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# **Nawaz Sharif calls for** accountability of those who ruined Pakistan

*PML-N* supremo says those who were involved in hatching conspiracies against him have been being exposed; Imran Khan backstabbed him with 2013 sit-ins.

Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) supremo Nawaz Sharif has lamented "injustices" meted out to him during his previous stint in power, calling for the accountability of the judges and all those who have "damaged" the country.

The former premier, while addressing the began his speech by heapparty's central working committee (CWC) meeting in Lahore on Saturday, said that those who were involved in hatching conspiracies against him were PTI-led government. 'being exposed"

We demand an ac- here are the best members countability for all those of the party who didn't

LAHORE (INP): Pakistan who damaged Pakistan. leave the party," he said, Shouldn't all things that adding that the PML-N damaged Pakistan undergo politicians were once again accountability," he said. came to power after facing The three-time prime

immense difficulties. minister referred to his Nawaz said that Paki ouster in 2013, saying that stan would have been a difa big conspiracy was ferent nation and on a difhatched to remove a sitting ferent pedestal if the process of accountability had prime minister.

The PML-N supremo continued. The PML-N supremo ing praise on all the party recalled that he, as the prime leaders for remaining steadminister he had declined the fast despite political United States' offer of vicitmisation and legal \$5billion to stop the nuclear battles during the previous tests, claiming credit for making Pakistan an atomic "The people present power

Lamenting the past in-Continued on page 2

MIANWALI: Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti talking with mediamen at the residence of Shaheed Major Babar Khan Announces returning party presidency to Nawaz Sharif; **PM vows to put Pakistan on** 



but government is determined to put economy on fast tracked growth trajectory

Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif says the government is working hard to address big challenges including economic crisis

faced by the country. Speaking at Pakistan Muslim League Nawaz Central Council's meeting in Lahore on Saturday, he said Pakistan although faced with enormous difficulties but government is determined to put economy on fast tracked growth trajec-

Shehbaz Sharif said PML-N Quaid Nawaz Sharif during his tenures made significant efforts for development and prosperity in the country. The Prime Minister

said Nawaz Sharif brought wavering support for projects worth twenty Nawaz Sharif within the

Chakar Domki and Mir party despite challenge faced over the years.

"Today is a satisfying day for me," the PM stated, expressing gratitude for the strength and support from the PML-N leaders. "There is no greater satisfaction and peace of mind for me than to return this trust to my elder brother, the leader of PML-'he added.

Recalling the trials faced by Nawaz Sharif, including the treatment in 2018 and his arrest in 1999, he highlighted the resilience and leadership demon strated by the former prime minister and the late

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#### Meets family of Major Babar Khan Niazi Shaheed CM Bugti pledges to take revenge of every drop of blood of Major Babar

Announces highest award for Major Babar, says martyr embraced martyrdom for people of Balochistan

Shoaib Nausherwani, Chief **Independent Report** Secretary Balochistan, Shakeel Qadir Khan, Com-

QUETTA: The Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti visited the residence of martyr Major Babar Khan Niazi in Mianwali on Saturday.

Speaking on the occa-sion, Chief Minister said During the visit, Chief Minister condoled the death that Balochistan is under of Major Babar Niazi with debt of the martyr of Mahis bereaved family includjor Babar Khan. ing his father Noor Khan brothers.

Sambaza area of Zhob.

him were the provincial

ministers Sardar Sarfraz

While paying homage to the martyr Major Babar, the Chief Minister said He embraced the son of Major Babar Niazi, who that Major Babar embraced was martyred in an operamartyrdom for the people of Balochistan and his blood fell while protecting tion of security forces against the terrorists in our children. Also accompanied with

missioner Sargodha, Muhammad Ajmal Bhatti, RPO Shafiq Kamal Siddiqui

and Deputy Commissioner

Khalid Javid.

Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti said that the people

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LAHORE: Governor Balochistan Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail meeting with Governor Punjab Sardar Saleem Haider Khan at Governor House

Governors of Punjab & Balochistan meet-up: All political parties including **Opposition ought to be on** one page for stability and development of Pakistan Independent Report

for development and stabil-

were in a meeting at Gover-

nor House Punjab in

Balochistan Sheikh Jaffar

Khan Mandokhail met the

Governor Punjab in Lahore.

welcomed his counterpart

from Balochistan and con-

gratulated him on assuming

insisted that there is very

important to strengthen the

Fund (IMF) has set strict conditions for Pakistan to get

the new bailout programme,

ARY News reported quot-ing sources within the Min-

IMF asked the federal gov-

bonds in the stock market.

set the dollar exchange rate

according to market condi-

tions and fixation of the in-

The sources said that

They maintained that

terest rate as per inflation.

istry of Finance.

the office of Governor.

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ity of the country.

Lahore on Saturday.

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LAHORE: Quaid PML (N) Muhammad Nawaz Sharif and PML-N acting Presi-dent and Prime Minister Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif attending meeting of **Central Working Committee** 

## **Embassy advises Pak students to stay** indoor amidst violence at Bishkek hostels

PM Shahbaz expresses concern, says monitoring Bishkek

LAHORE (APP): Prime three billion dollars under China- Pakistan Economic Corridor in the country. He said PML-N gov-

ernment eliminated power load shedding in its tenure and improved foreign relations with all countries including brotherly and friendly countries. Shehbaz Sharif said

GDP growth rate of Pakistan during Nawaz tenure was almost six to seven percent and business activities were growing rapidly. Prime Minister has announced the return of the

PML-N party presidency to Naważ Sharif, promising to steer the country out of current difficulties under his leadership. He emphasised the un-

Kulsoom Nawaz during those challenging times. He commended the PML-N

situation; directs envoy to help Pakistani students Kyrgyz authorities contacted to ensure Pak students' safety: Ishaq Dar

BISHKEK (Kyrgyzstan) gency. lence taking place outside the student hostels in Bishek, the Embassy of Pakistan in Kyrgyzstan on Saturday strongly advised the Pakistani students to stay indoors.

In social media post, Ambassador of Pakistan in Bishkek Hasan Zaigham assured that the embassy was liasing with the local law enforcement authorities to ensure safety of the Pakistani students.

The envoy also shared helpline No. +996 507567667, asking the students to call in case of emer-

**ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Interior** 

Mohsin Naqvi says

Historic relations with

Saudi Arabia turning into

beneficial economic relations

that the recent visit of Saudi

Arabia's investors to Paki-

stan was very successful.

are waiting for visit of Saudi

Arabia's Wali Ahad, said

Mohsin Naqvi adding that

Saudi Arabia's Crown

has always supported Pa-

kistan in every difficult

Nawaf Bin Said Ahmad al-

Saudi Ambassador

time.

The people of Pakistan

(INP)

ISLAMABAD

various fields.

Saudi Ambassador Nawaf

Bin Said Ahmad al-Maliki

on Saturday welcomed Federal Interior Minister

Mohsin Naqvi and both

sides discussed matters of

mutual interest, Pak-Saudi

relations and cooperation in

Nawaf Bin Said Ahmad al-

Maliki assured full support

for Islamabad police for

which Mohsin Naqvi

thanked Saudi Arabia am-

bassador for arranging hous-ing facility for FC person-nel. They also discussed

Saudi Árabia's Crown

Prince Mohammed bin

Salman's visit to Pakistan.

the historic brotherly

friendship of Saudi Arabia and Pakistan is turning into

the most beneficial eco-

nomic relations. He said

The minister said that

Saudi ambassador

H.E Nawaf Bin Saeed Ahmed Al-Maliki

lence around student hostels in Bishkek, the embassy strongly advises all Pakistani students in Bishkek to stay indoors until the situation returns to normal. We are liasing with the local law enforcement authorities to ensure safety of our student fraternity," the ambassador said.

the Pakistani students. Foreign Office spokes-person Mumtaz Zahra Meanwhile Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Baloch also reposted the Saturday expressing conenvoy's message and said cerns over the situation of violence in Bishkek, dithe embassy was in contact rected Pakistan's Ambassawith the Kyrgyz authorities to facilitation Pakistani Continued on page 2

team

**Justice Muneeb** 

## swears-in as Acting CJP

students as their safety was of paramount importance

for the ambassador and his

posts also reported the in-

cidents of mob violence at

the hostels housing foreign

students in Bishkek, along

with the footages and im-

agery, with many appeal-

ing to the relevant authori-

ties for immediate help to

Various social media

ISLAMABAD (INP): Jus-tice Muneeb Akhtar Satur-day took oath as Acting Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP)

According to the de-tails, Justice Muneeb Akhtar, known for his legal acumen and dedication, will temporarily lead the judiciary during this period.

The swearing-in cer-emony took place in the Mohsin Naqvi met with Ambassador of Saudi Arabia Supreme Court, where Justice Yahya Afridi administered the oath to Justice

Muneeb. Supreme Court judges, law officers and staff par-ticipated in the swearing-in ceremony.

Leaves of Finance Dept. cancelled owing to

#### preparations of new FY budget Independent Report

UETTA: The leaves of all Prince Mohammed bin employees serving in the Salman lives in the heart of Department Pakistani people. He said Finance Balochistan have been canthat the visit of Saudi celled due to the prepara-tions of the budget for new Crown Prince will prove to be a game changer in rela-Financial Year 2024-2025. tions between the two countries because Saudi Arabia

According to an official notification issued here by the department, the employees have been directed to continue work on overtime on the otherwise closed weekly holidays I.e.,

Maliki assured that he will Saturday and Sunday. do everything possible to The leaves of em build the Islamabad police ployees of Finance Deon modern lines. He said partment have been canthat Saudi Arabia attaches celled from May 18 to June 30, 2024. great importance to its re-lations with Pakistan.

#### Children among 13 dead as minitruck plunges into ravine

including children dead as a mini truck carrying a family plunged into a ravine in occurred. Punj Pir area of Khushab.

As per details, the incident occurred in Punj Pir where a minitruck fell into a ravine, resulting in the deaths of 13 people, includ-ing 5 children and four oth-

ers sustained injuries.

condolences to the family members of the martyr. During the visit, the president offered Fateha for Major Babar Khan who was martyred in Zhob. He prayed to Allah

Almighty to elevate the rank of the martyred in paradise and grant courage to the bereaved fam-ily to bear this loss with patience.

President

visits family

of Shaheed

Major Babar,

offers Fateha

ISLAMABAD (APP)

President Asif Ali Zardari

on Saturday visited the

family home of Shaheed Major Babar Khan in

Mianwali and expressed

He also paid tribute to martyred Major Babar Khan for sacrificing his life for the sake of the country, said a press release issued by the President House Press Wing.

The president said that the entire nation was proud of its martyrs and salutes

the IMF also sought the implementation of a strict He also appreciated the Shaheed's devotion to duty, patriotism and his services monetary policy for reduction of the budget deficit. for the country.

of the country. Sardar Saleem Haider QUETTA: The Governor Punjab Sardar Saleem said that there would be Haider and Governor best working relationship Balochistan, Sheikh Jaffar with Pakistan Muslim Khan Mandokhail have League-Nawaz in the best interest of the country. stressed that all political parties including Opposi-

The Governor said that all political parties includtion should be on one page ing opposition should be on one page for development The Governors of and stability of the coun-Punjab and Balochistan try.

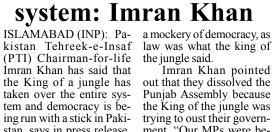
He said that the circumstances are heading towards improvement because of the economic initiatives of the country.

Governor The Balochistan Shaikh Jaffar Mandokhail vowed that he would play his positive role in improving coordination between the federation and provinces. Sheikh Jaffar Mandokhail also said that it is included in his priority to play role for developcoalition government and ment and peace in the provrun it for political stability ince.

'IMF sets strict conditions for new bailout programme'

ISLAMABAD (INP): The debts and interest payments International Monetary on Pakistan are the main reason for the deficit, asking the finance ministry to reduce pensions and other expenses. The sources said around Rs 9,787 billion will be set aside for loan interest The sources privy to the in the next fiscal year's buddevelopment said that the get while the current fiscal year's loan interest payernment not to borrow from ments are expected to be Rs the State Bank of Pakistan 8,371 billion. In the first nine months of the current finan-cial year, Rs 5,518 billion has and to only sell sukuk The IMF has also asked been paid in interest on inthe Pakistani government to ternal and external loans.

It is pertinent to mention here that Pakistan is seeking new bailout programme with the IMF. The monetary fund also confirmed that talks are underway with Pakistan on 24th 'longer and larger' bailout programme under the Extended Fund Facility



the residence of Shaheed Major Babar Khan

King of jungle takes

over entire country's

stan, says in press release. In his message from Adiala Jail, PTI Founding Chairman said that the current fake political system was nothing but they made

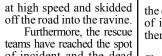
ment. "Our MPs were being intimidated, thus it is the rule of democracy to go back to the people when

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MIANWALI: President Asif Ali Zardari offering Fateha during his visit to

KHUSHAB (INP): In a tragic incident, at least 13

The eyewitnesses said that the driver took a sharp turn when the vehicle was at high speed and skidded



The rescue officials stated that the deceased be-

longed to the same family, and were traveling from Bannu to Wadi Soon in Khushab when the accident

them. of incident and the dead

bodies and injured are being shifted to THQ Hospital.

HUB: Provincial Health Minister Sarfar Faisal Khan Jamali visiting Jam Ghulam Qadir Hospital



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Tarkamistan, and Af-

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Islamabad.

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QUETTA: District Administration officials locked the main entrance of the Quetta Press Club building during the press conference of Baloch Yakjehti Committee while journalists were trapped inside and outside the press club

## China helps preserve museums, heritage sites in Pakistan

BEIJING (APP): China has established multi-level exchange relations with Pakistani governments, the archaeological bureau, museums and heritage sites, said Chen Zhigang, associate professor at Shanghai Academy of Fine Arts and director of the Guardians of Gandhara program.

Commenting on the future cooperation plans for the protection of cultural sites and relics of Pakistan, he told Xinhua that both countries need to further focus on tourism infrastructure improvement, basic maintenance, and archaeological excavation of sites.

Besides that, digitization of cultural heritage, joint scientific research projects as well as heritage education and cultural exchanges would be further encouraged in the future, he said.

Pakistan is rich in cultural heritage with a large number of historical cultural sites sprawling across the country. China and Pakistan took an extra mile to preserve the sites, including Takht-i-Bahi, under the Guardians of Gandhara program run by Chinese and Pakistani scholars and volunteers

Talking to Xinhua As International Mu-Maaz Ali, a teacher and seum Day is observed on May 18, Pakistan sought conservation assistant at the Directorate of Archaecooperation with China to ology and Museums, KP, further strengthen the prosaid that the main purpose tection of cultural heritage. of various educational The State Administraprojects was to make locals tion of Cultural Heritage of living near archeological China and the National sites aware about the heri-Heritage and Culture Divitage sites of Pakistan and sion of Pakistan have signed

rebuild their connection a memorandum of underwith cultural heritage. standing to jointly imple-"Especially, young generation is in charge of ment archaeology, cultural heritage protection and res-Guardians of Gandhara as toration, exhibition exthey will take a lead in prechanges, and prevent illegal serving these important artrafficking of relics. cheological sites of Pakistan

in the future," he said. ogy and Museums of KP According to him, Pa-Abdul Samad told Xinhua kistani and Chinese teams that China always walks the have been working together talk and its commitment on the restoration of varitowards preserving cultural heritage in Asia is practical ous archeological sites in Pakistan, adding that more highlighting that China is sites are being identified for collaborating with Pakistani the conservation work. archaeologists to preserve

With restoration work and restore the archeologidone on several sites, Ali cal sites using modern techsaid that the number of nologies. He said that Pakitourists, especially Chinese stan needs to further strengthen and Japanese, have incooperation with China to creased over the past years. protect heritage sites, maintain academic collaborations 'Thousands of tourists have been visiting the hisbetween universities and torical sites recently, injectcultural heritage institutions ing new impetus into the in the two countries, and tourism sector of Pakistan initiate joint scientific and and national developtechnological preservation initiatives

#### **Rana Mashood congratulates** Pakistan Volleyball Team

The Chairman of the Prime Minister's Youth Rana Mashhood Ahmed Khan, extends his heartfelt con-Pakistan Volleyball Team for their outstanding performance in the reyouth.

cent Central Asian Volleyball Championship held in Gymnasium, Under the stellar leadership of Captain Muhammad Ali, the Pakistani team showcased remarkable talent and deterto their continued trimination, securing victory against formidable oppotional stage.

