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# 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 Shehbaz Sharif and Chinese President Xi Jinping ment. He asserted Friday held a productive consensus to high-qual- ment of the CPEC and to ity development of foster synergy between and timely completion of major ongoing projects.

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

The prime minister officials. This was the first briefed President Xi on meeting of PM Shehbaz Pakistan's policies for with the President of economic reforms and China since assuming ofsustained growth, indus- fice in 2024. The meeting trial development, agri- was marked by tradicultural modernization tional warmth reflecand regional connectiv- tive of the ironclad

Pakistan's commitment thanked President Xi meeting, reaffirming the to high-quality develop- Jinping for the warm and China-Pakistan Eco- the development strate-nomic Corridor (CPEC) gies of the two countries He recalled the h tion.

tween the two leaders China Pakistan Ecowas held at the historic nomic Corridor (CPEC) Great Hall of the People. was operationalized mark-The two leaders were accompanied by the feding a new chapter in the eral ministers and senior bilateral relationship. The two leaders reaf-

Strategic Cooperative Partnership' and expressed the resolve to further deepen cooperation across diverse do-

played by the CPEC in tegic ties between the two the country's develop- countries. litical and security to nomic Corridor had sig-nificantly contributed to The prime minister people-to- people exchanges.

They also exchanged gracious welcome ac- views on regional and Pakistan's commitment corded to him and his global developments, and full support for including Afghanistan, He recalled the his-Palestine and South Asia, through close coordina- toric visit of the Presi- besides the serious hudent Xi Jinping to Paki-The meeting be-stan in 2015 when the the Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK).

formally The two sides reiterated their longstanding support on each other's issues of core interest. Commending Presi-

firmed the time- dent Xi's visionary Belt honoured 'All-Weather and Road Initiative (BRI) and Global Development Initiative (GDI), the prime minister underscored that as the flag-

BEIJING (APP): Prime ity, and the critical role friendship and close stra- mains ranging from po- China Pakistan Eco-Pakistan's socio-economic development.

He underlined safety and security of the Chinese nationals, projects and institutions in Pakistan.

He underlined that the government's agenda for people centric, socio-economic development resonates with the concept of 'shared prosperity' embraced by China.

President Xi Jinping also hosted a banquet in honour of the prime minister, where another round of discussion on different matters of muship project of BRI, the tual interests was held.

ISLAMABAD (Online): Justice Mohsin Akhtar Kayani of Islamabad High Court (IHC) while wrap-

ping up the petition regarding recovery of poet Ahmad Farhad has remarked " give respect to law and no one including judges is above law. He remarked "if you feel necessity then you can resort to court again. I know how to get implement my

orders. He further observed "I am writing a letter to Chief Justice (ČJ) 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 matter to committee for this decision. Give respect to law. No one including judges is above law. Insti-

went into two cases due to 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 mat-

ter 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 agencies have to be summoned He gave these remarks during the hearing of peti-

tion filed by Urooj Zainab wife of poet Ahmad Farhad Friday. Imaan Mazari adtutions should work within of the petitioner while se- ended.

appeared as amicus curiae. Additional Attorney

General (AAG) Munawar iqbal Dogal and Assistant Attorney General Barrister Usman Ghumman too are in the court. Counsel Imaan Mazari argued that Anti Terrorism Court (ATC) has rejected bail plea. We are challenging bail plea at higher forum too.

Justice Mohsin Akhtar Kayani remarked is there any other case against him.

Counsel Imaan Mazari told the court first we were told about one case and later we were told about registration of another case.

The judge remarked it seems to me that his difficulties are increasing. Now we are sure that he is in judicial custody. If police arrest some one in trial and it does not present within vocate appeared on behalf two days then trial is



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

Zil Hajj Moon sighted **Eid-ul-Adha to** be celebrated BEIJING (APP): Pakistan

on June 17 and China on Friday ex-KARACHI (APP): The pressed their firm commit-Central Ruet-e-Hilal Comment to protect the Chinamittee Chairman, Maulana Pakistan Economic Corri-Syed Abdul Khabir Azad on dor (CPEC) from its detrac-Friday announced that the tors and adversaries, ensure 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 traditional fervor across the nation.

Premier Li

in honour of

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 the People, here. The prime minister was accomhosts luncheon panied by key members of his cabinet. A welcome ceremony was arranged in honour of **PM** Shehbaz the prime minister on his BEIJING (APP): Chinese arrival at the Great Hall of Prime Minister Li Qiang on the People.

#### Shehbaz, Chinese premier resolve to protect CPEC

Premier Li congratulated Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Pakistan's election as a nonpermanent member of the UN Security Council.

The two leaders reaffirmed unwavering support for each other on core issues and expressed continued commitment and support for the high-quality development of CPEC.

They also emphasized the timely completion of all ongoing projects with a special focus on industrial development, agriculture modernization, science and

above law: Justice Mohsin their limits. nior journalist Hamid Mir He observed one man ego issue. His family is becoming affected. This is a serial of tyranny and is daily routine thing. The courts will see Islamabad



# **BEIJING: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif meets with President** of People's Republic of China. Xi Jinping. Institutions should work within their limits No one including judges are

## Nishan-i-Pakistan award on Prince Rahim Aga Khan

ISLAMABAD (APP): President Asif Ali Zardari on Friday conferred the Nishan-i-Pakistan award on Prince Rahim Aga Khan, in recognition of his meritorious services for the development, prosperity, and betterment of Pakistan and its people.

