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# Will put in our sweat and blood to make Pakistan great country by following Chinese model: PM

Minister Shehbaz Sharif on President Xi Jinping's vi-Thursday reiterated his resolve to make Pakistan a great nation and regain its position by following the Chinese development model through utmost hard work and a sharp focus on industrial and agricultural progress. "If we follow the Chi-

nese model, I have no doubt, Pakistan will regain its position in the comity of nations and will be respected like our Chinese brothers are done by friends and foes... We will follow your model, work hard untiringly, put in our sweat and blood, and make Pakistan a great country," the prime minister said addressing the 4th Pakistan-China Friendship and Business Reception here.

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He told the gathering of Pakistani and Chinese business leaders that Pakistan

BEIJING (APP): Prime would follow Chinese journey of swift development to become the second sion to focus on progress biggest economic and miliand prosperity by avoiding tary power under President conflicts and cited immense Xi's vision, Prime Minis-Chinese progress and ter Shehbaz said it was projects like the Belt and achieved only through hard Road Initiative, China-Pawork and untiring efforts. kistan Economic Corridor, "All Pakistanis will also Global Development Initiative (GDI) and the Global

have to pass through this thorny process. There is no Security Initiative (GSI). other way to earn respect The prime minister in the world," he remarked

who is in China on a fiveday official visit, advised into being two years after Pakistani people Pakistan, China took its against being dejected or trade to trillions of dollars losing hope rather than while Pakisan's hovered standing up and accepting around \$30-40 billion in the challenge to reach the terms of exports. Besides, level of Chinese progress China has excelled in inforwithin a few years or demation technology and arcades. He said the Chinatificial intelligence. He also Pakistan friendship had no referred to the "wonderful" parallel in the world which bilateral cooperation in remained unshakeable and space program as Pakistan unreachable even during the recently sent a lunar satellite and a space satellite recently with Chinese col

quakes. Recalling the Chinese He said having come BEIJING: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif witnesses signing of Memorandums of understanding regarding cooperation in different fields between China and Pakistan. Minister of State Energy & Secretary Power Division emphasize: **Balochistan Govt. & Zamindars ought** to give concrete mechanism for removing concerns of federal Govt.

storms, wars, and earthlaboration



QUETTA: Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti presiding over joint meeting of Federal and Provincial officials regarding solarization

Electricity PM visit to push forward tariff jacked Pak-China all-weather strategic up by Rs 3.33

Sharif visit

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of the provincial government and other concerned authorities on the matter of ments. shifting of agricultural tube wells on the solar energy here on Thursday. The meeting reviewed

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QUETTA: The Minister of

State for Energy, Ali Pervez

Malik and Secretary Power

Division,

the hurdles and problems in lated matters. solarization of the agricul-

tural tube wells on direc-tives of the Prime Minisrunning the agricultural tube wells on solar and power system simultaneously. The Chief Minister

The Chief Minister, Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti, Minister of State for Enemphasized on removing ergy, Ali Pervez Malik, the concerns of federal government about agricultural provincial Ministers Mir hoaib Nausherwani and tube wells and resolving the Ali Madad Jatak, Secretary resolvable matters through Power Division, Rashid mutual understanding and Mehmood, Chief Secretary cooperation.

before solarization of Agri. tube wells

Chief Minister calls for removing concerns of federal government

about agricultural tube wells and resolving resolvable matters

through mutual understanding and cooperation

Khan, Additional Secretary Power Division and other representatives of the federal and provincial govern-

tube wells in the province. During the course of meeting, the federal and insisted that it must be enprovincial high ups briefed the meeting about the re-sured that electricity would not be taken from QESCO

The federal authorities Continued on page 2

**Pakistan elected** non-permanent **UNSC** member with big majority

Pakistan garners 182 ballots in 193-member General Assembly far more than the required 124 votes

JNITED NATIONS the five non-permanent (APP): After months of hectic campaigning, Pakistan Thursday was elected. with a massive majority, as a non-permanent member of the UN Security Council, the world body's power centre, pledging to make its contribution in meeting the grave challenges facing the world

Pakistan, which was unopposed, garnered 182 votes in the 193-member General Assembly -- far more than the required 124 votes representing twothird majority.

Loud applause rang out in the iconic hall of the General Assembly when its president, Dennis Francis, announced the winners of

land whose terms end on December 31. He congratulated them on their victory. Pakistan will replace Japan, which currently oc-cupies the Asian seat, on January 1, 2012, to begin a two-year term, its eighth. As an elated Munir Akram, Pakistan's perma-

lia-to replace

seats-Pakistan, Denmark.

Greece, Panama and Soma-

Mozambique and Switzer-

Japan, Ecuador, Malta,

nent representative to the UN, emerged from the hall, APP correspondent asked him about Pakistan's priorities and goals as a mem-

ber of the 15-member Continued on page 2



QUETTA: Governor Balochistan, Jaffar Khan Mandokhel distributing certificate among participants during the concluding ceremony of 3rd Mid-Career Management Course held in Quetta.

Interaction with teachers from 31 districts: Govt. determined to raise educational standard in

Rashid Mehmood have urged the provincial government and zamindars to give concrete mechanism for removing the concerns of federal government before solarization of the agricultural tube wells in the province. Balochistan, Shakeel Qadir

They were in joint meeting with the high ups

### cooperative partnership: Tarar

BEIJING (APP): Federal Minister for Information, Broadcasting, National Heritage and Culture Attaullah Tarar Thursday said that the visit of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif would further deepen allweather strategic cooperative partnership between Pakistan and China and expedite construction of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), a pilot project of Belt and Road Initiative (BRI).

Before leaving Pakistan for the five-day visit of China, the prime minister talked highly about Pakistan-China friendship tion between the two counand the CPEC flagship tries



**QUETTA: Provincial Minister for Communication** and Works Mir Saleem Ahmed Khosa and Provincial Minister for Planning and Development Mir Zahoor Ahmed Buledi presiding over a meeting regarding development schemes

### **Country is under** undeclared martial law, **Imran tells SC**

ister said that Arvind

Kejriwal was allowed to

contest the elections in In-

cases," Imran Khan said.

ated with him

ISLAMABAD (INP) - Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) founder Imran Khan said that there is "unannounced martial law imposed" in the country.

He gave these remarks during the hearing of NAB amendment case in the Supreme Court on Thursday.

Imran Khan, the incarcerated founder of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), joined the proceedings via video link from Rawalpindi's Adiala Jail.

Chief Justice Qazi Faez Isa was heading the fivejudge bench which also included Justice Aminuddin Khan, Justice Jamal Khan conspiracy. Mandokhail, Justice Athar Minallah and Justice Hasan Azhar Rizvi.

The former prime min-

per unit ISLAMABAD (Online): project, he said while talk-Power tariff has been ing to media here on the jacked up adding to misersideline of PM Shehbaz

ies of people. According to notifica-tion issued by NEPRA This is new era of Pakistan-China friendship power tariff has been en-hanced by R s 3.33 and the prime minister athanced by R taches great importance to per unit. The increase has this friendship and terms been made under the head the friendship between Paof monthly fuel adjustment kistan and China higher charges

The increased tariff will than mountains, deeper be applicable to the electhan sea and sweeter than tricity bills of curren month. He said that the prime

The increase made in power tariff by Rs 3.33 per minister's acknowledges positive role of unit will be charged to con-China in socio-economic sumers in one month development of Pakistan The hike in tariff will and the future cooperanot apply to K-Electric and life line consumers

> PM rejoices as Pakistan secure membership of UNSC for 2025-26 ISLAMABAD (APP) Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Thursday expressed his delight and congratulated the nation as Pakistan has been elected as a member of the United Na-

tions Security Council (UNSC) for the term 2025 "Proud moment as Pakistan receives a resoundtors

ing 182 votes and is elected to the United Nations Security Council for the term 2025-26," the prime minis-ter wrote on X (formerly twitter).

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2 die, over 7 injured bus catches fire OUETTA (Online): As

dia as his sentence was susmany as 2 persons were pended only to allow him killed and over 7 injured to run his campaign. "I was ousted from the election when a passenger bus race just in five days by caught fire near Uthal in the convicting me in several area of Lasbella of Balochistan on national Justice Athar Minallah high way said in his remarks that it is

Further increase in unfortunate that he (Imran number of deaths is feared. Khan) is in jail as people The passenger bus was carhave many hopes associrying 28 commuters on its way from Karachi to The PTI founder said Quetta when it caught fire that the growth rate was 6.2

near Lasbella on national percent but his government high way. The fire engulfed was toppled in result of a the entire bus He added that the NAB Deputy Commissioner chairman should be aptold initially two persons pointed by the Supreme Court.

were killed while 7 injured were rescued from bus.



QUETTA: Ambassador of South Korea Park Kijun meeting with Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti

### Chief Minister invites investors of Korea to Balochistan, offers investment in different sectors

Korean Ambassador expresses interest in making investment in different sectors of Balochistan

Independent Report stock and others were discussed.

The Chief Minister QUETTA: The Chief Minister, Balochistan, Mir and Korean ambassador were agreed on promoting Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti has mutual cooperation and invited the investors of Repartnership in different secpublic of Korea to come to Balochistan and offered in-While offering the investment in different sec-

vestment to the Korean intors of the province. vestors in different sectors The Chief Minister asin Balochistan, the Chief sured that the conducive en-Minister said that there is a vironment and complete protection would be prokey role of Balochistan in national economy of future. vided to the Korean inves-There are vast oppor-

He was speaking to the Ambassador of Republic of Korea to Pakistan, Mr. Park Kijun, who called on him here on Thursday. ince.

During the course of meeting, different matters pertaining to mutual cooppossible cooperation would eration and promotion of incoming to invest in the vestment in tourism, infor-

mation technology, live-



try of Economic Affairs, and H.E. Mr. Wada Mitsuhiro, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to Pakistan, signs the Record of Discussions & Exchange of Notes to bolster the Human Resource Development Scholarship Program (JDS) 2024.

### **PM** witnesses signing of MoUs to expand Pak,

The federal government

feared that the zamindars

would also use the electric-

ity of QESCO after solar-

ization of the agricultural

The federal authorities

China cooperation Balochistan Sheikh Jaffar BEIJING (APP): Prime Minister Muhammad Khan Mandokhail has Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Thursstated that the government is determined to raise eduday witnessed signing of cational standard and highvarious Memorandums of light the greatness of Understanding (MoUs) to teachers in the province. expand cooperation in different fields between China and Pakistan.

On the occasion, an race and colour. MoU was signed between Pakistan and China regardwith the teachers from 31 ing manufacturing of solar districts here at a ceremony panels and YTO trackers. held at the Governor House

on Thursday.

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esteem in every civilized

The MoU was signed between Pakistan's Habib Rafique Limtied and Beijing Global Hydrogen Industries Company Limited.

Another MoU was signed between the Pakistan Investment Board and the Institute of Structural Economics, Peking University, to promote the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

### Govt constitutes Cabinet Committee on SIFC

ISLAMABAD (Online): The government has constituted Cabinet Committee on Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC) to ensure implementation of recommendations within the contours of SIFC.

An order has been issued to this effect. The committee will

ran Ambassador that every Sharif will be chairman of

be extended to the investors the committee while the Army Chief, Provincial

Chief Ministers and Na-Continued on page 2 tional Coordinator will at-



federal government Thursday debunked Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) founder Imran Khan's claims regarding solitary

confinement and the lack of facilities during his incarceration at

the Adiala jail. During the hearing of intra-court appeals challenging the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) law amendments, which Khan is also attending via video link from the jail, the government submitted details about the facilities being offered to the PTI devise plans to combat illefounder.

gal immigration, human trafficking and exploitation vided evidence, including of skilled workers

### **Balochistan:** Governor **Independent Report**

to which, the respective degree also becomes mean-QUETTA: The Governor ingless

He said that government is keeping a strict vigil on the education sector. The cheating can be prevented with completion of the course well in time, he added.

The Governor said The Governor stressed that teachers' respect can't the need to decorate the be limited to any religion, poor children of remote districts of the province. He was interacting

He commended that the female teachers are performing their duties honestly despite lack of the necessary facilities.

The Governor said He said that we would that teachers are held in high have to pay attention on proper upbringing and morals of the chil-He said that cheating is dren along with their a curse in our society due education.



LAHORE: Ambassador of UAE Hammad Ubaid Ibrahim Salem Alzaabi meeting with Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz and President PML-N

### Govt submits photos to SC denying Imran's solitary confinement

ISLAMABAD (INP): The photographs of the facilities that Khan was benefitting from during his incarceration in response to his claims of "solitary confinement" and not receiving the provisions.

> In the jail, Khan is provided an exercise bike and stretching belt for physical fitness, books, a separate kitchen, a special menu, an exclusive gallery for a walk, LED, a room cooler, and a study table. In the detailed document submitted to the court, the government not only provided photographic evidence of all the facilities, but also the names of all those who have vis-

The government proited him in the prison facilitv so far.

tend the committee meetings on special invitation. The Prime Minister

tunities of investment in the long coast, fisheries, livestock, mines and minerals, besides tourism in the provsubmit decisions to the fed-He assured to the Koeral cabinet for approval. Prime Minister Shehbaz ndependent Quetta

Friday June 07, 2024

# **Miscellaneous**

# Wrote a new chapter of Pak-China cooperation in Shenzhen; will reciprocate model in Pakistan: Dar

BEIJING (APP): Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign ther and invite Chinese companies to Pakistan," the Minister Ishaq Dar on Thursday said that by holding the Pakistan-China Business Forum in Shenzhen, the government had written a new chapter of bilateral cooperation and in the coming months, the model would be reciprocated by inviting Chinese companies to Pakistan

The deputy prime minister, in his address at the 4th Pakistan-China Friendship and Business event here, said that the hugely attended Business Forum aimed at tangible, targeted, substantive and result-oriented economic cooperation with a focus on attracting and facilitating Chinese investments in 13 export-oriented sectors inside Pakistan.

He told the gathering that Pakistan's Ambassador in China Ambassador Khalil Hashmi and his team successfully mobilized over 400 Chinese businesspersons and entrepreneurs who came together to network with around 120 Pakistani counterparts on a scale that was unprecedented. "I am confident they have started a new journey of win-win partnership and joint cooperation. In the months ahead, we will reciprocate this model fur-

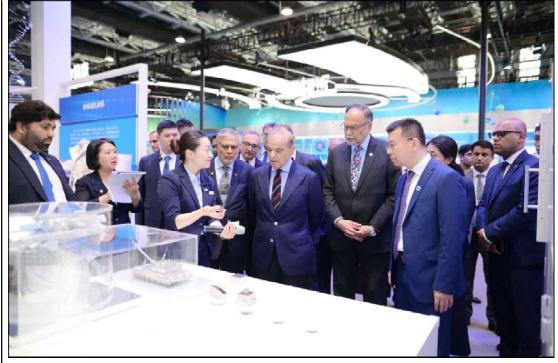
deputy prime minister remarked.

Calling the Friendship and Business event a "cherished tradition" and the "essence of friendship and mutual respect", Dar said that over the years, the platform had played a pivotal role in bringing together leaders, policymakers, business executives, and entrepreneurs from both countries.

He said the gathering was aimed at engaging to further strengthen our iron-clad and space-partners friendship. It sets the tone for our future interactions, providing a foundation for deeper economic ties and stronger cultural connections, he added.

He said in the local context, the forum served as a testament to China's dedication to fostering international partnerships. It is a symbol of how traditions and cultural exchanges can be harnessed to promote understanding, peace, prosperity and development.

