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# Pakistan, China agree to explore opportunities under CPEC

Frequent leadership's engagements, people-to-people contacts characterize Pak-China deep rooted ties: PM

SHENZHEN (APP): Prime also termed Shenzhen a Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday noted that the deep-rooted ties between Pakistan and China were characterized by frequent engagement and dialogue at the leadership level, people-to-people contacts, cultural and educational exchanges.

The prime minister met with Meng Fanli, Party Secretary of Shenzhen Municipal Committee, and Deputy Party Secretary of Guangdong Provincial Committee in Shenzhen, the PM Office Media Wing said in a press release.

The prime minister lauded the impressive economic growth and exemplary innovative spirit of Guangdong province and

trade gateway for China's business linkages with Pa-

Reaffirming 'the time-honoured All-Weather Strategic Cooperative Partnership between Pakistan and China', the two sides agreed on the need to explore opportunities for increased cooperation between Pakistan and the Guangdong province particularly under

Prime Shehbaz and Party Secretary Meng underlined the importance of robust linkages and exchanges between scientists, innovators and businessmen to harness the true potential for enhanced

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VATICAN: Federal Minister for Interior shaking hands with Pope Francis.

## **Interior Minister meets Pope Francis in Vatican City**

ISLAMABAD (APP): peace in the world." Mohsin Naqvi on Tuesday met Pope Francis at the Vatican City during his visit to Europe.
The Minister was ac-

corded a warm welcome upon his arrival in the Vatican City.

During the meeting, both sides discussed ways to promote peace, brotherhood, interfaith harmony and dialogue.

Pope Francis commended Pakistan's efforts towards immediate repair and reconstruction of Churches in the aftermath

of Jaranwala tragedy.
The Pope said that his message to the people of Pakistan was peace, adding "We all should work together for establishing

concern over the situation in Palestine, stating that it was a cause of huge con-He added that he stayed updated on the hu-

manitarian situation in Palestine through daily briefings with workers engaged in relief efforts. He emphasized that the

He also stated that the

Prime Minister of Pakistan

had invited him for a visit

and he would try his best

The Pope expressed

to visit Pakistan soon.

interfaith dialogue and harmony was the key to resolve issues. Minister,

Naqvi thanked him for his effective stance on the Palestine issue, which had been widely appreciated.



KARACHI: Chairman Senate, Syed Yusuf Raza Gilani exchanging views with Kamran Tessori, Governor of Sindh during meeting held at Governor House in Karachi.

## Till completion of hearing

## **IHC** stops implementation of death sentence on five former Naval officers

ISLAMABAD (Online): Islamabad High Court (IHC) has stopped implementation of death sentence order in respect of five former NAVY officers till the completion of hearing of petition in the court.

These six former officers were court martialled for their involvement in attack on Navy Dockyard in Karachi.

Justice Babar Sattar issued written order on the petition of NAVY officers that they were not given right to fair trial in attack on NAVY Dockyard in Karachi.

It was said in written order as per petitioners they were awarded death sentence in general court martial. They were not provided the assistance of any lawyer during court tioners said evidence and documents of court of inquiry were also not shared with the accused.

The counsel for peti-

The order said that according to counsel for the petitioners appeal was filed against death sentence without access to these documents which was re-

IHC ordered to give access to the documents to the accused. Only limited access was given to the accused to the documents under the order of IHC.

According to Assistant Attorney General (AAG) the powers to give access to documents rest with Chief of Naval Staff.

It was said therein AAG said Chief of Naval Staff think access to documents can pose threat to interests of state.



SHENZEN: Group photo of Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif and Mr. Meng Fanli, Party Secretary of Shenzhen Municipal Committee, and Deputy Party Secretary of Guangdong Provincial Committee along with their respective delegations.

# **Initiatives for coping with challenges** of climate change along with good governance included in top priorities of provincial Govt., says CM

natural disasters has been

started due to increase in

there is no precedent of tor-

rential rains and flash floods

in balochistan during last

reasons behind then the cli-

the most important factors.

He mentioned that

He said that it is such

the temperature globally.

**Independent Report** QUETTA: The Chief Min-

ster Balochistan, Mir ter said that the increasing Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti has stated that the initiatives aimed at coping with the challenges of climate change and establishing good governance are included in the top priorities of provincial government

He said that clean and fresh climate is the symbol of best health as the lungs and other related diseases are less in the countries which are pollution free. There is also marked reduction in the deforestation and emitting of the green house gases in these countries.

In a message issued here on eve of the World Environment Day being observed today (Wednesday)

#### CM grieved over death of 11 mine workers in Sanjdi coal mine mishap Independent Report

QUETTA: The Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti has expressed deep grief and sorrow over the death of 11 coal mine workers in the mishap occurred in a coal mine located in Sanjdi area.

The Chief Minister ex pressed anger over the lack of safety measures in the

coal mines.
The Chief Minister also issued orders to the concerned authorities to fix the responsibility of the sorrowful incident of coal

He stressed that the coal mine owners have to implement the prescribed standard operating procedures (SOPs) in the mines. However, most of the incidents occur due to the carelessness of coal mine own-

The Chief Minister directed the Secretary Mines Department to ensure mplementation on the SOPs for prevention of such incidents and stoppage of precious human lives in the mining sector in future.

#### Federal budget 2024-25 likely to be presented on June 12

ISLAMABAD (INP): The presentation of the federal budget 2024-25 is likely to be rescheduled.

Interestingly, it is also unusual that the budget strategy paper (BSP) for the next fiscal year has not et been 'shared' with parliament, though it is more because of political uncertainties emanating from the legal status of reserved seats and because of the absence of standing committees of the Senate and the National Assembly, particularly those related to finance.

The budget 2024-25 vhich was earlier scheduled to be presented on June 10 is now likely to be presented on June 12. The Pakistan Economic Survey 2023-24 will be presented on June 11 after a meeting of the council on June 10, the sources said.

The federal budget 2024-25 will likely get approval from the Senate by

#### all over the world including dustrial country rather it is Pakistan, the Chief Minisan agricultural country. There is great role of industemperature has created trial countries in increasing numerous issues all over the global temperature, but unworld especially in Pakifortunately the countries stan. He noted with concern are also affecting which oththat unstoppable process of erwise have least role in

pollution, he added.

He stressed that all countries have to follow the international agreements and protocols signed for ending the Environment

contributing environmental

He also stressed that an example of urban floodwe have to take serious ing if we try to find out the steps to overcome the issue of global warming and mate change and global temmove ahead with a comperature would be seen as prehensive strategy to mitigate the effects of cli-The Chief Minister mate change all over the



QUETTA: Country representative of UNHCR Philippa Candler meeting with Governor Balochistan Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail

## Pakistan playing an important role for peace of the region, says Governor Mandokhail

Seeks cooperation of Intl. institutions for provision of basic facilities in Afghan refugees living areas

## Independent Report

QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail has stated that Pakistan is playing an important role for peace of the region. We need support of the international institutions for provision of the basic facilities in the Afghan refugees and the areas affected from them. He said that establishment of sustainable peace is in the interest of the whole region particularly Pakistan.

representative of UNHCR in Pakistan, Ms Philippa Candler who called on him here at the Governor's House on Tuesday.

Also present in the meeting were included Head of UNHCR sub-office, Tesfaye Bekele, Commissioner Afghan Refugees. Arbab Talib and Principal Secretary to Governor, Hashim Khan Ghilzai. The country represen-

tative of UNHČR thanked the Pakistani nation and government on extending hospitality to the Afghan The Governor was refugees for last four despeaking to the country cades.

# Pakistan Navy, PMSA seize large consignment of drugs at sea

ISLAMABAD (INP): Pakistan Navy and Pakistan Maritime Security Agency have seized a large consignment of



According to ISPR, in a joint anti-narcotics operation, PMSS Zhob seized a large quantity of narcotics in the North Arabian Sea, worth thousands of dollars in the international market.

This is the third major operation of Pakistan Navy against drug smuggling in the last ten days.

Pakistan Navy and PMSA maintain constant presence to closely monitor sea lanes Successful joint antinarcotics operation is a result of effective surveillance at sea by Pakistan Navy and Pakistan Maritime Security

#### **CPEC** phase-II to grow business links between Pak-China: Ahsan

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister for Planning and Development Ahsan Iqbal Tuesday said that the economic and cultural connections between the people of China and Pakistan are strong and focused.

In a video message ahead of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's visit to China, he said that a delegation comprising of one hundred and twenty six Pakistani businessmen is also visiting China, PTV news channel reported.

"China has an important role in Pakistan's development. It has always helped Pakistan in difficult times," he added.

He said there is a big opportunity for us to export the country's products to neighboring China, adding, Pakistani business delegation will sign investment and export agreements with their Chinese counterparts during the visit.

The Minister for Planfirst phase of CPEC focused on infrastructure development, adding, this also provided two hundred thousand job opportunities to the youth.

#### CM Maryam, Nawaz meet Oatari envov

LAHORE (APP): Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif, along with Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) President Muhammad Nawaz Sharif. met with the Ambassador of Oatar to Pakistan H.E. Mr Ali Bin Mubarak Al Khater, here on Tuesday.

Possible investment opportunities in Punjab, labor force supply from the province, cooperation in the development of infrastructure and other sectors in Punjab and other matters of mutual interest were discussed during the meeting.

The chief minister briefed H.E. Mr Ali Bin Mubarak Al Khater about the business-friendly policies of Punjab government and invited Qatari businessmen and industrialists to invest in Punjab. "We want to promote economic relations between Punjab and Qatar," she expressed.

Both leaders stressed the need to strengthen bilateral relations and find new ways of cooperation.

#### PTI ready to hold talks with real power: Alvi ISLAÑABAD (INP):

Former president and Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) senior leader Dr Arif Alvi said on Tuesday that his party would hold dialogue with the one who has real power to make deci-

He stated this while responding to a question about the impression that incarcerated PTI founder Imran Khan was not in favour of holding dialogue with his political opponents to bring stability to the country. The statement came af-

ter multiple calls from the incumbent government urging the embattled Imran Khan-founded party to hold talks to find a solution to end the political crisis, however, the former ruling party failed to give a clear response so far.

# SIC's reserved seats plea **PTI** deprived its people of democratic right by not holding intra-party polls: CJP

Says all issues would've been resolved if intra-party polls were held: Case of PTI would have been strong if the independent members had not joined the SIC

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Supreme Court of Pa-kistan on Tuesday ad-journed hearing till June 24, on an appeal of Sunni Ittehad Council (SIC) regarding the reserved seats.

A thirteen-member bench headed by Chief Jus-tice of Pakistan Qazi Faez Isa heard the appeal against the verdict of Peshawar High Court.

Justice Syed Mansoor Ali Shah, Justice Munib Akhtar, Justice Yahya Afridi, Justice Amin ud Din Khan, Justice Jamal Khan

Mandokhail, Muhammad Ali Mazhar, Justice Ayesha A. Malik, Justice Athar Minallah Justice Hassan Azhar Rizvi, Justice Shahid Waheed, Justice Irfaan Saadat Khan and Justice Naeem Akhtar Afghan were also part of the bench. However, Justice Musarrat Hilali didn't join the bench due to illness.

During hearing of the SIC's lawyer, the chief justice remarked that the candidates who are not in front

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QUETTA: Provincial Education Minister Raheela Hameed Khan Durrani talking to media after end protest of Joint Action Committee Baluchistan em--ployees outside Baluchistan University.

### University of Balochistan's 90-day sit-in ends as govt releases salaries

OUETTA (APP): The gov- salaries to the employees ernment of Balochistan has up to June. ning also recalled that the announced the release of salaries for university employees, resulting in the end of the 90-day sit-in by Balochistan University

> On Tuesday, Provincial Education Minister Raheela Hameed Durrani arrived at the protest sitin organized by employees against the non-payment of salaries, where she held talks with the teachers and subsequently announced

the end of the sit-in. The Provincial Education Minister expressed her regret that the teachers were on the streets instead of in the classrooms. She announced the payment of

Talking to the protesting teachers, the Education Minister emphasized that employees should not have to take to the streets to receive their salaries, as salaried individuals rely on their wages to run their households

"On the directives of Chief Minister Balochistan Sarfaraz Bugti, the dues of university employees are being paid," she maintained. She hopes that the upcoming budget will allocate funds for university teachers for the entire year. Subsequently, the university employees announced the end of their 90-day sit-



LAHORE: President PML (N) Nawaz Sharif shaking hand with Ambassador of Qatar Ali bin Mubrak Al-Khatir. Chief Minister Punjab Maryam Nawaz is also present.

## Govt. of Balochistan orders to register case of Sanjdi mishap against mine owner, 2 others

**Independent Report** 

QUETTA: The Government of Balochistan has ordered to register case against three persons including the owner of coal mine in which a mine manager, contractor and nine workers died in Sanidi area on Tuesday

According to the spokesman of provincial government, Shahid Rind, an official letter has been dispatched to the concerned police station for registration of FIR by the Mines and Minerals Department.

It may be mentioned here that 11 persons including the Coal mine Manager, contractor and nine mine workers were died due to the leakage of poisonous gas and suffocation. Meanwhile, the Provin-

He also mentioned that the installation of gas meters has been declared compulsory in the coal

cial Minister for Mines and

Minerals, Mir Shoaib

Nausherwani said that the

coal mine workers were is-

sued warning for several

times to adopt precaution-

ary measures in their mines.

owners were also directed

to install meters to check

level of gas in the coal mines.

orders issued from time to

time, the Minister Mines

Similarly, the coal mine

But, they ignored the

Mr. Nausherwani said that the Chief Commissioner Mines has also been directed to submit report about the safety measures in the mines after their in-

# **UNHCR** announces major energy project to solarize 125 public facilities in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD (APP): On World Environment Day, UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency has announced that it would solarize 125 educational and health facilities across Pakistan this year.

These state-of-the-art solar systems will provide clean and sustainable energy, benefiting refugees and their hosting commu-

The facilities being solarized include 103 girls and boys public educational institutions, 16 public health facilities, four vocational training centres along with other critical community infrastructure – delivering uninterrupted and affordable energy and improving access to essential services for Pakistani and refugee

The impact of the investment is already being

crease in school attendance, including of girls, as well as improving the overall learning environment.

'Having a fan and lights at the school means I can concentrate on my learning," said Amina, a refugee in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's province.

"I've encouraged other girls in my community to join me, to spend evenings in the classroom environment to finish our homework after the school day ends, now that it is cool, she added.

As part of this major endeavour, UNHCR will also distribute and install more than 34,000 Solar Home Systems, in refugee villages in Pakhtunkhwa Balochistan, said a press release issued here.

These solar home sys-

solar kits, power three lights and a fan, can charge a mobile phone and will have a transformative impact on families who currently have no access to electricity.

More than 300 solar streetlights have also already been installed in a number of remote refugee villages, transforming security and social interactions among refugees of all age groups, especially women and girls.

An expansion of the solar streetlight activities will also take place in other remote and isolated refugee villages and their hosting areas. This will provide much-needed safety during Khyber nighttime hours, allowing studying and communal activities such as sports and social gatherings to take place long after the sun has



PESHAWAR: Chairman Higher Education Commission Dr Mukhtiar Ahmed meeting with with Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi

#### Pakistan, China agree to explore.....

Continued from page 1 partnership in science and technology, innovation and trade and economic coop-

They also agreed that Pakistan-China Business Conference being held on Wednesday (tomorrow) could make an important

contribution in that regard. The prime minister also attended a banquet hosted by Meng Fanli.

