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QUETTA: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif talking to the media after the signing of agreement to solarise agricultural tubewells of Balochistan.

28,000 tube wells in Balochistan to be converted on solar power: PM

Says federal govt to provide 70%, Balochistan to contribute 30% in Rs55 bln solarization project

QUETTA (APP): Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Monday said that under an agreement reached between the Federal and Balochistan provincial governments, a total of 28,000 agricultural tube wells in the province would be shifted to solar system within three months.

He opined that the completion of project would ensure prosperity of the farmers and bring a large area of cultivable land under farming, adding that with functioning of the solar powered tube wells, the farmers would get uninterrupted power supply throughout the day.

Earlier, the prime minister witnessed an agreement signing ceremony between the federal and the provincial governments for shifting of electricity run tube wells to solar powered mechanism.

The prime minister tasked the chief minister to complete the solarization project within three months. He opined that the completion of project would ensure prosperity of the farmers and bring a large area of cultivable land under farming, adding that with functioning of the solar powered tube wells, the farmers would get uninterrupted power supply throughout the day.

Govt greenlights army deployment across country for Muharram security

ISLAMABAD (INP): The federal government has granted the approval of army deployment across the country during Muharram to ensure security.

The federal government has approved deployment of Pakistan Army and civil armed forces in Islamabad, Azad Kashmir and Gilgit-Baltistan along with provinces, says a notification.

The notification mentions that details about army deployment will be discussed with relevant authorities. The deployment of army and civil armed forces has been allowed for an indefinite period.

The army as a quick response force is going to be deployed on request of provinces. The provinces will decide about the places

and numbers of deployment of army troops. Earlier, the Sindh government approved the deployment of army, rangers and FC personnel.

With the advent of Muharram on Monday (today), the Punjab police have finalised foolproof security arrangements to protect processions and Majalis (gatherings) across the province.

As many as 10,700 processions and 38,000 Majalis will take place in the province. Over 215,000 officers and personnel will perform security duty, with over 28,000 officers and personnel will specifically be deployed in Lahore.

Rangers and the Pakistan Army, along with other govt security institutions, will help police for peaceful Muharram.

Over 66,000 community volunteers and 45,000 volunteers will perform security duty for Muharram processions.

Various field formations including CTD, special branch, traffic police, Dolphin Squad, and Peru, will perform their duties as part of the security plan.

Across the province, 633 points have been identified as flashpoints, with 283 in Lahore alone.

In Lahore, 54 locations are deemed extremely sensitive, and 229 sensitive, with additional personnel deployed accordingly.

Province-wide, 586 locations are classified as sensitive, and 146 as extremely sensitive. Police will ensure the strict implementation of Section 144 during Ashura, whereas bans on aerial firing.

President directs completion of Kachhi Canal project within 18 months

ISLAMABAD (APP): President Asif Ali Zardari on Monday directed the authorities concerned to ensure completion of the Kachhi Canal project within 1.5 years to irrigate around 713,000 acres of land in Balochistan province.

The president, while chairing a meeting on the Green Pakistan Initiative (GPI), at Atiwan-e-Sadr, said that the federal government would provide funding for the project to ensure its timely completion on a priority basis, a President House press release said.

In the meeting, the president was briefed about the construction of six strategic canals for the Green Pakistan Initiative. Minister for Interior, Syed Mohsin Raza Naqvi, and senior military officials attended the meeting.

President Zardari was informed that the construction of six strategic canals, viz. Chashma Right Bank Canal, Kachhi Canal, Raine Canal, Greater Thal Canal, Cholistan Canal, and Thar Canal, would help enhance the agricultural potential of Pakistan by increasing the cultivable area as well as the livestock and fisheries potential of the country.

He directed to kickstart work on strategic canals for GPI and ensure their early completion, besides lining them with concrete to prevent seepage and wastage of water.

He urged the need to develop Pakistan's irrigation sector along modern lines to conserve water, reduce water losses, and enhance water availability.