Dar said that currently, the world was at the cusp of a new era, witnessing profound and fast-paced changes which would, as before, test the resilience of China-Pakistan iron-clad friendship.



BEIJING: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif being briefed on Zhongguancun Science Park.



QUETTA: Former Provincial Minister Mir Abdul Rauf Rind and Zubair Rind meeting with Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti

### Pakistan elected non-permanent

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Council's He said Pakistan's election "represents the confidence of the international community in Pakistan's ability to promote the purposes and principles of the UN Charter."

Pakistan, Ambassador Akram, said would actively work with other member countries of the Council to advance the shared objectives.

In this regard, he especially highlighted Pakistan's ambition to contribute meaningfully to the prevention of conflicts and their peaceful settlement in line with the UN Charter.

Pakistan's earlier terms on the Council were in 2012-13, 2003-04, 1993-94, 1983-84, 1976-77, 1968-69 and 1952-53.

Pakistan is joining the

invites investors.... member of the Security Council in the past, Paki-Continued from page 1 stan had made significant province. contribution to its work The Chief Minister aimed at strengthening intold the Ambassador that

ternational peace and secuthe provincial government has preparing comprehen-Over the last 50 years, sive plan of providing job Pakistan has been a leading opportunities to some contributor to United Na-30,000 youth of the provtions Peacekeeping Misince abroad after imparting sions. Currently, it has over them different skills. 4,000 troops and other per-He appreciated the sonnel deployed in UN project of establishment of IT park by Korea and de-Peacekeeping Missions

around the world. " scribed it an important de-The new members will join the five veto-wielding permanent members - the United States, Russia, China, United Kingdom and France - and the five countries elected as non-perma-

The Chief Minister also said that he values a nent members last year lot the exemplary relations Algeria, Guyana, South between Pakistan and Ko-Korea, Sierra Leone and rea and said that these re-

**Chief Minister** 

Meanwhile Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign ened further at diplomatic

### Strengthening country's alternative energy system among govt's priorities: PM

Wednesday reiterating his government's commitment to strengthen the alternative energy system in the coun-try, highlighted that there existed a huge potential for investment in the sector. The prime minister, in

a meeting with Chairman of Power China here, said that his government was taking massive action to curb power theft across the

The Power China chairman appreciated the high quality and swift completion of Sahiwal Coal Power Plant, also mentioning the Pakistan Speed and Punjab Speed in the reference to the accelerated completion of development projects.

The company chairman old the prime minister that a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) would be signed with Pakistan to improve the power transmis-

country.

velopment towards provision network and reduce the sion of positive opportuline losses nities for youth of the province according to the mod-

ern day requirements.

lations would be strength-

During the meeting,

BEIJING (APP): Prime and Foreign Minister Ishaq Minister Shehbaz Sharifon Dar, Defence Minister Khawaja Muhammad Asif, Planning Minister Ahsan Iqbal, Information and Broadcasting Minister Attaullah Tarar, Power Minister Awais Ahmed Leghari and Special Assis-

tant to PM Tariq Fatemi also attended the meeting. Online adds: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has vowed to follow the Chinese model of success for progress and prosper-

He was addressing Pak-China Friendship and Business reception in Beijing

said China's exemplary growth in information technology, agriculture, industry, space sciences and education are a beacon of light for us

He said China's biggest success is that it has provided all out facilities to its people. It has invested in its youth, modern techniques in industry and agri-



### Supporting young people in climate policy-making essential: Rana Mashood

ISLAMABAD (APP): ing effective and inclusive structive dialogue to align Chairperson of the Prime Minister's Youth Program. Rana Mashood on Thursday said supporting young people and their inclusion into policy-making to combat climate change was not just important but essential.

The Chairperson was delivering his keynote address at the roundtable titled "Empowering Young People to Shape Inclusive Climate Policies Through Policy Research Challenge, Under the umbrella of Generation Unlimited", orga-nized by the Youth Policy Lab (YPL) platform that has emerged, bringing to-gether UN agencies— UNICEF, UNFPA, UNDP—and the Prime Youth Minister's Programme (PMYP) in a synergistic collaboration with the School of Leadership Foundation (SoLF).

This coalition introduced the Policy Research Challenge (PRC) in 2023, marking a significant stride in involving young people at the policy level. Through the PRC, the YPL gives young people a platform to have their voices heard in policy decisions, ensuring their unique needs are considered during important

climate policies that will adolescents and youthshape a sustainable future." driven research with gov-Dr. Rubina Ali, Assisernmental policies, ensurtant Representative of UNFPA, remarked, "Coming inclusivity, responsiveness, and efficacy in meet-ing the needs of Pakistan's

Professor

their immense potential

of the youth are not only

heard but also integrated

into our national strategies,

paving the way for a more

inclusive and resilient fu-

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bating climate change requires innovative and comdiverse communities. munity-based solutions. It requires a new perspective, Muhammad Mukhtaar, VC National Skills University, and who better to offer these solutions than young concluded the event with remarks highlighting, "The active involvement of people who have only known a world grappling with its consequences." young researchers in the Policy Research Chal-lenge has demonstrated

Inoussa Kabore, Deputy Representative (Programmes) UNICEF Pakistan, highlighted how to drive meaningful change. By aligning their innovative research with these researchers have taken a transdisciplinary apgovernmental policies, we ensure that the voices proach to the topic of climate adaptation and have explored issues faced by them and their communities with regards to water, education, health, smog, agriculture, and community resilience.

ture." A highlight of the roundtable was the Policy The Policy Research Challenge was meticu-Interface Matchup, where adolescent and youth relously crafted to empower young individuals to critisearchers engaged directly cally evaluate and contribute to inclusive climate with ministry representatives, facilitating a con-



ity of Pakistan.

Thursday. . The Prime Minister

Security Council at a time of great international upheaval and challenges and plans to pay special attention to: Promotion of peace

and security in South Asia; Upholding the prin-

ciple of self-determination for the people of Palestine and Kashmir;

Promotion of normalization in Afghanistan; Promotion of equitable

solutions to the security challenges in Africa, and, Enhance the effective-

ness of UN peacekeeping operations.

rights. As a non-permanent

Minister Mohammad Ishaq and trade level. Dar on Thursday extended his heartfelt congratula-Korean ambassador extions to the nation on pressed interest in invest-Pakistan's election as a nonment in different sectors permanent Member of the including tourism, IT, in-UN Security Council for frastructure, livestock and fisheries in the province.

He said that Pakistan is a Boquete of different cultures in which Balochistan's culture is very prominent and different He said that Korea is

desirous of making investment in different sectors in Balochistan

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### **Balochistan Go** & Zamindars.

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The Chief Mini said that we would find the acceptable solution the matter after consu tion with the zamindars stakeholders.

He said that we thankful to the Prime Min ister Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif on sending team for resolving the matters.

The federal government representatives were agreed on the proposals of the Chief Minister.

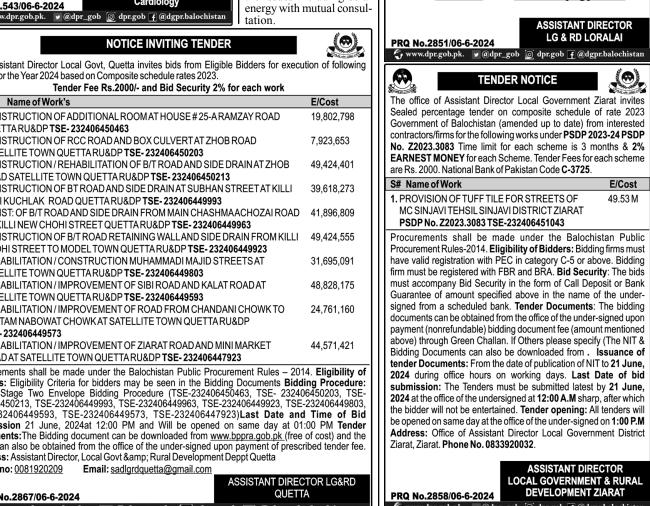
At the outset, there was consensus between the Provincial and federal governments on resolving all the issues including solar energy with mutual consul-

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the term 2025-26 with overwhelming support of 182 votes. He said Pakistan looked forward to upholding its commitment to the UN Charter's vision of preventing war & promoting peace; fostering global

prosperity; and promoting universal respect for human

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### **President stresses for** strengthening food safety systems

the media.

Safety Day highlights the

importance of realizing that

food safety is a shared re-

sponsibility requiring the

collective efforts of all

stakeholders. We need to

adhere to the highest food

safety standards for the

well-being of our nation.

ISLAMABAD (APP): President Asif Ali Zardari has stressed the need to strengthen the country's food safety systems to ensure that everyone has access to safe, clean, and nutritious food.

In his message, on the occasion of World Food Safety Day, he said "The day reminds us of the need to strengthen food safety regulations and standards that govern the production, processing, and distribution of food. We can minimize the risk of food contamination and adulteration and ensure food safety by ensuring strict compliance with these standards"

He said the Day is being observed today to catalyze momentum for the alignment of governmental policies and stakeholder actions to ensure food safety

Pakistan, he said also needs to invest in research and innovation and utilize been greater.



Chairperson Benazir Income Support Programme, Mrs. Rubina Khalid, in a meeting with Ms. Coco Ushiyama, Country Director of the World Food Programme (WFP), to discuss the improvement of health and nutrition for women and children in Pakistan, at BISP HQs Islamabad

### **CDA chairman orders** immediate electricity supply to Park Enclave

tions

The Chairman CDA

announced that plots for

hospitals, schools, and

other basic amenities in

Park Enclave should be al-

located according to regula-

their dues by this deadline

will be cancelled and the

cancelled plots in Phase-I

Park Enclave and provide

better facilities to its resi-

He said instructions

The CDA chief

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chairman Capital Development Authority (CDA), Muhammad Ali Randhawa Thursday ordered for immediate supply of electricity to Park Enclave Phases II and III.

He directed the estab-lishment of a separate grid allottees who fail to pay station for Park Enclave to guarantee an uninterrupted power supply.

The Chairman di- will be put up for auction, rected the Member Finance he added

the latest technology to address food safety challenges. Modern tools can enable us to identify potential hazards accurately, allowing for more targeted and effective interventions to protect public health. "We also need to create awareness among the people about food safety, and clean

Deputy Chairman Senate, Syedaal Khan in a group photo at the orientation session for the newly-elected and hygienic food through senators held at Parliament House in collaboration with the PIPS and Muskehkam Pakistan IP/5 at Parliament House, Islamabad This World Food

# **Robina convenes meeting with** Gates foundation, Karandaaz to improve livelihoods of beneficiaries

ment in the disbursement

wards digitalization aims to

enhance efficiency, reduce

the risk of fraud, and en-

sure that beneficiaries re-

ceive their payments

tion, Bill & Melinda Gates

program in the country.

promptly and securely. Deputy Director, Fo-

process.

This move to-

ISLAMABAD (APP): In today's world, where food-borne diseases Chairperson Benazir Inand global pandemics are come Support Programme becoming more prevalent, (BISP), Rubina Khalid the urgency to take proac-Thursday convened a fortive measures to emphasize mal meeting with represenproper hygiene and protect tatives of Bill & Melinda our food system has never Gates Foundation and Karandaaz to discuss critical initiatives aimed at improving the livelihoods of its beneficiaries and enhancing the programme's operational transparency. During the meeting, Rubina Khalid highlighted the importance of skill de-

velopment in lifting beneficiaries out of poverty. "We want a better lifestyle for our beneficiaries," said Khalid. "Our goal is for them to emerge from poverty and play an active role in the economy of the coun-

Capital's

moderate

dents on Thursday reported

moderate air quality as the

atmospheric contaminants

were less than the national

threshold after a repeated

incidents of forest fires and

gusty weather in the

moderate as the air pollut-

ants ratio in the atmosphere

was below the permissible

limits of the national envi-

ronmental quality stan-

dards of the Pakistan Envi-ronmental Protection

Agency (Pak-EPA) as per

It is responsible for

its daily air quality data.

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evening time.

try." Emphasizing the need Foundation's full support for technical assistance in and agreed to organize furdigitalizing the payment ther meetings between mechanism for BISP ben-BISP, the Foundation, and eficiaries, Chairperson Karandaaz officials to dis-BISP stated, "We want to cuss the technical modaliensure transparency with ties in detail. minimum human involve-

Country Lead for Pakistan, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Syed Ali Mehmood, CEO of Karandaaz, Waqas ul Hassan, Associate Director of Digital Transformation at Karandaaz, Usman Kokab Khan and Head of DFS at Karandaaz, Taimoor Ali

cus Country Implementaalso attended the meeting. In a separate meeting with the Country Director Foundation, Jason Lamb, commended the initiatives of the World Food Program of BISP, recognizing it as (WFP), Coco Ushiyama, the chairperson emphathe largest social safety sized BISP's unwavering He expressed the commitment to improving tives under BISP.

the health and nutrition of women and children in Pakistan. "Our main focus is on the health of women and children," stated Mrs. Khalid. "Through the Benazir

Nashonuma Programme, we are actively addressing the critical issues of stunting and malnutrition. A healthy mother can give a healthy nation.' Ms. Coco Ushiyama

praised the BISP for its impactful initiatives and reiterated WFP's commitment to supporting Benazir Income Support Programme's health-related projects. "WFP has collaborated with BISP on various projects, and we are committed to providing full

support for health initia-

### Minister says: **Massive teacher** training in Federal Capital to begin soon

erty is a significant reason behind children not attending school. He highlighted that providing breakfast incen-

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tives in federal capital schools has increased student attendance from 40 percent to 80 percent. If this incentive proves successful in the federal capital, it will be expanded to the rest of the country. Responding to a call-

Regarding the Daanish ing attention notice regardschools in the federal capiing inadequate facilities in tal, he said that work on the schools under the Federal project has already begun. Directorate of Education in Daanish schools, initially Islamabad and the shortage launched by then-Chief of teachers, he said that the Minister Shehbaz Sharif in process to appoint new 2010, provide free quality education and boarding facilities for underprivileged Addressing the issue children in Punjab.

He added that the iniof out-of-school children, he said that the government tial allocation of 10 acres for the Daanish schools project is taking all possible steps to enroll children in schools. has been increased to 30 He acknowledged that pov- acres.



**ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Science and** Technology, Dr. Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui, explores the galleries at the Pakistan Museum of Natural History Garden Avenue during the Foundation Stone Laying Ceremony for new blocks.

### Govt raises wheat procurement target by 40% this year: Tarar

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister for Law and Justice Azam Nazeer Tarar Thursday informed the National Assembly that the federal government has raised the wheat procurement target by 40 per cent this year to address the challenges faced by farmers.

He said the original

procurement target was 1.3

was increased to 1.8 million

metric tons.

IGP Syed Ali Nasir Rizvi holds an orderly room Hour in the National Asat Central Police Office sembly, the minister said Islamabad. Officers of that the investigations into Islamabad Police attended the orderly room.

Prime Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif took serious notice of the situation, prompting a 35 to 40 per cent increase in the target, adding that the global decline in wheat prices has affected the open market. "The government is taking several steps to During the Question support the farmers for the next planting season and is coordinating with the provinces," the minister added.

the wheat import scandal Azam Nazeer acare underway and those knowledged complaints found guilty will be held about wheat procurement and said that the prime min-According to the Ministry of National Food ister directed the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) to register FIRs against

**IG Islamabad chaired Police Executive** air quality **Board for reforms of police units** IG Islamabad also re-**Independent Report** ISLAMABAD (APP) ISLAMABAD: According viewed the shortage of per-The federal capital resi

to the details, Inspector sonnel in the police force.