The top civilian award was conferred on Prince Rahim Aga Khan at a special investiture ceremony held at the Aiwan-e-Sadr and attended by Senate Chairman Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani, federal ministers, KP Governor Faisal Karim Kundi, parliamentarians, diplomats, and senior government officers.

According to the citaism and renewable ention read out on the occaergy sectors. sion, Prince Rahim Aga Khan, through his many access to financial services leadership roles for more for nearly 50 million than a quarter century people in Pakistan.

Saudi envoy calls on Governor KP, discusses promotion of bilateral cooperation

ISLAMABAD (APP): Ambassador of Saudi Arabia to Pakistan Nawab bin Saeed Al Maliki here on Friday called on Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi and discussed issues of mutual interest and promotion of



bilateral cooperation.

During the meeting, Pakistan-Saudi relations, available investment opportunities in the province and investment promotion were also discussed. Director of King Salman Humanitarian Relief and Aid Center Pakistan Wing Abdullah Al Barak was also present on the occasion, said a press release. The Governor appreciated the relief services of Shah Salman Relief Center across the country including Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. He further said that the relief services of King Salman Relief Center were highly valued aims of suffering humanity and poverty allevia-tion in the backward districts of KP. He said that in the recent flood, the Shah Salman Relief Center had provided full assistance to the flood victims in Dera Ismail Khan, Dir. Swat, Chitral, Charsadda with a spirit of love. He said that the Saudi government had always supported the people of Pakistan in all kinds of situations and this was the reason why the hearts of the entire Pakistani nation were with the Saudi government and its people.

within the Aga Khan Development Network, dedicated his untiring efforts to improve the living standard of the people in resourceconstrained regions of Asia and Africa.

The Fund has enabled

Premier Li warmly re-Upholding a multigenceived PM Shehbaz on his erational legacy, Prince arrival at the venue.

The prime minister, in Rahim has contributed immensely to the economic, his remarks on the occasion, said China was a big health, education, and culbrother and trusted friend tural well-being of poor of Pakistan, and every Paand marginalized commukistani citizen felt proud on its remarkable progress and It was told that under his leadership, the Aga

Ainister

hehbaz Sharif.

development. He said he was impressed by the Chi-Khan Fund for Economic nese Premier's enthusi-Development has advanced asm, speed of work and path-breaking initiatives in commitment. The recep-Pakistan in commercial banktion hall was echoed by ing, microfinance, insur-Pakistan's national songs ance, sustainable tourplayed by a Chinese military band.

#### **SC** orders issuance of ad

to summon Qasim Suri ISLAMABAD (APP) The Supreme Court of Pakistan on Thursday issued directives for publication of an advertisement to summon former deputy speaker

national assembly Qasim Suri. The court also ordered to paste the summon no-

tice outside the house of TI's leader. Despite repeated court notices PTI's leader Mr. Suri didn't appear before

the SC in his appeal against his de-seating from the NA membership on charge of igging in elections. The court noted that as

sphere

per the record Qasim Suri's brother Bilal refused to reearth orbit at 38.2 East. ceive the summon notice. It said that the former MNA was not appearing before court deliberately, denying notice by him was unfortunate.

Addressing Suri's lawtry. yer Naeem Bokhari Advocate, Chief Justice of Pakistan Qazi Faez Isa remarked that the ex-deputy speaker was very active on media and social media. At this, Advocate Naeem Bokhari expressed ignorance and said that he was not in contact with his client.

Friday hosted a luncheon re-During the talks, the two leaders discussed the ception in honour of Prime Muhammad entire spectrum of bilateral relations, regional and global developments of mutual interest.

They noted that the Pakistan-China All-Weather Strategic Cooperative Partnership was characterized by mutual trust, shared principles and strategic convergence.

ment of Special Economic Zones for mutually beneficial and socio-economic development of Pakistan. The two sides discussed the significance of Gwadar as an important pillar of CPEC and agreed

their firm commitment to operation.



**ISLAMABAD: Chairperson BISP, Mrs. Rubina** Khalid discusses ongoing initiatives of Benazir **Income Support Programme with Speaker National** Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq during a meeting.

#### PakSat MM1 reaches its earth orbit: SUPARCO

ISLAMABAD (APP): sion Communication Satellite PakSat MM1 was Pakistan's second communication satellite, PakSat launched from XiChang Satellite Launch Center MM1, launched recently by Pakistan's National (XSLC), China on May 30. Space Agency SUPARCO, The satellite PakSat

MM1 was jointly designed and developed by SUPARCO and China Great Wall Industry Corpo-

Satellite based on advanced communication technolotude of 38,786 km above the gies that will greatly enearth. The satellite is in hance the satellite-based communication services of The five-tonne PakSat the country and will fulfill MM1 is equipped with the the needs of commercial as

latest communication equipment which would help provide the fastest internet facility in the coun-

After reaching the or-bit, the solar panels of the satellite have started functioning. Various tests will be

to check the condition of the satellite in orbit, the spokesperson said. Pakistan Multi Miswithin the country.

technology, and develop-

to expedite the timely completion of all related infrastructure projects to transform Gwadar into a regional economic hub. They also expressed

protect CPEC from its detractors and adversaries and to upgrade CPEC in the form of enhanced co-



of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) informed on Friday that the intelligence based anti-terror operation was carried out by the CTD in Talgai area of Wazir Tehsil of Bannu district.

