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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 Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Monday said that the business friendly policies of the incumbent gov-ernment had stabilized the country's economy and re-stored 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 in- ceived the Ambassador of Minister cluded Shahzad Saleem, Shehbaz Zaid Bashir, Mussadiq y said that Zulqarnain and Sheharyar Kazakhstan to Pakistan Yerzhan Kistafin for a cour-tesy call at the Prime Min-Chishti.

delegation praised the prime minister for the economic turnaround and provision of a conducive environment for the businesses and in-

vestment 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 connec-

tivity and security. The prime minister re-

ister House, PM Office The members of the Media Wing said in a press release.

The prime minister conveyed his greetings to the President of the Kazakhstan Kassym-Jomart Tokayev and ex-pressed 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

meeting

the meeting

State meeting on July 3-4



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

Bilawal expresses JI announces sit-in against inflated concern over press electricity bills, freedom in KP increase in taxes ISLAMABAD (APP): through AHORE (INP) Iamaat e-Islami (JI) has announced ing these acts to fascist elea sit-in against inflated elecments tricity bills and increase in "The PTI is evidently taxes in Islamabad on July fearful of independent journalism and has lost Addressing a press conthe trust of the people, ference in Lahore, JI Emir, he said. "Their consistent Hafiz Naeemur Rehman reliance on undemocratic Butt criticised the incumtactics and conspiracies to bent government for incling to power is disgracecreasing taxes and electricful Reaffirming PPP's unity tariff in the budget 2024wavering support for the Hafiz Naeemui journalist community, he Rehman said youth of Padeclared, "We believe in kistan are dejected with the press freedom and will not current situation and leavallow anyone to stifle the press. ing the country for a better He called upon relevant future. institutions and parliament The JI emir alleged current rulers are looting to take decisive action to the resources of the counsafeguard journalists and uphold press freedom in KP. try by 'occupying' the power.



Ambassador of Kazakhstan to Pakistan H.E Yerzhan 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

Independent Report sion, Chief Minister said QUETTA: The Chief Minthat practical measures have been started for effecister Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti has tive cleanliness and beautification of the Quetta city. stated that Quetta city is He said that work the face of our province and as such concrete decisions

would be started for cleanliness of Quetta under the would be taken for resolv-Public Private Partnership ing the civic issues of (PPP) mode. Quetta taking all stakehold-

He said that an orgaers in confidence in next nized strategy would be prepared for resolving the The Chief Minister issues of traffic in Quetta was chairing meeting on the issues being faced by city. He also announced that Quetta, solution to them

and beautification of the city, here on Monday. a festival would be organized in Quetta city every month The members of pro-

Besides, we have also vincial assembly belonging started steps for rehabilitato Quetta participated in tion of drug addicts in The suggestions about Ouetta

Meanwhile, the MPAs provision of education, belonging to Quetta prehealth, water and electricsented recommendations ity in Quetta city were for resolving different issought from the particisues of Quetta city. pants. They were also asked to give suggestions

facility of lift for more efabout improvement in comfectiveness of the parking munication, traffic and

PM to undertake a two-day official visit to Tajikistan

Sharif is scheduled to undertake a two-day official visit to Dushanbe, Tajikistan from July 2-3, on the invitation of Presivisit high-level exchanges between Pakistan and

The two sides will engage in wide-ranging discussions on areas of mutual interest to further deepen bilateral cooperation especially in the areas of regional connectivity, trade, people-to-people contacts and energy as well as cooperation on

The two sides will

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

Independent Report 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 stron-

The Governor ex-

pressed these views while

addressing the closing cer-

emony of under trainee of-

ficers of 40th Mid-career

The Director General

Course here on Monday.

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

emony, 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 popu-lation is also least than other provinces and if of-ficers deputed 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: Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Attaullah Tarar addressing a press conference.

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

ISLAMABAD (APP): that there is no tax on solar Minister for Information, panels, text books, pen-Broadcasting, Culture and sioners' income, fertilizers,

from today ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz

Tajikistan.

He directed to provide

multilateral issues.

dent of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon. During his visit, the prime minister will meet President Emomali

Rahmon, Chairman of Majlisi Namoyandagon of Majlisi Oli Mahmadtoir Zoir Zokirzoda and Prime Minister Qohir Rasulzoda, according to a Foreign Office press release. The is a part of regular

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 cleanliness situation. Speaking on the occa-

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

ter maintained that our gov-Independent Report QUETTA: The process of tendering for the developother commitment. ment 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 Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti in a message shared on his social media account "X" on good governance and effec-

Expressing his pleasure over start of the tendering process in the province on first day of the new financial year, the Chief Minis-

ernment has fulfilled an-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

tive service delivery system. He reiterated his government's resolve to complete all the development projects through con-

QUETTA: The students of Balochistan Residential College (BRC) Loralai 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 larly,

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According to the Controller Examinations, Balochistan Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education (BISE) Quetta,

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

BISE announces Matriculation exam result:

BRC Loralai students clinch top two positions, shares

3rd position with Cadet College Kohlu's student

examinations of them 121,362 were declared successful showing success percentage of 84.36 percent. A total of 50,558 candidates were declared suc-

cessful 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

that a total of 143,849 students had appeared in the

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

The Controller Examiclasses respectively.

nations, BISE informed stant monitoring. Ms. Abida Kakar, the Issues of federal information dept's in Quetta to be resolved on priority basis: Pullain

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OUETTA : 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 nershin

"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

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

QUETTA: Advisor to the Chief Minister of and non-governmental or-Balochistan on Women ganizations working for 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 ad-

kistan and India on Monday exchanged lists of prismatters, and sought the oners in each other's cussupport of stakeholders tody through diplomatic channel in Islamabad and New Delhi. These lists are exwomen's rights. She also changed simultaneously, in announced plans to estabpursuance of the Consular lish active women crisis Access Agreement of 2008 centers at the divisional and on the 1st of January and 1st levels in of July every year, a Foreign Balochistan to provide im-Office press release said. mediate protection to

Pakistan handed over women in emergency situlist of 254 Indian or believedto-be-Indian civilian prison The manager of the ers and fishermen in Pakicenter, Rubina Zehri, welstani jails. India shared a list comed Dr. Buledi and of 452 Pakistani or believedbriefed her on the center's to-be-Pakistani civilian prisactivities. Dr. Buledi aponers and fishermen in Inpreciated the center's efdian jails. A list of 38 missforts and assured her suping Pakistani defence personport for its activation. She nel, believed to be in India's also received a souvenir custody since the wars of 1965 from the center's manager and 1971, was also handed at the end of her visit. over by Pakistan.





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

Pakistan, India exchange lists of prisoners SLAMABAD (APP): Pa-

district

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Monday.

also sign agreements and MoUs in diverse areas of cooperation.

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 aced

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tough negotiations with the "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. be given as a contingency "Let me be very clear measure, he noted.

National Heritage Attaullah health equipment, and it is all due to the prime minister who wants the nation to be prosper and self-empowered," he said.

charitable hospitals and

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 Page 02

OPINION



Resolution 901

On Friday, two days after a stinging endorsement from the US House of Representatives of widespread concerns regarding the legitimacy of our recent general election, the National Assembly formally dismissed 'Resolution 901' as "interference" in Pakistan's internal affairs and an "attempt to undermine the state"

The Pakistani counter-resolution against HR901 did not pass with the same overwhelming support accorded to the latter, however. Our parliament was only able to get a simple majority of lawmakers to endorse the repudiative resolution, while the US Congress had seen 85pc of its membership voting 98pc in favour of a "full and independent investigation of claims of interference or irregularities" in the Feb 8 election.

