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ISLAMABAD: Chairman NDMC briefs Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif and Chairman Gates Foundation, Bill Gates during their visit of NDMC.

## PM expresses resolve for polio-free Pakistan; lauds Gates Foundation's dedication

National Task Force resolves to employ all resources for eradication of polio from Pakistan

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Monday reiterated that the Federal Government along with all the provincial governments resolved to eliminate the menace of polio forever and said they were fully committed to control its spread through collective efforts.

Addressing a meeting of the National Task Force on Polio Eradication, the prime minister said that the polio eradication campaign in the country was progressing positively and they were close to eliminate polio but unfortunately, things turned negative as the virus returned back in certain parts of Pakistan, still it did not show that they had failed in their efforts. Gates Foundation Chairman Bill Gates, ministers, senior officials and relevant authorities were present during the meeting. The prime minister assured Bill Gates that the government was fully committed 'to continue its efforts in our own interests to protect the lives of our children and

make them healthier'. He said that during the last six months, they ran two nation-wide polio eradication campaigns successfully along with five others targeting the polio-hit areas. Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif also stressed that they would have to act swiftly to produce results in the coming days and months.

All the newly formed federal and provincial governments had completely resolved that they would spare no efforts to control the menace, he added.

The prime minister told Bill Gates that they held a holistic security conference the other day and held lengthy discussions to counter surge of terrorism and other relevant security issues.

Recalling his meeting with Bill Gates in Riyadh on the sidelines of World Economic Forum (WEF), the prime minister said that they had held comprehensive discussions on polio eradication and health related issues of Pakistan.

## President for gradual rehabilitation of surrendered criminals of Kacha Areas

Calls for taking stern action against hardcore criminals involved in heinous crimes

SUKKUR (Online): President Asif Ali Zardari has said that criminals of Kacha Area in Sindh, except hardened criminals, willing to surrender to the state should be gradually brought into the mainstream and rehabilitated to make them responsible and productive citizens of the country. He called for taking stern action against hardcore criminals involved in heinous crimes.

The President further emphasised the need to improve the road, health, and education infrastructure of the Kacha Areas on a pri-

ority basis to improve the socio-economic condition of the people. He advised that a Qaumi Jirga, comprising of tribal chiefs, should be convened to engage and negotiate with the local population to bring normalcy, prevent crimes, de-weaponize and improve the security situation in the Area.

The President expressed these views while chairing a meeting on the security/law and order situation in Sindh, at Sukkur, on Monday.

Federal Minister for Interior, Mr Mohsin

Raza Naqvi, MNA Syed Khurshheed Ahmed Shah, Chief Minister Sindh Syed Murad Ali Shah, Speaker Sindh Assembly Syed Waqar Qadir Shah, Senior Minister Mr Sharjeel Inam Memon and senior officials of the federal and provincial governments attended the meeting.

The President was briefed about the law-and-order situation in Sindh and the implementation status of the directions given during the last meeting held on 1st May 2024. He was apprised that the crimes and violence in Sindh, especially in Karachi

and Kacha Areas, had witnessed a declining trend due to the effective strategy adopted by the police and Rangers.

IG Police said that dacoit activities had been considerably reduced and no high-ways-related crime had been reported in the past two months. It was highlighted that targeted operations and installation of smart cameras had helped control crimes and identify and arrest criminals and their abettors. DG Rangers told the meeting that 133 joint operations had been con-

ducted by the Sindh Police and the Rangers which led to the arrest of hundreds of dacoits and criminals. He stated that additional check posts had also been established in various parts of Kacha to control crime.

The meeting was further informed that, on the directions of the President, the campaign against drug peddlars was intensified and, in this regard, 308 drug suppliers had been arrested, besides installing smart cameras to monitor the entry points of the province.



SUKKUR: President Asif Ali Zardari chairing a meeting on the security/law and order situation in Sindh during his visit to Sukkur.

## PTI 'committed suicide' by joining SIC, says CJP Isa

ISLAMABAD (INP): Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Qazi Faez Isa on Monday asked during SIC reserved seat case hearing why Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) committed suicide by joining the Sunni Itehad Council's (SIC).

The Supreme Court (SC) full court headed by Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Qazi Faez Isa is hearing the SIC's plea against Peshawar High Court verdict on reserved seats.

In a reply submitted to the apex court in the case pertaining to the SIC's reserved seats, the ECP maintained that the Hamid Raza-led party failed to submit the list of nominees

for the reserved seats by the deadline of December 24.

The ECP added that it asked the independent candidates joined the SIC after the elections. "The ECP decided not to give reserved seats to the SIC with a 4-1 verdict," he replied added.

The ECP told the SC that the Peshawar High Court (PHC) also upheld its decision. The election watchdog maintained that there is no error in the decision of the ECP as well as the PHC. "According to the constitution of the SIC, a non-Muslim cannot become a member of the party. The provision against the inclusion of non-Muslims in the constitution of SIC is unconstitutional, answer. The SIC is not entitled to reserved seats for women and minorities," the ECP reply added.

On May 6, Supreme Court suspended the Election Commission of Pakistan

(ECP) and Peshawar High Court' (PHC) verdict on Sunni Itehad Council (SIC) reserved seats.

The three-member bench headed by Justice Mansoor Ali Shah, comprising Justice Muhammad Ali Mazhar and Justice Athar Minallah suspended the verdict pertaining to the allocation of reserved seats to other political parties.

Justice Mansoor Ali Shah said that the case has been fixed for hearing and "We are suspending the ECP and PHC verdicts."

The election commission distributed the reserved seats for women and minorities among other political parties. In the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Assembly — according to a notification, the ECP allocated one reserved seat each to Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam Pakistan, Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) and Pakistan People's Party (PPP).



QUETTA: Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (JUI-F) Chief, Maulana Fazlur-Rehman addresses to media persons during press conference, in Quetta.

## Govt's Operation Azm-i-Istehkam to weaken country further; charges Maulana Fazlur Rehman

Independent Report QUETTA: The central Ameer of Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (JUI), Maulana Fazlur Rehman has described the government's re-energized national counter-terrorism campaign i.e., Operation Azm-i-Istehkam as Operation Adm-i-Istehkam saying that "this operation would weaken the country further."

He categorically stated that the democracy and parliament have lost their case while the country is being weakened further.

He said that the country's constitution is the national pact and our guarantee to live under one roof (of the country). He said that our constitution determines the authority of the provinces and so the jurisdiction of every institution of the country.

He said that the there is least writ of the State in the country. The armed or-

ganizations are controlling the areas in open whether it in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa or Balochistan.

He said that he doesn't know much about Balochistan, but he can firmly say that police kept them closed in the thanas in the KP after sunset.

He said that we have to ponder upon as who brought the country and circumstances at this juncture. The JUI chief stressed the need to set new course of survival and stability of the country, for we are holding talks and negotiations with different political parties.

These views were expressed by Maulana Fazlur Rehman while addressing press conference after meeting with leaders of different political parties here at the residence of JUI's provincial Ameer, Maulana Abdul Wasey here on Monday.

## Three judges elevated to Supreme Court

ISLAMABAD (INP) — The Ministry of Law and Justice has officially announced the elevation of three high court judges to the Supreme Court, following President Asif Ali Zardari's approval on Monday. The judges promoted to the apex court include Justice Shahid Bilal Hassan and Chief Justice Malik Shahzad Ahmad Khan from the Lahore High Court (LHC), and Chief Justice Aqeel Ahmed Abbasi from the Sindh High Court (SHC).

The appointments were sanctioned by the president under Article 177 of the Constitution.

With Chief Justice Malik Shahzad's elevation from the LHC, President Zardari has appointed Justice Shujaat Ali Khan as acting LHC Chief Justice in accordance with Article 196. Justice Shujaat will serve in this capacity until a permanent appointment is made, as per the notification from the law ministry.

## DPM Dar lauds Pakistani women's contributions in diplomacy

ISLAMABAD (APP): As the world observes the International Day of Women in Diplomacy on Monday, Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Muhammad Ishaq Dar appreciated the services and contributions of Pakistani women in the field of diplomacy.

At the UNGA's 76th Session, the United Nations General Assembly by consensus declared the 24th of June each year to be the International Day of Women in Diplomacy.

The deputy prime minister wrote on his X timeline that throughout the

country's history, Pakistani women had made tremendous contributions in the field of diplomacy.

