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Business friendly policies infuse foreign investors' confidence: PM Shahbaz

Underlines need to enhance trade, investment between Pakistan, Kazakhstan

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Monday said that the business friendly policies of the incumbent government had stabilized the country's economy and restored confidence of the foreign investors.

He said that Pakistan was moving on the right path towards economic stability, while steps were taken to provide relief to the public in the current fiscal budget.

The prime minister expressed these views during a meeting with a delegation of leading businessmen that called on him, the PM Office Media Wing said in a press release.

The delegation included Kazakhstan Saleem, Zaid Bashir, Mussadiq Zulqarnain and Sheharyar Chishti.

The members of the delegation praised the prime minister for the economic turnaround and provision of a conducive environment for the businesses and investment activities.

Meanwhile Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Monday while noting the positive trajectory of bilateral ties between Pakistan and Kazakhstan emphasized the need to enhance trade and investment, besides focusing on regional connectivity and security.

The prime minister re-

ceived the Ambassador of Kazakhstan to Pakistan Yezhan Kistafin for a courtesy call at the Prime Minister House, PM Office Media Wing said in a press release.

The prime minister conveyed his greetings to the President of Kazakhstan Kassym-Jomart Tokayev and expressed his desire to strengthen the excellent bilateral relations between Pakistan and Kazakhstan.

He said he was looking forward to his meeting with President Tokayev during his upcoming visit to Astana for the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Council of Heads of State meeting on July 3-4.



QUETTA: Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfaraz Bugti presiding over a meeting regarding Land Record Digitalization of Revenue Department

Bilawal expresses concern over press freedom in KP

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chairman Pakistan People's Party (PPP) Bilawal Bhutto Zardari has voiced his grave concern over the diminishing space for independent journalism in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP).

In a press release issued by the Media Cell Bilawal House, he highlighted the alarming rise in violent incidents targeting journalists in the province, deeming it intolerable.

He emphasized that many affected journalists are holding the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister and the ruling provincial party accountable for these brutalities.

He condemned the suppression of journalism through violence, attributing these acts to fascist elements.

"The PTI is evidently fearful of independent journalism and has lost the trust of the people," he said. "Their consistent reliance on undemocratic tactics and conspiracies to cling to power is disgraceful."

Reaffirming PPP's unwavering support for the journalist community, he declared, "We believe in press freedom and will not allow anyone to stifle the press."

He called upon relevant institutions and parliament to take decisive action to safeguard journalists and uphold press freedom in KP.

Jl announces sit-in against inflated electricity bills, increase in taxes

LAHORE (INP): Jamaat-e-Islami (JI) has announced a sit-in against inflated electricity bills and increase in taxes in Islamabad on July 12.

Addressing a press conference in Lahore, JI Emir, Hafiz Naeemur Rehman Butt criticized the incumbent government for increasing taxes and electricity tariff in the budget 2024-25.

Hafiz Naeemur Rehman said youth of Pakistan are dejected with the current situation and leaving the resources of the country for a better future.

The JI emir alleged current rulers are looting the resources of the country by 'occupying' the power.



QUETTA: Provincial Advisor for Women Development Dr. Rubaba Khan Buledi being briefed about Benazir Women Crisis Center

Benazir Bhutto Women Crisis Center to be activated in Quetta: Dr. Rubaba

QUETTA: Advisor to the Chief Minister of Balochistan on Women Development Department, Dr. Rubaba Khan Buledi has announced plans to activate the Benazir Bhutto Women Crisis Center in Quetta, making it a model center for women's protection. She emphasized the need for establishing and activating women crisis centers at the divisional and district levels to provide emergency assistance to women in distress.

During her visit to the Benazir Bhutto Women Crisis Center, Dr. Buledi expressed her commitment to resolving the issues facing the center, including administrative and financial matters, and sought the support of stakeholders and non-governmental organizations working for women's rights. She also announced plans to establish active women crisis centers at the divisional and district levels in Balochistan to provide immediate protection to women in emergency situations.