General of Police (IGP) Islamabad, Syed Ali Nasir Rizvi, chaired meetings with senior police officers at the Central Police Office and Safe City Islamabad.

IG Islamabad chaired is full of merit and transthe Police Executive Board parency to incorporate edu-

app, and data protection. He directed Safe City officials to increase the number of cameras with surveil-lance and artificial intelli-

gence capabilities. He emphasized that no area in Islamabad should be hidden from the eve of the camera. Data protection should be ensured in Safe City, and the capabilities of the cybercrime wing of the Islamabad Police should be

He instructed senior police further improved. officers with important responsibilities regarding future recruitment. He directed the officers to ensure that the recruitment process

During the orderly

# ISLAMABAD (APP):

Federal Minister for Education and Professional Training, Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui, informed the Naional Assembly on Thursday that a massive training program for teachers, with the assistance of international institutions and local universities, will be started soon in the federal

teachers in the federal capi-

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and Member Engineering of CDA to promptly contact have been issued to enhance officials from the Islamabad the beauty of green belts and parks in the Park En-Electric Supply Company (IESCO). clave. Muhammad Ali said Muhammad Ali said the measures are part of the

the final date for submitting dues for Park Enclave Phase-I has been set as June 30



dents

MABAD: A trailer loaded with CNG Rickshaws heading towards destination on Karnal Sher Khan Shaheed Road in the Federal Capital.

### SC issues written order about notices to tv channels

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Supreme Court of Pakistan on Thursday issued written order regarding notices to TV channels in contempt of court case against Senator Faisal Vawda and MQM's leader Mustafa Kamal. The two-page order said that Farough Naseem, the lawyer of Mustafa Kamal, states that his client has submitted an unconditional written apology with regard to what was said in the press conference held on 16 May 2024 and throws himself at the mercy of the Court and seeks for-

giveness. As regards Faisal Vawda the learned counsel points out that he has filed Criminal Misc. Application setting out the facts, however, if another opportunity is granted he may sub-

mit an additional reply. The court said, "The Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority ('PEMRA') has filed transcript of the two press conferences and mentions that 34 channels had live broadcast the press conference of Faisal Vawda and 28 channels had live broadcast the press conference of Mustafa Kamal.

ring the protection of the environment under the Pakistan Environmenta tee, an orderly room, and Protection Act 1997

The hazardous air pollutant particulate matter of 2.5 microns (PM2.5) ongoing efforts to develop which was a hazardous atmospheric contaminant, remained 32.32 micro ing the suggestions. grammes per cubic meter on average which was lower

than the national environmental quality standards (NEQS) of 35 micprogrammes per cubic meter and denoted the air quality moderate.

### **NIH** issues advisory on

Cholera ISLAMABAD (APP) National Institute of Health (NIH) has issued an advisory for the prevention and control of Acute Watery Diarrhea (Cholera). The Center for Diseases Control (CDC), National Institutes of Health (NIH) Islamabad

issued this advisory urging healthcare providers and the public to be vigilant in preventing and controlling the spread of Acute Watery Diarrhea (cholera). Cholera is an acute di-

arrheal illness caused by infection of the intestine due to bacterium Vibrio cholerae. Pakistan like other Asian countries is endemic to cholera with cases being reported from differ-

ent parts of the country. Poor personal hygiene and lack of safe drinking water provide more favorable conditions for the pathogen to cause outbreak in the vulnerable areas.

for reforms of police units, cated youth into the police the Recruitment Commitforce

IG Islamabad presided Safe City meetings. He reover the meeting organized viewed the reports submitin connection with the reorganization of Safe City. ted by the Police Executive Board on reforms for the He reviewed the ongoing work for the establishment police units and made important decisions considerof a women's virtual police station, a women's safety

**PDU, PIPS organize** orientation program for newly elected senators ISLAMABAD (APP): An lative expert and the Joint

orientation program was organized by Senate Secretariat's Parliamentary Secretary at the Senate Secretariat, provided a comprehensive overview of the Development Unit (PDU) legislative process. She deand Pakistan Institute of tailed the journey of a bill from its introduction to its final enactment as an act.

She highlighted the importance of each step, including debate, discussion, and deliberation on the House floor, in enactment of effective and meaningful legislation. Additional Secretary Hafeez Ullah Sheikh briefed the senators on the formation, types, powers, functions, and roles of Sen-

ate committees, often referred to as the mini parliament or an extension of the House. He explained that these committees are essential for the proper implementation of policies, acting as powerful oversight mechanisms to monitor the work of relevant departments. The Senators took a keen interest in the presentations, asking questions and engaging in discussions. Their inquiries were answered to their best satisfaction, reflecting their com-

mitment to understanding Rabeea Anwar, legisand effectively utilizing.

police officers room, accountable. brought forth both personal and official concerns before the DIG Headquarters. Im-

Security, the minister inmediate directives were isformed that the Pakistan sued for the resolution of Agricultural Storage and pressing matters, while di-Services Corporation Ltd. rectives were given to se-(PASSCO) had procured nior officers to address re-1.8 million metric tons of maining issues promptly. wheat as of June 2, 2024.

**'Custodial** killings have become a norm in **IIOJK'** 

ISLAMABAD (APP) Lives of people of occupied Jammu and Kashmir are at the mercy of brutal Indian troops and even custodial killings have become a norm in the territory.

According to a report released by Kashmir Media Service, today, a Kashmiri youth, Imtiyaz Ahmad Pala, was tortured to death by Indian police at Litter Police Station in Pulwama.

It said thousands of youth have perished in Indian army-run interrogation centers in the last 34 years in IIOJK.

Indian troops, under the protection of draconian laws, have killed 96308 Kashmiris, including 7336 in custody, since 1989

The report said custodial killings in occupied Jammu and Kashmir meant to create fear psychosis among the Kashmiris, adding the people of Kashmir are witnessing fake encounters and extrajudicial killings every now and then in the territory

those involved. The minister said the crash in the global wheat market led to domestic prices falling to between Rs 2,800 and Rs 3,200 per mound. The government prioritised providing sacks million metric tons, which to small farmers, he added. He said that the State

Bank was asked for addi-The minister said that tional funds.



ISLAMABAD: Art lover women are taking keen interest in a sport portrait at the Annual Members Photographic Competition & Exhibition, hosted in collaboration with Islamabad Club and Islamabad Camera Club at PNCA in the Federal Capital.

### Ministry taking steps to introduce climate friendly buildings, Romina Alam

ISLAMABAD (APP): struction of green buildings Coordinator to the Prime will also support in achiev-Minister on Climate Change Romina Khurshid Alam on Thursday said that her Ministry under the leadership of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif was taking steps to combat plastic pollution and collaborating with provincial governments to introduce climatefriendly buildings for enhancing urban landscapes. Talking to PTV news

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tions.

various policies and regula-

ing certain benefits, in line with the sustainable development goals. Talking about the heatwave she said that the prime minister already notified committees with the collaboration of provincial governments, adding, NDMA and experts were also being taken on board to discuss the solutions and to move forward for urban forestation

channel, she said that green She said the governand sustainable building ment is committed to overpractices in the country's coming the challenge of housing and construction growing plastic pollution sector will promote susand all the stakeholders tainable living and moderconcerned are being approached and taken on ate consumption to conserve energy and limited board to make Pakistan a plastic-free country

Romina Alam said that She said the present plastic pollution was a magovernment has been at the forefront of promoting susjor cause of environmental tainable construction pracdegradation but tackling it was a daunting challenge because tices in the country through of the massive use of plastic goods in the country, adding

Replying to a ques-tion, she said that with the that the Climate Change Ministry also launched awareness drives in schools with the green building codes, the theme of Mv water Mv bottle ministry will try to increase to overcome the use of plastree cover and improve air quality, adding, the contic bottles.

### **PIC orders to disclose private** hospital's negligence inquiry report

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2021.

ISLAMABAD (APP) The Pakistan Information Commission (PIC) on Thursday has ordered to public inquiry report concerning the alleged negligence and mistreatment of doctors at a renowned private medical hospital Rawalpindi, which purportedly led to the death of 26-year-old Zahoor Ahmed's son.

This directive comes after the Islamabad Healthcare Regulatory Authority (IHRĂ) withheld the information, citing confidentiality under the Right PIC of Access to Information

Act, 2017.

According to details, sued a notice to the IHRA Zahoor Ahmed, a resident The IHRA, represented by a law officer, Gujjar Khan, Rawalpindi, filed a commaintained that the inforplaint with IHRA in July mation was confidential and accusing the exempt from disclosure unhospital's doctors of neglider section 7(h) of the gence resulting in his son's Right of Access to Information Act, 2017, which per-

A citizen Nadeem tains to personal treatment Umer filed an information records request to the IHRA on However, the Com-

February 14, 2024, seeking mission disagreed with this the current status and a exemption claim while citing section 5 of the Right of copy of the inquiry report. Access to Information Act, Umer's request was denied by the public body, 2017, highlighted that inquiry and investigative releading him to appeal to the ports, once finalized, must Upon receiving the be proactively published by appeal, the Commission ispublic bodies

ISLAMABAD: Electric Buses parked at Convention Centre. A fleet of 8

electric buses arrives in the federal capital, bringing the total to 30 out of 160 buses. 22 buses arrived in the city with a charging point established at Jinnah Convention Center.

Parliamentary Services (PIPS) to familiarize the new elected senators with critical parliamentary processes and tools essential for their legislative duties. Deputy Secretary

Legislation, Senate of Pakistan, Muhammad Azam Sulehri, conducted an informative session on the various parliamentary oversight tools available to senators said a news release issued here on Thursday.

These include Questions, Motions under rule 60, calling attention notices, Motions under rule 218, adjournment motions, Zero hours, and resolutions. He emphasized that

these tools are crucial for maintaining transparency and accountability in government operations, enabling senators to hold the government accountable and ensuring it acts in the best interests of the people.

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### **Real powers**

Though former president Arif Alvi seems eager to rebuild the bridges his party has burnt, he has been discovering that, in present circumstances, getting the 'real power' to the negotiating table can be like pulling teeth.

On Tuesday, in a talk with climate commitments, get the media in Lahore, Dr Alvi, while delving into a long metaphor about guards, gardeners and renting houses, repeated that his party would only talk to "the owner of the house", before qualifying that with: "if the guard has decided to be the owner, he can say so, and we can talk".

Though Dr Alvi conceded

that he has had little success in getting the PTI and establishment to negotiate despite trying for the last two years, he remained hopeful about breaking the ice. "If there were no chances of success, I would have stopped trying announcement of its own budget in order to schedlong ago," he explained in re- ule a trip to China that, it sponse to a question. Dr Alvi need not be so circumspect about Pakistan's problems as he sees them. Speaking in riddles is best left to mid-tier the budget is critical be-fore an IMF deal can be politicians; Dr Alvi has served finalised. It's especially as the country's longest-serving democratically elected president and, as such, is entitled to speak his mind Economic Survey and without having to worry about whom he may be upsetting. Similarly, by virtue of having been supreme commander of Pakistan's armed forces, it seems unbecoming middle of the month. Or perhaps there are prioriof him to be chasing after those he wrongly considers the "owners of the house" and ties at play that are essen-tial to sort out before the budget can be drawn up. At this point, all we the "owners of the house" and the "empowered". Instead, he should be reaching out to ning to pour in of an MoU other representatives of the people, the true owners of Pakistan.

Ali Tauqeer Sheikh Energy has become a critical national security issue for Pakistan. The present

policy prescriptions have brought us to a dead-end street. It has not only become hard for us to extricate ourselves from them, but they are also fast limiting our options to harness alternative energy. Solar and wind energy are cleaner, cheaper, and much faster to install and operationalise. Energy sector policymakers are not putting their faith in the full

potential of renewable energy. RE promises to help us meet our international clean air to breathe, and reduce the cost of living while reducing the cost of doing business that is necessary to turn around the economy relatively faster, without further suppressing the energy demand. Pakistan's projected

energy demand has already shrunk. This is attributed to higher tariffs and tepid industrial activity. The most fundamental concern in the energy sector is the per unit cost of electricity production. At 83 per cent net gen-

eration cost, including ca-pacity payments, it is probably one of the highest anywhere in the world.

The IMF has not shown any interest in domestic political compulsions, the need for climatesmart development, or economic turnaround fuelled by cheaper energy, let alone energy justice — a policy commitment to clean, reliable and affordable energy. The IMF's focus is only on cost recovery by reducing subsidies. Both the IMF and Pakistan are thinking in silos and not taking about RE's role in this conundrum. The government is

apprehensive that the continued solarisation of rooftops will wean away a growing number of customers. which will further increase energy costs for the poor. Ironically, cost recovery is coming mostly from Karachi and certain areas of Punjab, where rooftop solarisation is the heaviest

Instead of bringing equity into the equation and facilitating the rural and urban poor in also benefiting from solar technology, the government is seeking to unroll the momentum for home solar units. The decision to discourage consum-

ers and small businesses from HSUs will be counterproductive. Let's see how the world around us is ad-

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dressing the issue. The energy mix in the region is fast changing. In Bangladesh, for example, almost five million households have already been supported to transition to HSUs, impacting nearly 12pc of the entire population by bringing electricity services to about 20m people. The intervention has helped reduce dependency on subsidies sion. and strengthen financial sustainability, and caused a

significant reduction in GHG emissions. It is estimated that between 2003 and 2018, approximately 9.6 million tonnes of CO2 equivalent were reduced, that is roughly equal to carbon emissions from 2m cars. India, likewise, has relied on RE to propel its eco-

nomic growth rate. Its solar capacity has surged from near zero in 2013 to 63.15 GW in 2022. Compared to Pakistan's one or two languishing solar parks, India is developing 51 solar parks with a total capacity of 37.74 GW. The target is 500 GW of installed capacity from non-fossil fuel sources by 2030, while aiming to gen-

### erate 75pc of its electricity from RE by 2050. While doing this, India has reduced production

costs, attracted international investments, undertaken domestic manufacturing, and prepositioned itself for the marketplace of long-life batteries. This is made possible by policies supporting financial incentives, tax advantages, subsidies for solar power generation, and net-metering regulations to foster the industry's expan-

Several start-ups have been encouraged to work in urban poor neighbourhoods in Delhi, Kolkata, and Mumbai to offer HSU or mini-grid solutions. Some have been contracted to develop mobile apps for generating and collecting electricity bills rather than relying on electricity transmission companies

Instead of rolling back companies been streama solarisation policy that lined or privatised. has just begun to deliver, the enabling environment that was given to the urban middle class should also be provided to lower-income groups in rural and urban settings. Off-grid and minigrid solutions are necessary to augment the energy demand for economic growth.

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A vast majority of energy users are at the bottom of the pyramid, with cruelly suppressed demand. Creating policy space and financial instruments for them can help create local jobs, public-private partnerships and SMEs, not to mention reliable and clean energy. The lost revenue can be recovered by shifting the energy sector's untargeted subsi-

energy transition in 11 emerging economies, including Pakistan. The partnership involves a combination of public and private funding.