"Stalwarts like Begum Raana Liaquat Ali Khan, Madam Shaista Ikramullah, Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto and many others broke barriers and set the path for hundreds of women diplomats who continue to represent Pakistan on the international stage with grace and dignity," he remarked.

The deputy prime minister applauded the women diplomats and thanked them for their services and contributions.

## IHC suspends EC decision on appointment of retired judges in election tribunal

ISLAMABAD (Online): Islamabad High Court (IHC) has suspended Election Commission (EC) decision regarding appointment of retired judges in Election Tribunal (ET).

The court while issuing contempt of court notice to Anjam Aqeel Khan MNA has sought reply from him within 7 days.

The petition filed against appointment of retired judges in ET came up for hearing before Chief Justice (CJ) IHC Aamir Farooq Monday.

The court inquired where is Attorney General (AG).

Additional Attorney General (AAG) told the court AG is engaged in full court of Supreme Court (SC).

The CJ inquired what heaven had fallen that that you promulgated ordinance over night. We do so that we abolish parliament. President should run the country through ordinances.

This law has been taken from UK. Has it ever been seen there that ordinance was passed. You people have built the factory of ordinances.

The court while issuing notice on miscellaneous petition of Ali Bokhari counsel for PTI suspended June 10 decision of Election Commission (EC) for appointment of retired judges in ET.

The CJ IHC remarked EC should tell how the judge was partial.

The court inquired from Anjam Aqeel had he filed any application in EC. Had he filed any affidavit in EC that what is written in here is true.

## Bilawal convenes parliamentary party meeting today

ISLAMABAD (Online): Chairman PPP Bilawal Bhutto Zardari has postponed his address in National Assembly (NA) on budget. According to sources Bilawal Bhutto Zardari has summoned PPP parliamentary party meeting in parliament house today (Tuesday). He will preside over the meeting.



FAISALABAD: Lawyer Babar Awan talking to the media outside the Anti-Terrorism Court in the city.

## Senate proposes 128 recommendations to National Assembly

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Senate on Monday proposed a total of 128 recommendations including nine about the public sector development programme (PSDP) for year 2024-25 to the National Assembly for inclusion in the Finance Bill 2024.

The recommendations on the Finance Bill, 2024 would be forwarded to National Assembly which would decide whether or not these recommendations are to be incorporated into the Money Bill.

Out of total 128, some 69 were related to general recommendations on budget 2024-25, eight in Customs Act, 1969, 23 in Sales Tax Act, 1990, 15 in Income Tax Ordinance, 2001, three in the Federal Excise Act, 2005 and one in Abandoned Properties.

Chairman of the Senate Standing Committee on Fi-

nance Saleem Mandviwala presented the Senate's budget recommendations which were adopted by the House.

Earlier speaking at the floor of the House, Saleem Mandviwala said that they were given six days instead of 14 to go through the budget document and prepared recommendations for the lower house of the Parliament.

He said that some 32 associations, chambers of commerce from all provinces and members of the civil society including education, medical, retail, automotive and others met the finance committee and gave their feedbacks.

He went on to say that out of the total Rs 18.9 trillion budget, some Rs 9.75 trillion were to be paid in interest and debt repayments while Rs 2.63 trillion to be borrowed to make up the budget defi-

cit. He said that 2.9 million non filers were left at large by the authorities who should be brought into the tax net to increase revenue instead of burdening the poor masses.

He said the committee unanimously rejected increased tax on low tiered salaried class and also the one imposed on baby milk.

He said for the first time persons with disabilities who served in public departments came to the forum and presented their grievances. They Disabled persons claimed that they were ignored in the budgets passed in the past decade, he said. He said the committee proposed the government to allocate special allowance, negotiate with them and listen to their problems. Charity hospitals should be given incentives and those charging fee to the masses should be taxed, he added.

## Parliament has authority to make decisions for welfare of people: Achakzai

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chairman of Pashtunkhwa Milli Awami Party Mahmood Khan Achakzai said on Monday that parliament, as the representative of the people of Pakistan, has the authority to make decisions for their welfare.

Participating in the budget debate, he said that people have elected mem-

bers of the National Assembly to highlight their problems in the supreme forum and to seek solutions for them.

He asserted that no one would be allowed to violate the constitution and that the country would be governed according to it.

He also advocated for the Senate of Pakistan to be given more powers.



TULA: Pakistan Military Attaché to Russian Federation Brig Muhammad Asif Khan along with Pakistan Military Cadets who are participating in games in Russian city of Tula after the opening ceremony.



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### Time for dialogue

In the tumultuous landscape of Pakistani politics, the call for dialogue among political forces has never been more crucial. As suggested by PPP chairman Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari, the need for political leaders to engage in dialogue, set aside egos and prioritise national interest over personal grievances is critical. Mr Bhutto-Zardari's remarks underscore a pivotal truth: the strength of democracy lies in the willingness of its participants to communicate; to put the public before point-scoring. His underlying message seems particularly aimed at the PML-N and PTI. Both parties are constantly at loggerheads. Even in times of crises, their confrontation does not pause.

The PPP, by virtue of its position within the government, is uniquely placed to facilitate this much-needed dialogue. With his experience and political acumen, President Asif Ali Zardari can play a positive role if he employs his negotiation skills to bridge the divide. By leveraging its influence within the government, the PPP can encourage PML-N to engage in dialogue, thereby clearing a pathway for the PTI to also come to the table. In fact, not only is mediation desirable, it is imperative for Pakistan's democracy.

Giving tangible hope to a polarised public crushed by inflation and unemployment should be the common goal, one that is hardly achievable if the PTI — arguably the most popular party in the country — remains alienated. The consequences of continued polarisation are dire. If the PML-N and PTI remain mired in mutual acrimony, an ever-widening gap will continue to allow non-political forces to assert themselves.

The three main political parties have had a taste of fraught relations with the establishment — with the PTI the latest target of the latter's displeasure. By uniting, even if temporarily, political parties can reduce external leverage over civilian affairs.

A significant starting point for dialogue is to address each other's grievances, a task that can be taken up by the more rational elements in the parties. All should see the judiciary as a legitimate avenue for redressal, rather than a battlefield for political supremacy. The Supreme Court's role in mediating election disputes, as sought by Imran Khan, is a case in point. Demonstrating that electoral processes are transparent and fair is essential for maintaining the legitimacy of democratic institutions.

The history of our democracy has important lessons on the perils of divisions. Unity is rare, but if there were ever a time for parties across the political spectrum to smoothen matters, it is now. Ironically, the call to end the 'politics of hatred' is coming from one of the youngest parliamentarians. The more experienced of our politicians should know that the path to democratic consolidation lies in political maturity and a shared commitment to national interest. Engaging in dialogue, despite deep-seated differences, is not a sign of weakness but political wisdom.

#### Maleeha Lodhi

At a time when democracy across the world is under challenge, there have recently been a number of developments, some that may shape its future trajectory. Elections in India saw the BJP lose its majority and its leader Narendra Modi cut down to size — a verdict widely viewed as voters saluting India's democracy from the authoritarian, autocratic direction a populist demagogue was taking the country in. India may have started to buck the global trend of democratic erosion but elsewhere developments have reinforced this trend.

Europe has just seen far-right parties make stunning gains in the European Parliament polls at the cost of French President Emmanuel Macron and German Chancellor Olaf Scholz's parties.

This prompted Macron to call snap legislative elections in a high-stakes effort to contain Marine Le Pen's National Rally party by turning it into a referendum on the far right. But the spectre looms of Le Pen's party winning power. Opin-

ion polls now show that less than half of French voters see that as a threat to democracy. In the US, former president Donald Trump is the front-runner in the presidential election due in November. Barring any legal impediment, he is poised to regain the presidency. In Britain, Nigel Farage's Reform party is expected to make gains in next month's elections at the expense of the Conservative party.

The resurgence of the far right in the West comes at a time when democracy is already under threat across the world. Democratic regression is now a worldwide phenomenon. Democratic backsliding has been pervasive in countries facing challenges from polarisation, intolerance, anti-minority sentiment and toxic politics. This global trend has been recorded by many international organisations.

