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ISLAMABAD: Minister of Foreign Affairs of Azerbaijan Jeyhun Bayramov calls on Prime Minister

Strongly condemns Israel's brutality PM calls for global intervention to stop Palestinians' bloodshed

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Thursday strongly condemned the recent Israeli attacks on unarmed Palestinians in Rafah area of Gaza, urging the international community to intervene to get stopped the worst barbaric inhuman

the international community should play its due role to ensure that the people of Palestine and Indian Occupied Kashmir are granted their rightful freedoms and basic human rights," the

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pa-

kistan and Azerbaijan on

Thursday resolved to en-

hance cooperation in mul-

tiple sectors including

trade, investment, energy

and connectivity to exploit

friendly relationship be-

tween the two countries.

prime minister said in a televised address.

He said due to the unprovoked and worst bombardment by the Israeli forces across Gaza, including Rafah, over 36,000 Palestinians, including thousands of children, had been martyred so far.

After the lapse of gretted "I, on behalf of the government and the people of Pakistan, demand that "In the lapse of the lap bombarding the crammed camps of Palestinians displaced from across Gaza in Rafah (bordering Egypt)," he added.

said Israel had showed bla-

Pakistan, Azerbaijan resolve to enhance bilateral

cooperation including in trade, connectivity

PM for mutually beneficial stronger Pakistan-Azerbaijan trade, investment ties

cooperation were discussed

as Deputy Prime Minister

and Foreign Minister Ishaq

Dar and Foreign Minister

of Azerbaijan Jeyhun

Bayramov met here and dis-

cussed the multidimen-

agenda encompassing bilat-

eral and international mat-

tant disregard for international law, without caring for the International Court of Justice's ruling and the United Nations Security

Council's resolutions. Not a single global power could prevail on Israel to get stopped blood-shed of Palestinians, he re-

PM Shehbaz said,"I am thankful to the Muslim countries that have raised voices at different international forums including the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and the added.

The prime minister against the Israeli aggres-

> Addressing a joint press stakeout, Deputy Prime

media that both countries

would further enhance co-

operation in trade, invest-

ment connectivity, energy

tries were taking measures

to increase bilateral invest-

ment, especially in the en-

ergy sector. The joint work-

ing group on energy would

be critical in promoting co-

operation in this sector, he

also desired to promote

parliamentary and cultural

exchanges to promote busi-

ness-to-business and aca-

demic linkages, besides

Gazette notification

of Elections

(Amendment)

Ordinance,

2024 issued

SLAMABAD

(APP): The government

has issued the ga-

zette notification of

Elections (Amend-ment) Ordinance,

An amendment

has been made in the

Section 140 of the

Elections Act, 2017 and the Ordinance

shall be called the Elections (Amendment) Ordinance, 2024, the gazette no-

According to the Ministry of Law and Justice, the President

of Pakistan had pro-

mulgated the ordi-

nance in exercise of

his powers conferred

by Article 89(1) of the

tification said.

Constitution.

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He said both countries

He said the two coun-

and defence sectors.

Acting president for maximum public relief through upcoming budget

ISLAMABAD (APP): Acting President Syed Yusuf Raza Gilani on Thursday stressed the need for extending maximum relief to the masses through the upcoming federal budget, and the formulation of a comprehensive strategy to

enhance the revenue. said this in a meeting with Minister of Finance and Revenue Muhammad Aurangzeb, who called on the government.

him here at the Aiwan-e-

RAWALPINDI (APP): The

83rd Formation Command-

ers Conference on Thurs-

day affirmed the resolve to

neutralize all threats to the

security and stability of the

country with the full back-

sided over by Chief of

Army Staff (COAS) Gen-

eral Syed Asim Munir, un-

derscored that politically

The conference, pre-

ing of the proud nation.

The finance minister briefed the acting president about the ongoing preparations for the upcoming people-friendly budget and the government's measures to reduce inflation.

The minister said that The acting president a remarkable reduction in the inflation rate manifested the government's constant and undeterred actions by

WB team acknowledges progress on infrastructure activities in flood hit areas

KARACHI (APP): The World Bank Mission, reviewing progress on the activities of Sindh Flood Emergency Rehabilitation Project (SFERP) and its component P&DD, acknowledges the overall progress made so far is quite impressive both from Minister Ishaq Dar told the the timeline and the quality of work, point of view.

This was stated by Shoaib Siddiqui, Senior Advisor to the Bank, during a review meeting held here on Thursday.

The meeting was chaired by Senior Disaster Risk Management Specialist, Ahsen Tehsin and also attended by Rehan Hyder and Nihan Kafique from the World Bank while Ghulam Asghar Kanasro and Aslam Leghari represented the Project side, a press release

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LONDON: Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi cutting cake during a reception in honor of Pakistan Cricket team. Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti is also present

The bilateral ties and ters. Pakistan's multi mission satellite PAKSAT-MM1 launched successfully

the huge potential of the sional bilateral and regional

ISLAMABAD (APP): In a historic development, Pakistan Space and Upper Atmosphere Research Commission (SUPARCO) has announced the successful launch



of Pakistan Multi Mission Communication Satellite PAKSAT-MM1 from XiChang Satellite Launch Center (XSLC), China on Thursday. The satellite PakSat MM1 has been jointly designed and developed by SUPARCO and China Great Wall Industry Corporation (CGWIC). According to the SUPARCO, this is a Geostationary

Satellite based on advanced communication technologies that will greatly enhance the

Governor, CM condemn incident of firing at caravan of Khalid Magsi

Independent Report QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail and Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti have condemned the incident of firing at the caravan of central President Balochistan

Awami Party (BAP), Nawabzada Khalid Magsi. In their separate messages on Thursday, the Governor and Chief Minister expressed displeasure over performance of the

administration in this re-

Nawabzada Khalid Magsi is sorrowful. He expressed satisfaction over safety of Nawabzada Khalid Magsi

the district administrative officers

He directed to the con-Chief Minister said the volved in the incident.

incident occurred with

in the firing incident. He said that it is the topmost responsibility of police and levies to restore peace. He said that the criminal activities in broad daylight is a negligence of

cerned high ups to mobilize all available resources for arrest of the elements in-

Naqvi hopes Pakistani cricket team to bring World Cup with hard work

LONDON (INP): Federal Minister for Interior and Chairman Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB), Mohsin Naqvi on Thursday expressed the hoped that the Pakistan cricket team through its hard work would bring the World Cup

to the country. While addressing a reception hosted by the Pakistan's High Commissioner in the UK, Dr Mohammad Faisal in honour of the Pakistan Men's Cricket Team and the management at Pakistan House, London, Mohsin Nagvi said that entire cricket team of Pakistan was giving their best to the

He urged the Pakistan's

fans to keep supporting the team on their upcoming tour to the United States of America.

The chairman PCB said that team management was independent in making decisions about players which he added important for delivering good perfor-

Speaking on the occasion, Mayor of London Sadiq Khan said that he was very happy to welcome Pakistan Cricket Team at London and wished them best of luck for upcoming matches. He said that Babar Azam was his favourite batsman and hoped the team would win in Babar's captaincy



KARACHI: The world's largest cargo ship, MSC Anna has made a historic arrival at Karachi Port Trust (KPT) in Karachi. The colossal vessel arrived from India's Port Mundra and anchored at Karachi port, highlighting the port growing importance in international maritime trade. MSC Anna boasts impressive dimensions, measuring 400 meters in length and having a capacity to carry 19,638 containers

by their foreign cohorts, against the state institutions was clearly meant to try to induce despondency in the Pakistani nation, to sow

motivated and vested digi-

tal terrorism, unleashed by

conspirators duly abetted

discord among national institutions, especially the armed forces, and the people of Pakistan by pedand propaganda. Ît, however, noted that the nation was fully cognizant of their ugly and ulterior motives and surely the designs of the nefarious forces would be comprehensively defeated.

The forum noted that planners, perpetrators, abettors, and facilitators of 9th May needed to be brought to justice for the

collective good of the country, and that without swift and transparent dispensation of justice to the culprits and establishing the rule of law, stability in Pakistan would ever remain hostage to the machinations of such elements.

The conference was attended by Corps Com-

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RAWALPINDI: Chief of Army Staff (COAS), General Syed Asim Munir presided over the 83rd Formation Commanders Conference held at General Headquarters (GHQ) in Rawalpindi.

Governor Balochistan says

Govt. ought to provide all necessary facilities to traders & industrialists

The Governor was

Independent Report QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail has stated that our national in-

vestors can play key role to alleviate poverty and provide new opportunities of livelihood to the youth. Therefore, it is neces-

alists and provide guidance sectors. and support to them to have access to the trade unfortunate that we send tional in view of the ecocountries

speaking to different delegations who called on him issues of poverty and unhere at the Governor House on Thursday. The Governor said that

Balochistan has great importance from it's location and as such there are vast and profitable opportunisary for the government to ties of investment for provide all necessary facili- the local and internaties to traders and industri- tional investors in different the younger generation by

even in the present modern development era while the employment can be overcome by establishing small and big industries.

This would also strengthen economy of the country, he added.

The Governor stressed the need to pay attention on learning modern skills to making the vocational and He said that it is our technical institutions funcmarkets of the neighbouring minerals and other re- nomic and trade changes in sources abroad in raw form near future

Two TTP **Balochistan partners** terrorists killed in Lakki Marwat

operation PESHAWAR (APP): The Counter-Terrorism Department (CTD) on Thursday killed two terrorists affili ated with the banned outfit Tehreek e Taliban Pakistan (TTP) during an operation in Lakki Marwat district of

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. According to a CTD spokesperson, the law enforcement personnel conducted an intelligencebased operation in Lakki Marwat during which the terrorists opened fire. In the prompt retaliatory fire, two terrorists were shot dead while others managed to

The spokesperson further mentioned that these terrorists were planning to target sensitive institutions and were wanted by the police in several cases, including target killings and bomb blasts. The dead terrorists were affiliated with Tipu Gul group of TTP.

During the operation, the CTD personnel recovered grenades, arms, and ammunition from the killed

with PIE to enroll out-of-school children ISLAMABAD (APP):

Education Department Balochistan has joined hands with MOFEPT (Pakistan Institute of Education (PIE) and JICA to design ZERO OOSC campaign in Balochistan.

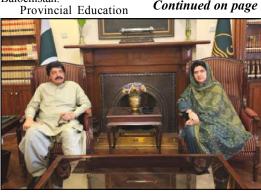
Balochistan Education Minister Raheela Hameed Durrani joined hands with Pakistan Institute of Education and JICA to bring 3.13 million out-of-school children to schools in Balochistan.

Minister Raheela Hameed Durrani visited Pakistan Institute of Education PIE) on Thursday.

Director General Pakistan Institute of Education Dr Muhammad Shahid Soroya welcomed the minister on arrival.

The distinguished guest was given a detailed briefing by Pakistan Institute of Education and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) regarding

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LAHORE: Balochistan Minister for Education Raheela Hameed Khan Durrani meeting with Governor Punjab Sardar Saleem Haider Khan 1.884 million children to be administered anti-polio drops:

Seven-day anti-polio campaign due to begin in 20 districts of **Balochistan from June 3**

Chief Secretary Shakeel Qadir Khan vows to mobilize all available resources for eradication of polio from Balochistan; exhorts all segments of society to play role for making drive successful

Independent Report

QUETTA: The seven-day anti-polio campaign is scheduled to commence in 20 different districts of Balochistan from June 3,

During the campaign, more than 1.884 million children below five years of age would be administered anti-polio vaccine in the 20 selected districts of the province, which include the polio high risk ones as

For the immunization campaign, above 7,000 teams have been formed,

anti-polio drops to the chil-These details were

which would administer the

shared in a briefing to the Chief Secretary, Shakeel Qadir Khan regarding upcoming anti-polio campaign here on Thursday.

During the briefing, it was also informed that three cases of polio have been reported from even districts of the province this year. Similarly, the polio virus has also been detected in the environmental samples of different districts of the province during 2023.

Chairing the meeting, Chief Secretary said that all available resources are being mobilized to ensure eradication of polio from the province.

He said that anti-polio campaign is vital for eradication of polio and in this regard, there should be special focus on administration of anti-polio drops to the children at the transit points besides other miss-

He stressed the need to take joint efforts for eradication of polio and making the anti-polio campaign successful

Fakhar, Shaheen, Imad advace in ICC Rankings

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan's Fakhar Zaman, Shaheen Afridi and Imad Wasim has gained in the ICC Men's T201 Team Rankings following the ongoing series between England and Pakistan.

In the latest weekly update that also considers performances in the last two matches of the Bangladesh-USA series and the ongoing series between England and Pakistan, Pakistan opener Fakhar Zaman has advanced from 57th to 51st, England captain Jos Buttler inched up to seventh position while have moved up to fourth

Jonny Bairstow was up eight places to 36th, said a position in the ICC Men's T20I Team Rankings, ahead press release.

places to 11th while Imad Wasim is another Pakistan player to gain, up 14 places to 38th.

For the USA, Steven Taylor has made big gains, progressing 28 places to 109 in the batting rankings while for Bangladesh. Rishad Hussain has moved up 38 places to 52nd in the bowling rankings.
Meanwhile, Two-time

champions West Indies

of the ICC Men's T20 In the bowling rankings, Shaheen Afridi was up three they co-host from June 1

> The winners of the 2012 and 2016 editions of the tournament were ahead of New Zealand and South Africa after their 3-0 win over South Africa, who were pushed down to seventh position in the list led by

> India, winners of the inaugural edition in 2007. were on 264 rating points, 2021 champions Australia are second with 257 points.

defending champions England third with 254 points and the West Indies two points behind them on 252. New Zealand were on 250 while Pakistan and South Africa are both on 244 points with Pakistan slightly ahead on decimal points

The West Indies players too have reaped the benefits of their superb performances in the home series not long before their tournament opener against Papua New Guinea in Guyana on 2 June.



ISLAMABAD: A delegation of MQM Pakistan led by Chairman Dr. Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui calls on Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif.

WB team acknowledges....

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DG Rescue Service Dr Abid, during the review session informed that 16 satellite stations on Indus highway (N-55), N-5 and M-9 are complete and in the process of being finetuned. All these stations will become operational by August as the staff selected for handing these stations is being trained in Rescue 1122 Academy, Lahore.

Ten district headquarters are 68% complete and would be handed over to Rescue Service for operations by December of the current year.

Moreover, Ten hospital emergencies after refurbishment had been handed over to the concerned authorities, he added.

He disclosed that at present six thousand calls dealing with emergencies were being attended by rescue on daily basis.

During the meeting, it was informed that under livelihood program (Cash for Work program), almost two billion rupees had been disbursed so far and Rs 672 million were in the process of being disbursed for the rehabilitation of almost two thousand schemes to 140 000 community workers who worked to develop community infrastructure of their own villages.

Out of these community workers 40% were female workers. All these workers were paid through mobile wallets making them bankable persons.

KP governor calls on PM; political, provincial matters discussed

SLAMABAD (APP): Governor of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi on Thursday called on Prime Minister Šhehbaz Sharif here wherein they discussed the matters related to the KP province and overall political situation.

The governor appreciated the prime minister for his government's pro-business and investment policies which led to an enhanced investment in the

In the meeting, they also discussed the issues



a press conference.

