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Iranian President Raisi, FM killed in helicopter crash

Helicopter completely destroyed in crash; Funeral procession to take place today; Supreme Leader Khamenei confirms Mohammad Mokhber as interim president, declares five days of public mourning; Iran's military chief of staff Mohammad Bagheri ordered a probe into the cause of a helicopter crash that killed President Ebrahim Raisi

TEHRAN (INP): Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi and the country's Foreign Minister Hossein Amirabdollahian have died in a helicopter crash, the country's Mehr news agency said on Monday. A senior Iranian official, requesting anonymity following the sensitivity of the development, told a foreign news agency: "President Raisi, the foreign minister and all the passengers in the helicopter were killed in the crash."



Governor Balochistan calls Iranian ambassador; expresses grief over death of President Raisi, others

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QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail telephoned Iranian Ambassador to Pakistan, Reza Amiri Moghaddam and expressed deep grief and sorrow over the death of Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi and his companions in the Helicopter crash. In his telephonic conversation with Iranian ambassador on Monday, the Governor Balochistan said that he is grieved over the martyrdom of President Ebrahim Raisi, Iranian FM and other personalities in helicopter crash. The Governor said that Pakistan and Iran are two brotherly Islamic countries. He paid rich tributes to the late President Raisi for making sincere efforts for strengthening the relations between the two countries further.

Iran's Mehr news agency also confirmed that "all passengers of the helicopter" were "martyred". The chopper that carried President Raisi and Iran's foreign minister crashed on Sunday while flying through a mountainous terrain amid heavy fog in the Varzaqan region of the country's East Azerbaijan province. According to Iranian state media, bad weather caused the crash and was complicating rescue efforts in the country's northwestern region. Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA) said Raisi was flying in a US-made Bell 212 helicopter. Iran Red Crescent Society chief Pir-Hossein Kolivand, in an interview to semi-official Tasnim news agency, said: "No trace of survivors has been seen after the discovery of the site of the crashed helicopter."



Announces a day of mourning PM visits Iranian Embassy to condole deaths of President Raisi & FM in tragic incident Great loss for Muslim Ummah: President Zardari condoles death of Iran's Ebrahim Raisi

He further revealed that rescue teams found the copter's crash site after "hours of extensive search in a mountainous region" in Iran's East Azerbaijan province. President Raisi, FM Amirabdollahian and other high officials were returning to Iran after attending an inauguration ceremony of a dam on Iran's border with the Republic of Azerbaijan when the ill-fated chopper crashed Sunday afternoon.

Following the death of the Iranian President, the Islamic Republic's First Vice-President Mohammad Mokhber is set to assume power after the Supreme Leader's issues an approval, as per Article 131 of Iran's Constitution. Who was Ebrahim Raisi? From Qom to Tehran Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi, who represented conservative forces in the country, has died after a helicopter carrying

him and other officials crashed in a mountainous and forested area of the country in poor weather. World media is remembering him in conflicting manners, with the Western outlets, especially those from the US, presenting him as ruthless leader. However, others have more realistic approach. According to Al Jazeera, Raisi, 63, who previously served as a chief justice, appeared on track to run for re-election next year and was touted as a potential successor to Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, the 85-year-old supreme leader of Iran. Born in Mashhad in north-eastern Iran, a religious hub for Shia Muslims, he underwent religious education and was trained at the seminary in Qom, studying under prominent scholars, including Khamenei. Also like the supreme leader, he wore a black tur-

ban, which signified that he was a Sayyid - a descendant of the Prophet Muhammad, a status with particular significance among Twelver Shia Muslims. Raisi racked up experience as a prosecutor in multiple jurisdictions before coming to Tehran in 1985. It was in the capital city that, according to human rights organisations, he was part of a committee of judges who oversaw executions of political prisoners. The late president was a long-time member of the Assembly of Experts, the body that is tasked with choosing a replacement for the supreme leader in the event of his death. He became attorney general in 2014 for two years, when he was appointed by Khamenei to lead the Astan Quds Razavi. ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Monday visited the Embassy of Iran in Islamabad to condole the deaths of President Ebrahim Raisi and Foreign Minister Hossein Amir Abdollahian in a tragic incident on Sunday. He expressed his heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families and the people of the Islamic Republic of Iran in the time of sorrow and grief. "Our sympathies and prayers are with the family members of the martyrs and the people of Iran."