#### President summons Senate session on May 21

It is noteworthy that Chairman Rana Mashood Ahmed Khan had the honor of serving as the

Chairman Rana public of Pakistan.

At Commemoration of Nakba anniversary Pakistan renews its full support to Palestinian people

**Miscellaneous** 

NATIONS (APP): Pakistan re-affirmed its "deepest" solidarity with Nakba" or "the Catastrothe Palestinian people at a phe". This anniversary puts special event held at UN the spotlight on the world's Headquarters in New York longest-standing protracted on Friday to commemorate refugee crisis, as over 5.3 the anniversary of the million Palestine refugees Nakba. "We empathize with still live amidst conflict. profound pain of displacement and oppression they Senegalese Ambassador (Palestinians) endure," Am-Cheikh Niang, who is the bassador Usman Jadoon, chairman of the United Na-

deputy permanent representative of Pakistan to the United Nations, told the event organized by the UN Palestinian Rights Commit-tee at UN Headquarters in New York.

Gaza are not two separate events," "Today, we again commemorate the events of 1948 and subsequent years, which led to the dispossession and displacement of approximately 750,000 Palestinians from their ancestral lands," said Ambassador

76th anniversary of the mass displacement of Paldiscussion titled "1948- ditional and sustainable 2024: The Ongoing Palestinian Nakba" estinians, known as "the

Between 1948 and 2024, Israel continued its illegal actions, he said. "The Nakba, thus, is an ongoing process affecting the Palestinian people over generations." Ambassador Jadoon, the Pakistani envoy, In his opening remarks, strongly condemned Israel for its brutal war in Gaza, which the International Court of Justice (ICJ) has tions Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable described as a "plausible Rights of the Palestinian genocide." "Over the past 7 People, said, "The Nakba of decades," he said, "the Pal-1948 and today's Nakba in estinian people have not only been denied the right to self-determination, where millions of them have been expelled from their homeland, but they have also been subjected to a prolonged and brutal foreign occupation for the past 57 years.

ceasefire in Gaza; unrestricted humanitarian supplies and holding Israel accountable for its crimes.

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The Pakistani envoy added, "We reaffirm our solidarity with the people of Palestine and call for the establishment of a viable, independent and contiguous State of Palestine on the basis of internationally agreed parameters of the pre-1967 borders, with Al Quds al Sharif as its capital.

Also addressing the event was Palestine's Ambassador Riyad Mansour, who said that "the Nakba encompasses both a personal tragedy for every Palestinian family and a collective deed"-in which most of an entire nation was uprooted overnight from its ancestral land while the rest were treated like strangers in their own country.

Pakistan reiterates its Niang as he opened a panel call for an immediate, uncon-



DUKKI Deputy Commissioner Kaleemullah Kakar visiting different Levies police stations

#### PM vows to put Pakistan on....

Continued from page 1 leaders for their steadfast loyalty and courage. Shehbaz Sharif praised

Nawaz Sharif's contributions, noting his efforts in transforming the party and the country. "Whether it was the valleys of Mehran, the rugged mountains of Balochistan, the plains of Punjab, or the snow-covered mountains of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, the PML-N leader worked tirelessly and revived the party," he said. He lauded Nawaz Sharif's developmental politics, cit- ing remarks, Shehbaz Sharif ing his initiatives from reaffirmed his confidence in 1985, including land re-

tricity shortages, bringing the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) to fruition, and securing substantial foreign investment.

Reflecting on the economic challenges faced by the country today, Shehbaz Sharif urged other political parties to unite under Nawaz Sharif's leadership to address issues like debt, unemployment, and inflation. "There could not be a better opportunity to bring this distressed nation together and lead it forward,' he asserted. In his conclud-Nawaz Sharif's capabili-

# This year marks the

ISLAMABAD (INP): Mashood Ahmed Khan emphasizes the importance of nurturing and celebrating sporting talent across all disciplines, as it not only brings glory to the nation but also serves as a source

of inspiration for our In light of their remarkable success, Chairman Rana Mashood Ahmed Khan assures the volleyball team of the government's unwavering support and encouragement, and looks forward

umphs on the internanents including Iran, Sri Turkistan

ISLAMABAD (APP) President Asif Ali Zardari has summoned the session of the Senate on Tuesday (May 21) at 05:00 pm.

#### chief guest for the open-The president suming ceremony of this presmoned the session of the tigious league, where he Upper House in exercise of witnessed firsthand the the powers conferred by enthusiasm and fervor of Article 54(1) of the Conthe players and supportstitution of the Islamic Re-

Gul Khan, has issued a bold challenge to Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz, urging her to visit Dera Ghazi Khan and don the attire of a sweeper.

Zartaj Gul Khan minced no words in criticizing Maryam Nawaz, highlighting the need for her to witness the conditions in Dera Ghazi Khan firsthand. Emphasizing the

ister, urging her to address

the challenges faced by the

city, formerly known as a

bastion of underdevelop-

Zartaj challenges

Maryam to wear

sweeper's uniform

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(INP): Pakistan Tehreek-e-

Insaf (PTI) Member of the

National Assembly, Zartaj



Director of Archaeol-

SIBI: DG Social Welfare Shabbir Badini and Deputy Commissioner Sibi Jahanzeb Sheikh inaugurating vocational training center

#### King of jungle takes....

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#### were made against the party Continued from page 1 leaders.

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this kind of situation arises," he added.

Therefore, he stated that they decided to approach the people again and dissolved the government.

Imran Khan stated that the king of jungle also put pressure on our people and brought down our governments in Gilgit-Baltistan (GB) and Azad Jammu Kashmir

(AJK) and imposed their puppets, who had no public support, adding that when such governments were imposed, then AJK like situation arises.

He went on to say that there was similar situation in Balochistan where governments were formed against the public's aspirations, resultantly such situation arises there as well.

Imran Khan recalled that he himself witnessed the situation in East Pakistan in 1971, where people just wanted their rights not secession but when they were cracked down and the mountains of atrocities were broken and oppressed due to a fake and false system due to which they seceded.

"Even today, the integrity of the country is threatened by the same fake and false system," he alerted.

Imran Khan emphasised that the basis of democracy was moral standards and if a democracy lacked ethics, it could not be called a democracy. "The way

democracy is being run with a stick in Pakistan is a mockery of democracy, as all parties are allowed to hold meetings except PTI,' he added.

PTI Founding Chairman said that PTI governments never restricted public gatherings in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) but PTI was denied permissions to hold public gatherings anywhere in the country and even false cases

Continued from page 1 dor in Kyrgyzstan Hassan He noted that the rep-Ali Zaigham to provide all resentative of the fake sysnecessary support to the tem and beneficiary of Pakistani students The Form 47 Governor KP was prime minister asked him to making personal attack on personally visit the hostels KP Ali Amin of Pakistani students and Gandapur, adding that meet them. PM Office

the fake representatives of this false system issued statements and held press conferences against Justice Babar Sattar.

that Pakistani students About Bushra Bibi were safe and those injured cases, PTI Founding Chairwere being assisted by the man stated that they would embassy. The prime minisfile a reference against Judge ter advised him to remain Abul Hasanat and Judge in contact with the parents Qudratullah the manner and provide them timely

release.

they information, adding that sentenced Bushra Bibi immediate arrangements in two sentences in five should be made for those days injured Pakistani students

Khan continued that the Al-Qadir Trust case was also being conducted with the same speed, while the cases of other politicians, which were pending in the

same courts, were besituation himself and would ing given long dates. "We not leave the students alone want proceedings of our in this situation. The Govcases in a normal manner," ernment of Pakistan was in contact with the Kyrgyz he urged PTI Founding Chair-

man raised question as to why the petitions of PTI about the May 9 events and the February 8 elections were not being heard. "We want our

trial conducted like the trials of Nawaz Sharif, Asif Ali Zardari and Yousaf Raza Gilani were conducted," he maintained.

Imran Khan made it living in Bishkek including clear that this was the dethose from Pakistan, were feat of the justice system subjected to violence by because of this the common locals in the aftermath of man was losing confidence their earlier brawl with in the justice system of the Egyptian nationals a few country

days ago. As per reports. He highlighted that at some hostels of medical present the country was universities in Bishkek and divided into two groups, on private residences of interthe one hand there was national students including Form 47 who was given those of Pakistanis were atpower and when the bentacked. However, the emeficiaries of Form-47 were bassy said that so far, they questioned, they suddenly had received no confirmed attacked and even began to reports of death or rape of pressure the judges and the any Pakistani student media to cover their lies. there. "My office is also in

Pakistan's Ambassador to

provide all necessary help

and assistance." earlier, the

prime minister wrote on his

X timeline. According to

Pakistan's Embassy in

Bishkek, foreign students

Embassy advises Pak students to stay...

touch with the Embassy and constantly monitoring the situation," the prime minister added. The embassy has already shared the helpline numbers +996555554476 and +996507567667, and had responded to a hundreds of calls from the students and Media Wing said in a press their families.

Meanwhile Deputy The ambassador ap-Prime Minister and Foreign prised the prime minister Minister Ishaq Dar on Saturday said that the government had established contact with the Kyrgyz authorities to ensure the protection of Pakistani students in Bishkek, amidst the incidents of mob violence.

According to Pakistan's Embassy, foreign students living in Bishkek including those from Pakiwho wanted to return to stan, were subjected to vio-Pakistan. The government lence by locals in the afterwould bear all the expenses math of their brawl with in this regard, he said. The Egyptian nationals a few prime minister, expressing days ago. Some hostels of his concerns, further said medical universities in that he was monitoring the Bishkek and private residences of international students including Pakistanis re attacked.

On his X timeline, the deputy prime minister callgovernment, he added. ing the reports of mob at-'Deeply concerned tacks on students "exover the situation of Pakitremely concerning" instani students in Bishkek. Kvrgvzstan. I have directed

bassador to Kyrgyzstan to fully facilitate them. The embassy has already shared the helpline numbers +996555554476 and +996507567667, and had responded to a hundreds of calls from the students and their families.

to the Kyrgyz Republic Hassan Zaigham met the Kyrgyz Deputy Foreign Minister Imangaziev Almaz in connection with the incidents of violence in Bishkek Ambassador Hassan

the concerns of Pakistani nationals particularly the large number of affected Pakistani students and their families.

Government to prioritize the safeguarding of Pakistani nationals.

normal.

sons during press conference regarding participation in the competition in Nepal

structed the Pakistan's am- President

The challenge comes in response to Maryam Nawaz's recent participation in a passing out parade ceremony where she wore the uniform of the elite police force. Speaking at the ceremony, Nawaz expressed her delight in joining the ranks of the elite force, commending the dedication and hard work of the trainees.

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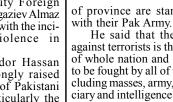
of province are standing

He said that the war against terrorists is the war of whole nation and it has to be fought by all of us including masses, army, judiciary and intelligence insti-

also said that provision of protection of human and life of people is our constitutional obligation.

eliminate terrorists at every

Meanwhile speaking to the media persons, the Chief Minister announced to confer the martyr Major Babar highest award. He said that the whole nation is proud of the brave soldier



lowing 2013 general elec-The Chief Minister tions and asked him to work together in the country's interest. to cooperation and [late]

He made the pledge to backstabbed me by starting sit-ins in Islamabad later, he said, adding that the PTI

leader could have told him directly that they will launch a campaign against him. Nawaz then referred to his former political ally,



ravity of the situation. forms and infrastructural ties, experience, and cour-Khan extended an open indevelopment. vitation to the Chief Min-

justices against him, Nawaz

once again asked why his

government was toppled in

jacker at night while I was

the prime minister," he

"I was declared a hi-

Moving on to his next

stint in power, the three-

time prime minister said that

he had visited Bani Gala

residence of Pakistan

Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI)

founder Imran Khan fol-

"He [Khan] first agreed

the 1990s.

'Imran

backstabbed me'

said

age, and emphasized the The prime minister importance of continuing to also recounted Nawaz strengthen relations with Sharif's historic decisions, international allies. "You such as conducting nuclear have always played a key tests in 1998, and his role role in improving relations in establishing peace and with China, Saudi Arabia, eradicating terrorism in col-Qatar, UAE, Kuwait, and laboration with the Pakistan other countries, including Army. Shehbaz Sharif the US and Europe, and we stressed Nawaz Sharif's will continue this legacy," efforts in overcoming elec- he added.

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Nawaz Sharif calls for....

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He said that he couldn't understand why did PTI stage the sit-ins.

'Mazahar Naqvi should also undergo NÂB inquiries

Moving on to his ouster and disqualification in cases, the PML-N supremo once again deplored his life-time disqualification "just for not taking

salary" from his son. "Nowhere in the world can the judges remove a president or prime minister.

"Who will answer for this. I have the right to ask this question and I will keep this right till my death," he added.

Nawaz went on to say that after his removal as the prime minister, the same judges removed him from the post party head.

He asked former apex court judge, Justice (retired) Mazahar Ali Naqvi — who recently stepped down from his post over allegations of misconduct — to tell the source of his properties.

"Mazahar Naqvi should also face NAB (National Accountability Bureau) inquiries like we did,' Nawaz asserted.

He then referred to the audio leak of former chief justice of Pakistan (CJP) Saqib Nisar wherein he said Nawaz Sharif had to be removed and Imran Khan has to be brought.

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He urged the Kyrgyz

The Kyrgyz Deputy

He said that the

**KARACHI PRESS CLUB** 

Pakistan's Ambassador

Zaigham strongly raised

Foreign Minister informed that the Kyrgyz authorities have controlled the situation which is now back to

Kyrgyz Police is providing security to all the

hostels and the matter is being directly supervised by the Kyrgyz

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# Independent

Sunday May 19, 2024

# **NCHR ranks amongst top Commissions in world**

#### Pakistan welcomes A-Status Accreditation by UN body

ISLAMABAD (APP): The National Commission Human Rights (NCHR) of Pakistan has been accredited as an A-status National Human Rights Institution (NHRI) by UNlinked body, the Global Alliance of National Human Institutions Rights (GANHRI), the largest network of national human rights institutions in the world

GANHRI conducts accreditation and become reviews of national NHRIs to determine if they oper-

ate in accordance with the UN Principles on National tremely rare for commis-Institutions, commonly sions to attain A status in the first round, Pakistan's known as the Paris Prin-NCHR has been accredited ciples. These principles set

with this highest grade in the standards to which its first try. It is also the commissions must comply only country to have attained new A status in this in order to be considered internationally credible and year's session. to operate effectively."

This status grants NCHR a seat at the Human When a Commission proves its compliance with the Rights Council, and other Paris Principles, it can seek UN bodies - a historic first for Pakistan. In the past, part of the global network Pakistan's commission could only act as an ob-

Despite it being ex- server but now will get a voice at the table. NCHR Pakistan joins the ranks of the United Kingdom, Sweden, Denmark, France and others as an A status NHRI, said a press release issued here on Saturday. The Chairperson of

NCHR, Rabiya Javeri Agha, said NCHR is proud to have secured accreditation as an A-status institution and we thank our members, team, civil and international partners such as UNDP for their support."

in Islamabad

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(CDA) staff to remove and

eliminate all encroachments

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sures from anywhere.



ISLAMABAD: Inspector General of Police Islamabad, Syed Ali Nasir Rizvi chairs a meeting as Islamabad Police IT team, in collaboration with the Punjab IT Board, has formally launched an e-license system.



known as GANHRI."

ISLAMABAD: Police officials stand alert at the gate of Kayrgys Embassy during the protest of Islami Jamiat-e-Talaba against the incidents of violence against foreign nationals students including Pakistanis in Bishkek last night.

# **Islamabad Police launches E-Driving license for citizens**

The

Islamabad Police IT team

increased mutual coopera-

tion with the Punjab IT

Board, addressing all tech-

nical problems and making

On this occasion, the

Independent Report ISLAMABAD: According to the details, the Inspector General of Police (IGP) Islamabad, Syed Ali Nasir Rizvi, has taken another important step towards modernization in Islamabad Police, a public relations officer said.

He said that, the Islamabad Police IT team, in collaboration with the Punjab IT Board, has formally launched an e-license system. A meeting in this regard was held at the Central Police Office Islamabad, which was chaired by IG Islamabad Syed Ali Nasir it fully functional.