Earlier Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday arrived here on the first leg of his five-day official visit to China from June 4 to 8. to meet the Chinese leadership and the business com-

As the prime minister port, he was warmly re-

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downloaded from www.bppra.gob.pk (free of cost) and the same can

also be obtained from the office of the under-signed upon payment of

prescribed tender fee. Last Date and Time of Bid Submission 21

June, 2024 at 11:00 AM and will be opened on same day at 12:00 Pm

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PSDP No.4297 2023-24 TSE-232406448333

Shenzhen city of China Luo Huanghao, Chinese Ambassador in Pakistan Jiang Zaidong, Pakistan's Ambassador in Beijing Khalil Hashmi and senior diplo-

will meet with Secretary of Communist Party of China in Shenzhen Meng Fanli to discuss the ways to pro-

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matic officials. stop during the prime of the two countries. Abusiminister's official visit to The prime minister

mote bilateral cooperation. During his two-day stay here, Prime Minister companies and enterprises. Shehbaz and his delegation The visit to Shenzhen aims will meet the leadership of to bolster economic coopthe Guangdong province eration in export-oriented Government as well as lead-

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technologies, high-tech development and ICT. Pakistan's delegation **TENDER NOTICE** The EXECUTIVE ENGINEER IRRIGATION DIV KHUZDAR invites bids from Eligible Bidders for execution of following works for the Year 2024 based on Composite schedule rates 2018 on Percentage Rates. Tender Fee Rs.1500/- and bid Security 2% for each work. E/Cost CONST: OF PCC WALLAT SONEJIAREA DIST

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Fatima Khawaja. leaders and high officials.'

ceived by Vice Mayor of ing Chinese companies in innovation and high-tech

He will also inaugurate the Pakistan-China Business Conference in line with his vision to support, promote and lead collaboration Shenzhen is the first between the businessmen ness delegation of leading Pakistani business persons will attend the conference for collaboration with the influential Chinese counter-

Shenzhen is the hub of China's innovation, technology and research led innovation led, advanced

comprises prominent business figures, Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar, Defence Khawaja Muhammad Asif, Planning Petroleum Minister Dr Musaddik Malik, Information and Broadcasting Minister Attaullah Tarar, Food Security Minister Rana merce Minister Jam Kamal

After landing here, the prime minister took to X saying, "Impressed by the city's skyline and development that symbolizes modern day China. Looking forward to my engagements with the provincial authorities, business community and industry giants here before proceeding to Beijing for official talks with President Xi Jinping, Premier Li Qiang and other Chinese



MUZAFFARABAD: Prime Minister Azad Kashmir Chaudhry Anwaarul Haq addressing a public meeting

PTI deprived its people of.... case highlighted a string of Continued from page 1

of us and you are represent-ing from all the PTI. The candidates of PTI are leaving you and not joining

The chief justice questioned whether PTI or independent candidates requested to take election ymbol of bat? Why not challenge if the bat sign was not given, he asked.

He further remarked that we did not say that intra-party elections should not be held, adding that all the problems would have been resolved if intra-party elections were held.

Addressing the lawyer, the CJP said that you are trying to associate yourself with different parties, adding that you are no longer an independent candidate. He observed that if you show yourself as a PTI candidate, you are not an independent candidate.

Chief Justice Qazi Faez Isa said that the PTI had deprived its people of the democratic right. Where was the reflection of the will of the voters in the election of this political party, he asked. He said that if there were party elections then only the members of PTI would benefit it.

The CJP remarked that the case of PTI would have been strong if the independent members had not joined the SIC.

The PTI would have made a claim for these members. He asked if the candidate did not go to the SIC, what would happen to the reserved seats? If the number of 336 is to be completed in the Parliament then seats cannot be left vacant.

Justice Munib Akhtar Akhtar during the full court hearing on reserved seats

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Assignment of similar nature of work. Turn over of at least 4,200,000

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Documents: From the date of publication of NIT to 21 June. 2024

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The Tenders must be submitted latest by 21 June, 2024till 11:00 AM.

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legal mistakes made by the Election Commission of PESHAWAR Pakistan (ECP) that compelled PTI-backed candi-

He further stated that the issue regarding reserved seats came down to whether these candidates should be "denied those reserved seats simply because now they have taken shelter un-der [the Sunni Ittehad Council].

dates to contest elections as

independents.

On this occasion, Jus-e Jamal Khan Jamal Mandokhail remarked that apparently, the PTI candidates changed their parties, adding that there is a decision under Article 63A on

party change. Justice Sayed Mansoor Ali Shah asked what will happen if there are more independent members in the parliament and there are two political parties. Whether all reserved seats will go to the two political parties or these parties will get specific seats only in proportion to the number of seats they had won.

During hearing, SIC's lawyer Faisal Siddiqui said that the issue before the court is election, democracy and voter representation.

According to the Constitution, independent candidates can join a political party within three days.

He said that the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP), was informed in writing about joining the SIC. he SIC did not submit the list for the reserved seats as it didn't participating in the general elections.

other parties approached the ECP to get the extra reserved seats after the application of the SIC for allocation of seats was reiected.

The lawyer said that

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#### Chairman **HEC** calls on Governor KP

Chairman Higher Education Commission Dr Mukhtiar Ahmed met with Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi on

Tuesday.
In the meeting, the edu cational, financial, and administrative problems and difficulties faced by the public sector universities of . Khyber Pakhtunkhwa were discussed

Issues related to financial grants to universities from the Higher Education Commission, and federal and provincial governments were also discussed. Financial, administrative, and educational problems aris ing from the non-appointment of vice-chancellors in universities were also dis cussed. Governor Faisal Karim Kundi said that universities will have to move away from traditional education and focus on modern research.

#### Pakistan hockey team climbs two spots in FIH

rankings ISLAMABAD (INP): The

Pakistan hockey team enjoyed a significant jump in the International Hockey Federation rankings, moving up two places to 14th after their dominant 8-1 victory over Canada.

This positive development comes after a series of fluctuating positions for the national team Pakistan initially entered the Azlan Shah Čup ranked 17th.

They climbed two spots to 15th during the tournament but slipped back to 16th after losing the final.

However, their recent performance in the Nations Cup has shown promise. A hard-fought 4-4 draw against Malaysia was followed by a convincing 8-1 win against Canada, propelling them up the

# 915 children martyred, 107,960 orphaned since January 1989 in IIOJK

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Indian occupation forces have martyred 915 children in their unabated acts of state terrorism over the last 35 years in the Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu & Kashmir (IIOJK).

The Research Section of the Kashmir Media Service, in a report released on the International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression, revealed that 915 children were among the 96,310 Kashmiris martyred by the Indian troops from January 1, 1989, till date, while 107,960 children were orphaned in the territory during the period due to killing of their parents.

The report further stated that thousands of people, including schoolchildren, were also injured by pellets, bullets, and teargas shells fired by the Indian troops, police, and paramilitary forces. Hundreds of persons, including teenagers, had lost eyesight in one or both eyes due to pellet, PAVA, and teargas shell injuries since 2010 in the territory

Hundreds of boys and girls aged below 19 were martyred during cordon and search operations and fake encounters, while a large number of boys under the age of 19 were facing illegal detentions under black laws in different jäils of IIOJK and India, it added.

## PFL will play a key role in development of football in Pakistan: Farhan Junejo

Pakistan Football League (PFL) UK Chairman Farhan Ahmed Junejo has said that PFL will play a key role in the development of football in the country, the visit of a large number of foreign footballers and officials will be an important milestone for the development of Pakistan football.

He expressed these views while talking to the media on the occasion of an event held in Islamabad in the honour of foreign football diginities. Former Chairman Senate Sadiq Sanjrani, PML-N leader bright future where every Hanif Abbasi, Senator child will have the oppor-Abdul Qadir, Senior jour- tunity to fulfill their nalist and Analyst Mohsin dreams in the field of Jamil Baig and other per- football", adding that we sonalities also attended the will get a boost while the

event. the Portuguese profesthat there is a lot of foot- dards.

ISLAMABAD (Online): ball talent in Pakistan, who need long-term planning to improve the football standard so football can flourish with the heights of success in Pakistan.

He said that there is a need to provide professional coaching to produce world-class players which needs the right policy to be adopted; the future of this sport will be bright in Pakistan as so many foreign football clubs were never visited before in the history of Pakistan.

" We will work with government to create a best talent will also get an Farhan Junejo said that opportunity to come forward through the Pakistan sional football club Benfiqa Football League as soccer will train hundred Pakistani city will be built in Karachi children every year adding according to FIFA stan-

rankings.

# NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The Executive Engineer Public Health Engineering Division Barkhan has invited that Sealed Tender (as per Schedule B and A) on the Composite Schedule of Rates 2018 amended up to date Government of Balochistan from interested Firm / Contractors of the following works: - Bid Security 2% for each work.

ı	S.#	Name of Works.	E/Cost.	Bid opening Date & Time
	1.	D/D WSS Basti Kahkoor Ganmberg WSS for Basti Haji Ali Muhammad Qasmani District Barkhan. (PSDP NO.8021 - 2023-24) <u>TSE-232405443703</u>	5,840,000	Bid submission 21st June, 2024 till 12:00 PM and the will be opened on same day at 01:00 pm
	2.	D/D WSS Basti Umer Shah Bahudar area Rakhni District Barkhan. (PSDP NO.8019 - 2023-24) <b>TSE-</b> <b>232405443633</b>	2,920,000	Bid submission 21st June, 2024 till 11:30 am and the will be opened on same day at 12:30 pm
	3.	D/D WSS for Basti Chohar Kot Gharbi Basti Haji Noor Muhammad Babani Rakni PSDP NO.8020 - 2023-24) TSE-232405443603	5,840,000	Bid submission 21st June, 2024 till 11:00 am and the will be opened on same day at 12:00 pm
	4.	D/D WSS for Basti Jalla Shah,Basti M.Goliani Rakhni,WSS for Basti Rasool Bukhsh Jokhion area District Barkhan.(PSDP NO.8018 - 2023-24) <b>TSE-232405443373</b>	8,760,000	Bid submission 21st June, 2024 till 09:45 am and the will be opened on same day at 10:45 am
	5.	D/D WSS for Basti Machrani Khatta Chauki,Bunarani Baghaw,Basti Sher Muhammad Dom Bahudra,Basti Fazal Shah Dado Shah Dhak District Barkhan. (PSDP NO.8017- 2023-24) <b>TSE-232405443333</b>	11,680,000	Bid submission 21st June, 2024 till 10:00 am and the will be opened on same day at 11:00 am
	6.	D/D WSS for Essa Lallha Ochri,Wadera Haider Rautar,Basti Kilchiani Rakni area and WSS Basti Rahim Bukhsh Sarfah Rakni District Barkhan (PSDP NO.8015 - 2023-24) <b>TSE-232405443253</b>	11,680,000	Bid submission 21st June, 2024 till 09:45 am and the will be opened on same day at 10:45 am
	7.	D/DWSS for Basti Haji Khan M.Ganda Qaswani,Basti Abdul Karim Babani,Basti Rehman Batinai Soimen,Basti Lal Bukhsh Dom Dubla District Barkhan.(PSDP NO.8016 - 2023-24) <b>TSE-</b>	11,680,000	Bid submission 21st June, 2024 till 10:00 am and the will be opened on same day at 11:00 am

The Procurement shall be carried out in accordance with Balochistan Public Procurement Regulatory Authority rules, 2014 amended up to date. BASIC ELIGIBITY: The Firm/ Contractors must have valid registration with Pakistan Engineering Council (2023-24) who also has deposited case for renewal in relevant Category, relevant discipline and registration with tax authorities i.c. (NTN and BRA), including three years similar nature work experiences & Bank Statement (Turnover). Firms (Single Entity) having valid registration with Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC) in the Category C-6 or above. The firm must register in Balochistan Revenue Authority. Presence in Active Tax Payer List. Valid Registration with Income Tax. Turnover at least of last three years the detail of the same are also mentioned of the each tender in the bidding documents. The bidder must have completed 3 Assignment of similar nature of work. The bids must accompany Bid Security in the form of Deposit at Call of 2 % specified above in the name of the under-signed from a scheduled bank. The bidding firm must not be blacklisted by any procuring agency of Pakistan. Representative of firm/ contractor must be provide the an authorization letter on nonjudicial stamp paper dully attested by first class Magistrate. Other Mandatory conditions and Detail Criteria mentioned in the Bidding Documents. Sequential page numbering of Bid Proposal. Signing and stamping of bid proposal wherever indicated as well as initial/ signature and seal on all other pages of proposals. The Proposal is bound as hard book to deny addition/ removal of pages' METHOD OF PROCUREMENT: Single stage-one envelope procedure. ISSUANCE: The Firms can obtain the bidding Documents from the office of the Executive Engineer Public Health Engineering Division Barkhan upon payment (nonrefundable) bidding document fee Rs. 1000/- of each above deposited in government treasury under head of account CO-2725 through Green Challan Form in National Bank of Pakistan(NBP), Barkhan (The NIT & Bidding Document can also be downloaded from www.bppra.org.pk, in this regard, the interested bidders must submit Green Challan Form deposited in government treasury one day prior to the bid opening in the office of undersigned. Deadline of Submission: The bidding Documents duly filled and attached with copies of supporting documents must be delivered in sealed envelopes by hand or through registered mail to the address mentioned below on or before on mentioned above date & time. Opening: The bids will be opened on the above mentioned date & time, before procurement committee in the presence of contractors or their authorized representatives/agents.. Place of issuance and submission will be: -Address:Office of the Executive Engineer Public Health Engineering Division Barkhan Telephone No.0829-668242 Fax No.0829-668242 Bid Validity Period: Ninety (90) Days. sardarsdc@gmail.com.

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TSE-232406447603 Note: In All Procurements of GOB Whether Through Electronic or Manual Bid Submission, It is Mandatory For All Bidders to Get Registered At Electronic Public Procurement System of BPPRA GOB. The Conservator Forest Quetta invites bids from Eligible Bidders for execution of following works for the Year 2024 based on Composite schedule rates 2018 on Percentage Rate. Tender Fee PKR and Bid Security 2%

S.No Name of Work/s 1 Renovation of Project Director PMU Building & 6.000.000 Procurements shall be made under the Balochistan Public

Procurement Rules - 2014. Eligibility of Bidders: Presence in Active Tax Payer List. The bidding firm must not be blacklisted by any procuring agency of Pakistan. Balochistan Revenue Authority Registration is required. The bidder must have completed Assignment of similar nature of work. Turn over of at least 4,200,000 PKR Amount in1 subsequent previous years showing financial capacity of the firm Procedure Of Procurement: Single Stage One Envelope Bidding Procedure Bid Security: The bids must accompany Bid Security in the form of Bank Gurantee, Deposit at Call of 2 % specified above in the name of the under-signed from a scheduled bank. Tender Documents: The bidding documents can be obtained from the office of the under-signed Issuance of tender Documents: From the date of publication of NIT to 21 June. 2024 during office hours on working days Last Date of bid submission: The Tenders must be submitted latest by 21 June, 2024till 11:00 AM. Tender opening: All tenders will be opened on same day at the office of the under-signed at 12:00 PM Address: Project Director TBTTP Wildlife Component (WoodCock Nursery Samungli Road Quetta) Phone no: 0819204491

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The Executive Engineer-Buildings CW, PP&H Department District Sohbat Pur, invites sealed percentage rate tender based on composite schedule of rate 2018, Government of Balochistan amended up-to date from interested contractor / firms for the work listed below: Earnest Money 2%, Time limit 30-06-2025.

S.No. Name of Work E/Cost Construction of 700 Rft Boundary Wall at GBHS Ghulam Rasool Khosa District

Sohbat Pur TSE-232405433083

The procurement shall be carried out in accordance with Balochistan Public Procurement Regulatory Authority rules, 2014. BASIC ELIGIBILITY: The Contractor must have valid registration with Pakistan Engineering Council in relevant category C-6 or above in relevant discipline and registration with tax authorities i.e. (NTN & Sales Tax Department), where applicable. Three Years Relevant Work Experience. Turn-over of last three Years. Registration Certificate in BRA. Active Tax payer list (ATL) METHOD OF PROCURMENT: Single stage- One envelope Bidding Procedure. BIDDING / TENDER DOCUMENTS: Issuance: The Contractor / Firms having registered with PEC in aforementioned category in relevant discipline can obtain the bidding documents from the address mentioned below on production of greer challan from for an amount of Rs.1000/- (Non-refundable) deposited in the head of account C-02716 through Government Treasury / National Bank of Pakistan or can be downloaded from website of BPPRA from the date of publication of this invitation on the website of BPPRA. The contractor / firms who obtain bidding documents by downloading them from BPPRA website will also be required to produce deposited green challan from above mentioned fee. Earnest Money as mentioned above should be submitted in the form of bank guarantee or Deposit at Call from a scheduled Bank. Dead Line of Submission: The Bidding Documents duly filled and attached with copies of supporting documents must be delivered in sealed envelopes by hand or through registered mail to the address mentioned below on or before **20-06**-2024, at 12:00 PM. Opening: The tender document will be opened on 20-06-2024, at 1:00 PM, before procurement committee in the presence of contractors or their authorized representatives /agents. Place of issuance and submission will be:- Address: Office of the Executive Engineer-Buildings, CW,PP&H Department District Sohbat Pur Telephone No: 0838-603032 E-mail: eeiisohbatpur@gmail.com Bid validity 90 days Terms and Conditions: Terms and conditions are mentioned (incorporated) in detail in bidding documents. A Procuring Agency may cancel the bidding process at any time prior to acceptance of bid or proposal, as per provision in BPPRA, rule 2014. Note: It may be noted that no Pay Order will be Accepted/Entertained and firm's complete Title/Name should be written on the Call Deposit. Only original contractors are allowed to participate in the tender's agent / representative will not be

# **ECP** reserves verdict on petition to change election tribunal in ICT constituencies

The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) reserved its verdict on Tuesday regarding the petition seeking the replacement of election tribunal for three National Assembly constituencies of Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT).

three-member bench, headed by Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Sikandar Sultan Raja, conducted the hearing of petitions filed by three member national assemblies (MNAs) of the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz, who were elected from the federal capital in the last February elections

Petitioner Tariq Fazal Choudhry's lawyer argued that according to the Code of Civil Procedure (CPC), the tribunal is under the Election Commission. He produced a document from

his pocket, which the tribunal promptly accepted. The lawyer stated that he would not directly quote the language of the Election

Tribunal but would adhere to arguing legal points. Nevertheless, the tribunal began imposing fines on the petitioners for their failure to appear before it.

