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BEIJING: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif meets with President of People's Republic of China. Xi Jinping.

Pakistan, China signs **MOU** for aquaculture development in Gwadar

BEIJING (APP): A Memo- nologies, including hatchrandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed for the development of sustainable and commercially viable aquaculture projects in Gwadar.

The MoU was signed between China Overseas Ports Holding Company, Guangdong HaiWei Aquac-Guangdong Hai Wei Aquac-ulture Group, Gwadar Sea-food Company, and HKH-CAS Pvt. Ltd. at a B2B matchmaking session of the Pakistan China Business Conference inaugurated by PM Shehbaz Sharif in Shenzhen, China. It aims to leverage the technological expertise, resources, and in-dustry experience of the Chinese companies and the local knowledge and community connections of their Pakistani counterparts to support the for only less than one pergrowth of the aquaculture cent of GDP but has the sector in Gwadar. For this purpose, ad-vanced aquaculture tech-bigger role in the national economy.

ery management, farming techniques, and processing capabilities, are expected to be transferred from China based on feasibility assessments and site selection for aquaculture projects in Gwadar

Contracting companies told CEN that investment will be made in the development of integrated aquaculture facilities and that local personnel will be trained in modern aquaculture practices.

While the aquatic secthe livelihood of coastal residents in Pakistan, a lack of advanced facilities and knowledge support has been hindering them from fully leveraging this promising industry, which currently accounts

stakeholders to convince local people for establishing peace in Chaman Chaman, here at the CM's secretariat on Friday. Independent Report

Assault on security forces and properties unacceptable:

CM Bugti urges political parties and

QUETTA: The Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti has The meeting was

briefed about the overall urged all the political par-ties and stakeholders to consituation of Chaman by the Provincial Home Departvince the local people for ment.

the the local people for tablishing peace in aman. However, the Chief nister asserted that the sault on the security rces and properties in acceptable. He said that peaceful establishing peace in Minister asserted that the assault on the security forces and properties in He said that peaceful provincial Ameer and Senaprotest is constitutional tor, Maulana Abdul Wasey, right, but no one can be al-Additional Chief Secretary

besides others.

ter Home, Mir Ziaullah Langove and Chief Secreborder tary, Shakeel Qadir Khan

participated in the meeting through video link.

Addressing the meet-ing, Chief Minister said that we are desirous of resolving the issues and hardships being faced by the local trad-ers through dialogue. He also said that we are

aware of the issues of local people of the border town, Chaman.

He said that although the protest is constitutional right of the people, but no one can be allowed to resort to violence under the garb of protest.

ment is demonstrating restraint and patience despite provocation by the protestors in Chaman. He said that we know

very well that majority



China, Pakistan agree to upgrade CPEC, advance development in second phase

PM Shehbaz, Chinese President exchange views on Palestine, serious HR situation in IIOJK; Xi assures China's continued support for Pakistan's sovereignty and territorial integrity, asks PM Shehbaz

to step up efforts to ensure security of Chinese projects

Minister Muhammad nomic reforms and sustained Shehbaz Sharif and Chinese President Xi Jinping Friday held a productive meeting, reaffirming the consensus to high-quality develop-ment of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) and timely completion of

najor ongoing projects. The two leaders also affirmed consensus on up-gradation of the CPEC and advancing the development of the mega project in the econd phase.

The prime minister priefed President Xi on

Zil Hajj Moon sighted **Eid-ul-Adha to** be celebrated on June 17

KARACHI (APP): The Central Ruet-e-Hilal Committee Chairman, Maulana Syed Abdul Khabir Azad on Friday announced that the crescent of Dhul Hijjah 1445 AH has been sighted.

Addressing a press conference, he stated that the first day of Dhul Hijjah will be on Saturday, June 8 2024. Consequently, Eidul-Adha will be celebrated on Monday, June 17, 2024 with religious and tradi tional fervor across the na

Premier Li hosts luncheon in honour of **PM Shehbaz** BEIJING (APP): Chinese Prime Minister Li Qiang on Friday hosted a luncheon reception in honour of Prime Muhammad Minister Shehbaz Sharif.

BEIJING (APP): Prime Pakistan's policies for eco- People. The two leaders were accompanied by the growth, industrial developfederal ministers and senior ment, agricultural modernofficials. This was the first ization and regional connecmeeting of PM Shehbaz tivity, and the critical role with the President of China played by the CPEC in the since assuming office in 2024 country's development. The meeting was marked He asserted Pakistan's by traditional warmth reflective of the ironclad

friendship and close strate-

The prime minister

commitment to high-quality development of the CPEC and to foster synergy begic ties between the two tween the development countries. strategies of the two counthanked President Xi tries through close coordination

Jinping for the warm and The meeting between gracious welcome accorded the two leaders was held at to him and his delegation in the historic Great Hall of the China



ring the award of Nishan-i-Pakistan upon Prince Rahim Aga Khan in recognition of his services for Pakistan at Aiwan-e-Sadr.

President Zardari confers Nishan-i-Pakistan award on Prince Rahim Aga Khan

ISLAMABAD (APP): within the Aga Khan De-President Asif Ali Zardari velopment Network, dedion Friday conferred the cated his untiring efforts to Nishan-i-Pakistan award improve the living standard on Prince Rahim Aga of the people in resource-Khan, in recognition of his constrained regions of Asia and Africa. meritorious services for the development, prosperity, Upholding a multigenand betterment of Pakistan erational legacy, Prince and its people. Rahim has contributed im-The top civilian award mensely to the economic. was conferred on Prince health, education, and cul-Rahim Aga Khan at a spetural well-being of poor cial investiture ceremony and marginalized commuheld at the Aiwan-e-Sadr nities. and attended by Senate It was told that under Chairman Syed Yousuf his leadership, the Aga Raza Gilani, federal minis-Khan Fund for Economic ters, KP Governor Faisal Development has advanced Karim Kundi, parliamenpath-breaking initiatives in tarians, diplomats, and Pakistan in commercial banksenior government officing, microfinance, insurance, sustainable tour-According to the citaism and renewable energy sectors. tion read out on the occasion, Prince Rahim Aga The Fund has enabled Khan, through his many access to financial services leadership roles for more for nearly 50 million than a quarter century people in Pakistan.

Pakistan, China reaffirm unwavering support to

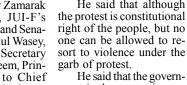
Chaman. unacceptable tor contributes greatly to

owed to resort to violence and take law into one's hands He urged the people to refrain from taking law into hands as the writ of state would be established at every cost. The Chief Minister

was chairing high level meeting on the situation of Pak-Afghan



The Provincial Minis-





each other on core issues

and China on Friday expressed their firm commitment to protect the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) from its detractors and adversaries, ensure the timely completion of all ongoing projects, and support the high-quality CPEC development.

The bilateral ties and cooperation were discussed in the delegation-level talks between Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif and Chinese Premier Li Qiang at the Great Hall of the People, here. The prime minister was accompanied by key members of his cabinet.

A welcome ceremony

BEIJING (APP): Pakistan was arranged in honour of the prime minister on his arrival at the Great Hall of the People.

During the talks, the two leaders discussed the entire spectrum of bilateral relations, regional and global developments of mutual interest.

They noted that the Pakistan-China All Weather Strategic Coopera-

lated Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Pakistan's election as a non-

BEIJING: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz

Sharif shakes hands with his Chinese counter-

part H.E. Li Qiang upon his arrival at Great Hall

Institutions should work within their limits

No one including judges are



Independent Report QUETTA: The four-member Inquiry committee has permanent member of the UN Security Council. been formed to probe into

the tragic incident of coalmine occurred in Sandi coalmine field located in the outskirt of Quetta.