He said President Raisi's visit to Pakistan last month helped further strengthen bilateral relations. May Allah grant the departed souls a high place in paradise, the prime minister prayed. Iran's Ambassador to Pakistan Reza Amiri Moghaddam thanked Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and the Pakistani nation for standing with his country during the difficult time. ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif recording condolence remarks in the visitor's book of the embassy in honor of the Iranian President.



Media persons ends boycott of coverage of BA session: CM constitutes committee for talks with media persons over issue of lockdown of QPC

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QUETTA: The Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti formed a committee to hold talks with the protesting media persons on the issue of lockdown of Quetta Press Club. The committee comprised the provincial Minister Planning and Development, Mir Zahoer Ahmed Buledi and Provincial Minister for Finance, Mir Shoaib Nausherwani and members of provincial assembly, Mir Rehmat Saleh Baloch and Mir Zabid Reki. Meanwhile, the government committee held talks with the media persons outside the provincial assembly.



RAWALPINDI: Chief of Army Staff (COAS), General Syed Asim Munir exchanging views with Hakan Fidan, Turkish Foreign Minister during meeting held in Rawalpindi.



ISLAMABAD: Foreign Minister of Turkiye Hakan Fidan calls on Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif.

Turkish FM calls on COAS
RAWALPINDI (APP): Turkish Foreign Minister, Hakan Fidan paid a visit to Chief of Army Staff, General Syed Asim Munir on Monday and commended the Pakistan Army's role in maintaining peace and stability in the region. During the meeting, matters of mutual interest came under discussion, an Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) news release said. Both sides expressed their satisfaction with the deep-rooted relations between the two countries.

PM urges Turkish firms to expand investment, relocate industries to Pak

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Monday invited Turkish companies to further expand their investment portfolio in Pakistan, also urging them to consider relocating their industrial units to the country. The prime minister, talking to Turkish Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan, who called on him here, said that the current level of bilateral trade was not commensurate with the existing potential. He emphasized to undertake concerted efforts for achieving the bilateral trade target of US\$ 5 billion in the next three years as already agreed by the leadership of the two brotherly countries. While underscoring the special bonds of brotherhood between Pakistan and Turkiye, the prime minister expressed satisfaction over the positive momentum in bilateral relationship. He reaffirmed Pakistan's firm commitment to further expansion of bilateral cooperation, in all areas of mutual interest, including trade, investment, technology and defence. Regional and global developments, particularly the worsening humanitarian situation in Gaza were also discussed in the meeting. Prime Minister Shehbaz appreciated President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's staunch advocacy for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza and lasting peace in the Middle East. He stressed the urgency and importance of the realization of the two-state solution as the key to attainment of durable peace in the Middle East. The prime minister also reiterated his invitation to President Erdogan to undertake an early official visit to Pakistan for co-chairing with him the 7th meeting of High Level Strategic Cooperation Council.

PM prays for good health of Saudi King Salman

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Monday expressing concern over health of Saudi King Salman Bin Abdulaziz, prayed for his complete recovery and good health. "I have learnt with grave concern about the health of His Majesty King Salman bin Abdulaziz. His Majesty is not only a sincere friend of Pakistan but as the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, a leader and guide for the entire Muslim Ummah," the prime minister wrote on his X timeline. "The people of Pakistan join me in praying to the Almighty for His Majesty's complete recovery and swift return to full health," he added.

CM issues orders for assistance of students stranded in Kyrgyzstan

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QUETTA: The Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti has issued orders for assistance of the students belonging to the province stranded in Kyrgyzstan. The Chief Minister announced that the students of the province would be brought by the flights of Pakistan International Airlines. He also announced that the provincial government would bear the expenses of return of the students from Kyrgyzstan. He said that the Provincial Minister Bakht Muhammad Kakar and MPA Mir Zarin Khan Magasi would be the focal persons in the matter. Both the nominated focal persons would monitor the measures to be taken for return of the students from Kyrgyzstan to Balochistan. The Chief Minister said that we are fully aware of the anxiety being suffered by the families of students stranded in Kyrgyzstan. Meanwhile, the Provincial Minister Bakht Muhammad Kakar and Zarin Magasi said that the process of booking has been started for the students in PIA flights.

