coal could save Pakistan \$8 billion annually by generating cheaper electricity. By transitioning power plants from imported coal to Thar coal, the nation could save \$1.5 billion annually. Similarly, shifting the cement industry to Thar coal could save \$1.8 billion. In case of a natural gas

crisis, Thar coal could be used to produce gas, potentially saving \$4 billion by transitioning urea fertilizer plants to Thar coal. He said that when we started this project, the cost of electricity from the annual production of 3.8 million tonnes of coal was Rs 35 per unit, which has now reduced to Rs 24 per unit after the gradual increase in production capacity. The further this price will decrease in the next stage. He said that the price of electricity generated from furnace oil is Rs 49 per unit, while the price of electricity generated from RLNG is Rs 51 per unit, similarly, electricity generated from imported coal is Rs 41 per unit. He added that the increase in coal mining capacity is likely to reduce the cost of electricity to Rs 20 per unit or less.

Malik said that unfortunately this project started a little late, adding that timely implementation could have significantly improved the nation's current economic and energy conditions. He explained that Thar coal could provide electricity at 20 PKR per unit, benefiting both domestic and industrial users.

He said that the country's electricity demand reaches 35,000 MW in summer, but we have such large reserves of coal that we can generate 100,000 MW of cheap electricity from it for 200 years. At present, we are gradually increasing the capacity of the coal mines, through which we will be able to increase the power generation to meet the domestic needs and also reduce the foreign exchange burden on imports.



LAHORE: Provincial Minister for Trade and Industry Chaudhry Shafay Hussain addressing industrialists belong to textile sector at APTMA house.

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# Unrepentant Israel kills 21 in strike on another camp

### Monitoring Desk

RAFAH: Another strike on a camp for displaced Palestinians claimed 21 lives on Tuesday, tanks rolled through the centre of the southern Gaza city, which has been a refuge for those fleeing Israeli bombardment.

The tank strike in Al Mawasi came a day after a similar deadly attack on a separate tent city in Rafah set off a fire that killed 45 people, incinerating many. Sunday's strike had prompted global outrage and even led to Israeli leaders expressing some remorse about their actions.

However, Tuesday's attack indicated that Israel has no intention of changing course or abiding by an International Court of Justice ruling to stop the of-

fensive in Rafah.

In the latest bloodshed, a Gaza civil defence agency official said 21 people were killed in an "occupation strike targeting the tents of displaced people" in west Rafah.

In Rafah, residents and a Palestinian security source said Israeli tanks had now penetrated the heart of the southern city. At least 12 of the dead were women, according to medical officials in the Palestinian enclave. But Israel's military later said in a statement: "Contrary to the reports from the last few hours, the IDF (Israel Defence Forces) did not strike in the Humanitarian Area in Al-Mawasi." Tuesday's incident in Al-Mawasi occurred in an area designated by Israel as an expanded humanitarian

zone. Israel had urged Palestinian civilians in Rafah, including around one million displaced by the almost eight-month-old war, to evacuate there when it launched its incursion in early May.

In central Rafah, tanks and armoured vehicles mounted with machineguns were spotted near Al-Awda mosque, a city landmark, witnesses told Reuters.

The Israeli military said its forces continued to operate in the Rafah area, without commenting on reported advances into the city centre. Witnesses in central Rafah said the Israeli military appeared to have brought in remote-operated armoured vehicles and there was no immediate sign of personnel in or around them.



RAFAH: A man stands amidst scattered belongings of displaced Gazans at a tent camp destroyed by an Israeli strike in the southern Gaza Strip.

# Israeli incursion could halt Rafah's last functioning hospital, says WHO

### Monitoring Desk

GENEVA: A World Health Organisation official said on Tuesday the last hospital in Rafah could stop functioning and a substantial number of deaths could be expected if Israel launches a "full incursion" into the southern Gaza city.

"If the incursion would continue, we would lose the last hospital in Rafah," Richard Peepkorn, the WHO representative for Gaza and the West Bank, said on the sidelines of the World Health Assembly in Geneva, as

Israeli tanks were reported to have advanced into the centre of Rafah.

He said that in the case of a "full incursion", a contingency plan involving treating patients in a string of ill-equipped field hospitals "will not prevent what we expect: substantial additional mortality and morbidity".

Israel's three-week-old Rafah offensive stirred renewed outrage after an airstrike on Sunday ignited a blaze in a tent camp in a western district, killing at least 45 people.

# Mines, unexploded ordnance a daily menace for Afghanistan's children

### Monitoring Desk

GHAZNI: The black mushroom cloud had barely faded in Ghazni province before kids clustered around the edge of the crater created by the mine, one of the devices that kills a child every other day in Afghanistan.

Afghans have been able to return to fields, schools and roads since the Taliban authorities ended their insurgency and ousted the Western-backed government in 2021.