The PTI refused to vote in favour, saying it was not consulted. Instead, it seemed to be revelling in the world's self-appointed 'democracy police' rebuking the Pakistani government, which, it must be said, should drop the pretence that all is well when it clearly is not. Our lawmakers' failure to stand united in the face of foreign criticism may not have been unexpected, given the vitiated political climate, but it was still disturbing to witness. Matters are now at a point where our representatives do not care if the world perceives Pakistan as a house divided. The treasury benches' condemnation of those who refused to vote in favour would only have solidified this perception.

The nay-sayers were immediately branded 'terrorists', 'traitors', and 'enemies of the state' who had, in the words of one particularly self-righteous MNA, "no right to call themselves Pakistanis". With such a propensity to spew venom against political opponents, it is no wonder that our parliamentarians are having trouble finding common grounds, even where questions of national sovereignty are concerned

It may be recalled that the US Congress's resolution had also condemned "attempts to suppress the people of Pakistan's participation in their democracy, including through harassment, intimidation, violence, arbitrary detention, restrictions on access to the internet and telecommunications or any violation of their human, civil, or political rights".

But while it is a fact that these are all realities for the Pakistani people, it is not up to a foreign parliament to dictate how we should be running our country. Likewise, this publication has demanded a transparent inquiry into the last general election, but it does not believe anyone except the people of this country can make that demand.

The US has its own messy legacy to consider of sabotaging democratic governments and propping up dictators around the world. Our problems are our own to resolve. The country has suffered much from foreign interference and must learn to act as a sovereign state. At the same time, it cannot expect to act poorly and not get noticed.

Policing the police

Mohammad Ali Babakhel are dominated by serv-

The establishment of dedicated Police Combut the presence of servplaints Authorities has ing officers impacts credibility negatively and debeen a long-standing demand in the discussion feats the fundamental principle of natural juson police reforms in Pakistan and India. PCAs tice: that no one can be a were introduced in judge in their own case. If serving officers are neighbouring India in part of the oversight, it 2006 under the Indian loses credibility. supreme court's orders.

The credibility of Although the Pakistan Police Order, 2002, envi-PCAs is also dependent on the selection process sioned police complaints authorities, they have of their chairpersons and members. The chair of yet to be made functhe SPCA is selected tional in Pakistan. from a panel of retired The Indian supreme

court issued seven direchigh court judges proposed by a senior judge. tives for structural police Members are chosen reforms when it issued from a panel prepared by its judgement on the the State Human Rights matter, including establishing PCAs at state and Commission or Public Service Commission. district levels. This was

To ensure fairness an outcome of the realisation that without in the selection of independent members, the accountability, the police Sikkim Police Act has cannot win public trust. So far, 23 states in India adopted an independent selection panel, but in have constituted State other states, members of Police Complaints Au-PCAs are appointed at thorities (SPCAs), while the sole discretion of the 18 have constituted Disgovernments. The idea trict Police Complaints Authorities (DPCAs). having an indepenof

dent selection committee The PCAs are mandated to check police exis to ensure safeguards against political appointcesses, recommend punishments, and suggest ments. This is not possible without political policy improvements to neutrality and autonomy. change police behaviour. Best practices dictate The DPCAs are empowthat such positions be ered to inquire into comadvertised so selections plaints against officers can be carried out transup to the rank of the DSP. parently, and citizens At the same time, SPCAs deal with complaints should be given opporagainst officers above tunities to submit objecthe rank of the DSP and tions about the members to be considered. investigate cases of se-In the absence of inrious misconduct.

Under court direc- dependent investigatives, the SPCAs are to tors, PCAs would remain be headed by retired sudependent on the police. The Kerala, Assam, and perior court judges, while DPCAs are to be Haryana Police Acts headed by retired district make a provision for hiring retired and indepenjudges. Other members should include retired dent investigators. However, no police law in Incivil or government servants, police officers, dia gives a time limit for inquiries, which results and members of civil society. However, the in an increase in penjudgement is silent on dency and erosion of safety will remain elueligible members' re- public faith in PCAs to sive till these checks quired qualifications or deliver justice. There- are introduced. -- Courskills. Ensuring diversity fore, setting a time limit tesy Dawn

is another challenge. In for such inquiries is also necessary.

Since PCAs are ing and retired officers, public institutions, they are expected to be accountable. The submission of annual reports is one of the measures to ensure accountability. This report should be laid before the legislature and accessible to the public. The Tripura and Uttarakhand Police Acts specifically mention the provision of separate budgets, but in India, the budgets of most PCAs are

administered through the home departm-e-n--ts, with PCAs having no role in budget-making, which limits their independence. Without adequate financial independence, the oversight bodies cannot function independently. Lastly, PCAs in developing societies often limit their outreach efforts, so public outreach, including the introduction of websites, should consciously be made part of police laws.

In Pakistan, the Po-lice Act of 1861 did not envision any complaint management apparatus. The Police Order of 2002 did, however, envision the establishment of public complaint authorities, using the term 'complaint' 71 times in its text. Chapter X of the Police Order deals with the composition and functions of federal and provincial PCAs. However, since all provinces have opted for different police laws, PCAs are yet to be-

come functional in Pakistan Policing the police is not possible without functional PCAs, public safety commissions as envisioned in the Police Order, and regional police complaint authorities as mentioned in the KP Police Act of 2017. Public

What happens to an economy when it is hot outside? Globally Globally, record-breaking temperatures have been witnessed in the past few years. There is evidence that heatwaves dampen economic output, causing GDP losses and exacerbating global inequality. For instance, projections for the US economy show that rising temperatures could reduce economic growth by up to one-third over the next century.

Moreover, the asdamage from global warming is confined to the agriculture sector is no longer true, as climate change and environmental degradation pose significant risks to the macro economy and financial systems. For exwill affect individual and household income, sectors of the economy, energy markets, inflation variability, financial markets, innovation, and rising public debt, among other things.

While rising global temperatures have a profound impact on economies all over the world, the phenomenon is still poorly understood due to the complexity of climate-related risks and nomic growth. their interactions with the real economy. Scientific studies are being conducted to estimate the impact of global warming on different sectors of the economy. However, there is consensus that macro-prucritical to mitigating climate-related risks, as without mitigation measures, physical risks from climate changedriven natural hazards heatwaves, windstorms, floods, and droughts are likely to increase significantly.

While the marginal effects of temperature sitate changes in mon-

Economic fallout

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increases in global temnomic growth, productivity, and efficiency. However, the sensitivity of different economies to the impact of global warming depends on their reliance on different sectors of the economy, which can be susceptible to changing temperatures. Thus, climate change will be a critical factor in shaping responses to macroeconomic conditions in the near future.

