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Pakistan, Azerbaijan affirm commitment to expand bilateral ties

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pa- ity and tourism, besides affirmed their commitment to further expanding mutually beneficial cooperation in the areas of bilateral interest, especially energy, trade, connectivity, defence, and people-to-people linkages. These topics were discussed during a meeting between President Asif Ali Zardari and the visiting President of Azerbaijan, Ilham Aliyev, at Aiwan-e-Sadr, on Friday. Welcoming President Ilham Aliyev, President Asif Ali Zardari said that both countries enjoyed excellent relations and had a great scope of further improving ties in various areas of mutual in-

He underlined the need for more regular engagements between the people and businessmen of Pakistan and Azerbaijan to cement bilateral ties.

He highlighted the importance of Gwadar port, suggesting that Central Asian Countries and Azerbaijan could benefit from it for promoting regional trade, connectiv-

kistan and Azerbaijan have bringing shared economic

the signing of Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) between Pakistan Azerbaijan, adding that the MoUs would give a new impetus to bilateral cooperation in the fields of trade, commerce, tourism, mines and minerals, science and technology, law & justice, and culture. President highlighted that the East had the potential to lead the world towards prosperity. He added that Pakistan wanted to build a sustainable and result-ori ented engagement with Central Asian Republics and Azerbaijan. Speaking on the occasion, President Ilham Aliyev said that Pakistan and Azerbaijan enjoyed a high frequency of people-topeople exchanges and both the countries needed to promote business-to-business relations for enhancing economic relations. He stated that Pakistan and Azerbaijan could also explore the possibility of working together in the renewable energy sector



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Law and Justice, Senator Azam Nazeer Tarar addresses to media persons during press conference, in Islamabad.

No threat to govt after ruling on reserved seats: Azam Nazeer

Says SIC demanded relief but relief given to PTI which not respondent in case

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister for Law and Justice Senator Azam Nazeer Tarar on Friday said that there was no threat to the government after the decision of apex court regarding reserved seats as it had a clear majority of 209 members in the House. Addressing a press conference, Azam Nazeer Tarar said that the Sunni Ittehad Council (SIC) didn't recognize non-Muslims as its members, adding that legal action would be decided in consultation with political parties. He questioned that what about the bers of PTI did not approach condition of Article 51 of

the Constitution. The independent members of PTI were on the stance that the reserved seats should be given to the SIC, he said, adding that apparently Article 51 and 106 were rewritten, he said. The minister said that they were viewing the contents of the verdict. He said that there was a law exist about the reserved seats and it should have been allocated to the SIC

He clarified that Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaaf (PTI) was not a party in this case and that independent memany forum after winning.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Interior Mohsin Naqvi visiting Markazi Asna Ashri Imam Bargah in G-6.

UN report Pakistan population to hit over 400 million mark in 2092; to surpass Indonesia in 2048 NATIONS 2017, Pakistan's average creased significantly, par-

(APP): A key UN report has placed Pakistan, whose current population is over 245 million, in the group of countries whose population is expected to increase through 2054 and could potentially peak in the second half of the century or

According to the current projects in the UN's World Population Prospects 2024 report, Pakistan will reach its peak population in 2092 of 404.68 million people.

It said that Pakistan's population is expected to urpass that of Indonesia in 2048 when it will reach 331.29 million

a population of over 220 million, this is a growth of about 5.28 million people the report said.

the highest birth rates of 22 births per 1,000 people, it was pointed out. "Very few women use any type of birth control in Pakistan, and the surging population can put too much pressure on water and sanitation systems, result in millions of unemployed people, and overwhelm health and edu-

cation systems.' Since the year 1947, when the country became a sovereign state, the popu-Between 1998 and lation of Pakistan has in- said.

population growth rate was 2.40%, the report said. For more people felt comfortable moving their families and businesses to the area,

Compared to the other Pakistan has one of countries in the region, the growth rate of Pakistan is about 2.1 percent higher, it

> The report predicted that in about 35 years, if this growth continues, the population of Pakistan will eventually become double of what it was back in 2001. Judging from how the population has grown significantly over just ten years, this "doubled population" figure does not seem to be far off, it



ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari hosted a state luncheon in the honour of President of Azerbaijan, Mr. Iham Aliyev, at Aiwan-i-Sadr, Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif was also present on the occasion.

Major win for PTI as SC rules party eligible for reserved seats

Justice Mansoor Ali Shah announces 8-5 majority verdict, nullifying PHC verdict which upheld ECP's order

SLAMABAD (APP): A 13-member bench of Supreme Court of Pakistan on Friday declared Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) as eligible for the reserved seats for women and minorities in the national and provincial assemblies. The court nullified the decision of Peshawar High Court (PHC) and notifications of the ECP regarding the reserved seats, and also declared PTI as a

political party.