The sources of Mines and Mineral Development department told that Mumtaz Ahmed has been designated as Chairman of the Inquiry Committee for inquiry into the Sanjdi coalmine mishap earlier this week. The sources said that the Inquiry committee would submit it's report to the provincial government within 10 days for further negotiations. necessary action.

The committee would speaking to a delegation of also fix the responsibility different political parties of the coalmine mishap that who called on him under had claimed lives of 11 leadership of central Presicoalmine workers including Manager and contractor of

Governor calls for finding sustainable solution to situation of Chaman

at the Governor's House

The delegation com-

besides others.

erly countries for instance, 900 kilometers with Iran and 2670 kilometers with Afghanistan.

dent of National Party, Dr Abdul Malik Baloch here the border trade.

prised the Chairman, Quetta Development Mahaz, Abdul Mateen Akhunzada, president Markazi Anjuman Tajran, Abdul Rahim Kakar, pro-

vincial naib Ameer, Maulana Abdul Kabir Shakir, leader of Awami National Party, Wali Dad

that Pakistan shares long border with it's two broth-

He said that the local people living near Pak-Afghan and Pak-Iran borders earn livelihood only from

the mine. **Mutual cooperation of Bench & Bar** vital for dispensation of cheaper & prompt justice to masses: CJ BHC

Independent Report

QUETTA: The Chief Justice, Balochistan High Court, Mr. Justice Muhammad Hashim Khan Kakar has stated that it is basic right of every citizen to get cheaper and speedy justice to the masses, for judiciary is making it's every possible effort. However, for the purpose, the mutual cooperation of Bench and Bar is very necessary, insisted the Chief Justice BHC while addressing the tribal elders, lawyers and government officers



during his visit to Loralai, here on Friday

The Chief Justice BHC visited Loralai along with the judges of High Court, Mr Justice Abdullah Baloch and Mr. Justice Rozai Khan Baraich, Registrar of High Court, Muhammad Asif Reki, President of Balochistan Bar Association, Muhammad Afzal Advocate, President Quetta Bar Association, Qari Rehmatullah Advocate.

Premier Li warmly received PM Shehbaz on his arrival at the venue.

The prime minister, in his remarks on the occasion, said China was a big brother and trusted friend of Pakistan, and every Pakistani citizen felt proud on its remarkable progress and development. He said he was impressed by the Chinese Premier's enthusiasm. speed of work and commitnent. The reception hall was echoed by Pakistan's ers national songs, including "Dil Dil Pakistan", "Dil Se Maine Dekha Pakistan", Main Bhi Pakistan Hoon", and "Jeeve Jeeve

Pakistan" played by a Chinese military band



QUETTA: A delegation of Quetta Development Mahaz led by former Chief Minister Balochistan Dr. Abdul Malik Baloch meeting with Governor Balochistan Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail

Peace talks flourish: **Balochistan's path to** prosperity strengthened OUETTA (INP): A grand key role in upholding peace

in the region. Farmers from jirga was convened between FC Balochistan and local Kot Mandai expressed tribal elders in the Sibi disgratitude, highlighting how trict of Balochistan. the support from the armed forces enabled the The gathering saw the presence of Corps Comcultivation of thousands of acres of land, provid-ing valuable employment mander Balochistan Corps, Lieutenant General Rahat Naseem Ahmad Khan, and opportunities.

IG FC Balochistan, Major Emphasizing the collaborative efforts, Corps Commander Balochistan Ameer Ajmal, alongside civil adcommended the contribuministration, police offictions of tribal elders and ers, and community reprelocal populace towards sentatives from Sibi Kot

peacekeeping endeavors. Furthermore, the Pakistan Army's security assistance for the Kachhi Canal project was underscored as crucial for its successful implementation.

Justice Mohsin Akhtar Kayani of Islamabad High Court (IHC) while wrapping up the petition regarding recovery of poet Ahmad Farhad has remarked "give respect to law and no one including judges is above

He remarked "if you feel necessity then you can resort to court again. I know how to get implement my orders.

of the People.

He further observed "I am writing a letter to Chief Justice (CJ) for constitution of larger bench in connection with cases of all missing persons. DG ISI and others should appear in Criminal Administration Committee. How the writ of law has to be enforced in Islamabad, I am sending the agencies have to be summatter to committee for moned.

above law: Justice Mohsin ISLAMABAD (Online): this decision. Give respect to law. No one including judges is above law. Institutions should work within their limits.

He observed one man went into two cases due to ego issue. His family is becoming affected. This is a serial of tyranny and is daily routine thing. The courts will see Islamabad jurisdiction. The court will impose ban on in-camera proceedings and its reporting in respect of the matters of national security.

I am sending the matter to larger bench only for this reason the others judges should too see it if stance of one judge is different. May be the other judges don't agree to it that the heads of intelligence

Independent Report on Friday.

OUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail has emphasized upon finding sustainable solution to the issues of Chaman keeping

QUETTA: Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti presiding

the source of income of local people and security concerns in the view. The Governor said

that Chaman protest is an issue that needs attention and added that the secret The Governor said of coming out from every kind of complex situation lies in the result oriented

The Governor was

Train service suspended after dozens hurt in new

Chaman clashes

Residents' sit-in has con-

tinued in Chaman for the

last nine months and

now in new clashes as

dozens of citizens and

law personnel were in-

jured while the train ser-

vice was also suspended on

ports, locals under the ban-

her of All-Parties Tajar

Laghri Ittehad are protest-

ing against the Passport

shutdown in the city on

the third day and all mar-

kets and shops were

There was a complete

Frolling Policy of the gov

ernment in Chaman.

According to media re-

(INP)

General

Mandai.

Chaudhry

During the jirga, there

was a heartfelt acknowledg-

ment from tribal elders and

farmers towards the Paki-

stan Army and FC for their

CHAMAN

Friday.

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Addressing contempt

The judiciary should have long ago redrawn the line that separates acceptable and unacceptable criticism. It is realising quite belatedly that matters have gone too far.

As the Supreme Court proceeds in its contempt case against Senator Faisal Vawda and MNA Mustafa Kamal, 34 television channels have been issued show-cause notices for airing problematic remarks made by the two lawmakers, ostensibly in violation of broadcast regulations.

Some weeks ago, Messrs Vawda and Kamal had, on separate occasions, made several insinuations regarding the judiciary. Their remarks were aired live by many news channels, prompting concerns over what, prima facie, seemed to be an open attack on senior judges. The incident prompted the SC to take notice and summon the two lawmakers for an explanation. While Mr Kamal subsequently attempted an apology, Mr Vawda has not appeared remorseful. It may be recalled that Mr Vawda doubled down on his stance some two weeks ago in a speech he made in the Senate, in which, protected by House privileges, he said he stood by every word uttered in his press conference. Another senator also seized the occasion to level his own condemnations against the judiciary. Separately, a bill was presented to the National Assembly secretariat seeking a bar on individuals with dual nationality from serving in the judiciary, ostensibly to target a justice of the Islamabad High Court. Given the context in which these developments took place, the SC had to take a forceful stand. It must now take this case to its logical conclusion.

The TV channels that have been put on notice must explain themselves and commit to following broadcast regulations, while errant lawmakers must pay a price for their ad hominem attacks. It has been noticed that, in recent years, prominent individuals have taken to assailing the judiciary whenever rulings have gone against them. This has slowly given rise to a culture normalising contempt. It is imperative that this culture be dismantled and the boundaries of acceptable critiglorious (4:36). cism defined once again.

Lastly, it is encouraging to note that the judiciary, while demonstrating more strictness on the matter of contempt, is taking a measured approach to rectifying the problem.

Pemra, which had earlier issued a blanket ban on the coverage of court proceedings in its 'overtioned above. efficient' response to the court's concerns, has been admonished for an illogical order. The apex court has warned it against "creating hurdles in the way of court proceedings" and promised action if it did not comply. Separately, the IHC chief justice has also reaffirmed the media's right to report fairly on ongoing proceedings.