The tribunal's remarks cannot be quoted. Furthermore, Form 45, (submitted by the PTI candidates), was accepted without being crosschecked.

The lawyer claimed that no legal regulation had been adopted and the proceedings were initiated. In response, Chief Election Commissioner Sikandar Sultan Raja inquired whether the lawyer meant to say that a witness would have been produced and claimed that a candidate cross-checked. The lawyer replied that the trial had not tions.

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister's Coordinator on Climate Change and Envi-

ronmental Coordination, Romina Khurshid Alam in group photo with partici-

pants of workshop during closing session organized by Woman Media Center.

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and combat aggression

against them.

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**CPWB stresses collective** 

commitment to support, protect

children affected by aggression

ISLAMABAD (APP): creates awareness about se-

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Chairperson of Child Protection and Welfare Bureau

Punjab Sara Ahmed empha-

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news channel, she said that the International Day of

Innocent Children Victims

every year on June 4 to pro-

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numerable children around

the world including Paki-

She said that the day

ment had already issued. The CEC questioned whether the tribunal should proceed with its judgment. The lawyer argued that un-

der the Election Act, the Commission has the authority to establish and change election tribunals as needed. They suggested appointing retired judges to lead additional tribunals instead Urging a halt to tribunal proceedings, they emphasized the commission's power to examine counter allot boxes thoroughly.
The CEC queried the

legal basis for halting the proceedings. The lawyer asserted that all powers under the CPC are vested in the Election Commission, allowing it to establish multiple tribunals They questioned the High Court Registrar's authority to handle such applica-



way, at National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) Headquarters.

# NDMA's monsoon coordination conference 2024 held

ISLAMABAD (APP): The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) on Tuesday convened the National Monsoon Coordination Conference 2024 to take necessary measures by relevant stakeholders for tackling heavy rainfall in the monsoon sea-

The two-day day National Monsoon Coordination Conference 2024 and Simulation Exercise commenced here at its Headquarters' National Emergencies Operation Center (NEOC) with all provincial and federal authorities, line departments and stake-

holders on board to share prevailing situation.

It's a two-day activity with stakeholders line departments, humanitarian agencies and donor organizations to foster coordination among disaster management stakeholders.

In the welcome remarks, Chairman NDMA, Lt General Inam Haider Malik said it was the first conference on monsoon prior to the rainy season whereas the authority has planned the moot after rigorous consultations of three months before the season. General Malik underscored that the NEOC was

providing national and regional capability to provide long-term weather forecast for taking preemptive measures before any major disaster. He added that the NEOC could generate in advance projections for ten months that could help provide guidelines for better responses to disasters.

The Chairman NDMA mentioned that the Authority had held numerous simulation exercises to enhance capability of provincial disaster management authorities (PDMAs). whereas there was room for scaling up of capabilities at provincial level.

# **IGP Islamabad chairs** meetings with police officers at CPO

**Independent Report** ISLAMABAD: According to details, Inspector General of Police (IGP) Islamabad, Syed Ali Nasir

IGP Islamabad, Syed Ali Nasir Rizvi, asked about the pending cases from investigation officers. He directed all officers to



meetings at the Central Po-Office (CPO) Islamabad, a police public relations officer said.

The IGP Islamabad reviewed the performance of the Investigation Wing, conducted an audit of antiriot equipment in the Law and Order Division, and assessed the ongoing work Safe City Islamabad.

Rizvi, chaired important review the "Pucar-15" calls and register the cases. Additionally, he instructed the police officers to contact the applicants and gather feedback on the progress made on their applications. He emphasized the need for police officers to improve the quality of their investi gations and to ensure that the challans of all cases are regarding the revamping of submitted to the relevant

# Chairman CDA ensures quick solutions to public grievances

Development Authority (CDA), Muhammad Ali Randhawa, attentively of the individuals on Tuesday and promptly directed the resolution of their is-

ISLAMABAD (APP): people they serve. He Chairman of the Capital stressed the importance of prioritizing and swiftly resolving the problems brought forward by citizens. To instill confidence and trust in the institution, Randhawa committed to personally engaging with individuals to listen to their concerns and ensure their



ter Shahid Khqan Abbasi, and Guest of honour Ambassador of Belgium Charles Delogne awarding a shield to participant of Pakistan Environmental Award held at PNCA in the Federal Capital.

#### **Dengue cases** surge in country with 2,795 new cases reported

ISLAMABAD (APP) There has been a significant increase in dengue cases, with 2,795 fresh cases reported in the past week across the country.

According to National Institute of Health (NIH) the surge in cases is attributed to the rising temperatures in the country, a private news channel on Tuesday said.

Balochistan has been the most affected province. with 1,728 dengue cases reported in the past week. Punjab follows

closely with 916 cases, while Sindh reported 116 Khvber cases. Pakhtunkhwa logged 34 cases, and Azad Jammu and Kashmir reported a single case. No cases were reported in Gilgit Baltistan and Islamabad. Dengue virus a mosquito-horne vira disease, has been spreading rapidly around the world in recent years. The virus is primarily transmitted by female mosquitoes of the species Aedes aegypti and, to a lesser extent, Ae. albopictus.

#### DIG Islamabad visited PIMS Hospital, inquired about injured Cop

Independent Report ISLAMABAD: Accordin to details, the DIG Islamabad, Syed Ali Raza, visited PIMS Hospital to see Constable Amir Dad Kakar, who was undergoing treatment, as per a pub

lic relations officer. He said that Constable Ammer Dad Kakaar was injured in a traffic accident. During the visit, DIG Islamabad inquired about his health and treatment

The DIG Islamabad stated that officers are valuable assets of the police department, highlighting a sense of camaraderie and unity within the depart

DIG Islamabad asserted that everyone within the department is like a family, ensuring that no officer or official would ever feel alone during challenging

instances of service from

their countries in which the

Sikh diaspora communities

shared information about

the activities either directly

organized or participated in

by leaders of the Sikh

diaspora communities for

The speakers also

were actively involved.

# **KP Governor meets** with federal minister, discuss IT promotion

ISLAMABAD Pakhtunkhwa, Karim Kundi on Tuesday met with Federal Minister for Science, Khalid Maqbool Siddique in Islamabad and discussed avenues of promoting information technology in the

motion of information technology in the country, and especially in KP province, said a press release issued

KP Governor and federal minister also discussed matters to establish campus power youth and assured

(APP): over the subject matter. Faisal Karim Kundi also suggested to allocate admission quota for students of southern districts in Comsats University and added that he desired to create opportunities for KP youth to venture into field of information technology.

He also highlighted significance of modern technology to compete in the contemporary world and to take country towards progress and development. Khalid Maqbool

Siddique appreciated interest of KP Governor to em-



of Comsats University in

him cooperation to provide D I Khan and concerned KP students with chances authorities were directed to of exploring new fields of prepare a feasibility report information technology.

# **Rominan says: Govt committed to** ecosystem restoration, environ. conservation for future generation

ISLAMABAD (APP): perts, activists, and stu-Prime Minister's Coordinadents to address pressing tor for Climate Change, Romina Khurshid Alam on Tuesday emphasised that the government was committed to ecosystem restoration and protect the environment for future generations. She was addressing the seminar as chief guest by National Institute of Maritime Affairs (NIMA), in collaboration with the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) and Bahria University (BU), to commemorate World Environment Day, a news release said. Romina Khurshid Alam insisted on the significance of environment day and steps taken by government of Pakistan for eco-

The event brought to-

system restoration.

environmental issues facing Pakistan's communities. The guests included Norwegian Ambassador Per Albert Ilsaas. Sri Lankan Minister A.Christy Ruban, Farzana Altaf Shah, DG Pakistan **Environmental Protection** Agency, Amb. Nafees Zakarya, Executive Director COMSATS, Gauhar Zahid Malik, President & Executive Editor at Pakistan Observer and Muhammad Ibrahim Khan, WWF-Pakistan's representative. The theme of the seminar was "Coastal Erosion Management, Mangroves Preservation & Ecosystem Rehabilitation" under the overall United Nation's theme of 'Land Restoration, Desergether eminent government tification and Drought Re-



George Steiner meet on Tuesday with Chairman Red Crescent Pakistan Sardar Shahid Ahmed Laghari.

#### **Chairman PRCS meets** Swiss Ambassador challenges brought about by

ISLAMABAD (INP): Swiss Ambassador to Pakistan, George Steiner on Tuesday commended the Pakistan Red Crescent Society (PRCS) for its outstanding service during natural disasters and crises.

The ambassador expressed these views during a meeting with PRCS Chairman Sardar Shahid Ahmad Laghari who visited

the Swiss Embassy, said in a Press Release issued here. He emphasized that all countries had been affected by climate change but Pakistan had suffered par-

ticularly severe impacts. By aiding flood-affected families, Pakistan Red Crescent Society (

humanity in that regard. The meeting addressed various subjects such as Pak-Swiss relations,

PRCS) fulfilled its duty to

mutual cooperation, and

climate change. The Steiner noted that Pakistan

ranked seventh on the climate risk index, which was extremely concerning, and emphasized the need for active participation and stringent measures to combat global warming.

He commended Chairman Laghari for his efforts to modernize the PRCS and enhance diplomatic relations. Additionally, he acknowledged the significant actions taken by PRCS under Laghari's leadership, highlighting the ongoing and future initiatives dedicated to serving humanity. Furthermore, the ambassador assured new avenues of support for PRCS. The meeting concluded with both parties exchanging commemorative souvenirs, marking the occasion as a step forward in fostering deeper the urgent humanitarian collaboration.

#### Contribu tions of Sikh diaspora communities to peace highlighted

SLAMABAD (APP): The participants of a symposium on Tuesday highlighted the contributions of the Sikh diaspora communities in promoting global peace, harmony, and prosperity as well as the role of the Governderscoring the efforts of res ment of Pakistan in preservation and maintenance of Sikh holy sites in the coun-

> The symposium titled 'Sikhism: Contributions to global peace & prosperity and role in the Far East,' was organized by the Institute of Regional Studies

It gathered experts on the subject from the Far East Region, a news release

Speaking on the occasion, Federal Minister for Law and Justice, Azam Nazeer Tarar highlighted the

significance of Pakistan as the birthplace of Sikhism, the respect that the government and the people of Pakistan accorded to Sikh sacred sites, and the warm reception they extended to Sikh pilgrims since the creation of Pakistan.

He lauded the contributions of Sikh diaspora communities to various sectors of economies of their home countries The participants of

the symposium highlighted that the spirit of Sikhism was deeply embedded in the values of peace, equality, selfless service, and empowerment of communities to take collective action for promoting peaceloving, service-oriented.

and inclusive societies. The participants highlighted that the Sikh diaspora communities always contributed towards promoting global peace and harmony as well as the rich cultural and spiritual traditions of Sikh religion.

The speakers particularly emphasized the Sikh religious principle of 'Seva" (selfless service) as a motivating factor in promotion of harmony among the Sikh diaspora communities and a culture of service to humanity. The speakers talked

about various aspects of the Sikh tradition of selfless service such as feeding the hungry through the free communal kitchens known as Langars They shared that

Langars served free food to anyone in need irrespective of his or her background. The participating del-

egates from Malaysia, and

Australia shared specific

the promotion of interfaith They mentioned several interfaith conferences and events they had partici-

pated in or organized in their countries. They further shared that the Sikh communities were also active in the education sector through estab-

lishment of schools and provision of scholarships.

The participants highlighted the importance of peace, tolerance, and inclusivity and the need to build a more peaceful and

inclusive society through educational initiatives.

The participants of the symposium expressed their appreciation for the preservation and upkeep of the Sikh holy sites in Paki-

They maintained that

important holy sites like GurdwaraJanamAsthan in Nankana Sahib, Gurdwara Darbar Sahib in Kartarpur, and GurdwaraPanja Sahib in Hassanabdal were preserved and maintained well by the local Sikh communities with the support of the Government of Paki-

Among the key participants of the symposium were Dr.Harwindar Singh, Founder, Harvey Gill Associates (Malaysia); Adv. DatoPretam Founder, Pretam Singh Nor

& Co. (Malaysia); Mr. Gurbax Singh Bains, Supreme Sikh Council (Australia); Professor Dr Manjit Singh, Partner, MSSMR (Malaysia); and Adv. Sucha Singh, former President of the Malaysian Gurdwara Council.

The speakers also shared information about the activities either directly organized or participated in by leaders of the Sikh diaspora communities for the promotion of interfaith harmony. They mentioned sev-

eral interfaith conferences and events they had participated in or organized in their countries. They further shared

that the Sikh communities were also active in the education sector through establishment of schools and provision of scholarships



Deputy Commissioner (DC) Islamabad, Irfan Nawaz Memon Tuesday highlighted the ongoing efforts to tackle the fire incidents, with 500 people hired by the Capital Development Authority's (CDA) environment wing this season to act as watchdogs and manual fire control operatives. In recent days, fire incidents have been reported across the Margalla Hills, prompting swift action from the district administration, said the ICT's Administration spokes-

vigilant eye on potential fire outbreaks," the DC said, adding the individuals were crucial in manually extinguishing fires, as it was challenging to bring firefighting

"Our goal is to keep a

some of the fires.

Meanwhile, a main accused also arrested by the district administration and environment wing CDA.

Nawaz also engaged with residents of villages near the hills, holding meetings and making announcements in mosques to seek their cooperation. "We have reminded them that these forests belong to all of us, and we must protect them together," he said. The community has been urged to report any suspicious activities to the authorities concerned. The DC emphasized the difficulty of extinguishing fires on pine leaves, un-



SLAMABAD: People are enjoying food at a local restaurant on Margalla Hills at Pir Sohawa in the Federal Capital.

#### underway in full swing across the country where polio workers are visiting door to door to administer anti-polio drops to the children below the age of five.

**Nationwide** 

anti-polio

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SLAMABAD (APP): A

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children in the country, she According to details said that children are the transit camps have also most vulnerable members been set up at bus stops, dren. Talking to a private of our society and the imhospitals and railway stapact of violence on their tions to administer polio drops to maximum chil-She calls on govern-

During the drive, more than 16.2 million children would be administered anti-

polio drops. Provincial Health Minister Syed Qasim Ali Shah talking to a private news channel said that polio was crippling diseases and it was the responsibility of all segments of the society to support the

#### feat the ailment. Zero load management in IESCO being observed

government's efforts to de-

SLAMABAD (APP) Islamabad Electric Supply Company (IESCO) six circles including Azad lammu and Kashmir is lifted owing to availability of sufficient electricity

against demand According to the data, the IESCO total demand stood at 2,159 megawatt (MW) against allocation of 2,350 MW with a zero shortfall at 14:00 hours with. The company is withdrawing some 2,092 MW from the national grid system against its total alloca-

tion of 2,350 MW. Zero load management is being observed in company circles including Islamabad, Rawalpindi Cantonment, Rawalpindi City, Jhelum, Attock,

Chakwal and AJK

#### listened to the complaints Speaking on the occaprompt resolution. He directed the implesion, Muhammad Ali Randhawa emphasized the fundamental duty of pubmentation of safety protolic servants was to address cols for the construction of the issues faced by the Park Road.



