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Govt. unveils Rs. 18.877 trillion relief-oriented federal budget

Proposes up to 25% increase in salaries, 15% in pensions of employees; Minimum wages raised from 32,000 to 37,000 rupees; Income tax rates for salaried individuals remain unchanged, with exemption limit at Rs. 600,000 annually; GDP growth target for the fiscal year 2024-25 is fixed at 3.6 percent, whereas the inflation rate is expected to remain 12 percent; Rs. 2,122bn earmarked for defence sector in budget 2024-25; Govt allocates record Rs1400 bln for PSDP; Rs 45 bn to be saved annually by abolishing public sector vacancies; Govt plans to invest a hefty amount in education sector in order to provide suitable environment for the education of children; BISP's budget increased up to Rs. 593 billion to support disadvantaged segments; 5,000 journalists, media workers to get health insurance in first phase; Announces tax relief on import of solar, aquaculture's raw material; No duty increase on import of essential items

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister for Finance and Revenue Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb on Wednesday unveiled the Rs18.877 trillion relief-oriented federal budget for the fiscal year 2024-25.

Presenting the federal budget 2024-25 in the National Assembly, the finance minister said that GDP growth target for the fiscal year 2024-25 is fixed at 3.6 percent, whereas the inflation rate is expected to remain 12 percent



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif signs the documents of the Federal Budget 2024-25 after its approval from the Federal Cabinet to be laid before the National Assembly.

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Referring

He said that the budget provincial share would be deficit to GDP during the Rs7,438 billion. vide Rs2,122 billion for defice, and Rs839 billion He said that the nonperiod under review is estitax revenue targets of the mated at 6.9 percent, whereas the primary surfederation are fixed at plus during the review pe-Rs3,587 billion, whereas the net income of the fedriod is projected at 1.0 percent of the GDP.

eral government would be Rs9,119 billion. The minister said that the Revenue collection of The total expenditures the Federal Board of Rev- of the federal government enue is estimated to Rs12,970 billion during upis estimated at Rs18,877 billion out of the total amount of Rs9,775 billion coming fiscal year, adding that tax revenue collection would be spent on interest during the current fiscal year payments. grew by 38 percent and the

The government has al-located Rs1,400 billion for Public Sector Development Program in its current budget, adding that an additional amount of Rs100 billion would be allocated under Public Private Partnership, he added.

This year, he said, over all development budget was the highest in the country's comprising history Rs1,500 billion. The minister said that

the government would pro-

Federal cabinet approves budget proposals for fiscal year 2024-25 ISLAMABAD (APP): The federal cabinet on Wednesday

sectors

approved the budgetary proposals for the coming fiscal ear 2024-25 Chaired by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, the special cabinet committee deliberated on the budget proposals and accorded its approval to the Finance Bill 2024.

The cabinet meeting also okayed the budgetary pro-posals to be presented before the National Assembly for its onward consideration

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towards stability.

April 1 to June 10.

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Three-pronged fence, and Rs839 billion would be allocated for Civil

Administration. Meanwhile, an amount of Rs1,014 billion is also allocated for pension expenses, adding that Rs1,363 billion are allocated for the subsidy of the gas, electricity and other The Finance Minister further said that total grants amounting to Rs1,777 bil-

lion is allocated for the promotion of BISP, AJK, Gilgit-Baltistan, merged dis-tricts of KP, HEC, railways practices. and IT sectors. Finance Minister said that the government has

declared a historic federal PSDP valued at Rs1,500 creasing every year.

month.

strategy to be adopted to reform pension scheme

> **ISLAMABAD** (APP): **Minister for Finance and** Revenue Senator **Muhammad Aurangzeb** on Wednesday said that the government would adopt a three-pronged strategy to reform the pension scheme in line with international best

The minister, in his budget speech in the National Assembly, said that the government had to pay unfunded pension liability, which was in-

that for fresh employees, a contributory pension scheme would be introduced for which the government would deposit its share every

Moreover, a pension fund would be created to manage the liability, he added.



ISLAMABAD: Minister for Finance and Revenue Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb parented the Federal Budget 2024-2025 before the National Assembly of Pakistan.

It is fake and anti-people budget: Opposition

ISLAMABAD (INP) - Leader of the opposition in National Assembly Omar Ayub termed the federal budget as anti-people and said that the government didn't consult any stakeholder.

Talking to media outside the parliament house after the budget speech of Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb, the opposition leader said that the constitution was violated for the very first time in National Assembly during the presentation of budget.

"I have presented four budgets in this house. These are fake documents as government didn't mention the total volume of budget and its deficit," said the opposition leader.

He added that the PTI government eliminated electricity loadshedding by 80 percent during its tenure.

"The PPP has stabbed the government in the back as their MNAs didn't want to participate in the budget session today," Ayub said. MNA Ali Muhammad Khan of Sunni Ittehad Council said that the budget is anti-

people as it doesn't have anything for the masses. "The party that got majority in the house was thrown on the opposition benches. The budget was presented by those who reached parliament on Form-47," said Ali Muhammad Khan.

QUETTA: The Governor

stated that the real recogni-

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public sector universities

Balochistan Minister for

Home and Tribal Affairs

Mir Ziaullah Langau on

Wednesday said that in a

bid to address the long-

standing issues faced by the

people of Chaman, the pro-

vincial government had re-

iterated its commitment to

finding solutions to the

region's problems. Accord-

ing to a private news chan-

nel, "the government is

keenly focused on resolv-

ing issues related to the bor-

He said, "The govern-

high standards.

quantity.

Balochistan has not been ignored in federal budget, several schemes

billion, which was higher than 101 percent of the last He said after reforms year's revised PSDP. in the pension scheme, He said that despite the fiscal constraints, the govthe pension liability ernment has enhanced its would be reduced conbudgetary allocations, which *Continued on page 2* siderably in next three decades. The minister said

included, says Chief Minister

Mir Sarfraz Bugti says we are determined to present public friendly budget of province for next financial year; endeavouring to increase resources of province's own income

Independent Report QUETTA: The Chief Minister, Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti has stated that Balochistan has not been ignored in the federal budget, rather several development schemes of the prov-ince have been included in it (federal budget) this time.

The Chief Minister was speaking to the media persons soon after his appearance in the Balochistan High Court in the case regarding wheat procurement in the premises of High Court on Wednesday.

Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti said that he presented the case of Balochistan in the federation and also gave certain suggestions regard-

ing case of the province in budget of the province. He federal budget. said that there are condi-

He said that many tions by IMF for preparprojects of Balochistan ing surplus budget. He said have been re-included in the that we are endeavouring to federal budget this time. He increase resources of the said that there has been province's own income. complaint of Balochistan The Chief Minister with the federation that at-

mentioned that restoration tention was not given on its of peace in Balochistan inallocation in the federal budcluding Quetta is priority f his government. He said that the pro-

the Balochistan's next financial cess of reforms has been continuing for ending street year budget, the Chief Minister said that we are detercrimes. Reforms the overmined to prepare public all reforms in the friendly budget of the provgovernment's sectors, Mir Sarfraz Bugti said that we He said that education, have brought about at least

health and students' schol-67 reforms in different departments including the arships have been focused in the next financial year's Food department.

thwarted; economic stability achieved hardships to stability." ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister Shehbaz Sharif Wednesday said that proposals. conspiracies to bankrupt the country had been

ing regarding the rightsizing of the government.

thwarted, steering it away from economic hardships Presiding over the meeting of the Pakistani

Muslim League-Nawaz's (PML-N) Parliamentary Party at the Parliament House, he said, "We have left behind the conspiracies of those who dreamed of bankrupting the country and the country and guided it from economic

Security forces kill 181

Sindh & KP perations

The prime minister briefed the parliamentary party about the budgetary

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif chairs a meet-

PM Shahbaz says

Conspiracies to bankrupt Pakistan

He assured that maximum relief would be provided to the common man in the budget, with specific measures aimed at easing the burden of workers, farmers, and salaried people.

He expressed gratitude to the party members and allies for their confidence in him and their full support of the government policies benefiting the common man

parliamentarians to actively participate in the budget sessions, offering suggestions, and providing a robust and reasoned response to any falsehoods or propaganda regarding the budget. He stated, "History is witness to our efforts for rescuing Pakistan's economy through prioritizing national interests. With the guidance of Allah Almighty and under the leadership of Muhammad Nawaz Sharif, we averted

Pm Shehbaz urged the

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Three ANF terrorists in Balochistan, personnel martyred in encounter with

smugglers

RAWALPINDI (APP): A least three Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) personnel were martyred on Wednesday in a shootout with suspected drug traffickers near Turkey toll plaza, Jhelum.

According to an ANF Headquarters spokesman, the suspects were traveling on GT Road when they were signaled to stop at the toll plaza.

The smugglers tried to escape from the scene. The ANF team after a brief chase managed to intercept them when the suspects opened fire on the ANF team, resulting in the mar tyrdom of three personnel including Head Constable Gulzar, Lance Naik Mazhar and a civilian.

A jawan and the civil der, terrorism, and employian lost their lives on the ment, which have plagued spot while another jawan the region for far too long.' was shifted to District Headquarters Hospital ment is dedicated to ensuring the safety and well-be-Jhelum where he suc ing of its citizens. cumbed to his injuries.

paying attention on increasing capacity Independent Report

Instead of number of students in public universities

Governor emphasizes on

best universities of country. The Governor was Balochistan, Sheikh Jaffar speaking to the Vice Chan-Khan Mandokhail has cellor of Turbat University, Professor Dr Jan Muhammad who called on tion of the Higher Education Commission (HEC) is him here at the Governor's House on Wednesday. linked with raising the stan-

Speaking on the occasion, Governor said that The Governor said that there is a need to change our although increasing quantraditional methodology tity at the level of univerand curriculum in accorsity in the backward provdance with the changing reince of Balochistan is also quirements and human welcoming, but to him, acneeds. For the purpose, the tual thing is standard instead Vice Chancellor of Turbat of quantity. He stressed University and his whole that we have to pay attenteam needs to take concrete tion on the capacity more measures to make them compatible with the moding the available quantity in ern requirements, adding he the public sector universistressed. ties of Balochistan in the

However, the Governor appreciated the perfor-He said that our head mance of University of would raise with pride Turbat and directed to expand the process of learning modern skills to the lowould be included in the cal people.



QUETTA: Provincial Minister Bakht Muhammad Kakar meeting with Governor Balochistan Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail

Zialullah Lango says: Govt committed to solving masses problems in Chaman (APP): OUETTA

"The people of Chaman are our own: their problems are ours, and we are committed to listening to their concerns and finding solutions.^{*}

"Certain individuals are spreading misinformation and inciting violence, leading to attacks on state institutions," he lamented.

He further said, "Such elements are not only harming the state but also putting the lives and property of our people at risk.

"The government has taken swift action against such miscreants, arresting several individuals involved in attacks on state institutions, including the DC office," he said.

QUETTA: Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti presiding

over a meeting held to review the progress of the proposed development projects of next financial year budget 2024-25

Congo virus patient dies in Fatima Jinnah Hospital Quetta

Independent Report QUETTA: The patient suffering from Crimean-Congo hemorrhagic fever died in Fatima Jinnah Hospital and Chest Institute here on Wednesday.

According to the administration of Fatima Jinnah Hospital, the patient was brought to the Hospital from Killa Saifullah on Tuesday morning. e was being provided necessary medical treatment after his admission in the Hospital, however, he breathed his last on Wednesday morning.

The FJ Hospital administration informed that

two more patients suffering from the Crimean-Congo hemorrhagic fever are also admitted in the Hospital and being provided medical treatment. However, their condition is out of danger. During the current season, Crimean-Congo hemorrhagic fever

was diagnosed in five patients so far. Out of them, one patient died. The FJ Hospital ad-

ministration told that special arrangements have been made in the Hospital for treatment of the Crimean-Congo hemorrhagic fever patients with separate ward established there

extend cabinet ISLAMABAD (Online): Federal government has decided to extend federal cabi-

Government

decides to

More ministers from coalition partners will be aken in the cabinet.

According to sources wo ministers each from MQM and Balochistan Awami Party (BAP) will be included in cabinet. More ministers from PML-N will

also be taken in the cabinet. Sources said government has once again invited PPP to become part of cabinet. Government sources expect positive response from PPP.

RAWALPINDI (INP): As were conducted in Khyber many as 181 terrorists have been sent to hell in 7,745 operations conducted by security forces, who are determined to eliminating the menace of terrorism from the country, from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, 51 in Balochistan and two in According to the Inter-Sindh. In May, 12 terror-

Services Public Relations (ISPR), 2,701 operations Continued on page 2

Deputy PM post honorary sans any office: IHC told ISLAMABAD (APP): as deputy prime minister

as deputy prime minister. The Cabinet Division on Defence counsel Riaz Hanif Rahi asserted that Wednesday informed the Islamabad High Court Ishaq Dar's appointment as (IHC) that the designation deputy prime minister was of deputy prime minister honorary and urged the was an honorary post, and court to form a larger bench to address the dual appointno special office had been ment cases in the interest established in that reof good governance.

IHC Chief Justice Amir Some 50 petitions were Farooq, heard the plea of under hearing in courts per-Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf taining to dual appoint-(PTI) leader Sher Afzal ments, he claimed. Subsequently, the court Marwat, challenging the

adjourned the hearing appointment of Ishaq Dar

Pakhtunkhwa, 4,902 in Balochistan and 142 in Sindh. During these operations, 181 terrorists were sent to hell. As many as 128 terrorists were killed in



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PFL starts distribution of 100,000 footballs under 'Football 4 Hope' initiative

tion of 100,000 international-quality footballs among young talented children in Pakistan under the initiative 'Football 4 Hope', PFL's Chairman Farhan Ahmed Junejo said on Wednesday.

He said that in the last three days, more than 10,000 footballs have already been distributed in different cities. In Lyari, Karachi, more than 2,500 footballs have been distributed so far, he said.

'We are giving footballs to young children and seeking smiles in return. We give you a ball, you give us a smile. One ball, one smile - Football for Hope."

The PFL will initiate a festival showcasing the social impact of football, honoring achievements of disadvantaged youth and fostering hope through the sport as Football for Hope is a corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiative by PFL contributing to social development in Pakistan, Junejo said

He added: "Football 4 Hope aims to mobilize all four provinces of Pakistan to foster national unity. It endeavors to offer a brighter future to children who have lost hope in football, preventing them from being engulfed by other societal challenges. From impromptu games in slums to

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pa- mountain-top matches, (PFL) has started distribu-Pakistan, to school acadand street football across emies and stadium competitions, football instils confidence, pride in the underdog, and promotes unity. It unites the nation in hope, regardless of where it's played. "We will use innova-

tive educational and health initiatives to introduce football to young children and youth. Our goals include promoting education, conflict resolution, gender equality, social integration, inclusion of children with disabilities, peace building, youth leadership, team

work, and life skills through Football for Hope," said Junejo. Junejo, the chief archi-

tect behind the inauguration of PFL in Lahore on June 4, stated that more footballs would be distributed after the completion of the initial 100,000 foot-

Wednesday.

balls. "The footballs used in the World Cup, each cost-ing one dollar, are being distributed among all segments of Pakistani society for the first time under the initiative 'One Ball One Smile,' without any discrimination," he said.

is no rigging in polls and Junejo said that Pakijudiciary should grow stan is a country of 250 stronger. He pointed out million people where poor talks with Maulana Fazlur children deserve to be given hope and opportunities so Rehman is underway. No one is friend or foe in polito earn their livelihood and develop football skills. tics



QUETTA: A delegation of UNFPA Pakistan under leadership of Advisor for Women Development Department, Dr. Rubaba Khan Buledi meeting with Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti

Conspiracies to bankrupt Pakistan... There is no friend or foe in politics: Continued from page 1

Barrister Gohar bankruptcy and default SLAMABAD (Online): in the country. Chairman PTI barrister

He said that a conspira-Gohar has said there is no torial group posed a threat friend or foe in politics. to the country's security 'There is no friend or and undermined those who foe in politics. We want talks, he said this after had sacrificed their lives for it. eaching KPK house here

Minister Prime Shehbaz said that the Al-Talking to media men mighty entrusted him with he said talks mean we are serving Pakistan for the secsaying to move to talks. If ond time, expressing his Mehmood Khan Achakzai determination to resolve the wants to lead then there is nation's issues. no harm in it. We want there

Resolving to meet everyone's expectations, the prime minister lauded the trust of brotherly countries and investors in the government's economic policies and increasing the foreign investment.