Decarbonisation is sumption that economic no longer a matter of choice, as reducing carbon intensity in production processes and energy use is unavoidable to lower carbon emisproduced and make production cleaner. Yet, the ext-re--me decarbonisation of ample, climate change economies for net-zero targets will affect both output and inflation, exerting changes in monetary policy and macrokey question for economy pundits, especially those from the developing world, is how to economic activity, without it having consequences for productivity, efficiency, and eco-

potentially increase inflation and the debt-to-GDP ratio, resulting in economic uncertainty and tighter fiscal and monetary policies, which and design-informed may lead to lower de- policy responses. Theremand via lower spending dential measures are and reduced economic activity. The transition to net zero would require align their toolkit to the deployment of tools adapt to the new chalsuch as tax, subsidy, and lenges. Nevertheless, reregulation, resulting in increasing abatement costs. This can potentially generate relative tions will be highly critiprice shocks, pushing up nggregate which is likely to necesrise are different in dif- etary policy, not to men- Dawn

deserved no leniency.

He said that during

the last 24 hours, 629 flour

mills, flour dealers and

retail shops had been checked. Bilal Yaseen said

that 128 places had been

checked in Lahore division,

Rawalpindi division, 74 in

Sargodha, 40 in Multan

30 in Sahiwal, 80 in

38

64 in Faisalabad,

division.

Bahawalpur,

ferent regions, persistent tion net-zero transition having an effect on inperature have serious flation. Furthermore, the implications for eco- structural transformations required for the transition to net zero are expected to alter monetary policy channels.

Since climate change increases the frequency and severity of shocks, it may become very difficult for central banks to regularly read such shocks. In other words, identifying regular shocks — of an unknown nature — to the economy, will complicate the assessment of the monetary policy stance, which will often find itself confronting a tradeoff between output and inflation stabilisation. Therefore, macroeconomic po--licy resions per unit of output sponses must take into account the impact of weather events. the decarbonisation of economies, and net-zero transition

As the impact of climate change is regional economic conditions in and global, it may invoke most countries. So, the structural adjustment processes that transcend national borders, thus necessitating assessment of macroecoreduce carbon-intensive nomic implications and formulation of models that provide insight with regional and sectoral differentiation.

Existing analytical Climate change can frameworks and macroeconomic modelling tools are inadequate and unsuitable for grappling with the dynamic nature of climate uncertainty fore, policymakers need to review and, where required, improve and ducing uncertainty and creating an enabling environment to pacify reaccal in the future as cliinflation, mate change will remain a major global risk for some time. -- Courtesy

Commerce News

CPI inflation recorded at 12.3% in June

0.2% in June 2023.

Pakistani exhibitors

tap opportunities at

China-Eurasia Expo

exhibitors

(APP): busy attending to the

copper, RMB 100,000 worth of

days.

goods

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products in the past few

Faisal Rasheed,

believed the Pakistani

successful in China, which

have been participating in

was a huge market.

would

Pakistani merchants

be

ISLAMABAD (APP): June 2023 The Consumer Price Index CPI ii (CPI) based inflation increased to 12.6 percent on year-on-year basis during June 2024 as of 8.2% in the previous compared to the corresponding month of last year, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) reported Monday.

According to PBS data, the CPI based inflation during the same 2023. month of last year was recorded at 29.4%.

On month-on-month basis, it increased to 0.5% in June 2024 as compared to a decrease of 3.2% in the previous month and decrease of 0.3% in June 2023. According to data, CPI inflation Urban, increased to 14.9% on year-on-year (YoY) basis in June 2024 as compared to an increase of 14.3% in the previous month and 27.3% in June 2023. On month-on-month (MoM) basis, it increased to 0.6% in June 2024 as compared to a decrease of 2.8% in the previous month and an increase of 0.1% in June 2024 as compare to a

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showcased

Xinjiang, China.

his business.

companies,

consumers.

jewelry, jade, handmade

carpets and other products at the 8th China-

Eurasia Expo held in

Pakistani jeweler who has

lived in Xinjiang for 20

years, told the local media

that his participation in

the China-Eurasia Expo

would bring benefits to

Pakistan and the other in

China, primarily dealing

in jewelry, jade, and other

emeralds and other gems

from Pakistan are highly

sought after by Chinese

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At the expo, he was expo

CPI inflation Rural, increased to 9.3% on yearon-year basis in June 2024 as compared to an increase month and 32.4% in June 2023. On month-on-month basis, it increased to 0.3%

in June 2024 as compared to a decrease of 3.9% in the previous month and decrease of 0.8% in June The Sensitive Price Indicator (SPI) inflation on

YoY increased to 16.6% in June 2024 as compared to an increase of 15.3% a month earlier and 34.9% in June 2023. On MoM basis, it increased by 1.33% in

measured by non-food June 2024 as compared to non-energy Rural increased a decrease of 4.0% a month earlier and an increase of to 17.0% on (YoY) basis in June 2024 as compared to The Wholesale Price an increase of 17.0% in the Index (WPI) inflation on previous month and 25.2% YoY basis increased to in June 2023. On (MoM) 10.6% in June 2024 as basis, it increased by 0.9% compared to an increase of in June 2024 as compared to an increase of 0.5% in 9.9% a month earlier and an increase of 22.4% in previous month and an June 2023. On MoM basis, increase of 0.9% in corresponding month of last year i.e. June 2023. it increased by 0.4% in

decrease of 2.5% in the previous month and decrease of 0.3% in corresponding month of last year i.e. June 2023.

The core inflation measured by non-food non-energy Urban increased to 12.2% on (YoY) basis in June 2024 as compared to an increase of 12.3% in the previous month and 18.5% in June 2023. On (MoM) basis, it increased by 0.6% in June 2024 as compared to an

increase of 0.4% in previous month and an increase of 0.7% in corresponding month of last year i.e. June, 2023. The core inflation

completes its largest LNG

NANJING (Xinhua/APP): A subsidiary of China National Offshore Oil Corporation (CNOOC) has completed the

construction of China's There were some largest LNG storage base. new faces at the expo. Abbas Muhammad, a Pakistani handmade carpet merchant, came to Xinjiang from Beijing to the Yangtze participate in the expo. economic belt He said that he

The base in the citv of Yancheng, east China's Jiangsu Province, has a group of gas tanks with a combined LNG storage capacity of 2.5 million cubic meters, the company

the China-Eurasia Expo said. for several consecutive It has four tanks each items. Among these, years. The diverse range with a storage capacity of of exhibits from around 220 000 cubic meters and the world has embarked six larger tanks each with a on a journey along the Silk Road to converge at the storage capacity of 270,000 cubic meters.

China storage base

SMEDA launches **10-year cluster-based**

a move that aims to ensure energy security and support green growth in LAHORE (APP): Small Chief Executive Officer River and Medium Enterprises

Development Authority (SMEDA evolved a 10-year Cluster-Based Development Plan for growth of the SMEs sector Federal Secretary

Industries and Production Dr. Fakhar e Alam Irfan unveiled the plan here at a ceremony arranged by SMEDA to revel international Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) Day. SMEDA

surpassing revenue target Aurangzeb along-with Chairman FBR and Minister of State for Finance and Revenue Ali Members of the Board Pervez Malik also joined

also cut a cake to celebrate the FBR's the meeting through video minister performance for not only achieving the revenue collection target for the financial year 2023-2024

but also surpassing it. The underscored

government's commitment to strengthening the FBR and supporting its initiatives aimed at for exceeding the annual revenue target despite enhancing revenue multiple odds and issues. M u h a m m a d collection, digitisation and economic documentation.

Shipping activity at

Port Qasim KARACHI (APP)

meeting

the

Three ships, Maersk Bering, Mulberry Express and Al-Deebal carrying Palm oil and LNG also arrived at outer-anchorage of Port Qasim on Monday.