QUETTA: Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti presides over the Provincial Cabinet meeting.

Imposes ban on new recruitments in public sector universities: Balochistan cabinet approves to populate government owned land under Green Corporation Partnership Project

Mir Sarfraz Bugti says provincial government working with diligence for Establishing good governance and improving service delivery system

Independent Report QUETTA: The Balochistan cabinet has approved settlement of the government owned land under the Green Corporation Partnership Project in the province. The cabinet also imposed ban on new recruitments in all public sector universities of the province.

In this regard, the Chief Minister expressed concern over the rapid recruitments and construction of new buildings in the public sector universities saying that at the time where the universities are not having enough money to pay salaries to their employees, abrupt recruitments are being made and new buildings

are being built there. The provincial cabinet took the above decisions in its fourth meeting held with the Chief Minister, Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti in the chair on Monday morning.

The provincial ministers, advisors and senior high ups of the provincial governments were in attendance at the meeting.

The cabinet also constituted a special committee for review of the Public Sector Universities Act and making its comparison with other provinces. The committee would be comprised: Provincial Minister for Finance, Mir Shoaib Nausherwani, Provincial Minister for Plan-

ning and Development, Mir Zahoor Ahmed Buledi, Provincial Minister Livestock, Bakht Muhammad Kakar and Secretary Higher Education.

It was decided in the meeting that the committee would prepare its recommendations within a week. Addressing the cabinet, the Chief Minister said that the provincial government is working with diligence for establishing good governance and improving service delivery system in the province. In addition to this, reforms are being brought for improvement in different provincial government departments, he added.

CM tells PM We are hopeful about special attention of federal Govt. for development of Balochistan

Independent Report QUETTA: The Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti has thanked the Prime Minister Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif for assistance of the provincial government in the projects of solarization of agricultural tube wells in the province. The Chief Minister also stated that we are hopeful for special attention of the federal government for development of the province.

Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti was speaking during his meeting with the Prime Minister here on Monday. During the course of meeting, different matters including overall develop-

ment and projects were discussed. Besides, the projects of public interest included in the federal and provincial public sector development programmes (PSDP).

The Chief Minister also referred to the initiatives taken and being taken by the provincial government for uplift of different sectors. He said that we are paying attention on law and order, education and health sectors in Balochistan. The Prime Minister on the occasion appreciated and expressed satisfaction over the initiatives and efforts of Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti for bringing good governance.

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PESHAWAR: Chairman Pakistan People's Party Bilawal Bhutto Zardari addressing a press conference along with Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) Faisal Karim Kundi at Governor House, in the Provincial Capital.

Bilawal says: Security linked with economic situation; PPP to attend Govt called APC

PESHAWAR (APP): Pakistan Peoples Party Chairman, Bilawal Bhutto Zardari said that security was linked with the country's economic situation and his party has principally decided to participate in the Govt's called all parties conference (APC) for a broad-based political consensus on issues related to national security besides ensuring durable peace in the country. Addressing a press conference at Governor House here Monday, Bilawal Bhutto said that an inclusive and across the

board political consensus was inevitable on all issues related to national security and the decisions once taken at APC would get support of the political forces and the entire nation. He hailed the Prime Minister's decision to invite the PTI in APC. He said that we stand with our brave security forces in their fight against menace of terrorism and demanded strong action against facilitators of terrorists. Bilawal Bhutto said that collective decisions against scourge of terrorism were imperative for durable progress.



ISLAMABAD: Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi chairing a meeting regarding maintenance of law and order during Muharram.

Tareen elected as Chairman PAC Balochistan Assembly

Independent Report QUETTA: The Member Provincial Assembly belonging to Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (JUI), Asghar Ali Tareen was elected as the Chairman Public Accounts Committee (PAC) of the Balochistan Assembly here on Monday.