ISLAMABAD: Chief Guest Former Prime Minis-

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cyberterrorism or digital

terrorism, where definitions

vary, as they also do in the

case of terrorism. Some of

the definitions focus on at-

tacks on computer systems

and the use of viruses, oth-

ers on the use of internet to

conduct violence, while

some may focus on terror-

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to carry out violent attacks.

It may seem unnecessary

exercise to split hairs but

society in general and the

Pakistan Army in particu-

lar know better than most

the scourge of terrorism.

Even at present, we are

struggling with the challenge

during the first four

months, the country re-

ported nearly 250 incidents

terrorism

according to one report.

After all, Pakistani

definitions do matter.

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# Daily Soice of Masse Independent

Wednesday June 05, 2024

#### Cipher acquittal Yesterday afternoon, Imran

Khan and Shah Mahmood Qureshi stood acquitted of the charge of compromising state secrets.

'Traitors' for a grand total of about four months and one week, the two have been vindicated by the Islamabad High Court of charges brought against them in the infamous 'cipher case', as it came to be

While the detailed verdict is awaited, it is worth recalling that this was the most serious of the three convictions former prime minister Imran Khan had been slapped with in quick succession in the days leading up to the Feb 8 general election. Both Mr Khan and ex-foreign minister Mr Qureshi had been handed 10 years' rigorous punishment each for, in the eyes of the presiding judge, 'leaking' a secret cable and thereby compromising the safety, integrity and credibility of Pakistan's secure communication system with its diplomatic missions

The conviction had precluded Mr Qureshi's right to participate in the general election; Mr Khan had already been deemed ineligible by an earlier conviction in the Toshakhana case.

The verdict had been secured on the state's third attempt at prosecuting the case. Two earlier trials were aborted by the IHC after it found serious irregularities in the proceedings. Even then, the trial court's sentence was almost immediately slammed by the legal commu- view and their population nity; many had criticised the abnormal circumstances in duce Hindus to a minority, as per his claim, a larger which the trial was completed. This was the same case, it may be recalled, in which the court had denied the two defendants their right to appoint their own counsels or cross-examine the prosecution's witnesses, even though the prosecution had School education in Pakisought the maximum penalty of stan plays no constructive role in cultivating a civic a death sentence.

Even then, the biggest charge the two were found guilty ies school curriculum of — compromising the claims a paradigm shift to an inquiry-based apcountry's secure diplomatic proach, focusing on 'stucommunication system — was dent constructed learning, instead of teacher-transundermined by the Foreign Office shortly after, when it affirmed through a statement that its communication system had been audited and found to be safe and protected. There was, therefore, near unanimity in the legal community that the verdict would be overturned: it was recognising the critical imnot a question of if but when.

In retrospect, Mr Khan and Mr Qureshi committed a historical blunder and caused an international diplomatic incident by using the cipher as a political prop; however, this was books. On the contrary, the text is context-neutral never reason enough to punish and abstract. The lanthem under laws originally guage is dull, monotonous and difficult. Not only meant to prosecute traitors and linguistically but concepforeign spies. That, as prime minister, Mr Khan chose to use sensitive diplomatic communications for selfish political reasons, imperilling diplomatic ties with the country's largest trading partner, should have been left as something for voters to

Instead, our state, in its desperation to victimise another exprime minister, once again left them looking like more of a hero than they perhaps deserved to be. There are lessons aplenty in this saga: but will our state drinking water, a safe enever learn?

# A changing world

Arifa Noor Last week, the military lead-

ership got together for discussions and brainstorming in what is called the 'formation commanders conference'. The series of meetings ended in a press release. We were fold by more

than one commentator that the press release which follows such a meeting is the policy statement of the institution. Even if it wasn't, any press release emanating from the institution is read widely and sincerely. This one was no different. While the press re-

lease was wide-ranging, it also spoke of "politically motivated and vested digital terrorism" against "state institutions" aimed at inducing "despondency in the Pakistani nation, to sow discord among national institutions, especially the armed forces, and the people of Pakistan by peddling blatant lies, fake news, and propaganda". Most commentators interpreted this as being directed at the use of social media by the PTI. No wonder, then, that this point was discussed in detail, along with other issues highlighted. Many read it as a warning to the party.

However, interpretacounterterrorism opera- terrorists posed. tions aside, it also sent some tions, while fatalities numbered around 280. of us in search of the mean-The fears are that the ing of the term 'digital terrorism'. The manner in

challenge may grow as we struggle to get a grip on it, as has happened in the past. where at one point the militants even controlled tracts of territory. Commentators are pointing out that the situation can deteriorate rapidly, especially as the country's leadership is grappling with a multitude

In this larger context, equating all shades of criticism and incorrect information on social media (however organised it may be) with terrorism can undermine or even distract attention from the seriousness of the violent threat we face in Balochistan and KP. After all, if the pri-

mary institution, which is the first line of defence, will term certain actions 'terrorism', the people are bound to believe it and think it is no different from the lives we are losing in the physical world. This can complicate matters because, in the past also, we have grappled with a time when half the challenge was to convince ordinary and citizens of the threat that larly important at a time

Second, it is also

worth pointing out that these press releases are perhaps read and absorbed the world over. For who doesn't know that, more than the politicians and civilian governments, it is Pakistan's military that is heeded internationally as the only 'modern', 'meritocratic' institution in a country which is crumbling faster than is safe or comfortable? For it to appear to set itself against the changes in the world is a bit worrying; at times, it appears the discomfort is with the use of modern communication strategy, such as social media, rather than its improper use.

The criticism in the press release is being viewed in the larger context where X has been blocked in the country for months and the government is also planning to bring in some new legislation to 'regulate' social

What message will this send to the world? Surely, our message to the world should be one which is in sync with the modern world. This is particu-

when Pakistan is trying to encourage foreign investment and exports. While a focus on traditional exports is fine, some suggest the country needs to focus on nontraditional areas such as IT, where growth in past months has been healthy. But this will require better policies and more stability rather than internet outages or bans on platforms, permanent or temporary

Similarly, young people need to be encouraged to enter the field instead of being discouraged. This seems a bit difficult in the prevailing environment, where government officials are setting themselves against modern technologies which are changing the entire world.

Third, there has to be a better understanding of the context in which the criticism on social media is taking place instead of painting it all with the same black paint. Be it the criticism of the state on social media or other conversations on X, YouTube and elsewhere no one is denying there are issues which need to be addressed. But this needs to

sideration and consultation, which will address the problems without asphyxiating the entire space. Our efforts to regulate social media should not be at the expense of its benefits and place in the present and future. This will not be easy to do if the dominant discourse is about equating the entire social media universe with evil or terrorism. Other than being an

integral part of the future, we also need to understand it is an intuitive tool for the vounger generations. If they are expressing anger and frustration on it, one must try and understand the roots of the anger. And if this younger generation now overlaps with the support base of an aggressive political party, the need is even greater for reaching

To simply create or confirm the confrontation will increase the distance between the state and generations. vounger Surely, even counterterrorism, it is best to weaken the 'monolith' the non-state actor appears to be. -- Courtesy

# India awaits an existential verdict

#### Jawed Naqvi

Results for the Indian elections will be announced today. The needlessly tortuous contest for 543 Lok Sabha seats in extremely punishing weather saw at east a dozen poll officials the voters still came out should be a testament to their faith in democracy. The campaign had

the prime minister ever more viciously targeting the Muslim community, describing them as infiltrators who posed a demographic threat to 80 per cent of Hindus. His office published spurious data in the middle of the elections to shore up the lie. He accused Muslims of eyeing Hindu women's mangalsutras, and every Hindu's jobs and even buffaloes. He described the Congress manifesto as a Muslim League document. And since Muslims were infiltrators in his could be gleaned: that they were a threat that needed to be vacated at once.

accusation seemed lifted als of India. They are lanfrom the Nazi toolkit for spawning a racist ideology. Having said his hate-filled piece, Prime Minister Modi swore to his handpicked TV interviewers that he had never targeted Muslims, for if he did, he wouldn't be worthy of leading the country. Mr Modi's legendary aboutturns and doublespeak are

too numerous to list. He threatened the opposition with dire consequences for criticising his policies, the rawest nerve for him being the persistent charge about his crony capitalist friends, a key opposition theme in the campaign. He didn't spell out how he would deal with the opposition, but did menacingly gnash his teeth to warn the young opponent in Bihar, the 34year-old Tejaswi Yadav, that he faces jail after the

In the meantime, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's threeweek bail period ended on Sunday, and he is back in prison. The chief minister of Jharkhand resigned afthe polls, and he too is in jail, as are far too many ordinary human beings. Having said his bit, jail, as are far too many

guishing in prison cells across the country with little hope of their socalled terror trials starting anytime soon. Unreported and invisible to the media. the farmers are continuing to sit in protest in Punjab to press for the prime minister's unfulfilled promises to be met.

Mr Modi donned a range of attires, contrasting with Rahul Gandhi's plain white shirt. Their competition was amusing. After Rahul jumped into the Arabian Sea from a fishing boat, Mr Modi sat in meditation in a shallow sea — with his eyes closed in silence and his security providing a tube for him to breathe normally — but not without an underwater camera transmitting

Rahul had a wrestling outing with some of the leading wrestlers in the field, and then got his beard trimmed by a street corner barber in Rae Bareli. Mr Modi re- the final assault on himself as an avatar of a and, divine deity, and therefore ter being arrested before not to be confused with

left and liberal intellectu- he went off to meditate

once more, saffron-clad like Swami Vivekananda, to the southern-most tip of India, where the seer had sat in contemplation in 1893. TV paraphernalia was in attendance. Mr Modi has never allowed it to miss his attention-seeking antics in the 10 years he has ruled India as a wilful and whimsical auto-

An existential question has been asked about today's coming verdict: would India find its soul again, as was envisaged by the founding fathers who gave it an enviable constitution, or would it wither into oblivion and be recast into an ideologically driven state inspired by the divisive doctrine of Hindutva? Everyone agrees that

India won't be the same

after June 4. If Prime

Minister Narendra Modi

gets a thumping majority, as exit polls claim against the more tempered estimates of the opposition, it could very much signal above Ambedkar's idea of India. And the assault would tionalist dispensation.

I deliberately mentioned Ambedkar, the Dalit member of the constituent assembly who headed the panel that drafted the constitution, the globally venerated book that is increasingly reviled by Hindutva advocates but which Rahul Gandhi flaunted at every election rally. When Mahatma Gandhi asked Ambedkar to join the temple entry movement to allow Dalits into Hindu temples from where they were banished by the Brahmin priesthood, he flatly turned down the offer. It was for Hindus to decide how they wished to project their truth, Ambedkar said. But he

temple visits. all, and superstition of large swathes of the masses that the Congress had failed to come from a more stri- address leave alone weed

would rather have his Dalit

people get education and

find good jobs, instead of

wasting their energies on

Rahul was focused on the rights of and justice for the exploited masses, above all women Let's focus also on the duties for citizens mandated in the constitution, which Mr Modi mocks.

"It shall be the duty of every citizen to value and preserve the rich heritage of our composite culture." There's a particular focus presciently on safeguarding the environment, whereby citizens must 'protect and improve the natural environment, including forests, lakes, rivers, wildlife, and to have compassion for creatures'

But perhaps, dearest to Ambedkar and Nehru was the quest "to develop the scientific temper, humanism and the spirit of inquiry and reform". And how Indians under Modi should "promote har-The constitution mony and the spirit of Ambedkar helped frame common brotherhood nudged Indians to seek his amongst all the people of scientific spirit. Mr India transcending reli-Modi's methods contra- gious, linguistic and revene the enshrined quest gional or sectional diversponded by announcing Gandhi's and Nehru's by playing on ignorance sities; [and] renounce practices derogatory to the dignity of women'

> India awaits an existential verdict with plenty dent right-wing Hindu na- out, in its decades-long of hope but with a lurking

# Tyranny of learning

## Nasira Habib

sense in students. It fails to prepare responsible citizens. The social studdent constructed' learning, mitted information. It also recognises that learning experiences must be relevant to students' daily

The prerequisites of such an approach are relevant cultural context, understanding of students' prior knowledge, immersive teaching, active participation, and portance of their voices. However, these essential elements are missing in textbooks.

There has been no effort to locate the teaching of citizenship in students' sociocultural realities in primary school textbooks. On the contrary, tually as well, it is ageinappropriate. The content is uninteresting and the vocabulary and concepts far more advanced than their comprehension level. A chapter on general knowledge uses six sentences to educate sixyear-old Grade 2 children on rights and duties, including the right to religious freedom. Without explaining human rights, a table gives four types of rights and five kinds of

responsibilities. The rights include the freedom to choose an occupation, the right to shelter homes for destitute people, and the right vironment, housing, education, protection, and

healthcare. Furthermore, the textbooks want children to 'define' a government and its roles and responsibilities.

The chapter on the role of the government and citizens for Grade 3 is no less pathetic. The curriculum expects sevenyear-old children to link water shortages in some areas of Pakistan to the increase in population, a lower water table, absence of water storage facilities, poor water supply management and irrational water use. The textbook also asks them to give suggestions on how a government and citizens can collaborate to meet the needs of a commu-

At the end of the lesson, they must know the qualities of good citizens, for example, being lawabiding, responsible, trustworthy, gender-just, tolerant, and respectful of others' rights. The relevant chapters for Grade 4 take children farther away from their reality and achieve new heights of abstraction. The chapter on citizenship describes at least 33 complex concepts in 26 sentences. Almost every sentence presents a new idea.

Students are required to memorise the definitions of an 'ordinary', 'digital' and 'global' citizen. They have to endlessly repeat and commit to memory complex concepts like the caste system, international affairs, conflict resolution through dialogue, the UN Declaration of Human Rights, protection of language and culture, religious freedom, right of movement, speech and expression, payment of taxes, and changes in rights and responsibilities over time. In addition, 26 bullet points present an array of rights and duties for the three categories of

There is an absence

of sensitivity in the textbooks pertaining to children's lived experiences, the extent of their exposure, location, access to technology, etc. The textbooks also appear to overlook teachers' ability to deal with such intellectually challenging concepts. The borrowed format of the presentation and layout of the text makes a mockery of the

thought behind the format. Such imposed and undemocratic education is a tyranny for learners. It leads them to using hollow words, having no de--mocratic values and convictions, and la--cking the courage to stand up for civic ideals. Poor governance, slackness in law enforcement, and rampant corruption reinforce their ignorance and disbelief in democratic values. People without a value system, logical thinking, and decision-making tools become conformists and follow

We must teach democratic behaviour and form habits from the first day of school. Instead of talking about J.S. Mill and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, education must be structured around everyday happenings involving children, inviting them to express their views, listening to them, and giving them ownership in decision-making, such as developing classroom rules.

School life presents many situations in the classroom, in the lab, in the library, in the garden and on the playground, which themselves relate to issues of rights and duties, justice and fair play, gender equity and responsibility, and need resolution. Such immersion would help children think and act democratically. Textbooks must facilitate these processes. Otherwise, they are counterproductive.

**Naseer Memon** With the approach of the monsoons, timely precaution is needed. The South Asian Climate Outlook Forum has anticipated abovenormal rains in the region during the season. Rainfall and temperature outlook maps from the SACOF-28 report forecast heavy rains in all the provinces and excessive temperatures in Pakistan's snowcapped mountainous belt. This suggests looming

flood conditions. Sindh is the most vulnerable province as it is the final destination of glacial melt in the north and the hill torrents of southern Punjab and eastern Balochistan. A closer look at the temperature and rainfall maps of the report indicates the following perilous scenarios for Sindh:

(1) Scorching temperatures in the north triggering snowmelt and consequent flooding of the Indus river.

(2) Excessive rainfall in southern Punjab unleashing hill torrents from Koh-i-Suleman, which will eventually join the Indus river to swell its

(3) Abnormal rains in eastern Balochistan, which can produce gushing spate flows entering Sindh from the Kirthar Hills. This flow can exert stress on the Flood Protection (FP) Bund and embankments of the Right Bank Outfall Drain (RBOD), turning Lake

Manchhar into a threat. (4) Heavy downpours in Sindh can choke malfunctioning drainage networks on both sides of the Indus and create ponds in case there are breaches and spill-overs. Sindh witnessed a combination of the first two scenarios in 2010, while an amalgam of the latter two was endured in 2022. causing calamity.