Seven ships were engaged at PQA berths during the last 24 hours, out of them two ships. Ullswater and Chemroad Haya left the port on today morning while two more ships, Peace One and Doris are expected to sail on Monday.

Bilal urges businessmen to cooperate with govt

LAHORE (APP): Punjab Gujranwala. Food Minister Bilal Yaseen He sai

He said that supply has said that business of flour was strictly segments should cooperate monitored during Sunday with the government for holiday. A sufficient stock providing relief to people. was available at retail According to official shops and in wholesale sources here on Monday, markets in Lahore and other he said that facilitators of big cities of Punjab, he profiteers and hoarders added.

He said that due to increase of transportation of wheat in markets it helped to reduce prices.

People should lodge their complaint on toll free number 080002345 against those who were illegally selling flour and 'Roti' at higher rates. The Punjab food department had imposed a fine

of Rs 470,000 besides in issuing warning notices to

88 in DG Khan, 42 in profiteers and law Gujrat and 45 in violators, he said.



BEIJING: Minister of State for IT and Telecommunication Ms. Shaza Fatima Khawaja arrives in China to participate in Global Digital Economy Conference 2024 being held from July 2-5 in Beijing.

100 environment-friendly buses to run in Faisalabad

FAISALABAD (APP): The government is contemplating to run 100 environment-friendly buses in Faisalabad while in later phase this facility would be extended at tehsil level also.

This was stated by MNA Chaudhry Shehbaz Babar while addressing the meeting of District Coordination Committee (DCC) Faisalabad. Being convener of the committee, he also presided over the meeting and said that the Punjab government under dynamic leadership of Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz was spending huge funds to DCC meeting.

improve life stranded of the masses by providing them basic amenities at their door steps. He took briefing about Inter-City Bus Service and said that in first phase 100 environmentfriendly buses would start providing service in Faisalabad within the limits of Ring Road, however, in later phase, this facility would be enhance at tehsil level so that the students and industrial workers could avail from this service at maximum extent. He also stressed the need of tight security arrangements for Muharramul-Haraam and said that



ISLAMABAD: Businessman and member of Economic Advisory Council

Jahangir Khan Tareen along with MNAAoun Chaudhary called on Prime

Finance Minister hails FBR exceptional performance in

development plan

Monday

Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif.

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister for Finance and Senator Revenue Muhammad Aurangzeb on Monday commended the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) for its outstanding performance in surpassing revenue collection target for financial year 2023-24, with a total collection of Rs

9,311 billion. The minister visited FBR headquarters and held a meeting with Chairman

FBR Malik Amjed Zubair Tiwana and Members of the Board, said a news release

link. The expressed confidence in FBR's capabilities and hoped that the Board would continue to play a pivotal role in achieving the

Government's fiscal objectives. The Minister of State also appreciated FBR team

Socrat Aman Rana, GM

(Policy & Planning) Ms.

Nadia Jehangir Seth and

GM (Outreach Division)

Raja Hassanien Javed also

Federal Secretary said,

"Our nation's economic

landscape thrives on the

dynamism of Small and

Medium Enterprises (SMEs), which play a pivotal role in driving

growth, innovation, and

ioh creation

On this occasion,

addressed the ceremony.

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Punjab Governor says Legislative assemblies of Punjab, NY can benefit each other's experiences

Independent Report LAHORE: A delegation led by the Deputy Speaker of the New York State Assembly, Mr. Phil Ramos, called on Acting Governor Punjab Malik Muhammad Ahmad Khan at Governor's House, Lahore. During the meeting, discussion was held on promoting Pakistan-US relations, parliamentary affairs, education, health and other sectors. In the meeting, Acting Governor, Malik Muhammad Ahmad Khan also endorsed the resolution regarding making New York and Punjab a

LAHORE: Citizens busy in their routine works

and heading towards their destinations in the

first rain of monsoon since morning in the

Punjab keeping religious

scholars on board for

Muharram peace

MULTAN (APP): The full authority by Punjab

Punjab government is government to ensure peace

keeping religious scholars during upcoming sacred from all schools of thought month of Muharram ul

on board for Muharram Haram. She said that

provincial capital.

and police have chalked out

Presiding over a

districts have been given the patchwork.

administrations of all

division.

sister state. occasion, Acting Governor Punjab Assembly is Punjab Malik Muhammad playing its role in the Ahmad Khan said that the establishment of a strong resolution regarding making democratic system. New York and Punjab a cooperation between the American state and the fields of trade, health and New York can benefit from relations with Pakistan He said that the

The Acting sector Speaking on the Governor said that the

The Deputy Speaker sister state will enhance of the New York State Assembly, Mr. Phil Ramos, said that he will province of Punjab in the play active role to increase the cordial relations education. He further between the United States stated that the legislative and Pakistan. He said that assemblies of Punjab and the United States values its each other's experiences. Mr. Phil Ramos said that US Government was keen government was focusing to make an agreement with on boosting the economy the Punjab government in and uplifting the education the field of nursing.

Anti-power theft drive intensified in Mardan circle

PESHAWAR (APP): The Peshawar Electric Supply Company (PESCO) Mardan circle has intensified drive against kunda mafia and defaulters Shergarh and ın surrounding areas.During this operation, over 100 electricity thieves and defaulters were arrested on the spot and transferred to local police stations

Assistant Commissioners and Takhte Bhai Junaid Khalid led the operation and was accompanied by SE PESCO Mardan Circle Ikramullah Khan.

APPAC delegation meets Minister **Sikandar Hayat**

peace and Multan tenders for repairing the divisional administration procession routes have LAHORE (APP): A already been issued to delegation from the an elaborate security plan to deploy 10,000 asked municipal personnel across Multan corporation to ensure route American Pakistani Public Committee Affairs (APPAC), led by New are ready before time. She said that C&W York State Deputy Speaker Phil Ramos on Monday divisional peace committee department has also been met with Punjab Education meeting, commissioner brought on board adding Minister Rana Sikandar Marryam Khan, said that that the Punjab highway Hayat to discuss joint department will handle all educational initiatives.

LAHORE: Acting Governor Punjab Malik Muhammad Ahmad Khan in a

group photo with a delegation led by the Deputy Speaker of the New York State Assembly, Mr. Phil Ramos, at Governor's House.

Minister appreciates Punjab CM's initiatives for minorities

LAHORE

Punjab.

(APP): Minister Maryam Nawaz Provincial Minister for had outlined a five-year Minority Affairs Ramesh roadmap on her first day in the Punjab Assembly, Singh Árora on Monday urged the representatives addressing all segments of of various religious society with special minorities to encourage attention to weaker their children towards sections. education, especially

The minister said that focusing on filling job CM Maryam Nawaz distributed grants on vacancies, as there are Easter and personally still approximately 32,000 vacant posts in visited Maryam Abad to share celebrations of the During a meeting with Christian community. She

representatives of various also initiated the wheat religious minorities at his harvest at Kartarpur on the camp office, he said Chief festival of Baisakhi

Punjab

Peace Committee stresses unity to maintain peace

MULTAN (APP):Punjab observed that the government is Municipal Corporation committed to collaborating

was tasked to repair and maintenance of the with religious scholars from routes for Muharram all sects to maintain and processions. Tenders for promote peace, said Commissioner Multan high-quality work have been issued, and the C&W department has

In this connection, been brought on board. she stated, full authority The Highway Department has been granted to the will conduct all patchwork. MEPCO district administration to maintain security.