The manager of the center, Rubina Zehri, welcomed Dr. Buledi and briefed her on the center's activities. Dr. Buledi appreciated the center's efforts and assured her support for its activation. She also received a souvenir from the center's manager at the end of her visit.

Pakistan, India exchange lists of prisoners

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan and India on Monday exchanged lists of prisoners in each other's custody through diplomatic channel, in Islamabad and New Delhi. These lists are exchanged simultaneously, in pursuance of the Consular Access Agreement of 2008 on the 1st of January and 1st of July every year, a Foreign Office press release said.

Pakistan handed over a list of 254 Indian or believed-to-be-Indian civilian prisoners and fishermen in Pakistani jails. India shared a list of 452 Pakistani or believed-to-be-Pakistani civilian prisoners and fishermen in Indian jails. A list of 38 missing Pakistani defence personnel, believed to be in India's custody since the wars of 1965 and 1971, was also handed over by Pakistan.



Ambassador of Kazakhstan to Pakistan H.E. Yezhan Kistafin calls on Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif in Islamabad

Work to be started for cleanliness under PPP mode: CM vows to take concrete decisions for resolving civic issues of Quetta taking all stakeholders in confidence

QUETTA: The Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti has stated that Quetta city is the face of our province and as such concrete decisions would be taken for resolving the civic issues of Quetta taking all stakeholders in confidence in next meeting.

The Chief Minister was chairing meeting on the issues being faced by Quetta, solution to them and beautification of the city, here on Monday.

The members of provincial assembly belonging to Quetta participated in the meeting.

The suggestions about provision of education, health, water and electricity in Quetta city were sought from the participants. They were also asked to give suggestions about improvement in communication, traffic and cleanliness situation.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister said that practical measures have been started for effective cleanliness and beautification of the Quetta city.

He said that work would be started for cleanliness of Quetta under the Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode.

He said that an organized strategy would be prepared for resolving the issues of traffic in Quetta city.

He also announced that a festival would be organized in Quetta city every month.

Besides, we have also started steps for rehabilitation of drug addicts in Quetta.

Meanwhile, the MPAs belonging to Quetta presented recommendations for resolving different issues of Quetta city.

He directed to provide facility of lift for more effectiveness of the parking plaza located on Circular road in Quetta.



QUETTA: Governor Balochistan Jaffar Khan Mandokhail addressing participants of ceremony of 40th course at National Institute of Management Quetta

240 tenders released for different projects on July 1: Process of tendering starts on first day of new financial year for 1st time in history, maintains CM

QUETTA: The process of tendering for the development projects has been started on first day of the new financial year i.e., on July 1, 2024. This was stated by the Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti in a message shared on his social media account "X" on Monday.

Expressing his pleasure over start of the tendering process in the province on first day of the new financial year, the Chief Minister maintained that our government has fulfilled another commitment.

He mentioned that as many as 240 tenders were issued today (Monday). He congratulated the provincial cabinet and officers on start of the tendering process in the province. He said that this is first step towards the good governance and effective service delivery system. He reiterated his government's resolve to complete all the development projects through constant monitoring.

Role of able & valiant officers Crucial for good governance, states Governor Balochistan

QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail has stated it is a fact that there is a key role of able and brave officers for good governance.

He said that as a public representative, he has experience of 30/35 years of working with the bureaucracy. During this long period, he learnt a lot from them, and surely, they would also have to learn from us. Similarly, the officers also learn from each others experience and knowledge. He observed that if a Deputy Commissioner is strong then the whole district can be stronger.

The Governor expressed these views while addressing the closing ceremony of 40th Mid-career Course here on Monday.

The Director General National Institute of Management Quetta, Anis Arif and Principal Secretary to Governor, Muhammad Hashim Khan Ghilzai were also present on the occasion.

Addressing the ceremony, Governor said that we have closely observed the honesty, ability, hard work and affection of the honest and able officers with people of the province.