In its annual Democracy Report 2024, the Swedish V-Dem Institute finds democracy has declined in almost all regions of the world with "the wave of autocratisation" becoming more pronounced. Its research shows a rollback of

## Ailing democracy

democratic rights and institutions. It says the level of democracy enjoyed by citizens worldwide is down to levels last seen in 1985 — almost 40 years ago. According to the report 71pc of the world's population — 5.7 billion people — live in autocracies — an increase from 48pc 10 years ago.

Similarly, the latest edition of the Global State of Democracy 2023 report by the Stockholm-based International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance sees democracies continuing to contract globally with erosion in checks and balances and constitutional freedoms in nominally democratic states. It finds that for six consecutive years "more countries experienced net declines in democratic processes than net improvements".

Democratic weakening is also the finding by the Economist Intelligence Unit, which conducts an annual survey of the health of democracy in 165 countries, assessing them across five measures. Its report, published earlier this year, says conflict and polarisation have driven a new low for global democracy. Its democracy index

shows less than 8pc of the world's population now reside in full democracies, and that 39pc are under authoritarian rule — up from 37pc in 2022. It designates Pakistan as a country under authoritarian rule, downgraded from the previous year when it was classified as a hybrid democracy. The report classifies India and America as flawed democracies. It finds 37pc of people living in a flawed democracy and 15pc in hybrid regimes.

The rise of the far right or ultra-nationalist populist leaders has much to do with democratic reversals. In countries witnessing this phenomenon elected leaders have acted with impunity to erode civil liberties, curb freedom of expression, suppress dissent, persecute minority groups and undermine any check-and-balance system that holds governments to account. They have shown disregard for democratic institutions and norms, engaged in authoritarian conduct and used hyper-nationalism to rally support, orchestrating anti-minority sentiment that often triggered violence. This has turned their political systems into illiberal or flawed democracies and

deeply divided their societies.

In a recent op-ed in the Financial Times, Gideon Rachman makes a distinction between the far right and the right, which is helpful to keep in mind. The dividing line is their attitudes to democracy. He writes, "If a political leader refuses to accept the results of an election and wants to smash the 'deep state' (in reality, the state itself), then he or she is clearly on the far right." But leaders who pursue reactionary, even racist policies (he includes Italy's Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni) but "within the framework of democratic politics and the rule of law", cannot be regarded as far right. Sometimes, he argues, the line between a new form of authoritarian conservatism and the far right becomes "blurry".

The global trend of democratic regression in the last decade or more raises the question of the underlying factors responsible for this and for the rise of far-right populist leaders. This cannot be attributed to any uniform set of reasons as each country's case is different with distinct factors shaping its politi-

cal trajectory.

Some common features can still be identified although this is not an exhaustive list. They include the failure of traditional political parties and their policies to meet heightened public expectations, growing disconnect between political elites and the people, poor governance, increasing inequality, lack of responsiveness by institutions to public concerns, political polarisation, as well as economic and social discontent spawned by globalisation and the cost-of-living crisis. Many analysts ascribe the far right's surge in Europe to public discontent with soaring inflation, fallout of the war in Ukraine, anti-immigrant sentiment and the cost of green policies.

Pakistan too has seen democratic decline, but for reasons different from those challenging democracy elsewhere. The 2018 election led to a form of hybrid democracy that increasingly shifted the civil-military power balance and gave way to a greater establishment role in governance, the political system and even economic management. -- Courtesy Dawn

#### Umair Javed

What compels a mob to burn someone to death? What explains such amplified levels of anger that an accusation against some person from a marginalised group leads to a lynching?

What reasoning dictates why groups of people — including state functionaries — engage in the violent policing of a minority group, arresting its members and taking away their sacrificial animals from the private confines of their homes?

All three incidents took place recently. Last week, a man was burnt to death in Swat over the alleged desecration of a holy text. In May, a 72-year-old Christian man was lynched in Sargodha on a blasphemy-related accusation. And during Eid, several Ahmadis across Punjab — the number reportedly as high as 36 — were detained by the police on accusations of practising 'Muslim rituals' levelled by Bareilvi extremist activists.

Much ink has been spilled trying to understand religious extremism and its outcomes, both in Pakistan and abroad. Existing re-

search points out two sets of factors here — the societal organisation and drivers of extremism; and the role of the state.

On societal organisation, it is well documented that such indoctrination is carried out by clerics, not just through in-person contact in sermons and in madrasahs, but also through highly localised WhatsApp and Facebook groups, as well as content on TikTok. They do it because they believe in it and because it sustains their social status within communities. People pay them respect, provide them with gifts, turn to them for advice and for dispute resolution.

Their words and actions help develop followers of various types. Their closest adherents are socialised into believing that certain events are an affront to religion. Such events require a coercive response. That the response must be immediate. And that it will help further some vague faith-inspired objective, protect the purity of religion, or help restore the natural order of society.

Beyond the immediate actions of violent ac-

tivists, there is a wider segment of people in every community who think the objectives of these zealots are worthy. Perhaps they have not yet been socialised to such a great degree that they take matters into their own hands. However, they frequently appreciate those who do. These people are the ones who will stand on the side while someone is burnt, lynched, or attacked. Their passive support helps sustain this enterprise of violence.

Broadly speaking, this is the organisation of violent religious extremism at the community level. Every case of violence will reveal actors of these three types — the ideologue, the activist, and the passive supporter.

Let's assume that ideologues exist everywhere. Extremist preachers who try to outdo each other by being more extreme are a reality in every society. It is less useful trying to understand why they exist. As long as beliefs and ideologies exist, violent interpretations will likely persist.

But what explains the level of support for their messaging? Here, research often turns to existing so-

cial and economic conditions. One popular interpretation is that poverty, material distress, and other forms of economic anxiety push people towards extremism.

In Pakistan, religious extremism seems to have an implicit class character. TLP's street cadres, for example, are overwhelmingly young men from working-class backgrounds, many of whom are un/underemployed. It is likely that associating with a movement adds purpose to a listless existence. Sometimes it goes as far as to become a source of power, prestige, and status mobility in a supremely unequal society.

Class politics, however, is not just a preserve of the poor. Relatively better-off traders, merchants, contractors etc also offer support (financial and otherwise) for fundamentalist ideology. In my conversations with bazaar traders in Lahore, I found that these groups are motivated for both self-serving objectives — to gain local respect and status — as well as a way to push back against what they think is the hedonistic agenda of Westernised upper classes. There is thus a different

type of class-based politics also at play here, one that pits un-Islamic elites against pious middling sorts.

The second set of factors concerns the role of the Pakistani state in creating fertile conditions for extremism. National identity and the concept of state authority are tied to Islam, which gives plenty of space to non-state actors to weigh in on how it should be interpreted.

School and even higher education curriculum content is devoted to the creation of ideal (Sunni) Muslim citizens, which casts minority sects and non-Muslims as deviants. Laws have been put in place that police religious practice and create punitive conditions for heterodoxy, which perpetuates vigilantism.

And governance failures and the expedient use of religious actors for political ends — such as geostrategic goals in neighbouring countries or taking down a popular government domestically — ensure that law and order responses to religious violence are either belated or entirely inadequate. Combining both sets

of factors — societal and state-specific — the future does not look optimistic.

On the societal front, there are no mass movements that can challenge religious extremism. Mainstream parties are either complicit or too risk-averse to take this issue on, especially when they are in government. Preachers who attempt more pacifist interpretations find themselves irrelevant or at risk of violence. Economic conditions are worsening, leaving more young people stuck in social stagnation and precarity.

As far as the state is concerned, it has not demonstrated any serious intent at reforming its protocols around religious extremism. Police responses are often belated, and biased against minority groups. Prosecution is largely absent. There is not even a modicum of intention to revisit laws that catalyse violent acts. And extremist groups remain valuable as a strategic asset, especially when needed to stifle democratic processes and teach some non-conforming party a lesson.

## Integrity is the law

#### Muhammad Mohsin Masood

What do judges really do? What magic do they use that, not them, but the words they speak, dictate and rule? What is their lot? What objects are hidden under their robes that many try to de-robe them? Surely being a judge is no easy task. You are to judge people, to resolve their disputes, to conciliate and determine rights. But you are also expected to do justice, to ensure fairness, and to protect rights. Above all, you are tasked to apply the law. Ordinarily, this would be enough for most people to lose their heads, not at the guillotine of political chaos, but because of the taxing demands of conscience to do what is right.