Maryam Khan.

Multan

Commissioner officials have been Division instructed to fix sagging Maryam Khan said this electrical wires along the routes and to prevent while presiding over a meeting of the Divisional load shedding and Peace Committee. voltage issues in the Commissioner Khan affected areas.

International News

injured in package launched by the Upper Kohistan government was inevitable accident PESHAWAR (APP): At least two people were killed and three others

Two die, three

National News

injured when a vehicle fell into a deep gorge in Upper Kohistan area, police informed on Monday.

According to police, five people were onboard the vehicle when it plunged into a deep gorge after its driver lost control over the vehicle in Lotar area of Upper Kohistan.

The rescue teams shifted the victims to District Headquarters Hospital Dasu, where doctors pronounced two as dead.

ANF recovers 833 kg drugs in seven operations

RAWALPINDI (APP) Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) while conducting seven raids across the country managed to recover 833 kg drugs and arrested three accused, said an ANF Headquarters spokesman here on Monday. He informed that 748 grams ice was recovered from a passenger going to Qatar at Bacha Khan International Airport. 400 grams ice was recovered from a parcel sent to Australia from a cargo office in Rawalpindi. 460 kg opium was recovered from Mashakhil and 319 kg opium was recovered from an area near Pishin Road Quetta.

Minister orders making Kisan card awareness campaign more effective

LAHORE (APP): Punjab informed that till now more Agriculture Minister Syed Ashiq Hussain Kirmani said that the Kisan card awareness campaign aimed at providing guidance to farmers should be made more effective. He said this while

letter and spirit.

than 220,000 applications had been received for the Kisan card and after scrutiny 105,000 of them had been approved.

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The minister said that green tractors would be provided to farmers on a presiding over a meeting at 70 percent subsidy. "It is Agriculture House on mandatory for farmers to Monday. He said that the have a Kisan card to get a timelines of projects green tractor," he said and related to 'Transforming directed relevant Punjab Agriculture Plan' authorities to form a should be implemented in dashboard for the monitoring of the He said that the Kisan Transforming Punjab Agriculture Plan and present a plan for boosting production of canola,

Yorulmaz inaugurating lab at department of architecture in Hazara University.

NCSU, join hands with FJWU to tackle **Climate Change**

combat the escalating climate crisis, a team of scientists from North Carolina State University (NCSU), USA, joined hands with Fatima Jinnah Women University (FJWU), to conduct a joint research project on Climate Change Impacts on Glaciers, Rivers, and Oceans." This initiative is a part of the project "Developing the Next Generation of Female Environmentalists; Pakistani Women University Climate

Change Consortium". The project is aimed students in Pakistan by advanced climate science change.

RAWALPINDI (APP): In knowledge and skills. A a groundbreaking effort to distinguished team of seven scientists from NCSU, including Prof. Dr. Lewis Owen, Prof. Dr. Jingpu Paul Li, Prof. Dr. Walter Robinson, Dr. Carrie Thomas, Dr. Roberto Mera Velazquez, Dr. Jamila Simpson, and Ms. Lucia

Manatschal -Riedener, led the two-day project briefing event, funded by the US State Department. Dr. Lewis Owen, Dean of the College of Sciences at NCSU, brought his extensive expertise on the glacial history of the Himalayan mountains, providing empower female invaluable insights into the region's geomorphological equipping them with changes due to climate

MANSEHRA: TIKA Vice President Umit Naci

for the prosperity of farmers. The minister was sovbean etc.

Fighting rages in Gaza City's Shujaiya for fourth day

Monitoring Desk GAZA STRIP: Heavy battles and bombardment hit Gaza City's Shujaiya district for a fourth day on Sunday, months after Israel declared Hamas's command structure dismantled in the northern area.

Tens of thousands of Palestinians have fled the devastated neighbourhood, where the army said it has fought Palestinian fighters both "above and below ground" in tunnels.

Months of on-and-off talks towards a Gaza truce and hostage release deal have meanwhile made little progress, with Hamas saying there was "nothing new" in a revised plan presented by US mediators.

The Israeli military said ground and air forces had carried out raids on compounds used by fighters and "eliminated several where to go to protect our-

Monitoring Desk

MONTEVIDEO: Uru-

guayans take to the polls on

Sunday in primary elections

ahead of October's presi-dential race, in which the

left-wing opposition is seen

edging ahead according to

opinion polls with voters

concerned about rising in-

equality and public safety.

Polls show voters cooling on

the center-right coalition of

President Luis Lacalle Pou,

despite its successful steer-

ing of the farming economy

of 3.4 million people through the COVID-19

pandemic and the economic

setbacks following the war

in Ukraine. Lacalle Pou, 50,

has struggled to back up a

pledge to tackle drug crime

which is hurting Uruguay's

reputation as a beacon of

stability in turbulent South

America A perceived weak-

ness of the welfare state and

rising corruption has also hurt his party.

Uruguay holds primary

elections as opposition

left gains ground

get around 43%

hours. It also reported clashes in central Gaza and the southern Rafah area, a week after Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu declared that the "intense phase" of the offensive that started on October 7 was nearing an end. The United Nations humanitarian agency OCHA estimated

sued evacuation orders.

terrorists" over the past 24 selves." Netanyahu said Israeli "forces are operating in Rafah, Shujaiya, every where in the Gaza Strip" According to a statement from Netanyahu's of-

fice, he told his cabinet that "dozens of terrorists are being eliminated every day.' Six people were killed in an air strike at dawn tar-

geting a house in Rafah, said that "60,000 to 80,000 medics at Nasser Hospital people were displaced" where the bodies were from Shujaiya since new taken. Artillery shelling also fighting broke out there on rocked parts of the city, Thursday and the army iswitnesses said. The Israeli military

For those who relaunched a ground operation main, "our lives have bein Rafah in early May, leadcome hell", said 50-year-old ing to the closure of a key Shujaiya resident Siham alaid crossing.

Shawa. She said people The United Nations were trapped as strikes and other relief agencies could happen "anywhere" have voiced alarm over the and "it is difficult to get out dire humanitarian crisis and of the neighbourhood under the threat of starvation the fire". "We do not know Israeli siege has brought for Gaza's 2.4 million people.

message of an "obliterating war" made it worthy of destruction. "A regime that threatens destruction deserves to be destroyed," Katz said in a post on X. Arab League He also said Israel will act with full force against Iranshifts position backed Hezbollah if it does

from the border.

leader

on Hezbollah **Monitoring Desk** DUBAI: The Arab League

says it has decided to re-That has seen the cenmove Hezbollah from its ter-left Broad Front coaliblacklist, as conditions for tion, which ruled from 2004 establishing relations with to 2015, edge ahead of the the Lebanese resistance main center-right parties. move-ment have been met. latest opinion polls showed Anadolu Agency reported. Uruguayan pollster Cifra predicts the Broad Front

In a statement aired on Egyptian Al-Qahera News. getting 47% support in May, some 15 points ahead Arab League assistant secretary-general Hossam Zaki of Lacalle Pou's National said that the member states Party, the main force within "agreed that the label of the ruling coalition. The Hezbollah as a terrorist wider conservative bloc organisation should no combined, though, would longer be employed."