# Volcano in Iceland erupts for fifth time since December

### Monitoring Desk

COPENHAGEN: A volcano in southwestern Iceland sent glowing hot lava shooting more than 50 metres into the air on Wednesday, its fifth eruption since December and the most powerful one since its volcanic system became active three years ago.

Authorities had warned of the risk of renewed volcanic activity in the area just south of the capital Reykjavik as studies showed magma accumulated underground. The eruption began shortly after the end of an eight-week long eruption that occurred between Hagafell and Stora-Skogfell on the same Reykjanes peninsula.

The lava fountains reached 50 metres (164 feet) high and the length of the fissure was around 3.4 km, Iceland's Met Office said in a statement.

"The first assessment of scientists is that the beginning of this eruption is more powerful than in previous eruptions," the office said.

Flights continued as usual at Reykjavik's Keflavik Airport, according to the airport's website.

The fiery spectacle underlines the challenges faced by the island nation of almost 400,000 people as scientists have warned that repeated eruptions are possible in Reykjanes for decades or even centuries.

# US presses for probe, says ground operation in Rafah not warranted

### Monitoring Desk

WASHINGTON: Urging Israel to conduct a thorough investigation into a tent city bombing and uphold its obligations under international humanitarian law, the US on Tuesday said it didn't believe a major ground operation in Rafah was warranted.

White House spokesperson John Kirby maintained that the Israeli strike that killed dozens of Palestinians in Rafah did not cross a "red line" set by President Joe Biden.

"We still don't believe that a major ground operation in Rafah is warranted. We still don't want to see the Israelis, as we say, smash into Rafah with large units over large pieces of territory. We still believe that and we haven't seen that at this point," he told reporters at a White House briefing.

As a result of this strike on Sunday I have no policy changes to speak to," he added. "It just happened. The Israelis are going to investigate it. We're

going to be taking great interest in what they find in that investigation. And we'll see where it goes from there." Kirby told reporters Tuesday that there was a real danger that Israel could become further isolated from the international community with the manner in which it is conducting operations.

"So this is of concern, clearly, because it's not in Israel's best interest," Kirby said.

"And it's not in our best interest for Israel to become increasingly isolated on the world stage."

Meanwhile, in his first official briefing since the Rafah attack and the International Court of Justice (ICJ) ruling that called on Israel to halt its offensive in the area, State Department spokesperson Matthew Miller faced a barrage of questions concerning both issues.

Some reporters referred to the charred bodies discovered in the Palestinian encampment in Rafah.

## NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The Executive Engineer Public Health Engineering Division Jaffarabad invites sealed percentage rates based on Composite Schedule of Rates, 2023 Govt. of Balochistan and non-schedule items on prevailing Market Rates from interested Contractors for the works mentioned below: Tender Fee Rs.650/- and Time limit 30-06-2024 and BID SECURITY 2% (in Shape of CDR)

S.#	NAME OF WORK/S	E/COST	BID SECURITY
1)	EXTENSION & IMPROVEMENT OF WATER SUPPLY SCHEME DERAALLAHYAR PHASE-I FOR THE YEAR 2023-24 DISTRICT JAFFARABAD PSDP NO.2023.3457 Civil Work TSE No. 232405437713	57,18,000/-	1,15,000/-

**Procurement shall be made under BPP Rules 2014. Eligibility of Bidders:-** The contractors must have registration with Tax authorities i.e. BRA, NTN & Sales tax department, valid registration with Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC) in relevant Category who have enlistment/ renewal for the year, 2023-24. If the contractor's representative will participate in the tender then the representative must have the original authority issued by the contractor in his name. **Eligibility Criteria :-** Minimum three assignments of value not less than estimated cost and Turn over of value not less than estimated cost. **4. Method of Procurement:-** Single stage, Single envelope. **Bid Security:-** The bids must accompany Bid Security in the form of Call Deposit of amount specified above in the name of undersigned from a scheduled bank. **Tender Documents :-** The bidding documents can be obtained from the office of the undersigned upon payment of bidding document fee (non refundable) (amount mentioned above) through Green Challan CO-2726-2 PHED (Revenue Receipt) deposited only in National Bank of Pakistan Dera Allah Yar Branch. (The NIT & Bidding Documents can also be downloaded from [www.bppra.org.pk](http://www.bppra.org.pk)) **Issuance of Tender Documents:-** Tender forms/documents will be issued to the bidders/contractors on publication of Notice in newspapers on presentation of requisite documents. **Last date for submission :-** The tenders should be submitted on 13.06.2024 till 01:00 P.M at the office of the undersigned. **Tender Opening :-** All tenders will be opened on same day at the office of the undersigned at 02:00 P.M (In case of public holiday announced by the Government (due to any reason), the tender will be opened the next working day at the same time and venue). Tender committee reserves the right to change the quantities or cancel/reject any or all offers without assigning any reason. **Address:-** Public Health Engineering Division Jaffarabad at Dera Allah Yar. Phone No.0838-510036 Fax No.0838-510362 Email: [xenphed4037@gmail.com](mailto:xenphed4037@gmail.com)

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## NOTICE INVITING TENDER

**ONLY ELECTRONIC BID WILL BE SUBMITTED, NO PHYSICAL BID IS REQUIRED.**  
The Executive Engineer (Roads), 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/- for each work.