BA adopts resolutions about installation of LPG plants & preparation of Health Dept.'s budget as per NFC Award

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QUETTA: The Balochistan Assembly adopted resolutions about installation of LPG Plants in districts of the province, which are lacking the facility of natural gas. The Provincial Assembly also adopted the resolution which demand steps for preparing the budget of Health department according to the NFC Award. The resolutions were adopted in the sitting of Provincial Assembly held with Speaker Captain (Retd) Abdul Khaliq Achakzai in the chair on Monday. The resolution regarding installation of the LPG plants in the districts which are deprived of the facility of natural gas was presented by the Opposition member, Mir Asadullah Baloch in last sitting of provincial assembly. The resolution was adopted after debate on it. Similarly, the resolution demanding steps for preparation of the Health department budget as per the allocations of NFC Award was tabled by the Opposition member, Khair Jan Baloch. It was pointed out that in the resolution that the Health sector is deteriorated for long in the province mainly because of shortage of funds.



QUETTA: Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti recording condolence remarks in the visitor's book during his visit to Iranian Consulate Quetta

CM along with Ministers, MPAs visit Iranian consulate; expresses grief & condolence over tragic mishap

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QUETTA: The Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti visited the Iranian Consulate in Quetta on Monday afternoon, to personally express condolence to the Iranian diplomats deputed there over the death of President Ebrahim Raisi and his companions in the Helicopter crash. He was accompanied by the Provincial Ministers Ali Madad Jatak, Mir Shoaib Nausherwani, Mir Saleem Ahmed Khosa, Mir Zahoer Ahmed Khosa and Sardarzada Faisal Jamali, Mir Asghar Rind and Mir Barkat Rind and MPA, Mir Zabid Reki. Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister said that every Pakistani is standing with the Iranian nation and government in the time of trial. He said that the late President Raisi played vital role for strengthening the relations between Pakistan and Iran. He expressed the belief that the mission of the late President would remain continued even after the big tragedy. He also said that the progress made by the Iranian President for bringing improvement in the relations between the two countries would always be remembered.

Condolence

Daily Independent Group of Newspaper expresses its profound grief and sorrow over the tragic demise of Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi in a helicopter crash and extended heartfelt condolences to the government of Iran, the families of the president, the foreign minister, and all others who lost their lives in the incident, as well as to the people of the brotherly nation of Iran over the martyrdom of Iranian leadership in the helicopter crash. President Raisi was a strong proponent of Pak-Iran partnership for regional development and was a great friend of Pakistan. It a great loss not only for Iran but for the entire Muslim Ummah. The Islamic World had lost a remarkable leader who always supported the Muslim cause. Late President Raisi would be dearly missed and fondly remembered in Iran, Pakistan, and the Islamic World for his efforts to enhance relations with regional and Islamic countries. We pray to Allah Almighty to bless the departed souls with peace and grant patience and strength to their families and the people of Iran in this time of irreparable loss



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QUETTA: Provincial Minister, Mir Zahoer Buledi along with MPA, Mir Shoaib Noshnerani, Zabid Reki and others are negotiating with Members of Balochistan Union of Journalists during their protest against the locking of press club by the district administration and police, outside Balochistan Assembly in Quetta.

CM concerned about delay in dev. projects of provincial assembly; directs to expedite work

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QUETTA: The Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti has expressed concern about delay in development projects of the provincial assembly and directed to the concerned high ups to expedite work on these projects. The Chief Minister also directed to complete all the ongoing development projects of provincial assembly within next six months.

He issued these directives during visit of the development projects and a review meeting about these projects in the provincial assembly on Monday. Also present in the meeting were the Speaker, Captain (Retd) Abdul Khaliq Achakzai, Deputy Speaker, Ms. Ghazala Gola, provincial ministers, Chief Secretary, Shakeel Qadir Khan, besides other

concerned high ups. The senior officers of Planning and Development, Finance, Communication and Works and Secretary Provincial Assembly briefed the Chief Minister about the progress of different development projects of the assembly.

The Chief Minister directed to appoint a Project Director for effective coordination among different departments engaged in execution of the development projects in provincial assembly.

He noted with concern that the cost of development projects is increasing due to unnecessary delay. He directed to expedite pace of work after removing obstacles in the development work.

Earlier, he visited different development projects and inspected the work going on there.



RAWALPINDI: General Angus J. Campbell, Chief of Defence Forces Australia called on General Sahir Shamsahad Mirza, Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee, at Joint Staff Headquarters.

Australian Defence Chief calls on Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee

RAWALPINDI (APP): Relations (ISPR) news release said.