The meeting was at-tended by SSP Traffic, SSP II officers and experts for

Safe City, experts from the completing this system in a short period. With the help of the e-license sys-Punjab IT Board, and the IT team of Islamabad Potem, citizens will be able to lice. During the meeting apply online and easily obvarious matters were distain their licenses from cussed to maintain an intehome. Moreover, citizens grated traffic system, manwill be able to benefit from aging traffic, and ensure the this system anywhere in issuance of e-licenses. the country. Citizens can Islamabad

obtain their e-licenses from Police's e-license system the Islamabad Police was already operational website. but faced various technical On this occasion, IG issues. To resolve these, the

Islamabad said that this facility would make it easier for citizens to renew their driving licenses from home. He further added that the aim of this initiative is to provide maximum facilities to the citizens of the federal capital Islamabad.

**One killed in** 

accident on

crackdown against encroachments ISLAMABAD (APP): Randhawa immediately Federal Minister for Inte-

Mohsin Naqvi orders

rior Mohsin Naqvi on Saturday ordered a crackdown against the encroachments Islamabad. He directed the Capital Development Authority

of Raja Gulfraz Farm in Sangjani Sasing and sealed another factory.

built illegally by constructing 10 rooms on 24 kanal He ordered Islamabad administration, CDA and area police to conduct joint op-The Islamabad admin-

eration against the enjointly conducted the op-

took action on the direction of the federal minister and launched an operation against encroachments in The authorities de-

The farmhouse was

istration and the police led by the DC and CDA,

molished enchroachments

#### **CDA completes** repair work of orderly room; to address **One Window**

ISLAMABAD (APP) The Capital Development Authority (CDA) has completed all the necessary construction and repair work of One Window to facilitate the residents, on the directions of its Chairman Muhammad Ali Randhawa.

The working hours of One Window operation have also been extended from 9 am to 9 pm to facilitate the citizens, said a news release. In line with directions, the authority has established more desks at One Window for the convenience of the residents of the federal capital. Similarly, special information counters have been set up

concerns of officials officers involved in corruption, misuse of authority and involvement in other

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Independent Report ISLAMABAD: The In-spector General of Police illegal activities. (ÎGP) Syed Ali Nasir Rizvi, On the occasion, the holds an orderly room at IG Islamabad Syed Ali Central Police Office Islamabad, to ensure timely and prioritized resolution of institutional and personal matters concerning police officers. The establishment of

**IG Islamabad holds** 

an orderly room aims to prioritize and address issues faced by police officers on a timely basis, emphasizing their welfare and issue resolution. The orderly room was attended by all divisions' police officers

Nasir Rizvi highlighted various measures taken for the welfare of police officers, including initiatives aimed at improving residence faenhancing cilities. healthcare provisions, and

raising educational standards. He assured all personnel of an open-door policy at his office, encouraging them to bring forward any concerns for immediate resolution.

During the orderly room, police officers brought forth both personal He further said that, the primary objective of the orderly room is not only to address the welfare, perand official concerns before the IG Islamabad. IG sonal, and official issues of Islamabad reinstated the police officers but also to



suspended officers in minor elevate their morale by pricases, while imposing se-vere punishments on the on their well-being.

## YouTubers entry 'banned' in Parliament House

ISLAMABAD (INP): The Speaker of National Assembly Sardar Avaz Sadiq has imposed a ban on the entry o Youtubers and unauthorized people into Parliament House According to media reports, the National Assembly speaker has suspended eight security personnel over the entry of unauthorized individuals into Parliament House. The Sergeant-at-Arms have been directed to conduct an inquiry against the suspended personnel, who allowed unauthorized individuals to enter Parliament House without an identity card, sources added, Sources revealed that the unauthorized individuals stopped some members and ministers inside Parliament and asked them for picture. The incident came into light when the Defense Minister Khawaja Asif complained to the Speaker about the incident. He stressed to ensure elaborate security measures within the premises of National Assembly (NA) building and its lobbies. Speaking on the National Assembly floor, the minister said that a large number of unidentified individuals are often present at the building's entrance. Asif noted that people congregate outside the hall, in front of the elevators, and in the corridors, posing significant security risks. The minister said there was a system for issuing passes to the MNAs in the past, which should be implemented strictly to maintain security in the Parliament. He also expressed concern about the behavior of individuals seated in the gallery, who often engage in slogan chanting, thereby undermining the sanctity of the House.

Chairman CDA and Chief Commissioner eration against encroach-Islamabad Muhammad Ali ments. Kyrgyz Charge d'affaires handed over a demarche over last night's violent incident against Pak students ISLAMABAD (APP): government should take all

Charge d'affaires of the possible measures to ensure Kyrgyz Embassy in Pakithe safety and security of stan Melis Moldaliev on Pakistani students and citizens residing in the Kyrgyz Republic," Foreign Office Saturday was called to the Foreign Office for a demarche by Director Gen-Spokesperson said in a eral (ECO & CARs) Aizaz press statement. The Gov-Khan, conveying the deep ernment of Pakistan takes concerns of the Governthe matter of the safety and ment of Pakistan about the security of its national reports of last night's inciaround the world very seridents against Pakistani stuously and would take all necessary measures to endents studying in the sure their well-being," it was Kyrgyz Republic. asserted. The Kyrgyz au-

it was impressed on Kyrgyz Charge thorities have expressed red'affaires that the Kyrgyz gret over the incidents of 

violence against foreign nationals including Pakistanis in Bishkek last night and also pledged to hold an inquiry and punish the perpetrators. The Government of Pakistan was in contact with the Kyrgyz Government to ensure the safety and security of its nationals at risk in view of the mob riots of last night in the Kyrgyz Republic.

The Embassy of Pakistan had opened an emergency helplines and responding to queries of students and their families.

for the citizens.

#### with 8 candidates competing

Arrangements finalised for

NA-148 Multan by-election

ISLAMABAD (APP): A Raza Gillani of the PPP total of 8 candidates are vying in the ensuing byelection for Multan's National Assembly Constituency 148 scheduled for Sunday, with arrangements now finalized.

A major showdown is expected between Ali Qasim Gillani of the Pakistan People's Party and Barrister Taimur Altaf Malik of the Sunni-Ittehad Council (SIC).

The election campaign for the NA-148 by-poll concluded at midnight on Saturday. The by-election is being conducted as Syed Yousuf Raza Gillani from the Pakistan People's Party

eral elections, Syed Yousuf



way near the intersection of G-9 and G-10.

**IFA boosts food** 

safety with advanced

testing training

ISLAMABAD (APP): equip IFA staff with ad-

vanced techniques and tools

for food testing. With these

new skills, they would be

able to conduct more thor-

ough inspections and en-

sure that the food available

to the public meets safety

this training marked a sig-

nificant step towards im-

proving food testing pro-

chines represent a major

upgrade in the equipment

available to the IFA teams

These machines were ex-

pected to make the testing

process more efficient and

accurate, which would ulti-

mately lead to better en-

forcement of food safety

cesses

regulations

She highlighted that

She said the CDR ma-

standards, Tahira said.

The Islamabad Food Au-

thority (IFA) and Khyber

Pakhtunkhwa (KP) Food

Authority on Friday orga-

nized a special training ses-

sion for their staff to en-

hance their food testing skills. Talking to APP,

Deputy Director Opera-tions of IFA, Dr Tahira

Saddique said that this ini-

tiative, organized by Nutri-

tion International, aimed at

to enhance the accuracy and

efficiency of food safety

inspections in the Federal

on using modern Continu-

ous Data Recording (CDR)

machines, and i check

programme was designed to

croma, she added.

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won by a narrow margin of 293 votes. He garnered 67,326 votes, narrowly defeating Barrister Taimoor Malik, supported by PTI, who received 67,033 votes Gilani relinquished his seat

after being elected as a Senator, eventually becoming the Chairman of the Senate. For the NA-148 by-

election, 275 polling stations have been set up, including 69 sensitive stations. Among these, there are 72 stations for female voters, 72 for male voters, and 131 combined polling

stations. Over 3,800 police of-

least one person was killed and another injured after a speeding trailer ran over a car carrying two passengers in the limits of Loni Kot Police Station on M-9 Motorway. According to police,

the car, traveling from Karachi to Hyderabad, was struck by the trailer, causing severe damage and resulting in the tragic death

of one passenger, a private news channel reported. The other individual sustained injuries and was rushed to the nearest hos-

pital for medical assistance by rescue officials. The police officials have reported that the trailer driver fled the scene of the accident, leaving the victims to fend for themselves.

#### Int'l Museum Day observed ISLAMABAD (APP): In-

ternational Museum Day is being observed today to raise awareness about the importance of museums. The theme for this

year's day is "Museums for Education and Research".

ISLAMABAD (APP): Re-

search shows that while

exercise is beneficial at any

time of day, morning walks

offer unique advantages for

health.

terol levels.

sure.

our heart and overall

According to the American Heart Associa-

tion, brisk walking for 30

minutes daily can lower the

risk of heart disease and

stroke. This exercise helps

reduce blood pressure, trig-

lycerides, and bad choles-

The day aims to unite ISLAMABAD: Construction work on a project on museums globally and emphasizes their significant Karnal Sher Khan Road is in progress in the Fedrole in raising awareeral Capital, a 5-kilometre road is being constructed ness, fostering underfrom Katarian Bridge on LJ.P Road to Srinagar Highstanding, and promoting the appreciation of diverse cultures.



ISLAMABAD: Youngsters enjoy bathing in the pond to get some relief from hot weather in the Federal Capital.

#### Govt urged for ensuring basic amenities for educational institutions ISLAMABAD (APP):

He also urged the Min-President Islamabad Chamister for Education to take measures to fulfil basic ber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI) Ahsan Zafar needs including teaching staff, security, furniture, Bakhtawari on Saturday urged the government to laboratory, playground, buses and clean drinking ensure the provision of basic amenities for the educawater for the college to facilitate the students. tional institutions of the

He also urged the need capital city on priority bato allocate sufficient finansis to promote the eduction sector and enhance literacy cial resources for the develratio in the country. During opment of eduction sector his visit to Islamabad of the country to enhance Model College for Girls Gliteracy rate, which was the fundamental tool for eco-13, he said that development of educational instinomic growth and social prosperity. The ICCI head tutions were prerequisite to also announced to provide achieve economic development and social prosperity five computers for the colin the country, said a press lege, besides the installation of a water filtration plant.

**Urdu Poet** Obaidullah remembered on death anniversarv

ISLAMABAD (APP) The 26th death anniversary of the famous poet of modern Urdu Obaidullah Aleem was observed on Saturday.

He was born on June 12, 1939, in Bhopal, British India.

Obaidullah Aleem completed his post-gradu-ation in Urdu from Karachi University

ranked among the best Ghazal writers of modern

He started his career with Radio Pakistan and later, he joined Pakistan Television as a pro-

ducer

His famous books of poetry are "Chand Chehra Sitara Ankhhen", "Veeran Saray Ka Diya" and "Nigare-Subah ke Ummed Main" its breathtaking landscapes He died on this day in and natural wonders, PTV 998 at the age of fifty-eight reported.

in Karachi.

#### Govt launches reconstruction project to Boost tourism in Gilgit-Baltistan ISLAMABAD (APP): In a awe-inspiring beauty and

bid to elevate the tourism often hailed as a paradise sector in Gilgit-Baltistan to for tourists, Gilgitnew heights, the federal Baltistan has long captigovernment, in collaboravated the hearts of traveltion with the Special Iners. However, despite its vestment Facilitation Counallure, several scenic spots cil (SIFC), has embarked on have remained relatively una significant initiative to reexplored due to inadequate construct government guest infrastructure. The SIFC's houses across the region. endeavor to upgrade tour-Partnering with Green ist facilities is poised to Tourism Private Limited, unveil these hidden gems, this ambitious project aims promising tourists unparalto revamp tourist accommodations, thereby enhancing the region's appeal to visitors seeking to explore

leled amenities and improved accessibility. This strategic move is expected to catalyze growth within the local tourism industry, stimulating economic development and creating new Renowned for its opportunities.

with 60% of calories burned While high-intensity

Morning walks also boost mood by releasing endorphins, the "happy hormones," which help set a positive tone for the day.

30-minute to an hour-long brisk walk can significantly benefit those with depres-

your heart rate.

Studies indicate that a

sion Furthermore, walking improves memory and cognitive skills by increasing oxygen and blood flow to the brain, keeping it alert

morning walks are highly tion

Studies have found that morning walks are particularly effective in preventing or reducing symptoms of lifestyle diseases such as diabetes, thyroid

burning morning walks can aid in managing diabetes. issues, and high blood pres-Research shows that

A combination of effective in burning fat,

release.

heart and body

these conditions, along with

high triglyceride levels and

body shape by increasing half an hour each morning, four to five times a week,

coming from fat.

and enhancing brain func-



ISLAMABAD: Gypsy family on the way carrying their luggage near expressway in the Federal Capital.

Walking for 30 minutes each morning can help control high blood sugar levels, as it helps cells use glucose more efficiently. Additionally, losing at least 10% of your body weight through calorie-

can also prevent strokes.

low levels of good cholesterol, can lead to metabolic exercises might yield better overall fat loss, morning syndrome, which increases the risk of heart disease. walks can improve your A report from the University of South Carolina highlights that walking for

**Morning Walks: Effective for** 

Obaidullah Aleem was

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OPINION **Elevating pedagogy** 

#### Daily Independent



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**Ominous demands** 

The cash-strapped government opened talks with the IMF this week in search of a larger and longer bailout. Nobody expects ongoing engagement with the IMF to be easy, even if the discussions are anticipated to go smoother than before.

However, the reports about the demands being made by the Fund and alternative proposals being put forward by the authorities sound quite ominous for the average Pakistani household and salaried classes. A report in this newspaper, for example, says the government is considering a "move to introduce 'carbon tax' on petroleum and similar prodpedagogy is not linked to ucts". The new levy will be in addition to the petroleum levy of Rs60 per litre on fuel. The report quotes anonymous sources trumpeting the proposed carbon levy as a means to access global green finance, and cheaper loans and grants from multilateral institutions.

The reality is that the levy is being considered to raise revenues for the federal government just like the petroleum levy that was initially introduced in 2009 to modernise the petroleum supply chain and refineries. Likewise, there are other revenue proposals that aim at further squeezing the federal and provincial levels is however not salaried classes by lowering the highest taxable income limit.

#### These proposals are part of the government strategy to meet an IMF goal of raising tax revenues by about Rs2tr -

#### financial initiatives alone. Muhammad The discipline depends on Memon and is synonymous with academic excellence, pro-Teaching is a noble profesfessional competence, eru-

sion. While educators imdition and the commitment part knowledge and prepare practitioners students for exams, they In the past, the remualso inspire and groom nerations of teachers were

young minds for practical admittedly far from decent. life. Many senior and devet educators were held in voted teachers are trusted high regard due to their outas policy partners. The standing contributions to profession, however, desociety in the form of remands that practitioners fined minds as well as progather knowledge and skills fessionalism — an aspect and adopt modern methods absent in present times. As to have a lasting impact. a result, even with an in-This profession, decrease in salaries and addispite being highly valued tional perks, a majority of cross the world, has been bright graduates prefer

denied the respect it deother vocations to teaching. serves in Pakistan. More-Pedagogy requires all over, as compared to mediaspiring tutors to particical, engineering, legal and pate in and clear the teacher other occupations, teaching education programmes, is considered a low-wage which includes a two-year profession. However, times Associate Degree in Educaare changing as, in the past tion, a four-year Bachelor few years, teachers' salaries of Education, a two-and-aand benefits have increased half-year B. Ed, another substantially. Hence, it is spanning a year-and-half, time that the hackneyed and a four-year Bachelor of perception prevalent in so-Studies in Éducation. Howciety changed so that more ever, the standard of these people become inclined to programmes varies from institution to institution. It is equally if not This was reflected in the more important to rememrecent and rather dismal reber that the prestige of sults of the teaching licence

test conducted at the Sukkur

Institute of Business Administration, where a large number of candidates failed

The Higher Education Commission in Islamabad has formed a National Accreditation Council for Teacher Education. The purpose of this body is to ensure the provision of accreditation through a quality assurance process. But a vast majority of teacher education programmes are still uncertified. On the other hand, the accredited programmes are so substandard that they belong in the lowest of categories — this is sufficient proof that there is a dire need for an extensive

review and modernisation of teacher education courses Some affiliated colleges in the public sector appear to be reluctant to seek accreditation for their education teacher programmes for various

reasons. Their careless attitude has dealt a blow to the quality of these programmes. For one, it has led to poorly trained and incompetent teachers. Over the years, several attempts have been made to professionalise pedagogy,

a teaching licence. But these attempts have been in vain. Recently, the Sindh government

ment launched a phase-wise teaching licence policy. The indicates the government's interest and commitment towards enhancing the standard and position of teaching as a career choice, and has come as a breath of fresh air. In fact, a teaching licence will be awarded by the Sindh Teacher Education Development Authority, making Sindh the first province to the lead in professionalising teaching with a permit.