The election of Asghar Tareen as Chairman PAC was held in the meeting of PAC here in the assembly. The members of the committee met for election of its chairman and thus elected Mr. Tareen for the important slot. Similarly, the meeting of standing committee for Local Government, Gwadar Development Authority, Balochistan Development Authority and Balochistan Coastal Development Authority was also held in which MPA Patrick Sant Maseih was elected its chairman.

During the course of meeting, the matters about overall development of the province, programme of conversion of agricultural tube well were discussed threadbare.

Besides, the matters of mutual interests including the party matters were also discussed between the Prime Minister and Governor Balochistan. While the Governor personally thanked the Prime Minister for his special interest in development and prosperity of the province.

PM visits Quetta; gets warm welcome by coalition Govt.

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Governor thanks PM for taking special interest in dev. of Balochistan

Independent Report QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail has thanked the Prime Minister Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif for taking special interest in development and prosperity of the province.

The Governor was speaking to Prime Minister during call-on to him here at the Governor House here on Monday. During the course of meeting, the matters about

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QUETTA: Activists of Balochistan Sunni Ullama Council hold rally in connection with Hazrat Umar Farooq (RA) Shahadat.

PM congratulates President-elect of Iran on telephone

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Monday held a telephone conversation with Dr. Massoud Pezeshkian, President-elect of the Islamic Republic of Iran, to extend his heartfelt felicitations to him on his victory in the recently held Presidential elections.

The prime minister conveyed his good wishes for Iran's Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Khamenei and congratulated him as well as the brotherly people of Iran on the successful political transition through the democratic process, a PM Office press release said. He said that as brotherly neighboring countries, Pakistan and Iran were bound together by shared history, faith, culture and traditions.

Deadly road mishap claims life of 4 family members

GWADAR (INP): A dreadful collision between a private car and a truck claimed lives of four family members including a woman here on Monday. According to details, an over speeding truck hit a car on the Makran Coastal Highway near Ormara. The deadly collision resulted in immediate death of all four members on the spot. The bodies of deceased were shifted to a local hospital. The authorities were investigating into the incident.



QUETTA: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif meets Governor Balochistan Jaffer Khan Mandokhail during his one day visit to Quetta.

Kenyan court declares Pak journalist Arshad's murder illegal, unconstitutional

Court orders Kenya to pay family of Pak journalist 21.7m as compensation

ISLAMABAD (INP): Kenya High Court judge declared the murder of the Pakistani journalist Arshad Sharif in Kenya as illegal and unconstitutional penalized the Kenyan police officer involved in the planned target killing. Kenya's Kajado High Court has awarded Rs21.7 million to the family

of slain Pakistani Journalist Arshad Sharif who was shot dead by Kenyan police officers in October 2022. While delivering her judgement, Justice Stella Mutuku said the use of lethal force against Sharif by shooting him in the head was unlawful and unconstitutional.

Place where Quaid-e-Azam had spent last days set ablaze: Apex Court

ISLAMABAD (Online): Supreme Court (SC) has adjourned till July 11 hearing of case against trial of civilians in military courts. The order said the plea of Lahore High Court (LHC) Bar for becoming respondent is accepted. Faisal Siddiqui told the court he does not want to pursue the petition for direct broadcasting of the proceedings.

The appeal plea of KP is wrapped up being withdrawn. A 7-member larger bench of SC presided over by Justice Amin ud Din took up the case for hearing. Suleman Akram Raja counsel for PTI said the family is not being allowed to meet the accused persons since 5 weeks.



ISLAMABAD: Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi chairing a meeting regarding over-billing of protected consumers.

Finance minister assures KE of resolving delayed payment issue

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue, Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb on Monday assured K-Electric of addressing its matters related to delayed payments.

According to press release issued by the finance ministry, the minister was talking to delegation of K-Electric that called on him here. The delegation members included Chief Executive Officer (CEO) K-Electric Syed Moonis Abdullah Alvi, CFO K-E Muhammad Amir Ghaziani and Chief Regulatory Affairs Muhammad Imran Qureshi.