During the operation, a TTP terrorist identified as Umar alias Mustafa was killed. The CTD recovered arms and hand grenades from the possession of the dead terrorist.

The slain terrorist was wanted in cases including carrying out blasts, target killing and attacks on forces

The CTD official said the terrorist belonged to the banned Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) Hafiz Gul Bahadur group

well as government users. High Throughput System (HTS) technology on board PakSat-MM1 will substantially boost connec-

tivity to the last mile and will reshape the future of satellite communication in Pakistan. This will be the

key to connect the unconnected with the rest of the country. PakSat MM1 will ensure affordable bandwidth with higher reach



**BEIJING: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif shakes hands with** his Chinese counterpart H.E. Li Qiang upon his arrival at Great Hall of the People.

#### Salik appreciates ILO's **CTD** kills most efforts, initiatives to support workers, mitigate adverse crises faced by Gazans

ISLAMABAD (APP): employment strategies for 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.

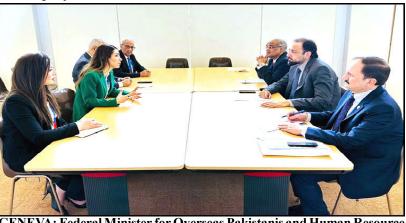
The minister made these remarks during the 112th International Labour Conference being held on 3rd June to 14th June 2024 featured significant engagement from Pakistan. Chaudhry Salik Hussain led the Pakistani delegation,

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.

This involvement highlights Pakistan's dedication to improving labor conditions and aligning with international labor stan-

While addressing the conference, Chaudhary Salik Hussain delivered a statement on behalf of the Organization of Islamic which also included Cooperation (OIC). He ac-Zulfiqar Ahmad, Secretary, knowledged the collective Workers Welfare Fund. The failure to uphold the ideals conference served as a vital of the Declaration of Philaplatform for global labor delphia on its 80th anniverdiscussions, covering topsary despite the commitics such as labor standards, ment to social justice.



**GENEVA: Federal Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource** Development, Chaudhry Salik Hussain in a meeting with Dr. Enas Attari, Palestine Labour Minister.

has reached its earth orbit on June 05 successfully. According to the Spokesperson of Pakistan Space and Upper Atmoration (CGWIC). Commission

This is a Geostationary (SUPARCO), PakSat MM1 is located at an altiPage 02

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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 criticism 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**

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 arroa guidance for the pious gant, assuming that they who believe in the unhave found the final anseen (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-

glorious (4:36).

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 den. 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.

Thus, if one wants to check if we are humble or arrogant, we must check ourselves against the descriptions of these verses.

edge itself gives a lot of pride to people, who then boast and make claims of having absolute truths. This very knowledge 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

Talking about their the better informed we

# **Budgeting chaos**

Finance Minister

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has given way to talk of

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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 bur-

And what is 'stabilising' about taking on even more debt from officialdom and donors the IMF, Gulf emirs and are on the same page other 'friends' via the about these strategic obfantastical SIFC, and an increasingly hollowedout CPEC

None of these basic cades in the name of facts about Pakistan's political economy will be acknowledged during the upcoming budget announcement, scheduled for June 12. The largely meaningless exercise is being preceded by chaos as ministers engage in an internecine conflict and bureaucrats do their own bidding. They'll get their act together in time for the budget performance and bandy about some numbers. But it doesn't take a rocket scientist to see that nothing is about to 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 regressive 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 the establishment in our multipronged deprivation 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

Islamabad

budget or hidden subsi-Muhammad Aurangzeb said 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 allow such continuity so sector in which investors and developers already long as they get their inenjoy windfall profits. terest payments back in Pakiŝtani the name

'stabilisation'. The ruling class and

its foreign patrons are jectives. In fact, they've also intent on pillaging nature and destroying lobeen saying more or less cal 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 think it is a damning inbreakdown events to contend with. dictment of many pur-

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'. --

Very often knowlmany angles. 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,

## 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 Agriculture Faisalabad (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

further strengthen linkages between the University of Agriculture Faisalabad and the institutions of Turkive for cooperation in the field of seeds and agricultural

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

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 towards taxpavers. the critical importance of

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 and agricultural machinery, 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 and educational relations of the **Minister of Industry, IT in Beijing** 

He also agreed to two countries were her strengthen linkages providing support in dealing with common challenges. Pro-Vice Chancellor/

Dean of Agriculture Dr. Muhammad Sarwar Khan

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

**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.

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

closing of Rs 302.72,

according to the State

Bank of Pakistan (SBP).

According to the

Minister for Information and countries is deepening."

growing cooperation between China and Pakistan in the IT sector, he said, "The two sides

BEIJING (APP): The State cooperative partners and Industry and Information of the digital economy and Technology under CPEC during the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Joint Working Group

information society and economy, and ICT has played a key role in economic and social development.

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, cloud computing.