Both sides reiterated the resolve to further strengthen and enhance security and defence cooperation between the two countries. The Australian dignitaries remained appreciative of the high professional standards of Pakistan Armed Forces, their achievements in fight against terrorism and continued efforts for regional peace and stability. Earlier upon arrival at Joint Staff Headquarters, General Angus J. Campbell, was presented "Guard of Honour" by a smartly turned-out tri-services contingent.

During the meeting, the two senior military leaders engaged in comprehensive discussions on defence and security cooperation, regional dynamics, and global security challenges, an Inter Services Public



QUETTA: Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti talking with Provincial Ministers

Attaullah Tarar receives 170 more students at Lahore Airport

LAHORE (APP): Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Attaullah Tarar has assured that all possible measures would be taken to facilitate the students returning from Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.

Talking to the media at Allama Iqbal International Airport, where he welcomed 170 Pakistani students arriving on a special flight from Bishkek on Monday, the minister highlighted the government's proactive efforts. He noted that this was the fourth flight from the Kyrgyz local airline Aero Nomad, bringing the total number of returning students to 540.

The minister highlighted the government's unwavering focus on the well-being of returning students. He expressed gratitude that no Pakistani student was harmed in the recent attacks in Bishkek.

Attaullah Tarar acknowledged the alarming situation in Bishkek, which caused significant distress among the students. He stated that Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif was in constant contact with the Pakistani ambassador in Kyrgyzstan and took immediate action to address the students' concerns. The government is committed to ensuring the safety and education of Pakistani students, with plans to send them back once the situation stabilizes so they can complete their degrees, he added.

He emphasized that, following the Prime Minister's special directive, ministers were present at airports to welcome the returning students, ensuring they did not feel alone.

Attaullah Tarar thanked Allah Almighty that no Pakistani lives were lost in the incident. He also called for responsible handling of the situation. He mentioned that a special flight is scheduled to bring back injured students. Earlier, at the airport, he greeted the arriving students with flowers and reassured their families that the government would prioritize resolving the students' issues.



QUETTA: Director General Balochistan NADRA Muhammad Kashif Iqbal listening problems of people at NRC Dasht



QUETTA: Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti talking with a delegation of Quetta Press Club and Balochistan Union of Journalists

Pakistan, Turkiye target \$5b bilateral trade; call for permanent Gaza ceasefire

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan and Turkiye on Monday, vowing to strengthen bilateral and regional cooperation in multiple spheres, agreed to take the annual bilateral trade from existing \$1 billion to \$5 billion.

In a joint press stakeout following their "extensive" delegation-level talks, Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar and Turkish Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan told the media that they had reviewed bilateral cooperation including trade, investment, connectivity and defense.

In his remarks, Deputy Prime Minister Ishaq Dar said the bilateral cooperation in all areas, was improving and measures were being taken to take the trade volume to \$5 billion.

Terminating Pakistan and Turkiye "two countries and one nation," Dar said the strategic and comprehensive bilateral relations were

manifested by elaborate institutional mechanisms and high-level exchanges and visits at the level of political leadership.

He said both sides also discussed the Pakistan-Turkiye High-Level Strategic Cooperation Council (HLSCC) scheduled to take place in Islamabad in the near future to carry out a comprehensive review of cooperation including a holistic review of the strategic economic framework.

The deputy prime minister said that Pakistan and Turkiye had a history of defense cooperation and that both countries always supported each other on core issues, also during national calamities and disasters.

Highlighting bilateral cooperation on Islamophobia, he told the media that consequent to their joint efforts, the OIC, in its recent summit, agreed to appoint Turkish Ambassador

to Pakistan Dr Mehmet Pacaci as secretary-general's special envoy on Islamophobia.

Ishaq Dar also thanked Turkiye for its continuous support on the issue of Kashmir and reiterated Pakistan's support for the legitimate struggle of the people of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus.

Discussing the Gaza situation, both leaders agreed on an immediate cease-fire and the establishment of an independent Palestine state to achieve lasting peace in the Middle East.

Mentioning the tragic helicopter crash in Iran killing President Ebrahim Raisi along with the country's Foreign Minister Hossein Amir Abdollahian and others, Ishaq Dar called it a "very sad day" for Muslim Ummah. He said the delegation-level talks started with condolence and Fateha for

the departed souls and prayer for patience for the bereaved families.

In his remarks, Hakan Fidan told the media that Pakistan was a strategic partner of Turkiye as there had been an unshakable friendship and brotherhood between the two people who always supported each other.