Unfortunately, in this land of the pure, perhaps because there is no right or wrong, many judges find themselves in the fray of political chaos. Questions are raised of allegiance, of tribal support, of national loyalties, of favours, kickbacks and foreign conspiracies. Let alone the veracity or otherwise of all this, these questions strike at the heart of the law — what becomes of it? What is the law of this land where judges pronounce judgements merely to dethrone political leaders who have become liabilities? What rules or principles are at play, which set out the legal and political system of the country? These are questions which stare us in the face, yet no answers are attempted by our ruling elite.

There is no need to despair, however, as there can be an attempt at an answer. One of the

most influential conceptions of the law was put forth by Ronald Dworkin. According to Dworkin, the law can be thought of as a chain novel where each chapter is being written by the judges when they adjudicate and interpret the law. The interpretation and adjudication of the law should be consistent with the earlier chapters so as to result in a coherent whole.

Just like a novel should make sense, with recurring characters and storylines, so too must the judges lay down the law which fits in with the earlier chapters. On the whole, this coherence should reflect the political ideal of a society. The law should operate to reflect this inherent integrity: a judge is bound by earlier pronouncements yet retains the independence to take the story forward — forward in essence, while retaining the overall conception of political morality in a society.

So, integrity — where the law should fit in with the rest of the picture to present a coherent whole — is the bedrock of a functioning legal system. The spirit of this integrity is to make decisions by choosing an interpretation that the judge believes best from the standpoint of political morality, one that reflects the aims and aspirations of the whole of society.

Integrity is, therefore, not a mechanism of ensuring continuity, but a political ideal that ensures that the institutions of state work together in a way so as to treat the political community on the basis of principles. This integrity cannot be achieved without the personal integrity of individuals within the institutions,

especially legal institutions, to ensure justice, fairness and a commitment to achieving those principles of political morality. Hence, the integrity of a judge is to be judged from their commitment to the principles of our political morality — principles such as respect for individual rights, liberty, a role for religion in society, freedom and accountability; integrity can also be gauged by the way a judge raises these issues in his or her judgements.

In this light, consider the recent judgement of Justice Babar Sattar where-in he initiated contempt proceedings, but in doing so, quite philosophically asked the following questions: is the rule of law to be treated as a device capable of producing nothing other than feel-good rhetoric in Pakistan, or is it to be regarded as a meaningful concept signifying a legal system that affords ordinary citizens the rights and liberties guaranteed by the Constitution? Does our legal system have the ability to give effect to the protections the law affords to citizens, while simultaneously operationalising the obligations it imposes on the exercise of state power? Does our court system have the capacity to minimise the gap between a blackletter law and its enforcement such that the law serves a useful purpose in citizens' daily life and experience?

In asking and then attempting to answer these questions, there is a display of immutable integrity — both personal and professional. If integrity is to provide an answer to these existential questions regarding our state and society, the starting point must be integrity within. -- Courtesy Dawn

## State's failure

#### Huma Yusuf

A throng of men encircle leaping flames. They are energised, holding mobile phones aloft to capture the moment. By now, we all know what they are filming, and we are shocked, sickened, scared. Those who feel distanced from this horrific violence — immune by virtue of their class privilege or majority status — should look again. This is what state failure looks like, and it affects us all.

Mob violence is ascendant in Pakistan. And when mobs gather to beat, break and burn, the public focus is on how the state failed in the moment; how it failed to anticipate the violence, defuse the situation or use law-enforcement tactics to control the mob. Police officials are re-posted and inquiries launched, but often to no avail. And so we also recognise impunity as a form of state failure — from Joseph Colony to Jaranwala, none that have joined mobs have faced the legal consequences.

What we have not yet fully acknowledged is that state failure is evident not only in the state's inability to control and punish mobs, but in their very existence. The truth is the mob exists because the state is weak and compromised enough that it needs the mob to survive, to perpetuate its power. In her work on Vigilantes and the State, Rebecca Tapscott argues that in low-capacity states, particularly where militaries have dominated, state institutions often collaborate with 'informal' and 'non-state violent groups' to enforce their writ.

In Pakistan, the mob is an extension of a semi-authoritarian, hyper-nationalist security state that has peddled religious-national narratives as a way to ensure political control. The entrenchment

of these narratives has required the cultivation of proxies, including violent extremist groups. It has also required the introduction of flawed legislation that is consistently and perversely abused at the expense of the most vulnerable, our religious minorities and other marginalised groups. At the grassroots level, these security policies and laws manifest as the mob.

When mobs in Pakistan mobilise, they do so confident in the knowledge that they are on the side of might, that they are enacting the secret desires of the powers that be, that they are finishing what the state started. The problem with such complicity is that it soon becomes co-option. As the weak response to Madyan and countless similar atrocities have shown, after a point, it's the mob that's in control.

We are not alone in this devolution. Across the border, Hindutva vigilantes emboldened by the BJP's political agenda have carried out lynchings on absurd pretences such as 'love jihad' and the treatment of cows. But the prevalence of a problem does not temper its severity.

Indeed, when the mob is an extension of the state, it is normalised, and mob violence becomes a rational means to an end. Think of Karachi, where the police have had to rescue robbers from lynch mobs intent on doling out their own version of justice. Or consider the chaos in Peshawar lately, where a mob took control of a grid station to protest loadshedding. This mob was duly egged on by a parliamentarian who has clearly internalised the fact that where the mob goes, there lies power.

What is to be done? Too often, the focus is on the quick fix to manage

the state's failure in the moment. And so there is lip service to police trainings and judicial reviews of incidents. The more ambitious among us call for a strengthening of the democratic system to ensure better accountability and, ultimately (hopefully) deterrence.

But strengthening democracy is no easy task. As Francis Fukuyama wrote, "before you can have a democracy, you must have a legitimate and therefore durable state you must have democracy". Mad-yy--an highlights our st--a--te failure is, and so, how much more challenging the task of building an inclusive democratic system.

We can achieve little until we shift our understanding of mob violence as a moment of madness in which state control failed to the recognition of mob violence as an extension of the state. To address the problem, we must diagnose it, and this will require a full reckoning with our political history, a rewriting of our national policies and narratives, starting with a review of the public curriculum.

To his credit, Ahsan Iqbal started on this path by recommending to parliament that a committee including ulema be formed to consider how religion is being weaponised in Pakistan.

His remarks were shushed and side-lined by the speaker, emphasising how the state and the mob are conflated. It is difficult to confront and disperse a mob — especially one rallied over decades, even centuries, of postcolonial history. But we must find a way, starting with seeing the mob for what it is: our state, and so by extension, us. -- Courtesy Dawn



## Aurangzeb assures consideration of PBC budget proposals

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue, Muhammad Aurangzeb here on Monday assured Pakistan Business Council (PBC) that its recommendations would be considered in the finalization of the budget for FY 2024-25 to whatever extent possible. According to press release issued by finance ministry, a delegation of Pakistan Business Council (PBC) led by Chairman PBC, Shabbir Diwan called on the minister. Minister of State for Finance and Revenue Ali Pervez Malik, Chairman Federal Board of Revenue (FBR), Malik Amjed Zubair Tiwana also attended the meeting. The PCB delegation appreciated the ongoing efforts of government and

discussed the Federal Budget 2024-25 with the finance minister. They also presented specific suggestions and tax proposals for consideration. The minister acknowledged and thanked the PBC for their insights. He also highlighted the FBR's ongoing efforts aimed at broadening the tax base and bringing retailers in tax net. Aurangzeb assured that decisions would be made through mutual consultation to ensure favorable outcomes for both the public and the business community. **Online add:** A delegation of Pakistan Business Council led by its Chairman Shabbir Diwan called on Minister for Finance and Revenue Senator Muhammad

Aurangzeb at Finance Division Monday. Minister of State for Finance and Revenue Ali Pervez Malik, Chairman of the Federal Board of Revenue Malik Amjed Zubair Tiwana also attended the meeting. The delegation appreciated the ongoing efforts of government and discussed the Federal Budget 2024-25 with the Finance Minister. They also presented specific suggestions and tax proposals for consideration. The Finance Minister acknowledged and thanked the Pakistan Business Council for its insights. He assured that their recommendations will be considered in the finalization of the budget to whatever extent



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Finance & Revenue Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb in a meeting with the delegation of Pakistan Business Council (PBC) led by Mr. Shabbir Diwan.