ISLAMABAD (APP)

The 100-index of the

Pakistan Stock Exchange

(PSX) witnessed bearish

trend on Friday, losing

108.91 points, a negative

change of 0.15 per cent,

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

many as 441 companies

transacted their shares in

the stock market; 180 of

them recorded gains and 200

sustained losses.

Pakistan's exports to UK increase by 2.31%

ISLAMABAD (APP): last year, State Bank of Pakistan's export of goods and services to the United The overall exports to

Kingdom (UK) witnessed the UK were recorded at an increase of 2.31 percent US \$1.683 billion during

during the first ten months July-April (2023-24) of the current fiscal year (2023-24) as compared to the exports of the corresponding period of revealed.

In Court of Abdul Baseer Judge Banking **Court Hazara Division Abbottabad** 

Versus

NBP Main Branch Haripur

(Plaintiff)

(1) Madina Steel Works G. T Road Shah Muhammad Haripur through its proprietor Sajid Rehman S/o Feroz Din (2) Sajid Rehman S/o Feroz Din proprietor of Madina Steel Works G. T Road Shah Muhammad Haripur R/o Street/Mohallah Rehmani House Post Office Sarai Saleh Tehsil & District Haripur (3) Hassan Bin Sajid S/o Sajid Rehman R/o Street/Mohallah Rehmani House Post Office Sarai Saleh Tehsil & District Haripur

#### (Defendants)

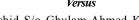
Whereas the NBP Main Branch Haripur has instituted a suit for the recovery of Rs. 42729205/- etc due against you under Section-9 of Financial institutions (recovery of Finances) Ordinances, 2001 and dated (10-05-2024). You are hereby summoned to obtain leave to defend the suit within 30 days of the publication of this proclamation. In default where of the plaintiff will be entitled to a degree for the said sum and cost of suit cost to funds etc from the date of institution of suit till realization of entire amount.

Next date of hearing is 11-06-2024.



Banking Court Hazara Division, Abbottabad.

#### In Court of Abdul Baseer Judge Banking **Court Hazara Division Abbottabad PSX stays** bearish, losses ZTBL Baffa Branch Mansehra (Plaintiff) Versus **108** points



(1) Khurshid S/o Ghulam Ahmed Khan R/o Jaba Àfzalabad Tehsil & District Mansehra

(Defendant)

Whereas the ZTBL Baffa Branch Mansehra has instituted a suit for the recovery of Rs. 165198/- etc due against you under Section-9 of Financial institutions (recovery of Finances) Ordinances, 2001 and dated (20-05-2024). You are hereby summoned to obtain leave to defend the suit within 30 days of the publication of this proclamation. In default where of the plaintiff will be entitled to a degree for the said sum and cost of suit cost to funds etc from the date of institution of suit till realization of entire amount.

Next date of hearing is 24-06-2024.

sd/ JUDGE Banking Court Hazara Division, Abbottabad.

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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,<sup>3</sup>

Kashif Anwar stated. In

addition to stressing the

"Timely submission of

are submitted promptly.

#### 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 minister said, "China and the six working groups He said, "China has Pakistan are strategic under the JWG on promoted the development **KCCI** appreciates Govt **Rupee gains**

KARACHI

the

President Karachi Chamber

of Commerce and Industry

(KCCI) Iftikhar Ahmed

Sheikh, Friday, appreciated

announcing the status of

Industry to warehouses and

logistics which was widely

being demanded by the

business and industrial

community. President

KCCI, in a statement

issued, highly appreciated

resolve of Prime Minister

Shehbaz Sharif towards

creating an enabling

business environment and

government for

trusted friends, and the cooperation in various sectors between the two Acknowledging 14 this year.

for giving 'industry status'

to warehouses, logistics

(APP):

**Commerce** News

He said, "China has

said that efforts being made

by PM Shehbaz Sharif have

put the country on a path

to economic progress and

prosperity which was

needed in the present era of

inflation and high cost of

government seriousness

towards resolving the

issues being faced by the

business community, the

KCCI president hoped that

other issues particularly

energy tariffs will also be

given special attention and

Keeping in view the

doing business.

relief

Jin Zhuanglong stated, "China utilized and communication technology (ICT) as a central enabling tool, transforming China into a knowledge-based

JWG on IT held on May

ndependent Islamabad

Saturday June 08, 2024

# **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

Muhammad Ahmed Khan at Governor House.

Minister reviews 100-day

performance of Education

Dept, introduces reforms

said for the first time in educational institutions, he

project for a nutrition mafia, the minister added.

(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

day performance of the

Education Department, 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

ensuring transparency and

benefits for teachers.

The

introduced in consultation with them,

was

While reviewing 100-

all future admissions.

programme had been

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.

introducing a modern

system for monitoring

mentioned that previous

taken action against

cheating mafias. He said as

per the instructions of

Nawaz, the cheating network had been

network had been dismantled. Cameras had

been installed in exam

the

was

further

Âdditionally,

added and

department

education." The governor

inspected the international language courses center, various classrooms in the college. He also reviewed the ongoing annual examinations at the college.