"In previous Arab Around 10% remain League decisions, Hezbollah undecided suggesting that was designated as a terror-October's presidential elecist organisation, and this tion will be tight. Whoever designation was reflected in wins in general elections the resolutions, leading to scheduled for Oct 27, or more the severing of communicalikely in a November runoff. tion based on these deciwill need to bring down high sions." In March 2016, the homicide rates, improve the Arab League accused Hezbollah of "promoting social safety net, balance trade with major partner extremism and sectarian-China and keep on track an ism", and "meddling in the economy that is expected to internal affairs of countries". grow nearly 4% this year.



Israel FM says 'Iran deserves to be destroyed'

formerly known as Twitter, **Monitoring Desk** that in such an event "all JERUSALEM: Israeli Foroptions, incl. the full ineign Minister Israel Katz volvement of all resistance said on Saturday that Iran's fronts, are on the table." Hezbollah has been

exchanging fire with Israel since October, in parallel with the Gaza war. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanvahu and Defence Minister Yoav Gallant said this week they prefer a dipnot stop firing at Israel from lomatic path to resolving the situation. Though Katz Lebanon and move away is a member of Israel's se-Iran's UN mission said curity cabinet, war policy on Friday that if Israel emhas largely been led by barks on a "full-scale mili-Netanyahu and a small tary aggression" in Lebanon, circle of ministers that includes Gallant, who visited

"an obliterating war will ensue." The Iranian mission Washington this week for talks on Gaza and Lebanon also said in the post on X,

North Korean officials sport Kim Jong Un pins for first time

Monitoring Desk party, wore the typical SEOUL: North Korean party logo pin on the right officials wore pins with a lapel and, on the left portrait of Kim Jong Un chest, the pin with Kim's face against a flag-shaped in public for the first time red background. The 10th Plenary in pictures released by state media on Sunday,

Meeting of the 8th Centhe latest step in the detral Committee of the velopment of a cult of personality about the Workers' Party of Korea, which reviews the party's performance for the first

The officials, speakhalf of the year, began on ng at a key meeting chaired by Kim of the re-Friday, state news agency clusive state's ruling KCNA said.

Japan successfully launches an He congratulated member advanced Earth states on successfully concluding the Fourth Review observation Conference, welcoming the satellite on its new flagship H3 rocket

Monitoring Desk TOKYO: Japan success fully deployed an upgraded Earth observation satellite for disaster response and security after it was launched on a new flagship H3 rocket Monday. The H3 No. 3 rocket lifted off from the Tanegashima Space Center on a southwestern Japanese island and released its payload about 16 minutes later, putting it into a targeted orbit as planned, the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency, or JAXA.

> Kenyan activists call for more protests as govt pledges austerity Monitoring Desk

NAIROBI: Kenyan activists called for protesters to take to the streets again on Tuesday, with many rejecting appeals from President William Ruto for dialogue following his decision to withdraw proposed tax hikes

At least 24 people were killed in clashes between protesters and police last week when parliament was briefly stormed and set ablaze

UN chief lauds move to limit proliferation of small arms

Monitoring Desk address developments in UNITED NATIONS: UN small arms and light weap-Secretary General Antonio ons manufacturing, technology and design. Guterres has praised the Mr Guterres also adoption of a strong outcome document at the end recognised the commitments the states have made of a conference dedicated to combating illicit small arms to strengthen international cooperation and assistance and light weapons worldwide, saying it is an imporand to implement gender-

tant sign of progress. The proliferation, diresponsive policies. He expressed hope version and misuse of small that the progress will help arms and light weapons constrengthen our collective tinue to undermine peace, security and sustainable deand national efforts to combat illicit small arms and velopment around the light weapons until the next world fuelling conflict and review conference in 2030. armed violence and causing The UN chief added that he hoped the commitdevastating human costs, the UN chief said in a statement.

ments regarding small arms would inform discussions at the 'Summit of the Future' in September to find forward-looking and actionsetting up of an open-ended oriented solutions for a technical expert group to more peaceful future.

Iran election shows declining voter support amid calls for change

Monitoring Desk main reformist coali-TEHRAN: The first tion round of Iran's presidential election revealed shrinking support for both reformists and conservatives even though some voters are pushing for change by backing the sole reformist candidate, analysts say.

M a s o u d Pezeshkian, the reformist contender, and ultraconservative Saeed Jalili led the polls held on Friday to replace the late ultraconservative president Ebrahim Raisi, who died in a helicopter crash last month.

Friday's vote. marked by a historically low turnout, "clearly tive parliamentary shows that both reform- speaker Mohammad shows that both reformists' and conservatives' bases have considerably shrunk," said Ali Vaez of the International Crisis Group think tank.

up think tank. well below Raisi's In the lead-up to nearly 18 million votes

Pezeshkian, with endorsements by former presidents Mohammad Khatami and Hassan Rouhani, a moderate. The reformists brought out the big guns and tried their best to mobilise their

supported

base," Vaez said on social media platform X, but "it was simply insufficient. Likewise, the

conservatives failed to garner sufficient votes "despite the tremendous resources they deployed," he added.

Vaez pointed out that the combined votes of Jalili and conserva-Bagher Ghalibaf, who came in third, totalled 12.8 million.

That figure was the election, Iran's in the 2021 election.

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Third Doha Talks: Pakistan and US hold consultations on Afghanistan

The Afghan Interim

Government is also partici-

pating talks and conference

this year. The Afghan

Taliban interim government

had boycotted the partici-

pation of Afghan women

and civil society represen-

tatives in the last second

cial representatives on Af-

ghanistan from around the

world is sit in front of the

Afghan Taliban in the Doha

Yesterday, representa-tives of Afghanistan's

try for the first time.

the third of its kind in the

gas-rich emirate in just over

Taliban authorities who

seized power in Afghanistan

in 2021. UN officials and

over 20 envoys, including

the US special representa-

tive to Afghanistan, were ex-

pected to meet with the

Taliban government's del-

egation led by spokesman

Zabihullah Mujahid. The

talks in Doha were due to

discuss increasing engage-

ment with Afghanistan and

a more coordinated response

to the country, including

a vear but the first to include

For the first time, spe-

Doha talks.

talks

DOHA (INP): In Doha, Qatar, Pakistan and the United States held consultations on Afghanistan during the third 2-day Doha talks, reported on Monday.

The consultations between Pakistan and the US took place in Doha, where US Special Representative for Afghanistan, Thomas West, and his delegation met with the Pakistani delegation.

The Pakistani delegation included Special Representative Asif Durrani, Pakistan's Ambassador to Qatar Dr Muhammad Ijaz, and Head of Mission in Kabul Obaid-ur-Rehman Nizamani.

According to the report, before the United Nations-sponsored conference in the capital city of Qatar, the Pakistani delegation had significant meetings Sunday.

Diplomatic sources said that the parties discussed the matters related to the situation in Afghanistan, the third Doha conference, and options

The Pakistani delegation also had meetings with delegations from other countries, including a meeting with Russian Special Representative Zamir Kabulov.

Additionally, the Pakistani delegation met with the European Union delegation, led by Special Repre- economic issues and sentative Tomas Niklasson. counter-narcotics efforts.



Rehman addressing a press conference.

Visits Mufti Mehmood Hospital Kuchlak CM dismayed over absence of doctors, medical staff and poor cleanliness

Independent Report QUETTA: The Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti has expressed displeasure over the absence of doctors and other medical staff from their duties and poor cleanliness situation in Mufti Mehmood Memorial Hos- cal Superintendent of the pital (MMMH), Kuchlak.

doctors and other medical staff from their duties and directed to the Special Secretary Health to take disciplinary action against those found absent from their duties.