As of now, the agreements sig-ned include grants, loans, and investments with South Africa (\$8.5 billion), Indonesia (\$20bn), Vietnam (\$15.5bn), and Senegal (\$2.7bn). The last one will help increase Senegal's in-A regulatory space was created in 2021 by installed RE electricity capacity to 40pc by 2030. India troducing regulations for 5 is currently negotiating a MW mini-grids allowing citizens to produce, distribpackage of about \$100bn, but does not wish to comute, and collect revenue. mit to phasing out coal and

wants funds in the form of The government seems to have backtracked from grants, not loans these regulations, instead of Pakistan has thus far using them to attract local not systematically engaged investors. On the ground, with the JETP. It has rethese have not been peatedly missed ministerial operationalised, nor have meetings, but last month it attended the ninth meeting, the electricity distribution expressing an interest in engaging with JETP. If se-

Launched at the clirious, between now and mate summit in Glasgow, COP29 in Baku, where the the Just Energy Transition Partnership (JETP) has next JETP meeting will take place, Pakistan will need to emerged as an important develop its priorities and vehicle for energy transition set the chessboard for balaway from fossil fuels. The ancing energy agreements under various umbrellas, Energy Transition Council, including CPEC. -- Coura mechanism of COP26, is committed to supporting tesy Dawn

**Khurram Husain** Did anybody else find it strange that the government would postpone the says, is for garnering investments?

A trip with that itinerary could easily have waited till after the budget, especially given that puzzling given the trip took precedence over the National Economic Council as well, which is necessary to finalise the then prepare the next budget's targets.

Perhaps there is nothing to it. There are many days still left in June after all, and the budget can wait till the try and look at what the thing.

here and an agreement there. Perhaps these will add up to something big in the days to come; but for now, we should be looking somewhere else to ascertain what the purpose of this trip really is. What awaits the

return is the real story. A cascade of demands is descending upon them from the organised interest groups in society. The textile industry is back to demanding what it calls a regionally competitive energy tariff', but which the rest of us call free handouts to the rich from taxpayer money. That's the only way these guys know how to make money after all, so little surprise this is where their needle has been stuck for the

past few years now. There is an interesting exercise to do here. Look at the biggest textile houses in the coun-

where is the innovation? Why should the state keep bailing out enterprises that refuse to innovate, refuse to look out, or otherwise invest in the next generation of opportunities that are always on the horizon? government upon their And, especially, why should the state do this when there is material evidence to suggest that the benefits of such schemes flow mostly to a small number of large controllers of capital?

There will be the issue of taxation. Early reporting suggests the IMF wants the removal of all exemptions and a GST applied on the sale of medicines. It also suggests there is a move afoot to raise the ceiling of how much tax can be applied on the sale of petrol and diesel, in order to allow more recovery from these. Banks could

now demanding reductions in interest rates, especially after the May 2024 inflation number showed a much slower pace of increase in the CPI basket than was expected. The government itself is asking for the same. And the State Bank has a monetary policy announcement scheduled for next Monday. A failure to cut rates would leave a burden of hundreds of billions of rupees for the government to meet in their revenue tar-

get instead, to meet the debt service bill that will come with high interest rates

Perhaps this is a good time for those running the government to learn a lesson regarding the printing of money to pay their bills. What they are paying in debt service costs today is the real value of the liquidity they haps this is the real be looking at a further waste. This can be a hard agenda of the China trip, burden to carry, accordthing to understand while and why it had to take pri-

either be put to producsentiments on an even tive use (which it rarely keel — the government is is), or it shows up in conincreasingly looking ricksumption (which it ineviety and at risk of losing a tably does), from where wheel

it drives exchange rate Too many friction pressure and domestic points are emerging that demand. Both are inflabear down on decisiontionary. If the governmaking. How empowered ment doesn't like paying will the finance minister the cost of its debt serbe to make his decisions? vicing bill, it should learn That 'huddle' at Jati to appreciate the value of Umra, during which it is the liquidity it throws said Shehbaz Sharif in around rather carelessly, passing referred to his and understand that doolder brother Nawaz Sharif as "the PM", siging so has steep costs for nified the political pressures, as well as the There is the matter of splits, within the ruling arranging rollover commitments from bilateral party regarding the drawing up of budget prioripartners for all loans maturing during the IMF ties. This is a heavy period. Whether this inagenda. And much of the volves extending maturiheavy lifting remains to ties or only written combe done. Instead, the prime minister goes off to mitments of rollovers is not known at this point. China with a large delega-Either way, it is going to tion of businessmen and be serious business. Percabinet ministers to try

Earlier this week, Dr Alvi explained that the PTI has three demands — supremacy of law, the release of PTI's Khushwant Singh Literary Festival (KSLF) founder chairman Imran revived his memory over two days at SOAS in Lon-Khan, and the return of the don, the city he loved as party's mandate.

There is no reason why these cannot be discussed with the other political parties, which, regardless of what taken Khushwant's ashes 10 years ago from Delhi for their respective numerical interment in Hadali. The strengths should be in the as- brilliant presentation by semblies, still do represent Prof Qasim Aziz, a profesthe part of the citizenry that ogy, speaking on the art of does not vote for the PTI. Indeed, the PTI seems to be re- followed the pattern of peating one of the biggest mistakes it made during its last tenure, when it sought to ment in Himachal Pradesh. sideline its rivals while seeking a direct line with the establishment.

Once again, the PTI is not representative of the entirety of the people of Pakistan: even Bangladesh issues are miles away. The KSLF sessions if the PTI believes the current government has been formed could express opinions without invoking Chatham House rules. The only with rigged results, it still does not mean that its rivals GOAS' Brunei Gallery, wotasting accurate line of the still state of the still state of the still state of the stat got no votes at all.

If for nothing else, it must respect the other elected political parties in consideration Bengali Subhadra Das — dismantled the creaking of this fact. Unless it respects structure of colonialism. the choices of those who did She challenged assump-tions that have moulded not and do not vote for it, and unless it engages with the representatives elected by these people, the nation will not self-improvement. Another break free of the vicious cycle linked distant Kolkata with the British Cotswolds in of stop-start democracy it is her talk on country walks through colonial Britain. about half an hour, there was radio silence. Then, widdonly the nightingale currently caught in.

families that own them ing to this same reportwere doing 20, 30 or 40 ing, especially on the years ago. You will notice money they earn from insomething. Most of them terest on government sewere doing the exact same curities.

Almost the entire costs. Now ask yourself, business community is

## Healing the world

nected the residue of imperial wealth, citing build-F.S. Aijazuddin

spired Sezincote in Gloucestershire. Once, the British con-

much as his birthplace, Hadali (in Pakistan). The sessions began

and ended with two Pakiand motifs, funded by the stanis. The keynote wealth they had accumuspeaker, on June 1, had lated abroad. This transfer of capital in the 19th century anticipated the mass closing session included a 20th century, when oilsodden Arabs, Russian oligarchs, Indian trillionaires sor of neuro-gastroenteroland Pakistani politicians with unexplained cash dehealing. The London litfest nuded their own countries' wealth and transferred that money to buy expensive real estate in the UK Two half-Indian sisters — Marina Wheeler and Shirin home), a military canton-

Wheeler — talked about the biographies they had Pakistanis are not allowed written of their Indo-Britthere. The local commanish parents. The theme dant felt it would be tantachosen for this year's mount to 'allowing the en-KSLF, 'Healing the World', emy behind the lines'. addressed the need to re-London, by contrast, is apolitical. Indo-Pakpair our fractured planet socially, and environmen-

tally. No session illustrated this better than the presentation by Robert Seatter, a BBC broadcaster/ poet. His talk, The Cello and the Nightingale, took the audience back to the early, now protesting against Israeli forgotten, days of radio. He atrocities in Gaza. described how, in the Many speakers sweated the Raj out of their 1920s, a young British cellist sat in a garden and pracsystem. One author — the tised her cello. Suddenly a nightingale joined in, trilling. This duet continued for then head of the BBC and suggested that it might like Western images of us, and recording this impromptu our perception about our-

concert. selves. After some initial re-Some offered inspiraluctance, the BBC technitional messages, aimed at cians were allowed to set up their equipment in the garden. The lady began playing her cello. For Innovatively, she con- suddenly, the nightingale

joined in. Nature and mankind were in spontaneous ings like the orient-inharmony Uplifting accounts like these made one forget

that there are ugly human structed Palladian public realities, like general elecmonuments to impress tions. One of the speakers — S.Y. Quraishi — had their colonial subjects with their imperial intent. Back served as the 17th Indian home, they indulged them- chief election commisselves in private homes insioner. He spoke on spired by Indian themes India's Festival of Democracy; timely, as the general elections were underway in India. The audience was told that 2024 is election year, with 64 counmovement of money in the tries holding elections (except China, which held

them last year). In the UK, PM Rishi which must not be wasted. The biggest one is that Sunak sprang a surprise the prevalent system of by announcing a general promising a minimum election on July 4. The support price does not British have a choice bework. tween two S's — Sunak and Starmer. Sunak came ficial wheat procurement into 10 Downing Street price was fixed at

through the back door. Rs4,000 per 40 kilogrammes in 2022, but Rs4,000 Starmer has been waiting on its front doorstep since farmers got at least 10pc 2020. above this rate in both In the US, Donald 2022 and 2023 because Trump has no one but international prices were himself to blame for being higher compared to the

ousted the last time, and Pakistani market due to for forfeiting the White inflation and the Ukraine House this year. Most war. The farmers were juleaders go from jail to the bilant, but consumers paid a heavy price. This year, the tables turned: presidency. He might well be the first president to wheat could, at one point, take the White House into the Jail House. Some wit be imported for Rs65 per said that American democracy offered choices. Its weakness was it offered only two choices. Voters in the US, and now the UK, are both confronted by this

constricting disability. ers' produce. Mercifully, within the hallowed halls of SOAS, discussions were weeks. She wrote to the non-abrasive. If only the accord that prevailed within could radiate throughout our warriddled planet. The world's unborn owe much to the untiring committion that imports continment of KSLF's organisers the indefatigable Niloufer Bilimoria and Khushwant Singh's Rahul - to save our finite earth

vesting started in Sindh in the last week of March, from our infinite idiocies. -- Courtesy Dawn

they are busy pumping the economy full with printed money to cover their fiscal deficit. Such nomic front - negotiatactions inevitably have

Aijaz A. Nizamani

Wheat is the most impor-

tant grain for Pakistani

consumers, with, on av-

erage, over 50 per cent of their caloric dietary in-

take provided by the

crop. The crop is equally

important for farmers.

with over half of all agri-

cultural land dedicated to

wheat during the Rabi

season. We have recently

seen the social and politi-

government's wheat pro-

curement policy going wrong. The crisis offers

many important lessons

For context, the of-

That money has to keeping financial market

ority over the budget. Faced with a formidable agenda on the ecoing with vested interests notwithstanding the variat home, bilateral lenders, ous advisory committees

shaping up, it increasingly looks like they will be making up their reform road as they go along, they have.

and secure investment

deals. Or so we are told. From how things are

# Wheat policy

the people.

may come down further arrangement, should be to Řs50 per kg, and with the rupee improving against the dollar, the private sector will push for a liberal import policy with the rational argument that consumers should not be forced to pay double the amount for something available at half the rate in the international market.

Food security and, cal consequences of the more importantly, the wheat market are not things that can be left to the mercy of market forces. Many advanced economies, while advocating free market capitalism, make sure that their food production and distribution policies won't cause wild swings in food prices. They provide production subsidies to farmers but leave the market to its own devices. To balance the equation, vulnerable households are provided cash support to help them purchase food. This policy generally works well for both producers and consumers.

The best our federal and provincial governments can do is to come up with a support mechanism that involves direct transfers to wheat farm-

kg, far less than the supket prevail. port price of nearly Rs100 The question is: per kg. Much blame has what is the optimum level been traded over who is of per-acre assistance, responsible for the unsold and should there be a ceiling? Here, it may be helpstock of Pakistani farmful to explore interna-Ex-caretaker PM tional practices. Farmers in the EU receive, on av-Anwaarul-Haq-Kakar defended himself by arguing erage, 250 to 300 euros per acre, with no ceiling that the entire import was or payment limit. Pakidone by the private sector and did not involve a stan, of course, cannot single rupee being spent from the treasury. More afford such a blanket subsidy. As a student of agrisurprising was the revelacultural economics, I propose a symbolic figure of Rs10,000 per acre, with ued during the current government: when harequal contributions from the federal and provincial governments.

There also needs to at least seven ships were waiting to be offloaded at be a ceiling. A farmer may Karachi's ports. Once the have grown over 100 acres Dawn

Ukraine war ends, prices of wheat but, under this entitled to maximum support for only 10 acres, which means capping support at Rs100,000 per farmer. This should be enough to achieve the policy objectives of ensuring sufficient area is under cultivation, will not burden the treasury too much, and benefit small farmers

However, before implementing such a policy, measures must be in place to prevent fraud and abuse. This support should be managed through a tech platform that uses satellite imagery of cultivated land that is verified through Form 7 of the revenue record. The funds should be directly deposited into the farmers' accounts, ideally before the crop is harvested. As a positive side effect, the policy will encourage the updating of land records. In some cases, land records are still in the name of previous owners, or even great grandparents. This issue must be addressed if Pakistan is to

progress towards a digital economy. It is believed that of the 22 million acres of area dedicated to the wheat crop, an area of ers and then let the mar-

around 10m acres may qualify for such support. This would cost around Rs100 billion to both federal and provincial governments, which is far less than what governments currently waste on wheat procurement. Once this support mechanism is in place, wheat should be subject to a liberal import-export regime. Wheat farmers will adjust accordingly, as poultry farmers, rice growers and producers of other agri commodities already do. This shift could lead to a more stable and prosperous wheat industry, benefiting both farmers and consumers. -- Courtesy

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# Maryam directs to develop **Murree on modern lines**

Minister Punjab Maryam Nawaz Sharif and PML-N President Muhammad Nawaz Sharif presided over a special meeting at Punjab House Murree in which it was principally decided to rehabilitate ancient and historical buildings of Murree to their original condition.

According to a handout issued here by the DGPR, the proposal to establish a 'Murree Street' on the pattern of excellent street model of the world was reviewed in the meeting. It was agreed to run the latest 'Smart Tram' and directions were issued to submit a plan within 15 days in this regard.

CM Maryam Nawaz Sharif directed to prepare a new design of a multi storey Parking Plaza which will cater to parking capacity of more than 1500 vehicles. The tourists can establish visit Murree through the

LAHORE (APP): Chief latest tram from the Clipping Pod Village'were Parking Plaza. A 15-day reviewed in the meeting. timeline was set to install digital counting cameras on the entry routes of Murree. Murree Traffic Management Plan was approved in the meeting while Murree Cable Car Service will be linked to obtain a fitness certificate after undergoing its repair and rehabilitation.

The CM directed early completion of the River Jhelum. The upgradation project of participants were apprised Samli TB Sanatorium. about elimination of Excellent toilets will be encroachments and built for the tourists at crackdown being launched various sites of Motorway against illegal constructions. A principle including the Mall Road. She directed to build approval was granted to specific toilets for the provide financial aid to the differently-abled persons injured workers during the along with kids rest places. launching of antiencroachment campaign. She directed to establish a wheel chair centre for the

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differently-abled persons

and elders at the Mall

Road. The proposal to

Afghan Consul General in Peshawar Hafiz Muhibullah Shakir calls on Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhawa Faisal Karim Kundi at Governor House.

### **Rawalpindi E-Bus** service to be functional next year: Bilal Akbar

Rawalpindi will be functional next year. The projects aims to resolve that the Metrobus service commuting issues being was provided in the city faced by the citizens.