Pemra should now withdraw its order forthwith and let the media do its job. Its strange diktat has caused enough trouble for reporters merely covering their beat.

Humility vs conceit

OPINION

Jan-e-Alam Khaki In the very beginning of claim to know too much, the second chapter of too early; they feel 'full' the Quran (Surah alof knowledge and wis-Baqara), God describes dom. Such people claim two kinds of people with to have more answers two kinds of mindsets. than questions. Their The first five verses tell knowledge (or ignous that the Holy Book is rance?) makes them arrogant, assuming that they have found the final ana guidance for the pious who believe in the unseen (ghayb); they beswers to all the perennial lieve in what the Prophet questions of life and (PBUH) has brought and death. Their attitude, what the earlier prophets then, makes them conpreached. Moreover, temptuous towards oththey spend what they ers, and least willing to have been blessed with, listen to alternative perand believe in the afterspectives. life. In describing these

These people, then, attributes, the verses tend to create a 'ghetto' stress a humbler aparound themselves in proach towards acceptwhich they live and funcing God's guidance and tion. They tend to forget to show an attitude of that when we open our submission towards mouth to describe othwhat one does not know. ers, we only describe On the other hand, ourselves, showing the right after these verses, limits of our own knowlthe Quran tells us about edge and understanding.

those who adamantly Let us find some refuse to submit and more relevant verses mislead believers. To from the Quran that porthese individuals, the ditray or personify humble vine scripture proclaims, versus arrogant people.

it makes no difference There are many whether they are warned verses that portray the or not. The Quran says behaviour of humble that God has sealed their people, how their hearts hearts, eyes and ears, are soft and softened and for them is punishwhen they look at the ment. It implies that this miracles of God in the attitude itself invites form of verses (ayaat in punishment, because Quranic language). the refusal to see, hear, There is also admiration and reflect obviously in the Quran for those blocks the grace of God whose hearts are soft, from entering the heart. and when verses are re-The Quran says God cited to them, their does not like those who hearts 'melt', leading to are arrogant and vainprostration with humility: "Only those believe in Our Signs, "who, In life, we face many

kinds of people, some when verses are recited who are very humble, to them fall down in ever seeking the truth. prostration, and cel-They find themselves in ebrate the praises of the first group mentheir Lord, nor are they (ever) puffed up with pride" (32:15). Their quest or search makes

them humbler and recep-Still another verse tive to learning. They, in exclaims, "And to Allah simple terms, have a prostrate all that is in the more open mind. This heavens and all that is connects them with in the earth, of the live many others who might moving creatures and be seeking similar an- the angels, and they are swers to their questions, not proud" (16:49). thus becoming co-trav-

ellers with other seekers. humility, the Quran are. - Courtesy Dawn

On the other hand, says, "... When the there are those who verses of the Most Beneficent (Allah) were [or are] recited unto them, they fell [or fall] down prostrating and weep-ing" (19:58). Their hearts are so softened that they come to tears when the beautiful verses of the majestic Quran are recited to them. They are led to this state because their hearts are wide open to the glory and majesty of God's miracles in the world in the form of miraculous creation. On the other hand. various verses of the

Quran portray arrogant people's hearts as stones, or even wo-r-se. In a particul--ar verse. talking ab--o---ut hardened hea-rts, it describes them as "... like a rock and even worse in hardness. For among rocks

there are some from which rivers gush forth. (2:74). Their hearts are hardened so much that they are unable to vield anything good.

check if we are humble or arrogant, we must check ourselves against the descriptions of these verses. Very often knowledge itself gives a lot of pride to people, who then boast and make claims of having absolute truths.

hardens their heart and they go on challenging others, believing they have the absolute truth, leading to arrogance. What needs to be remembered is that knowledge has many dimensions

and it is interpreted from many angles. Talking about their the better informed we

Budgeting chaos

things,

'stabilisation'

What's remarkable is

In much of the West-

- the US is even explic-

It is no wonder that

standard

ral areas

Daily Independent

'Stabilisation' is the favourite word of mainstream economists. The IMF loves it, and has recently hinted that Pakistan's economy has 'stabilised' enough for it to dole out another threeyear handout close to the \$6 billion that our finance czars have been craving. I cannot understand

what has been stabilised, except if a slight dip in inflation from over 30 per other cent to something like 20pc is a sign of major progress. The economy privatising all public asis still mired in an endemic balance-of-payments crisis, which sucks up all foreign exchange reserves to regularly pay need not mention real esoff the interest on our \$135bn external debt burden.

And what is 'stabilising' about taking on even more debt from the IMF, Gulf emirs and are on the same page other 'friends' via the fantastical SIFC, and an increasingly hollowedbeen saying more or less the same thing for de-

None of these basic cades in the name of facts about Pakistan's political economy will be acknowledged during the that there is so little criupcoming budget antique of these now banal, nouncement, scheduled straitjacket policies. I for June 12. The largely think it is a damning inmeaningless exercise is dictment of many purbeing preceded by chaos portedly independent as ministers engage in an internecine conflict and to accede to such tired rebureaucrats do their own frains bidding. They'll get their act together in time for the ern world, the mantra of budget performance and liberalising trade and fibandy about some numnance while unabashedly bers. But it doesn't take privatising public assets a rocket scientist to see has given way to talk of that nothing is about to state-led industrial policy change

Blue-collar working itly engaging in protecand white-collar salaried tionism vis-à-vis China. classes will be burdened But in Pakistan, the 'exwith even more regresperts' are unable to think sive taxes, while public bevond spending on anything neoliberal speak. other than yet more big infrastructure will dereal estate moguls like crease again. There will Malik Riaz become powbe no honest figures cir- erful behemoths who culated about matters that actually affect the figures are, as recent our policy debate would mass of the working people broiled in the palace in-

(un)employment, the trigues that constitute Courtesy Dawn

Aasim Sajjad Akhtar huge shortage of afford- our establishment-cenable housing in metrotric political order. Which brings me to the role of politan Pakistan, and the multipronged deprivation the establishment in our of the almost 40 million crisis-ridden economy: landless people in the ruwill any of our 'experts' summon the courage to talk about the defence Finance Minister

> Muhammad Aurangzeb budget or hidden subsisaid recently that fixing dies over the next few Pakistan's economy does days? We do require new not require too many policy proposals, Minispolicy prescriptions, that ter Sahib. Most of all, we established strategic obneed to talk about the rejectives simply need to be executed. Among distribution of wealth. Our is a country where a the honourable minister has small ruling class - inbeen very gung-ho about cluding a khaki bourgeoisie — owns the vast majority of land, industrial sets, and inviting investors to develop (read: piland financial capital. This lage) unexplored mineral class is content to conand other resources. He tinue enriching itself, while the IMF and other tate, because that is a donors are happy to alsector in which investors low such continuity so and developers already long as they get their inenjoy windfall profits. terest payments back in Pakiŝtani the name

'stabilisation'. officialdom and donors The ruling class and about these strategic obits foreign patrons are jectives. In fact, they've

also intent on pillaging nature and destroying local ecologies in the name of 'development', which equates to future generations of working people being left with an even bigger debt burden and more frequent climate breakdown events to contend with.