The Chief Minister on an occasion asked the Medi-Hospital not to hide the facts rather tell the truth.



Taliban government began meetings with UN officials ISLAMABAD: Chairman Senate, Syed Yousaf Raza Gillani attending launching ceremony of the as they attended talks in "China Chamber of Commerce Sustainable Development Report 2023" of CCCPK (formerly "All-Doha with special envoys Pakistan Chinese Enterprises' Association APCEA), co-organized by the Sustainable Development to the Central Asian coun-Policy Institute (SDPI) here at the Pakistan Institute for Parliamentary Services (PIPS) Hall. The two-day, UN-hosted meeting in Qatar is

CPEC emerges as catalyst for investment, technology transfer: Chairman Senate

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chairman Senate, Syed Yousaf Raza Gillani has Syed Yousaf Raza said that China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) has become a catalyst for not only investment but and patience of its masses technological transfer, skill development, and knowledge sharing between the wo friendly nations.

He was addressing the launch ceremony of the China Chamber of Commerce Sustainable Develop-ment Report 2023" of CCCPK (formerly "All-Pakistan Chinese Enterprises' Association APCEA), co-

organized by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) here at the Pakistan Institute for Parliamentary Services (PIPS) Hall

The report was unveiled by Chairman Senate, Syed Yousaf Raza Gillani, Chinese Minister Counsellor. Yang Guangyuan, Prime Minister's Coordinator on Climate Change, Romina

to PTI halted until Imran's

founder, former premier Imran Khan, from jail According to media re-

challenges faced by the Chinese companies, and people working on various projects Gillani said Pakistan has under CPEC and was ensurfaced a lot of testing times ing fool proof security for

whereas the perseverance the Chinese citizens. Gillani informed that the bureaucratic processes created narratives of resilience emanating from the were being streamlined and Special Investment Facilita-tion Council (SIFC) like institutions were developed to expedite different projects under the second phase of CPEC or CPEC2.0.

CPEC has created 155,000 skilled and unskilled jobs for local masses in Pakistan. However, the singing of MoU for CPÉC's second phase underscores continued collaboration in industrial development, green energy initiatives, low carbon development, and

other areas," the Chairman Senate said. CPEC 2.0, he said, would upgrade and implement renewed focus on industrialisation and

inclusivity. 'Pakistan lauds Presi

dent Xi Jinping's commitment and funding of \$100 billion for Greening BRI for eco-friendly development. Chinese banks play a fundamental part in greening of the CPEC projects, pivotal for development and environmental protection. Both countries are eager for collaborative green initiatives, such as green bonds, concessional financing, and Just Energy Transition Partnerships (JETPS). I urge Chinese to work out solutions to improve access to these financing tools and initiate all economic transactions in Chinese RMB instead of USD," Gillani said.

The Senate Chairman underlined that the developmental transition under CPEC should prioritise

nearly 77 years.

As he completed his

assignment as the ambassa-

dor of Pakistan to the US

he said since March 2022,

after taking charge of the

The envoy thanked a

"American friends" from

tional Financial Institu-

tions (IFIs), think-tanks

media, civil society and

the private sector, as

well as the diaspora com

munity for the suppor

in building the bilatera

influential Pakistani-

American professional

helped me, our missions,

and our two nations to navi

promising landscapes," he maintained.

Hashmi meets

in Beijing

"I am indebted to the

ties.

wealth creation and human development, whereas fostering public private partnerships can help achieve this crucial goal.

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CM directs to digitalize land record of Quetta city completely in beginning of September

about land record and it's

digitalization besides

it was informed that

have been digitalized

through land record in-

formation management

E-stamping, GIS system

revenue record has been

digitalized in Quetta,

Jaffarabad, Pishin and

Gwadar through the

informed that the facili-

Similarly, it was also

Speaking on the oc-

He also directed to

established

and revenue record.

The system included

Preliminarily, the

system.

During the briefing,

other related issues.

Independent Report QUETTA: The Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti has directed to the Senior Member Board of fards (documents of Revenue (MBR) to ownership of land) and completely digitalize transfers of the land the land record of Quetta city in the beginning of September this year.

The Chief Minister said that settlement is necessary for the better land record as such, adding he directed to complete the settlement of Quetta city within two months.

The Chief Minister land record information was presiding over the management system. land record digitalization here on Monday.

Those who were tation system has also present in the meeting been through LRIMS. were included the provincial ministers Mir Asim Kurd and Mir Ali casion, the Chief Minis-Madad Jatak, parliamenter stressed that cooperatary secretary, Mir tion of land settlement office is unavoidable. Liaquat Lehri, members of the provincial assembly and other concerned ensure merit and

high ups. transparency in the The meeting was process of recruitment briefed about the matters of patwaris.



QUETTA; Secretary Irrigation Hafiz Abdul Majid meeting with Provincial Minister for Irrigation Mir Muhammad Sadiq Umrani

Naqvi lauds FC and Police Personnel foiling terrorists' attack on Takhta Baig

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi on Monday paid tribute to the bravery of FC and police personnel who foiled the terrorists' attack on Takhta Baig police checkpost in District Khyber.

The Interior Minister said that the sacrifices of Shaheed FC official Shahzad and Shaheed Police official Ejaz, who laid down their lives fighting

ery of Shaheed FC official Shahzad and Shaheed Police official Ejaz, who fearlessly thwarted the terrorists' attack. He said that the nation salutes the sacrifices of the two martyrs who laid down their lives fighting against terrorism.

Federal Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi further said that the sacrifices of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Police and FC will never be

forgotten.

He said that the brav

sive governments of Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N), Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM), and the current government rendered extreme commitment for CPEC, he added. He said the government of Pakistan was mindful of the sustainability,

sition parties support the government on it. The Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) was the first under the leadership of then President Asif Ali Zardari who paved way for initiation of the CPEC.

Moreover, the succes-

Return of leaders

release from jail

SLAMABAD (INP): The process of any Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leader returning to the party has been halted until the release of the party's

ports, this decision has been made by PTI founder Imran han himself The sourc

stories of resilient and successful men and women bracing all the challenges. He said that the CPEC is a nonpartisan agenda in Pakistan as all of its oppo-

The Chief Minister directed to the Special Secretary Health to dismiss all the absentee staff of the MMMH. Mir Sarfraz Bugti was

on surprise visit to the no results of the same. MMMH on Monday where he went round of different departments and sections of the Hospital and inspected the health facilities being provided to the patients there.

He also inspected the record of attendance of the doctors and other staff at the Hospital. He was displeased with absence of Minister warned.



QUETTA: Leader and members of Central Anjuman Tajran Pakistan are cutting cake during celebration ceremony held in Quetta.

Rs 500 mln allocated for Dera-Allah-Yar development: MPA

Parliamentary Secretary for Population Welfare Hadiya Nawaz Behrani on Monday said that Rs 500 million was allocated for Hadiya said, Rs 10 million the financial year 2024.25 for various development programmes of Dera-Allah

It was her desire to develop her home town as a model city and that was why she had got earmarked such a hefty amount in order to provide maximum basic facilities to its people, she said while talking to the media outside the Balochistan Assembly.

had already finalized development projects and soon work on them would be started.