The next monsoon

season is set to begin in a the local community and few weeks. The authorities remain in a state of slumber until disaster terways are a chronic knocks. Precautions are cause of flooding. In a bid delayed. They should realise that urgent actions

can mitigate the repercus-A monsoon monitoring and coordination cell should be established at the Provincial Disaster Management Authority and equipped with technical, financial, logistical and human resources to enable swift action in case of an adverse situation. In 2022, a major disaster was unleashed due to recordbreaking rains in eastern Balochistan in July and court's Sukkur bench is-

August. An enormous quantum of water entered Sindh along the foothills of the Kirthar range. The FP Bund couldn't withstand the water sheet and was breached at five locations. The banks of the RBOD and Suprio bund also collapsed, inundating vast areas in Kambar Shahdadkot and Dadu districts. The Sindh irrigation department should devise a communication mechanism that can be put to use by the department and its counterpart in Balochistan to obtain timely updates on the rainfall and the consequent flows likely to veer towards Sindh. The FP Bund and the banks of the RBOD need critical surveillance to avert breach-

After entering Sindh, the floodwaters travel the length of the 277-kilometre-long FP Bund before reaching Manchhar. The irrigation department has to ensure the timely emptying of the lake to absorb these flows. In 2022, delayed emptying resulted in breaches and relief cuts to save Sehwan town. Dozens of villages between Sehwan and Dadu towns were inundated. Dadu. Johi and Devastation due to delayed Mehar just about managed to avert a disaster, thanks than investment in resilto the concerted efforts of ience. -- Courtesy Dawn

**Monsoon menace** 

Clogged natural wa-

to appease a few political favourites, the government exposes millions of poor people to flooding risks. A study commissioned by the Sindh Irrigation and Drainage Authority in 2012 enlisted all blocked waterways and suggested a plan for the rehabilitation of the drainage network on the left bank side. In January 2021, the Sindh High Court ordered the removal of encroachments from irrigation department lands by June 30. More recently, the

sued a verdict in February 2023, asking the government to improve the drainage of storm water from both sides of the Indus by reviving the natural waterways via the construction of new surface/storm drains in the remaining area. The verdict identified 11 obstructions in waterways from Balochistan to Manchhar on the right bank side, and advised the authorities to rectify matters. These efforts yielded no result. Obstructions created by the Left Bank Outfall Drain against the natural flow of the Puran river caused havoc in Jhudo in Mirpurkhas and put parts of Badin at risk in 2022. LBOD underpasses and regulatory infrastructure at zero point need to be completed before the monsoons. Similarly, the Aral Wah canal, which has been adequately remodelled, was meant to drain the surplus flows of Manchhar to the Indus, but the old regulator on the Indus Highway has not yet been removed. It can potentially cause a bottleneck and make Sehwan and Dadu vulnerable as in 2022 action can cost far more

# **CM Murad inaugurates** training centre for persons with disabilities

#### Distributes Rs 71m among NGOs working for differently-abled persons

KARACHI (APP): Sindh Secretary DEPD to run the the province to facilitate Murad Ali Shah inaugurated a Vocational Training Centre for Persons with Disabilities here on Tuesday.

The ceremony was attended by provincial secretaries, notables and heads of different NGOs working for persons with disabilities

The CM was told that 240 persons with disabilities, including 120 girls have been enrolled at the Vocation Centre and they are being imparted vocational training.

Out of 240 students, 60 have been enrolled in rehabilitation centers. Computer Science, 72 in Tailoring, 48 in Beautification and 60 in

Mobile Repair.
The CM directed the

needed.Syed Murad Ali Shah distributed cheques worth Rs 71.252 million to NGOs working for the purchase of assistive devices for differentlyabled persons. The cheque distribution ceremony was held at the Chief Minister's House and attended by Secretary to CM Raheem Shaikh, Secretary of the Department

Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPD) Tauha Farooqi, heads of NGÔs

The Chief Minister said that his government established rehabilitation centers for

centre effectively and he parents to enroll their would provide more differently-abled children facilities and equipment if to become effective members of society.

The NGOs given

cheques include Ida Rieu Welfare Association Rs 29.135 million, Academy of Noor-e-Ali Trust Rs10 million, Marie Adelaide Leprosy Centre (MALC) Rs11.446 million, Autism Care & Rehabilitation Organization (ACRO) Rs 1.557 million, Pakistan Association of Blind (PAB) National Rs 9.430 million, Special Children School Karsaz of Pak navy Rs 4.178 million, Imran Rehabilitation Centre (Shareef Haroon Trust) Rs .5 million, NGO for



HYDERABAD: Governor Sindh Kamran Tesori distribute cheques to the relatives of Cylinder Blast Victims and talking to them during his visit at incident area Pretabad Hyderabad.

# Religious scholars' conference reaffirms to promote harmony in society

MUZAFFARABAD
(APP): A religious attended by Chief conference organized here Secretary Azad Kashmir on Tuesday by Majlis Daood Muhammad Ulema Azad Jammu and Breach, Secretary Religious Kashmir in collaboration Affairs and Augaf Sardar with the Department of Religious Affairs Azad Jammu and Kashmir, Sufi Forum and Ulama Mashaikh Council reaffirmed its commitment to play vital role for creating solidarity and harmony in the society and guiding the people to firmly stand with the armed forces of Pakistan for ensuring integrity and security of the country.

The conference titled "Role of Pulpit and Mehrab in Creating Religious Harmony and National Unity" was presided over by renowned scholar, Maulana Syed Muhammad Abdul Khabair Azad while Chairman Islamic Ideological Council Allama Dr. Mufti Muhammad Raghab Hussain Naimi was

Muhammad Muhammad Zaffar Khan. member Legislative Assembly Pir Syed Ali member Raza Bukhari, besides Ulema and scholars of all sects including Pir Amitaz Ahmed Siddiqui, Allama Kifayat Hussain Naqvi, Maulana Imtiaz Ahmed Abbasi, Maulana Zaid Bustan, Maulana Magsood Ahmad Tauhidi, Allama Asif Akbar Qadi. Maulana Mushtaq Qadi, Allama Azmat Hayat,

Mufti Abdul Khaliq, Allama Syed Sadiq Naqvi, Dr. Shaheen Kausar, Maulana Abdul Majid Maulana Saleem Ijaz, Öazi Shahid Hameed, Maulana Ayub Khan Saqib Maulana Mumtazu Haque Qasmi, Syed Tofail Kazmi, Maulana Abdul Ghaffar Salafi, Mufti Muhammad Ahmad Khan,



LAHORE: Consul General of China Zhao Shiren, and Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Syeda Faleeha Zahra Kazmi visiting the exhibition regarding Pak-China Culture and Environment at Home Economics College University of the provincial capital.

# **Qasim Shah visits Dogra** Hospital in Bara Tehsil, **Khyber District**

**Independent Report** 

PESHAWAR: Health Minister Syed Qasim Ali Shah, accompanied by MNA Iqbal Afridi, MPA Abdul Ghani and Sohail Afridi visited the Category D Dogra Hospital in Bara Tehsil, Khyber District. During his visit, tribal elders and local leaders honoured the minister with a traditional tribal turban.

Minister Shah inaugurated a 90 KVA solarisation project at the hospital. He also opened a water filtration plant for clean drinking water, a constructed conference room, and a new laboratory. Additionally, the minister administered polio drops to a child at the

While inspecting the ongoing outpatient department services, Minister Shah listened to the patients' concerns and assured them that the staffing shortages at Dogra Hospital would be addressed soon. emphasized commitment to prioritizing healthcare services in the tribal districts, acknowledging the hardships faced by the

tribal people. He noted that medicines were dispatched a week ago and that his visit was to ensure their proper delivery and use.

#### 153kg narcotics smuggling bid foiled

ATTOCK (Online): The National highway and motorway Police on Tuesday foiled a bid to smuggle 153.60 of narcotics from KP to Punjab through Peshawar- Islamabad motorway (M-1) and arrested two members of interprovincial gang of narcotics smugglers. Sources said that acting on a tip off, patrolling staff of National highway and motorway intercepted a car near Chach interchange and during search recovered 153.60 kilogram of narcotics including 117.60kilogram hashish and 36kilogram opium. Later the suspects were handed over to Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) Police station Attock for further legal action. huge consignment of narcotics from Peshawar to Rawalpindi.

#### **Anti-Polio** drive underway

RAWALPINDI (APP) Chief Executive Officer(CEO), District Health Authority, Dr Ejaz Ahmed Tuesday said that the week-long anti-polio campaign, which began in the entire district on June 3 successfully entered into its 2nd day Under the drive, he

said, over 320,000 children had so far administered the polio vaccine while the set target to cover 906,011 children would be achieved by June 8. The CEO informed that 2,834 mobile teams, 677 area in-charges. 269 fixed points and 192 Union Council's medical officers were participating in the drive, adding children were also immunized at 125 transit points in the district. The CEO said that staff deployed for the campaign had been instructed that no negligence would be tolerated.

#### Two criminals injured during encounter with police

MULTAN (APP): Two criminals were shot injured by the firing of their own accomplices during an exchange of fire with police near Jalal Baqri graveyard in premises of Chehlyak police station here on Tuesday early hours. According to police sources, two criminals Ameer Hamza s/o Abdul Qayum and Sajawal s/o Amjad Ali were in police custody in the cases number 43/24 and 1988/23 under sections 394, 302 392/411 respectively.



KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister, Syed Murad Ali Shah along with disable persons unveils the plaque during inauguration ceremony of the Vocational Training Centre for Persons with Disabilities Ancholi, held at CM House in Karachi.

# CM Punjab orders to meet deadline for rehabilitation of roads across Punjab

Maryam also launches Kisan Card to facilitate farmers

LAHORE (APP): Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif has directed the authorities concerned to ensure to meet deadline for the construction, repair and rehabilitation of roads across Punjab. She was chairing a

meeting to review progress on the construction, expansion rehabilitation of roads in the province, here on

was briefed in detail about the progress made so far in the roads maintenance program in the Province. She was also briefed on the

Lahore High Court (LHC)

on Tuesday referred a petition, filed by the

Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf

(PTI) challenging the

Election Commission of

Pakistan's (ECP) authority

to withdraw a political

party's election symbol, to

the LHC chief justice with

a request to fix the matter

before a larger bench for

further hearing.

PTI's election

symbol plea referred

to larger bench

LAHORE (APP): The that the present petition

the bench.

and other

challenging

proceedings,

petitioners'

maintenance of 5 major expressways in Punjab. Minister

Communication & Works Malik Soheb Ahmed Bharat, and Secretary C&W Sohail Ashraf attended the meeting.
Meanwhile, Punjab Chief Minister Maryam

Nawaz Sharif has initiated the registration process for Kisan underscoring commitment to boosting the productivity and prosperity of farmers.

Under the project, agricultural loans worth Rs 300 billion will be given to

should also be heard by

Sheikh, heard the petition

filed by PTI Secretary

General Omar Ayub Khan

proceedings and notice.

answered various court

During

Justice Abid Aziz

leaders,

counsel

ECP

the

farmers annually, 500,000 farmers in Punjab, owning up to 12.5 acres of agriculture land, will be able to benefit from the project. The CM informed that in order to apply for the card, land must be registered in Land Record Center, and the mobile SIM must be registered against applicant's own ID card number.Maryam Nawaz Sharif said every farmer will be able to get an easy loan of up to Rs 150,000 for one crop season using Kisan Card." Farmers will be able to buy fertilizers, seeds and other agricultural inputs with the card.

#### **ANF** recovers 49 kg drugs in five operations RAWALPINDI (APP):

Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) in its ongoing operations against drug trafficking conducted five raids across the country and managed to recover 49 kg drugs and arrest three accused, said an ANF Headquarters spokesman here on Tuesday.

He informed that 4.4 kg ice was recovered from in Islamabad. 424 grams of that Khyber Pakhtunkhwa The court held that dueries about the PTI intra-identical petitions were party election and passenger going to Doha at already pending before the jurisdiction, and requested larger bench, therefore, it to refer the petition to a kg hashish was recovered from Panjgur.

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RAWALPINDI (APP):

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Aftab on Tuesday said

efforts were underway to

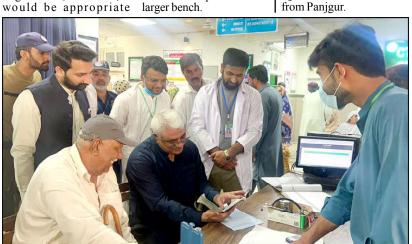
control the spread of

dengue larvae and no

negligence would be tolerated. Chairing a

meeting to review anti-

Additional



LAHORE: Provincial Health for Minister and Emergency Services Khawaja Salman Rafique talking to patient during his surprise visit to Trauma Centre Tehsil Headquarters Hospital, Kalar Kahar. **Efforts** 

# Meena Afridi says: **Federal Govt should** pay Rs. 2000 billion arrears to KP

**Independent Report** PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Minister for Higher Education and Libraries Meena Khan Afridi while expressing his extreme concern over the news of the closure of funds for the provincial universities by the Prime Minister, who imposed an country. The Minister educational emergency in Provincial Minister demanded that instead of

per vision of party leader Imran Khan, the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa will give full support to the universities and will not let his new generation be deprived of higher education. He said that even if the fake mandate holders don't give us funds, at least they should give us the arrears of more than Rs.2 thousand billion. He announced that we will make full use of every forum for our rights. He expressed these views while closing the funds of the universities, it should be addressing the opening enhanced. Despite this, as

## dengue arrangements, she directed the health officials to expedite anti-dengue surveillance activities for tracing larvae, adding better results could be achieved if surveillance was carried ceremony of AQ Khan out under an effective.



# **Cooperation with Qatar** will be further increased in various fields: Governor

**Independent Report** 

Pakistan, Ali Bin Mubarak Al Khatar called on Punjab Governor, Sardar Saleem Haider Khan at Governor House Lahore, here today. Both sides discussed cooperation between the two countries in trade and other fields. Speaking

occasion, Punjab Governor, Sardar Saleem Haider Khan said that Pakistan and Qatar have brotherly relations. He said that cooperation with Qatar will be further increased in various fields. Punjab Governor said that the Pakistani workforce is playing the role of a strong bridge between the two countries. He said that Pakistan is grateful to the government of Qatar for hosting the expatriates. Governor Punjab said that Pakistan wants to benefit from Qatar's expertise in

ort the Oil and Gas sectors.

The He appreciated Qatar for showing Islamic teachings and values to the whole world during the hosting of the Football World Cup. Governor Punjab said that Pakistan is a peaceful country and its people are loving and hospitable. Governor Punjab said that the world needs to be shown the real face of Pakistan

Ambassador of Qatar Ali bin Mubarak Al Khattar said that the Ameer of Qatar will visit Pakistan soon. He said that delegations of experts from Qatar will visit Pakistan and take matters forward in terms of increasing cooperation in various

Later, Governor Punjab Sardar Salim Haider today visited the house of PPP leader Hasan Ashraf Bhatti where he condoled with him on the death of his father Ashraf Bhatti



LAHORE: Ambassador of Qatar to Pakistan, Ali Bin Mubarak Al Khatar called on Punjab Governor, Sardar Saleem Haider Khan at Governor House.

# **KP Govt to declare Dara Adam Khel as Commercial** City, KP Finance Minister

**Independent Report** PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Minister for Finance and Law Aftab Alam Afridi Advocate has said that FATA University is going through an evolutionary process and we are confident that this university will perform better not only nationally

but also internationally.

He assured that the provincial government will solve the problems being a parcel booked for faced by FATA University Australia at a courier office on priority basis. He said unfortunately the federal government is in control of Adam Khel as a commercial our resources and has robbed our rights. "We are making full use of every city and the Chief Minister will formally inaugurated it soon.

and also recorded its protest to the Federation, he added.