If the status quo revoices that they continue mains intact, more and more of our rapidly expanding young, working population will seek out livelihoods, housing and other basic needs in what is passed off as the 'informal' economy. If our ministers, donors and other experts had a finger on the pulse of the people, they would spend more time thinking about this than playing with macroeconomic numbers and budgeting chaos; not least because it is also in the 'informal' economy that the ruling class makes billions, extorting the working poor in Chaman, Taftan and so cannot be tamed. Such many other spaces. But events show, deeply em- rather live in the pretend world of 'stabilisation'. --

It is only through dialogue, discussion and bringing new angles to old truths that we tend to learn new ways of interpreting the old truths. These interpretations depend on how many branches of science we know. The more we know,

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out CPEC

Thus, if one wants to

This very knowledge

Pak-Turkiye ties should be further cemented in agri. and education: Envoy

FAISALABAD (APP): machinery. Ambassador of Turkiye UAF Vice Chancellor Victored Pacaci said that Prof Dr. Iqrar Ahmad Khan though Pakistan and Turkiye are enjoying brotherly relations yet these relations should be further cemented in the field of agriculture and education.

at University of a unique position in seed Agriculture Faisalabad and agricultural machinery, (UAF), he appreciated the for which Turkish teaching and research services of UAF and hoped that the university would continue its active role in agriculture field in the years to come

He also agreed to two countries were her strengthen linkages providing support in further strengthen linkages between the University of Agriculture Faisalabad and the institutions of Turkive for cooperation in the field

of seeds and agricultural Muhammad Sarwar Khan

FAISALABAD: Ambassador of Turkiye Mehmed Pacaci visits exhibition Centre at University of Agriculture Faisalabad(UAF).

Submit sales tax returns till June 18, LCCI chief urges members

LCCI members to ensure

that their PRA Sales Tax

Returns and any due taxes

these returns not only

facilitates smooth business

operations but also upholds

our collective commitment

to regulatory compliance,³

Kashif Anwar stated. In

addition to stressing the

"Timely submission of

are submitted promptly.

LAHORE (APP): Lahore compliance. He urged all Chamber of Commerce & Industry President Kashif Anwar, in a meeting with Focal Person of the Punjab Revenue Authority (PRA) Omer Farooq Khan, urged the LCCI members to submit their pending Sales Tax Returns and Workers Welfare Fund (WWF) payments as the financial year 2023-24 draws to a close.

With the deadline set importance of meeting tax for June 18, 2024, the deadlines, He advocated for LCCI president highlighted a more supportive approach the critical importance of towards taxpayers.

said that the UAF had inked 20 memoranda of understanding with Turkish institutions.

He said that the university had run a project Addressing a meeting under the Turkey program called TIKA. "Turkey has a unique position in seed QUETTA: A delegation of Zamindar Action Committee led by Malik Naseer Ahmed Shahwani and companies should visit Abdul Rehman meeting with Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti. Provincial Pakistan to promote Ministers Nawabzada Tariq Magsi, Mir Shoiab Nosherwani, Haji Ali Madad Jattak and Mir Asghar mutual relations," Rind are also present. added. He said that Shaza Fatima meets with Chinese agricultural educational relations of the **Minister of Industry, IT in Beijing**

dealing with common challenges. Pro-Vice Chancellor/

Dean of Agriculture Dr.

Minister for Information Technology Felecommunication, Shaza Fatima Khawaja, held a meeting with the Chinese Minister of Industry and Information Technology, Jin Zhuanglong, here in Beijing.

The minister is accompanying Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif during his state visit to China from June 4-8.

Shaza Fatima, the Chinese minister said, "China and the six working groups He said, "China has Pakistan are strategic under the JWG on promoted the development

Rupee gains

and cooperation in various sectors between the two countries is deepening." Acknowledging growing cooperation between China and Pakistan in the IT sector, he said, "The two sides

have cooperation in IT at the Joint Coordination Committee of the China-

Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC)." While welcoming The two sides shared implementation reports of

Technology under CPEC trusted friends, and the during the 2nd meeting of the Joint Working Group JWG on IT held on May

14 this year. Jin Zhuanglong stated, "China utilized information and communication technology (ICT) as a central enabling tool, transforming China into a knowledge-based society and economy, and ICT has played a key role in economic and social development.

He said, "China has

BEIJING (APP): The State cooperative partners and Industry and Information of the digital economy and improved the governance of the digital economy by building digital

infrastructure, promoting rapid growth of the electronic and information industries, driving the digital transformation of industries, accelerating the development of industrial internet, and advancing universal telecommunications services." He stated, "In China, the new generation of information technologies represented by 5G, AI

ISLAMABAD (APP): 2023. Meanwhile, on a Pakistan's export of goods and services to the United Kingdom (UK) witnessed an increase of 2.31 percent during the first ten months during April 2024 as of the current fiscal year

(2023-24) as compared to corresponding period of last year, State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) reported. The overall exports to

the UK were recorded at US \$1.683 billion during July-April (2023-24) against exports of US \$1.645 billion during July-April (2022-23), SBP data revealed. On a year-to-year

month-on-month basis, the exports to the UK decreased by 13.39 percent compared to the exports of \$178.517 million in March the exports of the 2024, the SBP data revealed. Overall Pakistan's exports to other countries witnessed an increase of 10.64 percent in the first ten months, from US \$23.199 billion to US \$25.669 billion, the SBP data revealed. On the other hand, the imports from the UK into the country during the months under review were recorded basis, the exports to the at US \$695.909 million against US \$512.171 million UK also surged to \$154.613 million in April last year, showing an 2024 against the export of increase of 35.87 percent in \$151.111 million in April July-April (2023-24). \$154.613 million in April

SAINT PETERSBURG: An MoU on Railways

signed by H.E. Ambassador Muhammad Khalid Jamali from Pakistan side and Deputy Transport Minister D.S. Zverev from the Russian side at Saint

Weekly inflation up by 0.45 percent

ISLAMABAD (APP): The combined consumption weekly inflation measured by the Sensitive Price Indicator (SPI), witnessed an increase of 0.45 percent for the combined consumption groups during the week ended on June 06, the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) reported on Friday.

According to the PBS data, the SPI for the week under review in the abovementioned group was recorded at 309.91 points as compared to 308.52 points

during the past week. As compared to the corresponding week of last

group in the week under review witnessed an increase of 21.69 per cent. The weekly SPI with the base year 2015-16=100 covers 17 urban centres and 51 essential items for all expenditure groups. The SPI for the lowest consumption group of up to Rs 17,732,

increased by 0.81 per cent and went up to 301.25 points from the last week's 298.82 points. The SPI

consumption groups of Rs 17,732-22,888, Rs 22,889-29,517; Rs 29,518-44,175 and above Rs 44,175, year, the SPI for the increased by 0.70 percent.

19 paisa against Dollar ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan Rupee on Friday gained 19 paisa against the US Dollar in the interbank trading and closed at Rs 278.20 against the previous day's closing at Rs 278.39. According to the Forex Association of Pakistan (FAP), the buying and selling rates of the

Dollar in the open market, however, were Rs 277.75 and Rs 280.5 respectively. The price of the Euro increased by 23 paisa to close at Rs 302.95 against the last day's

Bank of Pakistan (SBP).

KCCI, in a statement issued, highly appreciated resolve of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif towards closing of Rs 302.72, according to the State creating an enabling

the

for giving 'industry status' to warehouses, logistics said that efforts being made KARACHI (APP): President Karachi Chamber

of Commerce and Industry (KCCI) Iftikhar Ahmed Sheikh, Friday, appreciated government for announcing the status of Industry to warehouses and doing business. logistics which was widely

being demanded by the government seriousness business and industrial towards resolving the community. President issues being faced by the business community, the KCCI president hoped that other issues particularly energy tariffs will also be given special attention and business environment and relief

cloud computing.

PSX stays bearish, losses

Pakistan's exports to UK increase by 2.31%



KCCI appreciates Govt 108 points

ISLAMABAD (APP) The 100-index of the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) witnessed bearish by PM Shehbaz Sharif have trend on Friday, losing put the country on a path 108.91 points, a negative to economic progress and change of 0.15 per cent, prosperity which was needed in the present era of inflation and high cost of Keeping in view the

many as 441 companies transacted their shares in

closing at 73,754.02 points against 73,862.93 points the previous day. A total of 559,550,615 shares valuing Rs20.208 billion were traded during the day as compared to 352,738,992 shares valuing Rs12.312 billion the previous day. As

the stock market; 180 of

them recorded gains and 200

sustained losses.