S.No	Name of work	E/Cost
1	Construction and rehabilitation of Rood Jogezi Road Killa Saifullah. TSE-232405438123	146,478,000
2	Construction of B/T Road Mangasa Allahdadzi Killa Saifullah. TSE-232405438083	74,285,000
3	Construction of B/T Road from N-50 to Killi Bhathi To Killi Bahadurwal Cross to Killi Lot & Dawlatzai Killa Saifullah. TSE-232405438003	173,331,000
4	Construction Of B/T Road Killi Nawab Ashraf Jogezi Killa Saifullah 3KM. TSE-232405437953	74,287,000

The procurement shall be carried out in accordance with Balochistan 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 bidding documents. **TERMS & CONDITION:** The undersigned has right to cancel the tender before opening dated or same date of the tender opening. **METHOD OF PROCUREMENT:** Single Stage - Two Envelope 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 be delivered in sealed envelopes by hand or through registered mail to the address mentioned below on or before 13-06-2024 at 12:00 PM Opening: The tender documents will be opened on 13-06-2024 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 (roads), CW, PP&H Department District Killa Saifullah. Telephone No. 033637583 E-Mail Address: [xenroadsf@gmail.com](mailto:xenroadsf@gmail.com)

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The Forest and Wildlife Department Zhub, invites bids from eligible Bidders for "Construction of Residential Building of DCF Zhub.", under the Development Scheme "TBTPP" 2023-24. (Note: Issuance of Work Order is subjected to release of budget) Tender Fee Rs.1000/- for each work.

S.No.	Name of Items	E/Cost	Bid Security 2%
1.	Construction of Residential Building of DCF Zhub.	9,820 M	196,400
2.	Construction of Field Station at Zhub.	4,920 M	98,400

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. The bidder / firm must have completed 4 assignments of similar nature of Work. Turnover of at least 6874000/- PKR amount in 1 subsequent previous year showing the financial capacity of firm. **Submittal Credit Line Certificate** as per format provided in form This is to certify that the above ----- (Name of Bank) with business address indicated above, commits to provide to the Contractor, if awarded the above mentioned Contract, a credit line in the amount specified above which shall be exclusively used to finance the performance of the above mentioned contract subject to our terms, conditions and requirements. Active Registration with income Tax/Sales Tax Department NTN, GST&BRA (where applicable) **Procedure of Procurement:** Single Stage Single Envelope. **Bid Security:** The bids must accompany Bid Security in the form of Call Deposit@ of 2% of the total cost of the works. **Tender Documents:** The bidding documents can be obtained from the office of the under-signed upon payment (non refundable) bidding document fee (amount mentioned above) through Green Challan. **If others please specify** (The NIT & Bidding Document can also be downloaded from [www.bppra.org.pk](http://www.bppra.org.pk) under (TSE No. 232405437933) and (TSE No. TSE-232405437963). **Issuance of tender Documents:** From the date of publication of NIT till the 12<sup>th</sup> June 2024, during office hours on working days. **Last Date of bid submission:** The tenders must be submitted latest by 12/06/2024 till 09:00 AM and 10:00 AM at the office of the undersigned. **Tender opening:** All tenders will be opened on same day at the office of the under-signed at 10:00 AM and 11:00 AM in their presence of bidders/representatives. **Address:** Office of the Deputy Conservator of Forests Zhub. Phone No.0822-411429 Email: [sulltanmehmood@yahoo.com](mailto:sulltanmehmood@yahoo.com) **TERMS & CONDITIONS:** No advance payment shall be made to the contractor. All Government taxes shall be paid by the contractor. The bills of contractor / firms will be entertained after completion of the works / supply. The rates offered should be clear, unambiguous and over-written rates will not be considered. The tender rates received after due date and time will not be accepted. The firm/contractor will also furnish an affidavit for not being blacklisted or under any litigation. The 10% security amount will be deducted and returned after three months of the satisfaction of work. The issuance of work order will be subject to the release of funds by the competent authority to the undersigned. **Tender Method:** Single Stage Single envelope.

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## TENDER NOTICE

**Note:- In All Procurements of GOB Whether Through Electronic or Manual Bid Submission, it is Mandatory For All Bidders to Get Registered At Electronic Public Procurement System of BPPRA GOB.** The XEN Irrigation Division Musa Khel invites bids from Eligible Bidders for execution of following works for the Year 2024 based on Composite schedule rates 2023 on Percentage Rates (Above / Below), Tender Fee Rs.2000/-, EARNEST MONEY 3% In shape of CDR, Tender Fee Rs.2000/- DATE OF COMPLETION Up to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024 from the date of start.