While the measure is likely to boost the significance and standard of academic discipline, the provincial government must also increase financial benefits by granting BS-16 to junior elementary school teachers

Elevating the status of pedagogy is a concerted and collaborative journey undertaken by policymakers, educational institutions, communities and teachers. Some necessary measures comprise changing public perceptions, adequate financial compensation and benefits, and offering prosuch as the introduction of fessional development op- have the capacity to take

portunities as well as pathways for career advance-Moreover, teacher au-

tonomy and empowerment, with superior working conditions, and space for academics in social development — from advocacy, policymaking and reform to sustained community engagement and partnership guarantee that teachers' voices will be heard beyond classrooms. But monitoring improvement with evolving methods should not be overlooked.

All stakeholders need to join forces so that an illustrious line of work pedagogy — can gain the revered status it enjoys all over the globe. For this, the authorities must endorse value and respect for teachers and support their vital role as guides and mediums of learning, social, moral and intellectual development.

As in the case of other professions, it is pivotal for our teaching force to meet international criteria of excellence with a structured and modern approach consisting of social and moral commitment to education and outstanding qualifications. Above all, tutors must Dawn

decisions, amplify collective social progress and form associations and institutions. These are demanding conditions and run the risk of alienating many from scholastic pursuits.

Hence, for Pakistan to transform pedagogy into a viable occupation, certain measures must be implemented with urgency: reevaluate national standards to engage the brightest graduates;, overhaul teacher education — practicum/ clinical component - with opportunities for internship, which sifts out mediocrity and assures meticulous teacher education programmes through accreditation; create a resilient professional development framework that enables teachers to 'learn to teach'; and remodel pedagogy to respond to emergencies, uncertainties and the digital revolution.

This cannot happen without making the teach ing licence — a tool that demonstrates professional merit and steadfastness obligatory for aspiring instructors. It is the best way to build a community of specialised practitioners in the country. -- Courtesy

# Saga of reserved seats

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**Ahmed Bilal** Mehboob

oin this fine force.

On May 6, a three-member bench of the Supreme Court suspended the order of the Peshawar High Court which had denied 77 reserved seats to the Sunni Ittehad Council (SIC) and distributed the seats to other political parties in the assemblies instead. The order of the Supreme Court bench resulted in the immediate evaporation of the ruling coalition's two-thirds - at least for majority the time being. The simple majority of the present dispensation at levels is, however, not threatened even if the final order of the SC allocates the disputed seats to the SIC

The question of allocation or otherwise of the reserved seats to the SIC in the assemblies is a very important one which has been raised for the first time and will alterpretation of the Con-stitution and Elections definitely. One member ter independent mem-Act, 2017. At the heart of the troversy is the quescontroversy is the ques-

tion whether SIC qualifies for the allocation of the reserved seats as do other political parties such as the PML-N, PPP, JUI-F and MQM, which have been allocated the reserved seats since February 22. What makes the SIC

case different from the other parties is that it had not submitted a priority list of its candidates for the two categories of reserved seats (women and minorities) for each assembly before the general election as required by Section 104 of the Elections Act, 2017. SIC candidates for the reserved seats, therefore, did not submit their nomination papers either. This was the central argument of the ECP when it denied the allocation of reserved seats to SIC in its order of March 1. The ECP had also ruled that the seats denied to SIC would be distributed it. In fact, the case of a among other eligible par- party which did not conties in each assembly

the ECP order in Lahore and Peshawar High Courts. The Peshawar High Court upheld the ECP position in its order of March 14 based on the same argument that the SIC had not fulfilled the requirements of the

Elections Act, 2017. Although it has also been argued that the SIC could not be allocated the reserved seats because it did not contest the general election 2024, there is no such provision in the Constitution which bars allocation of reserved seats to a party because it has not contested general election. Similarly, there is no constitutional or legal provision which bars allocation of reserved seats to a party whose parliamentary party comes into being after the general election when independent candidates join

The SIC challenged is irrational to expect other than the SIC may submission of priority list of candidates and their nomination forms from such a party before the general election.

Natural justice, in such case, demands that the newly emerged parliamentary party should be allocated reserved seats in proportion to its directly elected members and it should be allowed to complete the technical formalities such as the priority list of candidates for reserved seats and their nomination forms after the parliamentary party has come into existence

Now that the case is to be argued before a larger bench of the SC, not only the fate of 77 seats in the national and three provincial assemblies has to be decided, the interpretation of the Constitution (especially Article 51) and the law (Section 104 of the Elections Act, 2017) will also tioned in the coming SC be eagerly awaited. In ad-dition, the impact of the nation at the end of Rule cepted by ECP. The ques-tion of election symbol in test election and its par- be eagerly awaited. In ad-

fected by Rule 94, it may also be questioned, if SIČ be useful to get the gets the reserved seats. court's interpretation for For example, the prime the future. Apparently minister's election took the election symbol is place in the National Asnot relevant in the case sembly on March 3, of reserved seats and when reserved seats were putting this as a condinot allocated to the partion for qualifying for the ties. In case SIC is finally reserved seats sounds allocated the disputed absurd. It seems that seats, it may raise ques-Rule 94 was considered tions about the validity the main obstacle by PTI of the PM's election. when it decided not to More important will be form its own parliamenthe subject of the Senate tary party in the assemelection which took place blies after the general on April 9, when these election Had PTI formed its 77 seats were occupied by parties other than

SIC. If the SIC is allocated the seats in the final decision of the SC, the Senate election may be questioned by SIC on stronger grounds as the composition of the Senate would change significantly based on the allocation of seats to SIC.

own parliamentary party by inducting all PTI-supported independent members after the election in-stead of joining SIC, PTI would have arguably been in a stronger position to claim its share of the reserved seats because it had conformed to the law by submitting the prior-The validity of Rule ity list of its candidates 94 of the Election Rules, and the nomination pa-2017 may also be quespers before the election, but these were not ac-

above what is expected to be collected by end FY24 — in the most certainly require in-terpretation of the Connext fiscal year. Moreover, pensions above Rs100,000 a month and income from pension funds are also likely to be taxed in the next budget as the IMF wants the authorities to increase the tax-to-GDP ratio by at least 3pc to In all spheres of goveraround 12pc during the threeyear life of the next programme. Although the government is reported to have plans to expand the tax net by 'transforming' GST into real gency are little more than political dupery. Educavalue added tax, the political discrete added to backbone of social mobility and adwill to tax all incomes directly vancement — is not an and regardless of their source appears to be weakening. The entire focus seems to be shifting to indirect taxes, which are easier to collect despite their inflationary impact.

The federal government's current fiscal position is unsustainable and it desperately needs to boost its revenues to implementation mechareduce future borrowing and nisms and amendments through impartial acpay back its existing debt. Yet it allowed tax concessions of their interests and the so-Rs2.24tr during the last fiscal year or equal to 36.4pc of with, drive policy ac-tions. Such initiatives the total FBR collection in comprise one-size-fits-FY22. This figure did not cover all, therefore asymmetric, modalities which are out loss estimates emanating of step with global trends. from provincial tax concessions. And there's no sign of revoking these exemptions to powerful lobbies, including businesses.

With low- to moderate-in- new buildings, more come households already at breaking point due to the ern learning conditions. heavy direct and indirect tax burden and their purchasing power eroded by high inflation, it is time the government rethinks its tax policy, and focuses on taxing those who collaboration with schoaren't paying anything or contributing far less than what they ought to.

# **Education delusion**

to other parties.

since these seats could

#### Nazir A. Jogezai

nance, failures are hidden behind a smokescreen of moral mantras. Prioritising education, adhering to a single nation fessional segment. and curriculum, and declaring an education emerinvestment. And educa-tional reforms are old policies and curricular

orientations packaged in novel titles. A large majority has lost faith in educational governance and management due to archaic infor all subjects. structional practices and an uninspiring and insular environment in

change can be considered: schools. Palpable change dividing subjects so that four disciplines are taught requires steady action. per week, along with a prolonged class period. For example, five days of countability and evaluasocial sciences are followed by natural sciences tion. Changes in regimes, through the next week. cial class they resonate This can make a difference; it cuts schooling expenses by half, improves class participation, learning outcomes, planning and sessment for teachers. as In addition, our In fact, management, learning skills have been teaching and learning practices in schools, col-

reduced to copying from textbooks and learning by rote. Teachers engage stuleges, and universities are dents by having them worryingly primitive. Our lawmakers focopy the matter on the blackboard, whiteboard, cus only on shallow imor textbook into their provement schemes notebooks. Most of the time, while students rerooms and teachers rather than creating modproduce text without any understanding of it, teachers keep their focus Sadly, decades have gone by without even basic ason rectifying errors in students' notebooks — the sessment and evaluation of schooling parameters. Political commitment to same matter they copied as opposed to interpreted. Hence, parents need to be education will remain invisible without relevant more engaged with their didactic policies formed in children's learning habits, and not just daily homework, so that teachers are lastic and technical cadcompelled to establish res. Moreover, authoritarhigher standards of pedaian decision-making progogy. Eliminating replicacesses that are carried out by the bureaucratic tier tion and insisting on learn-

result in deprivation ing through interaction among teachers and the with teachers, comprehension and using books as refrest of the education fraternity. The solution lies erences will lessen finanin devolution of power cial and logistical burdens and making education on teachers, students and management a purely proparents. There is no doubt

For instance, fieldthat, in public schools, the level educational govercapabilities of the teaching nance and monitoring force are substandard. For should comprise regular instance, a teacher who has visits to schools by taught in a primary school higher authorities, verififor over 10 years was recation of syllabus targets, portedly unable to constudent attendance and tinue teaching due to the maintenance of logbooks. unavailability of syllabus School managements are books. Consequen-tly, exempowered and made efperience beco-m--es highly ficient through certain suspect given her dependecisions, such as class dence on tex-tbooks; it duration that does not exshows lack of proficiency ceed 30 to 40 minutes in numeracy and poor oriwith eight classes per day entation where the alphabet is concerned. Perhaps a slight

What we need are schools with the provision to appoint professional development teachers as mentors, who will collaborate with teachers on daily planning and teaching tasks. This will trim the enormous payments made to NGOs for supporting the education system, including through costly PDT programmes. While there are

plenty of uncomplicated and realistic solutions that can rectify our dilapidated education landscape, the ruling elite prefers its pursuit of power. The authorities keep up the pretence of their commitment to quality education by relying on superficial initiatives, catering to the privileged class and making 'one nation', 'one curriculum' and 'education emergency' announcements. We should be concerned about the government's persistent disregard for a straightforward, productive and achievable approach. This deliberate indifference creates social inequity and prevents a broader understanding of society. After all, an enlightened society can challenge any dispensation's intention to benefit and rule. -- Courtesy Dawn

liamentary party emergimportant developments of the ECP, however, bers joined it post-genthat took place in the assemblies while these reserved seats because it

judgment on some of the 94 denies the allocation of reserved seats to the parties which do not seats were either vacant Although the current ably on a stronger footing. or occupied by parties case is not directly af- -- Courtesy Dawn

the rule — which is at a lower pedestal than the law — could then be contested have an election symbol. by PTI in the courts, prob-

## **Governance matters**

#### Dr Noman Ahmed

Hapless Karachiites are involved to combat rising routinely fed with false crime hopes and promises from multiple sources. The governance, the governpresident recently chaired ment should create a steera meeting, advising the ing committee representing all prominent stake-Sindh government to take strict action against crimiholders. This platform can nals. Not long ago, the deliberate on city affairs, prime minister visited and particularly law and order. reassured the metropolis' Through dialogue and disstakeholders on various cussion, useful solutions governance and policy can evolve for effective matters. Provincial govimplementation. ernment members and the legitimise this platform, mayor frequently highthe government must eslight important issues and tablish an efficient mechatheir resolve to address nism for implementing the Yet, nothing recommendations.

Take water supply in city has been run on an ad hoc basis, without a consensus vision, goals, or valid city plan and urban management strategy. The Karachi Strategic Development Plan 2020, prepared in 2006-07, was shelved by successive regimes. On the directive of the Supreme Court, it was notified as an official document shortly before its expiration. ernance system.

Let us consider law not want Karachi govand order. It is primarily erned by a legally valid, the responsibility of the technically sound plan. provincial administration. Such a plan would require There is no reduction in the administration to street crimes and robbermake decisions on city ies. According to a Human expansion, infrastructure, Rights Commission of Patransportation, housing, kistan study, 90,000 incicommunity development, dents of street crime ocecological assets, health curred in 2023. Many and education facilities, people lost their lives reenterprise development, sisting robberies. and heritage management,

This situation deaccording to its prescripmands a multipronged, tions. It would end discrecomprehensive response, tionary decisions on real yet the provincial governestate development, ranment relies on few interdom land allocation, and ventions. The Safe City costly urban infrastrucproject is the most noture projects that benefit only a few. table. For a city of over 20 million people, effeccity plan would make varitive surveillance and crime ous government units acprevention require engaging various stakeholders. countable to the people Residents, shopkeepers, and stakeholders. Timebusiness owners, transbound delivery on articuporters, builders, trade bodies. faith-based be--come the performance

organisations, political benchmark for public parties, and common inagencies. Unscrupulous terest coalitions must be politicians and clandestine interest groups resist streamlined management In the spirit of good following this scientific process used in progresve cities worldwide.

Our leaders often lament the effects wi--thout examining the causes. Managing encroachments is a case in point. Munici-palities and land management agencies regularly and ruthlessly evict hawkers and vendors from То corridors of movement. These drives serve no pur-p-ose other than extra-cting informal dividends from the affected, as For many years, the the same hawkers return after a few weeks. We need a proper hawker and vendor management plan to strategies. Karachi lacks a enable small-scale entrepreneurs, with little or no

reso-urces, to earn a living. Special zones should be developed where hawkers and vendors can legally operate under regulatory control. In busy markets and commercial zones worldwide, hawkers add commercial choices for shoppers. In 2014, the In-Vested interests do dian parliament promulgated a Street Vendors Act to protect vendors' livelihoods and outline legal spaces for them. Many other countries have similar arrangements from which we can draw appropriate feedback. Vendors sell merchandise to clientele that cannot afford medium- and large-scale retail prices, often selling on goodwill and credit, which benefits the urban poor. Such socially desirable enterprises must be protected and supported in our governance norms. For Karachi, a holistic approach with urban planning, stakeholder engage-Moreover, a valid ment, and small enterprise protection is essential. Transparency, accountability, and inclusivity can transform the city from a hub of despair to one of lated targets would opportunity and resilience. -- Courtesy Dawn

them. changes

the city, for insta-nce. In the scorching temperatures, the supply status remains unchanged. Many central city areas and periurban locations are still dry. The same options of obtaining water from informal vendors persist on mutually negotiated terms. Speaking to locals, one witnesses near-absolute hopelessness and no faith in the prevailing govDaily Aoice of Masse Independent

# **CM orders close coordination** for land record digitisation

over a special meeting here on Saturday.

A briefing was given on the Punjab Urban Land Systems Enhancement (PULSE). Maryam Nawaz Sharif issued directions to undertake essential steps for the digitalisation process. She ordered collaboration of relevant departments during the land digitalisation process. It was informed during the briefing that the land record digitisation process is reviewed. Project.' Punjab Land number to every seller. meeting.

LAHORE (APP): Punjab Record Authority and Record of Rights-Chief Minister Maryam Management of Estate Holders (FARD), Nawaz Sharif presided Land gave a briefing about ownership and land the business plan affairs. transfer system will also be Owner based digitalisation simplified after relating to Board of Owner based digitalisation simplified Revenue (BoR) reforms of all neighbourhoods( undertaking mouzas) will be carried out digitalisation process. in Punjab.