He stressed the importance of untiring efforts for the country's economic stability, and assured providing basic healthcare, higher education, and equal opportunities for development.

He said that providing employment to the talented workforce as well as ensuring education and training in the IT field for the youth were among the government's priorities. the

Calling for efforts to empower women and dignified employment opportunities to them, the prime minister said that during his foreign visits, he called for

attracting investments instead of seeking loans. He said the environment of peace and political stability was inevitable for

investment and that the nations always achieved success through hard work, dedication, and courage. He stressed the need to get aspiration from China and other developed nations to forge a bright fu-

ture tailored for Pakistan's specific conditions. He commended his team for their efforts in achieving a significant reduction in inflation, leading to the stabilization of the

the hard work of the government's economic team.

Media minister visits Interior Ministry's pavilion at Hajj

Media Hub MAKKAH (APP): Minis-

ter of Media Salman bin Yousef Al-Dossary visited the Ministry of Interior's pavilion at the Hajj Media Hub, organised by the Ministry of Media, taking place June 10 to 16 in the city of

Dossary observed the artificial intelligence (AI) applications in crowd manage ment and the Ministry of Interior's efforts during the Hajj season to ensure the pilgrims' security and safety at the Two Holy Mosques. He was briefed on the Makkah Route Initiative which is implemented by the Ministry of Interior for the sixth year under the Pilgrim Experience Programme, part of Saudi Vision 2030.

The Makkah Route Ini tiative is being implemented in halls at 11 airports in seven countries this year.

Al-Dossary also gained an overview of the penalties imposed on violators of Hajj regulations and instructions including those performing Hajj without a Hajj permit and those who unlawfully transport such violators Moreover, he was briefed on the Unified Security Operations Centers (911) which receive emergency security and humanitarian reports.

Mohsin Naqvi fumes over slow upgrdation work at Gaddafi stadium

Naqvi has expressed displeasure over slow upgradation and renovation work at the Gaddafi stadium, Lahore.

The PCB has undertaken upgradation and renovation of the Gaddafi stadium, Lahore besides National Bank stadium Karachi and Rawalpindi cricket stadium to prepare for the ICC Champions Trophy 2025 to be held in Pakistan.

The Chairman PCB visited the Gaddafi Stadium on Tuesday night to oversee the progress of the upgradation work and was unhappy to see that no work was being undertaken at night by the contractors despite the fact that lated water.

LAHORE (APP): Chair- Mohsin Naqvi had ordered man Pakistan Cricket to work round the clock in Board (PCB) Mohsin order to complete the upgradation and renovation well before the deadline.

Chairman PCB Mohsin Naqvi directed the relevant stakeholders to work 24/7 on the project, adding that the huge project could only be completed on time by working round the clock.

Naqvi also visited various parts of the main building of the stadium which is being dismantled and demanded for the upgradation timeline to be followed strictly. He also directed immediate repair of the main water pipeline under the main building of the stadium and quick drainage of the accumu-

Security forces kill 181...

Continued from page 1 ists were killed in Balochistan while 42 were killed in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. 61 terrorists were arrested from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan during this month

Owing to the timely action of the security forces, the banned terrorist organization TTP failed in its nefarious designs in the urban areas. To cover up its failure, the TTP forced and targeted the poor people of the tribal areas for kidnapping for ransom and target killing, the military's media wing said.

Besides, at least 20 infiltration attempts in Bajaur, Dir and Chitral areas were thwarted due to timely intelligence. A TTP network targeting Chinese citizens has been bushed in Besham. The terrorists involved in the Besham attack are facing cases in the courts.

Security forces ambushed the terrorists during infiltration from the Zhob border in which seven terrorists were killed and two others arrested. Twelve terrorists were ambushed in an intelligence-based operation in DI Khan and Tank. About 19 terrorists

were killed during an intelligence-based operation in North Waziristan. Security forces conducted an intelligence-based operation and raid in Sheikh Badin area of Lakki Marwat and arrested 11 terrorists. Security forces also foiled an infiltration attempt in Pishin and Qila Abdullah in Balochistan in which five terrorists were killed and one arrested. During the last month, two suicide bombers, including an Afghan citizen, were arrested along with

their handlers while infiltrating and their suicide jackets were also recovered. During the successful operation, the security forces recovered a large quantity of arms, ammunition, explosives, including four suicide jackets and 14 IEDs, from Balochistan. In Quetta, security forces foiled TTP's big plan to carry out attacks during Muharram and eliminated the terrorist network. The TTP leadership has become distraught and panicked by the attacks by the security forces. With the full support of the nation, the security forces are determined to eradicate terrorism from Pakistan. There is no place for the TTP or any

other terrorist group on the soil of Pakistan بوينيوڈونژن

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Continued from page 1 production sector.

Sohaib Nausherwani

would help to develop the government has in-cluded projects related to developing of water sanita-tion system through water

QUETTA: Provincial Minister Bakht Muhammad Kakar and Parliamentary

Secretary Meena Majeed meeting with Provincial Finance Minister Mir

duction sector. tion of dams, improvising the irrigation system and GB is also proposed in the idge The Finance Minister said that the government is also paying special attention These projects would to skill development and help to develop infrastrucspecial allocations are made ture, improve transportafor this purpose, particution, energy, and overcome larly to impart training to huge bulges of youth in the county to enhance employmately helping improve livment opportunities. ing standards of the citi-Senator Aurangzeb said zens, the minister said. that a special package is pro-In the PSDP, posed for the development Aurangzeb said, for the of Karachi, as it was the next fiscal year, it was promega city of the country and posed to allocate Rs824 plays a vital role in billion for infrastruccountry's economy, adding ture development, out that it was a prerequisite to which an amount of initiating a comprehensive program for modernizing energy sector, Rs279 the basic infrastructure of billion for transport and the city. communication, Rs206 He said that measures billion for the water secare also proposed for the tor development would be supply of drinking water in Karachi City under K-4 He said that it was also project, besides preparing oposed to allocate Rs 86 projects for the developbillion for Planning and ment of other cities includ-Housing, and Rs280 billion ing Mirpur Khas, Hyderabad, Sukkhar and for Social Sector Development, whereas an amount of Benazir Abad.

rupee against the dollar and a bullish trend in the stock market He expressed satisfac-

During the meeting, Minister for Finance and

Revenue Muhammad Aurangzeb provided a comprehensive briefing on the budget to the members. The members expressed complete confidence in the budget pre-

pared by the government's economic team, led by the Prime Minister Shehbaz. parliamentarians affiliated with the Pakistan Muslim League-N attended the

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tion over the initial positive outcomes resulting from

meeting.

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Federal ministers and

At the pavilion, Al

the volume of infrastructure including transportation, energy, IT and water resources and improve the living standards of the people in the country.

Senator Aurangzeb said that in PSDP 2024-25 special focus is paid to the completions of ongoing projects as 83 percent of resources are allocated for the completion of ongoing schemes and 17 percent for the new development schemes.

During the financial year 2024-25, it is proposed to allocate 59 percent of resources for the development of infrastructure development and 20 percent for the social sector development.

To ensure the equitable development in AJK, GB and merged districts of the KP, the government has allocated at 10 percent and around 11 percent for other sectors development including IT, telecom, science and technology, governance and

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support the productivity of tion system through water exports oriented industries resource management. to enhance their competitiveness, to expend the digital infrastructure in the country

Senator Muhammad the challenges to achieve Aurangzeb said that the economic prosperity ultigovernment is also paying special focus on the development of the transportation sector and is determined to further improve the network of roads and highways to strengthen the connectivity of cities to handle the increasing traffic volume.

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The expansion of the infrastructure of energy and Rs253 billion for the to modernize it is also a priority he said, adding the development of hydropower dams, solar plants installation and transmission lines to ensure efficient distribuincurred. tion to tackle growing de-

mands of the energy. Besides, he said that special attention would be paid to flood control, ensuring the supply of potable water through the construc-

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PLEASE PAY YOUR **QUARTERLY ADVANCE INCOME TAX**



Under Section 147 of Income Tax Ordinance 2001, payment of Quarterly Advance Tax is mandatory for the categories below.

Calculation Formula

For Companies and AOPs =(AxB/C)-D	For Individuals (Income exceeding PKR. 1 Million) =(A/4)-B
Whereas: A= Taxpayer's Turnover of the Quarter B= Tax Assessed to Taxpayer for the Latest Tax Year C= Latest Tax Year's Turnover D= Tax Paid in 'the Quarter' for Which Tax Credit is Allowed under Section-168.	Whereas: A= Latest Tax Year's Assessed Tax B= The Tax Paid in the Quarter for Which a Tax Credit is Allowed under Section-168 (Except under Section-149)

Tax liability under Section 113 shall also be taken into account while working out payment of Advance Tax.

- In the absence of last assessed income or declared turnover, tax payable shall be estimated on the basis of quarterly turnover.
- Adjustment for tax already paid may be made.



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Maqbool, vice CEO of Huawei discusses progress on agreements

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Sci-ence and Technology, Dr. tablishing a Training Cloud to achieve this goal. Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui, IT graduates complete their and Vice CEO of Huawei education from universi-Pakistan, Ray Yu, on Wednesday discussed ties in Pakistan; however, only 5,000 secure jobs. We progress on agreements need to equip our youth signed during the Prime with training in modern Minister's visit to China. technology to bridge this gap," Dr. Siddiqui re-

During the meeting, Dr. Siddiqui highlighted the pivotal role that Pakistani youth can play in the development of the Information Technology sector.

He appreciated Huawei's commitment to need to harness these optraining 200,000 young portunities to further enpeople and offered the hance the partnership be-Ministry's support in es- tween the two countries.



marked.

He also highlighted the

immense opportunities for

cooperation between Paki-

stan and China in the pri-

vate sector, emphasizing the

ISLAMABAD: Vice CEO Huawei Pakistan, Ray Yu called on Federal Minister for Science and Technology Dr. Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui.

Hina demands 'collective wisdom, supportive policies of agriculture in budget

kistan People's Party Senior leader Hina Rabbani Khar Wednesday said that her party always played a responsible role in the country and always been a strong voice for the rights of neglected segment of society.

Talking to PTV in Parliament, she said in budget 2024-25 PPP has once again demanded government for a supportive policies for agriculture sector.

She said that we are supporting government in right direction for economic and political stability in the

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pa- country, adding, PPP will add some of its proposals related to public welfare issues in the budget.

"We will settle the issues with dialogue," she added She said President

Zardari also deliberated on various strategies to alleviate the economic burden on the poor and middle classes in the forthcoming fiscal plan.

"We also demanded significant measures to support the poor and middle-income groups in the upcoming budget", she added

Budget 2024-25 to safeguard rights of common man: Dastgir

ports

added

ISLAMABAD (APP): improvement of the Protecting the rights of the average person is the fed-arculture sector will not only strengthen the agricul-



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif chairs a review meeting on the matters related to Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination.

PM orders building Health Tower Edu ministry introduces in Islamabad to house hospitals, evening shifts medical, nursing universities to address

enrolment challenges ISLAMABAD (APP): The Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training has announced to introduce of evening shifts in 51 schools across the city, and nursing universities,

starting from the next academic session. According to the Education Ministry, this

initiative aims to address the challenges faced during the enrollment campaign, where many paign, where many schools saw a significant increase in student num-bers, with some primary classes exceeding 50 stu-dents per class and reach-ing 100." partnership.

To ensure quality education and a conducive learning environment, we will upgrade infra-structure in the designated schools and arranged additional honorarium for teachers to sup-

country and resolved the elimination of the disease by utilising all-out- resources in collaboration with partners port the evening shifts"

modern laboratories, and partments. diagnostics centers. Vowing to personally The prime minister, monitor health-related matters, Prime Minister chairing a meeting to review the matters related to the Shehbaz also ordered the Ministry of National third-party audit of the Health Services, instructed Drug Regulatory Authority to formulate a strategy to of Pakistan and the formulation of a strategy to bibuild the said tower through the public-private furcate the drug processing

from the Authority. Highlighting the sig-Besides, he also innificant responsibilities of structed outsourcing the the health sector to save human resource of all govhuman lives, the prime ernment hospitals in minister expressed his con-Islamabad and their waste cerns about the reported treatment plants, besides new polio cases in the the audit of countrywide nursing schools and col-

During the briefing, the prime minister was told that a National Blood

He also called for car- Transfusion and Blood rying out the third-party Products Policy would be audit of the laboratories introduced soon, and work on a nursing and midwifery working under the purview policy framework was in of the Ministry of National Health Services, besides the final stage.

appointing well-qualified It was told that an evening shift was being inhealth professionals in the ministry and its allied detroduced in the nursing colleges to increase the number of graduates. Moreover, work on a revised National Action Plan 2025-30 has

been started to control the population growth. As the prime minister was told about the installation of new health equipment worth Rs 711 million in Islamabad's hospitals, he instructed the third-party audit of the purchase of th

It was informed that a modern hospital management system would be installed in Islambad's hospitals and that waste managepublic and four private sec-

said equipment. ment plants were operating in the capital city's five

tor hospitals.



Education after being elected as chairperson of the Committee at Parliament House Islamabad.

Loader Rickshaw distribution **PRC**S empowers flood-affected families with livelihood assistance

ISLAMABAD (APP): rickshaws. Additionally, 35 try Delegation, volunteers, Under the leadership of Chairman Sardar Shahid Ahmed Laghari, the Pakiloader rickshaws were discommunity members and tributed in Jaffarabad dislocal notables. Chairman PRCS Sardar Shahid Ahmed trict of Balochistan. The distribution of loader rickstan Red Crescent Society (PRCS), in collaboration shaws in Punjab and Laghari praised the relentwith the International Fed-Khyber Pakhtunkhwa will less dedication of PRCS eration of the Red Cross and take place after Eid-alstaff and volunteers, who Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), on Wednesday has Adha. This initiative aims continue to provide crucial to strengthen the affected support to flood-affected successfully distributed 210 loader rickshaws communities by providing communities. He emphaa source of income. It is part sized PRCS's steadfast of PRCS's ongoing efforts among the families affected commitment to restoring by the monsoon floods of to empower communities to normalcy through multifac-2022. This initiative is cruregain their livelihoods and eted programs, including cial part of PRCS's Livelimove towards a brighter livelihood assistance, shelhood Assistance Program future. The distribution certer construction, cash assisduring the Recovery Phase. The loader rickshaws emonies were attended by tance, and health and hy-Secretary General PRCS, giene initiatives. Muhammad Abaidullah Khan, Dr. Asfar Shams, We remain dedicated have been allocated to deserving families in five disto our mission of serving Health Coordinator, IFRC tricts of Sindh province, including Dadu, Khairpur, humanity and stand ready Country Delegation Pakito support communities in stan, officials from the protheir journey towards re-Shikarpur, Larkana, and Oambar Shahdadkot, with vincial and district branches covery and resilience, each district receiving 35 of PRCS and IFRC Coun-Chairman Laghari stated. **MORA** advises Pakistani **3** sanitary workers pilgrims to strictly adhere asphyxiated by to Saudi laws during Hajj toxic gases Jamarat, all arrangements during the Hajj days are managed by the Saudi Min-istry of Hajj and its ap-ISLAMABAD (APP): in well

Irfan elected unopposed as Chairman of Senate foreign affairs committee

ISLAMABAD (APP): Senator Irfan Siddiqui, the Parliamentary Party Leader of the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) in the Senate, was elected unopposed as the Chairman of the Senate Standing

while the opposition sena-

tors abstained from voting.

was nominated for the

chairmanship by Pakistan

People's Party (PPP) par-

liamentary leader Senator

Sherry Rehman and Jamiat

Ulema-e-Islam (F) parlia-

mentary leader Maulana

Atta ur Rehman

Senator Irfan Siddiqui

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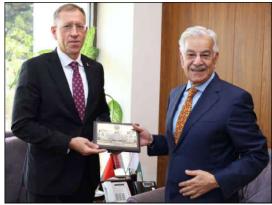
The nomination was seconded by PPP Senator Rana Mehmoodul Hasan and PML-N Senator Dr. Afnanullah Khan.