S.#	NAME OF WORK.	E/COST
1.	Construction of 2 No Spurs for Protection of Agricultural Land of Zamindaran Garchohi Kot Khan Muhammad Musa Khel - PSDP No.4054 (2023-24). TSE- 232405436823	5.000 M

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. No Prior Experience is required. There is No Requirement of Turn Over. Registration with Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC) C-6 and above (Up to 25 million) In Relevant Category And Specialized Code is CE04(i) (Dams/Water Retaining Structures) , CE04(ii) (Irrigation & Flood Control Systems). **EARNEST MONEY :-** @ 3% of Bid Cost **TENDER FEE :-** Rs.2000/- in shape of Green Challan. **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 3% 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 2,000 PKR. **Issuance of tender Documents:** From the date of publication of NIT to 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 during office hours on working days. **Last Date of bid submission:** The tenders must be submitted latest by 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 till 12:00 PM. **Tender opening:** All tenders will be opened on same day at the office of the undersigned at 01:00 PM. **Address:** Irrigation Division Musa Khel. Phone#:-3337919033 Email: [mf8250523@gmail.com](mailto:mf8250523@gmail.com)

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## NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The Executive Engineer Building CW, PP&H Department District Kech (Turbat) invites sealed percentage tender based on Composite schedule of rates 2023, Government of Balochistan (G.O.B) amended upto-date from interested Government Contractors/Firm who renewal for the year 2019, for the work listed below: - **The Tender Fee Rs: 1000/-3000/- Deposited in shape of Green Challan In Head of account , Earnest Money 2% and Time limit 24 Months**

S.No	Name of Work	E/Cost
1	STRENGTH OF M&E WING P&DD H/Q & DIVISIONAL OFFICES PROVINCIAL LOGISTIC & CONSTRUCTION OFFICES & RESIDENCE FOR THE DIRECTOR DEVELOPMENT IN (7) DIVISION (MEKRAN DIVISION) TSE 232405439193	11.991M

The Procurement shall be carried in accordance with Baluchistan Public Procurement Regulatory / Authority rules 2014. **ELIGIBILITY:** - a. Relevant Experience three years b. Turn-over of at Least last three years. c. The Contractor must have valid registration with Pakistan Engineering Council in relevant category (C-6) and discipline and registration with tax authorities i.e (NTN and Sales tax Department) where applicable. **METHOD OF PROCUREMENT:** - Single stage one envelope procedure **BIDDING / TENDER DOCUMENTS:** - Issuance: - Documents will be issued from the date of publication till submission date and time on production of green challan form amounting to (Rs: 1000/3000/-) (as bidding documents charges) deposited in the head of account (C-02716) through Government Treasury District (Name of Treasury Office) in National Bank Pakistan. **Submission:-** Last Date of submission will be 13-06-2024 at 12:00 PM. **Opening:-** The Tender will be opened on 13-06-2024 at (01:00 PM) (bids shall be opened within hour of the deadline for submission of bids) before procurement committee in the presence of contractors or their authorized representative/ agents. **Place:-** of issuance submission inquires and opening will be:- **Validity:-** Validity of tender will be (60) days **Address:-** Executive Engineer Building CW, PP&H Department District Kech (Turbat) Phone No. 0852-413280 Fax No. 0852-411677 E-Mail [executiveengineer2kech@gmail.com](mailto:executiveengineer2kech@gmail.com)

## EXECUTIVE ENGINEER BUILDING CW, PP&H DEPARTMENT DISTRICT, KECH

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# Pope apologises after homophobic slur

### Monitoring Desk

VATICAN CITY: Pope Francis, widely quoted as having used a highly derogatory word to describe the LGBT community, did not intend to use homophobic language and apologises to anyone offended by it, the Vatican said on Tuesday.

"The Pope never intended to offend or express himself in homophobic terms, and he apologises to those who felt offended by the use of a term reported by others," Vatican spokesman Matteo Brunetti said in an emailed statement. Italian media had reported on Monday that Francis used the Italian term "frocioaggine", roughly translating as "faggotness".

# Baby found dead in stricken Italy-bound migrant boat

### Monitoring Desk

LAMPEDUSA: The body of a five-month-old baby was found on Tuesday when some 85 migrants heading for Italy from Tunisia were rescued from distress at sea, according to a witness. The infant girl, her mother and 4-year-old sister were in an unseaworthy boat laden with migrants that had set off from Sfax in Tunisia two days earlier bound for Italy, according to charity group SOS Humanity. SOS Humanity workers aboard its "Humanity 1" vessel found many of the migrants exhausted and suffering from seasickness and fuel burns as they were rescued before dawn.

