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PM directs immediate

abolishment of Pak PWD

ister Mohammad Ishaq

For reduction of gov-



QUETTA: Governor Balochistan Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail being about law and order situation in the province

Overall law & order situation satisfactory in 8 divisions & 36 districts: **Establishment of sustainable peace** inevitable for political stability & economic dev: Governor Balochistan

Independent Report

QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail has categorically stated that estab-lishment of sustainable peace is inevitable for the political stability and economic development.

He said that there is a key role of owners of mines and minerals in economy and trade of the province.

If all traders especially mines and minerals' owners were not provided complete protection, then other sectors may also be affected. Therefore, the living standard of the people would be raised by improving law and order, promoting economic activities and protecting traders' community, but new opportunities of livelihood would also be available to the people.

The Governor was of cipal Secretary to Gover-

the view that the overall law nor, Hashim Khan Ghilzai and order situation is satis-Commissioner Quetta, factory in all eight divisions Muhammad and 36 districts of the prov-Shafqaat and Director Genince, but still there is a need to take some more steps in Kakar and others. this regard. He also stressed the occasion expressed concern

need to establish strong co- over increasing crimes in ordination among the law enforcement agencies to cope with the terrorism in is needed. the province including Quetta.

The Governor was speaking during the briefing conducted on the latest situation of law and order in the province, here on Monday. Those who were the situation.

present on the occasion were: Chief Secretary, that the protection of life Shakeel Qadir Khan, Addiand property of the tional Chief Secretary people and elimination of crimes can open up the av-Home, Zahid Saleem, Inspector General of police, enues of sustainable peace Abdul Khaliq Sheikh, Prin-

Qiang

eral Levies, Naseebullah ruption. The Governor on the a press release.

ernor directed to the district administration to take result-oriented steps for bringing improvement in He strongly believed

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and development in the province.

on five-day

official visit to

Dar, Minister for Planning Ahsan Iqbal, Minister for Finance and Revenue Minister Prime Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Monday directed Muhammad Aurangzeb, for immediate dissolution Minister for Economic Afof the Pakistan Public fairs Ahad Khan Cheema, Works Department (Pak PM's Adviser on Political PWD) due to years' long poor performance and cor-Affairs Rana Sanaullah, Minister of State for Fi-The prime minister isnance and Revenue, Deputy Chairman Planning sued the directive during a Commission Jehanzeb

ISLAMABAD (APP):

high level meeting held on reducing the government Khan and other relevant senior officials. expenditures and the size of its infrastructure, the PM Office Media Wing said in ernment expenditures, the prime minister was ap-

During the meeting, the prised of a report compiled prime minister observed by a committee headed by that the Pak PWD as a de-Chairman Deputy Planning partment had failed to Commission Jehanzeb Khan. The committee had achieve its objectives and recommended for abolishasked for an alternate ment of certain government mechanism for the developentities and merger of othment projects which were ers. The prime minister di-

rected the committee for fitended by Deputy Prime nalization of further recom-Minister and Foreign Min- mendations.

Coal mine company Manager, contractor among 11 persons suffocated to death in Sanjdi Independent Report that the bodies of the ill

Big relief for PTI Imran Khan, Qureshi acquitted in cipher case

Also acquitted in Azadi March, rioting cases

ISLAMABAD (Online): this regard. This is respon- tered against Imran Khan, slamabad High Court (IHC) has acquitted PTI ounder Imran Khan and former foreign minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi in cipher case.

Rigorous imprisonment of 10 years each was awarded to Imran Khan and Shah Mehmood Qureshi on January 30 this year. Appeal was filed against this conviction in IHC

Chief Justice (CJ) IHC Aamir Farooq announced short order.

Barrister Suleman Safdar counsel for PTI founder said Azam Khan gave cipher to PTI founder. There are no documents in

sibility of prosecution to Shah Mehmood and other prove. Law is very clear. leaders in Golra police station in 2022. Earlier, former Decisions of Supreme Court are there. Prosecu-PM Imran Khan was action has to discharge this quitted in two May 9 obligation. cases

The CJ IHC Aamir Farooq inquired has prosbroken out across Pakistan ecution nothing more than after former prime minister Imran Khan was arthe statement of Azam Khan. Prosecution case had rested on May 9, 2023. The protests were held in been easy when they would have presented remote and major cities as copy of cipher in the court. the party workers were Justice Mian Gulhasan agitated due to their Aurangzeb remarked why chairman's arrest, with Balochistan, Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, and one man is imprisoned in jail on the misplacement of Islamabad summoning the a paper It is pertinent to note armed forces to ensure law

that two cases were regisand order

QUETTA: Provincial Education Minister, Raheela Hameed Khan Durrani

addresses during seminar on Provincial Assessment of Students Learning organized by Balochistan Assessment and Examination Commission (BAEC) held at local hotel in Quetta.

Highlighting historic decrease in inflation, Tarar reaffirms govt's commitment to revive economy

Attaullah Tarar high-

urban areas of the province for comprehensive strategy Taking notice of the incidents of increasing street crimes, traffic issues in the provincial capital, the Gov-

tasked to it. The meeting was at-

PM to embark



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb in a meeting with the Korean Ambassador and Representatives of Korean Companies working in Pakistan.

Finance Minister meets with representatives from Korean Companies working in Pakistan ISLAMABAD (APP): macroeconomic improve-

Minister for Finance and Revenue Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb on Monday met with the Korean Ambassador and representatives of Korean Companies working in Pakistan and discussed matters relating to mutual interest for benefit of both the nations

The Secretary Ministry of Communications, Chairman National Highway Authority (NHĂ), MD Private Power & Infrastructure Board (PPIB) and senior officers from relevant ministries were also present in the meeting, said a press release.

The Finance Minister untapped potential for furunderscored the significant ther collaboration.

macroeconomic improve-ments and noted the positive trend in foreign exchange reserves. Furthermore, Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb reiterated the commitment of the government to address the challenges faced by Korean companies operating in Pakistan and in this regard urged the relevant authorities to ensure their facilitation for smooth business

The Korean Ambassador appreciated the government's economic initiatives and strong bilateral relations between Pakistan both countries. and Korea. He emphasized the need to fully exploit the

Zones in China

QUEITA: At least 11 per-China today sons including a Manager of ISLAMABAD (Online): private coal mine company, contractor and nine mine Minister Muhammad Shehbaz workers died due to suffo-Sharif will undertake a fivecation in a coal mine located in Sanjdi mine field near day official visit to China from tomorrow at the invi-Quetta on Monday tation of Chinese President evening

Xi Jinping and Premier Li The Chief Mines Inspector Abdul Ghani con-During the three-segfirmed the casualties ocment trip, the Prime Mincurred due to the suffocaister will visit the cities of tion after poisonous gas Xi'an and Shenzhen, befilled in the coal mine while sides Beijing. Shehbaz Sharif will they were busy in mining activity.

been sealed, he added.

meet President Xi Jinping of all dead persons have been retrieved from the afand hold delegation-level talks with Premier Li Qiang in Beijing. He will also hold meetfected coal mine.

ings with Chairman of Standing Committee of the National People's Congress Zhao Leji and heads of key

government departments. An important aspect of the Prime Minister's visit will be meetings with corporate executives of leading Chinese companies dealing in oil and gas, en-ergy, ICT, and emerging technologies. In Shenzhen, Prime

Minister will address the China-Pakistan Business Forum with leading businesspersons, entrepreneurs, and investors from He will also visit Eco-

nomic and Agricultural

PM's China visit to become a milestone in bilateral relations: Chinese ambassador

operations

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chinese Ambassador in Pakistan Jiang Zaidong said on Monday that under the guidance of two leadership and strong support from the people of both countries, the upcoming visit of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif to China would achieve complete success and become a milestone in the development of China-Pakistan relations.

The ambassador in an interview with APP, a day before the prime minister's five-day visit from June 4-8, 2024 to China, said that all preparatory works had entered the final stage, and discussions on Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) were in full progress.