The principal of the college, Professor Shujaat Ali Khan, briefed the

to uphold its quality of historical status of the college, curricular and extracurricular activities, A briefing was also

LHC extends market hours for Eidul Azha

markets to stay open until 12am [midnight] up to Eidul Azha and until 1 am LAHORE: Ambassador of Turkive Mehmed Pacaci on weekends. meeting with acting Punjab Governor Malik

issued the orders while hearing petitions, filed by Haroon Farooq and others regarding ineffective measures to control smog. During the

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

outbreak worsens in

LAHORE (APP): The measles outbreak in Punjab continues to escalate, with alarming increases in both administrations had never suspected and confirmed cases. Tragically, three children have succumbed to the disease in Multan during Chief Minister Maryam the past 24 hours, as reported by the Health Department on Friday. These recent fatalities bring the total number of measleseducation centres, leading to the minister said that a pilot elimination of the cheating related deaths among children in Punjab to 30.

proceedings, the Punjab Food Authority (PFA) Tollinton Market. Measles

# Punjab, 3 more

children die Pakistan People's Party (PPP) Peshawar city chapter has asked KP Chief Minister Ali Amin Khan Gandapur to tender apology for his derogatory remarks against PPP leadership and Governor KP Faisal Karim Kundi. Addressing a press conference at press club here Friday, President PPP

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. **Old enmity** 

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

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ISLAMABAD (APP): introduction of air Punjab Information ambulance, field hospitals Minister Azma Bukhari and clinic on wheels has Friday while appreciating revolutionary medical exemplary 43-initiatives of services for people of Chief Minister Punjab Punjab. These remarkable government during her 100

armed outlaws opened fire measures underscore her at passenger van and killed Faraz (22), Asmatullah commitment to ensuring that healthcare is not a (40) and Saeed Ahmed privileged but (46), all residents of Munda fundamental right of every Khail on the spot, while citizen, she added. passengers including Under the leadership Muhammad Wasif, Shakee Talking to a private of Maryum Nawaz Punjab Khan, Muzaffer, Kaneez

is also witnessing a transport revolution, adding, eco-friendly buses in various cities is a significant step towards sustainable transportation, inflation, adding, the sheadded.

## **PPP asks KP CM to** tender apology for derogatory remarks

International News

PESHAWAR (APP): The minister of derogatory language against their Party leadership. Otherwise, he said that they take streets against them including holding a demo in front of the Chief Minister's House.

Other PPP leaders present on the occasion were included Khawaja Yawar Naseer, Mohammad Adnan Jalil, Abidullah Khan Yousafzai, Malik Peshawar City, Zulfikar Zulfikar Awan, Tahi Afghani warned the chief Abbas, Munir Camrade. Zulfikar Awan, Tahir

# National News

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

Fatima, Naaz bibi and

May 9 related cases:

**ATC extends** 

bail of Yasmin,

**Umar Cheema** 

LAHORE (Online): Anti

Terrorism Court (ATC)

has extended bail of PTI

Umar Sarfraz Cheema and

The hearing of bail

others in May 9 cases.

of the case till June 12.

others sustained injuries.

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## '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

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 leaders Dr Yasmin Rashid, arrangements for Sikh yatrees' accommodation, travel, and security while pleas of Dr Yasmin Rashid, relevant departments have to provide services round-

Umar Sarfaraz Cheema, Ijaz Chaudhry and Mian Mehmood ur Rashid in four the-clock. He expressed these views while charging cases related to May 9 consultative meeting in incident was held in ATC Dera Sahib after his visit on Friday. He told the members of PSGPC that in 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 Pakistani accused adjourned the hearing Commission in New Delhi in 1606.

LAHORE (APP): Punjab has issued visas to Indian 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 significant gesture of historical and spiritual religious harmony, the significance, where Guru Pakistani High Arjan Dev Ji was martyred

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

Justice Shahid Karim 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 dramatic reduction in

# **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

**Monitoring Desk** 

DUBAI: US and British

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crat president's elec-

#### Daily **Independent**, Islamabad

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

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan and China on Friday signed 23 Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) to deepen bilateral coopera-tion in multiple areas in-cluding transport infrastructure, industry, energy, agri-culture, 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 Partnering projects. ship was characterized by mutual trust, shared prinsolved to protect the CPEC ciples, and strategic gover-nance, Foreign Office spokesperson Mumtaz Zahra Baloch told the me-dia at her weekly press brieffrom detractors and adversaries with Prime Minister Shehbaz PM reaffirming commitment to ensure the safety and security of Chi-

nese personnel and projects Both sides also exin Pakistan. The two counpressed unwavering suptries agreed to maintain highport for each other's core level exchanges, including issues and reiterated their strengthening of institucommitment to the hightional linkages in all tiers and quality development of the spheres, besides continuing China-Pakistan Economic to holding consultations on Corridor (CPEC) and the matters of bilateral and glo-

bal significance, particularly during Pakistan's two-year timely completion of ongo-Both sides also re-

term as a non-permanent member of the UN Security Council for the term 2025-2026. The spokesperson said, "Since his arrival in China, the prime minister has met with Chinese investors and businesspersons to explore investment opporities in Pakistan.

In the meeting and events including a Business Forum in Shenzhen, he encouraged the Chinese companies to invest and develop joint ventures.

divorced women.



ISLAMABAD: Chairman Senate, Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani presiding over a Senate House Business Advisory Committee Meeting at Parliament House.