## NOTICE INVITING TENDER

**Note: Only the firms registered with BPPRA can apply.**  
The Executive Engineer (Roads), CW, PP&H Department District Killa Saifullah invites sealed percentage tender based on composite schedule of rates 2023 G.O.B from interested contractor / firm for the work list below:

Earnest Money 2%, Tender Fee Rs. 1000/- for each work.

S.No	Name of work	E/Cost
1	Construction of B/T Road at Different Streets Murghga Faqeerzai Killa Saifullah. PSDP No.2061/2023-24. TSE-232405438283	24,767,000
2	B/T Road Taran Arzarhoba Maghza, Killa Saifullah. PSDP No.2048/2023.24. TSE-232405438363	19,810,000
3	B/T Road from Main Road to Mahal Morizai, kamalzai, Killa Saifullah. PSDP No.2053/2023-24. TSE-232405438343	9,908,000
4	B/T Road from Nahara to Loiband Killa Saifullah. PSDP No.2056/2023-24. TSE-232405438333	49,533,000
5	B/T Road from Loiband to Nahara, Killa Saifullah. PSDP No.2057/2023-24. TSE-232405438303	49,524,000

The procurement shall be carried out in accordance with Balochistan Public Procurement Regulatory Authority rules, 2014. **BASIC ELIGIBILITY:** The contractor must have valid registration with Pakistan Engineering Council for the year 2024 in categories mentioned in the bidding documents 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 bidding documents. **TERMS & CONDITION:** The undersigned has right to cancel the tender before opening dated or same date of the tender opening. **METHOD OF PROCUREMENT:** Single Stage - Two Envelope 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 be delivered in sealed envelopes by hand or through registered mail to the address mentioned below on or before 14-06-2024 at 11:00 AM Opening: The tender documents will be opened on 14-06-2024 at 12:00 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 (roads), CW, PP&H Department District Killa Saifullah. Telephone No.033637583 E-Mail Address: [xenroadsf@gmail.com](mailto:xenroadsf@gmail.com)

## EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (ROADS), CW, PP&H DEPARTMENT, DISTRICT KILLA SAIFULLAH

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## NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The Chief Officer Municipal Corporation Khuzdar invites sealed tender based on composite schedule of rates 2018, G.O.B. amended up-to-date from interested contractors / firms for the work listed below: Time Limit 30-06-2025 for each work.

S.No	Name of Work	E/Cost
1	Construction of PCC Street Shumali Kanak District Khuzdar. PSDP No. 5376 (Z2023-2567). TSE-232405437293	9.900 M
2	Construction of PCC Street Khand District Khuzdar. PSDP No. 5378 (Z2023-2569). TSE-232405437453	9.900 M
3	Construction of PCC Street Shahwani Abad District Khuzdar. PSDP No. 5379 (Z2023-2570). TSE-232405437483	9.900 M
4	Construction of PCC Street & Drains Soneji Khuzdar District Khuzdar. PSDP No. 5382 (Z2023-2573). TSE-232405437723	9.900 M
5	Construction of PCC Street & Drains Peshi Kattan Khuzdar District Khuzdar. PSDP No. 5386 (Z2023-2577). TSE-232405437773	9.900 M
6	Construction of PCC Street Khatian District Khuzdar. PSDP No. 5377 (Z2023-2568). TSE-232405437803	19.802 M

The earnest money for each work is 2% of total cost & tender fee of S.No. 1, 5 is Rs. 1500/- And S.No.6 is 2000/-. The procurement shall be carried out in accordance with Balochistan Public Procurement Regulatory Authority rules, 2014 (amendment upto date). **BASIC ELIGIBILITY:** The Contractor must have valid registration with Pakistan Engineering Council in relevant Category and registration with tax authorities i.e. (NTN and Sales Tax Department, BRA etc), where applicable. **METHOD OF PROCUREMENT:** Single stage-One envelope. **BIDDING / TENDER DOCUMENTS:** Issuance: The contractor/firms having registered with PEC in aforementioned category in relevant discipline can obtain the bidding documents from the address mentioned below on production of green challan deposited in the head of account 2847-6 National bank of Pakistan Khuzdar or can be downloaded from website of BPPRA, from the date of publication of this invitation in newspapers till one day prior to the last date of submission. The 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. 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 the documents so mailed. Earnest Money as mentioned above should be submitted in the form 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 12-06-2024 at 1:00 PM. **Opening:** The tender document will be opened on 12-06-2024 at 2:00 PM before procurement committee in the presence of contractor or their authorized representatives / agents. **Place of issuance and submission will be:-** Address: Office of the Chief Officer Municipal Corporation Khuzdar Email: [zehronee@gmail.com](mailto:zehronee@gmail.com)

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## Economy improves as indicators stay positive

ISLAMABAD (APP): As the fiscal year 2023-24 is nearing a close, the economy of the country has been showing signs of resilience and growth as indicated by key economic indicators, the finance ministry said in a recent report released here Wednesday.