He expressed these views while addressing as guest of honor at the opening ceremony of academic blocks at FATA University in Adam Khel on Tuesday, in which Provincial Minister for Higher Education Meena Khan Afridi was the chief guest while Sher Ali Afridi MPA specially participated in the event. The Finance Minister on this occasion announced that the Khyber natural resources, but Pakhtunkhwa government is going to declare Dara

# Health minister visits THQ Hospital Kalar Kahar, inspects health facilities

Provincial Health Minister Khawaja Salman Rafique on Tuesday paid a surprise visit to Trauma Centre Tehsil Headquarters Hospital, Kalar Kahar, and inspected the health facilities being provided to the patients there. Medical

Superintendent Trauma Centre, Chief Executive Officer Chakwal and Assistant Commissioner

Sahil Cheema along with other faculty members were also present on the occasion.

The minister said, "We discussed about the up-gradation with the management of the trauma centre. Unfortunately, the previous government did not think of the improvement of Kalar Kahar trauma centre' During the PML-N government.



KARACHI: Muttahida Qaumi Movement (MQM-P) Rabita Committee Senior Deputy Convener, Syed Mustafa Kamal along with others addresses to media persons during press conference held at Pakistan House in Karachi.

# **Performance of food** dept remained exemplary in 100 days: Minister

said that the Punjab Chief Minister has fulfilled the promise of providing affordable and quality food to the public and during the first 100 days of the provincial government, the performance of the Food Department remained exemplary.

He said this while addressing a seminar organized by the Pakistan Dairy Association in a local hotel on Tuesday. He said that that it was the most valuable relief for 130 resolved, he added.

LAHORE (APP): Punjab million people in the first Food Minister Bilal Yaseen 100 days of the 100 days of the government and under the leadership of Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz, Punjab has taken a lead in significantly reducing the prices of food items.

Prices of flour

wheat, roti, naan, and semolina have decreased by up to 48% in the first 100 days, with the availability of affordable and quality flour, the issue of food affordability for the common man has been

# Gilani inaugurates commercial production of Kia Shehroze

SUJAWAL (APP): Senate Chairman Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani on Tuesday inaugurated the commercial production of Kia Shehzore at the Dewan Industrial City near Sujawal.

Addressing launching ceremony, Gilani felicitated the Dewan Farooque Motors Limited (DFML) and Kia on resuming the commercial production of their 'Special Purpose Kia Commercial Vehicle'.

He said it was a significant milestone not only for the company, but also marked the spirit of progress and development that "we continuously strive for in Pakistan"

Turning over a new he added. page of automotive excellence, hard work and testament to Pakistan's commitment to fostering a progress, he added.

The Senate chairman cornerstone of progress, driving innovation, e m p l o y m e n t opportunities, economic prosperity.
"The success of South

Korean automobile giants transportation sector under like Kia significantly the Chian Pakistan boosted the country's GDP, enhanced its global already opened up new trade standing, and spurred avenues of trade and technological innovation," connectivity.

Gilani said that the industry, through such innovation, the launch of remarkable initiatives, was Kia Shehzore truck was a manifesting "our shared

industrial robust and self-sufficient automotive sector' He further said that said that the automobile Pakistan was committed to sector served as a pursuing a robust geoeconomic policy that "prioritizes regional

> shared prosperity". Gilani said Economic Corridor had

**PSX** witnessed

bearish

trend, losses

908.60 points

SLAMABAD (APP)

The 100-index of the

Pakistan Stock Exchange

(PSX) witnessed bearish

trend on Tuesday, loosing

908.60 points, a negative

change of 1.20 per cent, closing at 74,666.66 points against 75,575.26 points

A total of 414,479,234 shares valuing

Rs 18.311 billion were

traded during the day as

shares valuing Rs 18.364

As many as 451 companies transacted their

shares in the stock market;

99 of them recorded gains

and 279 sustained losses,

whereas the share price of

73 companies remained

companies were Fauji Cement with 36,618,571

shares at Rs 22.51 per

share, K-Electric Limited

with 35,198, 695 shares at

Rs 4.87 per share and WorldCall Telecom with

21,707,630 shares at Rs

**Around 23,497** 

retailers register

under FBR's

**Tajir Dost** 

**Scheme by** 

3 June: FBR

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Board of Revenue

(FBR) on Tuesday

informed that a total of

23,497 retailers have been

registered under the Tajir

FBR data, around 18,931

retailers registered through

According to the

Dost Scheme by 3 June.

1.34 per share.

The top three trading

unchanged.

billion the previous day

the previous day.

developmental cooperation

and trade as a vehicle of



SUJAWAL: Chairman Senate Syed Yosuf Raza Gillani cutting the ribbon during rollout ceremony of KIA Shehzore truck at Deewan Farroque Motors, Auto assembly plant at Sujawal.

# **Services exports increase** by 1.18 pc in 10 months

ISLAMABAD (APP): The exports of services during the first ten months of the current financial year increased by 1.18 percent as compared to the exports period of the last year.

During July-April 2023-24, exports of services were recorded at million were exported as \$6.441 billion as against the exports of \$6.366 billion during the same period of last year, according to the data of the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS).

imports into the country

the same period last year. On a year-on-year basis, the services exports from the country grew by 16.59 percent in April 2024 as compared to the of the corresponding exports of the same month of last year

In April 2024, services valued at \$646.03 compared to exports of \$554.10 million in the same month of last year.

The imports of services into the country also surged by 14.85 aring the period under review, the services imports into the country under review as it was recorded at \$833.03 million against \$725.34. On month grew by 20.77 percent and against \$725.34. On month it was registered at \$8.347 on month basis, the billion as compared to the import of \$6.912 billion in services exports decreased by 7.57 percent.



KARACHI: Vendors display sacrificial animals in connection with upcoming Eid al-Adha near Mazar-e-Quaid.

# MCCI, ACCA join hands to strengthen business, eco. growth

MULTAN (APP): Multan Manager ACCA. Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI) joined hands with Association of Certified Chartered Accountants (ACCA) to strengthen businesses and economic growth in the

Amid economic crisis, the business community will have to follow cost cutting strategies, bring innovation and proper utilization of skilled workers in economic activities, said Shah Muhammad Khan, the loans to big business Business Development entities. Sometimes.

session at MCCI here on Tuesday, Muhammad informed that ACCA had researches, skilled professionals and sustainable business networks for providing information to business community so that they could improve

businesses. Representative of another international organization "Infrazamin" Arslan Ullah Khan also spoke and stated that it provided guarantee to banks for provision of

Tajir Dost scheme while 4,566 registered other than this scheme. The data revealed that 5,599 retailers from Karachi, 7,297 from Lahore and 2,153 from Islamabad have registered under the scheme. Similarly, 3,067 traders from Rawalpindi. 2,037 from Peshawar, 1,317 from Quetta and 2,027 from other cities



HYDERABAD: Workers are packing and marking best quality mangoes into crates at fruits market in the city for export in local and International market.

QUETTA: A delegation of led by President Quetta Chamber of Commerce Abdullah Khan Achakzai meeting with Balochistan Governor Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail.

# China's growing demand for colored gemstone urges Pakistan to react quickly

BEIJING (APP): The something good to buy," a to the exhibition. "I came 2024 Beijing International consumer shared with to China in 2006 and have Gold, Jewelry, and Gemstone Exhibition concluded on June 3 at the Beijing Exhibition Center. The event featured exhibitors not only from major Chinese cities such as Beijing, Shanghai, Shenzhen, and Guangzhou but also from various nternational jewelers.

Chinese consumers showed consistent enthusiasm for gold, jade, pearls, and other precious items. Notably, there was a marked interest in colored gemstones, with a significant crowd around the booths of exhibitors from Pakistan and Sri

"The quality of colored gemstones from Pakistan and Sri Lanka caught my eye, so I company, stopped to ask about the prices. I might find

China Economic Net In 2023, the total

import and export value of China's jewelry industry reached a record high of \$145.334 billion, an increase of 8.62% year-onyear. Chinese consumers show a strong interest in gold and silver jewelry products for both their aesthetic and investment value. Additionally, Pakistan's exports of gems and precious stones to China saw a 47 percent increase in 2023, indicating growing recognition of the quality of Pakistani gemstones among Chinese

Muhammad Amjad, the owner of PIEDRA, a Pakistani-colored gemstone brought emeralds, aquamarines, and other gems from Peshawar

ISLAMABAD: Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

(KPK) Faisal Karim Kundi conferring awards to

the traders of KPK during a award giving

ceremony which was held at Islamabad Chamber

**APTMA** for regionally

competitive energy

tariff, cut in mark-up

Inam said

industry was paying Rs 240 billion in cross subsidies and over Rs 150

billion in stranded cost. He said the supply of

electricity at 9 cents/kWh

would generate over 300

megawatts in additional

grid demand and Rs 500

percent when inflation has

reduced to 11.8 percent in

the country. He said the

government can save Rs3

trillion in the interest

payments by cutting down

the interest rate. He

proposed the government

to collect sales tax at the

retail stage with a potential

empowerment through

Non-Banking Financial

Companies (NBMFCs).
The WEIF policy

framework, based on six

pillars: women-centric

women-centric

workshop create an inclusive and

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ecosystem

products & services,

financial services, inclusive

human resources, women-

centric access to finance,

gender disaggregated data,

and digitization, aims to

interactive discussions.

provided participants with

a tour of a data portal

designed by the industry to

gather comprehensive gender-disaggregated data from NBMFCs, aiding

SECP in designing

strategies and inventions.

financial

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workshop

of over Rs 250 billion.

billion in revenue. He mentioned that the interest rate is still at 22

LAHORE (APP): All were also present.
Pakistan Textile Mills Inam said
Association (APTMA) industry was pay

exports,

office on APTMA

QUETTA: A vendor selling cherries to attract

Women, shaping tomorrow's

policy for non-Banking

microfinance sector

customers at the fruit market of the city.

Bank

Shaping

ISLAMABAD (APP): and

The Securities and

Exchange Commission of

Pakistan (SECP), in

collaboration with Asian

(ADB) has held a

workshop on "Women

Tomorrow's Policy for NBMFCs," marking a

significant milestone in

gender equality in the

launched a draft Women

Equality in Finance Policy

Framework, based on

industry insights and stakeholder feedback, said

press release issued here.

convened industry leaders,

policymakers, and experts

to discuss and deliberate on

a policy framework for

promoting gender equality

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and Commerce & Industry.

Central Chairman Asif

Inam has demanded

reduction in the power tariff to 9 cents/kWh,

bringing down the interest

rate to 12 percent and

restoration of zero rating

for the textile industry to

enable it to contribute to

the national economy

press conference here at APTMA office on

Chairman (North) Kamran

Arshad, Senior Vice Chairman Asad Shafi, and

Secretary General (North)

Mohammad Raza Baqir

He was addressing a

through

Tuesday.

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employment.

been in the colored gemstone business ever since. The reason for choosing to do business in China is simple: the good relationship between the two countries and the strong purchasing power of Chinese consumers. My partners here have never deceived me, which I value highly. Although sales have fluctuated in the past few years due to various factors, the market is now recovering, and I am very

confident," Muhammad Amjad said. Since 2023, demand for colored gemstones in China has been steadily expanding, supplementing the traditional safe-haven asset of gold. According to market research by the China Gems and Jade Association (Beijing) Fund Management Co.

#### Gold up by Rs 700 per tola

ISLAMABAD (APP) The per tola price of 24 karat gold increased by Rs 700 and was sold at Rs compared to its sale at Rs 240,300 on the last trading

The price of 10 grams of 24 karat gold also increased by Rs 600 to Rs 206,619 from Rs 206,019 whereas the price of 10 grams 22 karat gold went up to Rs 189,400 from Rs188,850, All Sindh Jewellers Association reported.

2,820 and to Rs 2,417.70. The price of gold in

the international market increased by \$10 to \$2,336 \$2,326, the Association reported.

**ICCI proposes** 

measures for

broadening tax base

Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI) on Tuesday urged the government to introduce special measures in upcoming federal budget for the financial year 2024-25 for broadening the tax base by taking the business community on board, besides forming joint committees at district levels to address the challenges faced by local trade and investment.

Addressing a seminar on 'Tajir Dost Scheme', President ICCI Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari said that the chamber had proposals to

ISLAMABAD (APP): to flourish local trade and

He said said that business community of the country was aware of the significance of the tax for economic development and it always remained at the forefront for ensuring the full tax compliance for the documenting the national economy and social prosperity.

The president termed the track and trace system as imperative to check those involved in tax evasion and underlined the need for large scale reforms in Federal Board of Revenue, forwarded its budget privatization of losing making government entities government and urged for and promotion of exports incorporating these to initiate journey towards suggestion in the budget the economic stability.

# **SCCI** asks govt to conduct forensic audit of IPPs

PESHAWAR (APP): President Sarhad Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Fuad Ishaq has urged the government to conduct a forensic audit of the IPPs to pull the country out from the hovering net of circular debts.

He was addressing as chief guest at the concluding ceremony of two-day International Solar Energy Expo – ISE 2024 organised by GreenWend Energy/ SunSaviour here, said a press release here. The SCCI chief said

hydel and solar energy was the best solution to the The price of per tola and ten-gram silver remained constant at Rs

100 Per 100

> attention to the uplift of the solar energy sector. Fuad Ishaq demanded disbursement of loans community attached with

under KP government solar energy sector.

interest-free Youth loan scheme worth Rs 10 Billion through the Bank of Khyber and demanded the revival of IDBP. The SCCI chief said

the country's economy could be put on the right track by framing sustainable and durable policies and low tax rates.

The event was attended by SCCI vice president Ejaz Khan Afridi, former presidents Haji Muhammad Afzal, Faiz Muhammad Faizi, and Nadeem Rauf, Saddar Gul, Faiz Rasool, Fazl e Wahid and others. Patron in chief of the GreenWend Energy Prof Subhan Qureshi, Chief Technical Officer Saad He called upon the Rashid, Dr Ahmad government to pay serious Khattak, Haider Ali, Prof Amanullah, researchers, experts, universities faculty members, business



Muhammad Nassir Salim, President & CEO – HBL, (standing 3rd from left), and Irfan Bukhari, CEO & President – EXIM Bank, (Standing 5th from left), exchange MoUs. at EXIM Bank's Head Office in Islamabad, in the presence of senior officials from both organizations.

#### Traders, drivers hail govt's decision to ease Pak, Afghan trade

ISLAMABAD (APP): The traders and container drivers Tuesday welcomed the government's decision for allowing temporary entry permit to cargo vehicles entering through designated border crossing at Pakistan-Afghanistan border. The drivers at the Torkham border expressed their appreciation for the decision, adding it would greatly reduce their worries and facilitate the smooth movement of goods, PTV News reported.

said the They implementation of the Temporary Entry Document was expected to significantly enhance trade between the two countries, given the large volume of commercial transactions.

The government's move is seen as a significant step towards promoting Pak-Afghan trade and strengthening economic ties between the two nations.

allowing temporary entry permits for cargo vehicles, the government has addressed a long-standing issue that had hindered the growth of trade between Pakistan.

# revoking of decision of new taxation PESHAWAR (APP): The General Secretary Tobacco

Farmers demand

tobacco growers have expressed their concerns on new taxation announced in provincial budget and urged the government to revoking of the decision for the sake of saving their livelihood. Addressing a press

conference here at Peshawar Press Club on Tuesday, Rustam Khan, Member Pakistan Tobbaco Board and President Farm Service Center Manshera, said 700 percent increase in taxes will destroy the farming community. K h y b

Pakhtunkhwa Minister Ali Amin should Gandapur immediately cancel this tax demanded increase. Rustam Khan.

V a r i o u s representatives of tobacco cigarette companies will growers including Akhtar Zeib, President Tobacco Growers Association, Professor Hameed Rehman, President Bonir Tobacco Association, Shamsher Bacha, Tobacco Growers and President ANP Tehsil Mardan, Iftikhar Khan, Secretary, Farm Service Center Mansehra, Saifur Rehman,

Growers, Mansehra, Anwar Sher, General Secretary Association Mansehra, Khalil Khan, leader of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaaf were also present on the occasion.

Tobacco growers said tobacco crop is the only cash crop of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, serving as a source of livelihood for 1.2 million people in the province. While more than 75 thousand farmers are involved in tobacco cultivation, they claimed.