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In a meeting attended by six members, including Sherry Rehman, Rana Mehmoodul Hasan, Rubina Qaimkhani, and Afnanullah Khan, endorsed

Irfan Siddiqui. PTI Senators Ali Zafar and Liaquat Khan Tarakai abstained from voting but expressed their support for post-election. Ali Zafar commented,

'If it weren't for our ongoing political issues, I would have personally nominated Senator Irfan Siddiqui for the chairmanship.



ISLAMABAD: Minister for Defence & Defence Production Khawaja Muhammad Asif presenting a souvenir to Ambassador of Belarus, Andrei Metelitsa.

NCRC launches State of **Children in Pak Portal**

ISLAMABAD (APP): The National Commission on the Rights of Child (NCRC) commemorated the World Day Against Child Labour by launching the State of Children in Pa-kistan portal and presenting its annual report for 2023-24. This event marks a significant step forward in the fight against child labour and the promotion of children's In her welcome re-marks, Chairperson NCRC

Ayesha Raza Farooq emphasized, "As we leave this room today, let us commit to becoming advoagainst the silent exploitaboys and girls working in ernmental organizations,

Independent Report

ISLAMABAD: Inspector General of Police (IGP)

Syed Ali Nasir Rizvi, held

an orderly room at Central

Police Office Islamabad, to

ensure timely and priori-

tized resolution of institu-

tional and personal matters

concerning police officers.

an orderly room aims to pri-

The establishment of

guest, Minister of Law and Justice and Human Rights. Senator Azam Nazeer Tarar, affirmed the government's commitment, stating, "The Ministry of Human Rights is fully committed to supporting the efforts of the NCRC in their mission to end child labour and bring about legislative reforms. I am pleased to announce that the compre-hensive bill 'Prohibition of Child Labour in Domestic Work 2024' drafted by the NCRC is being considered at the highest forum of the National Task Force on Human Rights." The event cates for change. Speak up was participated by a broad spectrum of staketion happening in our midst. holders, including interna-Let us not normalize young tional and national non-gov-





ISLAMABAD (APP): The Ambassador of

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Wednesday directed the authorities concerned to build a health tower of international standard in the federal capital to house hospitals, medical

government's main con- ture sector but also increase cern, according to senior PML-N politician Engineer Khurram Dastgir Khan on Wednesday. This would be included in the budget for the forthcoming fiscal year, 2024-25

Talking to PTV news channel, he said that vulnerable sections of society would be protected and top priority would be to reduce financial burden on common man.

government would continue to provide relief to the poor He said that selfless less efforts by the Prime people and government employees in the current and Minister Shehbaz Sharif had resulted in the gradual future budgets



ISLAMABAD: Chief Guest, Senator Mushahid Hussain Syed along with Ambassador of the Republic of the Philippines Maria Agnes M. Cervantes cutting the cake on the occasion of the National Day of the Philippines at a local hotel.

Committee recommends closure, merger of some govt entities; contributory pension for new employees

ture. The committee sug-

gested engaging the private

sector for service delivery

in the government depart-

ments, besides banning un-

necessary travel of govern-

ment officials to reduce ex-

penditures by promoting

teleconferencing. More-

over, the government ve-

hicles should be withdrawn

from the officers availing the

monetization facility, it

recommendations, the

prime minister constituted

a high-powered committee

instructing it to furnish a

comprehensive report

within 10 days, consider-

ing the best global practices.

Shehbaz expressed the hope

that the recommendations

Prime

. Minister

ISLAMABAD (APP): the size of its infrastruc-The committee constituted to reduce the government's expenditures recommended on Wednesday to close, merge, or hand over some government departments to provinces, introduce a contributory pension mechanism for newly-appointed employees, and abolish the vacancies lying vacant for over a year.

Headed by the Deputy Chairman of Planadded. Based on the said ning Commission and comprising federal Cabinet, Establishment, and Power secretaries, Dr Qaiser Bangali, Dr Farrukh Saleem and Muhammad Naveed Iftikhar, presented its preliminary report to Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif containing its short-and medium-term recommendations at a meeting to discuss the reduction in government's expenses and tional kitty

only strengthen the agriculproduction. He said we are giving

commerce, and agriculture

sector in the country, he

He vowed that the

Vice Chancellor, AIOU incentives to IT sector Prof. Dr. Nasir Mahmood. which will boost its ex-

Mr. Movlamov discussed Despite the difficult the potential for enhanced circumstances, the budget mutual understanding and would not only provide rerelations between Pakistan lief to the masses, but also and Turkmenistan. boost the industry, trade,

Prof. Dr. Mahmood expressed the deep historical and cultural ties between the two countries and emphasized the mutual respect and affection between the people of Pakistan and

Turkmenistan. He also proposed the establishment of a special section in the AIOU History Museum dedicated to showcasing the literature and work of Furkmenistani poets.

Naqvi takes notice of delay in Capital's beautification

plan ISLAMABAD (APP) Federal Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi has taken notice of the delay in Islamabad's beautification plan and ordered the immediate removal of the Mem-

ber Environment of CDA. The Interior Minister stated that any further delay in the project will not be tolerated and those officers who didn't perform would not have a place in his team.

He directed the CDA Chairman to appoint a hardworking and competent officer to the post of Member Environment, who can work round the clock to ensure the successful implementation of

Budget

plan.

assist common people: Shakir ISLAMABAD (APP): Member of National As-sembly (MNA), Malik Shakir Bashir Awan said on Wednesday that the coalition government presented a people friendly budget

keeping in mind their hardby the high-powered committee would help save billions of rupees for the nament House.

Atadjan Movlamov, visited Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU) and met with During the meeting,

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The Ministry of Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony (MORA) on Wednesday advised Pakistani pilgrims to comply fully with Saudi regulations, particularly during the Hajj days in Mina, Arafat, Muzdalifa and Jamarat.

Issuing an advisory ahead of Hajj starting from 8th Zilhajj (June 14 - Friday), Secretary Religious Affairs Zulfiqar Haider emphasized the importance of following the instructions of Saudi authorities without argument. "At the holy sites, including Mina,

Arafat, Muzdalifa, and

designed to

ships. Talking to the media persons outside the Parliasents the country's annual budget for fiscal year 2024-25.

ISLAMABAD (APP) Three sanitation workers died due to toxic gases in a well in Bhulwal Tehsil, Sargodha on

According to a pri vate news channel, res cue 1122 said the workers entered a well to clear it but they fainted due to toxic gases as soon as they entered it. They were already dead when the rescuers pulled

> The dead bodies were shifted to a nearby hospital

proved Makaatibs.' Haider also advised pilgrims to avoid all political and communal discus-Wednesday. sions and debates, as well as participation in banned activities such as political

meetings, processions or He warned Pakistani pilgrims that violating Saudi laws and engaging in prohibited activities could bring a bad name for the country. them out.

and stressed that individuals would be responsible

> ISLAMABAD (APP): The Government of Pakistan, in collaboration with Rabta Alaam Islami (Muslim World League), is set to host a landmark Global Conference on Girls' Education this September 2024.

of the three-day conference the National Assembly before Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb preis to explore and formulate effective strategies to en-

our neigh rhoods times in our own homes."

sions, donor agencies, gov-Speaking as the chief ernment representatives.

IGP Islamabad addresses police officials' concerns

quiries in serious cases

On the occasion, the IG Islamabad Syed Ali Nasir Rizvi highlighted various measures taken for the welfare of police officers, including initiatives aimed at improving residence facilities. enhancing healthcare provisions, and raising educational stan-dards. He assured all per-



oritize and address issues sonnel of an open-door faced by police officers on policy at his office, encoura timely basis, emphasizaging them to bring forward ing their welfare and issue any concerns for immediresolution. The orderly ate resolution. room was attended by all divisions' police officers.

He further said that. the primary objective of the During the orderly room, police officers brought forth both personal orderly room is not only to address the welfare, personal, and official issues of police officers but also to elevate their morale by prirected the senior police of- oritizing resolutions based ficers to complete re-in- on their well-being.

and ensure better resource

allocation for promoting

girls' education on a global

scale. The conference will

see the participation of emi-

Pak to host Global **Conference on Girls' Education in September** able institutional responses

and official concerns before

the IG Islamabad. He di-

This prestigious event aims to bring together a diverse group of international and national dignitaries, including education ministers from numerous Islamic countries, to address and find solutions to the numerous challenges faced by girls in the education sector, according to a press release issued here yesterday. The primary objective

nent scholars, education experts, policymakers, and various stakeholders who will share their expertise, experiences, and best practices in the field of girls' education. Prime Minister has established a dedicated committee to ensure the event is organized in a befitting and efficient manner. This committee is headed by Mohyuddin Wani, Secretary of Education, and includes Ms Nausheen Iftikhar MNA, Ms Dr Tanveer Anjum representatives from the Foreign Office.



for their own actions.

protests.

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OPINION

Daily **Independent** Quetta **Can the Gaza ceasefire work?**

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Unyielding onslaught

Seven soldiers paid the ultimate price in Lakki Marwat on Sunday when their vehicle was blown up in an IED attack, another painful reminder of the curity Council (UNSC), has called for an immedistate's inability to effectively counter rising terrorism. That same night, policemen successfully defended their post in Bajaur from a militant attack with no loss of lives. While we may be grateful for small mercies, it must be acknowledged such incidents are occurring with alarming frequency: CRSS data shows 281 fatalities of civilians and security personnel in the first quarter of 2024. This humanitarian ceasefire durnecessitates action on a war refused to stop the war. Infooting.

Several pivotal developments

have led to the resurgence of terrorist activities in Pakistan, notably the Afghan Taliban's takeover of Kabul in 2021. The collapse of the ill-advised ceasefire with the banned TTP has only exacerbated the situation. Meanwhile, Kabul's reluctance to rein in the group and ensure Afghan soil is not used for launching attacks against Pakistan has made an deal with child labour and already messy situation even are exploited and put to messier. Despite repeated diplomatic engagements and cross-border actions, the Taliban have shown little inclination to curb the activities of their ideological brethren. And so, an emboldened TTP has child labour. been able to regroup and mount sophisticated attacks against targets inside Pakistan. The presence of TTP sanctuaries in helping with planting and Afghanistan, reportedly sup-Afghanistan, reportedly sup-ported by modern weapons and financial aid from the Taliban, the industrial sector, the industrial sector, the industrial sector. According to Shagufta, when children the industrial sector, the fields, they are often har-

The Biden administration Zahid Hussain has completely sided with Vine months into Israel's Israel in its genocidal war.

genocidal war in Gaza, the JN Security Council has finally endorsed a ceasefire plan that promises to end hostilities in the occupied territory

The US-sponsored three-phased plan, which was approved overwhelmingly through a resolution, with only one abstention by the 15-member UN Seate truce and for "fully Gaza implement[ing] its terms" The resolution is binding on all sides.

Ever since the Israeli invasion of Gaza began last year, the UNSC has been the language of the text, in a deadlock over how to which appeared heavily end the war. It is the first tilted towards Israel, all time that the UNSC has UNSC members, except called for an immediate Russia which abstained, ceasefire in the Strip, voted in favour. Moscow which has been almost suggested an amendment in completely destroyed by the resolution calling for a Israel's relentless air and permanent ceasefire. ground strikes.

Earlier, it had adopted ported the resolution beresolution demanding a cause it wanted to see the fighting end and the hosing Ramazan. But Israel tages released. "We still have valid concerns on terestingly, the US has vewhether the parties contoed previous ceasefire cerned will accept the proposals in the UNSC.

whether the arrangement can be carried out smoothly," said the Chi-Although it may have nese ambassador to the come too late — after the UN

death of more than 38,000 The first phase of the people, most of them proposed peace plan calls women and children, and for an initial six-month the destruction of 80pc of ceasefire, with the release Gaza's buildings — the of hostages in exchange for resolution offers a glimmer Palestinian prisoners, the of hope for ending the onwithdrawal of Israeli forces going genocide. Notwithfrom populated areas in standing some ambiguity, Gaza and the return of Palthe resolution is seen as a estinian civilians to all arstep forward towards a eas in the territory. It also permanent ceasefire in requires the safe distribution of humanitarian assistance "at scale throughout The resolution was finalised after almost a

the Gaza Strip" week of hard UNSC nego-The second phase calls for "a permanent end to hostilities". This would tiations. Despite their strong reservations over be "in exchange for the re-

lease of all other hostages still in Gaza, and a full withdrawal of Israeli forces from Gaza". The third phase would see the launch of "a major multi-year reconstruction plan for Gaza and the return of the remains of any deceased hostages still in Gaza to their families'

The resolution also says that if negotiations take longer than six weeks for the first phase. "the ceasefire will still continue as long as negotiations conterms of the ceasefire and

tinue". Most importantly, the resolution rejects any attempt to change Gaza's territory or demography, or reduce its size. It reiterates the Security Council's "unwavering commitment to achieving the vision of a negotiated two-state solution where two democratic states. Israel and Palestine. live side by side in peace within secure and recognised borders". It also

stresses "the importance of unifying the Gaza Strip by the UNSC. with the West Bank under the Palestinian Authority". will not agree on an im-All that sounds very mediate

Netanyahu has said that positive but the real challenge is how to get it to Israel will fight until work. It is now the respon-Hamas's governing and sibility of the US and other military capabilities are world powers to get the destroyed. There is also plan fully implemented. no indication that the Is-

A major question, however, is whether Israel agrees to the three-phase ceasefire plan backed by the UN's most powerful body. While Hamas has welcomed the UNSC resolution and called for a permanent ceasefire, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has insisted that any talk of a permanent ceasefire before dismantling Hamas' military and governing capabilities would be a nonstarter.

The proposal was over the ceasefire deal to rejected by some in oversee civilian affairs in Netanyahu's right-wing postwar Gaza. His depargovernment and it is could push ture Netanyahu closer to the highly improbable that the Zionist regime will ultra-right parties, making it harder for him to agree to implement all the accept the terms of the terms. Israel's representative to the UN said the UN resolution. Far-right groups have threatened to country's goals in the war bring down the governhad not changed and that ment if the prime minisit would use military operations to free hostages ter agrees to the ceasefire. as it did days before the resolution was approved

Meanwhile, Israel has intensified its bombing and ground offensive It is clear that Israel in southern and central Gaza over the last few ceasefire. weeks, defying international pressure to stop the aggression that has killed tens of thousands in the enclave. The International Criminal Court is seeking arrest warrants raeli right-wing govern-ment would be willing to for Netanyahu on charges of war crimes and crimes accept most of the proviagainst humanity.