Philippine ambassador visits Dhodial Mansehra to foster trade relations

MANSEHRA (APP): Ambassador of the Philippines, Maria Agnes M Cervantes on Monday visited Dhodial Mansehra with her embassy staff to discuss and promote trade relations between the Philippines and Pakistan.

The delegation extended their visit to include the Al-Mustafa Trust Gohar Campus Hospital in Dhodial and the Dadar Sanatorium Hospital. At Al-Mustafa Trust Hospital, the hospital administration provided a detailed briefing on the medical facilities and modern machinery available at the hospital.

Further, the ambassador visited the SOS Village Dhodial, where she and her team interacted with the children residing there. They were informed about the residential and educational facilities provided to the children. The children showcased their skills through impressive performances of judo, karate, and taekwondo, which were highly appreciated by the visitors.



ISLAMABAD: Minister of State for IT and Telecommunication, Ms. Shaza Fatima Khawaja chairing first meeting of Functional Committee on Information Technology and Telecommunication.

Telenor launches Startup Mentors' Network to empower entrepreneurial ecosystem

ISLAMABAD (APP): Telenor Pakistan, a frontrunner in providing telecommunication services and digital solutions across the country, unveiled its latest initiative, the 'Startup Mentors' Network'.

As a natural extension of Telenor Pakistan's successful corporate accelerator program, Telenor Velocity, which has empowered startups to scale through access to expertise in product management, growth hacking, and digital assets, the Startup Mentors' Network aims to deliver an even more supportive entrepreneurial landscape across the nation, said a news release issued here Monday.

The Startup Mentors' Network features a distinguished panel of 31 seasoned professionals from Telenor Pakistan, each recognized for their profound

expertise spanning critical domains such as communications, marketing, finance, strategy, and business models. These mentors, selected for their proven track records and dedication to innovation, will collaborate closely with startups embedded within various incubators and accelerators nationwide.

The primary objective of the network is to provide tailored guidance and strategic support to emerging ventures, enabling them to refine business concepts, devise robust strategies, optimize pricing models, and enhance their market positioning. By leveraging the extensive industry knowledge and network of Telenor Pakistan's mentors, startups will gain invaluable insights and actionable advice to accelerate their growth trajectory.

IT industry share to be increased up to 25 bln dollars; Chairman PMYP

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chairman of Prime Minister Youth Programme (PMYP) Rana Mashhood Ahmed Khan on Monday expressed the resolve to increase the Information Technology (IT) industry share up to 25 billion dollars from the current 2.5 billion dollars in the next five years.

Addressing the "International Conference on Sustainability in Workforce" at a local hotel, he said that as many as 200,000 youths would be

trained in high-tech and Information technology programmes with the skills needed to thrive in the modern workplace.

"By equipping students with the latest tools and technologies, and fostering collaboration with industry leaders, we can prepare them for the jobs of tomorrow."

Mashhood said that the government was intensifying efforts under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz

PSX witnesses bullish trend, gains 353 points

ISLAMABAD (APP): The 100-index of the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) witnessed bullish trend on Monday, gaining 353.41 points, a positive change of 0.44 percent, closing at 80,566.21 points against 80,212.79 points on the last working day.

A total of 261,649,614 shares were traded during the day as compared to 448,981,017 shares the previous day, whereas the price of shares stood at Rs 13,024 billion against Rs 18,995 billion on the last trading day.

Around 427 companies transacted their shares in the stock market, 216 of them recorded gains and 158 sustained losses, whereas the share price of 53 companies remained unchanged.

The three top trading companies were Hum Network with 20,667,563 shares at Rs 11.36 per share, National BankXD with 19,555,510 shares at Rs 50.92 per share and Bank of Punjab with 17,587,329 shares at Rs5.79 per share.