Overseas property transfer The revenue system service for the overseas will be made transparent Pakistanis will be through partition of land reviewed. Record of Rights-Holders (Fard), and parcel document. The government will declare a Mutation, E-Girdawari clear property from every and Registration facilities will be provided in the aspect as Green. The lands having issues will be declared as Overseas Property

Transfer Service. Provincial Information Minister Azma Zahid Bokhari, MPA Blue and Red. The proposal to abolish joint property system will be seriously Sania Ashiq, Chief Legal being undertaken with the complications will be Secretary, Chairman P&D cooperation of the World reduced with the allotment Heads of SMU and other Bank under the 'Plus of a separate property officers attended the

LAHORE: Provincial Ministers Khawaja Salman Rafique and Khawaja Imran Nazeer preside over the meeting of Nutrition Board at PMU.

#### LHC moved for Kh Salman emphasises collective effort to into Dubai leaks improve health system

LAHORE (APP): Punjab community is overjoyed Health Minister Khawaja Salman Rafique has called for a collective national effort to enhance the health system

He made the appeal during his visit to Jinnah Sharif to improve patient care, noting, "In the eyes Hospital Lahore on of Allah, there is no greater Saturday, where he passion than serving celebrated the birthday of humanity. Those who Mansoor, a young boy, serve humanity have great who recently underwent a ranks." During the visit, successful renal transplant. the minister cut Mansoor's

birthday cake and congratulated his mother on Kh Salman praised the Jinnah Hospital team for their exemplary work in performing Mansoor's transplant. He the successful surgery. A bouquet was presented to the young patient. The

congratulated the entire event saw the participation medical team, paying of various medical tribute to their dedication professionals, including and skill. "I congratulate Principal of Allama Iqbal the entire team of Jinnah Medical College Prof. Syed Hospital Lahore for the Asghar Naqi, Head of successful renal transplant Department Prof. Naveed of baby boy Mansoor," he Iqbal, MS Dr. Yahya said. He also announced Sultan, Assistant Professor plans to increase the Dr. Shabbir, Dr. Hamza capacity of the hospital's Nazir, and Dr. Kashif Urology Department to Shabbir. The health visit the boy's aspirations, the government's commitment minister shared, "Mansoor to supporting healthcare wants to become an advancements and engineer when he grows celebrating the dedication up. The entire doctor of medical professionals.

LAHORE (Online): Petition has been filed in Lahore High Court (LHC) seeking probe into Dubai with his successful surgery Leaks. today." He highlighted The petition has been ongoing efforts under the filed by citizen Mashkoor leadership of Punjab Chief

Hussain through Nadim Minister Maryam Nawaz Sarwar advocate. Federal government, NAB, FIA and others have been made respondents in the petition.

investigation

It has been said in the petition name of several Pakistani politicians and business men have come in Dubai leaks. It is incumbent on every politician to show his property in Pakistan and foreign country.

It has been requested in the petition that LHC should order FIA, NAB and other respective institutions to probe into the matter.

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Khyber Pakhtunkhawa Governor Faisal Karim Kundi in a group photo with the representative delegation of media persons belonging to different districts at Governor House, Peshawar.

# **CM Sindh lauds Gambat Institute for performing 1,000** successful liver transplants

KARACHI (APP): Sindh Chief Minister Syed milestone. Murad Ali Shah has said that the Pir Abdul Qadir Shah Jilani Institute of Medical Sciences, Gambat has reached a significant milestone by performing 1,000 successful liver transplants. historic This

achievement, marking umpteenth complicated liver transplant procedures, has been successfully carried out at a public sector health facility in Pakistan.'

LAHORE

responsibility

to He said this while addressing the online gathering with Dr. Rahim Bux Bhatti, the Director organized at the Institute Gambat institute serves to commemorate the the entire free of cost," he

Minister said. The patients who Irrigation Jam Khan Shoro, attended the ceremony at PSCM Agha Wasif and Gambat include Mutahira, Secretary Health Rehan 8-year-old Baloch also attended the Afghanistan, Nasir Ali, 44 event with CM Sindh Hafizabad online.Murad Ali Shah said Mohammad Nawaz, 56 that his party Chairman Jacobabad, Saleemullah 18, Karak KPK, and Habibullah, 14-year old, Bilawal Bhutto Zardari always proudly lauded the achievements of Gambat Jaferabad Balochistan, a Institute. He added that he communique said. The was happy to know that out of 1000 liver chief minister interacted with the patients and transplants, 460 patients wished them a healthy and happy life. The significant milestone of 1,000 successful liver transplants belonged to Sindh, 347 to Punjab, 141 to Balochistan Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, nine to was commemorated by cutting a cake by Dr Bhatti, his team members Kashmir and four to Afghanistan. "I am quite happy and content that our and the patients at the

Department of Liver Transplantation.

He

Hajj flight

operation from

Sialkot to

start today

SIALKOT (APP): In-

charge Hajj Operations Syed Majeeb Shah has said

that the first Hajj flight

from Sialkot PK-717 will

take off for Saudi Arabia

with 301 male and female

pilgrims from Sialkot International Airport Limited (SIAL) on

(Sunday). Talking to APP, he said that all necessary

arrangements had been

completed for the

operation. He said that the Pakistan International

#### **Crime eradication police** responsibility: IGP

The IGP ordered to Inspector General of Police improve follow-up of the (IGP) Punjab Dr. Usman public complaints, received 1787 complaint Anwar has said it is a on management system and supervisory police officers their quick redress. He to eradicate crimes and instructed to focus on ensure easy delivery of modern technology for scientific investigation and justice and policing services to citizens. improve the workout rate the cases. He expressed these emphasised effective views while presiding over a video link meeting at the supervision as well as Central Police Office here effective coordination with on Saturday. RPOs, CPOs prosecutors to improve the

and DPOs of Multan, quality of investigation. Bahawalpur, Dera Ghazi The IGP Punjab said that investigations of Khan, Sheikhupura, Sahiwal region participated

provide assistance to **Pak students in Bishkek** ESHAWAR (APP): Governor Khyber

ational

ews

Pakhtunkhwa, Faisal Karim Kundi has expressed over the concern harassment of Pakistani students in Bishkek and called for steps to protect them

urged Pakistani embassy in Kyrgyzstan to provide needed help and assistance to Pakistani in Bishkek. He also advised

Pakistani students and

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Pakistanis to remain in their hostels, avoid public n. places and protect He expressed concern themselves from mobs till over violence against normalization of situation.

# Police ordered to prepare comprehensive security plan for Eidul-Adha

Kundi calls for steps to

KARACHI (APP): Sindh Home Minister, Ziaul Hassan Lanjar, has directed the police to prepare a comprehensive security plan for Eid al-Adha 2024, ensuring the safety of life and property of citizens.

The plan should include measures to ensure the implementation of the code of conduct for animal sacrifice, security arrangements, surveillance.

from

Punjab,

The minister directed that all registered welfare and social organisations, religious seminaries, and other stakeholders be bound by the code of conduct issued by the Sindh government and that the plan include measures for the collection and transportation of animal

Adha Security Plan, the Central Police Office's Central Command and Control Center will issue timely orders for implementation at every level, ensuring that suspicious activities are monitored and potential threats are neutralized. Additionally, the plan should include measures for the effective use of zone-wise control rooms and police stations wireless control rooms.

The minister also directed that a list of all the masajid, imambargahs, eidgahs, and open places for Eid prayers be prepared and categorised, and that police personnel, including commandos, be deployed accordingly. The plan should also include detailed responsibilities for SSPs, SPs, SDPOs, and

Ziaul Hassan Lanjar said that under the Eid al- SHOs



LAHORE: Provincial Transport Minister Bilal Akbar Khan holding a press conference in the DGPR office of the provincial capital.

#### Health professionals link national prosperity to children's health

heinous crimes including Airlines (PIA) and AirSial LAHORE (APP): Children discussed key topics such

better serve the minister's community. Reflecting on underscores better

## **Government organizing** open katchehri to solve people problems: Toru

Independent Report PESHÁWAR: Provincial Food Minister Zahir Shah Toru on Saturday said that the present government is organizing open katcheries in different areas to solve the problems faced by the people at their doorsteps.

People may feel free to come to government offices and contact us in case of any problems.

He was addressing an Open Katchehri organized the Deputy Commissioner's Office in Khanjar kali Mardan. Besides District Health Officer Mardan Dr Javed Iqbal and Assistant Commissioner Revenue Ibrahim Khan, district officers of various the provincial departments participated in the open court.

On this occasion, the people of the area welcomed the provincial food minister and all the district heads on their arrival in Khanjar kali. Elders. elected

representatives and social workers highlighted the problems faced by the area. Various problems were discussed between the administrative and district heads and orders were issued on the spot to solve some problems.

Żahir Toru said that the doors of our offices are always open for the public. He instructed the

concerned departments on the spot about the district level problems and directed them to find solutions to the problems and submit a report in this regard. A s s i s t a n t Commissioner Revenue

Ibrahim Khan assured to resolve the issues through concerned departments. The community

thanked the Minister Food, District Administration with 80 RTCs and 91 and District Heads for this victims. According to the initiative for coming to their data 1301 motorbikes 80 doorsteps and finding out auto-rickshaws, 140 their problems and issuing motorcars, 29 vans, 13 instructions and orders for passenger buses, 39 truck their proper solution. and 128 other types.

investigated if the video link. property has not been made through money

laundering. Order be issued for initiation of action against the owners if property is proved illegal

#### 16 dead, 1549 injured in 1434 road accidents in Punjab

LAHORE (APP): At least sixteen persons were killed and1549 injured in 1434 road accidents in all 37 districts of Punjab during the last 24 hours.

Out of these, 655 people with serious injuries were shifted to different hospitals, while 894 victims with minor injuries were treated at the incident site by rescue medical teams thus reducing the burden of

hospitals. Furthermore, the analysis showed those 829 drivers, 67 underage drivers, 188 pedestrians, and 548 passengers were among the victims of road traffic crashes. The statistics show that 314 RTCs were reported in

Lahore which affected 328 persons placing the Provincial Capital at top of the list followed by Faisalabad 113 in with 117 victims and at third Multan

those males and especially female students who are enrolled in various technical and vocational institutions of Workers

#### in the meeting through dacoity murder, kidnapping for ransom

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KARACHI: Leaders and activists of Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) are holding protest demonstration for demanding to ensure the return of Pakistani students who were trapped in Kyrgyzstan, at Karachi press club.

#### **Minister for controlling** employment with skilled training

Independent Report will also support them," he PESHAWAR: Khyber said this in a prize and sewing (KP)

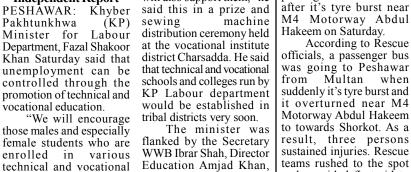
vocational education. 'We will encourage Welfare Board KP and we Shuaib Khan.

#### would transport 3,450 are the cornerstone of any as infant health and nation's future, and their breastfeeding. The event male and female pilgrims health and well-being are

paramount. These views were expressed by Principal Post Graduate Medical Institute (PGMI) Professor Al-Fareed Zafar during the closing ceremony of comprehensive training workshop on children's diseases at the Lahore General Hospital here on Saturday. The workshop was jointly organized by the UNICEF and the Punjab government. The event highlighted the critical need for parental awareness professional and commitment to safeguarding the health of newborns. The workshop, which saw participation from over 200 doctors, nurses, UNICEF experts, and other medical

professionals, focused on preventative measures and treatment of childhood diseases. Distinguished speakers, including Prof. Akmal Naik, Prof. Muhammad Shahid, Prof. Faheem Afzal, Prof. Nudrat Sohail, and others,

SIALKOT: Hajj pilgrims are being given vaccinations and necessary supplies at Haji Camp.



#### teams rushed to the spot Director Administration and provided first aid to people on the spot.

HYDERABAD: Leaders and activists of Jeay Sindh Rahbar Committee are holding protest demonstration for acceptance of their demands, at Hyderabad press club.

#### Alleviating poverty though technical education: a way forward

**3** passengers

hurt as bus

overturned

KHANEWAL (APP): At

sustained injuries as

passenger bus turned turtle

three people

According to Rescue

least

PESHAWAR (APP): Abid Ali, a 25- years-old mechanic is working against the clock in repair of tractors and threashers after its demands were increased during ongoing wheat crushing season in 2020. Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

Enjoying the patriotic (Dil Dil Pakistan)' song on his mobile phone during correction of faults in tractors in his five room auto workshop on Warsak Road, the motivated auto mechanic is seen asking labourers to complete the assigned tasks as quickly possible to earn maximum profit in the peak

wheat crushing season.

labourers, Abid Ali was so looked back after my father concentrated in work that he even could not spare time to have meal with mouthwatering "Peshawari Rice Polao" in his auto workshop established in After passing a three-

year diploma in associate auto engineering from Polytechnic Institute Peshawar, the motivated mechanic had applied for a number of jobs in public sector departments but failed mostly on the grounds of insufficient experience in the field. i e r m i n g unemployment as a social curse the D Termin curse, the Peshawar-born

asked his childhood friend Shah G Khan to help him in securing a dignified job. "Shah G Lala took me to Shoba bazzar, a hub of autos workshops where I started fitting CNG kits and tractors repairs in his Rs 4,000 to Rs 5,000 per relative workshop.

CNG tank installation Following 3-year experiences, Abid who was while Rs 2000 in thrashers repair. He said an increase called 'Ustad" now by his in the conversion of fellows has established his vehicles to CNG has been own workshop at Warsak witnessed due to a hike in Road Peshawar where petroleum products owing customers from Nowshera, to the global economic recession. "I have come Peshawar and even from from Nowshera district to Afghanistan were coming for the installation of repair my thrashers after CNGs tanks and repairs of its successive operation in tractors-threashers, thus wheat crushing season " Assisted by five mechanic said, 'I never financially contributing to said Misal Khan, a retired

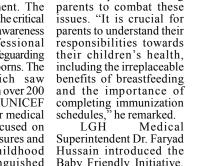
complained about increase of CNG installations varies in prices of CNG tanks, keeping in view of size of engine overhauling and the vehicles and number of labour charges that needed CNG tanks," said Abid, adding normally we charge to be regulated by the

district administration. Dr Zilakat Malik, former Chairman Economics Department, University of Peshawar said that technical education encourages selfemployment and ensures financial independence.

He said that about 58.9 million population of Pakistan was aged below 30 years and providing jobs to all of them was impossible for any government.

the country's development Govt servant while talking to APP. However, he The labour charges

Baby Friendly Initiative, aimed at promoting breastfeeding through the establishment of dedicated feeding corners in hospitals and government offices.



also featured a question-

and-answer session,

providing an interactive

platform for participants.

underscored the alarming

mortality rates among

infants in Pakistan,

attributing deaths to

diseases like pneumonia,

measles, and diarrhea, as

well as complications from

malnutrition. He stressed

the necessity of heightened

awareness and proactive

healthcare practices among

Zafar

Professor

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#### OMMERCENEWS Page 06

# IT exports surges to stunning \$310m in April

Pakistan.

coming.

ISLAMABAD (APP): to US\$ 2.135 billion exports. The ICT services export reported for the same Wi remittances surged to US\$ 310 million in the month of April, 2024, an astounding increase of 62.3% in comparison to US\$ 191 million in April 2023

Minister of State for IT and Telecommunication Shaza Fatima Khawaja in a statement said that it is for the first time in the history of Pakistan that IT exports saw this outstanding increase just in one month. ICŤ

remittances have surged to US\$ 2.593 billion during July 2023 to April 2024 of FY2023-24 in comparison

held in Peshawar.

ISLAMABAD (APP): In

shortages of crucial goods

such as flour, sugar,

fertilizer, and oil, the

government has initiated an

extensive crackdown on

the smuggling of essential

commodities across the

12, authorities conducted

From May 5 to May

country.

With the robust support from Special period last year. Shaza Fatima said that Investment Facilitation the government has first Council (SIFC), Ministry priority to increase IT of IT and Pakistan exports of the country, Software Export Board are adding that this record actively working to boost exports, she said. increase in IT exports is due to relentless efforts of

previous month of March the Prime Minister of 2024, ICT services export She said that Prime remittances have increased Minister Shehbaz Sharif by US\$ 4 million (1.31%

prevented the country growth) in April 2024. from default in last PDM US\$ 2.593 billion are the government and stabilised export the economy and its highest among all Services positive outcomes are now (40.25% of total export of services) with 'Other She said that steps are Business Services' trailing

underway for increasing IT at US\$ 1.308 billion.