In current budget of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, tax on tobacco has been increased by 700% with the ratio of Rs 6 per kg to Rs 50 per kg.
After this increase,

reduce their demand for the next year and not buy tobacco from farmers, they opined. Annually 70 billion rupees are added to the tobacco-related economy Swabi, Mardan, Charsadda, Mansehra. Last year, the demand was submitted to Pakistan Tobacco Board for export of 50 million kg

MI6 of using

to spy for UK

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# UN experts urge all countries to recognise Palestinian statehood

**Monitoring Desk** GENEVA: A group of United Nations experts called on Monday for all countries to recognise a Palestinian state to ensure

peace in the Middle East. The call came less than a week after Spain, Ireland and Norway officially recognised a Palestinian state, prompting anger from Israel, which has found itself increasingly isolated after nearly eight months of aggression in Gaza. The experts, including the UN Special Rapporteur on the human rights situation in the Palestinian territories, said recognition of a Palestinian state was an important acknowledgement of the rights of the Palestinian people and their struggle towards freedom and inde-

"This is a pre-condition for lasting peace in Palestine and the entire Middle East beginning with the imceasefire in Gaza and no further military incursions into Rafah." they said.

"A two-state solution remains the only internationally agreed path to peace and security for both Palestine and Israel and a way out of generational cycles of violence and resentment." Israel's Foreign Ministry did not respond immediately to a request for comment. With their recognition of a Palestinian state, Spain. Ireland and Norway said they sought to accelerate efforts to secure a ceasefire in Israel's war with Hamas in Gaza.

The three countries say they hope their decision will spur other European Union states to follow suit. Denmark's parliament later rejected a proposal to recognise a Palestinian state

Israel has repeatedly condemned moves to

Sebastien Delogu, deputy for La France Insoumise (LFI) party attends a pro-

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CONAKRY: Russian

Foreign Minister Sergey

in Guinea on his latest

countries' shift toward

the African continent

several times in the past

couple of years as Russia

seeks support — or at least neutrality — from

many of its 54 countries

amid Moscow's full-scale

Guinea's foreign minister

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the cooling La Nina

weather phenomenon this

year should help lower

temperatures somewhat

after months of global heat

records, the United Na-

tions' weather agency said

to be felt in the next few

months because the warm-

ing El Nino weather pat-

tern — which has helped

fuel a spike in global tem-

peratures and extreme

weather around the world

since mid-2023 — "is

showing signs of ending",

the UN's World Meteoro-

its latest update.

logical Organisation said in

however, that global tem-

The WMO warned,

The impact is likely

on Monday.

Lavrov met with

invasion of Ukraine.

The city in southern | tional allies like France Sassou N'Guesso in the

Lavrov has visited

Lavrov arrived Monday

Russia's foreign minister again

visits Africa, this time in Guinea,

as some ties cool with the West

visit to West Africa, of Congo late on Monday

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discontent with tradi- to meet President Denis

and the United States city of Oyo, according to

Morissanda Kouyaté, ac- In February, military lead-

cording to Russia's for- ers dissolved the govern-

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**UN forecasts La Nina** 

could help lower

temperatures this year

GENEVA: The return of rainfall and temperature

patterns.

ment said the meeting was will be appointed.

have contributed to some an official communique

to discuss areas of mutual

cooperation, without

to arrive in the Republic

from Brazzaville.

erary later this week.

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wasn't clear which other

Guinea has been

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ruled by a military junta since 2021. Col. Mamadi

power saying he was pre-

venting Guinea from slip-

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ing the previous govern-

worse and upend seasonal

cooling of the ocean sur-

face temperatures in large

swathes of the tropical Pa-

cific Ocean, coupled with

winds, rains and changes

in atmospheric pressure.

especially in the tropics,

La Nina produces the op-

posite climate impacts to

El Nino, which heats up

the surface of the oceans

leading to drought in some

parts of the world and trig-

gering heavy downpours

was a "60 per cent' chance of La Nina condi-

tions in the period from

July to September and a

The WMO said there

In many locations

La Nina refers to the

ment of broken promises

Lavrov was expected

elaborating.

Palestinian protest in central Paris, France.

Japan's Nagasaki

holds off inviting

Israel to peace

ceremony

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TOKYO: The Israeli ambas-

sador to Japan has not vet

been invited to Nagasaki's

annual peace ceremony, said

city officials who instead

sent the embassy a letter

calling for a Gaza ceasefire.

Japan this week invited doz-

ens of countries and territo-

ries to the August 9 event

on the anniversary of the US

nuclear attack in 1945 that

killed 74,000 people. But

"as for Israel, the situation

is changing day by day... so

we have put sending an in-

vitation letter on hold."

mayor Shiro Suzuki told re-

tering military offensive in

Gaza nearly eight months

ago, following an attack by

Palestinian militant group

Hamas on the country

Worries that protests could

disrupt the memorial for

atomic bomb victims are

partly behind the decision.

Labour poised

for 'biggest

majority' in

100 years

**Monitoring Desk** 

LONDON: The UK's

Labour Party appears

poised for its largest par-

liamentary majority in a

century, it emerged on

According to a YouGov poll, Labour led

by Keir Starmer is set to

secure a 194-seat majority,

marking the biggest elec-

toral victory since 1924

when Conservative politi-

first from YouGov since the

election was called, signals

a dramatic shift in the UK's

win 422 seats, a significant

increase of 222 from the

political landscape.

This projection, the

Labour is expected to

cian Stanley Baldwin tri-

umphed with 208 seats.

Monday.

Israel launched a blis-

porters on Monday.

mediate declaration of a recognise a Palestinian state, saying they bolster Hamas.

Some 55 per cent of all structures in the Gaza Strip have been destroyed. damaged or possibly damaged since war erupted in the Palestinian territory eight months ago, according to preliminary satellite analysis by the UN.

The analysis showed

more than 137,000 buildings affected, UNOSAT, the United Nations satellite analysis agency, said on X formerly Twitter The estimate is based on a satellite image taken on May 3, and compared with images taken in May a year earlier, last September, and on October 15 — just over a week after October 7 raid. The fresh satellite image was also compared to images taken during several dates in November then again during the first months of

this year, UNOSAT said.

#### **Palestinians** say Israeli forces kill two in West Bank Monitoring Desk

defect," it said.

NABLUS: Palestinian officials said Israeli forces shot dead two Palestinians in the occupied West Bank on Monday, as Israeli police confirmed undercover agents had killed a wanted man in the territory.

The Palestinian health ministry in Ramallah named the dead men as Adam Salahuddin Mansour Faraj, 23, and Mutaz Khaled Sadiq Nabulsi, 28. Israeli police said undercover officers had killed "a senior wanted man" in the Balata refugee camp near Nablus.

The undercovers entered the area near the refugee camp in broad daylight and closed in on an event hall where the wanted person was staying," the force said in a statement.

'As soon as the wanted person noticed the fighters (agents), he started trying to escape on the roof of the building with a weapon in his hand.

The undercovers killed the wanted person by shooting" on the roof, the statement said, without identifying him.

The incident triggered an exchange of fire between the undercover agents and "armed terrorists in the area who shot at the force and threw explosives", the police said

#### **Jury selection** begins in **Hunter Biden's** criminal trial

**Monitoring Desk** WILMINGTON: Jury selection kicked off in a criminal case against Hunter Biden, a historic prosecution that could further influence the 2024 presidential election four days after Joe Biden's rival Donald Trump became the first former US president to be convicted

Hunter Biden, 54, arrived at the courthouse for the first trial of the child of a sitting president, in which he will face three felony charges stemming from his purchase and possession of a revolver in 2018.

He is charged with lying about his use of illegal drugs when he bought a Colt Cobra .38caliber revolver and with illegally possessing the weapon for 11 days in October 2018.

He has pleaded not guilty. The case, brought by US Special Counsel David Weiss, a Trump appointee, is one of two criminal cases he faces, with federal tax charges brought separately in California.

#### Three arrested after coffins found at Eiffel **Tower**

**Monitoring Desk** PARIS: French police ar-

rested three people on Monday after five empty coffins wrapped in French flags with the words "French soldiers from Ukraine" written on them were found near the Eiffel Tower on Satur-

The public prosecutors have requested that the three individuals, who are from Bulgaria, Germany and Ukraine and who are all under 30 years old, be charged with premeditated vio-

#### China accuses NOTICE INVITING TENDER 232406447593 232406447613 The Executive Engineer Public Health Engineering Division Surab state workers invited the sealed percentage tender based on composite Schedule of Rates 2023 Government of Balochistan along with tender Fee and item rates from interested Contractors/Firms for the work mentioned below:- Earnest Money 2% and Time Limit 30-06-2024 and Tender BEIJING: China on Mon-Fee Rs.650/- for each work day accused Britain's Se-Name of Work E/Cost T.S.No cret Intelligence Service (MI6) of recruiting a couple Const: of Solar System WSS who worked for the central Killi Anjeera and Killi District Surab government to spy for the (PSDP No 7375) UK, adding to months of mutual espionage allega-232406445483 D/D of Bore 2.562 M tions between Beijing and 232406445523 6.885 M Solar System The Ministry of State 232406445543 232406445563 D/D of Bore 2.562 M Security said in a post on 6.885 M its official WeChat that Const: of Solar system WSS MI6 operatives convinced Killi Arzonan Jattak Districti a man surnamed Wang, who 232406445593 Surab (PSDP No 7376) 2.562 M worked in a "core confiden-232406445613 tial role" in the central state Solar system apparatus, to defect along Const: of Solar system system Killi Rehmat Kiazai, Killi Ashraf with his wife, surnamed Harooni "Recently, after care-Abdullah Harooni, Zafar Gidde ful investigation, the na-District Surab (PSDP No 7377) tional security organs un-232406445643 D/D of Bore 1.921 M covered a major espionage 232406445663 1.265 M Solar System case in which the British Killi Ashraf Kiazai Secret Intelligence Service 232406445683 D/D of Bore (MI6) instigated a couple, 232406445713 Wang and Zhou, who were staff members of a central 232406445733 D/D of Bore 1.921 M state agency of China, to 232406445753 Solar System Const: of Solar system for WSS Killi Baig Mohd Abdul Rasool Rodani, Zard Inayat Rodani. Mohd Hassan Mortako. 19 Mohd Saeed Rodeni Surab (PSDP No7378) Killi Baig Mohd Abdul Rasool 232406445773 232406445793 2.972 M D/D of Bore Solar system Killi Zard Inyat Rodani 232406445803 D/D of Bore 232406445813 Solar systme Const: of Solar system for WSS Killi Noor Dumb Ilyas Sadiq Obaid Mastana, Malik 20 Sayedan Surab (PSDP No Killi Noor Dumb Ilyas 232406445823 232406445833 D/D of Bore 2.972 M Solar system 2.691 M Killi Malik Sayedan 232406445843 D/D of Bore Solar system Const: of solar system for WSS Killi Khuda Bakhsh Rahim, Nighar Raisani, Arbab Mohd 21 Karim District Surab (PSDP No 232406445923 232406445933 D/D of Bore 2.562 M Solar system Killi Arbab Mohd Karim 232406446323 D/D of Bore 2.562 M 232406446373 Solar system Const: of Solar System WSS Killi Hameed Moli Mir Khan Zai. Moli Junobi, Allah Bakhsh Moli Zehri District Surab (PSDP No 232406446383 D/D of Bore 232406446413 2.164 M Solar system Killi Mir Khan Zai 22 232406446433 D/D of Bore 232406446473 Solar sytem Const: of Solar system WSS Gawaranjo i) Mohd Jeewa, Jeewa, Hameed Jeewa, Sumry Jeewa Surab (PSDP No 7383) 232406446493 D/D of Bore 2.972 M 232406446523 Solar System Killi Mohd Jeewa 232406446553 D/D of Bore 2.972 M 232406446573 Solar sytem 23 Const: of Solar system WSS Killi Siahiejo Jeewa, Sumalani Jeewa, Aslam, Allah Bakhsh, Naimat Archino Disrict Surab (PSDP No 7384) 232406446593 D/D of Bore 2.562 M 232406446613 Solar system 2.164 M 232406446643 D/D of Bore 2.562 M Solar system Const: of Solar system WSS Killi Nokjo, Killi Tighak, Alizai, Alizai-II. Shori-I. Shori-II Surab (PSDP No7385) Killi Nokjo 232406446713 232406446733 D/D of Bore 2.972 M 25 2.691 M 232406446753 2.972 M D/D of Bore 232406446803 Solar system 2.691 M Const: of Solar system WSS Killi Younas Mulazai, Faram Saifullah. Khalil Surab (PSDF No 7386) Killi Younas Mulazai 232406446813 D/D of Bore 2.972 M 232406446803 232406446853 D/D of Bore 2.972 M 232406446873 Solar system Const: of Solar system WSS Roshanabad Ramis Kalghal District Surab (PSDP No 7387) Killi Khuda Rahi 232406446933 D/D of Bore 232406446943 Solar system Killi Ro 232406446953 2.562 M D/D of Bore 232406446963 Solar system Const: of Solar system Sadiqabad, Killi Atta Mohd Gundan, Ghulam Rasool Mortako, Budla District Surab (PSDP No 7388) Killi Sadigabad 232406446973 D/D of Bore 232406447003 Solar system 232406447013 D/D of Bore 232406447023 Solar system 2.164 M Const: of Solar system WSS Killi Sanari, Killi Atta Mohd Gundan Killi Takri Imran, Killi Ghulam Rasool, Dot, Killi Bashir Jeewa Surab (PSDP No 7389) Killi Sanar 232406447053 232406447063 Solar system 2.164 M Killi Ghulam Rasool 232406447083 D/D of Bore 2.562 M 232406447093 Solar system Const: of Solar System WSS Killi Peer Marap, Faizullah Ahmed Khan, Hameed, Mohd Khan, Yaseen Marap District

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attested by the Notary public Or first Class Magistrate. iii. I E C 61215 & IEC 61730 Certificates. iv. The firm provided Goods Declaration Slip, shipment letter. v. Joint Venture is not allowed vi.The contractor/Firm shall Provide a Port clearance certificate. vii. Shipment Documents verification. viii. Letter of credit (LC)/IQRA charges/Bill of landing. ix.All documents should be provided in the original to the undersigned x. The Contractor/Firm should Download tender Docoments by self. 10% Security Deposit Should be submitted by the firm in case of rate offered below 10% of the total cost, In case of failure, Bid may be rejected at any STAGE. of Rupees 100. The tender fee should be deposited in the head of account C – 02726-02 -PHE Tender Fee through Green challan in National Bank of Pakistan Surab only. For the Supply of Solar systems, only the Firms & Authorized dealers are eligible. Terms & condition.(A)under following condition bid will be rejected.(I) Conditional & telephonic bid / tenders.(ii) bid not accompanied by a bid security of required amount of bid (iii)bid Submitted after specified date & time. (iv)blacklisted firms /contractors. (iv) Original Contractor or authority letter mention against each work and original CNIC, Stamp with letter Head. (B)bid validity period 90 days.

METHOD OF PROCUREMENT: Single Stage, One envelope procedure. BID SECURITY:2% of total bid Value in the shape of CDR must be submitted in Favor of EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PHE Surab From Scheduled Bank. BIDDING / TENDER DOCUMENTS ISSUANCE: The Firm should download NIT and Bidding Document by self From.WWW.BPPRA.ORG.PK (ii) SUBMISSION: The last date for submission is 21-06-2024 at 12:00 PM. (iii) OPENING: The tender will be opened on 21-06-2024 at 01:00 PM. (iv) Place of issuance, submission inquiries, and opening will be: ADDRESS: Office of the Executive Engineer PHE Division Surab. Email: - <a href="mailto:qayyumXEN50@gmail.com">qayyumXEN50@gmail.com</a> Other terms and conditions are attached to tender documents. NOTE: It may be noted that no paid order will be accepted/entertained and the firm's complete title/name should be written on the call deposit. All the terms &conditions/sites of the work can be seen in-office hours of the undersign .under sign have reserve rights to reject all any bid with any condition. The Tender form/Documents will be download BPPRA

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#### 2019 results. This would 70pc" likelihood during peratures would continue surpass Tony Blair's landto rise in the long term due August-November. The slide in 1997 and is the highchances of El Nino redeto human-induced climate est number of seats Labour change, which continues veloping are negligible, it to make extreme weather added.

Conservation technician at the National Museum Nina Wajnman talks to the media in front of artworks, rescued from Boersen during the fire, at the National Museum's warehouse in Vinge, Denmark.

# **President reaffirms Pak commitment** to protect environment through innovative solutions, partnerships

President Asif Ali Zardari has reaffirmed Pakistan's commitment to protect environment and surmount environment related challenges to ensure a healthier, safer and more resilient planet for the future gen-

The president, in a message on the occasion of World Environment Day being observed on June 5, said that the Day highlighted "our shared responsibility" to protect the environment for the future generations.