It is apparent that sions of the three-phased Israel has become increasingly isolated in the inter-Last week's resignation of the centrist party's national community with leader, Benny Gantz, from its refusal to end the war. The UN resolution pronet seems to have strengthened the right vides a way out of the war but it seems the Zionist wing's stranglehold on the regime is still not willing Israeli government. The to step back. It remains former minister develto be seen how much clout oped serious differences its closest ally can exerwith the prime minister cise. -- Courtesy Dawn

stone mining.

Rafia Zakaria They are everywhere. Sweeping floors in the homes of the wealthy, serving tea at stands, begging outside shopping malls, cleaning car windshields, working in brick kilns, and tilling the soil.

Pakistan has several pieces of legislation that work in full view of the rest of us. Today, as they do every year on this day, countries are marking the World Day Against Child Labour. It is estimated that Pakistan has over 12 million children who are victims of

According to data compiled in 2021, the vast majority of these children are working in the agricultural sector, harvesting wheat and

EU-funded Clear Cotton Around 1.5m are Project, which is trying forced to beg, while thousands are exploited as sex to raise awareness about the need to reduce child workers. These are damning, but not shocking, labour in the cotton fields and especially facts. There is no one in Pakistan who does not about the harms of pesticide exposure to chilencounter small children dren whose brains and bodies are still develop-

working around them every single day. We have many laws that pretend to address the problem, but the fact that almost none of them are enforced reveals that there is widespread public acceptance of children being put to work. This is a reprehensible situation and a moral indictment of an entire country In this atmosphere

China said it sup-

of apathy and disinterest in making things better, a few grassroots activists are trying to make a difference in the lives of these poor and exploited children. One such activist is a woman farmer called Shagufta Yasmeen.

Working children showing an injured Fatima struggling to sit up before collapsing went viral

Of all the child workers whose childhood and innocence are trashed when they are sent to work, little girls ing. Long-term exposure working in domestic setto pesticides has also tings are perhaps the been known to cause canmost vulnerable. Educer and other debilitating cated and wealthy memconditions in children. bers of society, who oth-In her report puberwise espouse a great lished in The Guardian commitment to charity

last August, journalist and to being good Mus-Zofeen T. Ebrahim asked, lims, regularly ignore the "How many more poor exploitation of these child workers must die in little girls, even though it Pakistan before change happens?" It is a good takes place under their very noses every single question that has still not day. Because these girls been answered almost a work in private spaces in year later. the homes of people, In the report, the journalist recounts the death of 10-year-old

to work in the home of

Pir Asad Ali Shah Jeelani.

The postmortem con-

firmed that the little do-

mestic worker had been

tortured, raped and

they can easily be physically and sexually abused without any conse-quences for the perpetra-Fatima Furiro who was found dead in a mansion tor in Khairpur. Her tortured

body was later exhumed little girl workers who mit. When everyone petuation. Collectively, for autopsy. Furiro had are barely 10 or 11 years thinks that exceptions this is a moral indictment been sent by her parents old themselves are em- can be made in the pro- of an entire country, and

cheaply.

The persistence of child labour and child exploitation in Pakistan is a moral issue. Despite all the commitments to goodness and charity and being faithful Muslims, people simply do not think that exploiting children is a condemnable act. This is why, even as we see children being beaten up, forced into begging, and kicked around in front of our very own eyes we do not raise our voices or punish the culprits

This extends to law end child labour and proenforcement and other government institutions tect our young ones from that, too, look the other way when they should be catching and impris-Furiro, is not implemented is because, in this oning the perpetrators, however rich and poweris no accountability of ful. Everyone likes to the wealthy and influen- condemn evil practices in tial, who are, in fact, theory but then they stay given a free pass after quiet and are, in fact, In other cases, these every atrocity they com- complicit in their per-

Shagufta works with the abused over a protracted who are indentured to wanting things done very EU-funded Clear Cotton period of time. Videos serve and cannot expect cheaply. any just or fair treatment. Nearly everyone in cities like Karachi and Lahore has seen these

peace plan.

the Israeli emergency cabi-

little girls sitting on the side or the floor while the rest of the family enjoys a fancy meal without even thinking of feeding them It is just this sort of dehumanisation, perpetrated by the well-educated and wealthy, that

allows child labour to

continue unchecked in

the country. The reason

that legislation, whose

ostensible purpose is to

the kind of brutality in-

flicted on little Fatima

land of inequality, there

poses a significant threat to they make glass bangles, Pakistan's national security.

To counter this escalating occupations, sometimes strong and harmful pesthreat, Pakistan must develop dife, are coal and gem- sprayed on the crop. a strategy that integrates both military and civilian efforts. The National Action Plan needs to be revitalised and enforced with Arooj Waheed Dar renewed vigour. Our security Even in 2024, women forces need to be adept at ha stand a long way from ac-cessing equal opportunindling asymmetric warfare including detecting and defusing sistent gender disparities across various spheres of IEDs, urban combat, and intelligence gathering. The military must be supported by welltrained, well-equipped police riers confronting women in Pakistan. Despite efforces to ensure a holistic approach to counterterrorism. Ensuring that no space is available to militants and their and sufficiency of initia-tives targeted at closing sympathisers is just as crucial. This includes rigorous monitoring of educational institutions, madressahs, and other potential recruitment grounds for ex-Pakistan. tremists. The state must also cut off funding sources for terrorist groups. Border security is another area to consider. This neglect of gender considinvolves not only physical barriers but also the deployment of advanced surveillance technologies and increased patrols to petuate gender inequaliprevent cross-border infiltration by militants. All the while, diplomatic efforts must continue to exert pressure on the Afghan Taliban to take concrete actions criminate access to for-mal capital markets, deagainst the TTP. This should be digital tools, etc. complemented by engaging with stakeholders such as China, year approaches, it is im-Russia, Iran and the UAE, to form a united front against the issues that have only rethreat posed by Afghanistanbased militants. The battle against terrorism is not solely the responsibility of the military. Civilian institutions, LEAs, and country's population is inhibited in its capacity society at large must get to work to contribute productively, underscoring the to counter this menace. The need for gender-centric martyrdom of our security personnel must not go in vain.

vesting wheat or cotton. This brings the children amongst other occupainto contact with very tions. Other hazardous

Thinking pink

adequate female representation is like building a house of cards. Sustainties with men. The perable economic recovery is sistent gender disparities contingent upon the mainstreaming of gendercentric policies across all ment, healthcare, and besectors. This necessitates yond — are stark remindintegrating the gendered ers of the structural barimpacts of policies into the planning process, rather than treating them forts, the nation consisas an afterthought. tently lags on gender par-In this context, the federal and provincial ity indices, raising concerns about the adequacy

budgets can be leveraged by respective governments to address disparithe gender gap. Placed 142nd out of 146 countries ties through gender-responsive budgeting. GRB on the WEF's 2023 Gloentails evaluating the bal Gender Gap Index, it gendered impacts of budgetary allocations, inteis evident that significant strides are needed to adgrating gender equality in planning processes, and dress gender inequities in establishing monitoring An examination of mechanisms for greater

past budgetary allocaaccountability. The tions and policy docuoverarching goal is to enments unveils a persistent sure equitable distribution of resources for inclusive erations, manifesting in development.

inadequate resource allo-It is disconcerting cation for women across that despite the widecrucial sectors. These spread adoption of GRB systemic imbalances perin many countries, including South Asian counterties, thwarting the full India parts and realisation of Pakistan's Bangladesh, Pakistan has human potential. Recent yet to present a genderstabilisation policies have responsive budget. As a further tilted the scales first step, all PC-1 forms against women due to dismust incorporate a dedicated section obligating departments to thoroughly assess the gendered impacts of the cent jobs, financial and As the new fiscal proposed projects. Projects that help level proposed perative to remind the the playing field should be prioritised over those government of the gender that magnify distortions. ceived perfunctory atten-Additionally, macroecotion over the years. nomic policies must only Policymakers must acbe implemented after knowledge that no ecocarefully assessing their nomic recovery can be differential impacts on sustainable if half the women.

To further promote gender equity, several key demands must be addressed, including ensuring equal employment opportunities, pay eq-While economic re- uity, supporting women-

priority, any effort to- financial incentives, and wards this goal without increasing funding for girls' education, especially in underserved areas. Expanding maternal, reproductive, and mental health services, establishing affordable childcare facilities, and streng-thening laws and support services against gender-based violence are also essential, particularly in the face of climatic cha-l-lenges. Ad--diti-o--nally, enhancing social protection program-mes for more coverage, along with in-

creasing digital and financial access is essential to promote equity. Greater representation of women in decision-making roles is of utmost import-ance. Currently, political representation seems confined to a few privileged women, often detached from the everyday challenges faced by the majority. This lack of repre-

sentative female voices in the political arena results in the formation of ineffective policies that overlook critical gender issues. Developing mechanisms to facilitate participatory budgeting can help addefeat. dress this concern.

The government must also prioritise data consolidation to support evidence-based policymaking present, the inadequate targeting of social programmes stemming from deficiencies in data undermines the effectiveness of initiatives. With limited fiscal space, the government must calibrate each and every budgetary allocation judiciously for maximised impact, for which data is key. In a nutshell, mainstreaming gender considerations across all sectors during the plan-

ning phase can enable policy-makers to significantly enhance the prospects for fairer, more inclusive economic resurgence. -- Courtesy Dawn

ployed as caregivers for hibition of child labour, reveals a deep ethical small babies. As wealthy tacit acceptance is cremothers' shop, chat with ated in society for this little wrong in the failure friends, and eat at fancy scourge: the children of to protect the most helprestaurants these little the poor are seen as fair less and vulnerable in sogirls trail them like slaves game when it comes to ciety. -- Courtesy Dawn

bankruptcy that sees

Whither Europe?

Mahir Ali

Shortly after Joe Biden and a phalanx of European Le Pen has been trying to leaders gathered in cleanse the party of its fas-Normandy last week to cist associations, including commemorate the 80th anby distancing it from Germany's Alternative für niversary of the D-Day landings that launched the Deutschland, some of endgame in the continent's whose leaders refuse to stop expressing their admi-ration for the Third Reich. bitterest conflict, citizens in 27 states began to vote in European parliamentary Notwithstanding some recent scandals involving its elections that were predicted to demonstrate a international associations surge in support for pre-- kowtowing to the Kremlin, for instance, and spy-ing for China — the AfD cisely the kind of ideologies that purportedly per-ished in 1944-45. did better in the Euro polls One aspect of Operathan any component of

tion Overlord that seldom Chancellor Olaf Scholz's scores a mention in current supposedly centre-left coalition, but not as well commentary is that the Soviet Union had been pleadas the Christian Democrats ing for a second front since (CDU)soon after Operation von der Leyen, who Barbarossa, when the Nazis swept across its terrigreeted the European electory three years before Dtion results by offering the Day. There were those in Europe who relished the holding, hopes to win a prospect of a combat besecond term as European tween the USSR and Nazi Commission president. She Germany, and the has lately been courting Normandy landings were at Giorgia Meloni, whose 'post-neofascist' Brothers least partly motivated by the fear that the Red Army of Italy came on top in anwould overrun Europe and other former Axis state. take sole credit for Hitler's Meloni postures on the international stage as the ac-

Soviet forces did indeed reach Berlin before their Western allies — and a brief camaraderie made way before long for the Cold War. Stalin's regime is accurately accused of imposing its will on Eastern Europe. Somewhat decades has been the exmore subtly, the US did the same in Western Europe. (both left and right) has One of the CIA's first missought to 'combat' the sions was to ensure that hard right by co-opting its Italy did not vote in a comideas, notably (but not exmunist or socialist majorclusively) on immigration. ity in its first postwar poll. In many parts of Europe, Part of the effort involved for instance, economic disincorporating Nazi operatress is related to ageing tives or collaborators into societies and diminishing 'democratic' Europe's populations. But where postwar establishments.

is the party advocating better-organised immigra-The precursor of tion as a possible solu-tion? The focus is France's Rassemble-ment National, whose gains in last week's polls panicked identitarian, powered Emmanuel Macron into mainly by white Chriscalling a snap parliamentian nationalism, and deditary election, was Front cated to excluding black

National, which was co-founded by Nazi collabo-rators. RN leader Marine and brown ethnicities. Hence the EU devotes its energies not to educating the masses but to bribing North African states to detain and brutalise the politically or economically persecuted unfortunates who aspire to a new life on the fringes of a European experiment that they don't realise has failed.

The second rou-nd of the French election, on July 7, will precede the op--ening ceremony of the Paris Olympics barely by a fortnight. Macron is obviously hoping that the anti-fascist voters will emerge to thwart the likelihood of an FN majority. As many commentators have indi-The CDU's Ursula cated, though, it could mean cohabiting with the hard right for the remainder of his presidential assurance that the centre is term, and then handing over to Le Pen in 2027

Whether or not it crossed voters' minds, the war in Ukraine was a factor in the EU elections, with some of the far right as well as far left parties calling for accommodation with Vladimir Putin the D-Day ceremonies ceptable face of Europe's also highlighted Russia's far right, while her aggression as an echo of government's domestic at-Nazi attitudes from long titudes reflect a clearer imago. Without excusing age of its perverse inclina-Putin's self-serving trespasses, it might have been A defining feature of more fruitful to focus on European politics in recent why Moscow might suspect the intentions of tent to which the centre hostile neighbours.

Neither the EU's dedication to Ukraine nor its devotion to Israel, notwithstanding the latter's genocidal tendencies, is likely to shift much in the near future, but the future of the anyhow inadequate Europ-ean Green Deal is in doubt. Add a second Trump administration to the equation, and humanity's short-term future shifts from gloom to doom, regardless of anything Putin or Xi Jinping might be plotting. -- Courtesy Dawn

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Task forces to be formed to fight KP's case, address problems of universities: Governor

PESHAWAR (APP): Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Governor, Faisal Karim Kundi has said that a task force comprising representatives of political parties would be formed to fight the case of the province.

He was talking to a representative delegation of Peshawar Press Club (PPC) led by its President Arshad Aziz Malik here Wednesday. The Governor said that the task force would be formed after consultation with political parties with an aim to fight the case of the province and to improve the education system. He told

that consultation process with political parties was underway and afterwards, political leadership would be contacted to nominate their representatives for also been directed to devise inclusion in the task force.

He said that task force pension would prepare papers mentioning arguments and reasons, adding it would rights of the province. The KP Governor

said that a similar task force reason. He accepted the invitation to visit PPC and address education sector and to resolve issues being faced by universities. He also expressed

concern over deteriorating standard of education in Edwards College and said that it was astonishing that provincial government was ignoring education sector and on the contrary, Punjab and Sind governments have allocated a considerable amount of Rs. 6 billion and 20 billion respectively for universities.