"As the fiscal year is about to end, the economic indicators demonstrate the strengthening of stability in the real, fiscal and external sectors," according to the Monthly Economic Update and Outlook for May 2024.

According to the report, GDP growth is elevating while inflation rates are on a decline with a positive primary balance, reflecting the effectiveness of recent fiscal consolidation efforts.

The economic performance also indicates that agriculture has been a major contributor to this fiscal year's economic upswing, registering a growth of 6.25 per cent. The agriculture sector's recovery is mainly attributed to government initiatives through improved input supply and

increased credit disbursement to farmers.

Large Scale Manufacturing (LSM) growth in 2024 Quarter 3, became positive and is expected to remain moderately positive on average throughout the second half of the current fiscal year. It witnessed a minor decline of 0.1 per cent during July-March FY 2024 against the contraction of 7.0 per cent same period last year. During this period, 11 to 22 sectors witnessed positive growth.

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflation stood at 17.3 per cent on a year-on-year basis in April 2024 as compared to 36.4 per cent in April 2023. The major drivers include housing, water, electricity, gas & fuel, perishable food items, furnishing & household equipment maintenance, clothing, footwear and transport.

On the fiscal front, during July - March FY24, the revenue growth outpaced the growth in expenditures. Within revenues, both tax and non-tax collection grew significantly by 29.3 per cent and 90.7 per cent, respectively.



Federal Minister for Communications, Investment Board and Privatization, Abdul Aleem Khan addressing an International Conference in Dushanbe.

## Pakistan ready to cooperate with regional countries in economic, trade sectors: Aleem

ISLAMABAD (APP): Tajikistan will always be open for bilateral cooperation for Pakistan, said a press release issued here on Wednesday.

Aleem Khan thanked the Prime Minister of Tajikistan and said that the two countries are historically bound in religious and cultural ties and in future this relationship can be further strengthened by the promotion of trade activities.

Earlier, while addressing the International Conference at Dushanbe, the federal minister said that Pakistan was ready to cooperate in all kinds of economic and business activities in the region for which practical work was being done to bring trade corridors to global standards and connect them with other countries.

He said that Pakistan was working on digitizing the "Silk Route Corridor" especially for the countries of Central Asia while also

ensuring the implementation of "Right to Monitor" through satellite technology on the roads under construction.

Aleem Khan further said that today is the era of import and export, international trade is the guarantee of development for which standard and spacious roads will be constructed while for the countries of Central Asia, like Karachi and Port Qasim, Gwadar Port would also be available.

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## On UN Peacekeepers Day, PM lauds Blue Helmets' contributions to peace

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Besides paying tribute to the service and sacrifice of peacekeepers, the Day

also honours more than 4,000 peacekeepers who have lost their lives serving for peace.

Prime Minister Shehbaz expressed special gratitude for the Pakistani peacekeepers who had made significant contributions. "230,000 military personnel, including our brave Pakistani female peacekeepers, have made the nation proud for 64 years of our commitment to the UN peacekeeping. Among these were 181 martyrs who sacrificed their lives for global peace, we also pay tribute to them. Their selfless act of courage and sacrifice will forever be etched in our hearts," he wrote on his X timeline.



QUETTA: Provincial Minister, Mir Shoaib Noshervani exchanging views with Younas Aziz Zehri, Opposition Leader in Balochistan Assembly during meeting held in Quetta.

## CPEC second phase to be successful with best dividends ahead: Sen Mushahid

ISLAMABAD (APP): Former Chairman Senate Defence Committee, Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed on Wednesday said the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) project's second phase would be successful as its best dividends would be received in the coming years.

He was addressing the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) and the PCI jointly organised high-level policy dialogue on "Reforms Agenda for CPEC 2.0: Opportunities and the Way Forward" under its Green CPEC Alliance.

Mushahid Hussain said CPEC is the pillar of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) launched by President Xi Jinping which is undoubtedly the diplomatic and development initiative of the century encompassing Asia, Africa and beyond.

The BRI, he said has brought nations of the world together, whereas CPEC is the manifestation of Chinese confidence in

Pakistan as China came to help Pakistan at a critical stage when the country barely had any other nation's support.

"Pakistan and China want to be the regional hub of connectivity from North to South and East to West that has contrasting visions of connectivity and cooperation that includes all and conversely there is a negative vision of new cold war and curtailment, and we reject that vision as 21st century cannot support zero minus sum vision. It's connectivity and CPEC is the way forward. The next decade will be more successful as the best part of the CPEC is yet to come," he said.

On this occasion, Executive Director, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri said Pakistan and China can collaborate for exploring the untapped potential of "Green Minerals" under the CPEC's second phase as it is the future fuel of the world.



QUETTA: Provincial Minister for Planning and Development, Mir Zahoor Ahmed Baledi listening the problems of citizens, at Civil Secretariat.