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National News

Old enmity

claimed 3 lives

in Esa Khail

SARGODHA (APP): As

many as three persons were killed, while six sustained

bullet injuries in the firing

incident here at Kalu Shareef area. Police said that two Pathan groups of Esa khail had an old enmity

over some domestic issues. On the day of

incident, some unidentified

Umar Cheema

LAHORE (Online): Anti

Terrorism Court (ATC)

has extended bail of PTI

leaders Dr Yasmin Rashid,

Umar Sarfraz Cheema and

pleas of Dr Yasmin Rashid,

Umar Sarfaraz Cheema, Ijaz

Chaudhry and Mian Mehmood ur Rashid in four

cases related to May 9

incident was held in ATC

Lahore. No headway could

be made in the case being Judge

Arshid Javed of ATC on leave.

The court while granting

extension in bail of the

accused adjourned the hearing of the case till June 12.

The hearing of bail

others in May 9 cases.

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Kundi for upholding academic reputation of Edwards College

PESHAWAR (APP): Governor of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP), Faisal Karim Kundi, visited Edwards College here on Friday and called for the central library, and upholding the academic reputation of the college.

He said, "Edwards College is the premier historical educational institution of the province, and it is the shared responsibility of all of us governor about the

to uphold its quality of historical status of the education." The

extracurricular activities, governor inspected the international scholarships, and academic language courses center, performance. A briefing was also given regarding the various classrooms in the

structure of the Board of college. He also reviewed the ongoing annual Governors, Executive examinations at the college. Committee, and Finance The principal of the Committee of the college. college, Professor Shujaat Later, the governor Ali Khan, briefed the

planted a sapling on the lawn of Edwards College.

LHC extends market hours for Eidul Azha LAHORE (APP): The Lahore High Court (LHC) on Friday extended market operating hours for the occasion of Eidul Azha. The court allowed

markets to stay open until 12am [midnight] up to Eidul Azha and until 1 am on weekends. Justice Shahid Karim

issued the orders while hearing petitions, filed by Haroon Farooq and others regarding ineffective measures to control smog. During the proceedings, the Punjab Food Authority (PFA)

submitted a report about dead chickens, stating that 46,670-kg dead chickens were discarded from

outbreak worsens in Punjab, 3 more

children die LAHORE (APP): The measles outbreak in Punjab continues to escalate, with alarming increases in both suspected and confirmed cases. Tragically, three children have succumbed to the disease in Multan during the past 24 hours, as reported by the Health Department on Friday. These recent fatalities bring the total number of measlesrelated deaths among children in Punjab to 30.

FFE college, curricular and

> GILGIT: Country Head UN Women Lansana Wonneh addresses at the 2nd Annual Women's Summit for Strengthening Bonds, Finding Joy & Developing Collective Voice at old Assembly Building Chinar Bagh.

Azma Bukhari says: CM Punjab committed to implement 43 exemplary initiatives across Punjab

and clinic on wheels has revolutionary medical services for people of Punjab. These remarkable measures underscore her

armed outlaws opened fire at passenger van and killed Faraz (22), Asmatullah commitment to ensuring that healthcare is not a (40) and Saeed Ahmed privileged but fundamental right of every citizen, she added. Under the leadership Talking to a private of Maryum Nawaz Punjab is also witnessing a

transport revolution, adding, eco-friendly buses in various cities is a significant step towards sustainable transportation,

PPP asks KP CM to tender apology for derogatory remarks

International News

Pakistan People's Party (PPP) Peshawar city chapter has asked KP Chief Minister Ali Amin Khan Gandapur to tender apology holding a demo in front of for his derogatory remarks against PPP leadership

Peshawar City, Zulfikar Zulfikar Awan, Tahi Afghani warned the chief Abbas, Munir Camrade.

'NourishMaa' campaign launched in KP to highlight maternal malnutrition

Independent Report ESHAWAR: Nutrition International, in collaboration with the Health Department of

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP), has launched the NourishMaa' campaign in the province. The initiative aims at

maternal enhancing nutrition by improving the knowledge and skills of healthcare providers (HCPs) and frontline health workers (FHWs). A press release issued

here Friday said that already operational in six districts across Punjab and Sindh, the campaign has now extended to KP, specifically targeting

Mardan and Battagram, districts with particularly high rates of maternal malnutrition.

Speaking on the occasion Minister for Health KP, Syed Qasim Ali Shah, said the health and nutrition of mothers and children are foundational pillars for the overall development of our society, emphasising the critical role of maternal nutrition in ensuring the well-being of both mothers and children. The minister highlighted the urgency of addressing maternal malnutrition and the essential role of healthcare providers in fostering a healthier future.



GUJRANWALA: Punjab Information Minister Azma Bukhari talking to media person on the eve of collective marriage ceremony.

Ramesh Arora orders better arrangements for Sikh pilgrims

LAHORE (APP): Punjab has issued visas to Indian Minister for Minorities Sikh pilgrims in and Head of Pakistan Sikh anticipation of the Gurdwara Prabandhak martyrdom day of Guru Committee (PSGPC) Ramesh Singh Arora has ordered for making better arrangements for Sikh yatrees' accommodation, travel, and security while relevant departments have to provide services round-

the-clock. He expressed these views while charging consultative meeting in Dera Sahib after his visit on Friday. He told the members of PSGPC that in a significant gesture of historical and spiritual religious harmony, the significance, where Guru Pakistani High Arjan Dev Ji was martyred Pakistani Commission in New Delhi in 1606.

Arjan Dev Ji, the fifth guru of Sikhs.

The minister was briefed that pilgrims are scheduled to cross into Pakistan via Wagah border crossing on June 8, marking a poignant moment of cross-border cultural and religious exchange. The primary commemorative ceremony is set to take place on June 16 at Gurdwara Dera Sahib in Lahore, a site of deep

a nuclear weapon, though

he saw no need to do so at

to a question from Sergei

Karaganov, an influential

Russian analyst, who asked

if Putin should hold a

"nuclear pistol to the

temple" of the West over Ukraine. "The use is pos-

sible in an exceptional case

- in the event of a threat to

the sovereignty and territo-

rial integrity of the coun-

try. I don't think that such

a case has come. There is

no such need," Putin said at

Putin's response came

the present time.

LAHORE: Ambassador of Turkive Mehmed Pacaci meeting with acting Punjab Governor Malik Muhammad Ahmed Khan at Governor House. Minister reviews 100-day performance of Education Dept, introduces reforms

(APP): LAHORE Education Minister Rana Sikandar Hayat Friday said that the department exposed fake enrollment numbers of the previous government and ensured National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA) verification for

all future admissions. While reviewing 100day performance of the Education Department, he said for the first time in educational institutions, he history, 1.2 million students were enrolled after NADRA verification within a short period and highlighted that within the first 100 days of the government, a new transfer policy for teachers was introduced in consultation with them, ensuring transparency and benefits for teachers.

The minister said that a pilot elimination of the cheating project for a nutrition mafia, the minister added.

initiated in the schools of Raiwand tehsil, with plans to extend the model to all schools. He noted that the school registration system had been made more efficient and that there was a renewed focus on the quality of education. Âdditionally, the department introducing a modern

programme had been

was system for monitoring added and further mentioned that previous administrations had never taken action against cheating mafias. He said as per the instructions of Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz, the cheating network had been network had been dismantled. Cameras had been installed in exam education centres, leading to the

ISLAMABAD (APP): introduction of air Punjab Information ambulance, field hospitals

Minister Azma Bukhari Friday while appreciating exemplary 43-initiatives of Chief Minister Punjab government during her 100 days' performance assured that all public welfare

projects will soon practically and equally be implemented across Punjab without in discrimination. news channel, she said that

one of the commendable achievements under the leadership of Maryum Nawaz Sharif has been a Tollinton Market.