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& W	World's Leading Independent International Development Organiz that Delivers High-Impact sustainable Development Project
QUETTA: VS	O country head Sehar Afsheen addressing a

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rates 2018 on Percentage Rates Bid Security 2%						
Name of Work's	Last Date and	Tender	E/Cost	Tender Fee		
	Submission	Opening		ree		
CUTTING OF ROAD AT KALGHALO SHAHEEN STOP MASS SAROONA TEHSIL WADH DISTRICT KHUZDAR PSDB NO. 1370 72021 3028 TSE-232405440813	14 June, 2024 12:00 PM	01:00 PM	9,909,344	1,000 PKR		
REHABILITATION OF BLACK TOP ROAD IN NALL CITY DISTRICT KHUZDAR. 49514566. TSE- 232405440763	14 June, 2024 12:00 PM	01:00 PM	49,514,566	1,000 PKR		
CONSTRUCTION OF B/T ROAD AT KUNJ TO DOLEDRI NALL KHUZDAR. PSDP NO. 1368.Z2021.3025 TSE- 232405440663	14 June, 2024 12:00 PM	01:00 PM	19,803,829	1,000 PKR		
CONSTRUCTION OF BLACK TOP ROADS IN MC KHUZDAR PSDP NO.2716 Z2023.1458 TSE-232405440693	14 June, 2024 01:00 PM		,	2,000 PKR		
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Bidders: Eligibility Criteria for bidders may be seen in the Bidding Documents Bidding Procedure: Single Stage One Envelope Bidding Procedure (TSE-232405440813, TSE- 232405440763, TSE-232405440663) Single Stage Two Envelope Bidding Procedure (TSE-232405440693) Tender Documents: The Bidding document can be downloaded from www.bppra.gob.pk (free of cost) and the same can also be obtained from the office of the under-signed upon payment of prescribed tender fee Address: XCN nare post office khuzdar Phone no: <u>0848412243</u> Email: faroogmengal27@gmail.com

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The Executive Engineer (Building) CWPP&H Department District Chagai at Dalbandin invites Bids From Eligible Bidders for Execution of the Following Work listed below for the year 2023-24 based on the composite schedule of rates 2023 G.O.B amended up-to-date, Only electronic Bid will be Submitted, No Physical Bid is required. Note: in All procurement of GOB weather Through Electronic or Manual Bid Submission, it is mandatory procurement system of BPPRA.GOB. TSE232405440803 Tender Fee Rs.3000/- and Time limit 31-12-2025

	Tender Fee RS.5000/- and Time mint 51-12-2025				
S.No	Name of work		E/Cost	Call Deposit Amount 4%	
	RADATION OF RHC NO	KKUNDI TO THQ HOSPITAL	87.243 Million	34,89,737/-	

PSDP#3685 (Z2023.1827) The procurement shall be carried out by Balochistan Public Procurement Regulatory Authority rules, 2014. BASIC ELIGIBILITY: The contractor must have fresh valid registration i.e (2023-24) with Pakistan Engineering Council in category C-4 or above with Specialized codes CE-09, CE-10 & (E-11) in the relevant discipline and registration with tax authorities i.e (NTN and Sales Tax Department and BRA), where applicable. The proposel shall consist of the following documents:- Name of firm/contractor with year of establishment along with postal address and telephone number . Name of technical supervisory staff / management staf along with their qualification / expireance and proof of their stay with the firm, with fresh affidavit as per criteria specified in bidding data, And shall consist of the following documents:- Detail BOQ with Quoted rates in sealed envelop mentioned the name and title of Scheme. The Bidder Must have completed Atleast 2 Nos of projects, similer nature and cost of work completed during last 03 years (details should be given as per criteria specified in bidding documents). Detail turnover of atleast 50.00 Million of the mentioned cost, for the last 03 years showing the financial capacity of firm as per criteria specified in bidding documents. It is mandatory that the contractor must show the orignol fresh (PEC) valid registration i.e 2023-2024 with Pakistan engineering council, on the time of submission. Original Authority letter on Judicial Stamp Paper duly attested. Undertaking on judicial stamp paper (duly attested) that the firm was never blacklisted by any Government / Semi-Government Organization. Undertaking on judicial stamp paper (duly attested) that the firm has never been involved in litigation with any Government / Semi-Government Organization. Bidding documents should be stamped and signed by the firm. Active status of FBR and BRA is Required for the current year. Bank Guarantee or CDR is required in case of a rate offered below 10% of the total cost. TERMS & **CONDITIONS**: The undersigned has the right to cancel the tender at any stage of the bidding process. As per BPPRA Rule No 25.(3) only one Bid can be submitted against One NTN. Under the following conditions, the bid will be rejected. Conditional, Electronic, and telegraphic bids/tender. Bid not be entertained without Green Challan and Bid Security of the required amount and form as specified in the bidding documents. Bid received after specified date and time. METHOD OF PROCUREMENT: Single Stage - One Envelop Bidding procedure. BIDDING / TENDER DOCUMENTS: Issuance: the contractor/firm having registered with PEC I aforementioned category in the relevant discipline can obtain the bidding documents from the address mentioned below on production of green challan for an amount of Rs. 3000/- (nonrefundable) deposited in the head of the account C-02716 through Government Treasury National Bank of Pakistan or can be downloaded from the website of BPPRA. The contractor/firm who obtain bidding documents by downloading from the BPPRA website will be also required to produce deposited green challan form of above-mentioned fee. however, under no circumstances the procuring Agency will be held responsible for late delivery or loss of documents so mailed guarantee or deposit at a call from the scheduled Bank. Dead Line of Submission: Tender Document: The NIT & Bidding Document can be obtained electriconically from bppra.gob.pk issuance of tender documents: complete documents can be viewed at www.bppra.gov.pk. last date of submission: Bid can onley be submitted electronically latest by 14-06-2024 till 12.00 PM through supplier dashboard Opening: The Tender will be opened on same day at 14-06-2024 at 01.00 PM on EPPS system. Address: Office of the Executive Engineer(Building) CWPP&H Department District Chagai at Dalbandin. (London Road Near UBL Bank Dalbandin) E-Mail Address: adnanniazi4099@gmail.com

Continued from page 1 manders, Principal Staff Officers, and all Formation

Commanders of Pakistan Army, an Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) news release said.

The forum also resolved to continue to fully support the government's initiatives in various domains for sustainable economic growth and curbing illegal activities, including smuggling, hoarding, electricity theft, implementation of One Document Regime, dignified repatriation of illegal foreigners, and safeguarding of the national

database, etc. The conference was briefed on the dynamics of the geo-strategic environment, emerging challenges to national security, and the Army's strategy to counter multi-domain threats.

The participants were also briefed on technological innovations to modernize the Army and optimize logistic support to field formations, in line with fastevolving operational environment

The forum expressed serious concerns over continued cross-border violations from Afghanistan and terrorism being orchestrated using the Afghan soil, noting that adversaries were using Afghanistan to target security forces and innocent civilians inside Pakistan

It acknowledged the priceless sacrifices of the people of Newly Merged Districts (NMDs) in the war against terrorism and underscored the importance of uplifting the NMDs to decisively defeat terrorism.

Formation Commanders.... lined the need for socioeconomic development in Balochistan to counter externally propagated narratives of exclusion, exploited by foreign-sponsored proxies to lead Balochistan's youth away from peace and

> progress. Reviewing the prevailing situation on the eastern border and the latest round of extra-judicial murders in the Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu & Kashmir, the forum expressed complete solidarity with the Kashmiri people in their just struggle for the inalienable right to self-determination as enshrined in Untied Nations Security Council's resolutions.

The forum showed concern over the treatment of minorities, especially Muslims, in India and noted the growing fascism being perpetrated to achieve vested political ends.

It also expressed com-plete solidarity with the people of Palestine and condemned serious human rights violations and war crimes being perpetrated in Gaza, supporting the International Court of Justice's decision to stop the Rafah Operation and all other operations within the Gaza

Strip.

The participants expressed their complete satisfaction with the steps being taken at the Army level for the training, administration, and welfare of serving and retired officers and

The forum noted the significant milestone achieved by Pakistan on Youm-e-Takbir and its stabilizing impact on the re-

CORRIGENDUM The NIT published in Daily Newspapers under PRQ No.2437/17

5-2024 via TSE No.232405418003, an change has been made in Evaluation Criteria section 1.2.1.1 Available Credit Limit Line and date of submission & opening has been extended upto 5th

All other information & condition will remain same.

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S.No Name of Work/s E/Cost 1 Construction of DAM for Killi KARBALA 47,563,272 SHINGHORI Large Nadi Pishin(PSDP 4024 2023-24) TSE-232405440593

CONSTRUCTION OF FLOOD PROTECTION 9,523,810 WALL IN KILI SANZALA TEHSIL HURAMZAI DISTRICT PISHIN(PSDP 4385 2023-24) TSE-232405440473

CONSTRUCTION OF FLOOD PROTECTION 9.523.810 WALL/BUND IN KILI BUGARZAI TEHSIL HURAMZAI DISTRICT PISHIN

(PSDP 4383 2023-24) TSE-232405440533 Procurements shall be made under the Balochistan Public Procurement Rules - 2014. Eligibility of Bidders: Presence in Active Tax Payer List. The bidding firm must not be blacklisted by any procuring agency of Pakistan Balochistan Revenue Authority Registration is required. The bidder must have completed 2 Assignment of similar nature of work . Registration with Pakistan Engineering council (PEC) In Relevant Category And Specialized Code. Procedure Of Procurement: Single Stage Two Envelope Bidding Procedure Bid Security: The bids must accompany Bid Security in the form of Bank Gurantee, Deposit at Call of2%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 Issuance of tender Documents: From the date of publication of NIT to 14 June. 2024 during office hours on working days Last Date of bid submission: The Tenders must be submitted latest by 14 June, 2024 till 11:00 AM. Tender opening: All tenders will be opened on same day at the office of the under- signed at 12:00 PM Address: Office of the Executive Engineer irrigation division pishin Phone no: 0331802784 Fax no: 0826420533

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Pakistan, Azerbaijan resolve to ... Balochistan partners....

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the educational emergency implemented in the country by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and the pilot project to bring out-ofschool children to educational institutions.

The distinguished guest was informed that PIE has successfully achieved the goal of "Zero OOSC campaign in Islamabad". Provincial Education

Minister Raheela Durrani has asked Pakistan Institute of Education for technical guidance to bring 3.13 million out-of-school children to schools Balochistan.

During the meeting, technical teams from Edudepartment cation Balochistan and JICA AQAL set targets and strategies for Quetta city and Balochistan province.

According to the tar gets, education department, joint with PIE, JICA and other development actors, enroll out of school children available in Quetta city through a range of strategies such as formal schools, private schools in morning and afternoon shifts as well as by offering Accelerated/ Alternative Learning Programmes (ALPs) through local communities and Madaris. Digital and distance learning was also one of the approaches to enroll OOSC in the provContinued from page 1

boosting cooperation in renewable energy.

The deputy prime minister expressed good wishes for Azerbaijan to host the COP 29 meeting and assured Pakistan's support. Both sides held a de-

tailed discussion on the pre-

vailing situation in Gaza and called for an immediate cessation of Israeli hostilities and the establishment of an independent Palestine state with Quds Al Sharif as its capital. Ishaq Dar thanked Azerbaijan for its constant and principled support on the Kashmir issue and reiterated Pakistan's support for Azerbaijan's sovereignty and territorial integrity. Azerbaijan's Foreign Minister Jeyhun Bayramov told the media that in their meeting, they discussed ways to strengthen cooperation and strategic partnership to take the bilateral relationship to the next level. He said the huge potential for economic and trade cooperation remained untapped which necessitated the launch of joint economic projects in energy, tourism, transport, information technology, pharmaceuti-

cals and transport. He told the meeting that 8th Pakistan-Azerbaijan Inter-Governmental Commission to be held in Islamabad later this year would give further impetus to economic cooperation. He invited Pakistan's

benefit from the conducive business conditions in his country and connectivity

projects.

Mentioning six direct flights between the two countries and the 55,000 Pakistanis visiting Azerbaijan last year, Foreign Minister Jeyhun Bayramov said the upcoming COP29 meeting would also create opportunities

for cooperation in energy and climate change. Meanwhile Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Thursday, expressing satisfaction on the positive trajectory of relations between Pakistan and Azerbaijan, stressed the need to further strengthen mutually beneficial bilateral cooperation in trade, investment, energy

and security domains. He was talking to Foreign Minister of Azerbaijan Jeyhun Bayramov, who paid a courtesy call on him at the Prime Minister's House. The prime minister expressed appreciation that both sides had always extended their full support to each other on issues of core interest, and reaffirmed that they would continue to do so at every international forum.

He felicitated Foreign Minister Bayramov on Baku's selection as the host city for COP29 to be held in November this year and said that Pakistan would work closely with Azerbaijan to ensure the successful outcome of that business community to important event.

بلوچتان ریز پیشش کالج لورالائی جو تکومت بلوچتان کاایک مکمل اقامتی ادارہ ہے۔ کے لیے درج ذیل خالی اسامیوں کے لیے درخواستیں مطلوب ہیں۔ نبرشار نام اسای تعداد بی بی ایس عرک مد كم از كم تعلين قابليت رجربه MBBS والريم مى تعليم شده ادار عصم ايك ساله باوس جاب. 21-30 17 01 ميزيل آفيسر B.Sc/B.A فرسك ياسيكثر وويون مع وبلومداتكش شارك بيند 70 الفاظ في بي-ائدرسل منك MS Office اردو الكش تاكينك يس مبارت ركمتا بو الترميذيك بإسادى وكرى، فرسك بإسكيند دورين مع كم يدور و بلومه 02 جوئير كلرك 11 ٹائینگ سپیڈ30الفاظ فی منٹ۔

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Sherry calls for urgent climate action at "Road to Climate Resilient Pakistan" conference

Senator Sherry Rehman on conversation that must degrees Thursday emphasized the need for immediate and genuine action to address climate change.

Footprint" conference, hosted by Islamic Relief Pakistan and the National Disaster Risk Management

Sherry Rehman said, recorded as the planet's areas. Part of the problem

barriers when it changes. It support human life. can impact people and She was speaking as the chief guest at the "Road to Climate Resilient Pakistan: Reducing Our Pakistan: Reducing Our Bangladesh, and floods in Table 2018 This area of the world. We have just remarked, "Pakistan's remarked Brazil and Afghanistan.

scorching heatwave.

is one hottest place with 53 is our ageing grid, which because climate knows no such temperatures don't

Speaking is quite doable. We have a Pakistan, too, is in the large amount of solar middle of a debilitating, capacity and a huge amount ching heatwave. of wind capacity, She cited that particularly all the way Mohenjo Daro was through the Sindh coastal

conversation that must degrees centigrade, cannot take on a great deal connect from local to global reminding the world that of renewables anymore of renewables anymore because there's no space and also the incentive about structures that are in place for solarization.

Senator Rehman also highlighted Pakistan's vulnerability to climate impacts, stating, "Pakistan is home to the largest number of glaciers outside the North Pole, with approximately 7,000 approximately 7,000 glaciers, and they are melting rapidly.



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif chairs a meeting regarding reforms and implementation of E-Office in Federal Government departments.

ISLAMABAD: Chairman Prime Minister's Youth Programme Rana Mashhood Ahmed Khan and Chairman HEC Prof. Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed inaugurating "Bridging the Academia-Industry Gap" organized by HEC &

Ashrafi advocates for issuance of structured Fatwa to curb extremism, citing Saudi, Egyptian models

ISLAMABAD (APP): mutual respect among region," he added. Chairman Pakistan Ulema different groups, Addressing Council (PUC), Hafiz promoting a more Muhammad Mehmood Ashrafi has emphasized the urgent need for fostering dialogue across various societal

Speaking at a national seminar on Countering Violent Extremism' organized by Islamabad Policy Research Institute religious scholars and (IPRI)here Thursday, he leaders in a joint effort to highlighted the ongoing combat extremism across challenges of violent the nation. "This challenges of violent extremism in Pakistan and said that this call for dialogue would reduce misunderstandings and create an environment of said that this call for seen as vital for ensuring lifta Egypt were renowned for their systematic approach to issuing Fatwas as these institutions.

community.