ISLAMABAD: PM's Coordinator on Climate Change & Environmental Coordination Romina Khurshid Alam chairs first meeting of task force on global warming & heat wave.

#### **BISP** plays crucial role in women empowerment: Senate Standing **Rubina Khalid**

Chairperson Benazir In- cusing on the economic come Support Programme (BISP), Rubina Khalid Friday said that BISP was playing crucial role in the economic empowerment of women

Speaking during a meeting with the Speaker National Assembly, Sardar Ayaz Sadiq, the chairperson reiterated her commitment to serve the marginalized segments of society through the programme.

Ayaz Sadiq extended his heartfelt congratula-tions to Rubina Khalid on assuming her new role as Chairperson of BISP.

<sup>\*</sup>BISP is dedicated to provide essential support to the most vulnerable com-

ISLAMABAD (APP): munities, particularly foempowerment of women" she said. She said that steps

were being taken to enhance the programme's outreach and impact to ensure that no one was left behind. Rubina Khalid briefed

the speaker about the ongoing and recently launched initiatives of BISP. The speaker expressed his support for the programme and wished Rubina Khalid success in

her endeavors "The BISP is vital for the socio-economic uplift of marginalized communities and I wish for its con-

tinued success under the leadership of Rubina Khalid" he stated.

**Engr Ashfaq Shah says:** 

Students should be equipped

with higher engineering edu,

according to modern need

**Independent Report** their pivotal role in the de-SLAMABAD: Chairman velopment and construc-

Committees SLAMABAD (APP) Chairman Senate Syed Yusuf Raza Gilani on Friday directed that the issue regarding the formation of Senate Standing Commit-

**Gilani** for

formation of

tees would be resolved immediately to ensure the committees can play their roles effectively. He was chairing the House Business Advisory Committee (HBAC) which discussed

in detail the legislative business to be transacted during the 339th Session of the Senate. Moreover, the session will address other important issues. The HBAC decided that the current ses-

sion would continue until June 21, 2024. The meeting was attended by Deputy Chairman Senate Senator Syedal Khan, Leader of the Opposition Syed Shibli Faraz, Senator

Sherry Rehman. **ECP** reserves verdict on

Islamabad **MNAs' tribunal** transfer petition

under IHC orders: Pirzada ISLAMABAD (APP): terior Minister towards Minister for Housing and Works Riaz tor General Passport Hussain Pirzada on Fri-and Immigration reand Works Riaz Hussain Pirzada on Fri-day informed the Sen-ate that the Islamabad High Court (IHC) in its ruling had directed the ruling had directed the respondents to ensure consultative process for

amending the passport out the court's deci-sion, which stated policy for married and He was responding that there was no reato the calling attention notice of Senator son "for adjudication of the question in-Samina Mumtaz Zehri volved in the matter

of Balochistan Awami can conveniently be Party (BAP) drawing disposed of in the fol-the attention of the In- lowing term.

## Info Commission directs inquiry into record missing

Passport policy for married, divorced women amendable

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Pakistan Information Commission (PIC) has directed the Auditor General of Pakistan (AGP) to conduct an inquiry into the apparent loss of a file related to the house requisi-General of Accounts (CGA) on July 4th, 2022, but the tion of an official. CGA denied receiving it on

The case stems from an appellant seeking infor-August 3, 2024. mation regarding the lease agreement and other docuabout the lack of investigaments submitted by tion into the missing file, the Khurram Raza Qureshi to Commission stated, "The claim house requisition. matter of loss of record has Mr Qureshi was transbecome a shuttlecock between DG Climate Change

ferred from the Controller General of Accounts (CGA) to the AGP on April 17th, 2021, said a press release. matter of the loss of record." The AGP, in its re-



warming and heat wave effects in the country. She was chairing the first meeting of the task force constituted by the prime minister to propose measures to address the ef-

fects of global warming and heat wave and stressed upon the sensitivity of the issue adding that actions need to be initiated on war footing, a news release said. High-level Inter-de-

partmental Working Group adding that they have com- outbursts in northern areas.

#### **PIA flights** to Europe to be restored

soon: Minister ISLAMABAD (APP) The Minister of State for Finance and Revenue Ali Pervaiz Malik informed the National Assembly (NA) on Friday that Pakistan In-Expressing concern ternational Airlines (PIA) flights to Europe were ex pected to be restored soon

Responding to a call ing attention notice regarding the ban on PIA flights by the UK and the European Union, he said,"A detailed action plan from Pakistan has been dispatched

Strong coordination, collective approach emphasised to counter global warming, heat wave: Romina ISLAMABAD (APP):

on forest fires apprised the meeting that from May 17 to June 5 2024, total 13 fires erupted in Margalla Hills National Park and adjoining areas which affected 77.58 Hectare area. The vegetation affected in that government and all the provarea include small trees, scrubs, shrubs and chir pine. It was apprised to the forum sponse was launched to con-

that well-coordinated retrol these fires by the Ministry of Climate Change, NDMA, Pakistan Army, PAF and CDA. However, the Chairperson raised concerns on the lack of fire beatavailability to

firefighters. The Member Operations NDMA presented their strategy to combat heat wave effects



ISLAMABAD: Chief Minister Gilgit-Baltistan Haji Gulbar Khan called on Federal Minister for Kashmir Affairs & Gilgit-Baltistan and SAFRON Engr. Amir Muqam at Minister Office.