Justice Mansoor Ali
Shah announced the 8-5
majority verdict of the bench, headed by Chief Justice of Pakistan Oazi Faez Isa, Justice Sved Mansoor Ali Shah, Justice

PM directs

enhanced

security

coordination

for Ashura

ISLAMABAD (APP)

Prime Minister Shehbaz

Sharif directed Interior

Minister Mohsin Naqvi on

Friday to enhance security

coordination with prov

inces, including Gilgit-

Baltistan and Azad Jammu

and Kashmir, especially for

Youm-e-Ashur during

Muharram ul Haram. In a

meeting with the interior

minister, who also holds the

portfolio of narcotics con-

trol, the prime minister is-

sued these directives. They

deliberated on the law and

order situation throughout

ANP wins

Pak-22 Bajaur

by-polls

BAJAUR (APP): Awami

National Party's candidate

Nisar Baz has won by-elec-

tion for the Khyber

Pakhtunkhwa assembly

seat PK-22 Bajaur by se-

curing 11,926 votes. Ac-

cording to unofficial results,

in a total of 91 polling sta-

tions independent candidate

Najeebullah Khan bagged

second position with

10,622 votes, while Abid

Khan of Jamaat-e-Islami(JI)

secured third position by securing 10,593 votes.

Muharram-ul-Harram.

Munib Akhtar, Justice Muhammad Ali Mazhar, Justice Ayesha Malik, Justice Syed Hassan Rizvi, and Justice Irfan Saadat Khan favored the judgment

A nine-page written order of the top court said: "The impugned judgment dated 25.03.2024 of the high court is set aside. The order of the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) dated 01.03.2024 is declared to be ultra vires the Constitution. It further said: "The

notifications of various

Commission's notification, dated 13th of May, 2024, have been declared to be returned candidates for reserved seats for women and minorities in the national and provincial assemblies, are declared to be ultra vires to the Constitution, without lawful authority and of no legal effect, and are quashed from 6th of May 2024 onwards, being the date an interim order was made by the court in CPLA no. 13289 of 24, the leave petitions out of which the instant appeals arise.

Shahid Waheed, Justice persons identified in the in any manner affect the constitutional and legal rights of a political party to participate in an election (whether general or bye) and to field candidates and the Commission is under a constitu tional duty to act, and construe and apply all statutory provisions, accordingly." The order said, "It is declared that the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) was and is political party, which secured or won (the two terms being interchange able) general seats in the National and Provincial dates, whereby the persons respectively men-the lack or denial of an eral Elections of 2024 as Athar Minallah, Justice tioned therein, being the election symbol does not herein after provided."



ing on solarization of agriculture tubewells and anti-power theft campaign.

Deputy PM Dar reviews arrangements for SCO CHG to be held on Oct 15-16

ISLAMABAD (APP): Deputy Prime Minister and Minister Foreign Mohammad Ishaq Dar on Friday chaired the first meeting of High-Level Committee on the Requirements and Arrangements for the SCO Council of Heads of Government (CHG) Meeting to be held in Islamabad on 15-16 Oc-

tober 2024. The committee has been constituted in pursuit of the Prime Minister's directive to ensure hosting of the SCO Council of Heads SCO practice.

meeting in Islamabad in a befitting manner.

The committee comprises, as its members, Federal Ministers for Economic Affairs, Interior, Information and Broadcasting, and Secretaries of the Foreign Affairs, Cabinet, and Interior as well as Chairman CDA. The committee discussed the needs assessment and gave directions to the concerned authorities for making efficient arrangements, in line with

PTI to emerge as largest party in National Assembly after SC ruling on reserved seats

ISLAMABAD; Enjoying a D-Day after the Supreme Court's verdict in the reserved seats case earlier today (Friday), the Pakistan Tehreeke-Insaf (PTI) is expected to emerge as the largest party in the National Assembly as the number of Imran Khan-led party is likely to soar to 109. În an unexpected legal victory for the main opposition party, the top court of the country ruled that the party of incarcerated Imran Khan is eligible for the allo-

The decision has not only paved the way for the PTI's return to parliament, which was kicked out of the February 8 polls owing to the ECP's December 2023 ruling but has also increased the pressure on the coalition alliance by changing the composition of the National Assembly. With the majority seats of the PTI in the lower house of the legislature, the ruling coalition led by Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N).

Never said PTI was not a political party: ECP (INP)

The Election Commis sion of Pakistan (ECP) claimed on Friday it never said the PTI was not a political party.

The commission came up with its stance after the Supreme Court announced its verdict in the reserved seats case.

The ECP said the PTI was a political party with its name included in the list of political parties on website. Moreover, it said, the Election Commission had not misconceived any decision.