At the invitation of Premier Li Qiang, Prime Minister Shehbaz will pay an official visit to China. This is his first visit to China



after assuming the office this year

Highlighting the components of the visit, he said the prime minister would meet and have talks with Chinese President Xi Jinping, Premier Li Qiang and the Chairman of the progress in our all-weather Standing Committee of the National People's Congress Zhao Leji. The leaders will have an in-depth exchange

with a shared future in the of views on China-Pakistan new era," the envoy rerelations and issues of mutual interest, and jointly marked

draw up a blueprint for the masses growth of bilateral relations. In addition to Beijing, the prime minister will visit

Guangdong and Shaanxi. lice Training College, Kalat 'China stands ready to on Monday. work with Pakistan through In all 334 male and fethis visit to make greater male police personnels participated in the passing out strategic cooperative parton completion of their nership and take new steps training. in building of an even close The senior police offic-China-Pakistan community

ers were also present on the occasion. Addressing the passing

fated mine workers are be ing dispatched to their native areas. He said that the deceased mine workers belonged to Sawat area of Khyber Pakhtunkhaw. Meanwhile, the

spokesman, Government of Balochistan, Shahid Rind said that the preliminary report of the Mines and Mineral Development regarding the coal mine mishap has been received.

According to the report, the poisonous gas was spread in the coal mine which caused suffocation He said that the bodies and death of 12 persons including a contractor and

Mines Manager. Shahid Rind said that The coal mine has also the incident was occurred The Chief Mines Inin coal mine of a private mines company.



QUETTA: Provincial Minister for Revenue Mir Asim Kurd Gailu meeting with Provincial Minister for Communication and Works Mir Saleem Ahmed Khosa

Passing out parade held at Police Training College Kalat: Elimination of crimes & protection of life & property of citizens basic responsibility of Police, says IGP out parade, the IGP said

Independent Report

QUETTA: The Inspector General of Police Balochistan, Abdul Khaliq Sheikh has stated that it is basic responsibility of the police to eliminate crimes from the society and protect life and property of the

The IGP was addressing the passing out parade worship. of the recruit course at Po-

their duties honestly and with dedication.

for establishing peace.

LAHORE (APP): Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Attaullah Tarar on Monday termed a historic and record decrease in inflation a positive indicator for the country and reaffirmed the government's commitment to work hard till the complete revival of the economy.

Addressing a press conference here at the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz Secretariat at Model Town, the federal minister said, lighted the government's "The inflation rate has dropped to 11 percent durtireless efforts from day ing this month beyond exone, focusing on the economy, leading to sevpectations, as reported by eral positive outcomes. the Pakistan Bureau of These include a signifi-Statistics while Bloomberg, Asian Devel-opment Bank, UNDP, cant drop in inflation, lower fuel prices, unprecedented growth in the stock World Bank and other inexchange, increased foreign ternational departments reserves, enhanced direct are also acknowledging progress of Pakistan's investment, and record tax collection by the Federal economy and also see it on right direction".

Anti-polio drive postponed in six districts of **Balochistan**

due to heatwave ISLAMABAD (APP) The scheduled anti-polic drive in six districts of Balochistan has been postponed due to the prevailing heatwave in the province

The drive, set to comnence today, has been rescheduled for June 8th in the districts of Nasirabad, Sibi, Jaffar Abad, Ustha Muhammad, Dera Bugti and Sohbatpur, private that police is a noble pronews channels reported. fession, and as such he ex-

added. He expressed optimism about Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif's upcoming historic visit to China with a delegation of approximately 100 businessmen.

Violent clashes were

Tarar anticipates fruitful B2B meetings, business conferences, and the signing of agreements, which he believes will further bolster the country's sta-

bility. To a question about Chine Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), Tarar praised the historical rapid pace of work on CPEC projects during Mian Muhammad Nawaz Sharif's tenure, highlighting the commendable role of Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif, the then Chief Minister of Punjab, in ensuring their swift completion. He ensured these projects would be completed with Board of Revenue," he more pace.

Those attacking anti-polio team are enemies of safe future of our children: Zia Langove Independent Report

QUETTA: The Provincial Minister for Home and Tribal $ilde{A}$ ffairs, Mir Ziaullah Langove has condemned the incident of firing at the anti-polio team in Chaman.

In a condemnation issued here on Monday, the Provincial Minister Home has issued directives to take stern action against the elements involved in the attack at anti-polio team in the border town.

<i>He said that those attacked the anti-polio team are enemies of safe future of our children.

Mir Ziaullah Langove said that the extremist elements have been involved in the attacks at anti-polio teams

He said that these elements want to create chaos and harass the people through such cowardly acts.

He prayed for early recovery of those injured in the attack at anti-polio team and said that best medical treatment is being provided to them.



QUETTA: Relatives of missing persons are holding protest demonstration for recovery of their loved one, at Quetta press club.

He also urged them to make pledge to perform their duties while considering it as public service and He particularly ex-

horted those newly joined the police force to perform

horted the police personnels

to become source of in-

creasing honour and dignity

of the force while serving

the public to their best.

Meanwhile, the personnel participating in the passing out took oath of protection of the common men's life and property and

render sacrifice of their lives

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(ICC) itself.

OPINION

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Large projects again?

The PML-N is back with its signature infrastructure development model, which has been responsible for much of our economic crisis.

While setting an ambitious national development programme target of over Rs3tr for FY25, including a federal PSDP of Rs1.2tr, to pursue a growth rate of 3.6pc, the planning ministry is reported to have opposed the finance ministry's proposal to cut development spending to meet IMF goals. How the lender — with whom Islamabad is negotiating a larger and longer bailout to shore up its international reserves and unlock international funding will react to the proposals will soon become appar-

The next budget will be part of the prior actions required by the IMF and key to a staff-level agreement for a new Fund programme. The planning ministry has also disregarded the fact that the current cash crunch may force the country to slash its PSDP estimates going forward and hold back funds for the proposed projects in order to meet Fund conditions — projects that only add to the existing development throw-forward of above Rs9.8tr.

The PSDP for the outgoing fiscal year has been reduced to Rs717bn from the original estimate of Rs950bn due to fiscal constraints as well as to create space for a primary surplus of 0.4pc of GDP to meet the most important condition of the last IMF programme. The proposed PSDP focuses on energy, transport and water projects, but it is not yet clear whether the government plans to complete the ongoing schemes or start new ones.

Considering our current financial condition, the growth target of 3.6pc appears overly ambitious. The Planning Commission itself has stated that growth prospects are subject to "political stability, exchange rate stability on the back of improvement in external account and external inflows, macroeconomic stabilisation under the IMF's programme and expected fall in global oil and commodity prices"

Likewise, an inflation target of 12pc for the next fiscal year may also be missed by a wide margin because of taxation measures, such as a 1pc increase in consumption tax to 19pc and a hike in taxes on petrol — to be included in the budget and the IMF's exchange rate depreciation projections.

The government's high indebtedness and its growing expenditure on debt servicing has put pressure on the upcoming budget, especially with the economy and private investment grinding to a halt. Any further fiscal slippages and succumbing to the temptation to showcase "progress and recovery" through large but deferrable infrastructure projects will worsen the situation.

The current state of the economy demands that the government focus on debt sustainability by curtailing its spending and mobilising more resources through the expansion of its tax base. The public has already paid dearly for the rulers' fiscal profligacy in recent years.