## One-day workshop and seminar on Fistula at Teaching Hospital Loralai

LORALAI (APP): A one-day workshop and seminar was held at the Teaching Hospital Loralai under the auspices of the Fistula Foundation and PNFHW on Wednesday.

According to details, the event was attended by doctors, paramedics, nurses, lady health workers, lady health visitors, and community midwives. The seminar focused on raising awareness about fistula, its potential harmful effects, treatment options, and the available centers for its treatment.

Provincial Coordinator of the Fistula Foundation PNFHW, Ashir Javed, spoke about the objectives of the project, treatment methods, and training for healthcare providers.

Additionally, Muhammad Usman from the SOMNCH program informed the participants about the goals of the MNCH program, health issues faced by women and

children, challenges faced by women during natural disasters, and the steps taken by the MNCH program.

Assistant Professor Dr. Safia Khan from the Gynecology Ward of the Teaching Hospital addressed the audience, stating that fistula is a severe disease but can be treated if diagnosed in time.

She noted that approximately 2 million women worldwide suffer from this debilitating condition, which often leads to social isolation.

In Pakistan, about 4,000 to 5,000 women are affected by fistula, primarily due to social inequalities, outdated customs, poverty, lack of education and awareness, unavailability of family planning facilities, shortage of trained healthcare workers, and absence of basic facilities at the regional level.



KUALA LUMPUR: Planning Minister Prof. Ahsan Iqbal receiving the APO Meritorious and Distinguished Award 2024 by the Asian Productivity Organisation (APO) in Malaysia.

## IHC stops telecom companies from recording phone calls for surveillance

ISLAMABAD (Online): Islamabad High Court (IHC) while hearing the petition against alleged audio leaks of Bushra Bibi wife of Imran Khan and Najam ul Saqib son of former Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Saqib Nisar has restrained telecom companies from seeking access to phone call or data for surveillance.

The court also summoned record of statistics from federal government about the conversation recorded secretly.

The court remarked if apparatus of telecom companies is used for illegal surveillance then its responsibility will rest with them.

Justice Babar Sattar of IHC is hearing the case by clubbing both of the petitions.

At the inception of hearing the court inquired from counsel for Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) that PTA has not filed reply.

The counsel said we could not file our reply due to holiday.

Later Additional Attorney General (AAG) Munawar Iqbal Dogal came on rostrum.

Justice Babar Sattar inquired it should be told who records calls of citizens and under what law. AAG said PTA is authorized to record calls under section 54. The court further inquired tell us the law that under what law PTA is conducting surveillance. Under what section PTA is conducting surveillance. AAG replied they are doing it through legal framework.

The court remarked whatever it is, tell us the calls of citizens are being recorded under what authority. Don't tell verbally. Tell us formally. You should tell us you have allowed whom who has given authority that calls of people be recorded.

Munawar Iqbal Dogal said please give me some time.

## Governor assures to take practical steps to resolve issues faced by people of Zhob district

Independent Report

QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail has stated that we are well aware of the issues of education, health and clean drinking water being faced by the people of Zhob and its adjoining areas and as such we are determined to

resolve these issues very soon.

The Governor was speaking to a delegation who called on him under leadership of the President of Anjuman Tajran Zhob, Hakim Khan here on Wednesday.

Speaking to the members of delegation, Governor

said that the people of Zhob and its adjoining areas are facing numerous issues due to lack of basic facilities it is his desire and endeavour to resolve the issues of people of Zhob and provide them basic facilities to them at their doorstep.

Earlier, the members of delegation apprised the Governor about the issues and hardships being faced by people of Zhob.

They said that certain issues can be resolved by giving status of Municipal Corporation to Municipal Committee and providing natural gas to the area.

The Governor gave patient hearing to the issues and assured his every possible cooperation to resolve the issues.

ASI shot dead

PESHAWAR (APP): Unknown assailants on Wednesday shot dead a police Assistant Sub Inspector (ASI) in the vicinity of Sarband police station.

Police said ASI, Haji Ali Akbar, son of Akbar Khan was on the way for duty on his motorcycle when unknown assailants fired at him, killing him on the scene.

Police said another passerby also sustained bullet injuries in the firing. The martyred ASI Ali Akbar was deputed at the PAL office in Hayatabad.

LHC rejects Fawad plea for appearance thru video link

LAHORE (Online): Lahore High Court (LHC) has rejected plea of former federal minister Fawad Chaudhry in connection with his attendance through video link in the cases registered against him in Punjab. Announcing reserved judgment the two members bench of LHC led by Justice Farooq Haider dismissed the petition of Fawad in connection with his attendance.

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## Ahsan honoured by APO for outstanding contributions to socio-economic development

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Prof. Ahsan Iqbal received an award from the Asian Productivity Organisation (APO) Kuala Lumpur for his outstanding contribution to socio-economic development efforts through policy, strategic thinking, effective leadership and management.