The Election Commission declared PTI's intra-party election invalid. The PTI went to various forum against it. In the SC's deci-

sion announced on Friday, as many as 39 MNAs are declared to be with the PTI.

The Election Commission sources further said the decision of the ECP had been "upheld" PTI's intra-party elections were not valid, the logical consequence of which was that the bat symbol was withdrawn from it under Section 21: of the Elections Act.



ISLAMABAD: Official delegation of Azerbaijan held session with Federal Ministers, Abdul Aleem Khan, Dr Musaddiq Malik, Jam Kamal Khan and

PM vows to collaborate with provinces for farmers' welfare

Minister on Friday vowed that after Balochistan, the federal government would also work in collaboration with the governments of Punjab, Sindh and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa for the welfare of farmers regarding the conversion of agricultural tube wells to solar en-

solarization of agriculture tube wells and anti-power theft campaign at the PM House, the prime minister highlighted that solar energy was the cheapest source of producing electricity, therefore promoting the solar energy in the country had become the government's top priority.

The prime minister directed the relevant authorities to prepare a compre- country.

ISLAMABAD (APP): hensive strategy after consultation with the provin-Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif cial governments regarding the conversion of agricultural tube wells to solar energy in the provinces.

In the meeting, the prime minister was told that shifting diesel-powered agricultural tube wells to eco-friendly solar energy would save US\$ 2.7 billion in foreign exchange.

PM Shehbaz also in-Chairing a meeting on structed to formulate a comprehensive plan to further improve electricity theft prevention measures.

The prime minister appreciating the provincial governments for their cooperation with the Power Ministry to prevent electricity theft, directed the authorities concerned to present a comprehensive plan to introduce smart metering system in the



e-Insaf Gohar Ali Khan talking with media persons after the PTI reserved seats case outside supreme court in the Federal Capital.

PTI demands of CEC to step down in backdrop of SC decision on reserved seats

Court (SC) decision in reserved seats case victory of democracy has demanded of Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) to step down immediately.

Talking to media men outside SC PTI chairman Barrister Gohar said decision will be remembered in the history for ever. We have got our right.

We kept on saying our right was robbed. SC made it clear. Those who wanted to erase PTI, they received message.

He went on to say SC full court had given decision based on truth and justice in respect of reserved seats

Today is day of jubilation for 250 million people, democratic forces and patriotic Pakistanis, he said adding this decision will be remembered in the

He maintained today

ISLAMABAD (Online): 11 out of 13 judges gave de-PTI while terming Supreme cision in favor of PTI. Today decision was given by

> He stressed Election Commission (EC) should implement SC decision forthwith. We hope reserved seats will be given to PTI. Our election which stands halted should be held as soon as possible.

> We congratulate Chief Minister KP Ali Amin Gandapur from the core of our heart, he remarked.

He underlined Justice Mansoor Ali Shah read this decision. The way stands blcoked what they were going to make amendment now. PTI counsel Suleman Akram Raja has said we have won legal war today. We have to win political war yet. This is the biggest day in the history of Pakistan. The coercers and tyrants who were trying to distribute PTI seats among others consider it spoil had to suf-



ISLAMABAD: Pak army patrolling at Constitution Avenue in the Federal Capital.

Reserved Seats: PTI needs to confess mistakes, not malign ECP: Attaullah Tarar

ISLAMABAD (INP): intra-party election in ac-Federal Minister for Infor- cordance with the law bemation, Broadcasting, Culture and National Heritage Attaullah Tarar has said that in issue relating reserved seats in the Parliament, Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) needs to confess its mistakes instead of maligning the Election Commission of

 $a \quad k \quad i \quad s \quad t \quad a \quad n$ (ECP). Ironically, it was portrayed that all in the country were guilty except the PTI, he added.

In a statement on Friday in response to the PTI's propaganda against the ECP, he said it was the PTI which failed to hold PTI, he added.

sides not submitting declaration and party tickets to the concerned. Attaullah Tarar said

that the PTI also failed to join any party which had presence in the Parlia-"In this case, they did not request to be declared

as MNA of the PTI," he added The information said that the PTI after all these

blunders did not have the right to question the ECP's credibility.

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Misery and despair

A pervasive gloom darkens the days of almost all working-class Pakistani households. From tea shops to opinion columns in local newspapers, the conversations reflect a growing unsettlement with the status quo. Most serious economists appear increasingly alarmed that Pakistan has sailed too deep into uncharted, treacherous waters. They worry that public mutiny may be inevitable unless there is an immediate course correction, of which there is no sign.

Meanwhile, on online discussion forums, increasing numbers of desperate mothers post queries for part-time jobs because they are no longer able to meet school fees and household expenses on one pay cheque. Heart-rending videos on social media document the desperation of street vendors, labourers, pensioners and widows as they struggle to balance their electricity bills and food expenses, while educated professionals are sharing anecdotes about the cutbacks they have been forced to implement as they wonder whether they will ever be able to get their quality of life back.