Customs Appraisal Chief Collector to resolve genuine issues & expedite digitalization: Saquib

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KARACHI: Mr. Saquib Fayyaz Magoon, Acting President FPCCI, has apprised that Chief Collector of Customs Appraisal (South), Mr. Mohsin Rafiq, has agreed with principal stand of FPCCI to improve ease of doing business benchmarks vis-a-vis customs during clearance at customs appraisal. The only way forward to cut human interaction is to



we want our due and rightful facilitation during customs appraisal. Mr. Asif Sakhi, VP FPCCI, maintained that Custom House and its staff in Karachi should be made more hospitable, amicable and facilitative as it will promote liaison and compliance from the traders. WeBOC was meant to be a 24/7 facility; but, it is not being operated as such and shortage of staff is the primary reason

for issues, he added. Mr. Aman Paracha, VP FPCCI, highlighted that business community can provide thousands of real-time and realistic prices to the customs without charging a penny; therefore, customs appraisal should take them onboard. We, at FPCCI, are willing to play the role of a bridge between the stakeholders of the system from either sides, he added.

Mr. Shabbir Mansha, VP FPCCI, pointed out that updated rules of section 203 pertaining to warfage or storage fee have not yet been drafted; causing tremendous financial losses to the importers in case of any discrepancy or delays. Additionally,

Mr. Asif Sakhi, VP FPCCI, reiterated FPCCI's stance that any delays at customs stage increases the demurrages and detention charges for the business community - and, terminal operators and shipping companies charge them exorbitantly. We do not want any concessions, exemptions or waivers; but,

Shaza chairs first meeting of functional committee on IT, Telecom

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister of State for IT and Telecommunication Shaza Fatima Khawaja chaired first meeting of Functional Committee on Information Technology and Telecommunication. Secretary IT Captain (Retd) Muhammad Mahmood was also present in the meeting, said a news release issued here on Monday. Member IT Syed Junaid Imam, Member Telecom Muhammad Jahanzeb Rahim, and

Monday. M/s Shell Pakistan Limited, listed on the Pakistan Stock Exchange, maintains a substantial business footprint in the retail supply of motor fuels and lubricants across Pakistan. Whereas, M/s Wafi Energy LLC is a wholly-owned affiliate of Asyad Holding Group which specializes in the management and operation of fuel stations in Saudi Arabia. The Group has established M/s Wafi Energy Holding Limited to flex its wings for

investment purposes in Pakistan. The CCP's Phase I competition assessment identified 'Retail Fuel, Vehicle Lubricants, and Industrial Lubricants' as the relevant product markets. It was also revealed that Shell Pakistan has distinct shares in all three relevant markets but that will remain unchanged post-transaction. The analysis further confirmed that Wafi Energy Holding Limited will not gain a dominant position in the relevant

markets even after attaining direct control of Shell Pakistan. Therefore, the CCP has swiftly authorized the said acquisition under Section 31 of the Competition Act, 2010.

Chairman CCP, Dr. Kabir Ahmed Sidhu, while signing the Order expressed that this development is expected to boost competition by elevating service standards in the retail fuel supply chain and thus, contribute immensely to flourishing Pakistani markets.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Finance & Revenue Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb in a meeting with the CEO of K-Electric Syed Moonis Abdullah Alvi and other executives.

Jazz appoints Farrukh Khan as CFO and CEO of MFH

ISLAMABAD (APP): Jazz appointed Farrukh Khan, CEO & Managing Director of the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX), as its new Chief Financial Officer (CFO) and CEO of Micro-Finance Holdings (MFH), effective September 15, 2024.

Farrukh will also join the board of Mobilink Microfinance Bank.

Gabor Koosis, the outgoing CFO, will remain with Jazz until the end of the year, focusing on strategic projects to facilitate a smooth transition and maintain momentum in ongoing initiatives said a news release.