He said the delegation-level talks identified the ways to strengthen ties and exploit the potential besides the steps to take the bilateral trade to \$5 billion from the current \$1 billion.

He said both sides decided in principle to broaden and strengthen ties in trade, defense, investment, banking science and technology and innovation.

Fidan said the situation in Afghanistan also impacted Pakistan and they expressed their common desire for permanent peace and stability in the country.

Ziaullah visits Iranian Consulate

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QUETTA: The Provincial Minister for Home, Mir Ziaullah Langove visited the Iranian Consulate here on Monday.

During the visit, the Provincial Minister condoled death of Iranian President Enrahim Raisi and his companions with the Deputy Consul General Syed Mehdi and other staff of Iranian Consulate and offered fateha for their departed souls.

Also present on the occasion were the Member Provincial Asses, Mir Zaid Reki and others.

Speaking on the occasion, the Provincial Minister for Home said that we are standing with Iranian people in the time of grief and trial.

Mir Ziaullah Langove said that the late Iranian President was the big supporter of unity of Muslim Ummah.



ISLAMABAD: Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Naveed Ashraf during call-on with Chief of Royal Malaysian Navy Admiral Tan Sri Abdul Rahman Bin Ayob at Naval Headquarters.

LHC gives Punjab govt ultimatum for judges' appointment

LAHORE (INP): The Lahore High Court (LHC) has issued an ultimatum to the Punjab government regarding the appointment of judges.

Chief Justice Shehzaad Ahmed Khan presided over a hearing on the Punjab government's petition to transfer cases from LHC's anti-terrorism court 1 Rawalpindi to another court.

During the proceedings, the advocate general Punjab informed the court that a government committee had consulted with Punjab Chief Minister on the matter of judges' appointment, assuring that it had been prioritized for the upcoming cabinet session.

In response, the advocate general assured that the matter would be resolved in the cabinet session scheduled for Friday.

Expressing dismay over the absence of the government committee in court, Chief Justice Khan deemed it disrespectful.

However, Chief Justice Khan inquired about the timeline for the next cabinet session, expressing dissatisfaction with the absence of immediate action.

The Chief Justice ruled that either a special cabinet meeting should have been called or the government committee should have appeared before the court after completing its task.

In response, the advocate general assured that the matter would be resolved in the cabinet session scheduled for Friday.

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QUETTA: Home Minister Mir Ziaullah Langove meeting with Deputy Consul General of Iran Syed Mehdi Shaiqi

Minister Salik finds solace in exceptional arrangements for Pakistani Hujjaj

MAKKAH AL-MUKARRAMA (APP): Minister for Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony, Chaudhry Salik, on Monday voiced his contentment over the efficient operations in place for Pakistani pilgrims in Saudi Arabia that promised a journey of spiritual enrichment and ease during the Hajj.

"After visiting various facilities, including the Pakistan Hajj Medical Mission (PHMM), Hujjaj residential buildings, catering companies' kitchens providing three meals a day and transport arrangements, I felt relieved to see that all operational preparedness and ongoing services are up to the mark," he said while talking to media during his visit to the PHMM.

The Pakistan Hajj Mission team and the Ministry of Religious Affairs, he said, drawing on past experiences were well

aware of the challenges faced and took timely measures, resulting in meticulous preparations for the Pakistani Hujjaj. He praised the entire team for working with full devotion to serve the guests of Allah Almighty, extending all possible assistance to them round the clock. "I am proud of it. By the grace of Allah Almighty, the overall Hajj operation will be much better than last year's."

Answering a question, Minister Salik said he has visited the Rehat Manafea Company, a service provider, to review arrangements for Pakistani Hujjaj during the five Hajj days in Mashair from 8-12 Zilhaj.

He commended the company for completing all arrangements for transport, accommodation and catering services in Mina, Arafat, and Muzdalfah during the Hajj days.

The minister stressed

the need for further collaboration with the company to extend maximum facilitation to the guests of Allah Almighty at the holy land.

Accordingly, the CEO has been invited to visit Pakistan in August to explore increased cooperation and collaboration in future Hajj-related plans.

"We are striving to improve Hajj arrangements with each passing year," he said, praising the team, including Pakistan Hajj Mission, Head of Medical Mission, Director Madina, Director Makkah, and Director Mouavneen.

Earlier, the minister took round of different sections of the PHMM including male and female wards, pharmacy, medicines storage facility, OPD, surgical ward, dental clinic, expressing satisfaction over the preparedness of the medical mission to tackle any medical-related situation.