She said a carpet center would be set up in the and surrounding ares, incity for skill training of the youth for which Rs 30 million has been earmarked.

QUETTA (APP): PML-N Similarly, Rs 20 million was specified for the construction of the press club building, she added.

Likewise, MPA was earmarked for the repair and restoration of the temple so that the Hindu community members could perform their religious rituals, she added.

She said Rs 75 million was kept aside in the budget for the repair and rehabilitation of the Officer's Club phase one, Rs 10 million for taxi stands, Rs 10 million for the Government Model High School examination hall, and Rs 32.25 Hadiya Nawaz said she million for the rehabilitation of Bilal Football Mini Stadium

The MPA said work many other projects in the Dera Allah Yar city stallation of electricity poles and transformers. tuff tiles.

said that only after Imran He regretfully pointed Khan's release would the out that billions of rupees return of leaders be decided. are provided for medical Following the PTI

treatment of the poor founder's instructions, a people, however, there are seven-member committee has also been constituted to He directed to the determine the inclusion of Medical Superintendent any leader in the party of Mufti Mehmood Hosagain. This committee will pital to improve the atbe headed by former foreign tendance of doctors and minister Shah Mahmood situation of cleanliness in Qureshi, while former speaker Asad Qaiser, the Hospital within couple of days. Stern ac-Hamid Khan, Shehryar Afridi, Barrister Gohar, and tion would be taken if the situation was not im-Shibli Faraz will be memproved, adding the Chief

downs. bers. Additionally, a female member will also be incided to replace Khan and cluded to oversee the return appoint Additional Foreign of women to the party. PTI leader Shandana Ĝulzar will SIFC) Ambassador Rizwan provide reports on Saeed Sheikh as envoy to women's cases and reasons the United States. for leaving the party.

Three labourers shot dead in Lakki Marwat AKKI MARWAT (INP): In a tragic incident, three labourers were shot dead by unknown armed men in lakki Marwat, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

As per details, the labourers were targeted near Gorkha Shah Hussain in Lakki Marwat. The deceased were identified as Farooq, Naqeeb and Saleh Khan. The

bodies were moved to the hospital by the police and rescue teams. Further details were awaited.

Earlier, at least 14 passengers had been offloaded from buses and shot dead government's decision of on the Makran Coastal 0.5% advance tax, says in Highway in Balochistan's media reports. According to Ormara town.

According to Levies ources, 15-20 unidentified armed men had intercepted five coaches travelling between Karachi and Gwadar near the Buzi Top area.

The assailants had checked the identity cards of passengers and offloaded 16 of them.

Outgoing ambassador calls

for persevering efforts to fortify Pakistan-US relations

BEIJING: Minister of State for IT and Telecommunication Ms. Shaza Fatima Khawaja

NEW YORK (INP): Out-going Pakistani ambassador Ambassador Masood Khan to the United States, has done to represent Pakistan, to build bridges be-Masood Khan called for persevering efforts to strengthen Pakistantween Islamabad and Washington," said Horst. United States relations,

On behalf of the State office, they had tried to Department, the US official build strong Pak-US relaacknowledged that the ties tions. between the two countries, like any longstanding relahost of entities including tionship, have experienced friction at times, but "bethe administration, Concause of you, we know how gress, state governments we can talk through this and and assemblies, Interna-

we have a framework to At a farewell dinner talk through friction", she organised in honour of the added.

despite periodic ups and

Pakistan on Friday de-

cretary (Middle East and

Islamabad on Monday, but

Pakistan as planned.

"bridges

Khan was given agrément by the US Deoutgoing Pakistani envoy, United States Principal Deputy Assistant Secrepartment of State for servtary Elizabeth Horst Friday ing as ambassador to Washpraised Khan, for his serington in February 2022. vices towards building He was nominated for the between post by the then prime Islamabad and Washingminister Imran Khan in November 2021.

[.] On behalf of the State In his farewell note, Department, I just want to Khan wrote: "A robust renote that the US-Pakistan lationship between our two relationship is in the best nations is work in progress, place it's been in years, in backed by a history of

Petroleum dealers announce countrywide strike on July 5

Pakistan Petroleum Dealers Association (PPDA) chaircreased the petrol price in the country by Rs 7.45 per man, Abdul Sami Khan, stated that talks are schedlitre for the next fortnight. uled with the government in

officially issued a notification, Global Digital Economy fixing the new price of petrol at Rs265.61 per litre, Rs7.45 up from the previous Rs258.16 per litre, burden-



QUETTA: Additional Chief Secretary Home Zahid Saleem presiding over a meeting regarding zaireen management

ways be remembered by the officers and jawans of nation

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Po-He said that the brave lice and FC have played a officers and jawans of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Pokey role in the war against terrorism. lice and FC have played a He said that the nation

key role in the war against is united and determined to terrorism. The Interior eradicate the menace of ter-Minister praised the brav- rorism.



CHINA: Ambassador of Pakistan to China . Khalil Hashmi spoke at China-SCO round table on Digital Connectivity on the sidelines of China-Eurasia Expo. The Ambassador underscored the importance of digital connectivity in the Eurasian region, & Pakistan's potential as a burgeoning digital economy.

Indian troops martyred **12 Kashmiris in June**

organisations that have ISLAMABAD (APP): did not allow Kashmiris Indian forces' personnel to offer Eidul Azha in their unabated acts of gate through challenging but state terrorism martyred twelve (12) Kashmiris Eidgah in Srinagar. The during the last month of troops also damaged June in Indian illegally two houses while a occupied Jammu and Kashmir,

According to a re-Research Section of ence spokesman Advo-Kashmir Media Service, cate Abdul Rashid today, of those five youth were martyred by the troops in fake encounters or custody.

least twenty-six people were injured after Indian troops and police personnel used brute force on peaceful protesters while five hundred seventy civilians, mostly youth and political activists including prominent lawyer and former head of Kashmir Bar dom using draconian Association Abdul Qayoom, were and repress Kashmiris' arrested under black laws, Public Safety Act (PSA) and Unlawful Activities (Prevention) one million Indian troops Act (UAPA during at least one hundred militarized zone in the ninety-six (196) cordon world which needs urand search operations in the month, the report

added

prayers at historical Jamia Masjid and woman was molested in the month.

Meanwhile, the All port released by the Parties Hurriyat Confercate Abdul Rashid Minhas in a statement in Srinagar said that systematic human rights violations committed During the month, at with impunity by Indian troops have become a new normal in occupied Kashmir.

He said the situation further deteriorated after revocation of Article 370 in Aug 2019 while BJP Indian government is stifling Kashmiris' voice of free-Mian measures to terrorize political struggle.

The statement said the presence of nearly gent international attention for the rescue of Kashmiris from The Modi regime Hindutva onslaught.

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with Minister of State for IT KARACHI (INP). The tax, he said that the strike Pakistan Petroleum Dealers may be extended beyond a Association has announced BEIJING (APP): Pakistan day if necessary. The chaira countrywide strike on man urged the government to Ambassador to China July 5, against the Khalil Hashmi met with

withdraw the tax immediately as it will make impossible for Minister of State for IT and the petrol dealers to run their Telecommunications Shaza businesses. Yesterday, the Fatima Khawaja and leadfederal government in-

ers of Chinese and Pakistani companies here on Monday. During the meeting held The Finance Division has at Pakistan House ahead of