In comparison to Khyber Pakhtunkhawa Governor Faisal Karim Kundi meeting with Federal Minister for Board of Investment, Privatization and Communication Abdul Aleem Khan in Islamabad. Kundi, Aleem Khan resolve to ICT sector exports of

boost investment opportunities ISLAMABAD (INP): Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Faisal Karim Kundi and Federal

Minister for Privatisation Abdul Aleem Khan resolved on Saturday to investment boost opportunities in the country

According to details, Kundi called on Aleem Khan. During the meeting, the different proposals were considered to increase the opportunities for employment. Aleem Khan had felicitated Kundi on becoming the KP governor.

Kundi said that there with International Labour were wide opportunities to Day, the Istehkam-ework in the fields of minerals and tourism. "The natural resources can be utilised

for creating employment opportunities," said Kundi. Abdul Aleem Khan

lavishes praise on workers workers worldwide, symbolising the elevation workers Earlier this month, of their rights and the Aleem Khan expressed promotion of mutual

solidarity with the labour unity fraternity and recognised Aleem Khan Labour Day as a day of underscored importance of raising practical acknowledgment of workers' rights globally. voices for workers' rights In his message in line and fostering mutual unity.

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#### **Beijing leads the nation** in 5G base stations

ISLAMABAD (APP): accounting for 53.1 percent of the city's total mobile Beijing has constructed about 114,500 5G base users. Additionally, gigabit stations as of April, with a broadband users surged to density of 52 stations per 2.54 million, representing 10,000 people, ranking first in China, said an 26.9 percent of total broadband users, according to the administration, ecns "Beijing is actively

reported. Furthermore, promoting a signal upgrade 862 5G virtual private campaign, focusing on networks have been network established across various coverage in key areas," said industries, focusing on Su Shaolin, head of the smart Beijing Communications healthcare, tourism, media Administration, convergence, internet emphasizing the city's connected vehicles, and ambition to lead the nation industrial internet. Beijing in massive connectivity. is actively cultivating To accelerate the demonstration projects to transition to 10-gigabitshowcase

per-second-speed for transformative power of internet, Beijing has 5G technology, Su said. implemented several initiatives, including the Beijing boasts the country's largest number of country's first 10-gigabit internet companies as of optical network plan, Su April, exceeding 22,000. The city also ranks second

By April, 5G mobile nationwide in website mg

SCCI SARGODHA (APP): District Police Officer Dr. Asad Ejaaz Malhi on Saturday paid a visit to the Sargodha Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI).

**DPO** visits

Pakistan Party (IPP)

President acknowledged

the unwavering spirit,

resilience, and dedication

of the workers. "International Labour Day

is an occasion of practical

recognition of the rights of

Sargodha Chamber President Sajid Hussain Tarar welcomed him warmly. The visit aimed to expedite mutual cooperation and review suitable security atmosphere for business in education, Sargodha.

The DPO said that the economy was the backbone of the state and it only can flourish in a peaceful atmosphere.

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reached 21.27 million, 405,600 websites, he said. officials were present.

He also visited the Police Khidmat Markaz on the SCCI premises. He said that he was focusing on community policing to curb crime and protection of the business community was top priority of Sargodha police.

Raja Sohail Amjed. Sohail Alpaa and othe

#### **PMEX** has major role in future market design, market economy: MD

Mercantile Exchange (PMEX) has a huge role in future market design and market economy on which future market depends. Talking to APP, the

MD, PMEX said that

Market Eco-system and

Storage is very important on which Pakistan

Mercantile Exchange is

need to digitize the

commodity market across

the country, on which our

institution is working on

automation are very

important in the global

creating the ecosystem of

the commodity market and

development of the

country's economy.

research and analytics.

digitization

restoration

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He said that there is a

working.

ISLAMABAD (APP): in view the importance of Managing Director of the future market, an Pakistan Mercantile exhibition has been Exchange, Farhan Tahir on organized here today, the Saturday said that Pakistan purpose of which is to provide awareness among the people and harmonize the country's economy with the requirements of the future market.

The productivity p factor in the Pakistani economy is low and more work needs to be done on it which is being followed by PMSX, he said. MD, PMEX said that

storage is very important in the commodity market and our organization is ready to provide facilities to the farmers, which will have a positive impact on our agricultural economy.

Farhan said that He said that currently countries' economies are dependent on research and data, and the future economy is also dependent capital market at this time and "we are working on on this. Farhan said that the government wants to collaborate with PMSX to its role is important in the modernize the market economy in Pakistan so that the country's economy

He said that keeping can move forward.

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ISLAMABAD: A fruit seller arranging loquat stall at Fruit and Vegetable Market, Sector I-11.

#### PMEX plays crucial role in automating, digitising capital markets: Speakers

ISLAMABAD (APP): developing the metal and Pakistan Mercantile commodity trade on Exchange (PMEX) is modern lines, the country's playing a pivotal role in economy would not only automating and digitising the markets, which will not only document the country's economy but will also bring economic sustainability.

advance but the country's economy would be built on modern lines.

Sardar Saleem Haider said that digitisation and storage of domestic The speaker while markets will be a big step addressing the Investment through which the Expo- 2024 organised by domestic economy will become sustainable and

Karachi saw the response to severe confiscation of 164 cigarette stacks, 483 cloth bags, and 19,000 liters of Iranian oil Quetta reported the

PESHAWAR: Provincial Minister for Higher Education, Meena Khan Afridi

addresses to traders of Qissa Khuwani Bazaar during oath taking ceremony

**Govt continues extensive** 

crackdown on essential

commodities' smuggling

largest seizures, with authorities confiscating 3,864 cigarette stacks, 706 cloth bags, and 135,000 liters of Iranian oil.

Peshawar also targeted operations contributed to the resulting in the successful crackdown with the seizure of significant recovery of 16,000 liters of quantities of smuggled Iranian oil. Since the crackdown

According to PTV, a began on September 1, total of 565 metric tons of 2023, authorities have sugar, 4,127 stacks of seized a substantial amount

end strike after port releases stalled shipments

KARACHI (INP): The All Pakistan Timber Traders Association called off their one-day strike on Friday successful after negotiations with the

Department of Plant Protection. The strike was prompted by delays in clearing imported timber shipments at Karachi port.

The Plant Protection Department attributed the hold-up to expired import permits, preventing biosecurity clearance for the timber. To resolve the

issue, the department issued a one-time authorization for

to

the

timber

Lahore.

Timber traders official

improving

cigarettes, 1,322 bags of of contraband goods, cloth, and 198,600 liters of including 3,036 metric tons oil Iranian were confiscated during these tons of flour, 34,626 metric operations.

crackdown The targeted networks in major cities, yielding substantial hauls of contraband goods.

In Multan, officials seized 99 stacks of at curbing smuggling, cigarettes, 133 cloth bags, and 28,000 liters of Iranian

President, Sarhad Chamber

of Commerce and Industry

(SCCI) Fuad Ishaq on

Saturday demanded for

taking further measures to

broaden the existing tax-

proposals for fiscal year

2024-25, he said KP is a

net exporter of electricity

and gas, despite of the fact

that other provinces are

charged equal rates with

other federating units,

which is totally unfair and

production is 31000 barrels

per day, which is 42

percent share of the whole

country's oil production,

the establishment of an oil

refinery in Khyber

Pakhtunkhwa wherein oil

reserves were available in

surplus quantity.

The KP's total oil

He suggested for the

Fuad asked to revive

While

unjustifiable.

Fuad said.

base.

existing tax-base

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national grid.

the release of existing docked consignments. of fertilizer, 262 metric Prior agreement, tons of sugar, 236,547 importers faced financial stacks of cigarettes, strain due to demurrage smuggling 247,133 bags of cloth, and charges imposed by 6.055 million liters of shipping lines for the delayed deliveries.

Iranian oil. These efforts are part of a broader strategy aimed safeguarding public welfare, and stabilizing the national economy.

**LESCO** collects over Rs 5.71m from 121 **SCCI demands** defaulters measures to broaden

in 24 hours AHORE (APP): The Lahore Electric Supply Company (LESCO) has recovered more than Rs 5.71 million from 121 dead PESHAWAR (APP): IDBP for the provision of defaulters in all the five

loans on easy terms to districtspromote industry in the Sheikhupura, Nankana He mentioned that from 30 to 32 billion dollars through human resources

were official and the same amount was unofficial in the shape of exchange. Therefore, he called for recovered outstanding dues launching a special technical training program for human resources of the The conference was attended by presidents of

all chambers of Pakistan, FPCCI office bearers and association presidents. The SCCI president said that KP was

producing 6500 megawatt electricity in which 2700 megawatt was utilized in summer and only 1100 megawatt in winter season. rest of the produced electricity exported to the

Sahib, Kasur and Okaraon the 224<sup>th</sup> day of its recovery campaign. A LESCO spokesman told the media here Saturday that on the 224th day, SE (Superintending Engineer) Nisar Sarwar has

of Rs 0.76 million from 18 defaulters in Northern Circle; SE Umar Bilal recovered Rs 0.83 million from 9 defaulters in Eastern Circle; SE (Central Circle) recovered Rs 1.48 million from 22 defaulters; SE (South Circle) collected Rs 0.24 million from 18

defaulters; SE (Nankana Circle) recovered Rs 0.56 million from 12 defaulters; SE Najamul Hassan recovered Rs 0.56 million from 16 defaulters in Sheikhupura Circle; SE Jamshed Zaman collected Rs 0.56 million.



Chamber of Commerce and Industry (HCCI) Adeel Siddiqui has said the tax exemptions extended to Federal and Provincial Tribal Administered Areas are causing financial losses to the industries of steel, edible oil and ghee in the country's 4 provinces.

Commerce Faisalabad.

In a statement issued here on Saturday he oil and ghee industries areas, are sold in the cities amounted to hundreds of of the 4 provinces at billions of rupees. He throwaway rates.

Khyber

fabricated.

exemptions for oil, ghee, steel industries believed that the tax exemptions were being availed in an unjustified way and demanded an impartial audit of those exemptions. On behalf of the business community, he called for putting an end

FAISALABAD: CPO Faisalabad Kamran Adil addressing at Chamber of

to the discrimination being made with the steel, edible oil and ghee industries of the 4 provinces. According to him, the oil, ghee and steel being manufactured pointed out that in the tax-exempt receivables in steel, edible industries of the tribal

Lemon jumps to **Rs 1,000** per kg in **Bahawalpur** BAHAWALPUR (APP) Lemon has gone out of

was being sold out at Rs 200 to 250 per kilogram last month in April 2024 has now gone out of reach of poor people. Its price has jumped to Rs 800 to

local market of Bahawalpur. "Due to very hot weather, demand for lemon has increased as people

kistan Mercantile Exchange (PMEX) here to create awareness about the future commodity and metal market said that PMEX not only connects domestic metal and commodity markets but also integrates domestic markets with international

markets. While addressing the seminar, Governor Punjab Sardar Saleem Haider said that Pakistan Mercantile Exchange is creating a history by digitising and the country's markets will benefit farmers and small businessmen. He said that he is a farmer and belongs to an agricultural family and with these initiatives would eliminate middlemen from the the agricultural market.

productivity will increase

Managing Director, Pakistan Mercantile Exchange, Farhan Tahir said commodity is a future market and PMEX is setting up an eco-system in commodity and metal which will integrate the market. He said that with digitisation and automation in the market, the country's economy will be developed in a proper direction and the commodity market will

develop. MD, PMEX said that Exchange was started in 2002 and during this time they had done a lot of work in commodity and metal and it will be improved in future.



ISLAMABAD: Workers unloading sugarcanes at Fruit and Vegetable Market, Sector I-11 in the Federal Capital.

## **Food prices remain** uneven despite slight decline in inflation

Pakistan's inflation rate continued its downward trend, dipping 1.06% in the latest week. This brings the annual inflation rate to 21.22%

highlights

stable.

fluctuations

ISLAMABAD (INP): wheat flour, banana, rice, red chili, and lentils decreased. Prices for fuel products like petrol, diesel, and LPG also showed a decline.

2%.However, the newsThe Federal Statisticsisn't all positive. The cost Agency's weekly report of potatoes, beef, mutton, price across essential commodities. While 16 items, including wheat flour, tomato, onion, garlic, petrol, and diesel, witnessed price drops, 20 items like eggs and meat saw increases. The prices of 15 other items remained The report details significant price reductions for vegetables like tomato (down 27 rupees/kg), onion

pulses, eggs, chicken, cloth, and wood increased. For instance, potatoes rose by 1.28 rupees/kg, while beef and mutton prices jumped by 10 and 20 rupees/kg, respectively. Pulses and eggs saw a 3 rupees/kg increase, and eggs went up by 2 rupees per dozen. The report also provides a year-on-year comparison. While some essential items, like wheat flour, chicken, ghee, cooking oil, and LPG, became cheaper compared to last year.

MULTAN: A large number of traders participating in bidding of seasonal fruit Melons at the Fruit market.

# **KTC rubbishes market** report as false, fabricated

Tobacco it" by Ipsos.

Company (KTC) has taken an exception to a report 'Pakistan Cigarette Market Assessment 2024" by Ipsos Pakistan and described it as false and The KTC in a

statement issued here said KTC is a leading cigarette manufacturing company in and Pakistan, ʻʻis compelled to address the public regarding the baseless and defamatory

ISLAMABAD (INP): allegations levelled against The said report contains unsubstantiated claims and defamatory remarks regarding KTC's

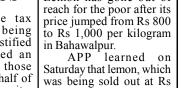
business practices. These false allegations...have caused significant harm to KTC's reputation and business interests," it said. KTC vehemently denies all accusations made in the report and asserts its

steadfast commitment to compliance with all regulatory requirements, it

added. "We assert with pride that we are among the preeminent national cigarette manufacturing entities, employing a workforce exceeding 400 individuals within the country, and serving as Pakistan's foremost tobacco exporter during the fiscal year 2022-23

These factors significantly bolster our contributions to the national exchequer, in direct contradiction to (down 27+ rupees/kg), and the assertions made by garlic (down 46 rupees/kg). Ipsos," says KTC. Additionally, the cost of

used to make Shikanjeen (lemonade juice).'



1,000 per kilogram in the

**Tribal areas HCCI opposed tax** 

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# **International News**

Four killed in

Afghanistan

shooting,

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Afghanistan's Interior

ministry spokesman Abdul

Mateen Qani confirmed

the four deaths to AFP,

saying the victims were

killed in gunfire Friday

Ukrainian drone

attack kills mother,

son in Russia's

**Belgorod region**,

governor says

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KYIV: A Ukrainian drone

strike killed a mother and

her 4-year-old son who

were travelling in a car in

Russia's southern Belgorod

region, the regional gover-

writing on the Telegram

messaging app, said one of several drones fired at the

region hit a car in the village

of Oktyabrsky, killing a

woman at the site of the

Arab League

calls for

attack

Vyacheslav Gladkov

nor said early on Friday.

isting one.

soaring inflation rate.

evening in Bamiyan city. Another four foreign ers and three Afghans were wounded, he added.

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cattle... They have de-stroyed hundreds of hectares of agricultural land, hundreds

of bridges and culverts, and

destroyed thousands of

trees." he added. Major roads

into and within the province

were blocked. Abu Obaidullah, the head of the

province's disaster manage-

ment department, said it was

an "emergency situation"

tricts in the province, includ-ing the capital Chaghcharan,

where the streets "are full of

mud", Obaidullah said. "The

situation is really concern-ing," he told AFP, adding that

victims were in need of shel-

The UN's World Food

ter, food and water.

The floods hit several dis-

# Military spending pushes **Russian economic growth up**

**Monitoring Desk** MOSCOW: Russia's economy grew 5.4 percent in the first quarter of 2024, official statistics published Friday showed, as President Vladimir Putin denied military spending on his Ukraine offensive was reaching unsustainable levels. The Kremlin has heavily militarised Russia's economy since sending troops into Ukraine in February 2022, with the vast outlays helping to power growth and cushion the

blow of Western sanctions. But it has also set off inflation and comparisons with runaway defence spending that hobbled the Soviet Union in the 1980s.

The Rosstat statistics agency said the first quarter growth was up from 4.9 percent in the fourth quarter of last year.