Farrukh Khan brings over 30 years of leadership experience in major financial institutions, including roles as CEO of Acumen Fund, co-founder and CEO of BMA Capital Management, and CFO at American Express. His expertise in mergers and public offerings will enhance Jazz's financial strategy and innovation.

Amir Ibrahim, CEO of Jazz & Chairman MMBL, commented, "We welcomed Farrukh Khan to our leadership team. His rich expertise and leadership in capital markets are crucial as we evolve into a ServiceCo."

Gold rates dip by Rs.1,300 per tola to Rs.245,100

ISLAMABAD (APP): The price of per tola of 24 karat gold increased by Rs.1,300 and was sold at Rs.245,100 on Monday against its sale at Rs.246,400 on last trading day.

The price of 10 grams of 24 karat gold also decreased by Rs.1,113 to Rs.210,134 from Rs.211,247 whereas that of 10 gram 22 karat gold went up to Rs.192,622 from Rs.193,644, the All Sindh Sarafa Jewellers Association reported.

The price of per tola and ten gram silver remained constant at Rs.2,900 and Rs.2,486.28 respectively.

The price of gold in the international market decreased by \$12 to \$2,376 from \$2,388.

Pak-China Joint Lab for AI to intelligitize Pakistan's agriculture

BEIJING (APP): In May, the Pakistan China Joint Lab for Artificial Intelligence and Smart Agriculture (AI&SA) has been established at the University of Agriculture Faisalabad (UAF).

Punjab Province, as Pakistan's main agricultural production area, its annual grain output accounts for about 76% of the country's total annual grain output.

Both parties agreed that it has unique advantages to carry out pilot applications of high-throughput crop monitoring projects here. In this province, about 600 farmers have joined the pilot application.

Dr. Iqar Ahmad Khan, Vice Chancellor UAF, noted lately that in the 25,000 villages across Punjab, if drone spraying technology could be adopted on a large scale, it will help increase productivity, reduce costs and greatly promote the development of intelligent agriculture. "We use drones equipped with visual recognition equipment to fly around the fields to

achieve intelligent management of crop monitoring, cultivation management, pest and disease analysis, and agricultural production, including growth determination, crop health monitoring, water requirement analysis, fertilization, as well as pesticide application," Dr Wu Jun, the Chinese Director of the lab, introduced.

Mohammad Malik, a local farmer who has been growing wheat, sugarcane and other crops in Punjab for more than 30 years, is one of the participants in the pilot project. At first, he had many doubts about the project. "This technology is too complicated for farmers like me, and I doubt its effectiveness and practicality."

The project team members promptly explained it, "We could produce a text guide and audio-visual materials of the vegetation health map written in the local dialect and send them to your son's smartphone application."

PIC directs SBP to make public list of 1000 loan defaulters

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Pakistan Information Commission has issued a directive to the Governor of the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) to disclose the list of the top 1000 loan defaulters.

Azmat Khan, a resident of Karachi, had sought the list from SBP under the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017. In response, the SBP requested an exemption from disclosing the information under Section 7(d) of the Act, which relates to the records of banking companies and financial institutions concerning their customers' accounts.

The commission thoroughly examined the information request, the written reply from the SBP, and the relevant law. The Commission's order clarified that Section 7(d) of the Right of Access to

Information Act, 2017, which exempts certain records from disclosure, does not apply to the requested list of loan defaulters.

The order said: "It is an admitted fact that 1000 individuals obtained loans from the concerned banks and failed to repay them, causing significant financial damage to both the country and the banks involved. Such individuals cannot be protected from disclosure."

The Commission observed that the exemption cited by the SBP did not pertain to this case. Consequently, the plea of the public body has been rejected.

The SBP Governor has been directed to disclose the required information and submit it to the Commission within 10 days.



HYDERABAD: LPG dealers, users and Taxi drivers hold a protest demonstration to block the center point of city Hyder Chowk, demanding the ban on LPG should be lifted and dealers should be allowed to do business, which was ban after 24 deaths in cylinder blast in a shop.