## Training of young Pakistanis with assistance from Huawei to start next month: Shaza

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunication Shaza Fatima Khawaja Monday said that the training of young Pakistanis in information technology and artificial intelligence, with assistance from Huawei, will begin next month. Participating in the budget debate, she said that during Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's visit to China, it was agreed that Huawei would train 200,000 young people in the information technology sector. Shaza Fatima said that the present government is taking effective steps to promote Information and Communications Technology (ICT) in the country. She said that under

the vision of the Prime Minister of Pakistan, the youth of the country are being given training in information technology. She said that the youth make up 70 percent of the country's population and the government is determined to equip them with IT training so they can secure jobs. She said that the government would train around 150,000 young people in the IT sector, who will then play a vital role in the country's economy. The minister said that a three to six-month IT course would enable the youth to earn a respectable income in both local and international markets. She recalled that during the government of Muhammad Nawaz Sharif,

## 30% tax will be imposed on the money kept in the bank by non-filers: Atif

**Independent Report** ISLAMABAD: President Federation of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Atif Ikram Sheikh, while talking about the budget anomalies, has said that 30% tax will be imposed on the money kept in the bank by non-filers, thirteen trillion rupees will be collected in a day. Expenses will have to be eliminated. Privatize everything in one year. We have proposed a five-line one-pager tax form. They should implement it. Five crore people will come into the tax net. We don't want a non-filer category, just a filer category. It is necessary that the business community stands with the country and the nation. The businessman-friendly scheme is good, but the non-bailable warrants are reprehensible. The tax culture has to be made respectable. Patron Chief Aptama and former caretaker minister Gohar Ijaz said that the solution to the country's problems is not with the IMF, but with the businessmen and industrialists. Banks should first deduct 30% on the non-filer's money, then withdraw the money from the bank. When it is 30% for businesses, why is the non-filer's money kept in the bank safe from it? Terminate the agreement with IPP, we will bear the consequences. We will take it, otherwise everyone will die. Bring the business community together. We will build a transmission line for you. In the country, electricity is being sold at 60 rupees per unit. No one can buy electricity at 60 rupees per unit. IPP's contracts should be converted to take and pay. The contracts of IPPs should be terminated, two thousand billion rupees are being paid in terms of capacity, electricity transmission lines have not been installed.

## KMC council approved budget of Rs. 49,602.138m for FY 2024-25

KARACHI (APP): The Karachi Metropolitan Corporation (KMC) council approved a budget of Rs. 49,602.138 million for the upcoming fiscal year 2024-25 by majority vote. Mayor Karachi Barrister Murtaza Wahab presented the budget in the KMC council on Monday for approval. The budget shows a surplus of Rs. 99.707 million. The total income is estimated at Rs. 49,701.845 million, while the estimated expenditures are Rs. 49,602.138 million. Current Receipts is Rs. 39,718.132 million and Capital Receipts is Rs. 815.213 million, while funds for the District ADP are Rs. 9,168.500 million. **Estimate** expenses are estimated at Rs. 27,846.975 million, the contingent expenses at Rs. 3,176.048 million, repair and maintenance at Rs. 424.355 million, and development projects/works at Rs. 8,986.260 million. The estimated expenses for District ADP are Rs. 9,168.500 million. Deputy Mayor Karachi Salman Abdullah Murad, Municipal Commissioner S.M Afzal Zaidi, and others were also present on the occasion. While presenting his first budget as Mayor, Barrister Murtaza Wahab emphasized the efforts to provide maximum facilities to citizens at the local level. Regarding development projects, he mentioned that funds have been allocated under the Federal PSDP Development Scheme 2024-25, with a total cost of Rs. 10,000 million for the Karachi Development.

## High level industrial delegation leaves for Turkmenistan

ISLAMABAD (APP): A high-level delegation led by Federal Minister for Industries and Production Rana Tanveer Hussain on Monday embarked on a three-day official visit to Turkmenistan. The delegation, comprising senior officers from the Ministry of Industries and National Food Security is also accompanying the Federal Minister. He delegation will engage in discussions on bilateral trade, economic relations, industrial and agricultural cooperation with Turkmenistan while cooperation in the energy sector will also discuss. During the visit, the delegation is scheduled to meet with President of Turkmenistan Serdar Berdimuhamedov and the national leader of Turkmenistan and chairman of the People's Council Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov.

## Pakistan's regional exports increase 20% in 11 months

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan's exports to the seven regional countries witnessed an increase of 20.61 per cent in the first eleven months of the financial year (2023-24) as compared to the corresponding months of last year. "The country's exports to the regional countries including

Afghanistan, China, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, India, Nepal, and the Maldives account for a small amount of \$4043.371 million, which is 14.09 per cent of Pakistan's overall exports of \$28,678.265 million during July-May (2023-24)," State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) reported. China tops the list of countries in terms of Pakistan's exports to its neighbouring, leaving behind other countries such as Bangladesh and Afghanistan. Pakistan carried out its border trade with the farther neighbour Sri Lanka, India, Nepal and Maldives. Pakistan's exports to China witnessed an increase of 35.61 per cent to \$2,553.481 million.

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

ZTBL Mansehra Branch (Plaintiff)  
*Versus*  
(1) Abdul Razzaq S/o Abdul Nabi R/o Village Tatoli Tehsil Oghi District Mansehra (Defendant)  
Whereas the ZTBL Mansehra Branch has instituted a suit for the recovery of Rs. 191272/- etc due against you under Section-9 of Financial institutions (recovery of Finances) Ordinances, 2001 and dated (03-06-2024). You are hereby summoned to obtain leave to defend the suit within 30 days of the publication of this proclamation. In default where of the plaintiff will be entitled to a degree for the said sum and cost of suit cost to funds etc from the date of institution of suit till realization of entire amount.  
Next date of hearing is 09-07-2024.  
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JUDGE  
Banking Court Hazara Division, Abbottabad.

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

MCB Abbottabad Branch (Plaintiff)  
*Versus*  
(1) Nasir Wazir S/o Wazir Muhammad R/o Baidra Chowk Shakra-e-Resham House No. 313 Mohallah Lohar Banda Mansehra. (Defendant)  
Whereas the MCB Abbottabad Branch has instituted a suit for the recovery of Rs. 327614/- etc due against you under Section-9 of Financial institutions (recovery of Finances) Ordinances, 2001 and dated (11-06-2024). You are hereby summoned to obtain leave to defend the suit within 30 days of the publication of this proclamation. In default where of the plaintiff will be entitled to a degree for the said sum and cost of suit cost to funds etc from the date of institution of suit till realization of entire amount.  
Next date of hearing is 15-07-2024.  
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JUDGE  
Banking Court Hazara Division, Abbottabad.

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

ZTBL Abbottabad Branch (Plaintiff)  
*Versus*  
(1) Dil Pazir S/o Muhammad Yousaf R/o Sehri Khan Kalan Bakot Tehsil & District Abbottabad (Defendant)  
Whereas the ZTBL Abbottabad Branch has instituted a suit for the recovery of Rs. 221703/- etc due against you under Section-9 of Financial institutions (recovery of Finances) Ordinances, 2001 and dated (03-06-2024). You are hereby summoned to obtain leave to defend the suit within 30 days of the publication of this proclamation. In default where of the plaintiff will be entitled to a degree for the said sum and cost of suit cost to funds etc from the date of institution of suit till realization of entire amount.  
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### In Court of Abdul Baseer Judge Banking Court Hazara Division Abbottabad

ZTBL Abbottabad Branch (Plaintiff)  
*Versus*  
(1) Muhammad Faheem S/o Muhammad Saddique Khan R/o Sehri Khan Kalan Bakot Tehsil & District Abbottabad. (Defendant)  
Whereas the ZTBL Abbottabad Branch has instituted a suit for the recovery of Rs. 482952/- etc due against you under Section-9 of Financial institutions (recovery of Finances) Ordinances, 2001 and dated (03-06-2024). You are hereby summoned to obtain leave to defend the suit within 30 days of the publication of this proclamation. In default where of the plaintiff will be entitled to a degree for the said sum and cost of suit cost to funds etc from the date of institution of suit till realization of entire amount.  
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Banking Court Hazara Division, Abbottabad.