Ashrafi further highlighted the importance of implementing Paighame-Pakistan,

designed to bridge gaps between different schools of thought and unify the nation. "This collaborative strategy is

including ongoing recovery efforts for flood-affected

families such as shelter.

livelihood support, WASH

(Water, Sanitation, and

Hygiene), cash assistance

Delogne on the occasion

extended his best wishes

organization's efforts

under Chairman Laghari's

leadership. He praised

PRCS's initiatives during

natural disasters and crises,

commitment to supporting

appreciated Ambassador

Delogne's contributions

during his tenure in

Pakistan, acknowledging

and fostering cooperation

distinguished guests into a

Chairman Laghari

humanitarian causes.

Ambassador Charles

and others.

Addressing misuse of religious decrees, Ashrafi called for the establishment of a mechanism for issuing Fatwas on matters of public importance. Citing the examples of Dar-ul-Ifta comprehensive doctrine institutions in Saudi Arabia and Egypt, he emphasized the need for a governmentlevel oversight to ensure that religious decrees are issued responsibly and effectively.

He said Dar-ul-Ifta Saudi Arabia and Dar-ul-

Belgium Ambassador calls on PRCS chairman

ISLAMABAD (APP): various facilities and Charles Delogne, the support mechanisms Belgium Ambassador to PRCS has implemented, Belgium Ambassador to Pakistan, visited the National Headquarters of the Pakistan Red Crescent Society (PRCS) on Thursday, where the PRCS representatives warmly

welcomed him upon arrival. In his meeting with PRCS Chairman Šardar Shahid Ahmed Laghari, the two leaders discussed the and commended the bilateral relations between Pakistan and Belgium, focusing on humanitarian cooperation and exploring potential joint initiatives to vulnerable reiterating Belgium's communities in Pakistan.

Chairman Laghari emphasized PRCS's extensive humanitarian services across the particularly highlighting the assistance provided to millions his role in strengthening affected by the 2022 Pakistan-Belgium relations monsoon floods. the on the global stage.

He detailed Wafaqi Mohtasib's vital role

AIOU connects library network to LMS for online access

SLAMABAD (APP): Allama Iqbal Open University(AIOU) has connected the Library Network with the university's official website through LMS.

This Library Network comprises 50 libraries, said a press release on Thursday.

According to the special directives of Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Nasir Mahmood, students and faculty have been provided with online access to academic resources.

These resources include books, digital books, research articles. theses, journals, HEC Digital Library, Open University's research journals and course books, Iqbal Gallery, Digital Resource Center, Siraat Corner, and accessibility center for blind individuals.

The students, faculty, and scholars can benefit from these academic resources through the online library catalog, mobile application, and library website.

Amir Muqam will pay a two-day official visit to AJK from today

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Kashmir Affairs and Gilgit-Baltistan Engineer Amir Muqam will pay a two-day official visit to Azad Jammu and Kashmir from

Friday (May 31). During the visit, Federal Minister Engineer Amir Maqam will hold meetings with the Prime Minister of Azad Jammu and Kashmir and members of the Legislative Assembly, said a press

release. Maqam will hold the meetings with leadership and workers of Muslim League-N Azad Jammu Kashmir. Engineer Amir Muqam will also take a briefing regarding various development projects from the senior officials.

93,000 families: DG

BISP's aid reaches

Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) Naveed Akbar said on Thursday that the programme is currently financial providing assistance approximately 93,000 families living below the poverty line.

In an interview with Pakistan Television News, he detailed the scope and impact of BISP's initiatives and said that BISP was committed to alleviating poverty in the

The April-June instalment of this program

ISLAMABAD (APP): has been launched Director General of the nationwide. "We provide Rs. 10,500 every quarter per family, he stated.

Additionally, BISP runs two significant support programs aimed at enhancing education and nutrition beneficiary families. "We are supporting the education of 9.4 million children from these families, ensuring they attend school and receive the necessary educational support," he noted.

One key initiative was the Health and Nutrition Program, which offers nutritional and financial support



Chairman CDA Muhammad Ali Randhawa calls on Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi in Islamabad.

ICT doorstep initiative: Convenient vehicle registration at Trail 3

ISLAMABAD (APP): ground service would Excise department is ensure a swift and providing civic facilities to residents of the Federal Capital to get their vehicle registration as well as access to various essential services at Trail 3 on Thursday under the ICT doorstep initiative.

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

Citizens hailing from nearby areas can get civic offering the following facilities through a dedicated van, he said.

The spokesman said that whether you need a fuel permit for domestic or commercial use, or looking to register your motor vehicle seamlessly, the on-

straightforward process. This initiative aimed

at to streamline processes and provide ease to the public regarding vehicle registration, transfer, and token tax procedures, he In addition to the

vehicle registration, transfer, and token tax services, the Facilitation Center Doorstep ICT Vehicle would also be services: Domicile certificate, Birth certificate, Power of attorney, International Driving permit, Fuel permit (domestic/commercial), and Motor vehicle



ISLAMABAD: Executive Director Lok Virsa Muhammad Uzair Khan presenting gift to Canadian High Commissioner Leslie Scanlon as shed join local artisans for a vibrant truck art workshop at Lok Virsa, celebrating the rich cultural heritage of Pakistan.

PNCA, QAU join hands to promote cultural exchange

ISLAMABAD (APP): Jamali and his team The Pakistan National including Director PNCA Council of the Arts (PMCA) and Quaid-e-University Thursday signed a Memorandum of Understandin

solidifying commitment to promoting artistic expression, cultural exchange, and academic

excellence.

The Vice Chancellor of QAU, accompanied by Head of the Anthropology Department, Dr. Inam Ullah Laghari, Director of External Linkages, Dr. Salma and faculty members of QAU, signed the MoU alongside the Director General of PNCA, Ayoub

Dr. Bilal Karim and others.

The QAU VC thanked the DG PNCA and his team for their efforts, acknowledging PNCA's pivotal role as the apex culture body in Pakistan, promoting arts and culture in the country.
This collaborative

encompasses internships.

endeavour aims to bridge the gap between art and academia, fostering innovation, creativity, and cultural enrichment. The partnership will enable the development of a joint art and design degree program, providing students with a comprehensive education

and degree in art and design. The MoU also

Chairman PMYP emphasizes crucial role of technology for empowering youth

RAWALPINDI (APP): events pave the way for a Chairman of Prime more collaborative and Minister Youth Programme (PMYP) Rana Mashhood Ahmed Khan on Thursday emphasized the crucial role technology empowering youth.

Addressing the event titled "Bridging the Academia-Industry Gap" organized in collaboration with Microsoft and the Education Higher Commission (HEC), the chairman PMYP said that equipping graduates with the latest technological skills is paramount to ensuring their success in the competitive global

landscape.

He said that such

Tarar grieved over death of father of senior journalist

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Broadcasting, National Heritage and Culture Attaullah Tarar on Thursday expressed deep grief and sorrow over the death of the father of senior journalist Saqib Saeed. In a condolence message, the minister expressed his heartfelt condolences and sympathy to the bereaved family. He said he was deeply grieved to hear the administration, news of Saqib Saeed's significant sweep was father's death

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brought together leading figures from academia and industry focusing on nurturing collaboration and equipping graduates with the skills needed to thrive in the modern workplace. The

commenced with a welcome address by Dr Zia Ul Qayyum, Executive Director of the Higher latest AI offerings by Education Commission followed by a Keynote by Microsoft's Director of Education Industry, which paints a picture of a Central Europe Middle rapidly changing East and Africa Jaye workplace.

Richards Hill. Highlighting the importance of this collaboration, Jaye Richards Hill stated, "At collaboration, Microsoft, we believe that technology can be a powerful bridge between academia and industry. By equipping students with the latest tools and technologies, and fostering collaboration with industry event leaders, we can prepare them for the jobs of tomorrow." Jibran Jamshad speaking to the audience on Microsoft, highlighted a recent survey from the World Talent Initiative.

ICT admin actions against professional beggars; arrests 17

ISLAMABAD (APP): Assistant Commissioner The Commissioners (ACs) and Magistrates accompanied by Islamabad Capital Territory Administration teams have launched operations across the city to address the issue of alms-seeking and arrested 17 professional

of Pothohar, resulting in the arrest of 17 individuals involved in begging The arrested persons

were included seven women, seven children, and three men, apprehended from Centaurus, Faisal Masjid, and nearby locations. Those detained According to the have been handed over to Spokesman of ICT the police, while the minors among them have been placed under the care



ISLAMABAD: Coordinator to PM on Monitoring Rana Ehsan Afzal in group photo with participants of five days workshop organized by Woman Media

ARI demands enhanced quit-smoking services in all districts of Pakistan

ISLAMABAD (APP): Alternative Research Initiative (ARI) and its partners on Thursday have called upon the federal and provincial governments to ensure effective and accessible cessation services for adult smokers in districts, tehsils and union councils across

Pakistan."Adult smokers who have been unable to quit smoking need a helping hand. Helping them in quitting is critical to end combustible smoking in Pakistan," said Arshad Ali Syed, project director of ARI, in a statement on the occasion of World No Tobacco Day (WNTD).

He added that the national quit line should not only be publicized extensively but its services need

emphasized the role of provincial governments in providing cessation services at the district level.

Riphah University students visit Senate Secretariat at Parl. House **Independent Report**

ISLAMABAD (APP): A delegation of 64 students from Riphah University, along with faculty members, visited the Senate Secretariat at Parliament House on Thursday.
The delegation paid a

guided tour of the Senate Museum, during which watched documentary outlining the history of the Upper House. Additionally, they were briefed on the electoral and legislative procedures, as well as the overall functioning of the Senate of Pakistan.

delegation explored the Senate Museum, showing particular interest in the statues and historical photographs depicting prominent politicians of

the country. delegation proceeded to the Senate Hall, where Senate officials provided a comprehensive briefing on the operational protocols, legislative processes, functions.

IGP visits National Police Hospital; directs official to expedite construction work

ISLAMABAD: According to the details, the Inspector General of Police (IGP) Islamabad, Syed Ali Nasir Rizvi, visited the underconstruction Pakistan's

possible and to ensure it meets international standards. IG Islamabad Syed Ali Nasir Rizvi said that, several projects have been initiated for the



Hospital at Police Lines Headquarters, a public relations officer said.

He said that, on this occasion, Headquarters and other senior police officers were also present. The IG Islamabad issued orders to the administrators to complete the construction of the National Police their families, he added.

first National Police welfare of Islamabad Police officers. The construction of the National Police Hospital will benefit police officers, their families, and the general public in the future. Maximum relief will be provided to police officers in every sector. Such efforts will not only boost the morale of police officers but also that of

Mr. AHMAD FAROOD National Skills University

highlighted at National

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Independent Report
ISLAMABAD: In an enlightening and highly interactive lecture at the distinguished guest conversation a d m i n i s t r a accountability

(NSU) Islamabad, Mr. Ahmad Farooq, Honorable Senior Advisor at the President of Pakistan, Mohtasib (Ombudsman) Secretariat, captivated his and enduring significance audience with a profound of the Wafaqi Mohtasib. audience with a profound discourse on the His lecture was institution's pivotal role in complemented by a addressing issues of maladministration.

This lecture was held in the NSU Main Auditorium, drawing students, faculty, and governance landscape.

Mr. Farooq, who also served as Secretary to the articulated foundational principles documentary chronicles the institution's remarkable showcasing contributions to Pakistan's

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Debt trap

Pakistan's debt stock has grown exponentially in recent years. So have debt payments, putting pressure on the budget. With the government running an unsustainably high fiscal deficit that averaged 7.3pc of the economic output in the past five years, it is not surprising that the national debt has already surged to Rs78.9tr — including a domestic debt of Rs43.4tr and external loans of Rs32.9tr.

The country is in a debt trap where it must borrow more to pay back its existing debt — domestic and external loans both. It is thus only natural for annual debt payments to also spike. For example, the authorities had anticipated debt servicing to jump to Rs7.3tr or almost 58pc of the budgeted expenditure for the ongoing fiscal. However, according to ing up for another round a report, they have now revised these estimates to Rs8.3tr.

The finance ministry's Mid-Year Budget Review Report for the outgoing year confirms these concerns. The report shows that the nation's debt payments spiralled by more than 64pc to Rs4.2tr during the first six months to December, an increase attributable thing I have learned in my not only to the mounting stock stan-China relations. Be of debt accumulated to finance the fiscal deficit but also to the surge in the cost of domestic debt because of a record-high interest rate of 22pc. The report says the expenditure on debt servicing during the six- One is obviously the for- and Road Initiative, the month period far outpaced tax | But these can also come revenue growth, bringing "spending on development to

In the report, the ministry has blamed elevated domestic interest rates for our growing debt servicing woes. With the government covering nearly 80pc of its fiscal deficit One day it was the cool through commercial bank loans amid drying official foreign flows, the interest rates are of primary concern as domestic debt payments accounted for nearly 90pc of the total debt servicing costs during the first half of the fiscal. The cost of borrowing has proved to be a major shock for the entire economy, and not just for the government, as new private investment has come to a halt and growth has benediction of the World stagnated.

What the report doesn't pacity (then 10,800 MW), discuss are the reasons behind this debt trap. While the years (eight per cent per higher interest rates are a burden, the main challenge is MW by 2018. the government's failure to control its fiscal deficit that is ergy, Hazel O'Leary (a forcing it to accumulate more political version of Tina Turner and later president debt every day. Indeed, a reduction in interest rates will provide relief but will not solve the issue of burgeoning deficit and debt accumulation.

The task before the government is to boost its tax-to-GDP ratio to the global average by taxing the economy's untaxed ing response ... with apand undertaxed sectors, as well as eliminating wasteful about 5,000 MW till Dec. expenditure to cut the fiscal 1997. It also announced that the discovery of coal deficit to sustainable levels to deposits in the Tharparkar minimise its borrowing requirements for financing the extracted it can provide budget. Do the authorities realise this and are they moving in this direction? We will know once the budget is announced next month.

'Scandalising' contempt

Reema Omer

number of contempt of court proceedings are currently underway in differ-

ent courts in Pakistan. On May 17, 2024, the Supreme Court took notice of press conferences by Faisal Vawda and Mustafa Kamal regarding the judiciary. The court found that their comments prima facieconstitute contempt of court and gave them an opportunity to submit written explanations within two weeks. The court warned television channels that broadcasting or publishing material that constitutes contempt of court may also be contempt, so they should desist from doing so.

Earlier, the Islamabad High Court initiated contempt proceedings in response to Justice Babar Sattar's letter informing the chief justice of the IHC of a "malicious social media campaign" against him. The court found there is prima faciematerial indicating "personal criticism" of the judge and "scandalising of the court". The IHC also noted that demanding Justice Sattar's recusal from a case before him prima facie amounted to "obstruction of

the course of justice".
Around the same time,

Justice Mohsin Kayani requested the IHC to initiate contempt of court proceedings under Section 11 of the Contempt of Court Ordinance (relating to 'judicial contempt') in response to certain allegations made against him in the media. A notice was issued to advocate Waqas Malik, who reportedly filed a complaint against Justice Kayani before the Supreme Judicial Council for, among other things, "waging war against the Pakistani state". Notices were also issued to journalists Matiullah Jan and Talat Hussain, who interviewed advocate Wagas Malik regarding his complaint.