He said that Balochistan has unique status than other provinces in many ways. Our traditions and values offer one another to move ahead together, he added.

Jaffar Mandokhail pointed out that our population is also less than other provinces and if officers deputized here play role of public servants instead of their lord, and keep their doors open for common men, then not only the public issues would be resolved easily, but governance would also be improved.

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Attaulah Tarar addressing a press conference.

that there is no tax on solar panels, text books, pensioners' income, fertilizers, charitable hospitals and health equipment, and it is all due to the prime minister who wants the nation to be prosper and self-empowered," he said.

The minister said there were multiple sectors on which the tax rates were reduced to 35% from 45%.

PM Shehbaz also ensured that the petroleum development levy to be maintained at Rs 60 in the current fiscal year. However, only Rs 10 margin had to be given as a contingency measure, he noted.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Attaulah Tarar addressing a press conference.

Credit goes to PM for low taxes with exemptions to multiple sectors: Tarar

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister for Information, Broadcasting, Culture and National Heritage Attaulah Tarar on Monday said that credit for minimum taxes and tax exemptions to multiple sectors in the budget went to Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif who aceed tough negotiations with the IMF.

"The prime minister played a proactive role in negotiations with the International Monetary Fund to ensure minimum duties and tax exemption for different sectors," he said while addressing a press conference.

"Let me be very clear

BISE announces Matriculation exam result: BRC Lorlai students clinch top two positions, shares 3rd position with Cadet College Kohlu's student

QUETTA: The students of Balochistan Residential College (BRC) Lorlai clinched top two positions and shared third position with a student of Cadet College Kohlu in the annual examinations of Secondary School Certificate (Matriculation) 2024 as its result was announced here on Monday.

According to the Controller Examinations, Balochistan Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education (BISE) Quetta, Ms. Abida Kakar, the BRC students namely Rasad Khan secured first position obtaining 1054 marks while the BRC's Zainullah Khan clinched second position by getting 1048 marks.

Two other students of the same institution (BRC) Abdul Rehman and Syed Abdul Aleem stood third in the Matric examination securing 1047 marks. Similarly, Cadet College Kohlu's Shahzad Khan also obtained 1047 marks to share third position with the BRC students.

The Controller Examinations, BISE informed that a total of 143,849 students had appeared in the examinations of them 121,362 were declared successful showing success percentage of 84.36 percent.

A total of 50,558 candidates were declared successful out of total 67,800 candidates appeared in the examinations of 9th class while a total of 70,804 could pass the 10th class examination out of total 76,049 candidates. The pass percentage remained 74.57 percent and 93.10 percent in 9th and 10th classes respectively.

Issues of federal information dept's in Quetta to be resolved on priority basis: Pullain

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QUETTA: Chairman National Assembly's Standing Committee on Information and Broadcasting, Pullain Baloch on Monday said the issues faced by the federal information departments working in Quetta would be resolved on priority basis whereas efforts would be taken to strengthen the state-owned media organizations with modern tools to promote the pro-public narrative.

The Chairman made these remarks during his visit to the offices of Associated Press of Pakistan (APP) Quetta Bureau, PTV Quetta Station and Pakistan Broadcasting Corporation (PBC) station.

Pullain Baloch said that he will try to resolve the problems of the federal information institutions functioning in the provincial capital of Balochistan in order to bring innovation and improvement in the work of the institutions.

He said that the purpose of his first visit to the institutions of the Ministry of Information at Quetta after being elected as the chairman was his ownership.

"Balochistan is the most important unit of the country and this most important unit will not be allowed to be neglected under any circumstances," he added. The chairman of the committee said that he believed in practical work and would raise voice on the floor of the National Assembly to further improve the standard of PTV Bolan's programs.



QUETTA: Chairman NA Standing Committee for Information and Broadcasting Pullain Baloch meeting with GM Syed Faheem Shah during his visit to PTV Quetta center