#### **Governor says:** Collective efforts with Agha Khan Foundation to promote welfare projects in KP

ISLAMABAD (APP): firmed during the meeting Khyber Pakhtunkhwa that the jurisdiction of Agha Governor, Faisal Karim Khan Foundation's welfare Kundi on Friday reaffirmed projects and assistance of his commitment for making the underprivileged segment ioint efforts with Agha would be extended to other Khan Foundation for proareas of the province. Khyber Pakhtunkhwa motion of education and better healthcare services Governor Faisal Karim Kundi commended the serimperative for human resource development and vices of the Agha Khan helping poor people. He was talking to Prince Rahim Agha Khan Foundation for eradication of poverty and providing assistance to the poor segwho called on him in ment of KP especially in Islamabad, said a statement. Chitral district. He under-

pleted simulation exercise to combat upcoming moon soon spell. While highlighting the unprecedentedly longer duration heat wave in country, Pakistan Meteorologi-

cal Department apprised the meeting that except GB all provinces would receive above normal rainfall in upcoming moon soon.

Probability of urban flooding can't be ruled out, he said in response of a question. It was also apprised that besides above normal rainfall, temperatures this year would also be higher which would cause more snow melting that on one hand fulfill the water shortage need and on the other hand rise the threats of lake



that the hiring file was not received in their office. The AGP claimed the file was forwarded by the Director General (Audit), Climate Change to the Controller

LAMADAD Constructors Association of Pakistan (CAP) and Candidate for Chairman PEC Engr Syed Ashfaq Hussain Shah met with a delegation of academia and Engineers from AIOU, the delegation was headed by Dr. AK Tipu and included Prof Dr Abid, Prof Dr Nadeem, Prof Dr Syed Athar, Prof Dr Adnan and others . Chairman Ashfaq Shah while meeting said that students should be equipped with higher engineering education according modern

requirements. Young engineers are graduating from universities every year. The government should make such policies that these

tion of the country. He said that work should be done keeping in mind the current condition and modern trends of the country and society. Designs should be made to reduce energy consumption in buildings and use of natural resources including geothermal, solar energy sources. Ashfaq Shah said that developed countries have achieved sustainable economic growth by strengthening academia-in-

students as per the requireyoung people can play ment of the industry.

nal dustry linkages and emphasized that we should also adopt the same approach to revive the economy. It will help in preparing the

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) on Friday reserved its verdict on the tribunal transfer case filed by three Islamabad

> MNAs of ruling Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N). A four-member commission, led by Chief Election Commissioner Sikandar Sultan Raja, held a hearing on the request to change the Islamabad Election Tribu-

PTI's losing candidate advocate Shoaib Shaheen argued that the Election Commission's June 4 decision had been challenged in the Islamabad High Court, where the hearing was ongoing and a decision had not yet been reached.

Shoaib Shaheen mentioned that his lawyers were presenting arguments in the Islamabad High Court and that he would cite decisions related to the change of the election tribunal

ICT admin to set up 24/7 businesses. control room

for cleanliness during Eid ISLAMABAD (APP) Chief Commissioner Islamabad Muhammad Ali Randhawa on Friday issued here. chaired a meeting to streamline the operation

interaction with traders' of cattle markets and leaders of different markets maintain cleanliness across of the capital city at the city.

The second route will commence at PIMS and conclude at Bari Imam. Service hours will run from 6 ul Azha in the Federal Capital and it was attended by

representatives from various sectors, focused on managing the expected influx of livestock and ensuring that hygiene standards remain high during the festive period. A 24/7 Control

diate assistance and solu-

tions to residents during the busy days of Eid. Additionally, biodegradable bags will be distributed to help manage waste more effectively

and CGA and no one has

bothered to inquire into the

ISLAMABAD: Visitors keenly observes the on displayed artworks during an Art exhibition at Gallery 6.

## **ICCI to have 'Police Centre** of Services' to facilitate business community: DIG

along with SSP Traffic Sarfraz Virk. Independent Report ISLAMABAD: Deputy

Inspector General of Police On this occasion, he Islamabad Syed Ali Raza announced that a 24/7Naqvi on Friday applauded the hard work of the trad-Police Centre of Services' will be established at Islamabad Chamber of ers' community for the development of the country Commerce and Industry by saying that all out ef-forts will be made to profrom where the traders' will be able to obtain Character Certificates, verifications vide them a peaceful environment for the growth of and other required documents under one roof.

He said that security He added that as per will be beefed in all the shopthe demand of the ICCI ping centers by ensuring the functioning of the safe city President a 'Police Reconciliation Centre will also be cameras and those issues established in the ICCI premises for the quick and like beggary, snatching, drug trafficking etc. will also be amicable resolution of traders' disputes by their own curbed with the cooperation of the business comrepresentatives.

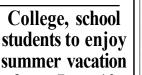
He added that ICC has munity, said a press release to constitute a Police-Cor-He said this during his porate Liaison Committee for the purpose and assured that there will be no police intervention in the matter as long as the disputes will be settled on merit.