Global gangsters

military legal systems". Zarrar Khuhro

ten by six judges of the Islamabad High Court al-Israel by the ICC, and leging interference by inthen chief prosecutor telligence agencies and Fatou Bensouda was a state actors? The list of prime target. The mission complaints included allewas to enlist Bensouda gations of illegal surveil- and, if that failed, to comlance of the judges and promise her. The first few their families — presumcontacts were 'friendly' ably in the hopes of unbut when Bensouda apcovering compromising parently rebuffed the admaterial — all the way to vances, the direct and indirect changed. Cohen began threats. None of this calling Bensouda numercame as a huge surprise ous times on her perto those who know how sonal number with veiled the system works, nor is blandishments and notthe subsequent camso-veiled threats, and paign waged against when she asked how he judges unexhad obtained her conpected. Most of us, I pretacts he replied: "Did you sume, simply shook our forget what I do for a livheads and said someing?

thing to the effect of 'this The harassment and is Pakistan, this is just how things are', and surveillance stepped up when, in December 2019, moved on with a linger-Bensouda announced ing sense of shame at that she had grounds to how impure our land is open a full criminal invesand how embarrassing it tigation into alleged war must be for the world to crimes in Gaza, the West see all this. What would Bank and East Jerusalem.

think? At this point Cohen told If you're one of Bensouda: "You should those people, I have help us and let us take some good news for care of you. You don't you: we are not alone. want to be getting into No, sir! The fact is that things that could comprothe entire world is rotten mise your security or that to the core. In fact, we're of your family." He also amateurs; the smallest of showed Bensouda surfries when compared to veillance photographs of the truly global gangan unknown nature of her sters who play on a much husband in an effort to international get her to play ball and stage. Literally. In the leaked those photos to sense that the court they other diplomats. tried to compromise is no At this point Israel's

less than the Internaglobal godfather — the tional Criminal Court United States of America - also did its part: the A detailed investiga-Trump administration tion by The Guardian and acting in tandem with its Israel's 972 magazine has most allied of allies unveiled a decade-long placed visa restrictions operation by Israel to unand sanctions on dermine, intimidate and Bensouda, with then US compromise the ICC itsecretary of State Mike self; the operation was Pompeo clearly saying led by then Mossad chief that it was due to the Pal-Yossi Cohen with the full estine case. Later, in a personal approval of very familiar echo to Pa-Benjamin Netanyahu and kistan, he also accused the complete support of her of corruption.

the highest branches of Such thuggery is Israel's government, the par for the course for the intelligence community, and both the civilian and invasion of Iraq, when miliar? -- Courtesy Dawn

America was building a The mission was to fake casus belli for at-Remember the letter writ- derail a possible war tacking Iraq, it turned crimes investigation into out that José Bustani, then head of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, wasn't playing ball, and America wanted him to step down. Bustani refused, tone York.

Be--n-souda was repla-ced by Karim Khan, whose appointment Israel in--itially welcomed. Karim also seemed to be playing ball with the Empire by ensuring that a war crimes inv-estigation in Afgha-ni-stan did not focus on American actions. But then he went and completed the task Bensouda had begun despite the pressure the likes of which we can only imagine; in a recent

he had been told by a Western diplomat that the ICC was for Africa and "thugs like Putin". and not, naturally, for the sainted leaders of the Consider that this is just what we know, and imagine the kind of tactics these states and lead-

ers have and continue to use to further their blood-soaked imperial interests. Also consider that,

after the investigation published, a was

Haaretz journalist came forward to say he had all these details in 2022 but was warned not to publish them by Israel's authorities. He was told that if he were to publish he would "suffer the consequences and get to know the interrogation rooms of the Israeli

security authorities from US. In the run-up to the the inside". Sound fa-

Of the 79 miners who have died since Jan 1, 2024, in Pakistan's deadly coal mines, not a single one was registered with the EOBI. They were all born as citizens of Pakistan. They were not refugees. They did not give up their citizenship. They did not give up on the state. But the state gave up on them. The state abandoned them, refused to recognise their existence, and reduced them to 'stateless', benefitless nonentities. By excluding them from the EOBI, the state gave them a future of poverty and dependency. This cruelty is orchestrated by a single government department: the Employees'

tion (EOBI). Pakistan has an informal workforce of around 80 million workers engaged in industrial, agricultural, domestic, and commercial activities. It is their sweat and labour dustry and commerce. In return, 60 per cent of them are not even given the minimum legal wage. The monthly EOBI contribution is deposited for only 4.7m or 6pc workers. The state has no concern or interest in knowing about the remaining 94pc. Do they exist at all? What and where do they work? Who are their employers? How will they survive with zero post-retire-ment pensions? It is impossible to fathom why a state knowingly designs a dark and miserable old age for its workers.

Imagine if there was a law that prohibited pension for any Grade 22 government officer, unless there were at least five or more Grade 22 officers working in the same department. Bizarre as it may seem, this is the law we have for Pakistan's workers. It permits all those employers who employ fewer than five em-

Stateless workers

Naeem Sadiq

stani leader has ever understood that every worker above the age of 18 years ought to be registered with the EOBI, regardless of the nature of the work, the number of employees or the type of temporary, contracted, daily wage or through a third-party contractor). Millions of daily wagers and third-party workers in government and statu-EOBI for no fault of their own. Even an unemployed or self-employed individual should be able to obtain EOBI registratributing the requisite Old-age Benefits Instituamount.

The existing EOBI ought to be dissolved, remanagement, completely digitised, and linked with Nadra. The bureaucratic and cumbersome procedure for enrolment of a that turn the wheels of in- new worker and payment of his/her monthly contribution ought to be simphone app; it should require no human interaction, visiting offices or banks, filling forms or producing photocopies. The EOBI monthly contribution rate ought to be standardised across Pakistan to enable seamless continuity for workers changing jobs or locations An alleged 'inspec-

tion' system at the institution is said to follow the 10pc rule. You register only 10pc employees, and we look the other way — in return for an amicable under-the-table 'settlement'.

The EOBI ought to jettison all its inspectors stan to end its fixation and two-thirds of its ex- on the rich, and inisting 657 employees, and control all its functions using a handful of less children awaiting professionals and elec- recognition, minimum tronic databases. A pub- wage, the EOBI and a licly accessible online sliver of humanity. -ployees (and there are database should reflect Courtesy Dawn

millions of them) to not each registered register their employees employee's name, CNIC, with the EOBI. No Paki- phone number. employer's name, the latest EOBI contribution and the total contribution made thus far. An effective database can monitor and ensure that every single worker in Pakistan is included in employment (regular, the EOBI scheme.

Every registered worker must receive an automatic SMS, by the 10th of each month to confirm the am--ount contributed on his/her tory bodies are currently behalf. The system outside the ambit of the should automatically in--v-oke progressively increasing penalties for employers delaying payme-n--ts beyond the 10th of any month. On tion by personally con- reaching the age of 60 years, workers should be given the choice to either opt for the regular monthly pension or placed with professional to accept the lump sum amount accumulated during his/her entire years of contribution.

In both cases, the amount must be immediately deposited in the worker's designated bank, instead of involvplified with a mobile ing the worker in a bureaucratic runaround of visiting EOBI offices or providing fresh affidavits, photographs, or certificates.