Chairman State Life has

issues in universities. The Governor said that, he was being informed that Peshawar-D serve as a milestone for I Khan Motorway was not others and help getting executed according to the standard and its length has been increased without any

> said that he would also bring the Federal Information Minister to the Club. The delegation also invited Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari to visit PPC. Earlier, the President PPC informed the Governor about the affairs of the Club, including strength of its members, audit system and medical

facilities. He briefed the Governor about the working of the Capacity Building Committee of the He said that the Club and the amount provided to members on Eids and under the head of

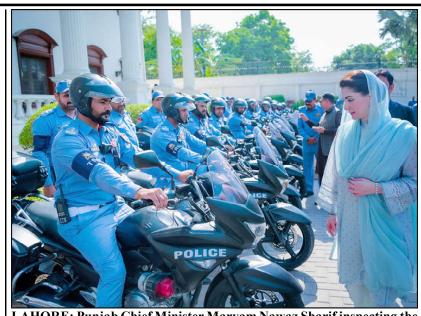
Child labor not

be tolerated:

CM Maryam

In her message on

a strategy to resolve medical expenses



LAHORE: Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif inspecting the Traffic Response Unit in order to improve the flow of traffic in the city.

CM Maryam launches traffic response unit

LAHORE (APP): Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif has launched the Traffic Response Unit in order to improve the flow of traffic in the city at the earliest.

The CM directed to remove carriages obstructing traffic flow and to provide alternative place for carriages.

Maryam Nawaz Sharif inspected Traffic Response Ûnit bike, talked to warden, inquired about training and other issues. She observed the message to be delivered through public address in case of a traffic jam. The CM was briefed

(CTO) Ammara Athar that management in which Special Traffic Response enforcement of Intelligence Unit would reach the traffic Traffic Signal Management jam area on 15 call. A System in Lahore was special unit of 50 heavy reviewed. She directed to bikes and 100 wardens will improve the flow of traffic take immediate action to in Lahore at the earliest. clear the traffic. The The chief minister Traffic Response Unit has

also directed to conduct an been given special training effective awareness for one month besides a campaign on restrictions for rickshaws and motorbikes, in order to was ensure line discipline in any case. She gave directions to carry out effective and sustainable planning for elimination

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encroachments on roads, and directed to restore screens installed for traffic

Two arrested for packing fake engine oil budget proposals on June 14 PESHAWAR (APP): The district administration on

Wednesday arrested two people for packing fake engine oil and seized The cabinet will discuss the annual budget packing materials during for the financial year 2024the ongoing crackdown against adulteration.

25 and the annual development program. According to the Secretary district administration, the Chairman relevant team conducted Planning and Development raids on GT Road Board and respective Chughalpura, where two people were found packing and boards will brief the counterfeit engine oil in the renowned budget packaging material, and the warehouse was sealed.

to generate resources for A large quantity of unterfeit meeting expenses during

05 ews **PHC** launches "Advocate's Case **Diary**" web application

PESHAWAR (APP): Chief includes fixation of cases of Justice Peshawar High Court (PHC), Justice Ibrahim on Ishtiaq Wednesday launched a web application "Advocate's Case Diary" which went online on the official

website of the Court.

Judiciary,

and innovation.

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web application marked a

significant step forward in

the modernization of the

transformative power of

technology. The web application

Advocate Case Diary is not

just a software program but

a bridge between tradition

streamlines processes and

judicial procedures by

making them more cost-

Advocate Case Diary

effective and efficient.

This web application

Some features of the

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each advocate on a calendar basis. Moreover, it will keep a record of all pending as well as decided cases of a particular advocate. The web application

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has a feature to display all issued summons in a particular case as well as show the complete fixation history of a particular case.

The advocates will have the facility to access all scanned records of their cases with added features like print and download options. Besides facilitating the lawyers, the web application has the feature of displaying a realtime online cause list.

The chief justice desired to extend such facilitation to the general public and the litigants as well so that they may have ease of access to the web application, the Judicial proceedings of a particular case.



LAHORE: U.S Consul General in Lahore Kristin K. Hawkins meeting with Punjab Transport Minister Bilal Akbar Khan.

Poor, salaried class to be provided relief in Sindh Budget: Nasir

KARACHI Provincial Minister for Energy, Planning and Development Syed Nasir Hussain Shah on Wednesday said the Sindh government will provide relief to the salaried class and poor people in the

budget Speaking to the media after the Sindh Assembly session, Shah said that President Asif Ali Zardari and PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto want that the increase in salary should be proportional to inflation, so as far as possible we should increase the salaries

mutual interest.

were also present.

for

(APP): facilities and free and cheap electricity to the people of Sindh are the top priorities in the budget and Bilawal Bhutto wishes that no new tax be imposed on the people.

If taxation becomes inevitable, it would be imposed on the privileged class and the luxury items, provincial minister said. adding that Prime Minister has been requested not to impose any kind of tax on solar

Nasir Shah said that new development schemes are not being introduced in the provincial budget, but priority will be given to completing ongoing

of the employees. The Energy Minister

LAHORE (APP): Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif said on LAHORE (APP): National DG NAB freezes all Accountability Bureau properties and stocked (NAB) Lahore Director commodities owned by the accused persons and appoints Assistant

into the for the frozen assets. It's pertinent to mention here that NAB to relate the children from exploitation, Rashid, who absconded Lahore is pursuing a robust

billions

Indus Telemetry system

launched to revolutionize

irrigation system in KP

PESHAWAR: Ambassador of Iran Reza Amiri Moghadam and Consul General Ali Banafshekhah called on Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi at Governor House Peshawar.

NAB takes action on sugar broker's mysterious disappearance

General Amjad Majeed Aulakh takes swift action against a mega sugar scam by authorizing an instant inquiry disappearance of a sugar broker named Sheikh

Wednesday that child labor was a violation of human rights, would not be tolerated in the province. Commissioner (AC) Sadiqabad as "Receiver" International Day Against Child Labour, the CM said

today was a day to renew and to ensure their right to education and childhood

by Chief Traffic Officer a special meeting on traffic Sindh cabinet meeting to discuss provincial

KARACHI (APP): Sindh 30 and June 10, 2024. Cabinet meeting will be held on Friday (June 14) at Chief Minister secretariat to discuss provincial budget proposals.

According to the announcement, Sindh Chief Finance, Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah will chair the cabinet meeting in which the heads of departments various agenda items will be discussed. The budget meeting about proposals proposals will also be regarding approved in the cabinet allocations and the way meeting.

The meeting

warden will also record through a special camera. Later, the CM chaired guidance.

first aid course by Red Crescent. СМ The informed that public address system and first aid box would also be installed on each motorcycle, and the traffic

with billions of rupees in investigation against prime accused Sheikh Raashid and sugar stockists across Punjab.

Keeping in view, a high-level investigation team has been constituted to probe the multibillion scam that has left countless investors of Punjab and several cities of Sindh, in distress.

As per details, the NAB investigation team's initial raids uncover a web of deceit by revealing warehouses and shops in Sadiqabad, being used to stock misappropriated commodities by accused Sheikh Rashid and his urges all affected investors accomplices. Taking of the Sugar Scam to remain decisive action under calm and cooperate with Section 12 of NAO 1999, the ongoing investigations.

free of labour. The CM along with accomplices named Kashif Ali and said: "Taking labor from innocent children is a Faisal Ali, under the National Accountability criminal act and also socioeconomic problem" Ordinance, 1999 and Anti-Children's innocent hands Laundering Money should have pens, not Act.2010 and investigating tools, she stressed. the misappropriation of public funds worth The CM said:

children are our future. Together we can make child Chairman NAB, Lt. labor-free Punjab."The CM Gen ® Nazir Ahmed has said that no child should be issued clear instructions deprived of childhood for employing priority to innocence. "We have to the cases pertaining to general public investments play our part to give children a life full of smiles to ensure justice is served. and dreams", she added. In this regard, NAB Lahore

Pesco, police launch joint operation against

power theft PESHAWAR (APP): The Peshawar Electric Supply Company (PESCO) and police on Wednesday launched a joint operation to curb power theft in the

PESHAWAR (APP): In a landmark development, the Indus Telemetry Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government with support transformative step in our from the USAID and the efforts to International Water sustainable Management Institute (IWMI)-deployed the distribution. Indus Telemetry System across 11 main irrigation canals in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP).

This cutting-edge technology will revolutionize water management and reporting in the province's irrigation system

Minister of Irrigation for Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Aqib Ullah Khan officially launched the Indus Telemetry System at a ceremony held here on Wednesday

"The deployment of province. According to the PESCO spokesman, the KP police had provided the System marks personnel and more than 800 policemen would ensure collaborate with the water management and equitable company's teams in the field across all circles, This technology will divisions, and subdivisions

enhance our capacity to of the company.Under the manage water resources joint operation plan, the efficiently police force would and transparently," he stated accompany each SDO during the ceremony. along with their respective

"Indus Telemetry staff in the field. He said utilizes advanced sensors that the operation was not to monitor flow depth and only aimed at apprehending velocity for estimating electricity thieves but also actual flows at remote to impose fines and canal locations," explained register cases against them. Dr. Maohsin Hafeez, He hoped that the joint Director, Water, Food & operation would lead to Ecosystems and Country Representative of IWMI/ swift recovery of dues besides to decrease incidents of attacks.

confirm the minutes of the the year starting from estimated at 10,000 liters. cabinet meetings of May July 2024 intended for distribution

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GILGIT: Chief Minister Gilgit-Baltistan Haji Gulbar Khan presiding over measures the cabinet meeting for the development and prosperity of the region at CM Secretariat.

Provincial ombudsman chairs monthly review meeting

PESHAWAR (APP): every citizen to file Provincial Ombudsman, complaints against the Syed Jamal Ud Din Shah misuse of power and misuse of power and while chairing the monthly authority by government department. He said that the review meeting of the secretariat said that Ombudsman Secretariat, ad ministrative accountability and measures for the since its inception has followed the steps to prevention of abuse of further enhance efficiency authority are vital for and to produce qualitative good results for the satisfaction of complainants.

He said that it is the He advised the constitutional right of investigative officers.

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maintaining

PESHAWAR (APP): The government of Khyber

providing affordable and

accessible healthcare for all

has become one of the main

priorities for many low-and

middle-income countries

Wednesday made

consistent strides towards

on

Pakhtunkhwa

governance.

Youth dies in dumper, bike collision

SARGODHA (APP): A motorcyclist died after being hit by an over-speeding dumper, here on Wednesday.

Police said that a any recklessly driven dumper knocked down Muhammad Asif Gujjar near Chak No 138-SB. The deceased was a resident of Chak No 128-SB. The body was shifted to hospital for postmortem. Sillanwali police have

registered a case against the dumper driver and started investigation

motor oi said that providing water development projects.

US consul general Lahore meets Punjab law minister

LAHORE (APP): US province. Consul General Lahore The Puniał Kristin K Hawkins on government was focusing Wednesday met Minister on environmental issues for Law/ Communication and plantation drive he and Works Sohaib Ahmad added and further disclosed Bharth at his office and that defamation law was discussed the matter of very much beneficial to curb the fake news and in this regard Punjab Political Assistant Dukless and Secretary government appreciated Communication and Works the constructive criticism He further disclosed that all The minister briefed

stakeholders were taken on that the Punjab government board and their suggestions had been taking all were considered at the time of formulation of the the protection of minorities defamation law.

US Consul General living in Punjab, and it had been ensured that they Kristin K Hawkins appreciated the steps of must have equal progress the Punjab government. opportunities in the



LAHORE: Provincial Education Minister Rana Sikandar Hayat and others in a group photo on the occasion of opening ceremony of Digital Education at a local hotel of the provincial capital.

PDMA signs MoU with German organisation for disaster risk reduction

LAHORE (APP): A PDMA spokesperson, the memorandum of agreement includes plans to understanding (MoU) was increase cooperation in signed between the meeting the basic and Provincial Disaster nutritional needs of Management Authority communities affected by (PDMA) and a German natural disasters. The Welt organisation, Welt Hunger Hunger Hilfe pledged to Hilfe, at the Authority's support the PDMA support the PDMA head office here for Punjab in improving enhancing disaster risk disaster risk reduction and reduction and addressing climate change challenges

in the province. ceremony, representatives from both organisations discussed mutual issues

ecosystem restoration. Director General (DG) Irfan Ali Kathia During the signing affirmed that the PDMA Punjab would provide

comprehensive support to Welt Hunger Hilfe. The and expressed appreciation for the PDMA efforts.

German organisation would assist the PDMA in According to a conducting local risk.

universal health coverage the goal of expanding strengthening including healthcare to its improved implementation of Universal Health population. To advance in achieving UHC in KP, the Health Department Coverage, through its technical assistance programme Evidence for Government of KP is developing a UHC implementation roadmap. Health (E4H). The E4H team under the leadership of Dr Zafar The roadmap is Mirza former Special

necessary to fill the gaps in UHC implementation direction for UHC reforms

The (FCDO) is supporting the provincial government in health

KP leads provinces in providing

with a strategic plan for

Foreign, relevant stakeholders on

Advisor to the Prime Minister on Health is working to develop a UHC implementation roadmap

KP. In this regard, a Commonwealth and consultative workshop Development Office was organised in Peshawar to get inputs from all the

the draft roadmap system

over recent years by advancing Universal Health Coverage (UHC). For achieving UHC, every country needs to and to provide a develop its unique consolidated and strategic develop its unique strategy in accordance with its context though in the province. the principles remain the same The government of



LAHORE: A group photo during the ELO training workshop on "Forced Labor and Fair Recruitment" for journalists, with senior journalist Aoun Sahi and Dr Faisal Iqbal, National Project Coordinator at local hotel.

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Govt earmarks Rs 267,952m for various ongoing, new schemes of power sector

ISLAMABAD (APP): million (own resources) for electrification works at The government has allocated an amount of Rs 267,952.773 million for various ongoing and new schemes of power sector in annual public sector development programme (PSDP) for year 2024-25.

According to the a sum of Rs 4500 million getary document each has been earmont budgetary released here Wednesday, out of total allocation, a sum of Rs 113,760.301 million has been specified for ongoing schemes through PSDP, Rs 17,401 million for new schemes and Rs 136,791.472

year 2024-25.Out of total different valleys of district Chitral, Rs 4,536.225 allocation, the local component stands at Rs million for 220 kV Quaid-135,564 million and foreign e-Azam Apparel and 135,564 million and foreign e-Azam Apparel and loan component is Rs Business Park Grid 132,388.208 million during Station, Rs 38,000 million the said period. for installation of 2x600

MW Coal Fired Power Project **GENCO-I** (Jamshoro), Rs 3,808 for 220/132 Kv GIS million for Power substation Dhabiji and 220 Distribution Enhancement Kv Haripur Substation, Rs Investment Program-II, Rs 6,000 million for 220Kv 4,499 million electricity Swabi Substation, Rs 6,500 distribution efficiency million for 500 Kv Allama improvement project Iqbal Industrial City, Rs (MEPCO), Rs 3,691.509 1,424.360 million for million for electricity

distribution efficiency improvement project (HESCO) and Rs 2,600 million for 500 kV Matiari—Moro-R Khan. For New Scheme, an amount of Rs 6,250 million has been earmarked for land acquisition for installation of 1200 MW solar power plant Layyah, Rs 4,500 million for electricity distribution improvement and Rs 6,000 million for installation of assets performance management system on 100 kV and 200 kV distribution transformers **Chairman WAPDA reviews**



Federal Minister for Communications, Privatization and Investment Board Abdul Aleem Khan presiding over a meeting of NHA in Islamabad.



LAHORE: Business community persons and LCCI members listening the budget 2024-25 at LCCL

UAE-based British Pakistani

launches Trade Gate, offering

diverse trading opportunities

ISLAMABAD (APP): Team briefed the Chairman Chairman WAPDA Engr Lt about the progress achieved so far. Gen Sajjad Ghani (Retd) Wednesday visited Neelum Jhelum Hydropower It was briefed that dewatering of 48-Km long Project to review ongoing head race tunnel had been inspection of the Head Race completed from the elevation of 1012 feet to

The Chairman visited in detail the de-watered head race tunnel to inspect and review damages that might have occurred to the tunnel. He was accompanied by Project Manager, Neelum Jhelum Consultants James Stevenson.