There will be six routes the previous government including, one from Taxila, did not invest a single Wah Cantt, IJ Principal Road to Octori 26, and and repair. The repair work another

Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) while conducting RAWALPINDI (APP): been taken from local seven operations across The E-Bus service in MNAs and MPAs to the country managed to review the routes.

recover 373 kg drugs and The minister noted arrested 15 accused, said an ANF spokesman here on eight to nine years ago, but Thursday. He informed that 117 kg hashish and 36 kg opium penny on its functionality were recovered from three suspects arrested near Mconnecting of Metrobus track will 1, Attock start from June and will be completed by December. The minister said accused service has rejected the Faisalabad. This was disclosed by negative propaganda which was launched against near M-1 Islamabad, 31.2 PML-N for building metrobus, he said adding that millions of citizens 18 travel by metro bus at Without present. Metrobus, the road

It was apprised during the briefing that more than 90 percent construction and extension of 12 roads of Murree has been completed. A water supply scheme is going to launched for the provision of clean water in LAHORE: Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz and President PML-N Muhammad Nawaz Sharif preside over the special Murree and in the surrounding areas from the incumbent system and

CM Maryam Nawaz Sharif said, "Antiencroachment campaign will continue and no compromise will be made

'Entertainment Park and in this regard.'



to alleviate the public problems despite severe shortage of funds. He said that the

create a favorable environment for the business community to mutual encourage cooperation for economic development of the basic problems of the people can be solved at their doorsteps. Besides

this, full support of the He expressed these views during a meeting with former governor KP, provincial government will Haji Ghulam Ali and solarization of tube wells, Mayor Peshawar Haji mosques and madrasas, he said. The former governor Zubair Ali here Thursday. while informing about the During the meeting,

the former governor and Mayor Peshawar briefed the Chief Minister about socio-economic the situations in the province, especially Peshawar. be taken for the promotion of industry and trade.

## **Afghan delegation** discusses issues with Governor

PESHAWAR (APP): An Afghan delegation headed by Afghan Consul General in Peshawar, Hafiz Muhib Ullah Shakil called on Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Faisal Karim Kundi on Thursday Pakistan and discussed with him matters relating the various was

issues faced by the Afghanis here. A statement from the Governor House said the delegation and governor talked about removing obstacles in obtaining visas for Afghan students and easing the trade crossing on adding that Afghans were the border. Both sides also our brothers.

discussed the allocation of special seats for Afghan students in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa universities and the extension in the

expiry date of Afghan identity cards issued by The governor on the occasion said Afghanistan

brotherly а neighboring country and its prosperity and development were prime desires. "The cultural and traditional values of the people of Pakistan and Âfgĥanistan were the same

### Sindh govt to reconstruct 2.1 m houses for rehabilitating 12.6m flood hit people: Murad Shah,

on the occasion.

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KARACHI (APP): Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah on Thursday said that government has started reconstruction of 2.1

million new houses to were required for the rehabilitate more than 12.6 construction of 2.1 million million flood-affected houses against which Sindh populations of the government with the province.

"We are also supporting WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) interventions. A funding of Rs 39 billion has been be required for the secured to connect 264,250 houses with safe sanitation facilities.'

This he said while talking to media just after business community and reviewing the progress of industrial units of reconstruction of 2.1 million houses for flood-Peshawar in particular. affected people at Sindh said that measures should Peoples Housing for Flood Affectees (SPHF) office. Provincial Ministers, Sharjeel Memon, Nasir

> **Two shot** dead in Swabi PESHAWAR (APP): At

least two people were killed when unknown armed men fired at them in Kala Kandao area of Swabi district, police informed on Thursday. Police said two men identified as Ishtiaq and Asim were on their way to market on a

motorcycle when they were fired at in Kala Kandao. The assailants escaped the area after committing the crime while police shifted both bodies to a hospital for post-mortem. Police said the incident resulted from an old enmity between the two families adding that investigation.

Shah, Makhdoom Bhutto Zardari who was Mahboob and DG SPHF foreign minister, Khalid Shaikh were present successfully mobilized funds at the Geneva The chief minister Conference in January said that Rs 550 billion

2023 and the Donors Conference in Sindh on February 8, 2023. The CM said that

within one year, we have support of donor agencies revalidated 2.1 million has secured Rs 440 billion beneficiaries, with 525,000 and the shortfall of Rs 110 houses currently under billion would be met construction, meeting this through foreign funding year's target.

and federal government He added that over support.Murad Ali Shah 100,000 houses have said the initiative aimed at already been completed. At implementing a sustainable the project's inception, we financial reĥabilitation strategy received after 2.1 million houses assistance from the World were damaged by floods in Bank amounting to \$ 500 2022, affecting 12.36 million, supplemented by million people, with 85 per \$227 million from the Sindh cent of the affected homes government."To date, we have secured around 70 per

Shah said that the cent of the necessary initiative was driven by the funding for the project's vision of Chairman Bilawal successful completion



LAHORE: Punjab Minister for Health and Emergency Services Salman Raifque enquiring about the health of Punjabi Poet Tajamul Kaleem.

### Govt to give subsidies for transport, food, agri sectors in budget

LAHORE (APP): Punjab systems to reduce Finance Minister Mujtaba electricity bills, and private sector investment would be



PESHAWAR (APP): Chief Minister Khyber informed about the steps Pakhtunkhwa Ali Amin being taken by the city Gandapur has held out metropolitan government Gandapur has held out assurance of removing difficulties faced by local

province.

government representatives and will provincial government should patronize the elected local body representatives so that the

Daultala with Rawalpindi. Maintenance work on Metrobus tracks will be carried out from June to successful Metrobus December this year.

Provincial Transport Minister, Bilal Akbar Khan during a press conference here on Thursday. He informed that he was regularly paying visits to Rawalpindi on the special instructions from Chief Minister Mariam Nawaz Sharif to solve prevailing issues of transportation and traffic management in the city. He said that consultation with the members of the national and provincial assemblies was also underway in that days, including delivery regard. Suggestions have dispensary pharmacies.

conditions would have been worsened, he added. Highway Karachi. While highlighting the 7.2 kg hashish and 1 development initiatives by the Punjab government, the minister said chief minister added 32 Ismail Khan. new field hospitals in the

# court's

KARACHI (Online): Sindh High Court (SHC) has allowed the court of PFUJ.

LAHORE: American Consul General Kristin K Hawkins meeting with Punjab Minister for Finance Mujataba Shuja ur Rehman. reporting.

In-laws allegedly kill woman by setting her on fire; IGP takes notice

he emphasized.

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M U Z A F A R G A R H the incident and sought a (APP): The in-laws report from the Regional allegedly killed the married Police Officer (RPO) DG woman by setting her ablaze in the jurisdiction of Jatoi police station.

According to a police spokesman, the incident took place last night in Basti Bulaili Mouza Jungle Tehsil Jatoi, in which the in-laws allegedly poured petrol over the married woman, Samina Bibi, and set her on fire after subjecting her to severe torture. Police have registered a case against the woman's husband, fatherin-law, and three brothersin-law. It has been reported that Samina Bibi had been married for two years, and there were frequent disputes in the house.

The victim's family blamed the in-laws for torturing and burning her to death.

Inspector General of incident and sought a ce Puniab Dr. Usman report from DPO Police Punjab, Dr. Usman report fro Muzaffargarh Anwar, has taken notice of

Khan division. He directed the District Police Officer (DPO) Muzaffargarh to

oversee the investigation personally."Violence against women is intolerable, and those responsible for setting the LAHORE (ÅPP): Four woman on fire must be

arrested immediately. Police started raids for the arrest of the accused," during the last 24 hours. Meanwhile, Jatoi

police registered a case people against the accused on the application of the woman's brother, namely Wajid Iqbal. According to initial reports, police had taken the husband of the woman teams.

RPO Dera Ghazi Khan, Sajjad Hassan Khan, has taken notice of the

121.2 kg hashish and 26.4 kg opium were recovered from five netted In two operations

Headquarters

**ANF** recovers

373 kg drugs in

7 operations

RAWALPINDI (APP)

kg hashish was recovered from five suspects. kg ice was recovered from Panjgur and 15 kg hashish was recovered from an accused rounded up near Super

kg ice were recovered from the possession of an accused arrested in Dera health care system in 100

**SHC allows** proceedings reporting

reporters all over the country to conduct court's reporting on the petition The court remarked

Supreme Court's guidelines and the respective laws be kept in view during court' The guidelines issued by Supreme Court (SC) for

court's reporting proceedings be implemented. PEMRA can take action on violation of SC guidelines.

The court while extending stay order adjourned further hearing of the case till June 27. 4 dead, 1,254

injured in road accidents in Punjab

people were killed and ,254 others injured in 1,201 road accidents in all 37 districts of Punjab

Ăs many as 550 with serious injuries were shifted to different hospitals, while 704 with minor injuries were treated at the incident site by the rescue medical

named Asif into custody. The data analysis showed that 685 drivers, 46 underage drivers, 159 pedestrians, and 414 passengers were among the victims of road crashes.



LAHORE: Officers of the 40th Mid-Career Management Course of the National Institute of Management headed by Chief Instructor Ms Samina Intizar and Director Fouz Khalid Khan group photo with the Rangers Officers during visit the Wagah border.

### **Minister Irrigation** announces zero-tolerance policy for water theft

BAHAWALPUR (APP): Punjab Minister for Irrigation Mian Kazim Ali Pirzada has announced that a zero-tolerance policy will be implemented by the Punjab government to eliminate canal water theft. This move aims to

prevent farmers from being deprived of their rights and to protect them from economic losses. He stated that curbing Jappa,

canal water theft will resolve the long-standing Irrigation Bahawalpur Zeeshan Ashraf, Executive Engineer Irrigation Bahawalpur Jam Imran.

100 years during a ceremony.

1122 mock exercise held SIALKOT (APP): Rescue 1122 conducted a joint mock exercise with the

Rescue

district administration to deal with the flood situation in Marala Ravi Link Canal at Sahuwala. According to rescue spokesperson, on the special instructions of Secretary Punjab Emergency Service Dr. Rizwan Naseer, Rescue 1122, under the leadership of District Emergency Officer (DEO) Engineer Naveed Iqbal, conducted the exercise. Additional Assistant Commissioner General Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Finance and Muhammad Akhtar, Chief Engineer Irrigation Rana Zulfiqar Ahmed, Superintendent Engineer

Planning Muzaffar Mukhtar, DDMC Sialkot Kaywan Hassan and Tehsildar Sambrial Sarfraz Cheema reviewed the mock exercises of flood.



The provincial minister informed the He told the US envoy that in the upcoming budget, subsidies would be given for transport, food, and agriculture sectors. Public-private partnerships would be utilised to ensure quality education in government schools. The government's focus would primarily remain on education, healthcare, agriculture, and environmental conservation sectors. Efforts will be made to provide modern teaching equipment to students and alleviate travel difficulties.

consul general that the Punjab government would not impose any tax on net wealth. Instead of increasing property tax rates, changes would be made in the tax base, he added. A reasonable increase in property tax rates was proposed after five years. In the upcoming budget, skill development and internship programs for youth would be introduced, while no final decision had been made

He said investment regarding the Pink and would be made in solar Yellow Line trains.



LAHORE: All Pakistan Young Doctors Association hold a protest rally from the service hospital of the provincial capital passing through Jail Road.

### **KP** Minister lauds role of MTRA in prevention of illegal human organ transplantation

Pakhtunkhwa Health Minister Syed Qasim Ali Shah on Thursday lauded the role of the Medical Transplantation Regulatory Authority (MTRA) in the prevention of illegal human organ transplantation activities in

the province. Addressing a ceremony on the occasion of World Transplant Day here, he said that the authority has started registration of transplant hospitals having international standard facilities.

He also appreciated the cooperation of police and Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) in curbing illegal transplantation in the province, adding that with in the country.

Independent Report PESHAWAR: Khyber the cooperation of the po-lice and FIA, the authority has been able to stop illegal organ transplants and organ sales. He said that at present the trend of kidney and liver transplants was increasing, noting that kidney failure occurs mainly due to diabetes and high blood pressure for which timely diagnosis and treat-

ment were imperative. The minister said that due to hepatitis the number of patients suffering from liver diseases in Pakistan was increasing day by

day for which liver transplantation had become necessary. He pointed out that the number of liver transplantation patients has in-creased to 10,000 annually

issue faced by farmers in the region of South Punjab. He made these remarks while presiding over a meeting held at the Commissioner's Office here today.

The meeting was nded by MPA attended by Khalid Chaudhry Mehmood Jajja, Commissioner Bahawalpur Division Nadir Chatha, Secretary Irrigation South Punjab Kunwar Eijaz Razaqi Regional Police Officer Rai Babar Saeed, Deputy commissioner Bahawalpur Zaheer Anwar

LAHORE: Punjab Minister for Minorities Ramesh Singh Arora in a group

photo with participants of Mens Christian Association after completion of

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# ommerce News Page

# **Govt's reform measures start** yielding results with reduced inflation, public debt: PM

### PM invites China's NORINCO firm to invest in KCR

BEIJING (APP): Prime to boost Pakistan's exports Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Thursday said the reform measures taken by his government had already started yielding results in the form of successfully tapered food inflation, reduced current account deficit and public debt down to a more sustainable level.

The prime minister, talking to Chairman of China Export-Import Bank (EXIM) Dr. Wu Fulin here, highlighted his concept of prosperity'. government's reform agenda focused on governance, taxation, and ease of doing business to attract Foreign Direct infrastructure project, Investment (FDI). particularly the Karachi Circular Railway.

He appreciated the EXIM Bank's continued for support the modernization of industries, agriculture and IT sectors of Pakistan.

He also discussed the possible role of the China EXIM Bank in financing Pakistan-China joint venture projects and trade financing as part of efforts

and Pakistan enjoyed to international markets. The EXIM Bank cordial and time-tested friendly relations which chairman underscored the critical role of economic

the passage of time and financial cooperation under CPEC phase II and China EXIM Bank's strategic partnership with The chairman particularly mentioned Punjab and Pakistan Speed, referring to the swift completion of Pakistan and support to development projects advance sustainable development under the concept of 'shared during Shehbaz Sharif's stint as Punjab chief minister, and also appreciated him for Meanwhile, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif

ensuring projects' quality under his on Thursday invited the supervision. China Northern Industry Corporation (NORINCO) The company head recalled that under Shehbaz to invest in Pakistan's Sharif's supervision, the

communications Lahore Orange Line project was completed timely. Later. The prime minister, talking to NORINCO representative NORINCO, in a statement, said that in the meeting was an

Chairman, highlighted that the government was taking rapidly becoming a prime with the prime minister, destination for foreign measures to bring ease of they discussed the Lahore doing business and had investment, particularly in Orange Train project which established the Special the technology sector said important component of the China-Aamir Ibrahim, CEO of Investment Facilitation Jazz. Council (SIFC) for the Pakistan Economic Corridor and a symbol of Addressing investors purpose. from different parts of the world at the VEON Capital He said that China Pak-China friendship Markets Day 2024 in Dubai he said, the average monthly data usage per subscriber is nearly 9 GB,



A representative delegation of Sarhad Chamber of Commerce and Industries calls on Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhawa Faisal Karim Kundi at Governor House Peshawar.