> Pakistan is the only country in the world that pays a pension of Rs1 million to superior judges and a pittance of Rs10,000 to its workers. This amounts to an obscene and immoral compensation ratio of 1:100. We ought to slash all government pensions above Rs200,000 to half and increase workers pension to 75pc of the applicable minimum legal wage

> It is time for Pakistead, focus on the 80m abandoned state-

Commerce News

and that's when US official John Bolton threatened him, saying: "We have ways to retaliate against you ... we know where your kids live. You have two sons in New Over at the ICC,

interview he alluded to that pressure saying that Free World

CPI inflation decelerates further to 11.8& in May

The Consumer Price Index (CPI)-based inflation came during the month of May 2024 as compared to 17.3 percent recorded during April 2024, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) reported Monday.

inflation during the same month of last year was recorded at 38.0% (May 2023)

On month-on-month (MoM) basis, it decreased to 3.2% in May 2024 as increased to 8.2% on year-

ISLAMABAD (APP): compared to a decrease of on-year basis in May 2024 in May 2024 as compared 0.4 in the previous month and an increase of 1.6% in as compared to an increase of 14.5% in the previous down to 11.8 percent May 2023. According to month and 4.2% in May 2023.On month-on-month data, CPI inflation Urban, increased to 14.3% on basis, it decreased to 3.9% year-on-year (YoY) basis in in May 2024 as compared May 2024 as compared to to a decrease of 0.9% in the an increase of 19.4% in the previous month and an increase of 1.7% in May previous month and 35.1% According to PBS in May 2023. On month-data, the CPI based on-month basis, it on-month basis, it

The Sensitive Price Indicator (SPI) inflation on decreased to 2.8% in May 2024 as compared to a YoY increased to 15.3% in decrease of 0.1% in the May 2024 as compared to previous month and an an increase of 21.6% a increase of 1.5% in May month earlier and 43.0% in May 2023. On MoM 2023.CPI inflation Rural, basis, it decreased by 4.0%

to a decrease of 0.7% a month earlier and an increase of 1.3% in May 2023. The Wholesale Price Index (WPI) inflation on YoY basis increased to 9.9% in May 2024 as compared to an increase of 13.9% a month earlier and an increase of 32.8% in May 2023. On MoM basis, it decreased by 2.5% in May 2024 as compare to a decrease of 0.7% in the previous month and an increase of 1.0% in corresponding month of



with Regional Head of Technology and Tax, McKinsey & Co. Tom Isherwood.



Federal Minister Abdul Aleem Khan presided meeting of Privatization **Commission Board.**

Trade deficit contracted 15.25% in 11 months

The trade deficit contracted 15.25 per cent deficit during the first 11 months of the current financial year (2023-24) as compared to the corresponding period of the last year.

During the period from July-May 2023-24, local exports grew by 10.65 per cent as it was recorded at the country were recorded \$28.070 billion as at \$2.792 billion as compared to the exports compared to the exports of of \$25.368 billion of the \$2.197 billion, whereas the same period of the last imports into the country year, according to the trade figures released by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics on Monday.

of May 2023 Meanwhile, imports into the country during the basis, the trade deficit period under review decreased by 2.37 per cent as it was registered at \$49.802 billion as against imports increased by 1.16 the imports of \$51.010 per cent.

ISLAMABAD (APP): billion in the same period of last year.

As compared to the corresponding month of last, exports grew by 27.08 per cent in May 2024, whereas the imports into the country increased by 13.89 per cent.

During the month of May 2024, exports from were recorded at \$4.902billion against the imports of \$4.304 billion Qasim during last 24 hours.

On month on month narrowed by 15.43 per cent as in May 2024 as exports grew by 18.76 per cent and

06 parties pre-qualify for PIACL divestment ISLAMABAD (APP): Chairman Privatization

The Board of the Commission, Abdul Aleem Privatization Commission Khan, said a press release. on Monday decided to pre-The qualify 06 interested reviewed parties for the divestment recommendations of the

of Pakistan International Airlines Corporation Limited (PIACL).

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Punjab Zahid Akhtar

video link meeting of all

divisional commissioners

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Punjab programme, at the

Civil Secretariat on

Bahawalpur, Multan and

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The 219th meeting of evaluation of Statement of Privatization Commission Qualifications (SOQs) submitted by eight interested parties for Board was held under the chairmanship of Minister for Privatization and divestment of PIACL.

against Dollar ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan Rupee on Monday lost 04 paisa against US Dollar in the meeting the interbank trading and closed at Rs 278.36 against pre-qualification the previous day's closing committee in light of the

Rupee sheds

4 paisa

at Rs 278.32. According to the Forex Association of Pakistan (FAP), the buying and selling rates of the Dollar in the open market, however, were Rs 277.5 and Rs 280 respectively. The price of the Euro increased by 44 paisa to close at Rs 301.67 against the last day's closing of Rs 301.23, according to the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP).

PSX witnessed bearish trend. losses 303 points

ISLAMABAD (APP): The 100-index of the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) witnessed bearish trend on Monday, loosing 303.22 points, a negative change of 0.40 per cent, closing at 75,575.26 points against 75,878.48 points the previous day.

priority of the government, total 441,261,756 shares valuing Rs 18.634 billion adding that on the instructions of the chief minister Punjab, the health were traded during the day sector had been included in compared as to

the key performance indicators (KPIs) set for the 523,299,973 shares valuing Rs 20.574 billion deputy commissioners. the previous day.

Atif Ikram Sheikh says: **Businesses to provide equal** opportunities to women to promote gender equality

Gender equality is essential for economic development, M. Akram Farid

Independent Report ISLAMABAD: Chairman Central of Employers Federation of Pakistan promotion of sustainable (EFP) and Chairman FPCCI TVET and Skill He pointed out that Development Committee compared to other

that gender equality is a fundamental human right which is essential for the economic development.



Mian Akbar Farid has regional called on Federation of Pakistan Chambers of and confribution to Commerce and Industry, International Labor Organization and Employers' Federation. A seminar was held on the issue of Pakistan's gender equality and elimination workplace discrimination.

While addressing, Atif Ikram Sheikh President FPCCI said

countries women's participation economic development in Pakistan is very low and its basic The reason is women's lack of access to education, training and economic opportunities. FPCCI President Atif Ikram Sheikh said that business organizations have the responsibility to provide a favorable environment and work.

Shipping activity at **Port Qasim**

KARACHI (APP): Shipping activity was report at the port where three ships, Zhida-6, Shalamar and TRF Kobescheduled to load/ offloadRice. Furnace oil decided to establish Sahulat and Chemicals, berthed at centers in every tehsil to Multi-Purpose Terminals, provide quality pesticides

Oil Terminal and Elengy Terminal respectively on Sunday. Meanwhile five more ships, MSC Positano, AU Taurus, Kypros Sea, Zaman presided over a Chem Leona and Al-Marrouna with Container, and deputy commissioners Palmoil, Canola, Chemicals and LNG also arrived at outer-anchorage of the Port

A total of 7 ships were engaged at PQA berths during the last 24 hours, out of them four ships, APL Miami, Shalamar, TRF Kobe and Enjnanare expected to sail on today.

Punjab govt to set up Sahulat Centres for farmers

LAHORE (APP): The DG Khan to ensure full Punjab government has monitoring of the cotton crop. He said that the

results of the scrutiny/

deputy commissioners must keep a close watch

on the prices, supply and demand of urea fertilizer for the next two months and obtain the data of stocks and sales from fertilizer dealers on a daily basis. The chief secretary mentioned that the improvement of health and education sectors was a ndependent

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KP CM directs admin for immediate repairing of power transformers

All

via video link.

PESHAWAR (APP): Chief on Finance Muzzamil letter and spirit in their Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Sardar Ali Amin Khan Gandapur, in view of the current scenario of power load-shedding has directed all Divisional Commissioners and relevant Deputy Commissioners to attended the meeting. immediately make arrangements for the repair and maintenance of out of order electricity transformers in their respective areas.

He issued these directives while chairing a meeting of Divisional Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners held here at Chief Minister's House on Monday.

Advisor to KP CM management schedule in



KARACHI: Workers of Mohajir Qaumi Movement participating in the protest demonstration against the worst load-shedding and over-billing of electricity in the port city.

Director General Health terms story regarding shortage of **ORS**, medicines baseless

HYDERABAD (APP): the news story it was re-Director General Health Sindh in his rebuttal regarding a news story published in an english national daily related to acute shortage of ORS and other medicines at Civil Hospital Karachi and other hospitals of the province on Monday termed the also published the statethe news story as concocted and baseless.

He said that there was no shortage of Oral Rehy-that 300 to 400 patients dration Solution (ORS) in were treated in last week Karachi and other hospitals which was clear evidence of availability of ORS and of the province.

He further said that in other medicines.