These contempt proceedings raise a number of issues concerning the rule of law and human rights, including the independence of the judiciary and the proper administration of justice, as well as the rights to freedom of expression and informa-

The applicable law is the Contempt of Court Ordinance, 2003. The Ordinance relates to a number of different types of contempt including civil contempt, criminal contempt, and ju-

dicial contempt. The category of contempt invoked in the ongoing proceedings appears to primarily be judicial contempt.

'Judicial contempt' is defined under the ordinance as 'scandalising' the court and includes personalised criticism of a judge while they are holding office. Personalised criticism is defined as "criticism of a judge or a judgement in which improper motives are imputed". Judicial contempt is related to "lowering the authority of a court in the minds of the public" and "bringing the authority of a court or the administration of law into disrespect or dis-

The common law origins of contempt powers regarding 'scandalising' the court or lowering the court's authority are from a time when awe and respect for the status of the sovereign and their judges were considered essential to the maintenance of public order.

Consider, for example one of the earliest judicial pronouncements on contempt of court in R vs Almon (1765): "The arraignment of the justice of the judges, is arraigning the king's justice; it is an im-

peachment of his wisdom and goodness in the choice of his judges, and excites in the minds of the people a general dissatisfaction with all judicial determinations, and indisposes their minds to obey them.

Justice Sachs elaborated the origins of contempt in common law in the Mamabolo case from South "The words Africa: 'scandalising' and 'disrepute' ... belong to an archaic vocabulary which fits most uncomfortably into contemporary constitutional analysis. They evoke another age with other values, when a strong measure of awe and respect for the status of the sovereign and his or her judges was considered essential to the maintenance of the public peace. Constitutionalism arose in combat with mystique, and does not easily become its bride.

Crime and Courts Act abolished the offence of scandalising the court' in England and Wales, where the contempt powers found in Pakistani law originate.

Notably, in 2013, the

This decision to abolish the offence was based on a report by the Law Commission of England and Wales, which concluded: the

court is in principle an infringement of freedom of expression that should not be retained without strong principled or practical justification; there are uncertainties about the conditions and ambit of the offence; prosecutions for this offence are likely to have undesirable effects; and there are several statutory offences covering the more serious forms of behaviour covered by scandalising, and civil defamation proceedings are available in the case of

false accusations of corrup-

Canada, New Zealand, and

Courts in the US,

tion or misconduct.

offence of scandalising the

various other common law jurisdictions have greatly restricted the applicability of the offence of 'scandalising the judiciary'. There is also wide recognition globally from within as well as outside the judiciary that if the objective of invoking contempt powers is to uphold or restore public confidence in the courts, such proceedings would be

How, then, should judges respond to false allegations and 'personal criticism'? Judges in other juris-

counterproductive.

ter and wiser course is to ignore any scandalous attack with a "wry smile" rather than giving them more publicity by initiating contempt proceedings. "The more extravagant the allegations, the more ludicrous they sound, their argument goes. Others have suggested it is incorrect that judges cannot reply to attacks and have advocated for press releases and other official means of giving a response.

In the most serious cases, the option of civil defamation and action under other relevant statutory laws also exists

It is true that respect for the judiciary is vital for the maintenance of the rule of law. However, as can be seen from examples within and outside of Pakistan, such respect is undermined rather than strengthened by the use of contempt of

The application of contempt powers, therefore, must be limited to the most egregious instances where there is a clear and present danger of subversion of the administration of justice and not merely 'percriticism' sonal 'scandalising of the court'. -- Courtesy Dawn

The great CPEC mirage

Khurram Husain

If you think China is gearof massive business investments in Pakistan then I have a power plant to sell you. No such thing is about to happen and all the noise around a revival of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is either wishful thinking (at best) or a way to camouflage what really is going on.

Here is one way of knowing that CPEC is not on the cusp of a major revival: there is no mention of any such thing from the Chinese side. This is one wary of what you hear from official Pakistani quarters, until you hear the same thing coming from official (or even semi-official) Chinese quarters.

The Chinese state has multiple sources from where to issue statements. eign ministry spokesman. from other government functionaries, with or without attribution. Below this which is entirely state-controlled, and where the edi-

torials published can often be trial balloons or reflections of official thinking, which has not yet congealed into policy. Additionally, there can be news reports which cite developments in Pakistan and report statements by Pakistani officials, going on to cite Chinese officials on the same topic. Any utterances from

these quarters are meaningful. But so far on CPEC, there is silence. Con-si-der a few examples. On May 29. China's official news agency, Xinhua, published a report quoting Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif talking about CPEC. The report quotes Sharif at length, saying "Pakistan desired to further enhance its cooperation with China in various sectors including agriculture, information technology, and energy un--der the second phase of the China-Pakistan Econo-mic Corridor ... a flagship project of the Belt prime minister said while cha-iring a meeting on Pa-

kistan-China cooperation". But the report ends without a single reciprocal level, there is their media, quote from the Chinese side about CPEC. Its concluding sentence is illustra-

tive. "Launched in 2013, the CPEC is a corridor linking the Gwadar Port in southwest Pakistan's Balochistan province with Kashgar in Northwest China's Xinjiang Uighur Autonomous Region, which highlights energy, transport, and industrial cooperation in the first phase, while the new phase expands to fields of agriculture and livelihood,

among others. That's all. Now notice something about the final sentence. First, it says CPEC is a corridor that links Gwadar with Xinjiang. This is consistent with how the Chinese have talked about CPEC all along. Even in their Long-Term Plan drawn up in the heyday of CPEC a decade ago, they did not talk about a China-Pakistan economic corridor. That document always mentioned a Xiniiang-Pakistan economic corridor. And the plans detailed therein of Karakoram Highway talked about the economic Phase II, strengthen cobenefits that would accrue operation in agriculture, to the Xinjiang Autonomous Region from greater integration with Pakistan, including access to Pakistani varn for value addition in Xinjiang, and access to Gwadar for exports.

report mentions agriculture as a possible field for expanding cooperation, and something vague called "livelihood". It makes no mention of IT and energy, two other priorities mentioned in Sharif's statement. This shows diminished interest on the Chinese side for getting further involved in Pakistan's economy and its myriad dysfunctions and liquidity shortages, volatile politics and security challenges.

In mid-May, Foreign

Minister Ishaq Dar trav-

elled to Beijing to attend the Fifth Round of the China-Pakistan Strategic Dialogue, following which a joint statement was issued. Some mention of CPEC was made in it, specifically an agreement to 'accelerate progress on major connectivity projects including upgradation of ML-1, the Gwadar Port, realignment information technology and other fields according to local conditions". Of

pay for the costs of its feasibility. There is little to no chance that Pakistan will take on a \$6bn-\$7bn loan to pay for this project. We've been hearing about it for years, but it is a mirage Regarding Gwadar

Port, China has made it clear that the responsibility to build connecting infrastructure between Gwadar and the rest of the country is Pakistan's. Let's see if they can afford this. We will find out in due course what it means to "strengthen cooperation" in the list of fields the statement lists, but it would not be a good idea to hold your breath while we wait for the facts to roll in, "according to local conditions'

That statement was most emphatic and specific when talking about security. Every statement since then has followed suit in laying emphasis on security.

Sharif met Xi Jinping in project. At the outset, the ment was released. That sumption.

Next, notice how the Chinese refused even to statement lays out China's view of growing industrial cooperation with Pakistan and adds the following: China "hopes the Pakistani side will provide a sound business environment". Then in the next sentence it says "President Xi expressed his great concern about the safety of Chinese nationals in Paki-

So what exactly is Shehbaz Sharif going to China for in a visit which we were originally told would take place in May

Here is my guess.
The IMF does not want its resources being used to service Chinese debt obligations, and has told the government that an agreement will only be possible if there is no positive net outflow from Pakistan to China during the programme period This means rescheduling some of the maturities in the slew of Chinese debt instruments maturing in operation in agriculture, industrial parks, mining, coming from the Chinese this is proving to be a side towards Pakistan hard sell for the Pakistani were back in November government. This ap-2022, when Shehbaz proach is what they are these ML-1 is a mirage, a multibillion-dollar Beijing and a joint state- of CPEC for public con-

The heat is on

F.S. Aijazuddin

comfort of spring. The next morning summer arrived with the force of an unwelcome intruder. Until October, life will be hell on earth, especially in hell's scorching suburb called Pakistan.

Yet again, our nation

is caught between mismatched policies and their endless impact, between our energy requirements and erratic availability. Over the past 30 years, every government has laid a Humpty Dumpty egg of an energy policy. In March 1994, a new energy policy, issued with the Bank, addressed three aspects: our inadequate cathe growth pattern of demand over the previous 25 year), and an anticipated requirement of 54,000

In September 1994, the US secretary of enof an insolvent Fisk University), led a delegation of 90 American business persons to Pakistan. During her visit, 16 agreements were signed envisaging an investment of \$4 billion in Pakistan's energy sector. Within two months, the Power and Infrastructure Board boasted that it had received "an overwhelmplications for over 25,000 MW against the target of area of Sindh was "so large that even if half of it is fuel for 100,000 MW

Thirty years have passed. According to Nepra's State of Energy Report 2023, Pakistan's

power plants for 30

2023, stood at 45,885 MW, well below the 1994 projections of 54,000 MW. The installed capacity for imported coalbased power projects is 3,960 MW, while local coal, sourced from Block-I and Block-II of the Thar coal mines, contributes 2,640 MW (2.6pc of 1994's ambitions). Feedstock of coal-based plants is imported, like the expensive ore used to bankrupt Pakistan Steel Mills. It comes from South Africa and Indonesia under long-term contracts, their price "unregulated, lacking oversight in terms of price

determination'

The 1994 policy introduced an innovative bulk power tariff, comprising an energy price and a capacity price at a notional total of 6.5 cents per kilowatt hour. The energy price covered fuel cost and the variable operating costs of the power plant (2.2 cents). Responsibility for fuel supply lay on the government through Pakistan State Oil or Sui Southern Gas. The capacity price of 4.3 cents was calculated to cover debt repayment obligations, fixed operating and maintenance costs and return on equity (17pc). The private sector plants were protected against Wapda waywardness through 'take or pay' provisions in power purchase agreements. Under the 'take or pay' clauses, Nepra tells us, "payments are made for contracted capacity, regardless of whether it is consumed or not. The unutilised capacity places a financial burden on electricity consumers, who end up paying for unused power. During FY2022-23, the utilisation factor

Rs46.59bn' In the 1990s, to improve efficiency in transmission and distribution, installed capacity in June the World Bank per-

was 34pc [...] and the

amounts paid to power

plants amounted to

suaded the government to unbundle Wapda's downstream monopoly, creating independent localised distribution companies (Lesco, Pesco, etc.). Today, there are 12, each operating at varying levels of inefficiency. Distribution losses involve a loss of Rs160.5bn. Pesco alone accounts for half the losses — at Rs77.35bn — an unnecessary threat to interprovincial harmony. Government officials watch mindlessly as the energy sector circular debt "jumped to Rs5.7 trillion as of November 2023" Rs2.7tr is owed in the power sector and Rs3tr in the gas sector.

Yet, the World Bank still advises that "companies specialising in infrastructure development can participate in projects aimed at enhancing the energy distribution network". And the Asian Development Bank has committed \$250 million for "the Power Transmission Strengthening Project, which will help boost national grid stability, energy security, transmission capacity, and effective national transmission system management"

Meanwhile, consumers faced with daily power outages and escalating monthly energy bills wonder whether there is a solution to this power conundrum. Or are we condemned to scavenge for private sector alternatives (like home generators and rooftop solar panels) to compensate for public

Courtesy Dawn

sector incompetence? One is reminded of the response given by P. Chidambaram (then India's finance minister) to an inquisitor who asked him how he intended to implement his government's plans. His terse reply was: "By doing it." Pakistanis can do it. They succeed everywhere else. Their flesh is willing; only their governance is weak

Plugging the gap

Arif Azad

The term 'health inequalities' is understood as avoidable, unfair and systemic differences between health outcomes for different groups in a society. Different groups experience health inequalities differently based on their social and economic status, ethnicity, geographical location and marginalisation status.

One measure of ences in life expectancy, which is a key indicator of the population's health status. În its broadest sense, health inequality is effectively unequal life expectancy, which is intimately bound with socioeconomic status. The relationship is expressed in terms of the social gradient in health, which is measured by the gap between the least and the most deprived areas in terms of life expectancy.

For example, one UK-based study found that in 2017-2019, women in the least deprived areas could expect to live up to 86.4 years as compared to those in the most deprived areas where they could not hope to live beyond 78 years an eight-year gap in life expectancy. Other factors influencing the trajectory of health inequalities are: limited or no access to healthcare, poor quality of healthcare and risky behaviour such as smok-

The wider determinants of health such as transportation, education, housing, environment and incomes are also system-level coordinates that contribute are those whose lives, hugely to the evolution and progress of health inequality in a society. Together, these factors create conditions that expose groups at the bottom of the socioeconomic heap to the worst effects of health inequality, re-

sulting in shortened lifespans thanks to disease and deprivation.

Prof Michael Marmot has done commendable work on health inequalities in the UK. Though he has been ploughing this lonely academic furrow for a long time, Covid-19 gave new salience to his work as the pandemic exposed health inequalities in a startling new way, showing how the poor, elderly, health inequality is differ- and ethnic minorities ended up bearing the brunt of Covid-exposed health inequalities. More broadly, the pandemic of health such as housexposed inequities in the worldwide distribution of vaccines, which exactransp-ort and environerbated local health inequalities. His work is of vital importance and has wider application to the different groups in social issue of health inequali-

> ties everywhere. inequalities are visible to rivation gap, increasing the naked eye. A highlevel government official, who has a secure lifelong job, decent housing, hefty pension and medical and health cover, tends to live much longer and maintenance of unithan the ordinary Paki- versal health coverage, stani. A case in point is that of vintage bureaucrats and military offic-tion, can further the ers often making it into their 90s and even hitting rich-poor divide in life a century

On the other hand. even among government services, those who are not covered by substantial pension, housing and medical benefits are less likely to make it beyond their 60s and 70s. Those beneath these tiers seem to fare poorly when it comes to life expectancy. At the end of the spectrum blighted by poverty and structural disadvantage, continue to live shortened men and women from poorer backgrounds dying in their 30s and 40s, reflecting the health inequalities they face.

Pakistan remains a deeply unequal society as evidenced by the growing wealth, residential and geographical gaps. The sight of glossy housing societies and gated communities sitting side by side with slums is an indicator of the wealth gap mirroring the health gap. These gaps are being widened by policies that favour economic elites, government-linked groups and privileged sections of society, thus worsening poverty. Such policies influence wider aspects ing, ed--u-cation and health allocations, mental safeguards, all of which have a bearing on the health outcomes of

systems. Other key measures In Pakistan, health such as reducing the depaccess to fully funded healthcare and removing social advantages can ameliorate health inequalities to a great extent. The introduction with a focus on primary healthcare and prevenproject of reducing the expectancy

Furthermore, improving the quality of care and expanding social safety nets can also play a big part. The restoration of the local government system, which, among other things, keeps a vigilant eye on the status of health inequalities in a particular locality, as evidenced in the work of Prof Marmot, can go a long way in addressing long-term health inequalities. More lives. It is not rare to see importantly, more focused research on the patterns of health inequalities in Pakistan is what is immediately needed. -- Courtesy Dawn

Sindh cabinet okays Hub Canal project;100 acres land allocated for Inclusive City for PWDs

KARACHI (APP): Sindh Chief Minister (CM) Syed Murad Ali Shah presided including launching the Hub Canal project using provincial government resources, additionally, 100 acres of land were allocated for an Inclusive City for Persons

collection in cantonment board areas, acquire 50 electric buses on a Rent Own Financial Model, launch S-BOSS for a consolidated business registry, and form a Sindhbased home workers

The meeting was held The cabinet meeting and was attended by sources - the Indus River

impose property tax advisors, the chief P&D, SMBR, concerned secretaries and others.