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from June 10 ISLAMABAD (APP) Ministry of Federal Educa tion and Professional Training has announced schedule of summer vacation for all educational institutions functioning under the Federal Directorate of Education (FDE) from June 10.

'The summer vacation will commence from June 10 and end on July 31, the ministry notification said. The school and col

health

leges working under the FDE will reopen on August 01, the ministry added.

Private Educational Institutions Regulatory Authority (PEIRA) has also announced summer vacations in all the private institutions from June 10.

The private school will observe summer vacations from June 10 to August 12.

#### **CC** visits **ICT** admin offices

ISLAMABAD (APP) Islamabad Capital Terri tory (ICT) Chief Commissioner, Muhammad Ali Randhawa on Friday conducted surprise inspections across various offices under his jurisdiction and issued directives to the officials to observe punctuality in dispensing their duties.

around 90,000 through pri-During his visit, the vate Hajj Groups Organizchief commissioner reers (HGOs). viewed the attendance of officers and staff, and sion (PHMM), under the strictly warned them to ensupervision of the Director sure punctual conduct oth-General (Hajj) and six dierwise stern action would rectors heading different be taken against them, said departments, is overseeing the overall Hajj operation a press release.



The Governor conscored the need for collecgratulated him on receiving Nishan-i-Pakistan award. The Governor praised Prince Agha Khan Foundation for its welfare services including education and in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa especially in

tive efforts for looking after the needs of poor families and taking them out of poverty in future. Hesaidthat Agha Khan Trust was busy in great work of improving standard of life of the underprivileged and enhanced welfare ac-Chitral district. It was reaftivities in the world.

Pre-Hajj flight operation: Over 98,500 Pakistani pilgrims arrive in Saudi Arabia in Saudi Arabia МАККАН AL-

MUKARRAMAH (APP): Additionally, The Pakistan Hajj Mission spokesman said two central hospitals and a dozen dis-(PHM) has welcomed 98,500 pilgrims in Madinah and Makkah under both pensaries in the Haram are providing medical facilities to pilgrims, with 375 docgovernment and private tors and medical staff on schemes since the start of the month-long pre-Hajj duty. The PHM's main hospitals are equipped flight operation on May 9. "So far, 62,500 pil-grims have arrived via 236 with modern facilities, including ambulances, laboraflights under the governtories, X-ray machines, ultrasound machines, ECG ment scheme, while more than 36.000 have arrived machines, minor operating theaters, and separate under the private scheme, wards for men and women. Ministry of Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony spokesman Muhammad Umer Butt said on Friday. This year,

government scheme and

The Pakistan Hajj Mis-

A total of 511 Hajj Moavineen, including Pakistani civilians and uniformed personnel, are work-160.000 Pakistani pilgrims ing to provide pilgrims with travel, accommodawill perform the religious obligation of Hajj, with tion, and food facilities. The Ministry of Reli-70,000 arriving under the

gious Affairs has 166 officers and supporting staff working in various departments, including the main control room, Madinah and Jeddah airports, the lost and found department, the Madinah departure cell, the monitoring cell and the accounts and administration departments

dium for Pakistani fans as part of ICC's fan parks. Chief Editor: Syed Farooq Shah, Editor: Syed Rizwan Shah, Printed by: Rohani Art Press, Mohammadi Town, Sohan, Islamabad and Published from H. No. 426, Street No. 20, Ghori Town Phase 4/A Islamabad Ph: 051-2158688, 2158997, 0331-8383955 Email: dailyindisb@gmail.com

RAWALPINDI: A man on his way in front of Pak-

India T-20 world cup match billboard outside of

Pindi Cricket Stadium in the city. The International

Cricket Council (ICC) Men's T20 World Cup 2024

match between Pakistan and India, scheduled for

June 9, will be live-streamed at Rawalpindi Sta-



ISLAMABAD: Amid scorching heat, youth dive and splash into Rawal Dam, seeking relief from the heat in federal capital.

## **Randhawa inspects electric** buses, charging points in **Convention Centre**

stops

a.m. to 10 p.m..

ISLAMABAD (APP): Orange Line Depot, G-11. Chairman of the Capital **Development Authority** (CDA), Muhammad Ali Hospital, encompassing 13 Randhawa on Friday visited the Convention Center to inspect electric buses and charging points and personally test drive the

Speaking on the occasion, the chairman an- paid a visit to the H-9 bus nounced, "Around 60 buses out of the total 160 designated for the Islamabad Bus Service project have now reached the federal capital. These buses are intended to offer modern transportation amenities to the residents of Islamabad,

The updated routes aim to offer convenient and eco-friendly transportation options for residents. The als with special needs, stuinitial route will link NUST,

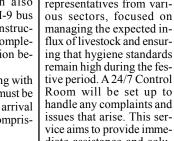
The chairman also depot and issued instructions to ensure the completion of its construction before June 30. The depot, along with its charging points, must be finished before the arrival

and Pakistan Institute of

Medical Sciences (PIMS)

of the next phase, comprising 70 buses. Plans will be formu-

lated to provide subsidies to deserving segments of society, including individudents, and others



sioner Office, Nouman Nazim the meeting reviewed preparation for Eid

tails issued by the spokesman of the Chief Commis-