Aslam, Chief Secretary respective districts

Nadeem Aslam Chaudhry, The chief minister Additional Chief Secretary said that Divisional and District Administrations Syed Imtiaz Hussain Shah, Principal Secretary to CM are frontline team of the Amjad Ali Khan and other government implementation of its authorities policies and reforms Divisional initiatives at grass root Commissioners and level, they need to work Deputy Commissioners out of the book for the participated in the meeting enforcement of good governance strategy and The chief minister providing relief to general

added that the provincial public. government will provide all He stressed that required funds to district nobody will be victimized administrations for this on political grounds, purpose. He also directed government machinery them to work together with should focus on public WAPDA teams to service delivery with implement the power load enthusiasm satisfaction

Cop injured in attack on polio team

PESHAWAR (APP): A police constable sustained bullet injury in an armed attack by unknown persons on a polio team in Vargari area, district Lakki Marwat.

Accroding to Rescue-1122 the police constable was shifted to Tajazai hospital after necessary first aid and treatment.

Former CM GB

announces land of Private Education donation for (HOPE), an organization of the private schools Khyber special school Pakhtunkhwa has rejected ASTORE (APP): Former the imposition of fixed tax Gilgit-Baltistan Chief on private educational Minister Khalid Khurshid institutions, termed it an on Monday announced the enmity towards education provision of 30 kanals of and demanded forthwith land for the construction of withdrawal of the antia special school for education tax. hearing-impaired children

in Skardu. The school named Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has Nargis Khatoon Hair imposed taxes on the private Improvement School is educational institutions currently operating in a varying from Rs.50,000 to Rs.2,50,000 on each such rented building. During his visit to the

institute school, Khurshid met with Addressing a press the students and staff and was briefed on the school's operations.

National News

LAHORE: Khyber Pakhtunkhawa Governor Faisal Karim Kundi in a group photo with children during his visit to Aghosh Orphan Care Home. Khuram Nawaz Gandapur, Barrister Amir Hassan, Colonel (retd) Mubashir Iqbal and Raja Zahid Mehmood are also present.

Pervaiz Elahi could not be indicted in fake recruitments in PA case LAHORE

(Online): the plea in the petition Former Chief Minister Pervaiz Elahi gave job in (CM) Punjab Chaudhry grade-17 to those who had Pervaiz Elahi could not be failed in indicted in fake recruitments in Punjab examination. Anti corruption has filed challan in the court against the Assembly (PA) case. Anti corruption court accused persons.

The court had summoned Pervaiz Elahi accepted exemption from attendance plea of Pervaiz Elahi on medical ground. and other accused for Hearing of alleged indictment but Pervaiz Elahi filed exemption plea illegal recruitments in PA in the court on medical case against Pervaiz Elahi and others was held in grounds. The court while Anti corruption court accepting exemption plea adjourned the hearing till

Anti corruption took June 14.

Monday

KP private schools reject imposition of tax

PESHAWAR (APP): Hub general secretary HOPE Khyber (Women) Pakhtunkhwa said that private schools are playing crucial role in increasing literacy rate through giving education to millions of children in their institutes. She said that they are

contributing in the noble cause with their own investment, but on the other hand the The Sunni-Ittehad-PTI provincial government instead led provincial government in facilitation has resorted to anti-education policies. She said that 3.6 million children in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa are

out of the schools and the number is further growing. She said that a child in primary school cost Rs.5000 and conference here at Rs.7500/- per child in the Peshawar Press Club public sector schools (PPC), Sidra-tul-Muntaha, respectively. Rs.7500/- per child in the

speaker said that the police killed in have identified the accused and some have been encounter arrested. unknown dacoits were killed and a constable

sustained injuries after an exchange of fire between police and dacoits in the limits of Thingi police station, district Vehari. According to police

sources, a police team tried to intercept two suspected motorcyclists but they managed to escape.

The police team chased the dacoits. Meanwhile, the dacoits opened fire at the police team.

The police also retaliated. During the exchange of fire, two unknown dacoits were killed.

Similarly, one police constable named Farhan also sustained injuries. Police also seized stolen from items their possession.

Four drug dealers among seven held in

DERA ISMAIL KHAN (APP): The district police have tightened a noose anti-social elements, arresting seven five accused including four drug dealers recovering over 1.6 kilograms narcotics from them.

Council

6 resolutions passes unanimously by **KPAssembly**

PESHAWAR (APP): The was moved by MPA after the government's assurance

trace the culprits involved

Khan in Mansehra and

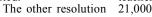
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Ikramullah regarding non-Assembly on Monday payment of salaries to the unanimously passed six teachers of the Elementary resolutions, while one and Secondary Education resolution was withdrawn Foundation for the last three months.

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This assembly The House passed a recommended resolution of MPA Sajjad government to m the government to make these ullah and demanded the teachers permanent like provincial government to other employees and increase their salaries in an attack on MPA Riaz immediately.

Speaker Babar Saleem Swati said that the minimum monthly wage in the province is 32 thousand rupees but these teachers were receiving Rs





LAHORE: Punjab Minister for Health and Emergency Services, Chairman Cabinet Committee for Disaster Management Khawaja Salman Rafique presenting cheque t Commander of Pak Army for flood affectees.

Director PAC says: Literature is an artistic depiction of society's diverse facets

RAWALPINDI (APP): Literature reflects society's culture, history, and collective experiences. It is a beautiful form of informed that over the past expression through which thoughts, emotions, and experiences are artistically presented. Literature is not only a means of entertainment but also a source of intellectualism and emotional training for individuals. This was said by Director Punjab Arts (PAC) Rawalpindi, Sajjad Hussain

here at the Arts council. Highlighting the role of the council in the promotion of literature, the director three months, more than 20 literary events have been organized at the Arts Council. These included the weekly meeting and poetry session of Halqa Arbab-e-Zaug every Sunday, the book launch event of Dr. Saiid Raheem, a memorial reference for Farzana Naz, daily poetry sessions during Ramadan and the inauguration of Allama while chairing a meeting which held on Monday Iqbal Public Library b Punjab Arts Council. Iqbal Public Library by the

feat. Sheinbaum, a scientist

by training, won around

58-60 percent of votes, ac-

cording to preliminary of-

ficial results from the Na-

percentage points ahead of

Galvez, and some 50 per-centage points ahead of the

only man running, long-shot

centrist Jorge Alvarez

polling stations across the

Latin American nation, de-

spite sporadic violence in

areas terrorized by ultra-

violent drug cartels. Thou-

Voters had flocked to

Maynez.

That was more than 30

tional Electoral Institute.

DI Khan around

According to a police spokesman, the police have intensified operations against anti-social elements following the directions.

International News

Two dacoits bring them to justice. The VEHARI (APP): Two

written

Beijing 'won't allow war, chaos' in Asia-Pacific

China Coast Guard ves-

sels have used water cannon

against Philippine boats mul-

Monday suggested 33 per-

cent of people could vote for

the RN list in the June 9

polls, double the likely score

for President Emmanuel

Macron's governing Renais-

sance, whose 16 percent

enraged Beijing.

ported from the official

source of civil hospital Karachi that 40 to 45 pa-

tients of heat stroke were

given first aid of fluid

therapy and fever manage-

ment and discharge them in

few hours. The news story

ment of additional medical

superintendent of Civil

Monitoring Desk SINGAPORE: China will not allow any country or force to create war or chaos in the Asia-Pacific, its defence minister said on Sunday, warning that there were "limits" to Beijing's restraint on the South China Sea and over the deployment of ballistic missiles in the region.

In a keynote speech at the Shangri-La Dialogue, AFP quoted Chinese Defense Minister Dong Jun as saying: "China has maintained sufficient restraint in the face of rights infringements and provocation, but there are limits to this"

The Philippines and the United States are longstanding treaty allies, and Manila is a key focus of Washington's efforts to strengthen alliances and



Claudia Sheinbaum, the presidential candidate of the ruling MORENA party, reacts as she addresses her supporters after winning the election, in Mexico Ĉity, Mexico.