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

ZTBL Mansehra Branch (Plaintiff)  
*Versus*  
(1) Hamid Anwar S/o Muhammad Anwar R/o Hawa-Gali P/o Shamdhara Oghi Tehsil Oghi District Mansehra (Defendant)  
Whereas the ZTBL Mansehra Branch has instituted a suit for the recovery of Rs. 86304/- etc due against you under Section-9 of Financial institutions (recovery of Finances) Ordinances, 2001 and dated (03-06-2024). You are hereby summoned to obtain leave to defend the suit within 30 days of the publication of this proclamation. In default where of the plaintiff will be entitled to a degree for the said sum and cost of suit cost to funds etc from the date of institution of suit till realization of entire amount.  
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### In Court of Abdul Baseer Judge Banking Court Hazara Division Abbottabad

ZTBL Abbottabad Branch (Plaintiff)  
*Versus*  
(1) Muhammad Saleem S/o Taj Muhammad R/o Village Bareela Sherwan Tehsil & District Abbottabad (Defendant)  
Whereas the ZTBL Abbottabad Branch has instituted a suit for the recovery of Rs. 274947/- etc due against you under Section-9 of Financial institutions (recovery of Finances) Ordinances, 2001 and dated (03-06-2024). You are hereby summoned to obtain leave to defend the suit within 30 days of the publication of this proclamation. In default where of the plaintiff will be entitled to a degree for the said sum and cost of suit cost to funds etc from the date of institution of suit till realization of entire amount.  
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JUDGE  
Banking Court Hazara Division, Abbottabad.

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

ZTBL Abbottabad Branch (Plaintiff)  
*Versus*  
(1) Muhammad Fareed Khan S/o Sikandar Khan R/o Baian Noora Bootiala Tehsil & District Abbottabad (Defendant)  
Whereas the ZTBL Abbottabad Branch has instituted a suit for the recovery of Rs. 627588/- etc due against you under Section-9 of Financial institutions (recovery of Finances) Ordinances, 2001 and dated (03-06-2024). You are hereby summoned to obtain leave to defend the suit within 30 days of the publication of this proclamation. In default where of the plaintiff will be entitled to a degree for the said sum and cost of suit cost to funds etc from the date of institution of suit till realization of entire amount.  
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JUDGE  
Banking Court Hazara Division, Abbottabad.

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

ZTBL Abbottabad Branch (Plaintiff)  
*Versus*  
(1) Jahangir Khan S/o Ali Akbar R/o Morkalan Tehsil & District Abbottabad. (Defendant)  
Whereas the ZTBL Abbottabad Branch has instituted a suit for the recovery of Rs. 279643/- etc due against you under Section-9 of Financial institutions (recovery of Finances) Ordinances, 2001 and dated (29-05-2024). You are hereby summoned to obtain leave to defend the suit within 30 days of the publication of this proclamation. In default where of the plaintiff will be entitled to a degree for the said sum and cost of suit cost to funds etc from the date of institution of suit till realization of entire amount.  
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### In Court of Abdul Baseer Judge Banking Court Hazara Division Abbottabad

ZTBL Mansehra Branch (Plaintiff)  
*Versus*  
(1) Muhammad Maskeen S/o Ahmed R/o Fateh Bandi Tehsil Oghi District Mansehra (Defendant)  
Whereas the ZTBL Mansehra Branch has instituted a suit for the recovery of Rs. 75072/- etc due against you under Section-9 of Financial institutions (recovery of Finances) Ordinances, 2001 and dated (03-06-2024). You are hereby summoned to obtain leave to defend the suit within 30 days of the publication of this proclamation. In default where of the plaintiff will be entitled to a degree for the said sum and cost of suit cost to funds etc from the date of institution of suit till realization of entire amount.  
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### In Court of Abdul Baseer Judge Banking Court Hazara Division Abbottabad

ZTBL Abbottabad Branch (Plaintiff)  
*Versus*  
(1) Gul Fayyaz S/o Shehzada Khan R/o Sajikot Qalandaraba Tehsil & District Abbottabad. Presently residing House No. 52 University Road Mohalla Dolat Ram Karachi Sharqi (Defendant)  
Whereas the ZTBL Abbottabad Branch has instituted a suit for the recovery of Rs. 455409/- etc due against you under Section-9 of Financial institutions (recovery of Finances) Ordinances, 2001 and dated (03-06-2024). You are hereby summoned to obtain leave to defend the suit within 30 days of the publication of this proclamation. In default where of the plaintiff will be entitled to a degree for the said sum and cost of suit cost to funds etc from the date of institution of suit till realization of entire amount.  
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### In Court of Abdul Baseer Judge Banking Court Hazara Division Abbottabad

ZTBL Abbottabad Branch (Plaintiff)  
*Versus*  
(1) Abdul Ghaffar S/o Balar Khan Caste Abbasi R/o Jehan Bakot Tehsil & District Abbottabad (Defendant)  
Whereas the ZTBL Abbottabad Branch has instituted a suit for the recovery of Rs. 385002/- etc due against you under Section-9 of Financial institutions (recovery of Finances) Ordinances, 2001 and dated (03-06-2024). You are hereby summoned to obtain leave to defend the suit within 30 days of the publication of this proclamation. In default where of the plaintiff will be entitled to a degree for the said sum and cost of suit cost to funds etc from the date of institution of suit till realization of entire amount.  
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### In Court of Abdul Baseer Judge Banking Court Hazara Division Abbottabad

ZTBL Abbottabad Branch (Plaintiff)  
*Versus*  
(1) Majid Sadiq S/o Muhammad Sadiq R/o Karim Abad Banda Peer Khan Tehsil & District Abbottabad (Defendant)  
Whereas the ZTBL Abbottabad Branch has instituted a suit for the recovery of Rs. 61077/- etc due against you under Section-9 of Financial institutions (recovery of Finances) Ordinances, 2001 and dated (29-05-2024). You are hereby summoned to obtain leave to defend the suit within 30 days of the publication of this proclamation. In default where of the plaintiff will be entitled to a degree for the said sum and cost of suit cost to funds etc from the date of institution of suit till realization of entire amount.  
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### In Court of Abdul Baseer Judge Banking Court Hazara Division Abbottabad

ZTBL Abbottabad Branch (Plaintiff)  
*Versus*  
(1) Abdul Qadir S/o Ali Akbar R/o Millenium Heights Flat No. 107 Sector No. F-11 Islamabad (Defendant)  
Whereas the ZTBL Abbottabad Branch has instituted a suit for the recovery of Rs. 305837/- etc due against you under Section-9 of Financial institutions (recovery of Finances) Ordinances, 2001 and dated (29-05-2024). You are hereby summoned to obtain leave to defend the suit within 30 days of the publication of this proclamation. In default where of the plaintiff will be entitled to a degree for the said sum and cost of suit cost to funds etc from the date of institution of suit till realization of entire amount.  
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## Amir Muqam for representing his people at all levels

ISLAMABAD (APP): Division in the Cabinet and Frontier Regions, Kashmir Affairs and Gilgit-Baltistan, Engineer Amir Muqam has said that he had always represented FATA, PATA/Malakand Division at the center in 2016, 2018, 2023 and would continue to do so in the future.

He said that he would continue to represent his people at all levels regardless of the results.

In a meeting with the delegation of Malakand Traders Federation and Swat Chamber of Commerce, Amir Muqam reiterated that he would continue to raise awareness about the sacrifices of the people of FATA and PATA/Malakand



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister, Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif interacts with Members of the National Assembly during National Assembly Budget Session in Islamabad.

## Italy to launch initiative to educate out-of-school children in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Italian Ambassador to Pakistan Marilina Armellini has taken initiative to educate out-of-school children in Pakistan through Interactive Radio Instruction (IRI).

Education remains a distant dream for many children in rural areas of Pakistan. Therefore, she took up the initiative to highlight the benefits of enrollment and education through radio broadcast.

The initiative will also help in sharing practical information on sustainable development practices for schools. In an exclusive interview with APP, the ambassador disclosed that a groundbreaking IRI initiative was set to unfold next month, poised to redefine access to learning for millions of out-of-school children. Italy, in collaboration with local partners and supported by UNESCO, will launch a pioneering "Radio Education" programme to bridge educational gaps and empower underprivileged communities across Pakistan. Pakistan faces stark challenges with a 62% literacy rate and significant disparities in educational access. Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's recent "Education Emergency" pledges a comprehensive effort to integrate millions of out-of-school children into the educational fold. This initiative underscores a pivotal moment in Pakistan's quest for inclusive education and economic progress.