Measles

and Governor KP Faisal Karim Kundi. Addressing a press conference at press club here Friday, President PPP

dramatic reduction in inflation, adding, the sheadded.

PESHAWAR (APP): The minister of derogatory language against their Party leadership. Otherwise, he said that they take streets against them including

> the Chief Minister's House. Other PPP leaders present on the occasion were included Khawaja Yawar Naseer, Mohammad Adnan Jalil, Abidullah Khan Yousafzai, Malik Zulfikar Awan, Tahir

(46), all residents of Munda Khail on the spot, while passengers including Muhammad Wasif, Shakee Khan, Muzaffer, Kaneez Fatima, Naaz bibi and others sustained injuries. May 9 related cases: **ATC extends** bail of Yasmin,

Over 100 killed as rebels attack village in Sudan

Monitoring Desk PORT SUDAN: A Sudanese pro-democracy activists' committee on Thursday reported "more than 104" dead in a single day when paramilitary forces attacked a village, as the UN warned of mass displacement and starvation.

The Rapid Support Forces (RSF), which have been at war with the regular army since April 2023, on Wednesday attacked the central village of Wad al-Noura in al-Jazira state "in two waves" with heavy artillery, the Madani Resistance Committee said.

It reported on Wednesday that the feared paramilitaries had "invaded the village", causing dozens of casualties and wide- impunity to become an-

spread displacement. other one," she added The attack "claimed On social media, the the lives of more than 104 committee shared footage martyrs" and "injured hunof what it said was a "mass dreds" said the committee. grave" in the public square. showing rows of white shrouds laid out in a courtone of hundreds of similar grassroots groups across Sudan, adding that it reached the toll via "initial vard.

In a little over a year, communication with village the war has killed tens of thousands of people, in-cluding up to 15,000 in a single West Darfur town. The UN resident coordinator for Sudan, Clementine Nkweta-Salami, However, the war's

overall death toll remains said she was "shocked by reports of violent attacks unclear, with some estimates of up to 150,000, acand a high number of casucording to US special en-voy for Sudan Tom She called for an inves-Perriello. The RSF has retigation and for "those repeatedly besieged and atsponsible to be held actacked entire villages across

judges quit

Hong Kong's

top court

Monitoring Desk

IONG KONG: Two Brit-

"Human tragedy has the country, and has been become a hallmark of life in Sudan. We cannot allow ethnic violence.

notorious for widespread looting as well as sexual and **Two British**

Indonesian president in damage control over new capital

residents"

countable"

alties" in the village.

Monitoring Desk JAKARTA: Indonesia's president is rushing to reassure investors and bureaucrats about his \$32 billion new capital city in a malaria-prone pocket of Borneo, after the resignations of two officials overseeing the plan raised fresh doubts about its future.

Joko President Widodo's announcement that he will start working next month from an office in Nusantara, a giant construction site over 1,200km (750 miles) from the current

capital Jakarta, is unlikely to allay fears about his legacy ish judges have resigned project, analysts say.

from Hong Kong's top "Investor confidence court, about a week after a has dropped, I think. They landmark verdict that conwere already in doubt and in victed 14 prominent demo-'wait-and-see' mode, partly cratic activists of subverbecause of the unclear land sion, amid a national secustatus, partly because of a rity crackdown on dissent lack of transparency in govin the financial hub. ernance of the new capital,'

In a statement, the said Yanuar Nugroho, the Hong Kong judiciary said president's former deputy two prominent British chief of staff. "The resignajudges, Lawrence Collins tions worsen this... instead and Jonathan Sumption, of explaining what really had tendered their resignahappened, the government tions from the city's Court is trying to cover it up." of Final Appeal (CFA).



Russia's President Vladimir Putin, Bolivia's President Luis Arce and Zimbabwe's President Emmerson Mnangagwa attend a plenary session of the St. Petersburg International Economic Forum (SPIEF) in Saint Petersburg, Russia.

Palestinians gather as people flee Rafah due to an Israeli military operation, amid the Israel-Hamas conflict, in Rafah, in the southern Gaza Strip.

G7 summit: EU to consider leveraging windfall profits from Russia's frozen assets

vering support to help Ukraine meet its financing **Monitoring Desk** BRUSSELS: European Union finance ministers needs

will consider a G7 plan for "The among ministers showed leveraging windfall profits appreciation for the congenerated by Russian asstructive engagement with sets, immobilised in the G7 partners in this regard West after Russia's invasion and full support for it to of Ukraine, after a G7 sumcontinue," Donohoe said in mit later in June, the ministhe statement after the teleconference. "Finance min-Paschal Donohoe, isters will consider at their

who chairs meetings of euro June meeting the need for zone finance ministers, said further discussions followafter a video teleconference ing the G7 Summit in of EU ministers on Wednes-Apulia," he added. day that there was unwa-

Mexico's president-elect says no decision yet on constitutional reforms **Monitoring Desk**

opposed roiled Mexican MEXICO CITY: Mexico's markets this week.

When asked about the President-elect Claudia reforms, Sheinbaum said Sheinbaum said late on "there has been no decision. Thursday no decision had My position is that dialogue been made on a package of needs to happen, the pro-posal has to be evaluated." constitutional reforms put forward by outgoing President Andres Manuel Lopez Critics have warned that Obrador, local media resome of the reforms would eliminate crucial oversight

The specter that Sheinbaum's leftist Morena party and its allies were within earshot of securing the two-thirds, super-ma-Party and Labor Party, will jority needed in both chamlikely have 83 seats in the bers of Congress to pass the controversial measures un-Senate

ported.

ters' chairman said.

forces carried out six airstrikes on targets in Yemen on Friday, a Houthirun television station said. discussion

Four attacks were made on the airport of Hodeidah - a main port city on the Red Sea - and the seaport of Salif to the north, Al-Masirah TV said. Two strikes also hit the Al-Thawra region north

of the Yemeni capital Sanaa, it said. The Houthis, who control Sanaa and most populous areas, have attacked international ship-

> diplomat says **Monitoring Desk**

BERLIN: The NATO alliance is expected to set its members more demanding targets to bolster their air defence, long-range missiles and logistics capability, a European diplomat told Reuters on Friday. NATO has drafted the first major defence plans since the end of the Cold War, spelling out how the alliance would

Putin says Russia does not need to use nuclear weapons for victory in Ukraine necessary Russia could test

Monitoring Desk ST PETERSBURG: Russian President Vladimir Putin said on Friday there was no need to use nuclear weapons to deliver victory for Moscow in Ukraine, the strongest signal yet from the Kremlin chief that there will not be a nuclear strike.

Putin, whose forces have been making advances in eastern Ukraine in recent months, said he did not see the conditions for the use of such weapons and requested that people stop discussing the nuclear topic. However Putin, who

leads the world's biggest the St Petersburg Internanuclear power, said he did tional Economic Forum. not rule out changes to "But this doctrine is a living Russia's nuclear doctrine, tool and we are carefully watching what is happening which sets out the conditions under which such in the world around us and do not exclude making some weapons could be used. He also said that if changes to this doctrine.

Rights body urges Biden to halt arms supply to Israel

Monitoring Desk The NAACP urged WASHINGTŌN: A Hamas to return the Iscivil rights organisation raeli prisoners and urged President Joe called upon Israel to Biden on Thursday to "commit to an offen-"indefinitely" halt all sive strategy that is weapons deliveries to aligned with interna-Israel and pressure the tional and humanitarian US ally to end its bomlaws" The bardment of the Gaza Strip, sending a rewhich has advocated minder that his support for racial justice and

for Israel could hurt rights for Black him among Black vot-Americans, said the ers in November's elec-US must use its influence with Israel to The call by the Nabring a permanent tional Association for ceasefire to Gaza. the Advancement of "The NAACP calls People (NAACP) was a rare

on President Biden to draw the red line and ininstance of an influendefinitely end the shiptial body taking a posiment of all weapons and tion on US foreign artillery to the state of policy towards a coun-Israel and other states try without a signifithat supply weapons to Hamas and other ter-It appeared likely rorist organisations.