#### **OGRA** organizes seminar **Rupee sheds** 09 paisa on "Navigating the Future against Dollar of LNG in Pakistan" ISLAMABAD (APP) Pakistan Rupee on

ISLAMABAD (APP): OGRA, Masroor Khan, The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) successfully hosted an insightful seminar titled "Navigating robust regulatory the Future of LNG in framework designed to the Future of LNG in Pakistan." together key stakeholders, while respecting individual

welcomed all guests, particularly those from the industry. He assured attendees of OGRA's

closed at Rs 278.39 against the previous day's closing at Rs 278.30. of industrial sector. According to the bringing support the LNG industry Forex Association of egation Pakistan (FAP), the buying rights and protecting and selling rates of the consumers. Member (Oil), Industry (SCCI) that included President SCCI, Dollar in the open market, Zain-ul-Abideen Qureshi, however, were Rs 277.25 in his opening address, and Rs 279.9 respectively Fuad Ishaq, Ghazanfar, underscored the vast The price of the Euro Ejaz Afridi and leading opportunities for new increased by 09 paisa to industrialists of KP. LNG project developers close at Rs 302.72 against apprised governor about the last day's closing of Rs role of existing terminal problems of industrialists 302.63, according to the operators in enhancing State Bank of Pakistan energy (SBP). The Japanese Yen delegations also suggested OGRA's proposals for promotion remained unchanged to commitment to fostering a of KP industrial sector and close at Rs 1.78, whereas supportive regulatory an increase of 29 paisa was expressed hope that governor would inform witnessed in the exchange attract investment federal government about industrial sector. rate of the British Pound, and drive innovation

PESHAWAR Pakhtunkhwa, Faisal

Karim Kundi here Thursday highlighted the of industrialists for country development and said economy of the country is federal government is dependent on the growth taking serious steps for

reflecting a highly engaged

The country's fintech landscape, he said, is also

burgeoning, with around

115 million mobile wallets in use. Coupled with an

emerging, youthful, and

tech-savvy population,

Pakistan presents a

user base.

Governor

He was talking to a industrialists.

(APP): the plight of business Khyber community and play his Faisal constitutional role for their

Annreciating role of

# of industrial sector for country's development

resolution.

Speaking on the occasion, KP Governor assured delegation of his support and said that facilitation

of

### Aleem apprises Chinese investors about business prospects in Pak economy

government had introduced special measures like ease of doing business and a one-stop-shop to facilitate foreign as well as local investors to attract investment and promote joint ventures in the

country

ISLAMABAD (APP): said that special incentives Minister for Privatization and facilities for and Board of Investment investment from China in Abdul Aleem Khan on Pakistan will also be given, Thursday said that the including special economic Pakistan will also be given, zones, maximum facilities

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Pakistan Business Portal is also being established to encourage investors,

investment were also Commerce Jam Kamal removed and online Khan held a meeting with the Chairman of the facilities were being ensured. These steps would Chinese Group of reduce the difficulties of Companies Li Qiwang in Beijing and apprised him that the investment process done in the shortest in Pakistan for domestic possible time and they will and foreign investors is have an opportunity to being made easier, said a complete more work for the accomplishment of



SIALKOT: H.E. MR. Rahmat Hindiarta Kusuma Charge'D Affaires, Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia addressing to Business Community at Chamber of Commerce.

### Minister says: Govt. strategy ensured transparency in wheat procurement process

Independent Report PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Minister for Food, Zahir Shah Toru Thursday said the government has procured bigh quality wheat high quality wheat adopting a flawless and corruption free purchasing procedure.

basis. The meeting was informed procurement centers across He expressed these province views in a meeting on the the completion of wheat monitored through CCTV cameras and a five-member procurement target 2024. committee was formed to The meeting was also attended by Advisor on assess the quality of wheat. Information and Public This committee was located on Jampur Road, DG Khan. Relations Barrister Dr. Muhammad Ali Saif, included representatives from District and Assistant Secretary Food, ZarifAl-Maani, Director of Food, Yasir Hassan and other relevant officials.

Thursday witnessed a devaluation of 09 paisa against the US Dollar in the significance interbank trading and

# were strengthening with NORINCO

of

**BEIJING:** Chairman of China North Industries Corporation calls on Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif.

### Aamir Ibrahim says Pakistan: A digital goldmine for foreign investors

investors looking to tap ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan, with over 192 into a dynamic and growing million cellular mobile market, said a news release. subscribers and 133 million Citing examples from mobile broadband users, is Jazz, Aamir informed the

audience that it took three decades to reach 72 million cellular mobile customers, but just five years to serve 67 million users monthly across all its digital platforms. The major ones include Pakistan's leading

said, that Jazz is not only fintech, JazzCash; the fulfilling the promise of country's largest OTT connectivity but is also fundamentally advancing the country. "As a leader, platform, Tamasha; the largest onshore cloud and cybersecurity platform, Garaj; and the largest local Jazz is committed to providing education, lifestyle app, SIMOSA.

financial Despite significant entertainment, and a wide progress, he said, that over range of services that rely 100 million adults remain on a robust digital infrastructure." This was made possible, he said, unbanked, and mobile broadband penetration is through being laser focused on the core business while only around 55%. This highlights the vast potential for economic compelling opportunity for growth and social progress

### **PTA conducts** raid against illegal issuance of SIMs in **DG Khan**

by closing this digital divide. "As Pakistan's

leading digital operator.

with investments exceeding

US\$10.6 billion since

strategically positioned to

be a key driver of the country's digital

transformation," he said. Highlighting Jazz's

socioeconomic impact, he

Jazz

services.

is

inception,

strategically pivoting towards digital services. Kundi highlights importance

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) Zonal Office, Lahore, in close

collaboration with the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) Cyber Crime Circle, conducted a successful raid against franchisee of Telenor

The franchisee was

found to be involved in the

illegal issuance of SIMs,

said a news release.

press release. Abdul Aleem Khan their business activities.



policymakers, and industry leaders from the LNG sector.

The seminar aimed at knowledge sharing and unlocking the potential of in Pakistan, LNG especially in the context of and highlighted the critical depleting indigenous natural gas reserves.

historical The significance of natural gas in Pakistan's energy mix and the benefits of LNG as a cleaner alternative with a lower carbon footprint, environment reducing SOx and NOx, were central themes.

The Chairman of in the LNG sector.

### **Pakistani engineers** participate in Huaneng Craftsman Cup 2024

Pakistan's

reaffirmed

infrastructure.

ISLAMABAD (APP): prowess and earning Two professionals working admiration from all at Sahiwal Power Plant attendees. have participated in the prestigious "Huaneng Craftsman Cup 2024" event held in China that records another milestone of success for Pakistani engineers.

According to the details, Fahad Ahmed and Sohail Abbas, from the 2x660MW Sahiwal Power Plant were invited by the Huaneng Group Co. Ltd as it was the first time that international contestants the two nations. By were invited to participate, said a press release.

It was told by the management that the presence of Fahad and Sohail at this event drew considerable attention to Sahiwal Power Plant, highlighting participants' the technical

Their participation is testament to the decadelong collaboration between China and Pakistan, which has paved the way for Pakistani engineers to compete alongside their Chinese counterparts.

This achievement underscores the technical abilities of Pakistani engineers and strengthens the bonds of friendship and cooperation between promoting and enhancing the skills of its engineers, Huaneng Shandong Ruyi (Pakistan) Energy (Private) Limited (HSRE), the owner

of Sahiwal Power Plant, is paving the way for a

brighter future. This not only promotes localization. more ships.

which traded at Rs 355.86 as compared to the last day's closing of Rs 355.57 The exchange rate of the Emirates Dirham and the Saudi Riyal increased by 03 paisa and 02 paisa to close at Rs 75.79 and Rs

### 74.22. Shipping activity at

**Port Qasim** KARACHI (APP): Four ships, Maersk Cape Town MSC ABY, Opera and Simaisma carrying Container, Chemicals and LNG, berthed at Container

Terminal, Engro Terminal and Elengy Terminal respectively Wednesday. Meanwhile another containers ship 'Southern Anoa' also arrived at outer-

anchorage of the Por Qasim on same day. Eleven ships were engaged at PQA berths Hindiarta Kusuma and during the last 24 hours, out of them two ships Maersk Hartford and ÂU Taurus left the port on today morning, while six Pakistan

initiative

QUETTA: Gas employee checking gas meters at laboratory of Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC).

Chamber of Commerce and industrial sector for country's development, he said that growth of industries would impact overall financial position of the province besides The delegation creating employment

opportunities for people living in KP. He said that a including high gas tariffs result oriented strategy and load shedding. The would be prepared with the would be prepared with the consultation of leaders of political business community and industrialists to address issues confronted by

During the raid, 17 BVS devices, 1 laptop, 360 active SIMs and 1000

scanned soft images of finger/thumb impressions from laptops were seized as evidence. Two persons were apprehended on the premises by the FIA,

which is currently investigating the matter further.

**PSX stays** 

bearish, losses

356 points

ISLAMABAD (APP):

Food Controllers, District Administration, Agriculture, Revenue Department, Flour Mills The meeting was told Association, as well as that Khyber Pakhtunkhwa officials from NAB and government introduced Anti-Corruption as online application to observers.

ensure transparency and

was procured on a first-

come and first-served

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### **Elevate raises \$5m to offer** US based \$ accounts in emerging markets like Pak

ISLAMABAD (APP): business share in the USA Elevate, a fintech, based in as well as other developed London and Dubai, has markets. secured financing of \$5 Elevate simplifies receiving USD payments by supporting free and fast million to expand further into South Asia.

They've raised a total deposits from US and of \$10 million in equity and international employers as debt from investors including Y Combinator, Goodwater, Global Founders Capital and VSQ and Since launching earlier this year, over 50,000 Freelancers and remote money home Elevate offers workers from Pakistan and market leading FX rates. more than 150,000 have signed up in total said a news release.

Having received unprecedented response from Pakistani freelancers in a very short span of time, Elevate is looking at registering over 500,000

Elevate accounts, the funds sit with Bangor Savings Bank, a 172-year-old bank located in Maine, United States. Bangor Savings Bank

acts as the deposit taking Pakistani freelancers and institution and card issuer, remote workers facilitating and because they are an them to increase their FDIC-

well as platforms like Upwork, Fiverr, Paypal,

is enabled through a virtual

debit card and for sending

receive payments into their

The online spending

When customers

Deel and Toptal.

### VC SAU proposes foundation to boost agricultural development

HYDERABAD (APP): this initiative had been Vice Chancellor of Sindh organized to help farmers Agriculture University SAU), Tandojam Dr Fateh proposed the

establishment of a and employees under the supervision of the SAU, with the aim of playing a prominent role in agricultural development. Addressing the farewell program on the occasion of the retirement of Director Admissions Ahmed Khan 39.44 per share. Hallmark VC hinted at a comprehensive plan to witnessed a maximum register more than 12,000 farmers.

increase of Rs 14.98 per share price, closing at Rs 435.12 whereas the runnerup was Sapphire Textile.

Limited

through agricultural graduates, who would Muhammad Mari has provide them with important information and support on seeds, nursery, foundation consisting of animal breeding and retired professors, officers modern agricultural technology and this foundation would be established on the lines of successful projects like Green Pakistan Drive, NLC and Fauii Foundation. We want to leverage the experiences of our senior professors and Mangi here Thursday, the officers through this, and various related projects will help in making fundraising effective, he

ners. said. Highlighting the According to the responsibility of the SAU spokesperson, the 10,000 students studying Vice-Chancellor said that in the SAU.

LAHORE: American Consul General Kristin K Hawkins meeting with Punjab Minister for Agriculture and Livestock Syed Ashiq Hussain Kirmani.

### Punjab Secretary Agriculture Iftikhar Ali is also present on the occasion. **Indonesian embassy** officials in Pakistan visit SCCI

SIALKOT (APP): The work-wear, gloves, sports Sialkot Chamber of goods, and sports apparel, Commerce and Industry

interest First Secretary of Political Affairs Ferry J. Murdiansyah from the maximising their economic Indonesian Embassy in synergy

Their visit was aimed to bolster engagement with the Sialkot business community and explore 2023, particularly focusing avenues for enhanced trade collaboration between through government-to-Pakistan and Indonesia.

In his welcome Wahub Jahangir underscored the longstanding historical and cultural ties between the nations. He two emphasised the importance of forging connections between the Indonesian private sector and Sialkot's businessmen, noting the potential for Indonesian companies to procure highquality Pakistani products, particularly in sectors such suggested enhancing as surgical instruments,

which enjoy high demand (SCCI) extended a warm within Indonesia. welcome to Chargé Jahangir further D'affaires Rahmat highlighted the mutual of both governments strengthening relations and

He pointed out the

The 100-index of the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) witnessed bearish trend on Thursday, losing 356.51 points, a negative change of 0.48 per cent, closing at 73,862.93 points

shares in the stock market; 134 of them recorded gains

on economic cooperation and 249 sustained losses, government dialogues. whereas the share price of Jahangir also commended 67 companies remained address, Senior Vice SCCI's initiatives for social President (SVP) SCCI sector development and unchanged. The top three trading companies were WorldCall Telecom with welfare, emphasising the transformative impact of 17,606,340 shares at Rs projects initiated by the 1.31 per share, Kohinoor chamber, including the Sialkot International Spinning with 14,855,744 shares at Rs 4.43 per share Airport, Sialkot Dryport and Dewan Motors with 13,692,244 shares at Rs

Trust, and various other

developmental ventures.

Proposing an easier visa

policy for interested

travelers to Indonesia,

particularly businessmen,

SVP SCCI Jahangir

people-to-people linkages.

Company

traded during the day as compared to 348,549,582 shares valuing Rs 16.389 significant progress in billion the previous day. bilateral relations between As many as 450 Pakistan and Indonesia in companies transacted their



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# **International News**

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# **Putin says Russia could** use nuclear weapons, 'if threatened'

**Monitoring Desk** ST PETERSBURG: President Vladimir Putin cautioned the West on Wednesday that Russia could use all available means, including nuclear weapons, to defend itself if its sovereignty or territorial integrity were threatened.

Putin said that the West had repeatedly accused Russia of nuclear sabre-rattling, but said this was wrong, and pointed out that it was the United States which had used nuclear weapons against Japan in World War Two.

cially.

Putin was speaking to senior editors of foreign news agencies on the sidelines of the Saint Petersburg International Economic Forum. He said that

Russia's nuclear doctrine are in power in Afghanipermits nuclear weapons stan... We have to build up to be used in response to a relations with the Taliban number of threats. government." 'For some reason, the

Putin's comments West believes that Russia came hours after a Taliban will never use it," Putin said. "We have a nuclear doctrine, look what it says. nomic forum.

If someone's actions threaten our sovereignty and territorial integrity, we consider it possible for us to use all means at our disposal. This should not be rorist organizations, nearly taken lightly, superfi-

In reply to a question "They are the real power" in Afghanistan, Lavrov said at the time, about the Taliban government in Afghanistan, the Russian president said Moscow should "build up" relations with it.

"We have always believed that we need to deal with reality. The Taliban

delegation arrived in St Petersburg to attend the eco-Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov had said last week that Moscow planned to take the Taliban off its list of banned ter

three years after the group seized power from a USbacked government.

speaking during a visit by Putin to Uzbekistan. The Taliban were designated a

terrorist organisation by Moscow in 2003.



British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, Queen Camilla, Britain's King Charles, President of France Emmanuel Macron and his wife Brigitte Macron attend the UK national commemorative event for the 80th anniversary of D-Day, held at the British Normandy Memorial in Ver-sur-Mer, Normandy, France.

### Scholz vows to toughen up German deportation rules after attacks

Monitoring Desk BERLIN: Germany will tighten its rules so that the glorification of terrorist offences can be sufficient grounds for deportation, Chancellor Olaf Scholz said on Thursday, after a series of attacks prompted calls criminals and dangerous for a stricter migration migrants back to countries

policy. n Afghan man s

fies terrorism is against all our values and should be deported," Scholz told the Bundestag lower house of parliament. He also said the gov-

ernment was working to enable the deportation of such as Afghanistan.

offen wiped out the dinosaurs

third term after an unexpectedly close election that humankind to forced his party into a coameteor that lition government. Modi's Hindu-nationkilled dinosaurs alist Bharatiya Janata Party **Monitoring Desk** (BJP), which had ruled for YORK the past decade with an Humankind's role in the outright majority, had been expecting another landslide destructive warming of the win.