Marilina responding to a question, underscored the pivotal roles of government, teachers, and parents in fostering a robust educational ecosystem.

Italy, with its rich educational heritage, she said, supported Pakistan through UNESCO-backed projects like radio education in remote areas.

The project not only to promote learning but also empower communities to embrace sustainable practices, enhancing resilience against environmental challenges, she added.

Beyond education, Italy and Pakistan explore economic synergies. With burgeoning trade ties and shared interests in agriculture, energy, and tourism, both nations seek to capitalize on their respective strengths.



ISLAMABAD: People are sitting under the shade of damaged bus station as waiting for public transport, alongside Islamabad expressway in the Federal Capital, as needs to attention for concern authorities.

## ICT admin cracks down on dengue breeding sites, arrests 16

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) administration has ramped up its anti-dengue efforts with a series of targeted actions across the Federal Capital, detecting dengue larvae at 53 locations and arresting 16 people for violations of dengue Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs).

On the directions of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Islamabad, Assistant Commissioners (ACs) have been conducting extensive surveillance and enforcement activities, resulting in multiple arrests, said the spokesman of the ICT administration. In a recent operation, AC City led a team to inspect commercial areas in sector F-7 and arrested four individuals after dengue larvae were found on their premises. These actions reflect a stringent approach towards controlling the mosquito-borne disease.

Meanwhile, AC Secretariat held a meeting with dengue staff at the Rural Health Center (RHC) in Bhara Kahu to review ongoing surveillance strategies. The session focused on refining plans to effectively monitor and control dengue outbreaks in the area.

Similarly, the DC held a review meeting to discuss the status and effectiveness of the current anti-dengue campaign. The meeting included detailed briefings from all Assistant Commissioners, highlighting the comprehensive efforts being made across the city.

On the occasion, the DC emphasized the importance of coordinated action in every neighborhood. The campaign, aimed at identifying and eliminating dengue breeding sites, has seen significant enforcement measures. In one operation, nine people were arrested at Gol Market in F-7 for failing to take necessary precautions against dengue. The shop linked to the spread of dengue in this area has been sealed, and legal actions were taken against the responsible shopkeepers. Similarly, in sector F-1, three more arrests were made as part of the anti-dengue efforts.



Prof. Ahsan Iqbal, Federal Minister for Planning, Development, and Special Initiatives, being the Chief Guest, addressed the ceremony of 49th International Nathiagali Summer College on Physics and Contemporary Needs was inaugurated at the National Center for Physics, Islamabad

## Planning Minister inaugurates 49th Intl Nathiagali Summer College on Physics

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives, Professor Ahsan Iqbal on Monday inaugurated 49th International Nathiagali Summer College (INSC) on Physics and Contemporary Needs, marking a significant milestone in government's efforts to promote excellence in emerging technologies and facilitate international collaboration in scientific research. The summer college is being organized every year by Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission (PAEC) since 1976, aiming at transferring and sharing scientific knowledge among the scientific community.

Speaking on the occasion, the minister said INSCs have established a tradition of stimulating scientific activities, particularly in the field of Physics, often called the "bedrock of modern science."

He said, Physics plays a foundational role in our understanding of the natural world and underpins many technological advancements. He said, the unwavering commitment of PAEC to host the Nathiagali Summer Colleges for the past 49 years was truly commendable. The minister also acknowledged the pivotal role played by PAEC in the scientific and technological advancements of Pakistan, including energy production, agriculture, medicine, and industry.

He said, over the decades, the PAEC has made significant strides in nuclear research and development, achieving remarkable milestones that have contributed to the socio-economic progress of our country.

According to recent data, the PAEC generates approximately 8.2% of Pakistan's total electricity, playing a crucial role in addressing country's energy needs. In addition to its contributions to energy and healthcare, the PAEC has actively supported research and education in nuclear science and technology, fostering a new generation of scientists and engineers equipped to tackle the challenges of the 21st century.

By investing in human capital and infrastructure, the commission has laid the foundation for sustainable development and innovation in Pakistan.

He said, while recognizing the transformative power of quantum science, the government has taken proactive steps to support the development of quantum technologies in Pakistan, adding that through strategic partnerships with leading research institutions, universities, and industry stakeholders, the government is investing in quantum research and innovation initiatives.

## 3-day 'Theatre Extravaganza' to mesmerize art enthusiasts

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan National Council of the Arts (PNCA) in collaboration with the Ajoka Theatre will organize a three-day 'Theatre Extravaganza' from June 25-27 to mesmerize the art enthusiasts.

The event will be held at PNCA with an objective of fostering healthy theatrical activities for the people belonging to the federal capital as well as surroundings who can enjoy the vibrant performances, thought provoking ideas and touching messages.

As per schedule announced by the PNCA, Ajoka's acclaimed production 'Teesri Dastak-The wretched of the earth fight back', penned by Executive Director Shahid Nadeem, will be performed on June 25 to kick off the festival.

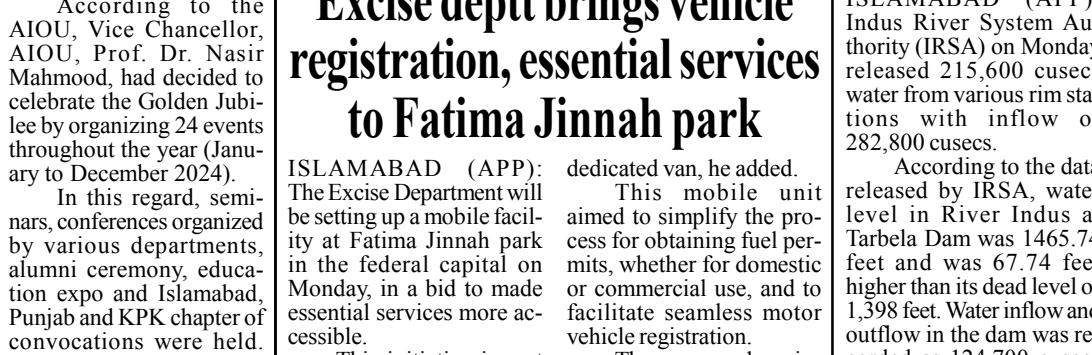
## AIOU celebrates Golden Jubilee

ISLAMABAD (APP): Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU) has completed 50 years of its educational journey (1974 to 2024).

According to the AIOU, Vice Chancellor, AIOU, Prof. Dr. Nasir Mahmood, had decided to celebrate the Golden Jubilee by organizing 24 events throughout the year (January to December 2024).

In this regard, seminars, conferences organized by various departments, alumni ceremony, education expo and Islamabad, Punjab and KPK chapter of convocations were held. Convocation of Balochistan and Sindh chapters is in the pipeline.

A two-day International Conference on Modern Trends in Chemistry was held on February 14 and 15, a two-day International Conference on Research and Practices in Education on February 28 and 29, while a three-day International Conference on Ijtihad Bil Maqasid was held on May 22-24, 2024.



ISLAMABAD: A view of traffic jam at Islamabad Expressway in the Federal Capital. As all the office have started working after Eid Holidays.

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Excise Department will be setting up a mobile facility at Fatima Jinnah park in the federal capital on Monday, in a bid to make essential services more accessible.

This initiative is part of the ICT Doorstep initiative, said the spokesman of Islamabad Capital Territory Administration.

He said that from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., excise staff would be stationed at the park's parking lot of Bolan Gate to assist residents with various civic needs.

Residents of the surrounding areas could visit the park to take advantage of these services through a dedicated van, he added.

This mobile unit aimed to simplify the process for obtaining fuel permits, whether for domestic or commercial use, and to facilitate seamless motor vehicle registration.

The on-ground service would make these processes quick and straightforward. He said that the initiative was designed to streamline vehicle-related procedures such as registration, transfer, and token tax payment. Beyond these, the mobile facility center will offer additional services including the issuance of domicile certificates, birth certificates, power of attorney documents, international driving permits.

## Islamabad Police Constable wins best international graduate award in China

ISLAMABAD (APP): Islamabad Police Constable Muneeb Ahsan has been awarded with the honor of best graduate Police Officer in the international police class of 2020-2024 under the Undergraduate Police Exchange Program in China.