NAACP

"It is imperative that the violence that has claimed so many civilian lives, immediately stop," the organisation said in a the statement

bodies, erode judicial independence and concentrate more power in the executive branch. Morena and its junior partners, the Green

tion-year challenges as he tries to back a key ally abroad and temper unrest among his suprespond to a Russian attack. porters at home.

ping in the Red Sea since November in solidarity with the Palestinians. NATO to set allies tougher targets for air defence and missiles,

US and British

airstrikes hit

Yemen

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DUBAI: US and British

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QUETTA: Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti addressing "Safar-e-Mualim" ceremony organized by Voice of Balochistan

Pakistan calls for India's accountability over 7,000 custodial deaths in IIOJK

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan on Friday reiterated its call for India to be held accountable for its unabated human rights abuses in the Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir resolutions (IIOJK) where over 7,000 Kashmiris had so far died in the custody of Indian forces during the last three decades.

Foreign Office spokesperson Mumtaz Zahra Baloch, at her weekly press briefing, high-lighted the reported death of a Kashmiri civilian at a police station in IIOJK's Pulwama district.

'This is not the first the peaceful resolution of incident of its kind as over the last three decades the disputes, opposing the renumber of custodial deaths in IIOJK has exceeded 7,000. The perpetrators of these crimes should be held accountable," she said reaffirming Pakistan's continuous political, diplomatic ses, and promoting democ- religious sites.

and moral support to racy, transparency, and ac-Kashmiri people for the countability. Spokesperson Baloch just and peaceful settlement of the Jammu and Kashmir strongly condemned the horrific bombing of Israeli dispute in accordance with

the UN Security Council forces on the UN-run school sheltering Palestin-Highlighting ian refugees that led to mul-Pakistan's election as a nontiple deaths of mostly permanent member of the women and children.

UN Security Council for the term 2025-2026 with 'This attack is another crime in a series of the overwhelming support attacks against civilians inof 182 members of the UN cluding an IDP Camp last General Assembly, she week that resulted in the thanked the members, pardeaths of 45 Palestinians. ticularly Asia Pacific The deliberate targeting of Group for their confidence. civilian population and fa-She told the media cilities is a grave violation that at the Council, Pakiof international law and stan would play its role in constitutes war crimes," she

added. Condemning the storming of the Al-Aqsa

sort to unilateral force, combating terrorism in all forms Mosque compound by hundreds of Israeli extremand manifestations, supporting UN peacekeeping ists, she said it was the reefforts, resolution for responsibility of the occupagional and international cri- tion authorities to respect

Zamindars have to detach them from regular power supply system after solarization of agricultural tube wells: CM Bugti

Independent Report QUETTA: The Chief Min-

ister Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti has categorically stated that the zamindars have to detach them from regular power supply system of Quetta Electric Supply Company (QESCO) after solarization of the agricultural tube wells in the province.

have the financial cooperation of federal government for solarization of the agricultural tube wells, however, it's reservations have to be removed on the solarization He insisted that the

electricity could not be acquired from the regular power system after regularization.

The Chief Minister was speaking to the delega-tion of Balochistan Zamindar Action Commitadded

tee, who called on him here at the CM's secretariat on

Friday. Ålso present in the meeting were included the

provincial ministers Mir Shoaib Nausherwani, Mir Ali Madad Jatak and Nawabzada Tariq Magsi besides office bearers of Zamindar Action Committee. During the course of meeting, the matters about solarization of agricultural

tube wells in the province. Speaking to the members of delegation, Chief Minister stressed that Zamindar Action Committee would have to give guarantee that the electricity would not be acquired from the regular power system after converting the agricultural tube wells on solar energy. The necessary leg-

islation would be made in this regard, if needed so, he

Pakistan, China agree to promote cooperation between NPC, Parliament

EIJING (APP): Prime tribute to Chairman Zhao Minister Shehbaz Sharif on for his contributions to the Friday met Chairman of Chinese politics and soci-China's National People's ety, and congratulated him Congress (NPC) Standing on successfully convening Committee Zhao Leji the NPC's annual session. wherein they agreed to pro-He noted Zhao Leji's

important position in the Communist Party of China (CPC) and the NPC which underlined the trust placed in him by the Chinese leadership and people. He stated that the re-

lations with China were the cornerstone of Pakistan's foreign policy. The prime minister noted that the Friendship Groups and exunique and special relationsnip between the two coun-

tries was based on strategic

Pakistan, China sign 23 MoUs for cooperation in industry, energy, agriculture, other sectors

ng projects

in Pakistan.

agreed to maintain high-

level exchanges, including

strengthening of institu-

tional linkages in all tiers

and spheres, besides con-

tinuing to holding consul-

tations on matters of bilat-

during

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan and China on Friday signed 23 Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) to deepen bilateral cooperation in multiple areas including transport infrastructure, industry, energy, agriculture, media, health, water, socioeconomic development, and other areas of mutual interest

The MoUs were signed after Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and his Chinese counterpart Li Qiang held delegation-level talks wherein they reaffirmed that the Pakistan-China Strategic Cooperative Partnership was characterized by mutual trust, shared principles, and strategic governance, Foreign Office spokesperson Mumtaz Zahra Baloch told the media at her weekly

eral and global significance, particularly press briefing. Pakistan's two-year term as Both sides also ex- a non-permanent member ally beneficial for compapressed unwavering supof the UN Security Coun-

port for each other's core cil for the term 2025-2026. issues and reiterated their The spokesperson commitment to the highsaid, "Since his arrival in quality development of the China, the prime minister Ĉhina-Pakistan Economic has met with Chinese in-Corridor (CPEC) and the vestors

businesspersons to explore timely completion of ongoinvestment opportunities in Both sides also re-Pakistan. solved to protect the CPEC In the meeting and

from detractors and advervents including a Business saries with Prime Minister Forum in Shenzhen, he en-Shehbaz PM reaffirming couraged the Chinese comcommitment to ensure the panies to invest and desafety and security of Chivelop joint ventures. nese personnel and projects

Several MoUs have also been signed with Chi-The two countries nese companies in economy, green energy, textiles, and anufacturing.

Before he departed for a five-day visit to China, the prime minister had told the Chinese media in an interview that he would engage with Chinese business leaders to secure investments and yield dividends mutunies on both sides

BEIJING: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif is being presented with the Guard of honor at Great Hall of the People.

businesses

Secretary Maritime says NA informed **Pak Airlines** Gwadar economic zone flights to EU offers unique opportunities will be for Chinese investors resumed soon

ISLAMABAD (INP) ISLAMABAD (APP): Newly elected members of Secretary for Maritime Afthe House Ali Qasim Gilani and Zainab Mahmood Baloch took oath as members of the National Assembly today. fering unique opportunities

Deputy Speaker Syed Ghulam Mustafa Shah adfor Chinese investors. ministered the oath. Relighted Gwadar's potential sponding to a calling attention notice, Minister of State for Power Division Ali Pervaiz Malik said load shedding of six to ten hours

is being carried out

PM given guard

of honour at

Great Hall

of the People

investment destination. Zafar Ali further dis-

fairs, Zafar Ali Shah on Fri- cussed the incentives for inday said the Gwadar free vestors including streameconomic zone has immense lined customs procedures, investment potential and of- and robust legal protections

He added that due to In a statement, he highdiverse sectors such as manufacturing, logistics, as a leading transshipment and technology there exist hub, enhanced maritime in- huge industrial growth opfrastructure, and incentives portunities for the poten-



QUETTA: A delegation of Quetta Development Mahaz led by former Chief Minister Balochistan Dr. Abdul Malik Baloch meeting with Governor Balochistan Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail

Salik appreciates ILO's efforts, initiatives to support completion workers, mitigate adverse

mote engagement and cooperation between the NPC and the Parliament of Pakistan. The prime minister, who is on a five-day official visit to China, proposed several initiatives to **New Gwadar** strengthen parliamentary exchanges, including enairport nears hancing interactions between the China-Pakistan

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Set to be a modern

changing delegations of

Palestine Labour Minister.