The CM taking a policy decision in the interest of Karachi decided to rehabilitate Hub Canal through his government

Karachi has two at CM House on Thursday major water supply

providing about 570 million Gallons Daily (MGD) water and Hub Dam. Hub Canal built in 1982-84 has outlived its life and its capacity reduced from 100 MGD to 70 MGD for many reasons. Some of the large areas of Karachi, including but not limited to, Orangi, Baldia, Kemari, SITE and New

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LAHORE: A delegation of

Association Rawalpindi led by Malik Khalid Numdar met Governor

Punjab, Sardar Saleem

Haider Khan today at

Governor House. The

delegation congratulated

Sardar Saleem Haider Khan

on assuming office as the

occasion, Governor Punjab

Sardar Saleem Haider said

that the usefulness of

Numberdari system cannot be denied. He said that

Numberdari System could

reduce the burden of work

conference, in Karachi.

PESHAWAR (APP):

Pakhtunkhwa on Tourism,

Culture and Archeology,

Zahid Chanzeb, has said

that in the provincial

budget of the new financial

year, a huge chunk of

Rs9.66 billion has been

allocated for promotion of

tourism industry in the

province and this amount

is 25 per cent more than

proof of the interest of

Chief Minister Ali Amin

Gandapur to develop

tourism in the province.

During an informal

conversation with some

media representatives here

on Thursday, he clarified

that tourism is the only

sector in which there were

investment

This, he said, was

the past few years.

Minister

KARACHI: Sindh Minister for Information,

Transport and Mass Transit, Excise Taxation and

Narcotics Control, Sharjeel Inam Memon

addresses to media persons during press

Rs9.66 billion allocated

for tourism uplift in KP

budget: Advisor Tourism

Adviser to the Chief revenue and foreign

from it.

Khyber

opportunities and huge

exchange could be incurred

previous four to five years,

Pakistan has earned almost

20 billion dollars of foreign

exchange annually from the

tourism sector alone, which

is four percent of the

overall national growth

rate (GDP), while during

the last Eid, 2 to 3 million

tourists visited the serene

Pakhtunkhwa that brought

the government an income

of up to four billion rupees.

that he gives the clear

assurance to the Chief

Minister and the people of

the province that firstly,

the transparent and fair use

of this Rs9.66 billion

allocated amounts.

Therefore, he asserted

of

He said that in the

on various departments.

Speaking on the

Governor of Punjab.

strengthening



LAHORE: A delegation of Pak Numbardar Association Rawalpindi led by Malik Khalid Numdar photographed with Governor Punjab, Sardar Saleem Haider Khan at Governor House.

KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister, Syed Murad Ali Shah presides over a Provincial Cabinet meeting, held at CM House in Karachi.

Syed Qasim Ali says: 'Cancer is a serious health problem'

Independent Report Minister, Syed Qasim Ali Shah, announced on

chemotherapy used in the treatment of breast cancer will be included in the health card very soon.

He made this announcement while speaking at an important function on breast cancer services organized at Khyber Teaching Hospital, according to a press release

Health Minister Syed Qasim Ali Shah and MNA Arbab Sher Ali attended the ceremony as special guests.

Chairman Board of Sovernor Dr. Umar Ayub Khan, MD Prof. Dr. Mohammad Ayaz Khan, Prof. Dr. Mah Munir Khan, Assistant Prof. Dr. Irum Sabir, and other faculty members participated in the management of Khyber Teaching Hospital.

In the event, Assistant Professor of Cancer Unit, Dr. Irum Sabir, presented comprehensive report on the treatment of cancer patients, which highlighted

patients so far and the

problems faced. She said that in 2022. 6206, 2023, 8733, and 3989 breast cancer patients were treated in 2024.

She added, "Breast care services at Khyber Teaching Hospital are exceptional, and we are very proud of our achievements since 2019." Our dedicated team,

led by Prof. Dr. Mah Munir Khan, Dr. Irum Sabir, Asst. Assistant Professor Dr. Muhammad Tariq, Assistant Professor Dr. Ashfaq Ahmad Shah, Professor Dr. Hina Gul, Dr. Mahmood Akhtar Khattak, and Dr. Kulsoom Nawab, are highly skilled healthcare professionals.

Health Minister Syed Qasim Ali Shah said, "In Chairperson General his speech, he said that problem that we have to fight together." "Unfortunately, one

in eight women is at risk of developing cancer. We all have to work together to meet this challenge, and more improvements are needed." "I am happy to announce chemotherapy will soon be included in the health card program to facilitate access to cancer treatment.

Sindh to introduce e-logistics portal, e-payment facilities for ease of people: Sharjeel Memon

KARACHI (APP): Sindh issued to the departments Information Minister, Sharjeel Inam Memon, Thursday, stated that provincial government will introduce an e-logistics portal and provide epayment facilities for the ease of people and ensuring transparency.

Sindh Senior Minister Sharjeel Inam Memon, addressing a press conference after the Sindh Cabinet meeting, said that 16 out of total 48 departments of provincial governments including revenue, environment, Sindh Control

Building Authority and local governments will be digitized and their official work be computerized so that people's problems could be addressed online.

The World Bank completed this year and aimed at welfare of the instructions have also been people of Sindh.

for framing the necessary rules for the initiative, he said and added that after digitization, all public services in those departments would be accessible online from home. The cabinet approved a project for establishing a modern hospital, school, autism center, and playground for special children on 100 acres of land along Malir Expressway, the minister informed adding that previously, many centers have been established through the efforts of the Sindh government and Sindh Chief Minister Murad Ali Shah for persons with different abilities. He said that 41 agenda items were discussed in detail and all decisions made in the supported project will be cabinet meeting were

Pre-flood mock exercise held at river Chenab

MULTAN (APP): Rescue 1122, along with line departments, conducted a pre-flood mock exercise at the Chenab River to avert an expected flood-like

Additional Deputy Commissioner of Revenue, Faizan Ahmad Riaz, inspected the exercises and camps established by district departments.

Emergency Officer Rescue 1122 Engineer Bilal gave a briefing about preparations regarding floods and initiatives.

demonstrated various operations, including shifting flood victims to safer places via boats, providing first aid to the injured, and moving them to field hospitals.

Rescue personnel also showcased their swimming skills to rescue individuals without boats, and divers demonstrated techniques to save drowning individuals.

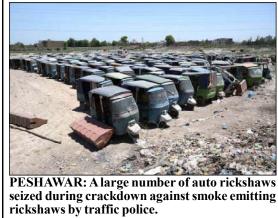
ADCR Faizan Ahmad, on this occasion, said that the district administration was fully alert regarding the expected flood under the directions of the Punjab government.

Agriculture university Dera students get Benazir scholarships

DERA ISMAIL KHAN (APP): As many as 15 students of Agriculture University Dera Ismail Khan received scholarships worth Rs1.266.000 under the Benazir Scholarship programme of the Higher Education Commission (HEC) here on Thursday.

According to the university spokesman on the special instructions of Vice Chancellor Professor Dr Shakeeb Ullah, Registrar Abdul Basit Khan handed over these cheques to the students in a ceremony. Deans. directors administrative officers, and teachers from departments of the university were also

present on the occasion. Speaking on the occasion Scholarship Program Director Dr Asif Nawaz shed light on details about the programme of the HEC, adding that such initiatives help students pursue conveniently.



PPP rejects KP budget, says it would multiply public woes

Khyber being Pakhtunkhwa Thursday has rejected the provincial budget of the saying it would multiply the financial woes of the people. Addressing a press conference at Peshawar Press Club (PPC), the Secretary Information PPP Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Gohar Inqilabi said that budget used to be annual economic planning covering financial estimates for the whole

year, so it should be based

on actual facts and figures

PESHAWAR (APP): and not on mere Pakistan Peoples Party assumptions. He said that parliamentary system, the provincial governments were used to present their PTI government for annual budgets after its financial year 2024-25 announcement by the federal government. However, this year, he said the PTI government in KP violated this tradition announced it ahead the federal government.

The PPP leader said that before the budget, the session of the provincial assembly was delayed to prevent the oath taking of the women and minorities legislators on reserve seats and now they want to pass.

various problems faced by them. The delegation demanded the Governor Punjab to revive the Numbardari system. Governor Punjab assured the delegation that he will talk to the Chief Minister of Punjab to solve their problems. Meanwhile Governor Punjab Sardar Saleem Haider Khan met Vice Chairperson Punjab Social Protection Authority (PSPA) here today at Governor House Lahore. During the meeting, Vice Chairperson PSPA briefed Governor Punjab about the programmes of Punjab Social Protest

On this occasion, the delegation informed the Punjab Governor about the

Governor Punjab for

strengthening Numbardari

system in villages

government has also started

Governor Punjab said that

the Numbardari system is

an effective system in

solving the problems of the

people related to various

departments in the villages.

Governor Punjab said that

by making the numbering

system effective, many

issues related to agriculture,

land and revenue departments could be

solved at the grass root

level. He said that an

empowered Numberdari

System would facilitates

the government officials.

Numbardar to realize its significance.

He added that the



District police officer Dera, Nasir Mehmood issued transfer and posting orders for thirteen SHOs, a police spokesman said.

Khan District were

According to the notification, Arsalan Gandapur transferred and posted as SHO Cantt police station, Muhammad Zeeshan posted as SHO City police station, Khalid Javed posted as SHO Kirri heirs. Khasor police station. Gul Sher posted as SHO Dera Town, Faheem Abbas posted as SHO University.

Rs. 347bln annual wastage on smoking in Pakistan this year's theme of "World No Tobacco Day", which **Independent Report** LAHORE: Punjab Health

Khawaja Salman regret over

Ministers Khawaja Salman Rafique and Khawaja Imran Nazir expressed deep regret over the annual wastage of Rs 347 billion on smoking in Pakistan. The ministers made

these remarks while speaking as special guests at an awareness seminar on 'World No Tobacco Day", held at the Institute of Public Health on Thursday. The event was organised by the Non-Communicable Disease (NCD) programme of the Department of Primary and Secondary Healthcare to address the pressing issue of tobacco addiction. Khawaja Imran Nazir,

Punjab Minister for Primary and Secondary Healthcare, highlighted awareness.

focuses on protecting the young generation from smoking. He pointed out that different forms of smoking, including shisha and e-cigarettes, contribute significantly to youth addiction. He announced that awareness campaigns would be conducted in all hospitals to mark the occasion, emphasising that the Rs 347 billion spent on smoking is a severe

injustice to society. 'We must not have double standards," he stated. "The people of Pakistan will never forgive those who squander billions for their political gain." He praised the seminar's organizers for their efforts to raise

Scholarships awarded to martyrs of Tank police children

(APP): District Police Officer (DPO) Tank, Abdul Salam Khalid on Thursday awarded educational scholarships to children of the police martyrs.

According to a police spokesman, scholarship cheques were

Amir Azam Shah, Shaheed

DERA ISMAIL KHAN Constable Muhammad Tariq, Shaheed Constable Mohsin Ali, Shaheed Constable Abdul RashId, Samiullah, and Shaheed Constable Suleman.

He expressed his desire to pursue higher education, excel in handed over at his office competitive exams, and where he met with the achieve prominent martyrs' children and positions. Paying glowing tributes to the martyrs, the DPO said they offered addressed the families and supreme sacrifices and said children of Shaheed ASI every support would be



HYDERABAD: Members of Sindhiani Tehreek are holding protest demonstration against the killing of Journalist Nasrullah and demanding justice for him, at Hyderabad press club.

BISE chairman visits various exam centres

SUKKUR (APP): Chairman Board of Intermediate Secondary Education (BISE) Sukkur, Rafique Ahmed Palh Thursday said the board authorities have taken allout measures to ensure a peaceful environment and prevent cheating at the examination centres.

Dur-ing his visit to an exam centre established at Government Girls Degree College, he said that section 144 has been already imposed around the examination centres. Speaking after the

visits, the chairman of the Education Board said that they would not allow any compromise on the dignity and respect of the institution. The HSC Part I and HSC Part II Annual Examination 2024 is being conducted smoothly, and all examination staff, including superintendents, deputy superintendents/ resident inspectors, vigilance committees, and monitoring staff, are fulfilling their examination duties diligently.

and the purpose of conducting tours to distant examination centres to boost the morale of the candidates. Controller | detailed briefing about the Examinations Abdul Ghani | project to the Additional

07 dead and 1313 injured in 1232 road traffic crashes in Punjab

LAHORE: The Emergency Services Department (ESD) responded to 1232 Road Traffic Crashes (RTCs) in all 37 districts of Punjab during the last 24 hours. In these RTCs, 07 people died, whereas 1313 were injured. Out of these, 520 people with

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serious injuries were shifted to different hospitals, while 793

This is commendable,

Teams thus reducing the burden of Hospitals.

The majority (75%) involved Motorbikes, therefore enforcement of traffic laws and lane discipline are essential to reduce the increasing number of road traffic crashes. Furthermore, the

analysis showed those 738 drivers, 54 underage hospitals, while 793 drivers, 140 pedestrians, victims with minor injuries and 442 passengers were were treated at the incident site by Rescue Medical among the victims of road traffic crashes.

SED develops model project to reduce out of school kids ratio

Department South Punjab has developed a model project aimed at reducing the rate of out of school children in the region to

The Secretary School Education Department Punjab,Dr Obaidullah Khokhar, disclosed it during a detailed briefing about the

MULTAN (APP): The Chief Secretary South School Education Punjab, Fuad Hashim

Secretary Services South Punjab, Engineer Amjad Shoaib Khan Tareen, was also in attendance. Dr Khokhar explained that the model project targets six union councils across three districts to eliminate out of school children, including Union Muzaffarabad.



MULTAN: Staffers of Rescue 1122 participating in pre-flood mock exercises at Head Muhammadwala.

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Rana Tanveer says Government to import 200,000 metric tons of urea fertilizer

ISLAMABAD (APP): during Kharif season was had been formulated to overcome exploitation of Minister for Industries, Production and National Food Security, Rana Tanveer Hussain on Thursday said that the government would import about 200,000 metric tons of urea fertilizer to ensure an uninterrupted supply of the commodity to farmers across the country.

chairing the second meeting of the high-level committee, which reviewed the measures taken for to supply of urea at iron hands, adding that fertilizer supply chain and pricing, said a press release. Rana Tanveer said that

necessary steps were being taken to prevent smuggling of fertilizers.

the government and all measures would be taken to ensure availability of transparency. He said this while agriculture inputs, he added.

> expressed the commitment affordable price to the measures would also be farmers in the country, taken to ensure merit and that adding

priority of incumbent control the black marketing government, adding that all and smuggling of the Urea. He called upon the

provincial government to implement the initiatives The minister said that of the federal government protecting the interests of and enhance vigilance on farmers was top priority of distributions, adding that dealers would be strictly monitored for maintaining

The minister said that dealers and distributors minister involved in black marketing would be dealt with with a transparency in the the smooth supply of urea comprehensive strategy distribution system and

the farmers. Minister for Power, Sardar Owais Leghari, Minister for Energy, Petroleum Musadik Malik attended the meeting. Member National Assembly, Syed Khursheed Muhammad Moin Watto, Azhar Khan Leghari Fatehullah Nawabzada Mir Jamal Khan Raisani also attended the meeting. Federal Secretary Food Security Muhammad Fakhar Alam and Federal Secretary Industry Wasim Ajmal

present in the meeting.