He received the award at the 66th meeting of the Governing Body of the Asian Productivity Organisation in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia as the organization includes 21 countries, including Pakistan, said a

press release issued by the Ministry of Planning Development and Special Initiatives. He was awarded for his achievements during all his tenures as federal minister, implementing innovative projects to increase productivity in Pakistan through international networks. Ahsan Iqbal formulated progressive policies and regulations that contributed significantly to Pakistan's productive agenda and overall development. The award recognizes individuals who have made exemplary contributions to improving national or regional socio-economic productivity.

In a statement, Nawabzada Jamal Khan Raisani said, "This tragic incident has claimed the lives of 24 people."

He expressed deep grief and condolences to the affected families, urging the government to investigate the tragedy and hold those responsible accountable. Nawabzada Jamal Khan Raisani also wished the injured a speedy recovery.

## Jamal Raisani mourns tragic bus accident near Washuk

QUETTA (APP): The leader of the Pakistan People's Party in Balochistan, MNA Nawabzada Jamal Khan Raisani, has expressed deep sorrow and regret over the loss of lives resulting from the Quetta-bound bus falling into a ditch near Washuk.

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QUETTA: Advisor for Women Development Department, Dr. Rubaba Khan Buledi, Meets with the World Health Organization (WHO) delegation led by Dr. Asfandyar Sherani.

## Vision of Shaheed BB still alive: Deputy Speaker BA

Independent Report

QUETTA: The Deputy Speaker Balochistan Assembly, Mrs. Ghazala Gola has stated that although Shaheek Mohtarma Benazir Bhutti is not present among us, but her vision is still alive. The Deputy Speaker

said that she is pleased to have meeting with the Chairperson BISE

She mentioned that the names of women were not used to be written in the periodicals in the province, but today, the women are serving at different places in the province.

Mrs. Ghazala Gola said that doors of her office are open for everyone and she welcomes all.

The Chairperson BISP said that presence of women in very essential. She said that the women work with extra zeal and honesty in their professional lives.



QUETTA: APCA Balochistan activists hold protest rally in favor of their demands.

## Speakers highlights critical role of improved MHM in enhancing women's well-being

QUETTA (APP): Speakers on Wednesday highlighted critical role of improved Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM) in enhancing women's and girls' well-being and they asserted on the collaborative efforts to improve the lives of millions of women and girls of Balochistan.

To highlight the challenges pertaining to Menstrual Hygiene (MH) faced by women and adolescent girls in Pakistan, the Menstrual Health Management Working Group (MHMWG) Secretariat, Balochistan held a special event in connection with International MH Day 2024.

This global event, crucial for the well-being of millions of women and girls, was organized in collaboration with GIZ, IRC, Mercy Corps, UNICEF, UNFPA, Water Aid, Qatar Charity, Islamic Relief, and other members of the MHM Working Group. Officials from relevant government departments, including Health and Education, along with representatives from diverse segments of society such as academia, CSOs, and media, participated in the event.

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QUETTA: Deputy Director PID Abdul Salam Nassar presenting shield to Prof. Shereen Khan on eve of seminar regarding "Prevention of Fake News" organized by Press Information Department Quetta

## Washuk bus accident UoT mourns loss of two esteemed faculty members

Independent Report

TURBAT: Prof. Dr. Jan Muhammad, Vice Chancellor of the University of Turbat (UoT), and the entire UoT fraternity expressed sorrow with heavy hearts over the unexpected and tragic demise of two esteemed faculty members, Dr. Niamatullah Kakar, Associate Professor, and Dr. Amir Zeb, Assistant Professor in the Department of Natural and Basic Sciences and Director of the Office

of the Research, Innovation, and Commercialization (ORIC), who tragically lost their lives in an unfortunate road accident in the Washuk district of Balochistan last night.

Acknowledging their contributions in his condolence message, the Vice Chancellor said that both faculty members were not only dedicated educators and researchers but also pillars of the university.

## PTA conducts QoS survey in 16 cities

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) on Wednesday has conducted an Independent Quality of Service (QoS) Survey in sixteen cities across Sindh, Punjab, Balochistan, and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to measure the performance of Cellular Mobile Operators (CMOs).

Survey routes covered main roads, service roads, and various sectors, with 2,270 kilometers traveled per CMO over 60 days said a news release. Mobile handsets in auto-detect mode were used for voice calls, SMS, and mobile broadband/data sessions.

The survey included 0.25 million mobile broadband tests, 45,000 calls and SMS tests, and 0.13 million Ookla speed tests using advanced QoS monitoring tools, ensuring compliance with NGMS licenses and the Cellular Mobile Network QoS Regulations 2021.



KALAT: Home Minister Mir Ziaullah Lango presiding over a meeting regarding development projects and law and order situation