"Today, we reaffirm our commitment to overcoming these issues by pioneering innovative solutions and fostering international partnerships," the President Secretariat Press Wing, in a press release, quoted the president as

Today, he said, they were commemorating the World Environment Day' to raise awareness about the issues of land degradation, tion to sustainable agriculdesertification,

Pakistan is among the few countries that have been most affected by the adverse impacts of climate change. During the past few years, Pakistan has witnessed diverse climate phenomena, including floods, droughts, heatwaves, and forest fires," he added.

The president observed that the focus of the Day on land restoration, desertification combat, and drought resilience was quite pertinent

"Pakistan's unwavering resolve to tackle environmental challenges is showcased through initiatives like the Green Pakistan Programme, which has made significant strides in afforestation and ecosystem restoration," he added.

The president said the initiatives such as the National Adaptation Plan and the Climate Smart Agriculture reflected their dedicatural practices and land degradation mitigation.

Although Pakistan was taking steps to tackle desertification, land degradation and drought through the restoration of degraded forests, and agricultural lands, but much more needed to be done, he stressed. "We need to adopt sustainable land management practices, and water conservation tech niques, besides supporting community action to promote forestation in the rural and urban residential ar-

eas," he opined. The president stressed that they needed to mobilize federal and provincial departments and local communities to comba desertification, land degradation and droughts by efficiently managing and charging their water resources, restoring pastures, and enhancing the water-holding capacity of soils by planting more trees.



QUETTA: Senator Dostain Domki, Parliamentary Secretary Muhammad Khan Lehri, MPA Zarak Khan Mandokhail and Chairman BDA Captain (retd) Javed meeting with Governor Balochistan Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail

# Vision & conscious efforts needed to achieve goal of quality education: Governor

**Independent Report** QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail has stated that the slogans of quality education are attractive and pleasing, but the getting concrete results are conditional with the vision and conscious struggle in practical field.

He said that neither we are weak nor our higher educational institutions are so weak that may not gather the wisdom of their schol- of the University, however ars and researchers and bring improvement in the situation. He believed that what we are going to do would be different and better than the past just because we believe in reconstruction of the institutions and training of the human resource.

The Governor was speaking on visit to the University of Balochistan here on Tuesday.

The acting Vice Chan-

Chancellor of University of Loralai, Dr Ehsanullah Kakar, Principal Secretary to Governor, Hashim Khan Ghilzai were also present on the occasion.

The Governor appreciated the initiatives of digitalization and conversion of electricity on the solar sys tem in the University of Balochistan

He said that although marked improvement has been brought in the affairs more steps are needed to improve further it's performance. The Governor also stressed that the higher educational institutions have to think above from merely collecting heavy fees. He was of the view that new means of income can be generated through research

Sheikh Mandokhail said that we can achieve the targets of cellor of UoB, Professor Dr bright future rapidly by

and production.



QUETTA: MPA Sheikh Zarak Khan Mandokhail meeting with Provincial Minister Sardar Abdul

# Situation of gender based violence in **Balochistan reviewed**

QUETTA (APP): A meet- head ing under the chairmanship of Advisor to the Chief Minister on Women Development Department, Dr. Rubaba Khan Buledi, here on Tuesday held to review the situation of gender- tation of laws to prevent violence in Balochistan,

The meeting was attended by representatives of UN agencies, local nongovernmental organizations, and stakeholders, including Dr. Sarmad Saeed, forts.

Dr. Rubaba Khan Buledi emphasized the need for necessary amendments in laws, formation of rules of business, and implemengender-based violence. She acknowledged the

efforts of civil society organizations working to prevent violence against women and urged lawmak

Balochistan.

in Sanjadi and the deaths in the firing incident in The PPP Chairman

Bilawal Bhutto Zardari expressed his heartfelt condolences and sympathies with the bereaved families.

He showed his concern over the daily accidents and deaths in the

#### Tarar grieved over demise of senior journalist Amir's mother

In a condolence message, he expressed his heartfelt condolence and sympathy to the family of

The minister said he was really sad to hear about the death of Aamir Sajjad Syed's mother and he shared the grief of the bereaved family.

# Heatwaves intensify crisis for millions in Pakistan, warns IRC

ISLAMABAD (INP): As families. The educational sized the disproportionate Pakistan braces for severe heatwaves, the International Rescue Committee (IRC) has issued a dire warning about the escalating threat posed by rising temperatures. With 8.6 million people already facing food insecurity, the heatwaves are expected to impact up to 26 districts, compounding the devastating effects of recent droughts and extreme flood-

Since July 2022, widespread agricultural destruction has led to soaring food prices, leaving many house-

sector has also suffered, particularly in Sindh and Balochistan, the provinces hardest hit by the heatwaves and floods. An IRC report revealed that the educational disruption caused by the 2022 floods exceeded the impact of the two-year COVID-19 school closures. Since March 2020, 2 million children in Pakistan have been with another 3.5 million

experiencing ongoing inter-

ruptions due to the floods.

IRC Pakistan Director

impact of climate change on "Heatwaves, in particular, can have long-lasting and of surveyed households in Sindh reported disruptions

camp for thalassemia patients held GWADAR (INP): In Gwadar, Rural Health Center Ormara organized a blood donation camp for thalassemia patients with the support of local com-

**Blood donation** 

munity and Pakistan Army Pakistan Army soldiers actively participated by donating blood to help Thalassemia patients. Bilawal grieves

over deaths of miners in gas, labourers in firing incidents

KARACHI (APP): The Pakistan People's Party (PPP) Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari has expressed his grief and sorrow over the deaths of miners and labourers in two separate incidents of gas leakage and firing in

He expressed his regret over the gas in a mine

mining sector.

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Information, Broadcasting, National Heritage and Culture Attaullah Tarar on Tuesday expressed deep grief and sorrow over the death of the mother of senior journalist Amir Sajjad Syed.

the deceased.

#### Pakistan, despite the country generating less than 1% of global greenhouse gas emissions. "The devastating impact that extreme weather events are having on communities across Pakistan cannot be underesti-

mated," Baloch stated. far-reaching effects on fuunable to access education, ture generations." The IRC report highlighted that 14%

to their children's education



Cheema, chairs the 4th meeting of the International Partners Support Group

# Pakistan seeks to emulate Chinese economic model: PM Shehbaz

'We are coming with serious plans; to return with great dividends': PM conveys to Chinese firms

ISLAMABAD (APP): As dends that will benefit Chi-Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif departed for a fiveday official visit to China, he reiterated the commitment to strengthening bilateral ties by engaging in discussions with Chinese business leaders to secure investments and yield dividends, mutually beneficial for companies on both

"We are coming with serious plans. We will engage with you and return to Pakistan with great divi- Urdu, prior to his first offi-

nese and Pakistani companies and the two countries will have their relations strengthened and become much higher than the Himalayas or any other highest peaks and deeper than the deepest oceans, the prime minister said in an interview with the representatives of different Chinese media groups including Xinhua news agency, national broad-caster CCTV and CGTN

He said through the

visit, Pakistan hoped to promote interaction between enterprises in both countries, utilize Special to establish joint ventures, facilitate the transfer of industries and technologies, and enhance Pakistan's manufacturing output, to promote constructing upgraded China-Pakistan Economic Corridor.

ISLAMABAD (Online):

Islamabad High Court

(IHC) has ordered to de-

seal immediately Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Cen-

Justice Saman Riffat Imtiaz of IHC issued re-

served decision on Tues

PTI petition against Ĉapi-

tal Development Authority

(CDA) and ordered to de-

seal the office immediately

It is pertinent to mention here IHC on June 03

had reserved judgment on

the petition filed against

sealing the PTI central sec-

retariat and CDA operation

Imtiaz heard the case.

Justice Saman Riffat

On May 17, IHC had

issued directives to remove

ing its central secretariat

court to nullify the order

issued by CDA for sealing

Arshid Dad and Nasim ur

Rehman both are PTI mem-

bers. The both purchased a

Vawda refuses

to apologise

over his

anti-judiciary

outburst

ISLAMABAD (Online):

Senator Faisal Vawda has

refused to tender uncondi-

tional apology in contempt

Mustafa Kamal has ten-

dered unconditional apol-

ogy. He has filed reply as

filed his reply in connection

with contempt of court no-

tice in Supreme Court (SC)

the reply that press confer-

ence was not aimed at com-

mitting contempt of court.

Its purpose was betterment

of the country. Court

should exercise restraint in

moving forward contempt

of court proceedings. The

contempt of court notice be

sented scripts of speeches of Maulana Fazlur Rehman,

Rauf Hassan and Shehbaz

Sharif. His reply contains

16 pages. On the other

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will take place today

(Wednesday).

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Senator Faisal Vawda

Faisal Vawda said in

of court case.

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The petition said

party central secretariat.

and CDA operation.

The court accepted

tral Secretariat.

#### Naval Chief for addressing grave **Court orders** for immediately threats to marine ecosystems de-sealing due to anthropogenic activities **PTI Central** ISLAMABAD (APP): ness on the challenges fac-**Secretariat**

Chief of the Naval Staff, Admiral Naveed Ashraf on Tuesday demanded the stakeholders and nation as a whole to address the grave threats to marine ecosystems due to the anthropogenic activities posing serious risk to marine life and

In his message in connection to the World Environment Day issued by the Pakistan Navy, the Admiral said, "World Environ-ment Day' (WED) is observed on 5th of June each year and calls for protecting our natural surround-

The day, celebrated under the ambit of United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) marks an occasion to raise awareing our environment such as; pollution, illegal wildlife trade, unsustainable consumption, rising sea levels and food insecurity.'

This year's theme for the WED is 'Land Restoration, Desertification, and Drought Resilience'. The occasion will

serve as a stark reminder of the urgent need to protect our land, sea, and everything in between

He said, "Pakistan's long coastline provides access to rich resources of livelihood for millions of people. Our marine resources are a treasure trove of biodiversity that support a vast array of marine life, from majestic sea turtles to colourful coral



**OUETTA: Central President Tehreek Ittehad** Sadaat Pakistan and Provincial President PML Ulema Mashaikh Wing Syed Saifur Rehman Taran, SR Nasir and Rafigur Rehman Sanjrani meeting with acting Chairman Senate Savdal Khan Nassar

# **Provision of timely & quality** facilities to people of Kalat included in priority, says Zia

**Independent Report** QUETTA: The Provincial Minister for Home and Tribal Affairs, Mir Ziaullah Langove has stated that provision of timely and quality facilities to the people of Kalat is included

in his top priorities.
The Provincial Minister was speaking in a meeting about improving facilities and reforms in Khaliqabad Complex in Kalat on Tuesday. The Minister Home was briefed about the measures in context of the provision of facilities in the phase-II of Khaliqabad He was briefed in de-

complex, sports complex, 30-bedded hospital and PHE boring in the complex. The Executive Engi-

tail about the sub-divisional

neer B&R Abdul Ghaffar Mandokhail and Executive Engineer Public Health Engineering briefed the Minister Home.

#### **Dummar grieves over 11** deaths in Sanjdi Coal Mine HARNAI (APP): Provin-

cial Minister Haji Noor Muhammad Khan Dummar expressed his grief over the death of 11 workers in Sanjdi Coal Mine, Harnai on Tuesday. According to details, Provincial Minister for Food and leader of Pakistan Muslim League-N (PML-N), Haji Noor Muhammad Khan Dummar, expressed profound sorrow and grief over the tragic death of 11 workers due to the accumulation of toxic gas in a coal

mine in Sanjdi, Quetta. Sharing the grief of the bereaved families, the minister said that Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti has taken notice of the incident and a case has been registered against those responsible. He stated that transparent investigations have been ordered into this heartwrenching incident. Action will be taken against those who displayed negligence and failed to comply with mining regulations.



HUB: Members of District Bar Association are holding protest demonstration for acceptance of their demands, at District and Session Court premises

# EAD commends global support at fourth IPSG meeting ISLAMABAD (APP): enue, Foreign Affairs, Plan-

Federal Minister for Economic Affairs, Ahad Khan Cheema on Tuesday commended the global support in chairing the 4th meeting of the International Partners Support Group (IPSG) at the Prime Minister's Office Islamabad.

This meeting marked almost two years since the devastating floods of 2022, aiming to review the progress of flood recovery and realign efforts for a resilient Pakistan, said a press release issued here. The meeting was at-led by Romina

tended Khurshid, the Coordinator to the Prime Minister on Climate Change at the Ministry of Climate Change and Environmental Coordination, along with secretaries and senior officials from the ministries of economic

ning, Development and Special Initiatives, and the Climate Change division.

Additionally, representatives from bilateral and multilateral development partners, including ambassadors Sweden, Azerbaijan, Norway, Kazakhstan, Australia, and diplomats from Germany, China, UAE, South Korea, USA, Qatar, Turkey, Nether-lands, Russia, Japan, France, Switzerland, as well as officials from the Canadian and British High Commissions, participated in the event.

Representatives from various international organizations such as UNDP, World Bank, ADB, IMF, AIIB, UNRC, EU, KfW, UNICEF, IsDB, WFP, AICS, and USAID were



SHENZEN: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif arrives in Shenzhen on his 5-day official

# IHC says: If date is not given for LB polls

in IBD then contempt of court notice will be issued to FG, EC ISLAMABAD (Online): (IHC) has sought report within 7 days for holding Local Bodies (LB) along. They will be able to levy tax following the approval by the local government.

Local Bodies (LB) election in Islamabad. IHC also suspended property tax notices on

new rate. Justice Akhtar Kayani remarked CDA is causing destruction in all the city in the name of MCI. You levied taxes of millions of rupees without local government.

election in federal capital councils. registrar office objections came for hearing before on PTI petition against sealsingle bench of IHC led by Justice Mohsin Akhtar Kayani Tuesday. Barrister Umar Ijaz PTI leader through the petition had requested the

Gillani and other lawyers appeared on behalf of the petitioners. Mohsin

Justice Akhtar Kayani remarked the petitioners will have to deposit property tax at old Islamabad.

rates. They will be able to

Akhtar Kayani inquired from Election Commission (EC) authorities why the ocal bodies election are not being held. EC authorities told

schedule has been given with reference to delimitation of constituencies Justice Akhtar Kayani remarked The case regarding non holding local bodies to the extent of 125 union

There is no need of new constituencies. This is Supreme Court (SC) decision and IHC decision too that local government election have to be held. Are all the governments including PTI founder, Nawaz Sharif and Shahbaz Sharif responsible for it that no one held local government election in



ing center of Benazir Income Support Program

# All communities enjoying religious freedom in Pakistan: Law Minister

Minister for Law and Justice, Senator Azam Nazeer Tarar on Tuesday said that all religions were enjoying complete religious freedom in Pakistan. Addressing a ceremony, he welcomed all the

ISLAMABAD (APP):

people of the Sikh community who arrived in Paki-The minister said that the people of this country respected the traditions of Sikh community as there

role in the development of the country. He further said that promotion of interfaith

Azam Nazeer Tarar said that teaching of "Guru Nanak" negate the materialism, adding that no religion permits for hate and violence.

harmony was need of the

Service to the humanity should be our mission, he said, adding that the Prime Minister of was a strong connection Pakistan has sent his between the two sides. The greetings to the Sikh Sikh community has vibrant community.

# Pak & Saint Vincent, Grenadines establish formal diplomatic ties

NATIONS lomatic relations between (APP): Pakistan and Saint Vincent, an island country in the eastern Caribbean, Monday established formal diplomatic relations between the two countries.

Ambassador Munir Akram, Pakistan's permanent representative to the United Nations, and his counterpart from Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Ambassador Inga Rhonda King, signed a joint commu-

the two countries. Welcoming Ambassa-

dor King to the Pakistan Mission, the Pakistani envov said that Pakistan and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines have had a long tradition of a 'warm close and cooperative' relation-ship at the UN. "The establishment of formal diplomatic relationship between the two friendly countries will lead to further deepen-

forward to more intensive interaction between the tourists, business delegations, and the people of the two countries." Describing Saint Vincent and Grena dines envoy as an ally Ambassador Akram lauded her strong advocacy at multiple UN forums, especially as president of ECOSOC. saying that her leadership was an example of how small nations can make a big

Akram said. "We now look