The inflation rate also picked up over the month, however, to 7.8 percent. On a state visit to China, Putin denied that Russia's vast

military spending-which tory on the battlefield by he said had passed eight percent of GDP—had hit outspending Ukraine and its Western backers. The reunsustainable levels. orientation of Russia's cru-

"It is not critical yet. In the Soviet Union in 1985-1986, defence spending was 13 percent" of GDP, he said.

Taking into account Russia into a deep recesthe state of the economy, sion. China has become macroeconomic indicators Russia's most important economic ally over the last and budget revenue forecasts, combined defence vo years. Putin on Friday and security spending of eight-and-a-bit percent is blasted US attempts to put not critical," he added. Earpressure on Beijing over its

lier in the week, Putin had es with Moscow said Russia's military He called US threats spending was a "great reof sanctions on Chinese source" that should be used banks and companies that "carefully and effectively." deal with Russia "illegiti-He said Friday that experts mate" and said lenders in both countries were workbelieve Russia's state finances still have room to ing to overcome problems accomodate even higher exwith cross-border payments Russian troops last

The United States has week launched a major new targeted companies in third offensive on Ukraine's countries, including China, northeastern Kharkiv rethat it says are helping Rusgion. Putin has signalled he sia purchase sanctioned sees Moscow's path to vic- goods for its military.



Slovakia's Health Minister Zuzana Dolinkova, Minister of Defense Robert Kalinak and director of the F.D. Roosevelt University Hospital in Banska Bystrica Miriam Lapunikova hold a press conference outside the F.D. Roosevelt University Hospital, where Slovak Prime Minister Robert Fico is hospitalised following an assassination attempt, in Banska Bystrica, Slovakia.

#### Northern Gaza sees fiercest fighting yet

**Monitoring Desk** AIRO: Israeli forces launched a fresh assault on northern Gaza on Friday in some of the fiercest engagements since they returned to the area a week ago, while in the south Hamas fighters attacked tanks massing around Rafah.

Residents said Israeli armour had thrust as far as the market at the heart of Jabalia, the largest of Gaza's eight historic refugee camps, and that bulldozers were demolishing homes and shops in the path of the advance.

"Tanks and planes including three are wiping out residential **Spanish tourists** districts and markets, shops, restaurants, everything. It is all happening be-fore the one-eyed world,"

KABUL: Three Spanish tourists and an Afghan were killed Friday in a Ayman Rajab, a resident of shooting in the popular tourism destination of western Jabalia, said via a chat app. Bamiyan in central Af-At the southern end ghanistan, local and Spanish authorities said.

of refuge left.

## Singapore to resume flying F-16 jets after crash this month

**Monitoring Desk** SINGAPORE: Singapore will resume flying its F-16 fleet after suspending training when one of the jets crashed earlier this month, the defence ministry on Saturday. The defence ministry said the May 8 crash was due to the plane's pitch

control computer.

neous failure is very rare occurrence and a first for Singapore's fleet, the ministry said. It added that all pitch

rate gyroscopes will be checked and cleared before flights resume, and that the air force and F-16 manufacturer Lockheed Martin will rate gyroscopes giving erlook into the specific cause roneous inputs to the flight behind the malfunction. The May crash was the first one for a Singapore fighter jet since 2004 when an F-16C 'This led to the pilot

being unable to control the plane at take-off," the statewent down during a night training mission in the US ment said. The pilot ejected successfully. F-16 fighter state of Arizona, killing the 25-year-old pilot, according jets are fitted with four such to local media CNA gyroscopes. A simulta-



## Flash floods kill 50 in western Afghanistan

**Monitoring Desk** KABUL: Flash flooding has killed at least 50 people in western Afghanistan, provincial police said on Saturday, a week after hundreds were washed away in the north of the country.

Friday's flooding also destroyed about 2,000 houses and damaged thousands more homes and businesses, Ghor police spokesman Abdul Rahman Badri said. The fresh flooding in the country — which is highly vulnerable to climate change — comes as survivors of the May 10 flash floods in northern Baghlan province continue to search for missing relatives.

Programme (WFP) and "Fifty residents of Ghor province were killed by the floods on Friday and a number of others are missing," Badri said. "These terrible floods

#### Taliban officials said more than 300 people died as a result of the flood disaster earlier this month that left homes and roads coated in have also killed thousands of thick mud. Turkey opposition chief

# cool to constitution talks with Erdogan

**Monitoring Desk** ANKARA: Turkey's tentially extend Erdogan's rule beyond 2028 when his current main opposition leader, boosted by sweeping loterm ends. "It would be a waste

of time to discuss a new constitution while there has been so much violation of the constitution by the ruling party..." Ozel, 49, said at the CHP headquarters in Ankara this week

"If the ruling party get closer to discussing a new one. We are far-off from that point at the mo-

Ozel's comments come after his secularist-The question of centrist CHP won most major cities and made big gains in the AKP's rural heartland in the March 31 local elections, surpassing the conservative ruling party's share of the popular vote for the first time

Modi imitating 'detractors of democracy' in Pakistan and Bangladesh, says Kejriwal

cal election gains in March, said he is "far off" opening talks with Tayyip Erdogan's ruling party over a new consti-tution since the president doesn't abide by the ex-In an interview with Reuters, Ozgur Ozel, who was elected chairman of

abides by the current constitution, we would the Republican People's Party (CHP) last November, also called on the government to once again raise the minimum wage, ment," he said. which continues to lag the

whether and how to rewrite Turkey's constitu-tion could dominate domestic politics this year after Erdogan and his AK Party (AKP) said it is a priority. Analysts say a lar vote for the first time new document could po- in more than two decades.

## Monitoring Desk and killed others to score

in Gho province's Firozkoh. Taiwan's foreign minister says

Afghan residents clean debris and salvage their belongings after flash floods

penditure.

## China and Russia are supporting each other's 'expansionism'

**Monitoring Desk** TAIPEI: Russia and China are helping each other expand their territorial reach, and democracies must push back against authoritarian states that threaten their rights and sover- tries supporting each eignty, Taiwan's outgoing other, working together foreign minister, Joseph Wu, said in an interview ing each other's expansion-

with The Associated Press. ism," he said. His comments came

ens to invade Taiwan, a self-ruled democracy that it claims as its own terri-

tory. "Putin's visit to Beijing is an example of the two big authoritarian counwith each other, support-

In particular, Wu

**Paris sends** forces to quell unrest in New Caledonia

**Monitoring Desk** NOUMEA: Areas of the Pacific territory of New Caledonia have "escaped" state control, the French

government's representative said on Friday, announcing fresh security deployments after days of deadly violence. "Reinforcements are

arriving ... to control the areas that have escaped us recent days

#### of Gaza, thick smoke rose over Rafah, bordering Egypt, where an escalating Israeli assault has sent hundreds of thousands of people fleeing from what was one of the only places

Russian President called on Western powers Vladimir Putin was on a visit to China amid Russia's ongoing invasion of Ukraine. Putin and Chinese leader Xi Jinping reaffirmed their "no-limits" partnership as both countries face rising tensions with the West.

Wu called on democracies to align in countering Russia and China's military assertiveness in Europe, the South China Sea and beyond. China threat-

**Russia's Novorossiisk resumes** partial loadings after drone attack, sources say

ing

Kondratyev said

which operates

Novorossiisk

outlet for crude oil and oil

products exports and tran-

sit in Russia's south. It also

loads oil from coming

Kazkahstan and Azerbaijan

and handles grain, coal, min-

eral fertilizers, timber, con-

tainers, food and chemical

cargoes

erations resuming

clined to comment.

**Monitoring Desk** MOSCOW: A drone attack on Russia's Black Sea port of Novorossiisk early on Friday hit the Importpischeprom oil products terminal and Sheskharis oil harbour, sources said and video shared on social media

showed The port was shut soon after attack but later resumed oil loadings from Sheskharis oil harbour and fuel oil terminal, according to industry sources and LSEG data. Oil products loadings from Importpischeprom oil products terminal in Novorossiisk are still suspended, the sources said. The Kyiv regime failed in

an attempt to attack civil objects at Novorossiisk," Krasnodar Governor Veniamin Kondratyev said on Telegram. "As result of about Novorossiisk oil op-UAVs falling the fires were

to continue to support Ukraine in its fight against Russia to send a message that democracies will defend one another.

"If Ukraine is de-feated at the end, I think was imposed on the French archipelago after China is going to get inopposition to Paris's plan spired, and they might take to change voting rules even more ambitious steps there spiralled into arson, in expanding their power looting and violence that in the Indo-Pacific, and it has left five dead and hunwill be disastrous for the dreds wounded international community,' Wu said

As part of the state of emergency, about 200 of an estimated 5,000 "rioters" have been detained. French authorities have said.

#### Fico still in intensive care after sparked which now are beassassination bid

Slovakia's PM

extinguished,' Monitoring Desk Russian oil pipeline BANSKA BYSTRICA monopoly Transneft did lovakia's Prime Minister not reply to a request for Robert Fico remains in incomment. Its subsidiary, tensive care, the government Novorossiisk Commercial said on Friday, two days Sea Port Group (NCSP), after he was shot at close the range in an assassination Sheskharis oil terminal, deattempt that stunned the small Central European nation and drew international Russia's largest port on the condemnation. Black Sea. It is a key oil

Earlier, local media reported that Slovak doctors would meet on Monday to assess whether Fico, who underwent hours of surgery, could be transported to the capital Bratislava from the central city of Banska Bystrica where he s being treated.

The North Sea bench-In its short statemark BFOE lost around 25 ment, the government said cents per barrel after further information on Reuters reported the news Fico's health would be made public "when the situation allows"

A street blocked by debris and burnt out items is seen following overnight unrest in the Magenta district of Noumea, France's Pacific territory of New Caledonia.

#### **Dozens of Israeli protesters** attack a truck in an apparent effort to block Gaza aid

**Monitoring Desk** NEW YORK: Dozens of Israeli protesters attacked a truck in the occupied West Bank, beating its driver and setting it on fire in an apparent attempt to prevent aid from reaching Gaza, the Israeli military said Friday. Soldiers tried to intervene and but were attacked by the protesters, lightly injuring two officers and a soldier, the military said. According to Israeli media, the truck was carrying ordinary commercial goods, not aid for Gaza.

Some 1.1 million Palestinians are on the brink of starvation in Gaza, according to the United Nations. Israeli restrictions on the civilian population.

land border crossings and heavy fighting have hin-dered food and other supplies from reaching Palestinians. On Friday, a newly built U.S. floating pier on Gaza's coast started unloading trucks of aid for the besieged enclave. However, the U.S. and aid groups warn that the sea corridor is not a substitute for land deliveries that could bring in all the food, water and fuel needed in Gaza. At the U.N.'s top court, Israel strongly denied charges it's committing genocide against the Palestinians, arguing Friday that it's doing ev-

# India's spike in trade with Russia not a 'temporary phenomenon', minister says

**Monitoring Desk** NEW DELHI: India's con-siderable increase in trade with Russia should not be seen as a "temporary phenomenon", given more economic opportunities are emerging, India's foreign minister stated on Friday. India and Russia have a close relationship which dates back decades and New Delhi recently 'refus-ed to condemn Moscow over its February 2022 invasion of Ukraine<sup>5</sup>, instead 'urging the two sides to end the conflict through dialogue and diplomacy'

New Delhi emerged as tion should not be regarded.

statement following a meeterything it can to protect

calls by host Bahrain's King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and Palestinian President Mahmud Abbas to "convene an international conference Tunisia says 23 migrants missing

#### after setting off in boat to Italy **Monitoring Desk**

TUNIS: About 23 migrants one of the topmost buyers were missing after setting of Russian sea-borne oil afoff in a boat from Tunisia ter Western nations imtowards Italy, the country's posed sanctions and halted national guard said on Satpurchases, in res-ponse to urdav the war (which Russia calls

Tunisia is facing a mia "special military operagration crisis and has retion"). "For long, we have placed Libya as a main delooked at Russia from a parture point for people political or security perfleeing poverty and conflict spective" Foreign Minister. in Africa and the Middle S. Jaishankar said at an in-East in the hope of a better dustry conference. "As the life in Europe.

country turns eastwards. The national guard fresh economic opportunisaid it had deployed floatties are presenting theming units and had informed selves, the spike in our trade the navy to help in the and new areas of cooperasearch for the missing people.

NEW DELHI: India once used to give the world lessons on democracy, but under Prime Minister Narendra Modi it has been 'reduced' to "imitating detractors of democracy" in Pakistan, Russia and Bangladesh, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said on Friday.He is currently campaigning in the Indian state of Punjab where his 'Aam Aadmi

Party' (AAP) holds power, as well as in Maharashtra, where the opposition 'IN-DIA' alliance hopes to clinch a majority of the 48 seats up for grabs from the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

Kejriwal claims that Modi is 'losing the elec-tion'. "Should he win by any chance; he would have stolen a leaf from President Vladmir Putin, who has jailed his opponents to win with a huge margin."

Kejriwal alleged that Russian President Vladimir Putin had 'locked up' various political opponents ing held in Delhi.

could be put at risk by the

heavy-handed response to

civil unrest in New

Caledonia, Pacific analysts

and officials said.

French response in New Caledonia risks helping China, analysts say Beijing has pushed to **Monitoring Desk** 

SYDNEY: French Presideepen its security ties in the Pacific Islands, stratedent Emmanuel Macron's gically located between the ambitions to deepen French United States and Asia, influence in the Pacific, where China is exwith mixed success. panding its security ties,

After striking a security pact with the Solomon Islands in 2022 that alarmed Washington, Beijing failed to reach a Pacific-wide trade and security deal.

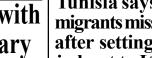
Its members, Papua New Guinea, Fiji, Vanuatu and Solomon Islands, are at the centre of a contest for influence between China and the U.S. and its allies, including Australia and France. In July, Macron made the first visit to Vanuatu by a French leader since it gained independence from France and Britain in 1980, warning in a speech against China's "new imperialism". China is Vanuatu's largest external creditor, and its then prime minister was ousted by lawmakers the next month, in part for abandoning Vanuatu's nonaligned foreign policy. Melanesian Spearhead Group leaders met in August to consider security cooperation with China, on which no decision has been made.

LGBT community groups protest against a new government decree listing transsexualism as a "mental disorder", in front of Peru's Ministry of Health, in Lima. Peru.

peacekeepers Monitoring Desk MANAMA: The Arab League on Thursday called for a UN peacekeeping force in the Palestinian territories, even as Israel vowed to "intensify" its ground offensive in Rafah, in defiance of global warnings. In its final

ing in Manama, the 22-member group called for "international protection and peacekeeping for-ces of the United Nations in the occupied Palestinian territories' until a two-state solution is

# implemented. It also adopted



Deadly riots erupted this week among indigenous Kanak, after Paris changed voting rules to allow more French residents to join electoral rolls in the Pacific territory. The violence and the arrival of hundreds of police from Paris are reig-

niting regional sensitivities over colonialism. Australian National University Pacific analyst Graeme Smith said a crackdown by French police in Noumea could bolster China's weaponisation of the colonial legacy of Western nations in the Pacific which includes French and American nuclear testing. "It will play very well because China has been discovering some of the colo-

nial history of the Pacific,'

he said

high at the hustings

He termed the incarcerated founder-chairman of the PTI, Imran Khan as 'the tallest leader of Pakistan" and said he too, was jailed by his opponents to contrive his defeat.

The prime minister of Bangladesh, Sheikh Hasina, was similarly accused by Kejriwal of jailing political opponents to 'steal the ection'

"If he wins, Modi will definitely jail Udhav Thackeray and Sharad Pawaramong, among others" he stated, whilst pointing to the opposition 'IN-DIA' alliance hosts, present at the meeting. Kejriwal secured bail

after the Supreme Court intervened to give him '21 days of freedom'. This permits him to canvass support for his AAP party and allies, before returning to jail on the 2 of June. "I have to return to jail before the votes are counted" he had said earlier, at an AAP meet-

#### Daily **Independent**, Quetta

# **CPEC** to inject new impetus to Pak-China relationship, says Chinese DCM

ISLAMABAD (APP): China is ready to work with embryo laboratory, which Pakistan to implement the have contributed signifiimportant consensus cantly to Pakistan's eco-reached by leaders of the nomic and social developtwo countries, said Chinese Deputy Chief of Missions (DCM) Shi Yuangqiang at a well-attended seminar on Dvnamics of Xinjiang in Pakistani Perspective hosted by Overseas Chi-Association nese Rawalpindi on Saturday. He noted, "The keen-

ness on Pakistan's side to greatly enhance the ongoing commercial cooperation was welcoming as it would inject new impetus into China-Pakistan cooperation as China enters a new development phase".