ISLAMABAD (APP):

Speakers at a conference on

Thursday emphasized the

critical importance of

economic practices to

effectively combat climate

change and ensure a greener

future for economic

development and social

prosperity in the country.

"Driving Economic Change: Working Today for

a Greener Tomorrow," was

organized by the Economic

Advisory Committee of

the Institute of Chartered

Accountants of Pakistan

(ICAP), said a press

release. Addressing the

conference Mohammad

Zubair, Former Governor

of Sindh emphasized the

collaborative efforts to

address environmental

challenges and promote

sustainable practices in the

roles of the government,

private sector and civil

society in driving positive

change toward a greener

Member of the Senate,

Pakistan, also emphasized

the critical importance of

adopting sustainable

economic practices to

He highlighted the

Waleed Iqbal, Former

urgent

need

The conference titled

sustainable

ICAP hosts conference

on 'Driving Economic

Change 2024'

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with the representatives from Pakistan Association of Large Steel Producers (PALSP), Pakistan Steel Melters Association (PSMA), Pakistan Steel Re-Rolling Mills Association (PSRMA) and Pakistan Chaudhry were also **Steel Pipelines Association (PSPA).**



ISLAMABAD: Minister of State for IT and Telecommunication, Ms. Shaza

CCP plays pivotal role in ensuring free and fair competition: Chairman

ISLAMABAD (APP): will greatly contribute in Chairman Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) CCP Dr Kabir Ahmed Sidhu Wednesday said that the commission plays vital role in ensuring free and fair competition in all spheres of commercial and economic activities and prevent market abuse promote good governance.

In a briefing held at Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry, he said that the CCP also ensure corrective behavior and sustainable compliance advocacy measures and trainings for the corporate sector, said a press release.

engagement with industry and chambers is an integral part of its advocacy He said that CCP's outreach, therefore it has role in fostering a been engaging with chambers, academia and professional bodies for the purpose and this session at ICCI is also the part of the same engagements.

Dr Kabir said that CCP and Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry's collaboration to CCP for the cause.

organized the second

awareness building workshop for the 7th Agricultural Census 2024,

which will utilize an

Integrated Digital Count

approach for evidence

based planning and policy formulation to develop the agriculture and livestock

building workshop took place on May 27 at the

Sindh University of Agriculture TandoJam,

Hyderabad, where as the

second workshop of this

series was conducted in

University of Agriculture,

Peshawar, said a press

series of awareness

building workshops aimed

at engaging agricultural

scientists, academia,

researchers, agriculture

business entrepreneurs,

PBS has

commenced a nationwide provision

release.

The

The initial awareness

sectors in the country.

PBS organizes second

awareness workshop for

agriculture census

ISLAMABAD (APP): upcoming Agricultural The Pakistan Bureau of Census of Pakistan.
Statistics (PBS) has The event was

alleviating the concerns and complaints regarding unfair practices by certain business entities therein

business environment. Highlighting the performance of the CCP he stated that heavy penalties are imposed on violators of CCP laws and that a number of cases are also pending in the apex court for final decisions.

promotion of healthy

Speaking on the occasion, President ICCI Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari underlined the need for provision of level playing field to all the business entities and strict actions against the cartels not only that for the ease of business doing but for the benefit of the consumers.

> competitive business environment in economic growth of the country and protecting businesses and consumers from anticompetitive acts and behaviors is of paramount importance and that ICCI

Javed Marwat, Secretary

Pakhthunkhwa and Vice

importance of

provision of accurate data

in shaping country's agricultural policies and

programs and emphasized

that the agricultural census

agricultural

potentials..

Agriculture

Shipping activity at **Port Qasim**

ARACHI (APP): Four ships, Maersk Cairo, X-Press Altair, MSC Positano and Milaha Ras Laffan carrying Container and LNG, berthed at Container Terminal and Port Gas Terminal respectively on Thursday.

Meanwhile three more ships, Maersk Pelepas, Zhida-6 and TRF Kobe scheduled to load offload Container, Rice and Chemicals also arrived at outer-anchorage of the Port Qasim on during last 24

A total of 10 ships were engaged at PQA berths during the last 24 hours, out of them four ships, Atlantic Ibis, X-Press Altair, MSC Positano and PVT Venus left the port on today morning while three more ships, Maersk Cairo are expected to sail on today.

Cargo volume of 157,915 comprising 121,966 tonnes imports cargo and 35,949 tonnes export cargo carried in 4,368 Containers (3,279 TEUs Imports and 1,089 TEUs export) was handled at the port during last 24 hours There are 08 ships at Outer Anchorage of Port Qasim, out of them three ships, Tarsus-M, Intution and Bateleur & three more ships.

PSX gains 41 points

ISLAMABAD (APP) The 100-index of the Pakistan Stock Exchange attended by Muhammad (PSX) gained 41.82 points on Thursday, a slight Khyber positive change of 0.06 per cent, closing at 74,878.12 Chancellor of the University Professor Dr Jehan Bakht, the representative of the points against 74,836.30 points the previous day.

A total of 410,575,241 shares valuing United Nations Food and Rs 14.922 billion were Agriculture Organization traded during the day as (FAO) in Peshawar, Farrukh Toirov also compared 408,073,662 attended the workshop.
Vice Chancellor of the valuing Rs 16.500 billion the previous day. University Professor Dr Jehan Bakht highlighted

As many as 413 companies transacted their shares in the stock market; 161 of them recorded gains and 196 sustained losses, whereas the share price of 56 companies remained unchanged.

is a crucial initiative for The three top trading companies were Fauji Cement with 42,521,383 c o m p r e h e n s i v e understanding of our shares at Rs 22.91 per sectors share, Dewan Cement with strengths, weakness and 26,322,838 shares at Rs 11.06 per share and Dewan He said that it will Motors with 25,937,975 shares at Rs 44.73 per



KPRA surpasses revenue collection target for FY 2023-24

PESHAWAR (APP): Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Authority Revenue (KPRA) has surpassed the revenue collection target for the financial year 2023-24 and has collected Rs.37 billion against the assigned revenue target of Rs.35

This was told during meeting of the Revenue Policy Board held here with Chief Minister Ali Amin Khan in the chair, said an official press release issued here on Thursday. Besides, members of the provincial cabinet administrative secretaries and other concerned authorities also

attended the meeting. The meeting was

the steps, success, and other matters of the revenue authority relating to the increase in the provincial government's

The participants of the meeting were told that for the current financial year 2023-24, the authority was assigned a revenue collection target of Rs.35 billion and so far, it has already surpassed the target and collected a revenue of Rs.37 billion.

For the next financial year 2024-25, the meeting fixed a revenue collection target of Rs.47 billion. The meeting also

approved budget estimates of the revenue authority for

briefed in detail regarding the new financial year. **Traders' bodies announce** support for Business Forum in SCCI election

PESHAWAR Presidents and office bearers of all trades unions and bodies from Peshawar reposed full trust on Businessman Forum (BF) under dynamic leadership of former senator Ilyas Ahmad Bilour and announced to fully support the Businessman Forum in the upcoming election of the Sarhad Chamber of Commerce and Industry. A meeting was held under chairmanship of the Sarhad Chamber of

(APP): Commerce and Industry president Fuad Ishaq at the chamber House here on Thursday to discuss traders' issues and their appropriate resolution and devising a comprehensive strategy. Businessman Forum leader former senator Ilyas Ahmad Bilour, Anjuman e Tajraan Khyber Pakhtunkhwa president and former president of the SCCI Haji Muhammad Afzal, former president Ghazanfar Bilour

export near the Pakistan-Tajikistan border, said a press release. The minister assured all possible support and patronage for business-to-

prominent business figures from Tajikistan to discuss prospects for enhancing bilateral trade and investment cooperation between the two countries. Over ten major business groups from the

Minister for Privatisation,

Board of Investment and

Communication Abdul

Aleem Khan held a meeting

Thursday

focused on the critical textile, pharmaceutical, policies and environmental construction, IT, banking, and airline sectors attended the meeting. The investors

President ADBL,

Chairman CDA

call on KP

Governor

PESHAWAR (APP)

President Agriculture

Limited, Tahir Yaqoob

Bhatti on Thursday called

on Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

Governor, Faisal Karim

Kundi in Islamabad and

discussed matters relating

to goals of the bank

According to a release

issued here, KP Governor

lauded the role of ADBL in

promotion of agriculture

sector. He also appreciated

Festival

MIRPURKHAS (APP):

All preparations for the

Mirpurkhas are complete,

with the three-day national

mango exhibition set to

Administration and Mango

Festival Management

Committee have ensured

on Thursday everything is

in place for the annual

event. Chairman of the

Management Committee,

Rais Arif Khan Bhurgari

confirmed that farmers are

busy setting up their stalls at the Sindh Horticulture

Research Institute (Fruit

Farm). The event schedule

includes registration and

stall setup starting at 8 AM on May 31, followed

by a grand fireworks display at 8:30 PM. On June 1, an agricultural technical seminar will take

place from 9 AM to 6 PM,

featuring Secretary Agriculture Rafiq Ahmed Buriro and Chairman

Mirpurkhas Mir Anwar Ali

Khan Talpur as chief guests. Traditional Sindhi

sport 'Malkhra' will be

showcased, with Mir

Anwar Ali Talpur presiding as the chief guest. Additionally, a cycle race for girls will be held,

with routes from Tando

Alhiyar Bypass to Muhammad Medical College and from

Muhammad Medical

College to Gamma

Council

District

begin on May 31.

The

Mango

Mango Festival in

District

Festival

performance of bank

Development

emphasized the need for Pakistan to adopt greener practices for a sustainable future.Farrukh Rehman, President of ICAP, highlighted the imperative of driving economic change with a conscientious approach.He stressed the need of sustainable and ethical expansion, aligned with the organization's long-term vision, is paramount for enduring success. He underscored the critical need for innovation in financial management, urging CFOs

change and ensure a greener future.He highlighted the

necessity of aligning

economic development

emphasized the roles of

collaboration in driving

and public policy adviser,

Dr. Khaqan Hassan Najeeb,

in his presentation,

intersection of economic

Renowned economist

environmental

explore new technologies, strategies, and business models to drive growth while ensuring environmental sustainability and social effectively combat climate responsibility.

of Tajikistan ISLAMABAD (APP): expressed keen interest in constructing a goods terminal for import and

Aleem Khan holds meeting

with prominent businessmen

business activities, stating that all economic sectors are open to businessmen from Central Asia. He emphasised that Pakistan could be a significant agricultural and trade

Pakistan's private sector is ready to engage in trade with other countries. He added that the government would incentivise foreign investors to invest in free economic zones and other areas to promote industrial development in the country. Abdul Aleem Khan expressed hope that the bilateral business volume between Pakistan and Tajikistan would further increase with the frequent exchange of trade



President Zaral Taraqiati Bank Limited (ZTBL) Tahir Yaqoob Bhatti call on Governor Khyber Pakhtunkĥwa Faisal Karim Kundi in Islamaȟad.

New air cargo route to strengthen trade ties between China, Pakistan

BEIJING (APP): A new air Logistics Group Co cargo route inaugurated on May 28, linking Guizhou, China with Karachi, Pakistan will further strengthen trade ties between China and Pakistan.

The route launched with the departure of an all-cargo plane carrying 6 tonnes of freight, including clothing, electronics, and various commodities, Guiyang, the capital of Guizhou, China Economic

Net (CEN) reported. After nearly six hours flight time, the plane arrived in Karachi. It will return to Guiyang loaded with blue crabs from Pakistan, according to Guiyang Customs.

The route, jointly opened by Guizhou Civil Aviation Industry Group facilitate trac Co., Ltd and China two regions.

(China Logistics Group), is planned to be carried out three times a week, carrying goods including hardware accessories, clothing fabrics, electronic accessories and so on.

This air route is significant as it marks the first direct connection between Guizhou and Pakistan, as well as the first air freight route linking the province with a Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) country. Officials believe that this new route will help establish Guiyang as a cargo distribution center in southwest China and reduce the time for Pakistan's quality fresh products to reach Guizhou. The inauguration of the Guiyang-Karachi air cargo route is expected to facilitate trade between the



LAHORE: Tarpaulin are being selling as demand of tarpaulin increased in city during the hot weather of summer season, near Railway Station in Lahore.

CNDS prioritize automation, digitization in institution

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Central Directorate of National Savings (CNDS) is continuously undergoing a process of institutional reforms in which automation and digitization are the main priorities. The CDNS reforms programme was approved by the Cabinet for structural changes in the prime institute in economic significance to provide better delivery service and equipped with modern tools for shifting from manual to innovative Information Technology (IT) services, the senior official of CNDS told APP here on Thursday. He said that CDNS had the plan to unveil the reforms

programme on World Saving Day, which is a future game plan for enhancing the institution's capacity. Replying to a question, he said the Central Directorate of National Savings (CDNS) had attained a target of Rs1.515 trillion in fresh bonds and achieved 85 percent of the annual target in the current fiscal year, from July 1 to May 26th. The National Savings has set an annual target of Rs 1.742 trillion for the year 2023-24, in which it is encouraging that 85 percent of the target has been achieved, and it is hoped that National Savings will surpass its annual target this FY 2023-24, he said



UK's first

Black woman

lawmaker set

to be barred

from elections

Monitoring Desk

Black woman lawmaker,

Diane Abbott, said on

Wednesday she was dis-

mayed the opposition Labour Party looked set

to bar her as an election

candidate over comments

she made over a year ago

Britain's longest-serving

Black member of parlia-

ment. First elected in

1987, she is a leading fig-

ure on Labour's left wing

and has campaigned on

such issues as racism,

poverty and international

Abbott, 70, is

about Jews and racism.

ONDON: Britain's first

Slovenia recognises Palestinian state following in footsteps of Spain, Ireland, Norway

Slovenian government on Thursday approved a decision to recognise an independent Palestinian state, Prime Minister Robert Golob said, following in the steps of Spain, Ireland and Norway. Today the government has decided to recognise Palestine as an independent and sovereign state," he said at a news conference in Ljubljana.

Parliament speaker Urska Klakocar Zupancic told a press conference in Ljubljana that Slovenian lawmakers are to vote on Tuesday on whether to recognise the Palestinian state. "The session is scheduled for Tuesday from 4pm (1400 GMT)," the message of peace," he said. The Slovenian government raised a Palestinian flag Zupancic said.

The move is part of a wider effort by countries to of its building in downtown coordinate pressure on Is-

been fighting against Hamas cially recognised a Palestinsince a cross-border October 7 attack by fighters in which some 1,200 people were killed and over 250 taken hostage, according to Israeli tallies. Nearly 130 hostages are believed to remain captive in Gaza.

Gaza health authorities say more than 36,000 Palestinians have been killed in the Israeli bombardment over the past seven months that has generated global criticism. PM Golob also called for the immediate cessation of hostilities between Israel and Hamas in Gaza and the release of all hostages. "This is the message of peace," he ment raised a Palestinian flag alongside the flags of Slovenia and the EU in front

Ljubljana.

ian state, prompting an angry reaction from Israel.

Of the 27 members of the European Union, Sweden, Cyprus, Hungary, the Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia, Romania and Bulgaria have already recognised a Palestinian

Malta has said it could follow soon. Britain and Australia have said they are also considering recognition, but France has said now is

Germany Israel's staunchest ally, the United States, in rejecting a unilateral approach, insisting that a two-state solution can only be achieved through dialogue.