The Consultants, the carrying out the remedial works

inspection of Neelum Jhelum

Project's Head Race Tunnel'

607 feet above mean sea

level. Subsequently,

inspection of the head race

tunnel has commenced. The

process for engaging International Experts had

also been initiated, as

directed by the Prime

Minister during his visit to the Project last month.

Experts would ascertain

the causes of fault in the

headrace tunnel and make

recommendations for

The International



ISLAMABAD: A shopkeeper displays a BBQ grill and wooden logs at his workplacefor the upcoming Eid-ul-Azha.

Wafaqi Mohtasib for immediate operationalization of five CNL-4

Economists, businessmen, people laud federal budget 2024-25

international

Senior economists, traders, businessmen and people of all walks of life Wednesday highly lauded the federal budget 2024-25 and termed practices. He said after it goal oriented with maximum relief provided to all sectors in the country.

considerably in the next Dr Muhammad Naeem, former Chairman three decades. Economics Department, University of Peshawar told APP that Prime a contributory pension Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif, Finance scheme for new recruitment for which the government Minister Muhammad would deposit its share Aurangzeb and their every month and praised finance team deserved full credit and appreciation for presenting a goal-oriented budget despite prevailing economic and fiscal Naeem challenges.

He appreciated the

Chairman CST urges govt to bring non-filers into tax net

MULTAN (APP) Chairman of Chamber and Small Traders (CST) Ehtesham-ul-Haq advised the government to bring the non-filers into tax net instead burdening them with heavy taxes.

Giving reaction on budget speech by Finance Minister, Muhammad Aurangzeb, he said the government was well aware deprivation for the residents of Khyber government was well aware non-filers in his statistical Pakhtunkhwa. record. Moreover, ne sald among the non-filers were the majority who not aware of the system to which they could be registered as filers.

PESHAWAR (APP): three-pronged strategy of Pakistan as indicated announced by the Finance by the Economic Survey Minister to reform the of Pakistan 2023-24, pension scheme in line with which is the highest in best 19 years.

He said that it would help drive the country's reforms in the pension scheme, the pension liability would be reduced GDP by an expected 2.38 percent in financial year 2024-25 which means recovering from a contraction of 0.21 percent Dr Naeem supported the proposal of launching in the previous financial

He said that per capita income has increased to \$1.680 from \$1.551 while inflation was down the proposal of the to 26 percent against 28 pension fund. percent last year. He said Dr Muhammad it was possible due to bold highly economic, fiscal and appreciated the strong monetary policies of the 6.25 percent expansion present elected in the agriculture sector government.

KP Governor for economic well-being of KP people, alleviation of deprivations

PESHAWAR Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi in a meeting with Chairman State Life Corporation Shoaib Javaid Hussain here at the Governor House on Wednesday emphasized the economic well-being and alleviation of

(APP): meeting adding that the governor issued directives to strengthen the health and Takaful zones of State Life in Dera Ismail Khan.

The meeting also discussed the SOS Village project, with an announcement of full cooperation from the Governor House. Additionally, deliberations took place on a pilot project for expensive

education and global to wealth creation and ISLAMABAD (APP): investment opportunities, management **B**ritish Pakistani Shakeel Ahmad fostering a vibrant community through participants a broad Meer of the Meer Group platform to explore and seminars and networking. launched the first Trade invest in various sectors. The initiative plans Gate branch in Dubai, Trade Gate offers aiming to innovate trading global expansion, aiming to diverse and joint ventures by integrating various opportunities, allowing lead in trading education and business investment participants to explore sectors such as electric globally, starting with

integrating business sectors. It offers scholarships, practical training, and diverse trading opportunities across sectors like EV, automotive, e-commerce, real estate, and luxury cars, said a press release issued here.

UAE-based

Meer's vision is to joint ventures. democratise financial

Dubai as a transformative vehicles, automotive, milestone. ecommerce, real estate, and Trade Gate goes luxury car advisory

services. With expert beyond a conventional training center, becoming a guidance and investment dynamic hub that prospects, Trade Gate empowers individuals with helps individuals capitalize on cutting-edge trends and the knowledge and tools market dynamics, paving the way for trading for success in trading and

Its holistic approach success. **Coca-Cola appoints**

Tunnel. He reached Dam Weir) site of the Project located at Nauseri, Azad Jammu & Kashmir, said a press release issued here.

Contractors and the Project offers

Pak & Afghanistan region

PCJCCI keen to

conduct Pak-China

food, cultural analog

Volkan as new VP for

ISLAMABAD (APP): Wednesday. Speaking Coca-Cola Company has appointed Volkan Öngüç as new Vice President for Pakistan and Afghanistan of Eurasia & Middle East Operation Unit of the

company. Volkan's professional experience in commercial management, business development, and sales spans over two decades. His expertise in revenue growth management, both Turkey and internationally, have been musical a key asset for the talent and diversity of Company since he joined in April 2021, said a press Pakistani music and release issued here on culture.

about his vision for Coca-Cola Pakistan, Volkan Öngüç said, "İ believe Pakistan is a country of immense potential with over \$1 billion invested in the country by the Coca-Cola System. This is truly

fiscal year 2024-2025. a second home and has Minister for Finance many similarities with my and Revenue Senator home country Türkiye. Muhammad Aurangzeb such as our love for music. proposed the strict action I witnessed it with the while presenting the Federal Budget 2024-25 in launch of Coke Studio Season 15, the iconic the National Assembly on platform Wednesday showcasing the incredible

According to him, the government and the concerned departments were concerned by the availability of such

Retailers may

face penalty

for selling

PSX turns around to

(APP): Corridor (CPEC) had LAHORE Pakistan-China Joint Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCJCCI) President Moazzam Ghurki on Wednesday, the construction of during a think tank session. held at PCJCCI Secretariat, said the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) had achieved tangible and fruitful progress, becoming the the world's broadest-based and largest platform for international cooperation. It had been joined by 149 countries and 32 international organisations, showing strong vitality, the president added.

president said China-The PCJCCI Pakistan

undeniably brought numerous benefits to Pakistan's economy and the project had resulted in highways, ports and energy infrastructure, leading to improved transportation and energy efficiency. Furthermore, the CPEC had strengthened bilateral ties between China-Pak, fostering a strategic cooperative partnership, he added.

PCJCCI Senior Vice President Fang Yulong said that it was observed that Chinese community live in isolation which had

bullish trend, gains 207 points ISLAMABAD (APP): The 100-index of the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) turned around to bullish trend, gaining 207.94 points, a positive change of 0.29 per cent, closing at 72,797.43 points against 72,589.49 points

the previous day. A total of 293,083,473 shares valuing Rs10.541 billion were traded during the day as compared to 372,538,669 shares valuing Rs11.650

companies transacted their

Economic devastating impact. shares in the stock market

LAHORE: Workers picking fruit from a lychee tree at an orchard in the provincial capital.

smuggled cigarettes ISLAMABAD (APP):

trading

Ahmad Qureshi has The retailers may face directed the office of penalty for selling fake, Protectorate of Immigrants smuggled and non-taxpaid on Wednesday to open a cigarettes as strict action separate counter for has been proposed against women and senior citizens, such practices in the provide the facility of Federal Budget for the filling of forms online through internet, operationalize all the five counters of National Bank and authorize the regional offices to put protector stamp. He stated that the facility of protector clearance to all citizens of

place instead of asking them to visit regional offices. Wafaqi Mohtasib gave these directions after cigarettes in the market. submission of a report by the Inspection Team

headed by Senior Advisor Ahmad Farooq.

billion the previous day. As many as 435

counters of National Bank

ISLAMABAD (APP): Wafaqi Mohtasib had Wafaqi Mohtasib Ejaz constituted the Inspection Team comprising officers of the Wafaqi Mohtasib Secretariat, after taking notice of irregularities in the office of Protectorate of Immigrants.

The Inspection Team visited the Rawalpindi Office of Protectorate of Immigrants yesterday and heard the complaints of hundreds of people present there and issued orders at the spot to the Protectorate Officers. Pakistan be done at one On the arrival of the

Inspection Team of Wafaqi Mohtasib, there was a huge crowd in the office and there was no place for women to sit. Five counters of the National Bank existed to collect the fee but only at one counter the bank employee was

collecting the fee.

LAHORE: People purchasing the decorative stuff for sacrificial animals as shopkeepers displaying the decorative stuff for sacrificial animals to attract the customers at his shop in connection with upcoming Eid-ul-Azha.

Tamasha, SIMOSA earn accolades at Pakistan digital awards

ISLAMABAD (APP): Tamasha and SIMOSÁ, two premier digital platforms from Jazz, Pakistan's leading digital operator, have been recognized at the at the prestigious Pakistan Digital Awards 2024.

It may be noted that

According to a press release, these awards earned in excellence in websites, apps, and digital creators, underscoring the dynamic digital landscape spanning public, private, and third-sector organizations.

Tamasha, Pakistan's

foremost entertainment platform, was honored with the Best **Online Streaming Platform** award for the second consecutive year with the accolade highlighting its crucial role in the nation's digital entertainment evolution. Renowned for hosting major sporting

millions of viewers.

digital

events – e.g. the Asia Cup 2023, ICC World Cup 2023, and the ongoing ICC T20 World Cup 2024 -Tamasha has solidified its status as the preferred

digital streaming service for

During the me discussions were held on improving State Life facilities in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, said a press

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Kundi announced measures to address the

ted by

severe difficulties in release issued here after the pension payments.



HYDERABAD: Despite the high prices and limited affordability, large crowd gather at the temporary cattle market Hatri bypass to select and purchase sacrificial animals for the upcoming Eid ul-Adha festivities.

Rupee shed 11 paisa against dollar SLAMABAD (APP):

Pakistani Rupee on Wednesday witnessed a devaluation of 11 paisa against the US Dollar in the interbank trading and closed at Rs 278.60 against the previous day's closing at Rs 278.49.

According to the Forex Association of Pakistan (FAP), the buying and selling rates of the Dollar in the open market, however, were Rs 277. and Rs 280.5 respectively. The price of the Euro decreased by 35 paisa to close at Rs 299.39 against the last day's closing of Rs 299.74, according to the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP).

Gold rates increase by **Rs.600**

ISLAMABAD (APP) The price of per tola of 24 karat gold increased by Rs.600 and was sold at Rs.241,900 on Wednesday against its sale at Rs. 241,300 on last trading day. The price of 10 grams of 24 karat gold also increased by Rs 514 to Rs.207,390 from Rs. 206,876 whereas that of 10 gram 22 karat gold went up to Rs.190,108 from Rs. 189,639

Karachiites applaud people-centric federal budget for FY 2024-25

KARACHI (APP): The serious commitment to federal budget presented by economic stability. He the federal government on praised the government's Wednesday has been wellplan to shift from a statereceived for its peoplecontrolled to a marketcentric approach. Citizens driven economy and the of Karachi, speaking to focus on promoting APP, expressed optimism exports, considering these about the fiscal year 2024steps as wise for the 25 budget, hoping it would country's future. further steer the economy in the right direction.

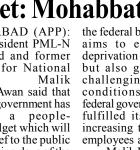
Furqan, a general store owner in the Defence economics area, voiced his hope that student Sameer shared his the government would thoughts with APP, noting follow through on its that the budget speech by budget announcements, the Federal Finance ensuring that their benefits Minister indicated a reach the general public.

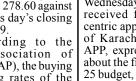
Federal government presents people friendly **budget:** Mohabbat Awan ABBOTTABAD (APP): the federal budget not only

District president PML-N Abbottabad and former candidate for National Malik Assembly Mohabbat Awan said that the federal government has presented a people-friendly budget which will provide relief to the public and the coming days of the country would be promising. Talking to APP, Mohabbat Awan said that

aims to eliminate the deprivation of the people but also gives hope in challenging economic conditions while the federal government has also fulfilled its promise by increasing the salaries of employees and pensions. Malik Mohabat Awan

said that PML-N has always pursued a peoplefriendly policy.





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International News

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arrived off Cuba on

Wednesday, had conducted

missile drills in the Atlantic

Ocean en route to the island, Russia's defence min-

istry said the previous day.

Cuba said last week

Russia fires more missiles and drones at Ukraine ahead of diplomatic eff

meetings in coming days.

parts of the country.

Monitoring Desk KYIV: Russian forces fired missiles and drones at the Kyiv region and five other areas of Ukraine in a nighttime attack, officials said Wednesday, ahead of several days of intense diplomatic activity around the war that is now in its third year.

Ukraine's air force said it shot down 29 out of 30 air targets, including four cruise missiles, one Kinzhal ballistic missile, and 24 Shahed drones. Several people were injured, authorities said.

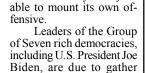
Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy praised the air force's response, calling it a "daily achievement." He has repeatedly appealed to Ukraine's Western partners to provide more air defense systems, and the United States has agreed to send another Patriot missile system.

two U.S. officials said late that in 2025 Kviv may be Tuesday. How best to support Ukraine's efforts to stop fensive Russia's invasion will be a central issue in international

Kyiv's outgunned and outnumbered forces are Thursday in Italy for their battling to hold back the annual summit to discuss bigger Russian army, which how to squeeze more money for Ukraine from is trying to exploit Ukrainian vulnerabilities. Ukraine Russian assets frozen in has been short of troops, their countries.

Also Thursday, deammunition and air defenses in recent months as fense chiefs from the U.S. the Kremlin's forces try to Europe and other nations cripple the national power hold their monthly meeting supply and punch through on Ukraine's security the front line in eastern needs. U.S. Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin is to host Ukraine will need to the event in Brussels.

Next weekend, repreweather the Russian onslaught through the sumsentatives of nearly 90 countries and organizamer military analysts say tions, half from Europe, are and in the meantime train more soldiers, build fortifito attend a Swiss-hosted cations and hope that the Ukraine peace summit, provision of Western mili- which will take place withtary aid picks up speed so out Russia.



Hezbollah vows to escalate

a top commander **Monitoring Desk** JERUSALEM: Hezbollah fired big barrages of rock-

ets at Israel on Wednesday and vowed to ramp up its attacks in retaliation for an Israeli strike which killed a senior Hezbollah field commander, as the conflict across the Lebanese-Israeli border escalated sharply.

The Iran-backed Hezbollah and Israel have been trading fire since the eruption of the Gaza war in October, in steadily intensifying hostilities that have fuelled concern of a bigger confrontation beween the heavily armed adversaries. The Israeli strike in the south Lebanon

Tuesday killed three Hezbollah fighters alongside the senior field commander Taleb Abdallah, also known as Abu Taleb, Israel and three security sources in Lebanon said. He was the most senior Hezbollah commander

killed during eight months of hostilities, one of the sources said. The Israeli military confirmed that it had killed him as well as the three other Hezbollah fighters in

a strike on a command and control centre. The sources in Lebanon said he was

Hezbollah's commander for the central region of the village of Jouaiyya late on southern border strip. Biden heads to G7 summit

focused on Ukraine aid, China's support for Russia

meetings with Group of Seven leaders aimed at increasing pressure on Russia over its war against Ukraine and China for its support of Moscow and excess industrial capacity.

The G7 leaders arrive at the summit confronting myriad woes at home even as they seek solutions for many of the world's most pressing problems.



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.