Turning to bilateral relations, DCM Shi underscored the importance of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) and praised Pakistan's new government's "5Es" framework, which aligns with China's approach to high-quality development.

He highlighted key achievements of CPEC Phase One, including the construction of renewable cilitation for mutual benefit, rity adopted by the local energy projects and the eswin-win results, and com-

tablishment of a buffalo mon prosperity", he cantly to Pakistan's eco-

ment. "Looking forward to CPEC Phase Two, we are ready to work with Pakistan to implement the important consensus reached by leaders of the two countries," DCM said. "We aim to inject new impetus into China-Pakistan cooperation with China's new development and promote the in-depth integration of the 5Cs with the 5Es, creating

an upgraded version of the CPEC and building a closer China-Pakistan community with a shared future in the new era", he maintained.

"China is ready to work with friends from all walks of life in Pakistan to advocate universally beneficial and inclusive economic globalization," DCM affirmed. "We must work together to make the 'cake' of economic globalization bigger and fairly share it, promoting trade and investment liberalization and fa-

added. DCM further elabo-

rated that China's progress in protecting the rights of all ethnic groups in Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region that also signals China's increasing openness and transparency in displaying the achievements in the region, refuting rumours and lies made by the US-led campaign.

He noted that Xinjiang region is enjoying the best time in its history as all the local ethnic population is moving ahead with sustainable development and prosperity contributing their role in the national rejuvenation. He said that there are more than 24,000 mosques located in China and the Muslim community

is practicing Islam as the fundamental beliefs of their religion. The Muslims in China are enjoying the religious freedom that rejects the malicious propaganda campaigns of Western think tanks. DCM noted that the proactive policies to ensure employment and job secu-

government



ISLAMABAD: Activists of Islami Jamiat-e-Talaba hold a protest front of Kayrgys Embassy against the incidents of violence against foreign nationals students including Pakistanis in Bishkek last night.

#### Pakistan needs healing touch to pull her out of multiple dents in Kyrgyzstan said that last night, some local challenges: Senator Mushahid KARACHI (APP):Senator He said, 'This is the respected. the international student's

world of open borders.

Senator Mushahid Senator Mushahid Sayed said that the su-Hussain Saved said that premacy of law and constitution were vital. He said China was time-tested we should learn from the friend of Pakistan and the mistakes of the past. He said that the coun-China-Pakistan Economic

Corridor (CPEC) provided Pakistan to be regional hub try believed in democracy of connectivity. He said and human rights and that China was a power, should move forward as per which had challenged the the principles.

> the world was in transformation and new order was

was overtaking United States in high-tech as per a study. He said that around 130 countries had more trade with China than the United States and the trades were being done in local currencies instead of

# Punjab Shehbaz

cussed matters of mutual interests

wishes for him.

matters of Punjab province and other various issues came under discussion.

grieved over

## Pak envoy inquires about health of Pakistani national in Kyrgyz hospital

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan's Ambassador to the Kyrgyz Republic Hasan Zaigham on Saturday visited the Kyrgyz National Hospital to inquire about the wellbeing of Pa-kistani National Shahzaib who was under treatment there.

aid

in Bishkek.

Sunday May 19, 2024

Shahzaib was under treat-According to the Forment at Kyrgyz National eign Office spokesperson Mumtaz Baloch, a few Hospital, he said adding that under the direction of other Pakistanis who the prime minister he viswere injured had been disited the hospital and encharged from the hospiquired about health of tal after providing the first Shahzaib who was stable

The envoy informed that Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and Deputy Earlier in a video message, Hasan Zaigham brief-ing the detail of the inci-Prime Minister Ishaq Dar had extended special directives to provide every posextremist elements attacked sible assistance to the Pahostels and their residents kistani students Kyrgyzstan.

He said according to

The Pakistani mission

Pakistani student

the Kyrgyz government, six

hostels came under attack

and some 14 international

students got injured during

in the country was told that

the attacks.



LAHORE: Governor Punjab Sardar Saleem Haider Khan meeting with Prime Minister Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif.

#### **Bilawal expressed** concerns over violent incidents in Kyrgyzstan

KARACHI (APP): Chair- sized that the Embassy of man of Pakistan People's Party (PPP) Bilawal Pakistan in Bishkek should maintain regular contact Bhutto Zardari has exwith the students and propressed deep concern over vide their families in Pakithe violent incidents targetstan with accurate informaing foreign students, includtion. He said that Pakistani ing Pakistani students, in youth in Kyrgyzstan and rgyzstan. abroad serve as ambassa-He has asked the Govdors for our country. He

ernment of Pakistan to enurged them to exercise resure that all necessary supstraint and act responsibly port and assistance are provided to these students in Bishkek

aminations.

examination.

way

should be excellent and robust, which didn't happen with Mian Sahib," PPP

leader said. "There are mis-

takes of Nawaz Sharif and

During the visit, he

DEO Akhtar Jamali

also checked the papers of the ongoing intermediate of

said that children should

also acquire knowledge with

enthusiasm because going forward, these children

have to manage the future

of the country. Our endeav-

According to a press release issued by the Media Cell Bilawal House, the Chairman of PPP has urged the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to implement spe-

in challenging situations. Emphasizing the close ties between Islamabad and Bishkek, the former Pakistani foreign minister described Kyrgyzstan as a second home for Pakistanis. He also highlighted the

longstanding enthusiasm cific measures for the safety for friendly relations beof Pakistani students in tween the peoples of both Bishkek. He also empha- nations.

MIANWALI: Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti offering Fateha during his visit to the residence of Shaheed Major Babar Khan.

## QMC disposes 150,000 tons of trash during ongoing cleanness drive: Hamza

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shifts

night hours.

lic on urgent basis.

QUETTA (APP): Commissioner Quetta Division/Administrator Quetta Metropolitan Corporation Muhammad Hamza Shafqaat said the corporation has collected over carried out in every area of 150,000 tons of trash the city on a regular basis from the city so far dur- and the QMC was ensur-

the city produced around 1.5 million tons of garbage annually

Administrator QMC International Airlines (PIA) Hamza Shafqaat said the flight was diverted to cleanliness drives are being Karachi after a "technical fault" it encountered during the take-off, says in media reports. According to PIA ing the ongoing cleanness ing the collection and dis-

fiery statements 'aerial firing' LAHORE (INP): Former interior minister and Advisor to Prime Minister on Political Affairs Rana Sanaullah said on Saturday

and seasoned politician

Mushahid Hussain Saved

on Saturday said that the

country needed a healing

touch to put her on the

path to strong foreign policy, economic and po-

While addressing a conference on 'A World in

Turmoil' organized by Pa-

kistan Institute of Interna-

tional Affairs (PIIA) at a

local hotel here, he stressed

the need for domestic po-

litical stability in the coun-

to preserve and protect our

foreign policy. He said that

the country needed a re-

gional re-set with our

the future.

He said we know how

litical stability.

**PIA flight** that Khyber Pakhtunkhwa diverted to (KP) Chief Minister Ali Amin Gandapur's bellicose Karachi due to posture was no more than 'technical fault' KARACHI (INP): Toronto-bound Pakistan

Toronto-bound

rhetoric and that the provincial government would do what the federal government asked him to do. Talking to the media here, Sanaullah, also a

jection to parleys between the PTI and the establishment. "Right from the very start, the PTI has issues with the establishment," he said, adding, "The party wants the latter to stand by it; to intervene in the country's politics." When the PTI was in power, the adviser went on to say, it wanted to crush the opposition. "But when the establishment did not sup-

port it, its leaders started PML-N stalwart, said that calling army generals Mir the government had no ob-Jaafar and Mir Sadiq.

Mushahid said that Western hegemony. Sayed said the country had got an opportunity to form a strong foreign policy for the emerging. He said that China benefit of the nation.

## He said we should further show strong viewpoint on Indian Illegally Occu-

neighbours and should not He said that any party, which was mandated in the general elections be be part of any civil war in

#### pied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK) and show solidarity with Palestine. dollar

## Rana labels Gandapur's Governor calls on PM

**CM Balochistan** 

ISLAMABAD (APP) Governor Punjab Sardar Saleem Haider Saturday called on Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and dis-

He said that on the special instructions of Chief Minister Balochistan, the cleanliness campaign is going on rapidly across the city.

Hamza Shafqaat said special efforts have been taken regarding the cleanliness situation and all available resources are being utilized to ensure civic facilitates to the Quetta dwell-

The commissioner, who is also administrator of Quetta Metropolitan Corporation (QMC), said that the Corporation was collecting waste through heavy machinery on daily basis as



GWADAR: View of huge fire flames rise from burning construction Machinery, due to unidentified armed men set fire to the machinery of a local contractor while local people are busy in exhausting fire.

#### Lahore-Paris Rally to promote cultural, positive image of Pakistan: Rana Mashhood

LAHORE (APP): Chair- Turkey, Greece, Italy, Swit man of Prime Minister's Youth Programme (PMYP) Rana Mashhood Ahmad Khan has announced that the Lahore-Paris Rally 2024 will significantly promote Pakistan's cultural heritage and enhance its positive image globally.

Addressing a press conference held at Aiwane-Iqbal here on Saturday, he said the government was committed to promoting tourism and making Pakistan an attractive tourist destination. He revealed that the Lahore-Paris rally will commence its journey on August 26, 2024, with its final destination being Paris (France). Participants in the rally will travel through 12 countries, covering a distance of 20,000 kilometres in 70 days. The route includes major countries such as Pakistan, Iran,

spokesperson Abdullah Khan, PIA flight, PK-781, departed from the Pakistani posal of garbage in every area of the provincial capital city including Sariyab to capital of Islamabad late wan Killi. He said in order to

Friday, The technical fault improve the cleanness situwith the aircraft was "miation, the heavy machinnor," but the captain preery and staff of Metroferred to return instead of politan Corporation are continuing the long flight work in day and night over the Atlantic Ocean. He added that in order

#### **Petition to** to speed up the ongoing cleaning campaign in the probe Dubai city, the work on ongoing Leaks via cleaning drive across the city would also during the

He said that all possible measures have taken cation was filed in the Lahore High Court (LHC) to provide relief to the pub-

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into the Dubai leaks by Federal Investigation Agency (FIA), Federal Bureau of Revenue (FBR) and National Accountability Bureau (NAB). The petition was filed in the High Court by citizen Mashkoor Hussain through Nadeem Sarwar Advocate, in which the Federal Government, NAB, FIA and others have been made parties. In the petition, it was said that the names of many Pakistani politicians and businessmen

FIA, FBR AHORE (ÍNP): An appli-

to conduct an investigation ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) senior leader Saad Rafique criticized the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaaf (PTI) for its his-tory of fostering "anarchy" in the country. Talking to a private news channel, he said that "Whenever the country starts to progress,

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(APP): Pakistan has called

for the removal of "undue

restrictions" on providing

PTI disrupts it. It is inap-propriate for Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minis-ter Ali Amin Gandapur to ppeared in the Dubai leaks.

sador Usman Jadoon,

deputy permanent repre-

sentative of Pakistan to the

is a very informal consulta-

tion process which affords

HUB: Pakistan Coast Guard Officials are showing huge apprehended drugs worth millions of rupees, during raid on local area of Pasni and Uthal, during press conference held at PCG Headquarters.

#### Saad Rafique says: PTI has track record of spreading 'Anarchy'

use foul language against the centre." Rafique expressed concerns about Gandapur's leadership in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, suggesting that his actions indicate an inability to manage provincial affairs and a desire to create disturbances. Addressing the recent

developments within PML-N, Rafique commented on Shehbaz Sharif's

#### death of Mir Ulfat

**Independent Report** QUETTA: The Chief Min ister Balochistan, Mir Ahmad Jamali along with District Education Officer Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti has expressed deep grief and sorrow over the death of senior producer of Radio Pakistan and compare of inspect the ongoing exam at Pakistan Television, Mir its centre. Muhammad Ulfat

In an official condolence statement issued here on Saturday, the Chief Minister said that Mir Muhammad Ulfat was very gentleman, loving and kind person. The late Mir Muhammad Ulfat remained active for promotion of language and literature in the province, Mir Sarfraz Bugti commended. He also said that the book written by Mir Muhammad Ulfat on Q u a i d - e - A z a m Muhammad Ali Jinnah in Brahvi language is part of the history. He said that the services of late for PTV and Radio Pakistan can not be forgotten. He prayed that may Allah Almighty rest the departed soul into Its eternal peace and grant enough strength and patience.

**DEO Usta Muhammad** visits Gandakha H/S

QUETTA (APP): District our is to equip the future Education Officer (DEO) generations with the jewel Usta Muhammad, Àkhtar of modern education, he said. He said that the present era was of educa-(DEO) Female on Saturday tion and ignorance could not paid a surprise visit to change the destiny of any Gandakha High School to nation nor the dreams of development could be realized by staying in the dark. On this occasion, Su-

Copying is darkening the students should remove perintendent Gandakha and Additional Superintendent its idea from the heart, the Oazi Khalil Jamali briefed DEO said. them about the ongoing ex-

He said that copyists would be punished under UFM of the Board and strict measures would be taken to eliminate cheating in examinations centers.

The DEO lauded the efforts of the Superintendent and Additional Superintendent Qazi Khalil Jamali for the good arrangements of the ongoing examinations.



QUETTA: Baloch Yakjehti Committee leader, Prof. Manzoor Baloch addresses to media persons during press conference, at Quetta press club.

#### **PTI founder gets courage** from elections, other issues: Chan ISLAMABAD (INP):

his advisers for this exit," Peoples' Party leader Nadeem Afzal Chan has he further said. 'He couldn't become

said that the PTI's founder the prime minister again in gets off and on courage his advance age, and now with elections or any other he has not been active in the politics", he said. "What is party's president, his daughter and brother are In an interview with a private TV Channel Chan delving in Pakistani politics' doing the active politics, Nadeem Afzal added. dynamics said that "the people feel, there must be a

Talking on the PML-N's offer to the PPP to join the Cabinet, he said, "it is writer behind a revolution". Commenting on the not easy for the People's Party". "We will see when political career of Nawaz Sharif, Nadeem Afzal Chan the matter will be discussed said that he is a veteran politician, he inflicted loss within the party," he furto himself. "A person's exit

ther said. "Official inquiry in the wheat scandal is mere a lollypop," commenting on the wheat scam Nadeem Afzal Chan said

to developing countries access to new and emerging technologies to enable them zerland, Germany, Austria to make progress in order Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria to address contemporary and France, he added. challenges. "We underscore The rally is being

the imperative of removing organised by the Globe Sebarriers for gaining equiries and Cross Route Club, table and non-discriminain collaboration with the tory access to scientific Prime Minister's Youth knowledge, equipment, material and technology, including its transfer to de-Programme and the Pakistan Tourism Department,

he said. Emphasising the significance of the rally, Rana Mashhood said, "The Lahore-Paris rally is not only a means of promoting our national culture but also an excellent opportunity to project a positive image of Pakistan to the world." He assured full support and resources for the participants, including safety measures for women and children taking part in the rally. This initiative aims to strengthen cultural ties and foster friendly relations between different nations.



meeting with Provincial Ombudsman Balochistan Nazar Muhammad Baloch.

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# resignation as party president. At UN, Pak urges removal of curbs on transfer of new technologies to developing countries

confidential, informal set-Council has a mandate to ting. "Unless fair and equideal with the many crises table access to new and that are shaking the world.

But, he said, even in these difficult times, it was crucial that the world community took a longer-term view,' noting that the number of conflicts was increasing and the challenges to peace and security be-

Thomas Gurber, State Secretary of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of the Swiss Confederation,

coming ever more complex. "The consequences of climate change are exacerbating existing risks, new tech nologies are having a profound impact on our societ

QUETTA: A delegation led by Chairperson Balochistan Commission for Women (BCW) Fouzia Shaheen

United Nations, told UN Security Council's "Arriaemerging technologies is provided to developing Formula" meeting on 'Uncountries, and all undue relocking the Potential of Scistrictions removed, the Global South will lag even ence for Peace and Security.3 Switzerland convened the further behind in achieving 15-member Council meeting the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)," Amunder the format of Arria formula, which is named afbassador Jadoon added. Opening the meeting, ter a former Venezuelan UN ambassador, Diego Arriva. It