French govt faces confidence motions ahead of EU vote

Monitoring Desk PARIS: France's government on Monday faced two confidence challenges in parliament as political temperatures rise ahead of European Parliament elections set to mark a major victory for the far right in the country. The bids to unseat Prime Minister Gabriel Attal and his government, which have little chance of passing, come from opposite ends of the political spectrum-the hard-left France Unbowed (LFI) and the far-right National Rally (RN).

overshadowed by the 80th anniversary of the World War II D-Day. An Ipsos poll released

partnerships in the Asia- tiple times in the contested Pacific region, which has waters. There have also been collisions that injured several Given its position in Filipino troops

the South China Sea and According to China Daily, the defence chief said proximity to Taiwan, which China claims as its that in the face of common own, Philippine support would be crucial for the US security challenges, no country can remain unafin the event of any conflict. fected, and there is no such The deployment of thing as absolute security 'medium-range ballistic or exclusive security, not-

ing that there is a longmissiles" was "severely damaging regional security standing tradition of "help ing neighbours in need". "We do not allow he and stability", Dong said. "Acting in this way will ultimately burn onegemon-ism and power poliself." Dong also warned of tics to harm the Asia-Pacific "limits" to Beijing's re-

region, we do not allow geostraint on the South China political conflicts or cold and hot wars in the region, and Sea, following a series of confrontations bet-ween we do not allow any coun-Chinese and Philippine try or force to create war and vessels near disputed reefs. chaos here," he said.

He said that building "a small yard with high fences" has no place in the

Pro-Kremlin activist couple quit Germany, move to Russia

Gaza

Monitoring Desk ONDON: Two pro-Russian activists in Germany, whose ties to the Kremlin three children. were revealed in a Reuters investigation last year, have left Germany and moved to Russia, the couple's lawyer said

in a statement on Monday. Nuseirat refugee camp. Since Russia's fullscale invasion of Ukraine in come days after U.S. 2022, Elena Kolbasnikova President Joe Biden said hunger. and her romantic partner Max Schlund have been active in Germany, organising pro-Kremlin rallies to urge Berlin to abandon its mili-

tary support to Kyiv. The Reuters investigation last year identified them

as among key individuals mudslides and falling trees pushing a pro-Moscow have killed at least 14 stance in Germany and repeople in Sri Lanka as the vealed that they had received island nation is battered by financial help from a Russian monsoon storms, the government agency. The couple's home in said on Sunday.

placed them just ahead of north-west Germany was the chasing Socialists. raided last August by Ger-Launched in rebuke of minman prosecutors following isters over budget cuts dea Reuters report that funds creed without parliamentary collected from supporters in debate, Monday's votes are Germany were used to buy the last major political setwalkie-talkie radios, headpiece before campaigning is phones and telephones for Russian army division fighting in Ukraine.

Palestinian sisters Samar and Sahar react as they search for their missing mother Amira Al-Breim at the rubble of a house hit in an Israeli strike, in Khan Younis in the southern Gaza Strip.

Israeli strikes in central Gaza kill at least 11 as the US pushes a cease-fire plan

Monitoring Desk Israel has offered Hamas NEW YORK: Palestinian a three-phase cease-fire health officials said Israeli and hostage release deal, strikes killed 11 people declaring it was time to overnight into Monday, end the fighting in Gaza including a woman and and that Hamas is "no three children, in central longer capable" of carrying out another large-scale A strike on a home in attack on Israel.

Israel is expanding its the built-up Bureij refugee camp late Sunday killed offensive in the southern four people, including the Gaza city of Rafah, once the main hub of humani-A second strike early tarian aid operations.

Monday killed seven people, The Israeli invasion including a woman, in the has largely cut off the flow of food, medicine and The bombardments other supplies to Palestinians facing widespread

Sri Lanka rain floods kill 14, schools shut **Monitoring Desk**

said. Nine other people COLOMBO: Flash floods, were crushed and killed when trees fell on them in seven districts since the monsoon intensified on May 21, the DMC said. While Sri Lanka de-

country's disaster centre pends on the seasonal monsoon rain for irrigation as well as hydroelectricity, experts Some drowned, inhave warned that it faces more cluding three members of frequent floods as the world the same family swept heats due to climate change. away near the capital Colombo on Sunday. Others The DMC said 20 out of the country's 25 districts were were buried alive in affected by heavy rain and mudslides, including an 11issued warnings to people livyear-old girl and a 20-yearing on the banks of main rivold man, the Disaster Man-agement Centre (DMC) ers to move to higher ground.

Egypt's Sisi orders prime minister to form new cabinet **Monitoring Desk**

DUBAI: Egyptian Presi-dent Abdel Fattah al-Sisi reappointed Prime Minister Mostafa Madbouly on Monday to form a new government after the latter submitted his cabinet's resignation, following Sisi's reelection for a third term last year, the presidency said in a statement.

Sisi directed the new government to focus on lowering inflation and regulating markets as well as attracting and increasing local and foreign investments the presidency added

Maldives to ban Israeli tourists

Monitoring Desk MALE: The Indian Ocean nation of the Maldives will ban Israelis from the luxury tourist hot spot, the office of the president said on Sunday, announcing a national rally in "solidarity with Palestine"

The Maldives, a tiny Islamic republic of more than 1,000 strategically located coral islets, is known for its secluded sandy white beaches, shallow turquoise lagoons and Robinson Crusoe-style getaways

Claudia Sheinbaum makes history as Mexico's first woman president Galvez, who conceded de-

Monitoring Desk MEXICO CITŸ́: Claudia Sheinbaum was elected Mexico's first woman president by a landslide Sunday, making history in a country plagued by rampant criminal and genderbased violence.

Crowds of flag-waving supporters sang and danced to mariachi music in Mexico City's main square celebrating the ruling party candidate's victory. "I want to thank millions of Mexican women and men who decided to vote for us on historic day, this Sheinbaum said in a victory speech to the cheering

sands of troops were decrowd. "I won't fail you," the 61-year-old former Mexico City mayor vowed.

She thanked her main opposition rival Xochitl

Zelenskyy in Manila to promote peace summit, which he says China and Russia are trying to undermine

Monitoring Desk MANILA: Ŭkrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy met with the Philippine president on Monday in a rare Asian trip to urge regional leaders to attend a Swiss-organized global peace summit on the war in Ukraine that he accuses Russia, with China's help, of trying to undermine. Zelenskyy arrived

unannounced and under heavy security in Manila late Sunday after speakbeen trying to promote ing over the weekend at the continuing adherence the Shangri-La defense to international law in our part of the world," Marcos said. "The issues forum in Singapore. He was given a red-carpet welcome with military that you are facing are honors Monday at the similar and in parallel to presidential palace before ours and, therefore, the meeting with President position the Philippines Ferdinand Marcos Jr., after takes is always to pro-mote peace." Both leadwhich he left the Philippines. Marcos pledged that

ers spoke critically of China at the Singapore fohis country would take rum, which was attended part in the peace summit, by top defense and gov-Philippine Communicaernment officials from around the world, includ-ing from Washington and

tions Secretary Cheloy Garafil said. "I'm happy to hear Beijing.

cians murdered.

today from you that you'll participate in our peace steps," Zelenskyy told Marcos. "It's a very strong signal." Zelenskyy said Ukraine needs more mental health workers for its soldiers. Marcos promised to help and welcomed a decision by Ukraine to open an embassy in Manila this year which would hasten efforts to deliver assistance. "We have ourselves

ployed to protect voters, following a particularly bloody electoral process that has seen more than two dozen aspiring local politi-

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Aurangzeb emphasizes significant potential of e-governance in Pakistan

Minister for Finance Muhammad Aurangzeb has emphasized the significant potential of e-governance in Pakistan.

Talking to Deputy Director, Focus Country Implementation of Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Jason Lamb in Islamabad, he said the digitization of the tax system is a pivotal step towards modernizing tax collection, which will enhance transparency and revenue growth.