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But results of the six-

week election released on

Tuesday ran counter to exit

on Thursday.

planet is the equivalent to the meteorite that wiped out dinosaurs from Earth UN Secretary-General Anpolls, seeing the BJP lose tonio Guterres said in a

UN chief likens

speech on climate change on Wednesday. "Like the meteor that

impact," Guterres said in a

speech at the American

Palestinians inspect the site of an Israeli strike on a UNRWA school sheltering displaced people, amid the Israel-Hamas conflict, in Nuseirat refugee camp in the central Gaza Strip. Yemen clashes kill 18 fighters in fresh flare-up: military officials group allied with the gov-**Monitoring Desk** Huthi offensive as a 'treacherous attack" DUBAI: At least 18 comernment. In a statement on so-The attack came debatants have been killed in spite a lull in fighting that has largely held since the cial media platform X on battles between Yemeni Wednesday, Information government forces and Iranexpiry of a six-month truce Minister Moammar albacked Huthi rebels in the brokered by the United Eryani said the counteratcountry's southwest, two military officials told AFP tack by Yemeni govern-

Nations in April 2022. Yemeni government "forces on Inursuay. The clashes on Wednesday were triggered by a Huthi attack on a front-line area between govern succeeded in repelling the attack, but five soldiers were martyred and others wounded", Naqib told AFP. ment-controlled parts of cial in Taez told AFP that Lahij governorate and 13 rebels, including a senior Huthi-run parts of Taez province, said Mohammed commander, were also killed

#### ment forces "inflicted heavy losses on (Huthi) militia members", without specifying a toll. While hostilities have remained A Huthi military offilow, sporadic fighting has occasionally flared in parts of the country. In April, a surprise Huthi attack killed

al-Naqib, a spokesperson for the Southern Transi-ternationally-recognised 11 fighters loyal to the Yemeni government in tional Council, a separatist government condemned the

### Modi readies for third term as India's PM after securing coalition

its majority and sending it NEW DELHI: Indian Prime into quick-fire talks to lock Minister Narendra Modi in a 15-member coalition that would allow it to gov was preparing on Thursday to be sworn in for a ern

That grouping — the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) coalition announced late on Wednesday that they had agreed to

form a government. We all unanimously choose respected NDÅ leader Narendra Modi as our leader," a BJP-issued alliance statement said.

The alliance holds 293 seats in parliament, giving it control of the 543-seat body

### Gaza officials say 40 killed in Israeli strike on Nuseirat school

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DUBAI: The director of the Hamas-run Gaza government me-dia office Ismail Al-Thawabta and a Gaza health ministry official told Reuters on Thursday 40 people were killed and 73 were wounded in an Israeli attack on the Nuseirat school in the Gaza Strip. The two officials added that 14 children

communications director Juliette Touma told Reuters that the number of those reported killed in the Israeli offensive on the Nuseirat school was between 35 and 45, adding the number could not be confirmed at this stage. The Israeli mili-

tary said it assessed that there were 20-30 fighters located in the United Nations Paland 9 women were killed in the strike. estinian refugee Earlier, UNRWA agency school.

Dmitry Medvedev,

Putin deliberately

its allies their enemies, he

Dmitry Peskov said Thurs-

day the use of Western

weapons against Russia

'can't be left without con-

Putin claimed that us-

Kremlin spokesman

said.

### Ukraine hits Russian oil facilities as President Zelenskyy joins leaders at D-Day events in France

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lometer (620-mile) front line after more than two NEW YORK: Ukrainian drones struck an oil refinvears of war. ery and a fuel depot in Rusdeputy head of Russia's sian border regions, officials Security Council, said that in the targeted areas said Putin's comments Wednes-Thursday, in Kyiv's ongoday in St. Petersburg, Rusing effort to disrupt the Kremlin's war machine and sia, amounted to "a quite significant shift in our foras Ukraine President eign policy." "Let the U.S. and its allies feel the impact of di-Volodymyr Zelenskyy sought further Western support in Europe's biggest conflict since World War II. rect use of Russian weap-ons by others," Medvedev Zelenskyy was due to join world leaders, includwrote on his messaging app

ing U.S. President Joe channel. Biden, at D-Day comdidn't name potential rememorations in France on Thursday. On Friday, he cipient countries of Russian weapons, Medvedev said. was due to meet with They could go to anyone French officials. who considers the U.S. and

Zelenskyy's trip came a day after Russian President Vladimir Putin warned that Russia could provide long-range weapons to other countries so that they could strike Western targets.

sequences, and those con-That threat came after sequences will certainly fol-NATO allies said they would allow Ukraine to use low. weapons they deliver to ing some Western-supplied Kyiv to attack Russian ter-

weapons involves military personnel of those counritory. Ukraine's army is tries controlling the missiles fighting to hold back a recent Russian push in eastand selecting targets, and therefore he said that Mos-cow could take "asymern areas that seeks to exploit Kyiv's shortages of ammunition and troops metrical" steps elsewhere along the roughly 1,000-ki- in the world.

### Lahij province. Slovenia, too, recognises **Palestine state**

PARIS: Slovenia has followed suit of Spain, Ireland and Norway by recognising the state of Palestine, breaking with the long-held view of Western powers

that Palestinians can gain statehood "only as part of a negotiated peace with Israel With the latest addi-

tion, 146 of the 193 UN member states now recognise a Palestinian state including most Middle Eastern, African, Latin American and Asian countries. In April, the US used its veto at the UNSC to prevent a Palestinian bid to become a full UN member state.

South Africa's ANC meets to decide on preferred

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verely injured six people last Friday during a knife attack at a right-wing rally in the southwestern city of Mannheim, fuelling concerns about public security. A police officer hurt in the attack later died of his injuries.

Scholz, a Social Democrat who rules with the Greens and the liberal Free Democrats, faces a a deal with the Taliban, stiff challenge from the some of whose officials are far-right, anti-immigrant under international sanctions, is also widely seen Alternative for Germany as problematic. (AfD) in European Parliament elections which take place in Germany on Sun-

### day. "Anyone who glori- human beings," said Scholz. **Biden aired Gaza** truce proposal without Netanyahu's nod

Monitoring Desk WASHINGTON: When US President Joe Biden publicly aired a Gaza was ceasefire proposal developed by Israel and the United States and sent to Hamas, he made the announcement without seeking agreement from Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, said three US officials with knowledge of the matter.

The decision to announce unilaterally — an unusual step for the United States to take with a close ally — was deliberate, officials say and narrowed the room for Israel or Hamas to back away from the deal. "We didn't ask permission to announce the proposal, said a senior US official.

'We informed the Is-

should be deported - even we're having an outsized if they come from Syria or Afghanistan," said Scholz. Such a move would be controversial as Ger-

Museum of Natural History in New York. "In the many does not repatriate case of climate, we are not people to states where the dinosaurs. We are the they are threatened with meteor. We are not only in death. It stopped depordanger. We are the danger.' tations to Afghanistan af-Last month was the ter the Taliban took hottest May ever recorded power in 2021. Reaching

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and the 12th straight month of record heat, the UN chief warned IAEA board ANC's President Cyril Ramaphosa looks with members of the National Ex-

passes resolution 'Everyone must be able to live in our country against Iran without fear of their fellow **Monitoring Desk** VIENNA: The UN

nuclear watchdog's 35-nation board of governors passed a resolution on Wednesday calling on Iran to step up cooperation with the watchdog and reverse its recent barring of

a speech on the situation in Gaza. We did not go into great detail about what it lation

Meanwhile, in an apvoted in favour and two parent blow to the Biden against - Russia and plan, Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh said on Wednesday the group would demand a permanent end to the fighting in Gaza and Israeli withdrawal as part of a ceasefire plan.

Biden's announcement, and his framing of the proposal as a deal "Israel has offered", were intended board to hold Iran acto raise hopes for a ceasefire and put pressure on Netanyahu, said Jeremi Suri, a history and public affairs professor at the University of Texas at Austin. "Biden is trying to

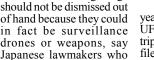
box Netanyahu into accepting the proposal," said Suri.

### raelis we were going to give inspectors, despite concerns Tehran would respond with atomic esca-Twenty countries

launched a group on Thurs-China — with 12 abstenday to probe the matter. tions. It follows up on the The non-partisan group, which counts former last resolution 18 months ago that asked Iran to comdefence ministers among its ply with a years-long In-ternational Atomic Energy 80-plus members, will urge Japan to ramp up its abili-Agency (IAEA) investigaties to detect and analyse tion into uranium traces unidentified anomalous found at undeclared sites. phenomena (UAP), more The need for the commonly known as UFOs. Although the phe-

countable to its legal obligations is long overdue. Iran must urgently, fully and unambiguously cooperate with the agency. Britain. France and Germany said in a statement

on the resolution they proposed.



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TOKYO: UFO sightings

nomenon is often associated

with little green men in the

the conversation "from sensationalism to science". The Japanese parliamentarians hope to bring the domestic perception of UAP in line with its ally's following several scares related to suspected surveillance operations. "It is extremely irresponsible of us to be re-

Nationalist parties seen gaining in Dutch votes

popular imagination, it has the unidentified."

**Monitoring Desk** THE HAGUE: Dutch voters cast their ballots on Thursday at the start of a four-day election for the European Parliament that is likely to see a rightward shift in the continent's bal-

ance of power.

The election will shape how the European Union, a bloc of 450 million citizens, confronts external challenges, including a more aggressive Russia, increased industrial competition from China and the United States, climate change and immigration.

The vote in the Netherlands - where a nationalist party won a 2023 national election - also encap-

sulates the main internal political challenge facing the 27-nation EU: the rising popularity of nationalist and populist parties that want to dismantle the EU from within. "I am concerned about

these extreme right movements because they are populist movements," said Sebastiaan Bink, 57, a renewable energy worker who voted in The Hague.

"In the Netherlands we have a party that is very distrustful of the EU and some of these right-wing politicians are trying to sabotage the European collaboration, and that would be very harmful. It doesn't make any sense to me.

### United Nations agency said. It remained unclear how many people died in the disaster in PNG's Enga region, but the national government said more than 2,000 people may have

### **Russia** arrests Frenchman suspected of collecting military

been buried alive.

Papua New

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CANBERRA: Rescue ef-

forts at the site of a land-

slide in Papua New Guinea

are due to end on Thurs-

day, two weeks after part

of a mountain collapsed

onto a remote village, a

intelligence Monitoring Desk LONDON: Russian inves-

tigators said on Thursday they had detained a French citizen on suspicion of gathering information about the activities of the Russian military.

The state Investigative Committee said the man was suspected, over several years, to have "pur-

posefully collected inforname, the bridge is an ordimation in the field of milinary overpass that runs tary and military-technical above a river, with a naractivities of the Russian row pavement separated Federation". It added: from the road by a waist-'This information, when high concrete wall. obtained by foreign sources, can be used against the security of the state.

# partners to govern

in Johannesburg for a day

of talks. "We're not dealing with the discussions from a point of view of locking ourselves into one option. We're looking at all options," he told reporters. Mbalula said President Cyril Ramaphosa would disclose what the NEC had

The former liberation decided in a closing address. South Africa has been movement has run South struggling with sluggish eco-Africa since it swept to nomic growth, high levels power with Nelson Mandela at the helm in the of poverty and unemploy-1994 election that marked ment, a persistent racial the end of apartheid, but wealth divide, severe power shortages and political corwas punished for its chequered record in last ruption.

The electoral maths While still the largest has created a complex situparty, the ANC can no ation for the ANC, which will have 159 of the 400 longer govern alone and sigseats in the new National nalled on Wednesday it Assembly. Its nearest rivals would seek to form a government of national unity are the pro-business, white-led Democratic Alliwith a wide range of parance (DA), with 87 seats,

the populist uMkhonto we "This is a time for sober minds," said ANC Sec-Sizwe (MK) led by former retary-General Fikile president Jacob Zuma, Mbalula as members of the with 58, and the hard-left party's National Executive Economic Freedom Fight-Committee (NEC) gathered ers (EFF) with 39.

said Haruhito

### Japan to build anti-tourist fence at Mount Fuji viewpoint

**Monitoring Desk** tween the two lanes of traf-TOKYO: A tall metal fence fic. Yoshizaki, a tourism offiwill be built to control uncial at Fuji City. There, they ruly tourists who have anpose for photos, twirl for noyed locals at a popular Mount Fuji photo spot, a Japanese official said videos or just chill outsome even bringing their Thursday. suitcases.

nience store.

into the road on the Mount

Japan's highest peak.

week's election.

ties.

It follows the con-To deter this risky struction last month of a behaviour, authorities have already put up low metal black screen in another scaffolding and signs telling nearby town to block an people to keep away from Instagram-famous view of the stretch of tarmac. the snow-capped volcano rising from behind a conve-

Next, authorities say they plan to erect a 1.8 Now residents have metre (5.9 feet) high metal complained about mostly mesh fence around the area by the end of June. foreign visitors venturing

Locals "welcome visitors as long as basic rules are observed", Yoshizaki Fuji Dream Bridge in search of the perfect shot of said, saying the move is meant to ease the "frustra-Despite its flashy tion of local residents" 'Mavbe we can build a sightseeing course" instead to encourage more considerate exploration, he added.

A pedestrian staircase to the bridge also appears But people have been in countless photos on jaywalking across the road Instagram. to reach a vacant area be-



People vote at a polling station during EU elections in The Hague.



**UFO security 'threat'** become a hot political topic in the United States. **Guinea** landslide

ecutive Committee (NEC), Deputy President Paul Mashatile, Gwede Mantashe,

Fikile Mbalula, Nomvula Mokonyane and Dr Gwen Ramokgopa during a

meeting looking at options to form a new South African government, its

Washington said last year it was examining 510 UFO reports — more than triple the number in its 2021 file — and NASA in September said it wants to shift

signed to the fact that something is unknowable, and to keep turning a blind eye to

### Secretary-General Fikile Mbalula said in Boksburg, in the East of Johannesburg, South Africa. Japan lawmakers probe **Rescue efforts** wind down after deadly

### Daily **Independent**, Quetta

# Investment in Gilgit-Baltistan, vital to bring economic prosperity: President

ISLAMABAD (APP): President Asif Ali Zardari on Thursday, stressing the need for a focus on the socio-economic uplift of Gilgit-Baltistan, said that investment in GB would bring economic prosperity there.

The president expressed these views while talking to members of the GB Council, who called on him, at Aiwan-e-Sadr.

Federal Minister for Kashmir Affairs and GB, Engineer Amir Muqam, GB Chief Minister Gulbar Khan, members of the GB Council, and senior government officials attended the

meeting. The delegation apprised the president about the developmental and financial requirements of GB

The president assured bers informed the president the delegation that steps that the discontinuation of would be taken to develop the Sehat health, education and road Programme was causing infrastructure to provide problems as the people of basic facilities to the people GB were unable to avail of GB at their doorsteps. health insurance services.