Denmark's parliament on Tuesday voted down a bill to recognise a Palestin-



President of the African National Congress (ANC) and South African President Cyril Ramaphosa (C) and First Lady of South Africa Tshepo Motsepe (3rd R) sit as they wait to get registered to cast their ballots at Hitekani Primary School polling station in Soweto, during South Africa's general election.

North Korea sends balloons carrying excrement over border, South Korea says

Monitoring Desk CHEORWON: South Korea accused North Korea on Wednesday of sending a large number of balloons across their heavily fortified border to drop objects, including trash and excrement, calling the act "dirty and dangerous". North Korea vowed to send more word "excrement" written on balloons to South Korea, a bag in one photograph. dozens of times the number it said South Korea had sent into its territory, state

media KCNA reported. The military's explosives ordnance unit and chemical and biological warfare response team were deployed to inspect and collect the objects and an alert was issued warning residents to keep away and report any sightings to authorities. By Wednesday afternoon, more than 260 balloons had been

detected, most of which landed on the ground, the Joint Chiefs of Staff said.

Photographs released by the South Korean military showed inflated balloons with plastic bags tied to them. Other images appeared to show trash strewn around collapsed balloons, with the Yonhap news agency said some of the balloons contained animal faeces

An official at Seoul's presidential office said the North might want to "test" the South's reaction but vowed to respond calmly. "By putting rubbish and miscellaneous objects into balloons, they seem to want to test how our people

Trump's lawyers brand hush money case 'lies'

Monitoring Desk

EW YORK: Defence lawyers in Donald Trump's hush money trial made their final pitch to the jury on Tuesday, insisting the first ever criminal prosecution of a former US president was based on "lies'

Meanwhile, a federal judge refused a request by prosecutors to impose a ag order barring i rump from making inflammatory comments about law enforcement, after his campaign falsely claimed the FBI was authorised to assassinate him during its search of his Florida estate. Trump is accused of falsifying business records to reimburse his lawyer,

Michael Cohen, for a would react and whether our \$130,000 payment to porn government is indeed disstar Stormy Daniels. rupted. NOTICE INVITING TENDER The Executive Engineer Public Health Engineering Division Ziarat invites sealed percentage rates based on Composite Schedule of Rates, 2018 Govt: of Balochistan from interested contractor for the works

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BRUSSELS: Protesters hold smoke bombs as they attend a demonstration in support of the people of Gaza in front of the embassy of Israel.

Israel undermines goals by harming civilians in Gaza, US tells UN

Monitoring Desk UNITED NATIONS: Israel must do more to protect Palestinian civilians in Gaza and should "remove all barriers to the flow of aid at scale through all crossings and routes" into the enclave, the United States told the UN Security Council on Wednesday.

'The continued pattern of significant civilian harm resulting from incidents like Sunday's airstrikes undermines Israel's strategic goals in Gaza," deputy US Ambassador to the UN Robert ing it.

Wood told the 15-member council. An airstrike on Sunday set off a blaze in a tent camp in Rafah in southern Gaza, killing at least 45 people. Israel — a US ally - said it had targeted Hamas militants and had not intended to harm civilians. Algeria on Tuesday put forward a draft UN Security Council resolution that essentially orders Israel to "immediately halt its military offensive" in Rafah. On Wednesday, Wood told reporters that Washington was review-

Indonesia volcano belches ash tower 2 km into the sky

volcano in western Indonesia erupted on Thursday, spewing an ash cloud two kilometres into the sky as authorities warned residents over potential dangers from cold lava flows. Mount Merapi in West Sumatra province erupted at 1:04 pm (0604 GMT), spewing thick grey clouds of ash two kilometres (1.2

BUKIT TINGGI (INP): A agency, or BNPB, said in a statement. The volcano one of Indonesia's most active — has been at the second-highest alert level of the country's fourtiered system for weeks, with authorities advising people to stay outside a 4.5-kilometre exclusion zone around its crater. Local residents are advised to be vigilant over threats miles) above its peak, the of cold lava flows following the eruption.



Polish Minister of Defence Wladyslaw Kosiniak-Kamysz presents details of "East Shield", a 10 billion zloty (\$2.55 billion) program to beef up defenses along its eastern border with Belarus and Russia, in Warsaw, Poland.

South Africa gears up for 'most unpredictable' vote

Monitoring Desk

JOHANNESBURG: South Africans on Tuesday braced for an 'evenly matched' general election, which may loosen the ruling ANC's 30-year grip on power. Numerous voters now seem to be fed up with unemployment, crime and

corruption. For the second day running, 1.6 million "special voters" including the elderly, essential workers, police and prisoners, were permitted to cast early ballots. The rest of South Africa's 27-million-strong registered electorate will be called forth on Wednesday, to elect the provincial legislatures and a new national parliament. The national parliament will then hand-

pick the countries new president.

For the first time since the advent of democracy, the African National Congress risks losing its outright majority. The ANC may be forced to negotiate, to form a coalition government. "This is certainly South Africa's most unpredictable election since 1994" says a political ana-

lyst, Daniel Silke. 'It reflects the broadbased economic decline that the country has been languishing under now for the better part of the last decade or so." Under the leadership of the late Nelson Mandela, the ANC secured freedom for black South Africans (after decades of apartheid rule).

New Delhi records highest-ever temperature of 52.3 Celsius

Monitoring Desk NEW DELHI: Temperatures in India's capital

soared to a national recordhigh of 52.3 degrees Celsius Wednesday, the government's weather bureau said. The India Meteo-

rological Department (IMD), which reported 'severe heat-wave conditions", recorded the temperatures in the Delhi suburb of Mungeshpur on Wednesday afternoon, smashing the previous national record in the desert of Rajasthan by one degree

The weather bureau said the temperatures were 12 degrees higher than ex-

pected. Forecasters predict similar temperatures on Wednesday for the city with an estimated population of more than 30 million people, issuing a red

alert warning notice for people to take care.

The IMD's red alert is a warning there is a "very high likelihood of developing heat illness and heat stroke in all ages", with "extreme care needed for vulnerable people". Heat remains high even

during the night, it added. The IMD said the heat wave in northwest and central India was "likely to reduce gradually" from Thursday. In May 2022, parts of

Delhi hit 49.2 degrees Celsius (120.5 Fahrenheit), Indian media reported at the

India is no stranger to searing summer temperatures.

But years of scientific research have found climate change is causing heatwaves to become longer, more frequent and more intense.

Iran registers presidential candidates for early vote after Raisi's death

Monitoring Desk TEHRAN: Iran on Thurs-

day began registering candidates for an early election next month following the death of President Ebrahim Raisi in a helicopter crash, Iranian Interior Minister Ahmad Vahidi told state TV. Once seen as a possible

successor to Supreme Leader

Ayatollah Ali Khamenei —

sion-maker—Raisi's sudden death triggered a race among hardliners to influence the selection of Iran's next leader. After the five-day registration period, the Guard-

ian Council, which oversees elections and legislation, will vet the candidates running for the presidency. "The vetting process will be seven days and then qualified charge of tackling worsen-candidates will have al-

most two weeks for the election campaign," Vahidi told state TV.

The Guardian Council will publish the list of qualified candidates on June 11.

Moderate politicians have accused the 12-member hardline Guardian Council of disqualifying rivals to hardline candidates, who are expected to dominate the upcoming presidential race. Turnout may be hit by restricted choice on the ballot and rising discontent over an array of political, social and economic crises.

Within Iran's complex mix of clerical rulers and elected officials. Khamenei has the final say on all state matters such as nuclear and foreign policies, but the elected president will be in

Israel says Gaza war likely to last another seven months

Monitoring Desk CAIRO: Israel sent tanks on raids into Rafah on Wednesday and predicted its war on Hamas all year, after Washington said the Rafah assault did not amount to a major ground operation

that would trigger a change in US policy. Israeli tanks moved and provide food, water into the heart of Rafah for and medicine.

the first time on Tuesday, despite an order from the International Court of Justice to end its attacks on the city, where many in Gaza would continue Palestinians had taken refuge from bombardment elsewhere.

The World Court said Israel had not explained how it would keep evacuees from Rafah safe

	TEND	ER NOTICE		
er and Sanitation Auth	ority invites bids	from Eligible Bide	ders for exe	cution of following w

THE VV	ater and Sanitation Additionty invites bids from Engible bidders for	everation of in	nowing works for			
the yea	the year 2024 based on composite schedule rates 2018 on Percentage Rates.					
S.#	Name of Work/s	E/Cost	TSE No.			
1	Drilling & Development of Alluvial Tube Wells Upto 1020 Ft Deep at					
	i. Shahbaz Khan Street Chowk Qambrani Road.	7,497,809	232405441123			
	ii. Nawa Killi Mani road Bacha Khan Chowk Haji Azizullah Street.	7,497,809	232405441083			
	iii. Mano Jan Road	7,102,652	232405440353			
	iv. Garden Villas Jinnah Town	7,102,652	232405440273			
	v. Paind Khan Syedan Street	7,102,652	232405440203			
	vi. Shabo Madrasa	6,810,952	232405439693			
	vii. Killi Shahbo Kheti	6,800,000	232405436033			
	viii. Central School Joint Road	6,810,952	232405439843			
	ix. Madrasa Killi Ismail.	6,810,950	232405440653			
2	Supply & Installation of Submersible Unit at:					
	i. Mano Jan Road	4,545,714	232405440713			
	ii. Garden Villas Jinnah Town	4,545,714	232405440753			
	iii. Paind Khan Syedan Street.	4,545,714	232405440783			
3	Supply & Installation of Solar System at:					
	i. Nawan Killi Mani road Bacha Chowk Haji Azizullah Street.	4,415,024	232405441213			
	ii. Shahbaz Khan Street Chowk Qambrani Road.	7,054,543	32405441163			
4	Supply & Laying of HDPE Pipeline and Valves at Deba , Tirkha, Killi	14.869.804	232405439963			

CONDITION 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 gnment for Sr No.1 1 Assignment for Sr No.2.3.84 of si Turnover of at least Rs.3,000,000 amount for Sr.No.1, Rs.2,000,000 for Sr.No.2 &3, and Rs.4,000,000 for Sr.No.4, are 2 subsequent previous years showing financial capacity of the firm. Registration with Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC) C-6 and above (upto 25 million) in relevant category and specialized code is CE-09(ii) (water supply). Procedure of Procurement: Single Stage-One Envelope Bidding Procedure. Bid Security: The bids must accompany Bid Security in the form of Bank Gurantee, Deposit at Call of 2% specified above in the name of under-signed from a scheduled bank. Tender Documents: The bidding documents can be obtained from the office of the under-signed 1,000 PKR. Issuance of tender Documents: From the date of publication of NIT to 14th June, 2024, during office hours on working days. Last Date of bid submission: The Tenders must be submitted latest by14th June, 2024 till 11:30AM. Tender opening: All tenders will be opened on same day at the office of the Chairman Procurement Committee WASA at 12:30 PM Address: Q-WASA Head Office near NADRA office New Zarghoon Road, Quetta. Phone no. 081-9211609 Fax no. 081-9211610 Email: wasaqta@gmail.com

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MANAGING DIRECTOR WASA, Quetta

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Notice Inviting

Sealed tenders are hereby invited against the work mentioned below on percentage rate basis from bidders dealing in respective fields for which they are applying. The tender documents can be obtained from the office of Executive Engineer Central E / M Division, Pakistan Public Works Department Quetta from the date of publication till 20th June 2024, in office timing (except gazetted holidays). After paying the tender fee PKR.

2,000 (non-refundable) in the shape of Pay Order with application for each tender in favor of Executive Engineer Central E/M Division, Pakistan Public Works Department Quetta, No tender will be issued without pay order of tender fee, application and 2% Earnest money of each work mentioned in the estimated amount column, in shape of call deposit along with all relevant documents should be produced at the time of scrutiny. Balance call deposit of Quoted rates should be attached in financial bids. No cheques or pay order on this account shall be accepted on the date of opening tenders. The tender documents must reach in the office of undersigned by 21 st June, 2024 at 10:30 A.M will be opened same day at 11:00 A.M in the presence of contractors or their authorized representatives. Tender received by mail. courier, and fax or telegraphically shall not be entertained whereas the competent authority reserves the right to reject one or all tenders as per PPRA Rules. This advertisement is also available on PPRA website at www.ppra.org.pk .

Note:- If the tenders are not sold/opened on the schedule mentioned above, 2nd schedule date for the sale of tender will be continued 24th June, 2024 and at 25th June, 2024 the same shall be opened at 11:00 A.M. 1. Eligibility Criteria:-

- · Participating firm must be well established and registered with Govt authorities (FBR etc). Firm must be on Active Tax Paver list (ATL).
- · Firm must provide copy of valid approved CNIC, NTN. · Firm must provide valid Electrical Contractor License from same provincial authority.
- . 3-years of minimum working experience in remote area of Balochistan in relevant field in

which the contractor applying for is mandatory, along with work orders and completion

• Tender documents will be scrutinized by the Tender Scrutiny committee and no tenders will be issued without completing of all above mentioned eligibility criteria and CDR. Tender documents will be issued only to the Contractors/Firms deemed successful by the Scrutiny Committee

2. Method of Procurement: Single Stage - Single Envelope Procedure

<u>S.#</u>	Name of Work	Estimated cost (in million)	Amount of Earnest Money (2%)	Period of Completion	Cost of Tender
1	Construction of Additional Class Rooms & examination Centre / Multipurpose Hall at Different Schools District Quetta (S.H:- Internal Electrification & Gas Works).	3.287	65,746/-	30.06. 2024	2000/-
2	Construction of Girls Middle Schools at Khalaq Abdul Basit Quetta (S.H:-Internal Electrification & External Electrification)	5.932	118,646/-	30.06. 2024	2000/-
<u>3</u>	Establishment of Community Hall at Loud Karez Sariab Road Quetta.(S.H:- Internal Electrification Work)	1.503	30,064/-	30.06. 2024	2000/-
4	Construction of Library Namely Patwari Abdul Rehmen Notezai Hospital Building and Primary School at Dalbandin District Chaghi. (S.HInternal Electrification & External Electrification)	3.488	69,770/-	30.06. 2024	2000/-

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER Central E / M Division, Pakistan Public **Works Department Quetta**

PRQ No.2715/30-5-2024 🗲 www.dpr.gob.pk.

Kuwait and Pakistan on

Thursday agreed for en-

hancing mutual coopera-

tion, promotion of bilateral

memorandums of under-

standing in the fields of in-

dustrial cooperation and

engineering were also

signed during the meeting of

5th Joint Ministerial Com-

mission, said a press re-

lease. Pakistan also offered

Kuwait to invest in the

fields of pharmaceutical,

engineering and automotives. A high-level

delegation of Pakistan,

headed by Minister of In-

Aleem Khan announced to

Counselor of Pakistan in

He said that "Visa on

Arrival" facility would be he added.

Agreements and

relations and investment.

Pakistan, Kuwait agree

for enhancing cooperation

in different sectors

ISLAMABAD (APP): started soon in Pakistan for

the Gulf Cooperation

Council member countries.