Malawi VP, nine others attacks after Israel kills killed in plane crash

Monitoring Desk

LILONGWE: Malawi's Vice President Saulos Chilima was killed in a plane crash, the nation's president said on Tuesday, after searchers located the wreckage of the aircraft in a mistshrouded forest. The military plane carrying Chilima, 51, and nine others disappeared on Monday, after it failed to land in the northern city of Mzuzu due to bad weather and was told to return to the capital, Lilongwe. Photographs shared by a member of the military rescue team showed army personnel standing on a foggy slope near debris bearing the registration number.

Kyiv hopes Russia will attend second Ukraine peace summit

Monitoring Desk

GENEVA: Ahead of the first summit on peace in Ukraine, Kyiv said on Tuesday (Jun 11) it wanted Russia to attend a second summit, to receive an internationally agreed roadmap towards ending the conflict.

Moscow said it had no interest in joining this weekend's meeting and so was not invited by hosts Switzerland, while Ukraine wants to get some concrete outcomes from the meeting to take forward to the second summit.

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Russian warships enter Havana harbor

Monitoring Desk HAVANA: Russian navy ships churned into Havana harbor on Wednesday, a stopover the U.S. and Cuba said posed no threat but which was widely seen as a Russian show of force as tensions rise over the Ukraine war.

harbor's entrance.

harbor by mid-morning.

of four Russian vessels that

that the visit was standard practice by naval vessels from countries friendly to Small groups of fish-Havana. The communistrun government's foreign ermen and curious onlookministry said the ships carers lined the Malecon searied no nuclear weapons, front boulevard in light rain

something echoed by U.S. to welcome the ships as they passed the 400-yearofficials. "We have been moniold Morro castle at the toring the ships' paths closely," a U.S. official told The first to arrive was a fuel ship, the "Akademik Reuters on condition of Pashin" and a tug, the "Nikolay Chiker," while a anonymity late on Tues-

day. "At no point have the Russian navy frigate and ships or submarine posed a nuclear-powered submadirect threat to the United rine waited offshore and States

were expected to enter the Havana is just 100 miles (160 km) from Key The frigate and sub-West, Florida, home to a marine, part of the group U.S. Naval Air Station.





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	The Project	Director Housing Reconstruction Awaran	invites bids
	from eligible	Director Housing Reconstruction Awaran bidders for the Projects Funded Under Sa	udi Fund for
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,	1	Provision of Home Solar Units for U/C Awaran	27 June,2024 11:00 AM	12:00 PM	TSE- 232406460453	
	2	Provision of Home	27 June,2024	12:30	TSE-	

Marine Le Pen, President of the French far-right National Rally (Rassemblement National - RN) party parliamentary group, is surrounded by journalists as she arrives at the RN party headquarters in Paris.

Nigeria's president says economic reforms will continue despite hardships

Monitoring Desk ABUJA: Nigeria's President Bola Tinubu said on Wednesday economic reforms would continue despite increasing hardships that have fuelled public anger, and promised to send an executive bill to parlia- foundation of over-reliance

this would create a stronger foundation for future growth.

The government has

"Our economy has been in desperate need of when the organisation told a British court this week reform for decades. It has been unbalanced because it that asylum seekers sent to was built on the flawed the East African country could be moved on again to ates where they risked on revenues from the ex

Monitoring Desk WASHINGTON: US President Joe Biden flies to Italy on Wednesday for

Rwanda says UN refugee agency lying in **British asylum** policy case

Monitoring Desk IGALI: Rwanda said the N refugee agency had lied

Biden, 81, spent Tuesday evening at his home in Wilmington, Delaware, after a 12-member jury convicted his son Hunter Biden of lying about his drug use to illegally buy a gun in 2018, making him the first child of a sitting US president to be convicted of a

crime The trial followed the May 30 criminal conviction of Republican former President Donald Trump, the first former US president to be found guilty of a felony.

ment soon to set a new minimum wage. ploitation of oil," Tinubu Tinubu, who came to said.

power a year ago, removed a decades-old petrol subsidy that kept prices artificially low and devalued the currency, sending inflation soaring to 33.69% in April, its highest level in nearly three decades and eroding incomes.

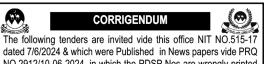
In a television broadsuspended a strike called to cast to mark Democracy pressure the government to Day, Tinubu acknowledged agree a new monthly minihardships caused by the mum wage. reforms, which also include higher interest rates and the offered to double the minimum wage to 62,000 naira partial removal of electricity subsidies, but he said

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(\$41.89) a month against CORRIGENDUM Reference to the Tender Notice Vide PRQ Nos. 2803/ published on 04-06-2024 in leading newspaper for Manufactured Vehicles & amp Accessories (Total Item(s) Count: 1) (TSE-232406447151) Tender Documents: The modified bidding documents can be downloaded

on you.

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from www.bppra.org.pk) All the conditions will remain the same.

NO.2912/10-06-2024, in which the PDSP Nos are wrongly printed due to clerkal mistake .The correct PSDP NOs of Works are as under:-

S.No. Name of Scheme. CONSTT: OF 9 NOS WATER SUPPLY SCHEMES IN NASIRABAD, ZANGIWAL, ASGHARLOON, KUCHLAK, BAWAR, TATI NASIRAN LORALAI PSDP NO.Z3867, (7808) FOR THE YEAR2023-24

- CONSTT: OF 10 NOS WATER SUPPLY SCHEMES KILLI MINARAH, NARI AGHBREG, SARKI JANGAL, DOMDA ETC LORALAI PSDP NO.Z3866, (7809) FOR THE YEAR 2023-24.
- CONSTT: OF 1 NO WATER SUPPLY SCHEMES KILLI AHMED ZAIB ZANGIWAL LORALAI PSDP NO.Z4164,(8105) FOR THE YEAR 2023-24.
- CONSTT: OF 1 NO WATER SUPPLY SCHEMES KILLI MUSLIM ABAD TARAKI LORALAI PSDP NO.Z3868 ,(7809) FOR THE YEAR 2023-24.
- CONSTT: OF 5 NOS WATER SUPPLY SCHEMES KILLI POONGA, TATI KAKARAN LORALAI PSDP NO.Z3871 ,(7812) FOR THE YEAR 2023-24.
- CONSTT: OF WATER SUPPLY SCHEMES KILLI MALIK ZAREEF.KILLI MALIK AHSANULLAH SHABOZAI LORALAI PSDP NO.Z4165.(8106) FOR THE YEAR 2023-24.
- CONSTT: OF 8 NOS WATER SUPPLY SCHEMES KILL MARDANZAI, KUNDIAN, DARGAI KUDAZAI ETC LORALA PSDP NO.Z3869,(7810) FOR THE YEAR 2023-24
- CONSTT: OF 8 NOS WATER SUPPLY SCHEMES KILLI SURGHUND.SALAR.CHINJAN.DARGAI ZAKHPAIL ETC LORALAI PSDP NO.Z3865,(7806) FOR THE YEAR 2023-24.
- CONSTT: OF 10 NOS WATER SUPPLY SCHEMES KILLI CHINA, MARA, AGHBBERG, YOUNASKHAIL, GHARA MAKHTER LORALAI PSDP NO.Z3870, (7811) FOR THE YEAR 2023-24

Other terms & condition will remain the same as published before.

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torture or death. Lawyers representing

the United Nations High "As we continue to Commissioner for Refugees reform the economy, I shall (UNHCR) told the court on always listen to the people and will never turn my back Monday that Rwanda's asylum system was inad-Nigeria is grappling equate, as part of a challenge to the British government's with the worst cost-of-living crisis in decades and policy to deport asylum seekers there. The lawyers labour unions last week

said removing asylum seekers to Rwanda put them at risk of being transferred again in a banned process known as refoulement - building on past evidence which formed an important part of the UK Supreme Court's reasoning when it ruled last year that the British plan.

Firefighters battle big blaze

at Athens cookware factory **Monitoring Desk**

ATHENS: Dozens of firefighters were battling a blaze at a cookware factory in Athens on Wednesday that sent thick plumes of black smoke into the air, the fire service said.

The cause of the fire shortly after 3:30 pm was not immediately known. but state broadcaster ERT reported there had been an explosion.

There were no reports of people trapped inside the factory in the suburb of Kifisia, a spokesperson for the fire service said. Rolls of melted plas-

tic were seen inside the factory.

Hunter Biden found guilty of all 3 felony

charges in US federal gun trial **Monitoring Desk**

WILMINGTON: President Joe Biden's son Hunter Biden was convicted by a jury on Tuesday of lying about his drug use to illegally buy a gun, a verdict Democrats may seize upon to counter Donald Trump's claim of a justice system weaponized against him. A

12-member jury in Wilmington, Delaware, federal court found him guilty on all three counts against him, making Hunter Biden

the first child of a sitting US president to be con-PRQ No.2951/11-06-2024 victed of a crime.



A Kuwaiti police officer is seen in front of a burnt building following a deadly fire, in Mangaf, southern Kuwait.

(E-BIDDING) NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The procurement of works listed below for which Notice Inviting Tender on sealed percentage rates based on CSR 2018 Govt: of Balochistan are invited from interested Contractors / Firms with detail terms 8 conditions given below. The tender fee will be deposit through green challan in National Bank of Pakistan Ziarat Branch under the head of account C-02716 @ RS 1000 for bellow mention work. Tender Fee Rs.1000-, RELEVANT CATEGORY C-4& Above, EARNEST MONEY 2% of Bid cost in shape of call deposit and Date of Completion 30th June 2025

S.# NAME OF WORK.

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CONSTRUCTION AND REHABILITATION THQ TEHSIL SINJAVI DISTRICT ZIARAT 90.047 M TSE-232406447163

Procurement shall be made under BPPRA Rules 2014 Eligibility of bidders: - a) Registrations with relevant taxation department i.e (NTN), Income Tax / Sales Tax Department, Balochistan Revenue Authority (BRA) updated, b)Registration with Pakistan Engineering Council in Relevant Category Discipline Code valid for the FY 2023-2024. c)As per BPPRA Rule 25 (3 Amended), only one Bid can be submitted against one NTN. d)Rate analysis of offered rates. e)All details about technical soundness ore mentioned on bidding document uploaded for this work on BBPRA web site Method of procurement Single stage, Two envelope procedure. Bid Security: The bid must accompany Bid Security in the form of Call Deposit of amount specified above in the name of undersigned from a schedule bank from Contractor title account. If any Fake Call Deposit provided by the firm, the firm will be recommended for blacklisting. Bidding / Tender Documents. Issuance: Bidding documents will be issued on submission of request by the contractor on his original letter head from the date of publication of advertisement in Newspapers on presentation of requisite documents as required in basic eligibility criteria i.e. Tender Fee (Nonrefundable in shape of green challan under head C-02716, Bid Security Earnest Money (in the shape of call deposit from the account of firm, the call deposit amount must be deposited by contractor's Firm / Title account), valid Pakistan Engineering Council Certificate Income Tax Certificate (NTN), registration from BRA etc. (In original). The tender form will not be issued to any attorney holders of the contractors in any case. However, the partners and representatives of firm by producing their legal documents i.e partnership deed or firm certificates that he is the office bearer and is on the pay role of firm (duly attested by 1st Class Magistrate (Judicial Magistrate) can participate. The power of attorney will be acceptable for specific work only. Submission: - Last date of submission of bids (Technical / Financial) will be 26th June, 2024 at 11:00 PM-Opening: -The Tender (Technical Bids) will be opened on 26[™] June, 2024 at 12:00 PM before procurement committee in the presence of Contractors or their authorized representatives online on BPPRA web site and (Financial Bids) will opening 27th June 2024 on 12:00 PM. Bid validity Period: Ninety Days (90 days) In case downloading of bidding documents from BPPRA website, the bidder / firm must to provide required document separately to this office before submission of bids. Place of issuance submission, inquires and opening will be online BPPRA Web site. An affidavit shall be provided on non-Judicial Stamp Paper of Rs.100/- that the applicant has never been black listed. The applicant shall also provide an undertaking to the effect that all documents / particulars / information given with this bidding document are true / correct. All documents / proof provided by the Contractors / Firms will be verified from concerned authorities / department. Those contractors who could not complete the previous work without assigning any reason they could not participated.

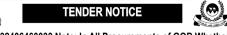
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nits for U/C Teertaj Provision of Home 27 June,2024 TSE-01:00 Solar Units for U/C PM 232406460573 12:00 PM Gishkore Provision of Home TSE-27 June,2024 1:30 Solar Units for U/C ΡM 232406460623 12:30 PM Dandar Provision of Home 27 June.2024 TSE-02:00 5 Solar Units for U/C 01:00 PM ΡM 232406460733 Nokjo Provision of Home 6 27 June.2024 02:30 TSE-01:30 PM PM 232406460773 Solar Units for U/C Parwar Provision of Home 27 June,2024 03:00 TSF-232406460943 Solar Units for U/C 02:00 PM PM Gajjar Procurements shall be made under the Balochistan Public

Procurement Rules – 2014, Eligibility of Bidders: Eligibility Criteria for bidders may be seen in the Bidding Documents Procedure Of Procurement: Single Stage Two Envelope Bidding Procedure TSE-232406460943.TSE-232406460773.TSE-232406460733,TSE-232406460623,TSE-232406460573,TSE-232406460493, TSE-232406460453) Bid Security: The bids must accompany Bid Security in the form of Bank Gurantee. Deposit at Call of 2 % specified above in the name of the under-signed from a scheduled bank. Tender Documents: The NIT & Bidding Document can be obtained electronically from www.bppra.gob.pk Last Date of bid submission: Bid can only be submitted electronically through supplier dashboard. Tender opening: All tenders will be opened on same day on EPPS System Address: Office of the Housing Reconstruction Awaran, Old Dc House Awaran (Phone No: 0856511310) Email: <u>hrapmu@gmail.com</u>





TSE-232406460033 Note: In All Procurements of GOB Whether Through Electronic or Manual Bid Submission, It is Mandatory For All Bidders to Get Registered At Electronic Public Procurement System of BPPRA GOB. The EXECUTIVE ENGINEERII PROVINCIAL B&R LORALAI invites bids from Eligible Bidders for execution of following works for the Year 2024 based on Composite schedule rates 2018 on Percentage Rates Tender Fee Rs.1000/-and Bid Security 2%

S.No Name of Work/s E/Cost CONSTRUCTION OF DIGITAL LIBRARY AT 12,746,788 **BALOCHISTAN ORPHANAGE AGHBERG ROAD** LORALAI PSDP NO. 9489 (Z2023.4998) Procurements shall be made under the Balochistan Public Procurement Rules - 2014. Eligibility of Bidders: Presence in

Active Tax Payer List. The bidding firm must not be blacklisted by any procuring agency of Pakistan. Balochistan Revenue Authority Registration is required. The bidder must have completed 3 Assignment of similar nature of work. Turn over of at least 8,922,751 PKR Amount in3 subsequent previous years showing financial capacity of the firm. Procedure Of Procurement: Single Stage Two Envelope Bidding Procedure Bid Security: The bids must accompany Bid Security in the form of Bank Gurantee, Deposit at Call of 2 % specified above in the name of the under-signed from a scheduled bank. Tender Documents: The bidding documents can be obtained from the office of the under-signed 1,000 PKR Issuance of tender Documents: From the date of publication of NIT to 26 June, 2024 during office hours on working days Last Date of bid submission: The Tenders must be submitted latest by 26 June, 2024 till 11:00 AM. Tender opening: All tenders will be opened on same day at the office of the under-signed at 12:00 PM Address: B&R office Phone no: 3337768853 Email: dawoodtareenxen@gmail.com



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CM vows to start work on dev. projects of next financial year without any delay

Mir Sarfraz Bugti directs to ensure issuance of tenders of development projects in first week of July after approval of provincial budget

other administrative secre-

taries of provincial govern-

ment departments partici-

The meeting was

pated in the meeting.