Acting President for further consolidating bilateral ties with Malaysia

ISLAMABAD (APP): Acting President Syed Yusuf Raza Gilani on Monday called for further consolidating bilateral ties with Malaysia for the mutual benefit of the two brotherly countries.

Pakistan and Malaysia, he said, enjoyed cordial cooperation at all international fora, which needed to be further strengthened.

The Acting President expressed these views while talking to the Chief of the Royal Malaysian Navy, Admiral Tan Sri Abdul Rahman bin Ayob, who along with his delegation called on him at the Aiwan-e-Sadr. Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Naveed Ashraf also attended the meeting.

During the meeting, the Acting President urged the need to further explore avenues of cooperation in maritime sectors for the mutual benefit of the two brotherly countries.

He expressed the hope that training and exchange programmes between the two navies

would further cement naval cooperation between Pakistan and Malaysia.

The Acting President expressed satisfaction over the regular conduct of bilateral naval exercises and training collaboration between Pakistan and Malaysia. He appreciated the Royal Malaysian Navy for regular participation in AMAN exercises and emphasised the need for continuity of the same in future. He stated that Pakistan was looking forward to the continued support of Malaysia for Pakistan's bid to become the Full Dialogue Partner of ASEAN.

Earlier, the Acting President conferred the award of Nishan-e-Imtiaz (Military) upon Admiral Tan Sri Abdul Rahman bin Ayob during a special investiture ceremony.

Admiral Tan Sri Abdul Rahman bin Ayob is a close friend of Pakistan and has played a prominent role in promoting cooperation between the Royal Malaysian Navy and the Pakistan Navy.



ISLAMABAD: Foreign Minister of Turkiye Hakan Fidan calls on Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif.

Murad Baloch calls on Governor Balochistan

QUETTA (APP): The honorary Consul General for Balochistan Mir Murad Baloch called on Governor Balochistan Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandukhel at Governor House here on Monday. A detailed discussion was also held on the overall situation of the region, ongoing development projects in the province and the steps taken by Germany to provide education, health and clean water for the people of Balochistan in the meeting.

The Governor said that we need help and guidance of international organizations along with government institutions for the welfare of the people of the Balochistan.

The assistance provided by German government in terms of education,

health and clean water supply to the people in urban and rural areas in the province, modern medical equipment etc are commendable, he said. He said that Germany was a developed country in the world in various fields and it could provide support and guidance in increasing the capacity of officials in government institutions and teaching modern skills to the new generation. Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandukhel said that various sectors of Balochistan, especially information technology, minerals, livestock and education sector would be utilized to develop on modern lines. He said that with the support of giving scholarships to the students of Balochistan, we could develop the hidden abilities of our new generation.



QUETTA: Honorary Consul General Germany Murad Baloch meeting with Governor Balochistan Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail

Senator Mushahid says Iranian President 'vibrant voice for Kashmir, Palestine'

ISLAMABAD (APP): Senator Mushahid Hussain Syed expressed deep grief and sorrow on Monday over the tragic death of Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi and his companions in a helicopter crash.

The Senator hailed President Raisi as a "vibrant voice for Kashmir and Palestine" and termed his death as an irreplaceable loss. Speaking to a private news channel, Senator Hussain stated that he had a close friendship with President Raisi and Foreign

Minister Hossein Amirabdollahian, whom he met at a recent conference on Palestine in Tehran.

He praised the late president and foreign minister for their support for Pakistan and their respect for the country's national poet, Allama Dr Muhammad Iqbal. Senator Hussain also highlighted President Raisi's achievements, particularly the normalization of ties with Saudi Arabia, and acknowledged his efforts as a true companion of Pakistan.

Abbasi says: Pakistan won't run smoothly without changes in system

KARACHI (INP): Former prime minister Shahid Khaqan Abbasi on Monday said that the hybrid government have no place in constitution.

Talking to media outside the accountability court in Karachi, he said the country will not run smoothly without drastic changes in the system. He urged for handing powers to capable people for solution of the national problems.

He said no steps taken over breach of the consti-

tution. "We have to go back to 1947 if we revisit the past. "The government have no public mandate, this setup has also come from the same route, earlier used by the PTI's founder to form his government," Shahid Khaqan said.

He said political parties used to form before elections to achieve specific targets. "We talk about people's problems, political parties have adopted the route to win power," he said.