Kuwait could engage veteri-

nary staff, doctors, nurses

and other workforce from

Pakistan. He expressed the

hope that in future Kuwait

would also relax visa con-

ditions for Pakistanis. The

minister said,"Pakistan

wants a long term economic

partnership with Kuwait

for which special facilities

can be provided under the banner of SIFC for busi-

nesses". He said that new

investment opportunities

were available in tourism,

minerals, agriculture, food,

textile and energy sectors in

Pakistan. Aleem Khan said

that the Pakistani delegation

also held talks on joint ven-

tures with the Kuwait

Chamber of Commerce. A

consultative meeting was

with Kuwait's well-known

livestock organization "Al

and Kuwait agreed to en-

courage export of poultry

and other dairy products,

appoint a Commercial Muashi" in which Pakistan

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Power Divi-

sion Awais Ahmad Khan Leghari addressing a

The minister said that

Pakistan, Azerbaijan reiterate commitment to improve bilateral cooperation

Thursday reiterated their prove bilateral cooperation in the areas of economy, trade, energy, connectivity, and people-to-people con-

during a meeting between the Acting President Syed Yousuf Raza Gillani and the visiting Foreign Minister of Jeyhun Bayramov, accompanied by his delegation here at the

Welcoming the foreign minister, the acting president said that Pakistan and Azerbaijan enjoyed deeprooted historical relations, based on shared culture and

old relations between the two brotherly countries. He suggested that Baku and Multan should be declared "sister cities" to bring the two nations further closer.

The acting president highlighted that both countries had great scope for improving trade and busi-

He expressed satisfaction over the existing level of cooperation between the two brotherly countries, saying that both countries had commonalities of views at various international fora. Acting President

Gillani emphasised the need for educational and parliamentary exchanges as well as improving connectivity to bring the two countries



ISLAMABAD: Acting President Syed Yousuf Raza Gillani welcoming the Foreign Minister of Azerbaijan Jeyhun Bayramov at Aiwan-e-Sadr.

CDWP recommends two projects worth Rs609.45b to ECNEC for consideration

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Central Development Working Party (CDWP) here on Thursday recommended two projects worth Rs609.45 billion to the Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (ECNEC) for

The CDWP met here with Secretary Ministry of Planning Development and Special Initiatives Awais Manzur Sumra in chair and it was also attended by the members of the Planning Commission, as well as representatives from federal ministries and provincial governments, said a press release

The Golden Gol Hydropower Project (108 MW) Chitral, (2nd revised)" worth Rs. 42,002 million was recommended to ECNEC for further consideration. The sources of finance is OPEC Fund for International Development (US \$30 million) Saudi Fund for Development (US\$ 97.8 million) Kuwaiti Fund for Arab Economic Development (US\$ 52.5 million) USAID (US\$ 35.6 mil-

The main objective of the project was the construction of 108 MW hydropower project with an annual energy of about 476 GWh. The project was commissioned in 2019 and has generated a total of 730 million units till 28.02.2024.

China Pakistan Karakorum Highway Phase-I (Thakot to Raikot), a project related to transport and communication worth Rs. 567453.369 million (RMB 14775 million) recommended to ECNEC.



ISLAMABAD: The Central Development Working Party (CDWP) meeting held in Islamabad. The CDWP recommended two projects worth Rs. 609.45 billion to the Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (ECNEC) for consideration.

Ali Madad vows to develop Agriculture **Dept in Balochistan**

no place for absentee staffs

in the Agriculture Depart-

ment saying that farmers

and landlords were directly

affected by their absence

which would not be toler-

officers to maintain effec-

tive communication with

the landlords and utilize

all resources for their wel-

was accompanied by Mir

Yousaf Bangulzai, Abdul

Manan Shahwani Sardar

Sanaullah Ababki, Beberg

Jatak, Mir Muhammad

Khan Jatak, Mir Asghar

Muhammad Shahi, and

other dignitaries were also

He urged the district

Provincial Minister

ated in any case.

Balochistan Minister for Agriculture Haji Ali Madad Jatak on Thursday said measures were being taken to develop Agriculture De-

partment of the province. He expressed these views while paying a surprise visit to the office of Deputy Director Agricul-ture in Mastung. the lall re During the visit, he fare.

checked the attendance register of the staff and other

records. He also took strict notice against absent staff and directed the district officers that strict action should be taken against the

absent officials.

He said that there was present on the occasion. **Condolence reference held in**

Naiamtullah, Prof Amir Zeb QUETTA (APP): A condo- Dr. Jan Muhammad, Vice Chancellor of UoT, described Dr. Kakar and Dr. Amir Zeb as eminent edu-

UoT to pay tribute to Prof

lence reference was held at the University of Turbat (UoT) on Thursday to pay tribute to Associate Professor Dr. Niamatullah Kakar and Assistant Professor Dr. Amir Zeb, esteemed faculty members of the Natural and Basic Science Department, who tragically lost their lives in a road accident in Washuk district of Balochistan. The event was attended by a large number of faculty members, administrative staff, and stu-

In his address, Prof.

cationists, noted researchers, emerging scientists, and great human beings.

He acknowledged their dedication to imparting quality education and advancing the university, highlighting their respected and influential roles among students and colleagues. He defined them as torchbearers and a big loss, not only for the UoT community and their families but also for the entire region.

eople-to-people contacts especially in the areas of

The visiting foreign minister said that cooperation between Pakistan and Azerbaijan was extremely important, which needed to be enhanced in the areas of economy, trade, and busi-

He said that increased connectivity and peopleto-people contacts would help cement bilateral ties.

Syed Yousuf Raza Gillani thanked the Government of Azerbaijan for its support to Pakistan on the issue of the Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (ÎIOJ&K).

Law minister chairs meeting on remission policy

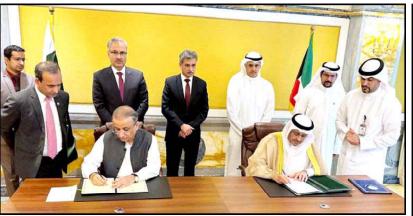
SLAMABAD (APP) Minister for Law and Justice Senator Azam Nazeer Tarar on Thursday chaired a very significant meeting of the inter-ministerial committee to discuss the Ministry of Interior's Remission

Policy of 2002.

The meeting was attended by representatives from the Ministries of Law and Justice, Interior, Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety, along with officials from the Home Department Punjab, Home Department Sindh, and Home Department KPK.

During the meeting, the participants presented their legal perspectives and suggestions for improving the remission policy 2002. Emphasizing the need for a more liberal, reforma-

tive approach, the minister encouraged attendees to submit their suggestions in writing and assured them of legal assistance on any que-



KUWAIT: Federal Minister for Communications, Investment Board and Privatization Abdul Aleem Khan and Kuwait's Minister of Commerce and Industry Omar Saud Al-Omar signing the MoU.

PM announces industry status for warehouse, logistics

said "during my upcoming visit to China, I will invite

the Chinese industry to set

up industries in Pakistan.'

down electricity prices in

Prime Muhammad Sharif on Thursday announced to give industry status to warehouse and logistics, directing the concerned authorities to fulfill all necessary legal require-

ments in that regard. The announcement was made during a meeting of the representatives of chambers of commerce and associations of various industries and businesses from across the country with the prime minister.

The business community expressed its gratitude to the prime minister for fulfilling their long-standing demand, which was pending at various forums.

The prime minister

said that the economy was on the recovery track and the government was working for more economic sta-

the country.

added



WASHINGTON: Grey Andrulis, Executive Director, DC Soccer Club meets with Ambassador Masood

Women's economic empowerment: Dr. Rubaba announces steps to support women entrepreneurs

Independent Report
QUETTA: The Advisor to
QUETTA: The Advisor to Balochistan for Women Development Department Dr. Rubaba Khan Buledi has announced measures to support women entrepreneurs in Ouetta, including the reactivation of the Women Chamber of Commerce and the establishment of a display center for handicrafts made by skilled women artisans. This aims

to enable women to play an

MQM delegation

calls on PM,

presents budget

proposals

ISLAMABAD (APP): A

Pakistan Qaumi Movement

(MQM) delegation led by

Minister for Education and

Professional Training

Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui Thursday called on Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and dis-

cussed with him matters

Budget 2024-25.

prime minister.

the budget

economic stability.

Dr. Buledi expressed these views while talking to Sana Durani, Chairperson of the Balochistan Women Business Association, and Zara Khan. She highlighted that women's participation in Pakistan's GDP is less than 20%, whereas in China it is 41%, in the US it is 40%, and in European countries it is 41%. In some African countries, women's

Dr. Buledi noted tha

according to the Economic Forum's report, only 1% of women in Pakistan are entrepreneurs, which is the lowest rate in South Asia. She emphasized the need to provide maximum opportunities to women in Balochistan to engage in commercial activities, leading to economic prosperity and significant improvement in women's lives.

SC rejects request for live streaming of NAB amendments case

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Supreme Court of Pakistan on Thursday rejected the request of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) government for live broadcasting of proceedings on appeals against termination of NAB amendments

pertaining to the Federal A five-member larger bench headed by Chief Jus-The MQM delegation tice of Pakistan Qazi Faez presented their proposals Isa and comprising Justice regarding the budget to the Amin ud Din Khan, Justice Jamal Khan Mandokhail, Pm Shehbaz appreci-Justice Athar Minallah and ated the party's input for Justice Hassan Azhar Rizvi by the federation. During the hearing, the founder of Pakistan Tehreek e Insaf (PTI) appeared before the court through the video link service.

The chief justice remarked that this case shouldn't be run through live streaming as it was not a matter of public in-The court subse-

quently dismissed the miscellaneous application of the KP government with a majority of four and one. Justice Athar Minallah contradicted the decision.

stan relations, founded on

mutual respect, strategic

(APP): was being fully digitized work on outsourcing of Minister and work to digitize the Shehbaz Federal Board of Revenue started. The prime minister

(FBR) had already been said except few strategic state owned enterprises The foreign invest-(SOEs), all the enterprises ment would increase only were being privatized to save losses of billions of with the increase of local investment in Pakistan, he The prime minister

He also expressed satisfaction over the better growth rate of IT industry.

The government, he said was taking steps to provide a business-friendly environment in the country. The inflation has reduced due to the prudent government policies," he added. The prime minister expressed the government's commitment to encourage new projects in alternative energy, especially solar energy, to bring of improving the economy and expanding the tax net.

Nausherwani grieved over loss of precious lives in Washuk coach accident

Independent Report QUETTA: The Provincial Minister for Finance, Mir Shoaib Nausherwani has expressed deep grief and sorrow over loss of the precious lives in the fatal accident of passenger coach in Basima area of Washuk dis-

In a condolence statement issued here on Thursday, the Provincial Minister Finance said that he is grieved over the tragic road accident that claimed several lives and left many injured the other day.

thy with the bereaved families of the deceased and prayed that may Allah Alshedding. mighty give enough strength and patience to them to bear the tragic loss of lives of their dear ones. The Minister also

prayed for early recovery of those injured in the road accident.

PTA conducts successful raids against illegal **SIM** issuance

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) Zonal Office, Peshawar, in close collaboration with Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) Cyber Crime Wing Thursday conducted successful raids against a franchise of a mobile phone company and a gang involved in illegal SIM activations in Mingora, Barikot and Batkhela.

The franchisee and a gang found to be involved in the illegal issuance of SIMs that were also found to be used in grey trafficking and fraudulent activities, said a news release.

vestment Privatization and Communications Abdul Aleem Khan represented Pakistan in the Joint Ministerial Commission meeting. Addressing the JMC's concluding session, Abdul

Third party validation was being conducted to check the performance of trade and investment officers posted abroad, he added. Assuring the delegation to resolve all their legitimate demands and issues, the prime minister asked the federal ministers to hold detailed discussions with all the industrial sectors. The business community assured the prime minister of their full support to the government in terms

press confernce, in the Federal Capital. Roshan Pakistan programme to end energy crisis: Laghari

ISLAMABAD (APP): for a few hours. Federal Minister for Energy"Power Division" Awais Ahmad Khan Laghari on Thursday said that the 'Roshan Pakistan' programme will eliminate the energy crisis in the country. While holding a press conference with Minister of State Ali Pervaiz Malik in Islamabad, Federal Energy Minister Awais Laghari said that the electricity demand was 25,820 megawatts across Pakistan on May 29, of which 21,588 megawatts have been produced and supplied from within our 4,232 MW was the load

He said that this load shedding was done only on those feeders, where losses are occurring. "From 20 per cent to 100 per cent where our losses are occurring, 4,232 megawatts of electricity was not provided

there" he added. Awais Laghari said that where the losses are less than 20%, unfortunately, the power supply to these

The Federal Minister of Energy said that if they start supplying this electricity to these areas, the losses will increase to such an extent that the Pakistani economy will be further destroyed. "Until our distribution companies determine their direction and address these losses with the help of provincial governments, this load shedding will continue" he informed with certainty.

He said that more

steps are being taken in the energy sector including system. However, he said elimination of load shedding and electricity theft. He said that the Roshan Pakistan programme will end the energy crisis by showing the data on the demand and supply of each feeder.
He said that reforms

in the energy sector with the help of provincial governments are indispensable. The federal minister further said that they have contacted the provinces and told them to set an example in preventing electricity



QUETTA: Provincial Minister for Planning and Development Mir Zahoor Ahmed Buledi enquiring about health of a patient injured in Washuk bus accident at CMH

Politicians have never been security risk for country: Asghar Khan Achakzai

Independent Report QUETTA: The Provincial President of Awami National Party (ANP), Asghar Khan Achakzai has stated that the politicians have never been security risk for the country, rather the Establishment and authoritative forces have committed

violation of the Constitu-

tion right from 1947 to the

results of Form 47. He said that the terrorism imposed on the Pashtoonkhaw land and suspension of the economic activities at the Durand Line is tantamount to the economic massacre of the

Pashtoon people. He said that the

'fake" representatives of the people have nothing to do with the interests of the common men who have been observing protest for last eight months and closing the international Chaman-Kandahar Highway for two months.

He charged that the government is conspiring to indulge the border town Chaman in the tribal enmi-

ties and civil war by promoting lawlessness through economic mess.

However, we would not let succeed these conspiracies The Provincial Presi-

dent of ANP was addressing press conference at Chaman Press Club on Thursday. He said that the

health, education and law & order have come to brink of destruction under a pre planned conspiracy by imposing a person on the people of Chaman through orm 47.

He said that ANP would continue to raise voice in support of the Chaman Protest.

He said that the visit of central President of ANP, Aimal Wali Khan to Quetta and meetings with the political leadership of the province would have far reaching effects in future.

Also present on the occasion were: district president of ANP, Abdul Khaliq Haqmal and other office bearers of the party.

heard the appeals moved CPEC second phase to focus on green growth, livelihood enhancing corridor: Speakers importance of China-Paki-ISLAMABAD (APP): of Peace and Develop-He also added that the

The speakers at the commemorative event on Thursday underlined that the second phase of the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) would focus on growth, livelihood enhancing, innovation, green, and open corridors.

The China Pakistan Study Centre (CPSC) at Institute of Strategic Studies Islamabad (ISSI) organized a commemorative event titled: "73 Years of Pakistan-China Diplomatic Relationship: A Partnership ment." The panelists included eminent speakers from academia, research and business community.

The Embassy of People's Republic of China was represented by the Deputy Head of Mission, Shi Yuanqiang whereas prominent personalities from diplomatic corps, academia, think-tanks and civil society also partici-

pated in the event. Director General ISSI, Ambassador Sohail Mahmood emphasized the

trust, and close cooperation. He stressed that from

the very outset, this relationship developed as a special and unique example in interstate relations and has served the best interests of the two countries. Both nations have consistently supported each other on issues of core interest, with Pakistan backing 'One China' principle and China's principled stance on the Jammu and

nomic transformation. The CPEC has primarily focused on Pakistan's infrastructure, energy sector, Gwadar Port, and industri-Director, China Pakistan Study Centre ISSI, Dr. Talat Shabbir, highlighted the history of Pakistan

Pakistan-China relation-

ship has contributed enor-

mously to the advancement

of Pakistan's national de-

velopment goals and eco-

China relations.