He highlighted the need to expand the airport The president suggested that the Sehat Šahulat Programme could in Gilgit, besides finding be included in the Benazir new ways and means for Income Support Programme so that the the GB's development. He said that GB was

the gateway to China, havpeople of GB could avail of medical treatment. ing immense vast economic potential that needed to be The delegation memfully capitalized upon for

az Sharif's visit to China

bers thanked President Zardari for taking interest in the GB's development the people's benefit. President Zardari asand the resolution of its issured the delegation that the issue of compensation sues President Zardari asto the affectees of the Diamer-Bhasha Dam would sured the delegation of his

be taken up at the approcooperation and support for addressing the problems The delegation mem- of the GB people. GB.

tiatives, Prof Ahsan Iqbal Thursday said that the ongoing visit of Prime Minis-ter Shehbaz Sharif to China would prove to be a mile-

Sahulat

stone in the development of Pakistan-China relations. This is the first official visit of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif to China after the establishment of new government in Pakistan early this year and the visit will prove to be a milestone in the development of Pakistan-China relations, he told APP. He said that Pakistan and China had laid the foundation of historic project of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) in 2013 and this pilot project of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) has **BEIJING: Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Senator Mohammad** 

Minister for Planning, De-

velopment and Special Ini-

Commissioner Ziarat

Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti meeting with Governor Balochistan Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail.

# fire in passenger coach in Uthal; loss of precious lives

### Friday June 07, 2024

## PM, CIDCA chairman discuss promotion of Pak, China pragmatic coop.

Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Thursday met the Chairman of China International Cooperation Agency (CIDCA) Ambassador Luo Zhaohui wherein they exchanged views on the unique and enduring China-Pakistan friendship and the promotion of pragmatic cooperation driven by common development, strategic trust, and mutual benefit. The prime minister, who arrived here Wednesday on the second leg of his five-day China visit, appreciated the robust support of CIDCA for CPEC projects and Pakistan's socioeconomic development, particularly the establishment of Pakistan-China Friendship Hospital, the Desalination Plant in Gwadar, and the New Gwadar International Airport. Terming the China-

BEIJING (APP): Prime Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) as the hallmark of ironclad friendship between Pakistan and China, they noted that the Joint Working Group on Socioeconomic Development under the CPEC had vielded positive results.

They also expressed confidence that the momentum would continue in the CPEC phase II to improve the lives and livelihoods of the people. Prime Minister Shehbaz underlined that the governments and the peoples of both countries had always stood in solidarity with each other during times of natural disasters and calamities. He commended CIDCA's pivotal role in supporting developing countries particularly Pakistan during the COVID-19 pandemic, the post-2022 flood reconstruction, and the grant of polio vaccines.



BEIJING: Chairman China International **Development Cooperation Agency Luo Zhaohui calls** on Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif.

### Pak, Türkiye & Indonesia call for united action to combat rising Islamophobia

discrimination against Muslims.

Atozai also underscored Pakistan's active role, alongside Türkiye and Indonesia, in the recent adoption of the UN General Assembly resolution on "Measures to combat Islamophobia," which includes a call for the appointment of a United Nations

The Pakistani Consul General denounced Israel's the Turkish Consulate genocidal actions in Gaza as In his remarks, the a stark reflection of global Consul General of Pakistan, Islamophobia, shedding Aamer Ahmad Atozai, emlight on prevalent phasized Islam's core prin-Islamophobic incidents ciples of moderation, pluworldwide, including hate ralism, compassion and tolspeech, targeted attacks,

erance. He highlighted

Ishaq Dar witnesses the signing ceremony of MoUs between the Board of Investment and several Chinese entities. DC directs to Governor assures cooperation timely complete to resolve issues being faced development by people of Makran **projects in Ziarat** QUETTA (APP): Deputy

priate forum.

H.E. Muhai

Prime Minister of Pakistan,

#### Independent Report Thursday.

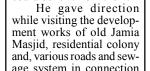
QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail has assured his best cooperation for resolving the issues being faced by the people of Makran.

The Governor was speaking to the delegation of Makran who called on him under leadership of President of Pakistan Mus-lim League-Nawaz (PML-N) Makran Division, ery possible cooperation to Ashraf Sagar Baloch here on resolve them.

The members of delegation apprised the Governor about the issues including provision of transport to the students of Panjgur Law College and Panjgur University as well as the problems related to the electricity load shedding and border trade besides others. The Governor

day directed that the work of Development Package should be completed on time so that the people could benefit from them. gave patient hearing to the issues and assured his ev-

package. Two ordinances laid



Liaquat Ali Kakar on Thurs-

age system in connection with Ziarat development

Deputy commissioner said that Ziarat was a touristic place and steps should

beauty of the area.

be taken to enhance the

anti-Congo virus spray

campaign at the District

Obaidullah Shah briefed the

DC about the different de-

partments. The event was

attended by PA to DC

Najeeb Mangal, Dr. Shahid

Nadeem, Dr. Inayatullah

Muhammad Ishaq.

Livestock Office.



# **PPP** leaders QUETTA (APP): Senior leaders of Pakistan People's Party (PPP), Mir Abdul Rauf Rind and Mir Zubair Rind on Thursday met with Chief Minister of Balochistan Mir Sarfaraz Khan Bugti at the CM's

**QUETTA:** Chief Minister Balochistan Mir

### During the meeting, various regional issues and others matters of mutual CM grieved over incident of interest were discussed.

Alam reached the spot of coach accident. The DC

activities were started after

the incident. According to

the Deputy Commissioner,

The DC Lasbela said

ISLAMABAD: A delegation of the members of the Gilgit-Baltistan Council

PM Shehbaz's ongoing visit proves

to be milestone in development of

**Pak-China relations: Ahsan Iqbal** 

made particularly in the

energy sector, adding, more

than 8000 MW power

projects were constructed

while motorway and high-

dation of information high-

way through fiber optic

cable and upgraded Gwadar

seaport as well as work was

initiated on construction of

that momentum could not

be maintained between the

years 2018 and 2022 due

to some political changes.

Covid-19 pandemic and cli-

mate disaster in the coun-

try in the year 2022 which

caused a colossal loss to the

Prof Ahsan Iqbal re-

economy, he added.

But unfortunately.

special economic zones.

Similarly, we laid foun-

ways were also built.

calls on President Asif Ali Zardari, at Aiwan-e-Sadr.

BEIJING (APP): Federal achievements have been

The release of scholarship program for the children of martyrs and the increase in the quota of

Secretariat

more than 350 entrepreneurs from both Pakistan and China. The federal minister said that agreement would be signed with China to upgrade agriculture sector as the present leadership intends to benefit from China's experience in modern agriculture and also use of science and technology in this sector.

identified as per consensus

reached between the lead-

ership of both the coun-

tries". These new corridors

include growth corridor,

livelihood corridor, innova-

tion corridor, green energy

corridor and open and in-

clusive regional develop-

phase, the government is focusing to promote indus-

trial cooperation with China

through business-to-busi-

ness linkages. In this regard, the Pakistan-China Busi-

ness Conference was orga-

nized in coastal city of

Shenzhen during first leg of

the prime minister's visit to

China which was attended by

call on CM

**Balochistan** 

He said in the second

ment corridor, he added.

NEW YORK (APP): Amid

gious dialogue.

General in New York.

a rising tide of anti-Muslim hate, senior diplomats from Pakistan, Türkiye and Indonesia Wednesday reaffirmed their governments' collective commitment to combatting Islamophobia, while also advocating peace,

tolerance, and inter-reli-They were speaking at an event co-hosted by the Special Envoy on combatconsulates general of the ting Islamophobia. three Islamic countries at

and discrimination against

### in National Assembly

ISLAMABAD (APP): The National Assembly on Thursday witnessed presentation of two ordinances in the House which were referred to the relevant committees for further deliberation. Minister for Law and Justice Azam Nazeer Tarar laid the Elections (Amendment) Ordinance 2024 and the National Accountability (Amendment) Ordinance 2024 in the House. Opposition lawmaker Ali Gohar Khan objected over the presentation of these ordinances and Minister for Law and Justice responded to it, saying that Ordinance is laid before the Houses.



**QUETTA: Provincial Minister Mir Shoaib** Nausherwani and MPA Zabid Reki holding negotiations with Mir Junaid Khan and other for ending of sit-in against closure of Maskhel border.

### **PPP's provincial leaders** facilitate newly PBC body

QUETTA (APP): Pakistan People's Party (PPP) provincial leaders congratulated newly elected body of Pakistan Broadcasting Corporation (PBC) including PBC Quetta President and General Secretary after wining election.

PPP leaders including Media Coordinator Akhtar Shah Mandukhail, Senior Vice President Quetta Abdul Jabbar Khilji and other leaders congratulated PBC's Quetta President Muhammad Ali Mengal and PBC's Quetta General Secretary Munir Ahmed Shahwani and other newly elected members after wining of successfully election. regard.

The PPP leaders hoped that newly elected body of PBC would play their active role to address legal issues of PBC employees and development of the department.

They said that they would come up expectation of employees of the PCB. Thanking PPP leaders, tion with the constituencies PBC's Quetta President Muhammad Ali Mengal and General Secretary Munir Ahmed Shahwani said that they under central leadership would take practical steps to solve legal issues of PBC's all employ-

### Change of tribunal case: **EC** adjourns hearing

ISLAMABAD (Online) Election Commission (EC) has adjourned hearing of case pertaining to change of tribunal set up in connec-

in federal capital. A 4-member commission headed over by Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) took up the matter for hearing Thursday. Counsels for MNAs of PML-N appeared before EC. The counsels for PTI backed candidates from three constituencies also appeared in EC.

### **UNHCR reviews Afghan refugee** situation, opens girls' school in Loralai

(APP): LORALAI UNHCR representative in Pakistan, Philippa Candler, arrived in Loralai for a twoday visit on Thursday.

As per details, Philippa Candler accompatify challenges, and seek nied by UNHCR's Northern Balochistan representative Nasrullah Khan Musa Khel and Commissioner CAR Balochistan Arbab Talib Kasi. Candler assessed the conditions of Balach Aziz and Deputy

Afghan refugees in camps/ Commissioner Loralai RVs and engaged in discus-Miran Baloch. sions with local authorities. She also inspected the The visit aimed to review historical residence of the the refugee situation, iden-Commissioner and DC built during British rule.

solutions while advocating Key activities included visiting RV Katuwai for refugee rights. During her visit, Canrefugee camps, assessing dler toured the UNHCR's camp conditions and facili vocational training center in ties, and meeting separately Loralai and met with Loralai with elders and women's Division Commissioner groups to hear their issues and complaints.

# Meanwhile,

Independent Report **DC** launches QUETTA: The Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir anti-Congo virus Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti has spray campaign expressed grief and sorrow over the incident of fire in a

in Nushki passenger coach that NUSHKI (APP): Deputy Commissioner Nushki claimed lives of three persons and left over a dozen injured in Vayaro area of Amjad Hussain Soomro on Uthal. Thursday inaugurated an

The Chief Minister has directed to the concerned authorities to propassengers.

vide best medical treatment As per details, he into the injured passengers. spected various sections He also directed to fix including the DI Lab, AI the responsibility after con-Center, ČVH, and Poultry ducting thorough investiga-Farm. The DC also intions into the tragic incispected the poultry farm. Additionally, district livestock officer Dr. Syed

deceased persons belong to Besides, he directed to Karachi while the other ensure implementation on hails from Hub. the standard operating procedures (SOPs) for preventhat the reasons behind the tion of such tragic incidents fire in coach are being asand protection of the pascertained sengers in them.



QUETTA: A delegation of UN Women Balochistan meeting with Provincial Advisor Dr. Rubaba Khan Buledi.

### **Open court held to resolve** public issues in Zhob

dress public legal issues for provision of facilities to

them in the area. The open court was attended by officers of all departments and political and social leaders of Zhob in large numbers.

Addressing the open court, Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Faisal Tareen said that the open courts were being organized at different places

to solve the problems being faced by the people so that the problems of the people could be solved at their doorsteps.

He said that Commissioner Zhob Division and Deputy Commissioner

were busy to provide basic facilities of health, education and others to public. He said that in this regard, open court would

> addressing issues of pub-DHO, Dr Muzaffar Shah, Deputy Director Dr Naseebullah Kakar District Education Officer Sheikh

Musa Khan Mandukhail B&RSDO Asghar Mandukhail Tehsil Dar Abdul Halim Niazi and media representatives attended the open court.

Muhammad Khan Kabzai said that holding open court in Zhob was a welcome initiative saying that the problems would be solved with the cooperation of the

chairman of the Union Council and the district ad ministration

Balochistan jobs on the misrepresentation of Islam federal quota and the overthe all situation were came un-Deputy Commissioner Lasbela, Ms. Humaira Baloch and SSP Naveed der discussion in the meeting.

Abdul Rauf Rind described the Chief Minister visit to Lasbela told that the rescue Oxford University and the special scholarship for Balochistan students as a historic initiative.

the passenger coach was on way to Quetta from Karachi carrying some 28 Appreciating the revolutionary steps of the Chief Minister, he said that these steps would not only en-She informed that courage the talented stu-

three bodies of the deceased dents and children of marpassengers and seven intyrs of Balochistan so that jured passengers were shifted in the local hospital after rescuing from the pasit would bring significant improvement in the education sector. senger coach. Two of the

**Pishin DC** directs Food Authority to halt tainted meat supply

PISHIN (APP): Deputy Commissioner (DC) Pishin, Juma Dad Mandokhel, directed the Balochistan Food Authority, along with Levies forces, to prevent a significant attempt to supply thousands of kilo-grams of spoiled and unbolster the Human Resource Development Scholhygienic meat from Multan-bound coaches at arship Program (JDS) 2024. the Ziarat Cross.

According to details, it ceremony convened at the was revealed on Thursday that substandard meat was Ministry of Economic Affairs, Dr. Kazim Niaz, Secbeing supplied to Quetta city from the Multan-Economic Affairs, and Mr. bound coach.

The traffic management authority took custody of the passenger coach and initiated an inspection regarding the supply of un-

District Chairman Haji

In the meeting, Mir

Islamophobia since 9/11, encompassing hate speech, violence, and institutional

Atozai also drew atby a minority of extremists tention to the systematic and the worrying surge of destruction of religious sites in India and other Islamophobic actions within that country.



QUETTA: Speaker Balochistan Assembly Captain (Retd) Abdul Khaliq Achakzai in a group photo with the teachers coming from different districts of the Province led by Voice of Balochistan.

### Pak, Japan ink grant worth \$2.1m for HR development scholarships

ISLAMABAD (INP): The Governments of Pakistan

Agreement. The meeting was atand Japan have signed a tended by senior officials landmark grant agreement worth US\$ 2.1 million to from the ministry. Japan, through JICA,

has extended this generous grant to Pakistan, marking the 7th installment of the In a ceremonial ex-JDS project since its incepchange of notes and signing tion in 2018. This year, the grant will provide seventeen (17) scĥolarships for Master's programs and one retary of the Ministry of (1) for a PhD/Doctorate program at prestigious uni-Wada Mitsuhiro, Ambassaversities in Japan for young dor Extraordinary and Federal Civil Service and Plenipotentiary of Japan to Ex-Cadre officers of Pakistan. Since 2018, six (6) Pakistan, signed the record batches, each comprising around 18 participants, of discussions and exchange have benefited from the JDS scholarships. This initiative has significantly enhanced the capacity and performance of young officers who play a crucial role in the socio-economic development of Pakistan.



**OUETTA: Representative of UNHCR Pakistan Philippa Candlers** inaugurating a building of Govt. Girls High School constructed with the cooperation of UNHCR.

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QUETTA (APP): On special directive of Commissioner Zhob Division, an court (Khuli open Kehchari) was organized at the Cultural Hall to ad-