Noor Ahmed Pirkani has

stated that the Industries

department is promoting

culture of the province be-

sides imparting training to

the youngsters in different

sectors of life so that they

may play their role in de-

Industries Department

promoting culture of

Balochistan: Pirkani

PM Shehbaz paid rich trust.

young parliamentarians

He said that we would

New Gwadar International Airport, a flagship project crises faced by Gazans under the China Pakistan Economic

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chaudhry Salik Hussain led Federal Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development (OPHRD), Chaudhary Salik Hussain Friday appreciated the efforts and important initiatives taken by the ILO to support workers and mitigate the adverse effects of the crises being faced by Gaza and the West Bank.

The minister made these remarks during the 112th International Labour Conference being held on 3rd June to 14th June 2024 featured significant engagement from Pakistan.

(CPEC), is now in its final the Pakistani delegation. stages of construction. which also included Zulfigar Ahmad, Secretary, Workers Welfare Fund. The conference served as a vital platform for global labor discussions, covering topics such as labor standards. employment strategies for fostering decent work, and inclusive economic growth, a news release said.

Pakistan's active participation emphasized its commitment to addressing key labor issues and contributing to the global dialogue on work-related challenges and solutions.

marvel, the airport spans across 4,300 acres of land, boasting a runway capable of accommodating the Air-bus A380, the world's largest aircraft. With a sleek terminal building covering 14,000 square meters, the airport

aims to elevate Gwadar's infrastructure and pave the way for future development. The project, estimated at \$246 million, is on track for completion in 2024.

Recently, a significant milestone was achieved as the Civil Aviation Authority of Pakistan (CAA) successfully conducted a fiveday flight

test operation, sup-ported by China, starting from Tuesday, June 4, 2024. The inaugural test flight was greeted with a traditional salute upon touchdown.

LAHORE (APP): An antiterrorism court (ATC) on Friday extended the interim bail of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) founder in three cases re-

until June 12. for the convenience of the public, with the aim of authorities to ensure the strengthening the relationattendance of the PTI ship between the public founder through a video and the police to eradicate link at the next hearing, becrime while such open sides seeking the record of court would be arranged in cases

the areas for improvement of law and order situation He said that a campaign would be launched to give respect public in order

operation against illegal diesel petrol, 8,000 liters of petrol were seized, around 2,000 drug addicts were also detained by conducting an operation against illegal arms and drug dealers in the city canal.

He said that the citizens should submit their data under the Tenant Act tions within a week

lated to the May 9 violence The court directed jail

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan and Russia signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Coop-ATC Judge Khalid eration in Railway sector on Arshad conducted the pro-Friday on the sidelines of ceedings on the bail peti-27th St. Petersburg Inter-national Economic Forum tions of the PTI founder in

cases of attacks on Jinnah (SPIEF). House, Askari Tower, and the torching of Shadman

velopment of the province and promotion of its culture. The Secretary Industries was addressing the officers and youth completing their training during his visit to different training source of income.

BEIJING (APP): Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Independent Report centers of Industries Department here on Friday. QUETTA: The Secretary He said that Industries Industries Department,

GENEVA: Federal Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource

Development, Chaudhry Salik Hussain in a meeting with Dr. Enas Attari,

Friday was given a guard of honor at the Great Hall of sector is developing in the the People where he arrived province, but the departto meet the top Chinese ment has left no stone leadership. As the prime unturned in imparting trainminister arrived at the foring and providing livelihood mal reception ceremony, to the youth of the prov-Chinese Premier Li Qiang ince. He urged the youth to warmly received him which play their wholehearted role followed the introduction for development of the deof their respective delega partment. He stressed that tions to each other. The na under trainee youth should tional anthems of Pakistan also play their role in deand China were played as velopment of the province the prime minister stood at besides getting respectable the salute dias along with his Chinese counterpart.

Pakistan, Russia signed MoU to upgrade railway sector

implementing railway upgrade projects and other initiatives within this crucial sector

According to a press release issued by the Ministry of Railways, the MoU also establishes a framework for potential future collaboration with relevant companies operating in this

to enhance and streamline international cargo transport.

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Furthermore, it seeks

signed by Ambassador Jamali from Pakistan side and Deputy Transport Minister D.S Zverev from the Russian

United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) acknowledges the Government of Japan's generous contributions under three

The MoU was projects that provided emergency assistance for Khalid the stabilization of foodinsecure people in the flood-affected areas of Pakistan, implemented in Sindh. Punjab

Balochistan, and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. WFP organized a Project Completion ceremony to recognize the vital contributions of USD 7.2 million (USD 3.7 million, USD 2.5 million and USD 1 million) from the Government of Japan to address the critical needs of

tial investors He said due to It is welcoming that Gwadar's strategic location, great interest was showed modern port facilities, and by the Chinese companies supportive regulatory envi- in Gwadar and investment

ronment make it an ideal in Pakistan, he concluded Pak, Indonesia & Turkiye call for collective efforts to combat Islamophobia

ISLAMABAD (INP): The Consulate Generals of Pakistan, Turkiye, and Indonesia in New York cohosted a significant event on combatting Islamophobia. In their opening statements, the Consul Generals emphasized their governments' collective commitment to combatting

Islamophobia, while also

advocating for peace, toler-

ance, and inter-religious dia-

logue.

In his remarks, Con-sul General of Pakistan, Aamer Ahmad emphasized Israel's genocidal actions in Gaza as a stark illustration of global Islamophobia and shed light on prevalent Islamophobic incidents worldwide, including hate speech, targeted attacks, and discrimination against Muslims. He further brought into focus the systematic destruction of religious sites in India.



QUETTA: Speaker Balochistan Assembly Captain (retd) Abdul Khaliq Achakzai and Provincial Minister Mir Zahoor Ahmed Buledi meeting with Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti

Japan's contribution enhances food security, nutrition builds resilience in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD (APP): The floods in Pakistan, said a press release issued here on Friday.

The USD 2.5 million enabled WFP to provide emergency food assistance to flood-affected communities, ensuring their immediate food security and nutrition needs in 2022, while the USD 3.7 million and USD 1 million contributions helped WFP to deliver nutritionally balanced food every month to those actively involved in community rehabilitation, livelihood and resilience building initiatives and identified through district-level con-

sultations in 2023. The USD 3.7 million grants also supported conditional cash assistance dur-246,000 people affected by ing the early recovery the unprecedented 2022 phase.

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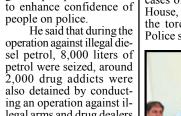


QUETTA (APP): Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Operation Quetta Superintendent of Police Muhammad Baloch Friday said that all resources were being utilized to improve law and order situation in respective areas of Ouetta City. He said that several criminals were arrested in conduction operation against them with the aim to ensure protection public lives and their property by elimination of crime activi-

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ties in the area. He expressed these views while addressing a press conference at the DIG Office along with SSP Zohaib Mohsin, SSP Traffic Bahram Mandukhel.

SSP Operations Muhammad Baloch said that the police was taking effective measures to control the incidents of theft and robbery in Quetta city saying that several accused by police team from re- to the concerned police staspective areas of the prov-



Police station