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Independent Report QUETTA: The Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti has categorically stated that work would be started on development projects of next financial year without any delay.

In this regard, the Chief Minister directed to the concerned high ups to ensure issuance of the tenders of development projects in first week of July after approval of the provincial budget.

He was chairing a meeting held to review the

progress of the proposed also issued directives redevelopment projects of garding preparation of the next financial year budget budget. 2024-25, here on Wednes-

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister said day. The provincial ministers, Chief Secretary Shakeel Qadir Khan, Addithat good governance is possible with improvement tional Chief Secretary plann financial matters. ning and development and

He was of the strong view that the goals of timely completion of the development schemes can't be achieved by delaying the issuance of tenders.

briefed about the proposed He said that we can development projects for put our province on path the next financial year of development with timely completion of the develop-The Chief Minister ment projects.



mentary Party meeting of Muslim League (PML-N), held at Parliament House in Islamabad.

Zia Lango hails EU, UN's support in rule of law

QUETTA (APP): Balochistan Home Minissupport by emphasizing the importance of achievter, Ziaullah Langua has ing desired results while lauded the European Union aligning ongoing efforts on and UN partners for suplegislative, police, prison porting the Government's and women-focused reforms. Additionally, he rule of law reform agenda. He said that it was a journey that we all were looking forward to as we were taking the work under the new Rule of Law Roadmap to the next level to realize our vision of a people centered rule of law in Balochistan. He also appreciated the Police, Levies, Prosecution, Probation and Parole, and Prisons for their commendable work by improving their legal and operational capacities. Chairing the 7th Steering Committee meeting of the European Unionfunded 'Deliver Justice

pivotal in advancing justice, highlighted the importance of the citizen-centered and evidence-based rule of law initiatives. During the meeting, key stakeholders reaffirmed their commitment to advancing evidence-based reforms in the rule of law sector to enhance public trust and confidence in law enforcement institutions in Balochistan. The Rule of Law Roadmap was initially approved for four years (2018–2022) and expired in May 2022. A recent evaluation informed a revised RoLR for another four vears (2023-2026) to consolidate, sustain, scale up, and institutionalize good practices and data-in-

Saleem, congratulated all partners for their longstanding collaboration justice sector of Balochistan. Highlighting with UNODC and other UN agencies, particularly the need for Government's ownership and provision UN Women and UNDP. He of matching resources for

the

formed approaches in the

peace, and security, particularly for women and girls. He also said that data-centric, results-based approaches remained the backbone of the roadmap, serving as a tool to monitor progress and make timely decisions, while citizen centric interventions aimed to enhance public trust i the justice system. Dr. Jeremy Milsom Representative, UNODC

the Rule of Law Roadmap

Jeroen Willems, Head of Cooperation, EU Delega-

tion to Pakistan stated that

revalidated Rule of Law

Roadmap 2023-2026 was

Country Office, thanked Government o Balochistan for its vision and commitment and facilitating the revalidation and approval of the revised road map. He emphasized the need for in stitutional leadership to embrace evidence-based ap proaches to improve perfor-mance, noting the effectiveness of such methodologies in order to measure institu tional performance and imple effective implementation of menting robust reforms



to the public within the lim-its of available resources. Federal Minister for Planning, Development, and Special Initiatives, Prof. borrowing relief followed Ahsan Iqbal, said on Wednesday that the country's economic indicators were showing a posi-

but assured that the situa-

tion would gradually get

inflation and expressed op-

timism about continued

positive outcomes in the

ated the government's com-

He noted a decrease in

The minister reiter-

better

coming days.

Thursday June 13, 2024

by more loans was not a sustainable long-term solution, as it only added to the country's financial burden tive trajectory and were expected to improve further. Instead, he advocated for economic reforms aimed at Talking to a private news channel, he acknowlachieving long-term posiedged the public hardships tive results

He said that relying on

'The focus will be on implementing reforms that do not increase the burden on the poor but rather provide relief," he said.

He reiterated the need for a strategic approach of economic reforms to ensure sustainable economic growth and stability



ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of Azerbaijan, Khazar Farhadov calls on Minister for Defence & Defence Production, Khawaja Muhammad Asif.

Khawaja Asif says: Pakistan views Azerbaijan important due to strategic location, immense resources

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister for Defence, Defence Production and Aviation, Khawaja Muhammad Asif on Wednesday told the Azerbaijan Ambassador that Pakistan views Azerbaijan as an important country due to its strategic location, immense resources, progressive out-look and fast-growing economy.

The minister exing a meeting with Ambassador of Azerbaijan, Khazar him here on Wednesday, a news release said.

The minister highlighted the importance of bilateral brotherly relations between two countries which are based on historical, cultural and religious commonalities. He expressed the desire to enhance the relations in relevant fields, including defence, defence industry and aviation which have immense potential to grow to the benefit of both counpressed these remarks dur- tries. He also impressed upon the need of continued interaction between higher Farhadov, who called on military and defence level leadership of the two coun-

tries Govt to set up NDC, DPA for promoting digital transformation: Minister

ISLAMABAD (APP): lion. Minister for Finance and Revenue Muhammad Aurangzeb on Information Technology Wednesday announced al- sector in the budget.

location of Rs 1 billion in

He said Rs 79 billion Senator had been allocated for the

He said out of the to

QUETTA: A delegation led by Managing Director Roche Pakistan Hafsa Shamshi meeting with Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti

Shehbaz lauds Finland's visits Shaheed support for UNSC non Nawab Ghaus permanent membership **Bakhsh Riasani** ing international law and the

Govt proposes ban on

foreign travel of

sources.

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Wednesday lauded Finland's support to Pakistan in winning a nonpermanent seat on the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) for 2025-

In response to Finnish President Alexander Stubb's remarks on X, the prime minister appreciated their support to Pakistan and reiterated his country's strengthening the UN and reiterated his country's the international system.

UN Charter. Earlier, President Stubb had congratulated Pakistan, Denmark. Greece, Panama, and Somalia on winning the UN Security Council's non-permanent membership

The Finnish president also extended best wishes to Pakistan, besides assuring collaboration in

hospital

Independent Report

Officer Mastung, Dr. Muhammad Anwar Gohla, and other officials. During

laboratory, and emergency

ISLAMABAD (INP): The has blocked SIM cards of federal government has de- the non-filers in the first services. **Cleaning work** and gas connections might also be disconnected in the of Phalili Nala second phase. "In case of no reply started in Uthal have to pay 75 percent tax on mobile phone calls from them, the non-filers mobile phone SIMs, elec-QUETTA (APP): On the tricity and gas will be dis-connected," according to special directive of District

QUETTA: Deputy Com-missioner Mastung missioner Samiullah Agha, visited the Shaheed Nawab Ghaus Bakhsh Riasani Memorial Hospital in Mastung on Wednesday. He was accom-

the visit, the Chief Executive Officer of the hospital Dr. Saeed Ahmed Mirwani

non-filers in budget

memorial

DC Mastung

panied by District Health

briefed the Deputy Commissioner on the hospital's management and various departments, including ICU, CCU, OPD, operation theater, dialysis ward,

non-tax filer, proposing a ban on their foreign travel-

The non-filers will as proposed in the budget. The sources said that that there is also a proposal to end the tax exemption on electric ve-hicles worth more than USD 50,000.

The federal government has also suggested levying additional tax on non-filers in order to bring them in the tax net. The FBR is aiming to crease tax revenue through the enday. forcement

It is pertinent to men-tion here that the Federal cal year by its enforcement cal year by its enforcement Board of Revenue (FBR) plan

Commissioner Lasbela Humira Baloch, Chairman "The process of blocking SIMs of non-filof Municipal Committee (MC) Uthal Syed Somar ers will continue in the next Shah Kazmi, Chief Officer financial year," sources of Municipal Committee Jthal Haji Muhammad

The government has Khan Duda started cleandevised a plan to enhance ing work of Phalili Nala tax collection in the next fi-Jthal by using heavy manancial year's budget being chinery tabled in the Parliament to-The people of the area

appreciated the initiative of The FBR will increase the member of the provincial assembly, Mir Zareen Magsi and the district administration of Lasbela.

& infant mortality rate: assures effective measures

QUETTA: A delegation of Pakistan Peoples Party Balochistan led by its Presi-

dent Mir Changez Khan Jamali meeting with Governor Balochistan Sheikh

Provincial Population Task Force to be formed:

CM concerned about maternal

Independent Report was speaking to a delega-tion of UNFPA Pakistan, QUETTA: The Chief Minwho called on him under ister Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti has expressed concern over the

Jaffar Khan Mandokhail

Project' here Wednesday,

Additional Chief Secretary

(Home) Balochistan, Zahid

lauded their institutional

increased maternal and infant mortality rate during the delivery procedure. However, he assured to take effective steps for controlling the maternal and infant mortalities in collaboration with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Pakistan.

Coastal highway.

leadership of Advisor for forms are being brought in Women Development Dethe health sector. We are making planning for provipartment, Dr. Rubaba Khan Buledi here on Wednesday. sion of quality healthcare The Country Head of facilities under the Public-

UNFPA, Dr. Luay Shabaneh Private Partnership, the was also present in the Chief Minister maintained meeting, who informed the He vowed to ensure Chief Minister about it's implementation on the susorganization's activities and tainable measures for provision of quality healthcare programmes in the province.

Task Force.

C&W Minister

calls Minister

for Irrigation

Balochistan's Minister for

Communications and Work

(C&W), Mir Saleem Ahmed

Khosa, met Provincial Irri-

gation Minister Mir Sadiq

Umrani in his office on

both leaders agreed that the

remodelling of Haridin

Drainage would be included

in the Public Sector Devel

opment Program (PSDP)

In addition, the Provincia

Minister of C&W, Mir

Salim Ahmad Khosa, re-

quested a camp for the Ir-

rigation Department to

deal with the rains and

Minister Mir Sadiq Umrani

Provincial Irrigation

Both leaders also

in

flood situation

Suhabatpur district.

During the meeting,

(APP)

QUETTA

Wednesday.

The Chief Minister facilities to the masses in The Chief Minister on the occasion directed to Balochistan

ANF seizes huge quantity of narcotics from near **Coastal highway**

ton of narcotics along with 51,000 intoxicant capsules Independent Report QUETTA: The Anti-Narwere hidden at a secret cotics Force (ANF) Balochistan recovered huge The narcotics seized quantity of narcotics including charas and ice drug

include: 850 kilogram charas and 164 kilogram ice from Chor Bandar area near drug besides the intoxicant capsules.

According to the The spokesman of spokesman of ANF, the ANF said that the consignoperation was conducted ment of huge quantity of on an intelligence informanarcotics was hidden to tion in the Chor Bandar area smuggle abroad via sea located near Coastal highway where more than one route.

FC Balochistan thwarts smuggling operations worth Rs380 million

QUETTA (INP): In a series of successful anti-trafficking operations, FC Balochistan has seized illegal goods worth over Rs380 million between May 18 and June 11, 2024. The operations took place

QUETTA: Member CMIT Abdul Saboor Kakar in a group photo with participants after conclusion of 3-day training workshop organized by National **Disaster Management Authority**

the Federal Budget 2024-25 for establishing the National Digital Commission (NDC) and the Digital Paform Provincial Population kistan Authority (DPA). He mentioned that re-

The minister, in his budget speech in the National Assembly, said, "The objective of this initiative is to promote digital transformation, innovations and digital solutions in various

departments. He said that the government had a full focus on promoting the Information Technology sector as with targeted investment it had the potential to yield significant profits in a short

He projected that with the talented Pakistani youth and the government's IT-friendly policies, Pakistan's IT exports would reach \$3.5 bil-

tal IT sector allocation, Rs 7 billion was specified for digitalization and reforms in the Federal Board of Revenue. Modern IT systems would be installed at the FBR to expand the tax net base and remove loopholes

in the tax collection system. He said Rs 11 billion had been earmarked for the Technology Park Development Project in Islamabad.

The minister said an allocation of Rs 2 billion was proposed for the Pakistan Software Export Board (PSEB), which would be used to encourage the IT sector exporters and support the IT firms providing

internships to students. Furthermore, the minister said, Rs 20 billion had been proposed for the Digital Infrastructure Information



Deputy Chairman NAB Sohail Nasir, DG NAB (B) Izhar Ahmed Awan alongwith others conducting **Prevention Committee meeting on Gwadar Port** Authority

Monsoon preparedness stressed to mitigate disaster risks

Independent Report QUETTA: Chairma QUETTA: Chairman CMIT Abdul Saboor Kakar emphasized the crucial need for contingency planning and preparedness to minimize the impact of monsoon rains and natural disasters in the province. He highlighted the importance of effective coordination

between civil, military, and administrative authorities to protect human lives and reduce losses.

Kakar made these remarks while addressing the closing ceremony of a three-day training workshop jointly organized by the National Disaster Management Authority of Pakistan, World Food Program, Balochistan Civil Services Academy, and Rescue 1122. The workshop aimed to enhance disaster management capabilities and promote interagency collabora-

The event brought together officials from various departments, including NDMA, PDMA, BCSA, and Rescue 1122, to share expertise and best practices in disaster preparedness and response.

By prioritizing preparedness and coordination, the province can reduce the risk of natural disasters and ensure the safety of its citizens.On this occasion Deputy Di-Coordination rector NDMA Major Shaista Khan Achakzai, Director BCSA Shabana Sultan, Director General Public Relations Balochistan Muhammad Noor Khetran, Director PDMA Balochistan Amanullah Rind, Program Policy Of-ficer of WFP Naeem Gul, Manager Training NDMA Wasim Ahmed, Deputy Manager NDMA Hamza Razzaq



QUETTA: Provincial Ministers Sardar Sarfaraz Domki, Haji Ali Madad Jattak, Agha Shakeel Durrani and Sajid Dashti meeting with Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti

Non-availability of platelets machines in Kech: **BHC directs Secretaries of Health** & Finance, DG PDMA to appear in person & explain position

Independent Report QUETTA: The Balochistan High Court (BHC) has directed the administrative secretaries of Health and Finance departments and Director General of Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) to appear in person and explain the position why not they sent the platelets machines timey to the district administration Health Kech.

The BHC also directed them to submit a comprehensive report in this regard.

These directives were are still awaited. issued by the division bench of High Court, comprising Mr. Justice Abdullah Baloch and Mr. Justice Rozi Khan Baraich during hearing of a consti-

tutional petition filed by platelets machines was apone resident of Tehsil proved by the Chief Min-Turbat namely Wahab s/o ister and it is in process Abdul Rahim Baloch, here with the Finance department, while tender process on Wednesday. The court painfully

being completed, but due to observed that on the last non-release of required date of hearing i.e., funds by the Finance de-30.05.2024 despite directions and undertaking of to purchase the same and Secretary Health and DG PDMA whereby they un-DHO Kech. dertook to provide platelets machines and CBC machines to the DHO Kech

but today, the DHO Kech, who was in attendance stated that he has only received three CBC machines but the platelets machines recorded whereby 21 persons have lost their lives While confronted the due to dengue and non-

above proposition to the availability of such facilirepresentative of Health deties. Later, the court adpartment, he stated that a journed the hearing till 11:30 summary for purchasing of AM today (Thursday).





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