Muhammad Aurangzeb also mentioned the necessary improvements required in existing data sources to effectively utilize them for tax pur-

During the meeting, the Federal Minister conveyed his appreciation for the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's for their support in engaging McKinsey goals

ISLAMABAD (INP): & Co. for the ongoing digitalization of FBR.

Senator

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Muhammad Aurangzeb also mentioned the necessary improvements required in existing data sources to effectively utilize them for tax purposes. The Minister of State Mr. Ali Pervaiz Malik discussed the implementation challenges of RAAST, Pakistan's instant payment system, and ways to improve its functionality. The meeting concluded with a strong note of commitment from all parties involved to continue working together towards these

Mr.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Finance and **Revenue Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb called on** by Jason Lamb, Deputy Director, Focus Country Imple-mentation of Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Alvi calls for urgent dialogue among all stakeholders

Kisan in attendance.

dialogue to resolve the po-

litical crisis, stressing that

all stakeholders must par-

ticipate as it is the sole path

to improvement in Paki-

stan. În his address, Dr Alvi

criticised the Pakistan

Muslim League-Nawaz

(PML-N) government, ac-

cusing it of rampant cor-

ruption and mismanage-

ment. He claimed that the

PML-N leadership has fos-

She stressed the im-

portance of education in the

progress of a nation. She

said that education is the

backbone of national devel-

opment and without it, so-

phasized the importance of

women's education, saying

that women play a crucial

role in shaping society and

their education is essential

for the development of a

family and society as a

whole. She said that the

government of Balochistan

is committed to providing

education to all, especially

women, and has initiated

various programs to

wishes for the students par-

ticipating in the education

camp and encouraged them

to pursue their dreams.

Dr. Buledi said that the

achieve this goal.

Dr. Buledi also em-

cieties cannot survive.

LAHORE (INP): Former president Dr Arif Alvi on Monday called for urgent dialogue among Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) founder Imran Khan and all other stakeholders to help the country navigate out of its current political turmoil.

Addressing a gathering of PTI office-bearers and various wings in Lahore, Dr Alvi congratulated PTI workers, supporters, and the people of Pakistan on the acquittal of Imran Khan, along with former foreign minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi, in the cypher case.

The meeting was tered numerous new Gullu chaired by PTI Central Butts' over the past two tered numerous new 'Gullu Punjab President Ejaz years, with corruption es-

Advisor to CM distributes flour bags to deserving families HUB (APP): Provincial

Commerce Mir Ali Hasan Zehri distributed flour bags to more than 1,500 deserv-Khan Swati, Brigadier (retd) ing families in various areas Ejaz Shah, Dr Azeemuddin of Hub City, on Monday.

Lakho, Sardar Azeemullah Mir Ali Hasan Zehri Advocate, and Zubair stated that serving the needy is the government's The former president top priority and this effort reiterated the importance of vill continue.

He praised the district administration for their better arrangements and promised to do even better in the future.

"We will keep serving our people, especially the deserving ones," Zehri said. 'I will personally oversee the distribution process to ensure that everyone receives the assistance they need," he added.

Anti-polio



ISLAMABAD: Chairman Senate, Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani in a group photo with the delegation o World Football and Pakistan Football League (UK) at Parliament House.

Gilani calls for use sports as a vehicle for positive change in society

Chairman Senate Syed Yousaf Raza Gilani on marked that there is no Monday called for making dearth of talent and pasconcerted efforts to use sion. "All we need is prosports as a vehicle for posifessional coaching and nurive change and transforma-

tion in society turing to produce world-"Football is no ordiclass players and put Pakinary sport, but a bridge that transcends boundaries,

unites cultures, and ignites passion in the hearts of milions," he expressed these views while addressing an event arranged in honor of international football delgation at Parliament

Iouse, said a news release. Highlighting the po-

stan on the map of international football," he added. Gilani expressed his excitement to see football gaining momentum in the country and anticipated a bright future for this won-

derful sport in Pakistan. The Chairman Senate acknowledged the pivotal The international delegation role of the Pakistan Foot- of football community

football in Pakistan, their visionary initiatives, including the impactful "Football 4 Hope," exemplify their commitment to social development, education, and inclusivity. "They are not only nurturing talent but also fostering unity and resilience," Gilani ob-Pakistan

served, adding that their commitment to implementing international standards and making football accessible to all, resonated deeply with his own vision.

ISLAMABAD (APP): tential Pakistan has in the ball League (PFL) UK in brings with them a wealth Chairman Senate Syed sport of football, he re- pioneering international of experience, talent, and **Independent Report** QUETTA: The spokesdedication, which could man. Government of help Pakistan embark on a Balochistan, Shahid Rind journey to elevate its posihas condemned the attack tion in the global football at anti-polio team in arena. Gilani assured his Chaman on Monday. all-out support for the promotion of state-of-thecial statement issued here art football facilities and on Monday, the spokesman nurturing of local talent in

> said that four Levies per-"Let us celebrate the spirit of football, embrace sonnels were injured in the attack at anti-polio team in diversity, and work together Chaman. The assailants to create a brighter futuremade an attempt to snatch one where every child has weapons from the Levies the opportunity to chase cops and anti-polio vaccine their dreams on the football

PBC condemns PTI's demand of CJP recusal from party's cases

ISLAMABAD (INP): The Pakistan Bar Council (PBC) has strongly condemned Pakistan Tehreeke-Insaf's (PTI) demand for Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Qazi Faez Isa to recuse himself from hearing cases related to the party. According to the offi-

cial statement, the PBC termed the demand as "unfortunate and unacceptable" saying that it was an CJP and undermine the in- independent judiciary

dependence of the judiciary. The council emphasized that the CJP is a highly respected and impartial judge highlighted that the CJP has always upheld the rule of law and the supremacy of the Constitution, and any attempts to malign him or the judiciary would be rejected. The council reiterated its commitment to up-

and his integrity is beyond question. The PBC also attempt to pressure the holding the principles of an

Rind condemns attack at anti-polio team

working in an area of Chaman, the spokesman of provincial government mentioned. Shahid Rind said that the district administration is taking action against those involved in the inci-According to an offident. He announced that the case would be registered against the elements under

the Anti-Terrorism Act. of provincial government He said that the law would take its course in the incident. He said that protest is a constitutional right, but if the course of violence is adopted then the State would take action in accordance with the law.



rating new Refugees Students Facilitation Centre during his visit of University of Balochistan.

PTI announces to hold public

ISLAMÅBAD (INP): Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leadership has decided to relocate its upcoming June 8 rally to Swat af ter the federal capital's administration refused to permit the party to stage its rally in Islamabad.

been approved for the The top leadership of Quetta city and in first

100 more Green **Buses approved for** Quetta city: Hamza

Independent Report Quetta. QUETTA: The Commis-

Hamza

He added that at the moment, only eight buses have been operating under private contract in Quetta

More than 11,000 people travel by these Green buses daily, which is

the major success. That's

why, 100 more buses have

been approved for the city,

Advisor for Industry and deadlock due to a heated disagreement between the government and the opposition. The tussle centers on the allocation of key committees, with the government coalition seeking control over crucial areas such as foreign affairs, finance, and interior. Despite an important

to Farooq H. Naik.

meeting between Senate Chairman Yusuf Raza Gilani, Leader of the House Ishaq Dar, and Leader of the Opposition Shibli Faraz, no resolution was achieved. According to sources, the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) has requested the Finance Committee and the Law and Justice Committee, insisting on the chair-

Senate committees formation stalled by disagreement

ISLAMABAD (INP): The However, Shibli Faraz formation of Senate Standhas firmly rejected the ing Committees has hit a government's proposed distribution formula. He argues that the standing committees, which have traditionally been chaired by the opposition for the last 12 years, should continue to be allocated to them. Faraz emphasized the role of these committees in monitoring government policies and ensuring

parliamentary accountability, accusing the government allies of attempting to undermine this process. 'The unfair allocation

of committees is a weak and undemocratic practice that threatens the integrity of our parliamentary system," Faraz stated. He further criticized the current administration, claiming that manship of Saleem Mandviwala being handed the PDM-2 government has significantly damaged the country's institutions.

rally in Swat

the party rejected the

Mannas, with notable PII calating since the regime senior leaders such as Azam change.