The talented officer the examination and interview stages. All these stages were completed on merit and with transparency to ensure that no deserving and capable officer is deprived of their right.

Inspector General of Police Islamabad, Syed Ali Nasir Rizvi, said, Constable Muneeb Ahsan's success highlights his perseverance and dedication to excellent performance.

Constable Muneeb Ahsan is the positive face of Islamabad Police, who, through his hard work, dedication, and perseverance, not only paves the way for success but also brings honor to his department.



He was selected as the sole representative of the Pakistan Police. Muneeb Ahsan had also been awarded the "Student of the Year" award for the 2020-2021 session, due to his outstanding performance.

Constable Muneeb was selected after meeting the scholarship criteria and successfully completing

## Excise deptt brings vehicle registration, essential services to Fatima Jinnah park

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Excise Department will be setting up a mobile facility at Fatima Jinnah park in the federal capital on Monday, in a bid to make essential services more accessible.

This initiative is part of the ICT Doorstep initiative, said the spokesman of Islamabad Capital Territory Administration.

He said that from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., excise staff would be stationed at the park's parking lot of Bolan Gate to assist residents with various civic needs.

Residents of the surrounding areas could visit the park to take advantage of these services through a dedicated van, he added.

This mobile unit aimed to simplify the process for obtaining fuel permits, whether for domestic or commercial use, and to facilitate seamless motor vehicle registration.

The on-ground service would make these processes quick and straightforward. He said that the initiative was designed to streamline vehicle-related procedures such as registration, transfer, and token tax payment. Beyond these, the mobile facility center will offer additional services including the issuance of domicile certificates, birth certificates, power of attorney documents, international driving permits.

ISLAMABAD (APP): The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) will launch its mentorship programme on Wednesday (June 26) for copyright management organizations in Pakistan.

The programme would be launched at a two day event scheduled on June 26 and 27 in Lahore, according to press release issued by IPO Pakistan.

The event will launch in collaboration with the Intellectual Property Organization of Pakistan (IPO Pakistan), the Japan Copyright Office (JCO), and the Agency for Cultural Affairs Government of Japan.

The launching event is expected to bring together local and international experts to share best practices, knowledge, and experiences in copyright management, fostering a robust and sustainable copyright ecosystem in Pakistan.

## IRSA releases 215,600 cusecs water

ISLAMABAD (APP): Indus River System Authority (IRSA) on Monday released 215,600 cusecs water from various rim stations with inflow of 282,800 cusecs.

According to the data released by IRSA, water level in River Indus at Tarbela Dam was 1465.74 feet and was 67.74 feet higher than its dead level of 1,398 feet. Water inflow and outflow in the dam was recorded as 124,700 cusecs and 70,000 cusecs respectively.

The water level in River Jhelum at Mangla Dam was 1182.05 feet, which was 134.05 feet higher than its dead level of 1,050 feet. The inflow and outflow of water was recorded as 42,500 cusecs and 30,000 cusecs respectively.

## Disqualification case Imran Khan requests early SC hearing

ISLAMABAD (INP): Former prime minister Imran Khan has filed a petition with the Supreme Court requesting an early hearing of his pending appeal against his disqualification as a lawmaker. The petition was submitted through Barrister Ali Zafar.

The plea requests the apex court to expedite the hearing of the PTI founder's appeal against his disqualification as a legislator.

The petition states that currently, a process is underway to remove Imran Khan from his position as party supremo following his disqualification by the Election Commission.

## Randhawa directs to clean, channelize all drains in federal capital

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chairman Capital Development Authority (CDA) Chaudhry Muhammad Ali Randhawa on Monday directed to clean and channelize all the drains in both urban and rural areas of the federal capital.

Chairing a meeting to assess the preparations for cleaning Islamabad's drains before the monsoon season, he highlighted the importance of valuing all lives, insisting that the work be done indiscriminately.

He instructed the Deputy Commissioner of Islamabad to supervise the entire operation and directed the Environment Wing to quickly clear any blockages in the drains.

Muhammad Ali also tasked the sanitation staff with ensuring the thorough cleaning of the drains. Machinery from various departments, including the MPO, will be employed, and the cleaning crews will receive the necessary machinery and technical support.

Upon completion of the cleaning process, the Assistant Commissioner and Rescue 1122 will inspect the drains and submit a report, he added.

He said that drains in low-lying areas would be closely watched, with CDA staff and machinery on duty around the clock during the monsoon season.

Muhammad Ali also directed the immediate activation of all emergency response centers in Islamabad and issued the helpline numbers for citizens in case of emergencies.

## Chairs meeting of foreigners security Protection of foreign nationals top priority, says IG Islamabad

ISLAMABAD: Inspector General of Police (IGP) Islamabad, Syed Ali Nasir Rizvi, chaired an important meeting early in the morning regarding the protection of foreign nationals, a public relations officer said.

He said that, the meeting was attended by DIG Security Muhammad Jawad Tariq, SSP Investigation Hassan Jahangir Wattoo, and other senior police officers.

DIG Security and SSP Investigation briefed IGP Islamabad on the measures taken for the security of foreign nationals.

IG Islamabad issued directives to make the security of foreign ambassadors, delegations, and other foreign nationals foolproof, and to enhance the security system further with the help of modern technology, artificial intelligence, and human resources.



## Anjam demands inclusion of locals in CDA board

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan Muslim League Nawaz's Anjum Aqeel Khan said on Monday that local representatives should be included in the Capital Development Authority (CDA) and Housing Foundation boards.

While participating in the general budget debate, he said that representation on these boards would hopefully enhance the performance of the departments.

He said that the stalled development of CDA sectors would accelerate with these incentives.

Highlighting issues of water, health, and education

in the federal capital, he urged the government to address these issues as a priority.

He called for a parliamentary committee to be constituted to examine who has worked for development, good foreign policy, and the construction of motorways and roads.

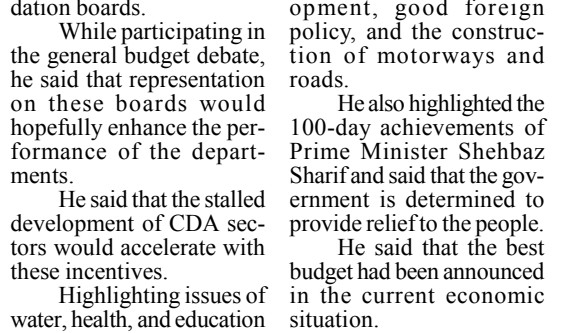
He also highlighted the 100-day achievements of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and said that the government is determined to provide relief to the people.

He said that the best budget had been announced in the current economic situation.

## NEOC of NDMA releases monsoon projection for key regions

ISLAMABAD (APP): The National Emergencies Operation Center (NEOC) of the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) on Monday issued a comprehensive monsoon forecast, highlighting expected rainfall intensities and potential impacts across various regions of Pakistan for the month of July. The forecast indicates that rainfall at isolated places of Mardan, Malakand and Hazara Divisions of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa was expected in the third week of July while heavy to very heavy rainfall is expected in the fourth week of July, a news release said.

In the first and second week of July Lahore, Sargodha, Faisalabad and Gujranwala Districts of Punjab and capital territory, Islamabad will receive 15-50 mm rainfall at isolated places while in fourth week potential flooding in ICT, Rawalpindi, Lahore, Sargodha, Gujranwala &



ISLAMABAD: Youngsters taking water buckets for home use at G 7 in the Federal Capital.

Faisalabad, hill torrents in DG Khan, moderate to heavy rains in Sahiwal, Multan & Bahawalpur is expected.

As per the latest projections from the NEOC Mirpurkhas, Karachi, Hyderabad, Nawabshah, Larkana & Sukkur districts of Sindh will receive 30-75 mm rainfall in the month of July while in second and fourth week of July heavy to very heavy rainfall is expected in these areas. In fourth week of July Astore District of Gilgit Baltistan and isolated places of AJ&K to receive heavy to very heavy rainfall, potential severe flooding in nullahs and rivers. Moderate to very heavy rains may cause riverine and flash flooding, urban flooding, landslides in hilly areas, and potential GLOF events. In light of these projections, the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) has advised Provincial Disaster Management Authorities (PDMAs).