LAHORE: Former President of Pakistan and Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Leader, Dr. Arif Alvi talking to media persons, at Punjab Assembly in Lahore.

Rubaba to bear student's expenses participating in "Yaqeen" education camp

Independent Report QUETTA: The Advisor to the Chief Minister of Balochistan for Women Development Department, Dr. Rubaba Buledi has announced that she would bear all the expenses of the students participating in the "Yaqeen" education camp, organized by the Institute for Iqbal Research, Islamabad, at Peshawar University's Bara Gali campus.

She made the announcement while talking to the students from various schools and colleges in Quetta, who called on her at Women Development Department.

Dr. Rubaba Buledi said that education plays vital role in the development of a society and is essential for the progress of a nation. She announced that the government of Balochistan has launched the Benazir Scholarship Program to provide financial support to students pursuing higher education.



QUETTA: Iranian Consul General, Hassan Darvesh Wand being briefed by Dr. Sohail Khan during his visit to Aria Hospital in Quetta. from the heat.

vaccination drive launched PISHIN (APP): Deputy Commissioner, Jamaluddin Mandokhail here on Monday launched an anti-polio campaign by vaccinating children under the age of sioner Zhob Division Tariq-

five. According to DC Office, he appealed to parents to join the government's efforts to eradicate polio, a lisease that can cause lifelong disability.

information technology "Poliomyelitis is a training was also very imdangerous disease," the portant along with quality leputy commissioner and higher education. warned, adding "Let us He expressed these

work together to protect views while visiting Diviour children from this desional Information Technolbilitating disease. Get your ogy Complex Zhob. children vaccinated to save them from a lifetime of disability.

neer Asmatullah Khan gave The five-day cama briefing to the commispaign aims to vaccinate all sioner about the Departchildren under the age of

five in the district, to ensure a polio-free future for the next generation. The parents are urged to bring their children to the nearest vaccination center to for immunization.

Heatwave persists in country, rain forecast in

some areas SLAMABAD (INP): Heatwave continues to dominate most parts of the country, particularly in the southern districts, according to the latest forecast

government of Balochistan would provide scholarships from the Meteorological Department, with a mix of to students to study in top universities of Pakistan and hot and humid conditions around the world, including and sporadic rain in some Oxford University in the areas The southern districts UK. She expressed her best

remain under an intense heatwave, with temperatures soaring to extreme levels. Coastal areas, including Karachi, are experiencing hot and humid weather. though there is a slight pos-

sibility of drizzle along the coastline, offering minor relief

In contrast, northeast Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) have a chance of rain accompanied by thunderstorms at a few places. Specifically, Islamabad and its surrounding areas are expected to stay partly cloudy with intermittent

ISLAMABAD (Online): Supreme Court (SC) has summoned secretary climate change and all the four secretaries on next hearing in the case pertaining to establishment of Climate Change Authority (CCA). The court has directed

all the four chief secretaries to appear through video link Justice Mansoor Ali

Shah remarked why the Punjab government could not frame policy regarding climate change so far. What steps have been taken by Punjab government to deal with the floods. Half of the trees planted under billion tree project have finished. Only planting the trees is not enough but they have rain, providing some respite to be looked after as well. We will ask from all chief

Acquisition of IT education vital to compete with modern world: Commissioner Zhob

ment of IT Web Division. QUETTA (APP): Commis-The commissioner

also inspected the Informaur Rehman Baloch on Monday said that the action Technology Training quisition of information Center, met the teachers and technology (IT) education students and discussed the provision of facilities to was necessary to compete with the modern world and **Divisional Information**

Technology Officer gave a briefing to the commissioner regarding the center and told that at present the number of students were more than 200. who were being trained in different

Divisional Information fields. He expressed satis-Technology Officer, Engifaction over the ongoing educational activities and assured all possible support from his side.



QUETTA: A delegation of students of different girls schools and colleges photographed with Provincial Advisor for Women Development Department Dr. Rubaba Khan Buledi.

Climate change authority case: SC summons climate change secretary, all four provincial secretaries

secretaries what progress in making policy and implementing the policy.

During the hearing of the case government presented notification on establishment of climate change authority. Justice Mansoor Ali Shah inquired authority has been set up but when it will become

functional. Additional attorney general told advertisement has been given for appointment of members of authority. The process will be completed within two months. The court further inquired tell us if any solid step has been taken in connection with climate change. Additional Attorney general admitted there is no doubt in it that the attitude of fed-

ment is not serious

Islamabad administration's offer that it should hold a public meeting on June 8 at Rawat

According to a party spokesperson, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Ali Amin Gandapur also attended the meeting.

The meeting was at-tended by party Chairman Barrister Gohar Ali Khan. Secretary General Omar Ayub Khan, who is also the Leader of Opposition in the National Assembly, Asad Qaiser and other prominent leaders. The Islamabad district administration last Friday allowed Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) to hold a public rally in the federal capital.

Edu ministry, Taleemabad transform a neglected school

ISLAMABAD (APP): In a remarkable turnaround, the Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training and Taleemabad transformed a neglected school in Quetta in just two weeks. showcasing the power of love and care that knows no bounds.

According to the Education Ministry, the said school in Quetta, once plagued by decades of neglect, lacked even the basic essentials - maintenance, furniture, and books.

This incredible feat is a testament to the impact of dedication and collective effort, breathing new life into a forgotten institution and illuminating the path to a brighter future for its students, the ministry added.

Ashrafi calls for justice in Nazir Masih's death case

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan Ulema Council (PUC) Chairman Hafiz Muhammad Tahir Mehmood Ashrafi on Monday called for justice in the death case of Nazin Masih in Sargodha. The PUC chairman

expressing deep grief over the killing, said in a statement that taking the law into one's own hands in matters of blasphemy was eral and provincial governboth unlawful and illegal.

phase, at least 25 buses be brought in the city. The Commissioner Quetta was speaking to the media persons here at the office of Quetta Metro-

cility of public transport

has been made available to

sioner Quetta Division,

Shafqaat has stated that 100

more Green Buses have

Muhammad

Monday.

the Commissioner Quetta maintained. He expressed the hope that 25 buses would politan Corporation on He said that better facome within one and half

month in the first phase. These buses would be the citizens with provision plied on other routes of the



QUETTA: Opposition leader Mir Younis Aziz Zehri meeting with Provincial Food Minister Haji Noor Muhammad Dummar.

Ahsan Iqbal 'stunned' over no consultation on **development budget** ISLAMABAD (INP): held due to the non-forma-

Federal Minister for Plantion of the National Econing and Development, nomic Council. The PSDP Ahsan Iqbal, has expressed and annual plan will require approval from the Prime his reservations over the approval of the develop-Minister-headed National ment budget and annual Economic Council, sources plan without his consultaadded. In a separate report, it

tion. According to media reports, the deputy chairwas revealed that due to the International Monetary man of the Planning Com-Fund (IMF) target, the demission, Jahanzeb Khan, velopment budget of Pakidid not consult Ahsan Iqbal stan is reportedly being af fected, ARY News reported before approving the PSDP worth Rs 1221 billion on on Friday. According to recent documents, the devel-May 31. Moreover, the minister was also not conopment budget of Rs 950 sulted on the GDP growth billion only Rs 379 billion targets of 2.4% for the curwas utilized to meet IMF rent year and 3.6% for the targets this year. These budnext year, sources added. get reductions have dam-It stated that annual

aged the various sectors including health, higher edu-Plan Coordination Committee meeting is likely to be cation, and infrastructure convened again, it was not projects in Pakistan



QUETTA: Member Election Commission Shah Muhammad Jatoi addressing women MPAs during Gender Mainstreaming and Social Inclusion Framework meeting

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