Is a life lived happily and respectably too much to ask for from your country? Many young citizens seem to believe so. A worryingly high proportion of the demographic wants nothing more than to leave. They would rather live and work anywhere than in Pakistan, which, they feel, undervalues their economic contributions, underappreciates their social needs, and suffocates them with arbitrary restrictions. The people responsible for their welfare do not care. They are too focused right now on 'economic management', which historically seems to entail little more than repeatedly selling to the IMF the idea that the Pakistani authorities are serious about getting the economy back on track. However, we have yet to see any attempt at meaningful reforms or a realisation that their efforts at 'stabilising' the economy are impoverishing millions and driving the young away.

Never before has Pakistan been tested with such severity of economic distress, nor has society ever been as demoralised as it appears now. This is not sensationalism; economists and historians agree it is a fact. It would appear, therefore, that the most serious challenge right now is restoring hope among the

For starters, the unending political crisis must be resolved urgently. Prolonging it is only exacerbating feelings of despair about the country's future. Secondly, taxation must be made vastly more equitable. A few million honest taxpayers should not be forced to foot the bill for the legislature and executive's failure; it is highly demotivating for the most productive workers. Thirdly, the political leadership must provide the youth with a vision for a better tomorrow

This does not mean promises of more motorbikes and laptops: there needs to be a bigger, more forward-looking plan in place that can help absorb millions of new entrants into the workforce in meaningful employment opportunities.

Possible solution

Anwar Kemal

Saturday July 13, 2024

The Russia-Ukraine conflict traces its origins when certain districts in eastern and south-eastern Ukraine, most notanobody could have foreseen the dissolution of the Soviet Union.

When assumed troops Gorbachev power in 1985, he adopted policies of Glasnost and Perestroika that were meant to reju- displaced or driven to venate the Soviet Union. Instead, they inadvertently reshaped the European and global order, undermining Russian interests. The fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989 and the subsequent reunification of Germany signalled the end of the Russian-dominated Warsaw

Remarkably, it was Russia's president, Boris grâce in 1991, in concert with the presidents of Ukraine and Belarus. Mikhail Gorbachev accused this troika of "turning the world upside down", but he too must share responsibility for the debacle. Consequently, the internal boundaries of the semiindependent Soviet republics became official international borders, without the exercise of due diligence. The Soviet Union's breakup set the stage for future conflicts between Armenia North Korea and Vietand Azerbaijan, Russia and Georgia, and Russia

and Ukraine. After the Soviet Union's dissolution, the West extended Nato eastward, expanding it from 16 members in 1999 to 32. President Vladimir Putin regarded Nato's expansion and Ukraine's 2014 Euromaidan nation- Russia's war effort, has alist movement, which toppled the pro-Russian president

gic threat.

In April 2014, Russia annexed Crimea and back to the Soviet era backed separatists in a low-intensity conflict. A full-scale war erupted bly Crimea in 1954, were in February 2022 when transferred from Russia Russia launched an exto Ukraine. At the time tensive invasion of Ukraine. Since 2014, the toll has been staggering: hundreds of thousands of Russian and Ukrainian killed wounded, over 40,000 Ukrainian civilians dead

or injured, and millions

Russia currently

seek refuge abroad.

controls over one-fifth of Ukrainian territory. A hiatus in American aid enabled Russia to advance and further erode Ukraine's military capabilities and infrastructure. In April 2024, the US approved a \$61 billion aid package and signed a 10year security pact, while European nations estab-Yeltsin, who clandes- lished a \$54bn 'Ukraine tinely orchestrated the Soviet Union's coup de efforts, Ukraine faces relentless pressure on the battlefield and a barrage of punishing Russian drone and missile strikes. Additionally, it lacks the military strength to re-

> cover its lost territories. President Putin's recent ceasefire proposal demanded that Ukraine withdraw entirely from Donetsk, Luhansk,

Kherson, and Zaporizhzhia, officially abandon its Nato aspirations, and that Western sanctions be lifted. In June 2024, Putin visited nam, and in exchange for North Korean support, appears to have abandoned Russia's previous opposition to North Korea's nuclear ambitions. A Nato summit meeting held in Washington, D.C. on July 9-11, 2024, apart from accusirreversible path" to fu- terests of both nations.

Yanukovych, as a strate- for Ukraine as well as additional assistance totalling \$43.3bn. The possibility of escalation between Nato and Russia, eastern Donbas, igniting each wielding thousands of nuclear weapons, highlights the urgency of

finding a just solution.

A solution to the Russia-Ukraine conflict requires both sides to acknowledge that a military solution is neither feasible nor de--sirable. The Russian demand that Ukraine forgo Nato membership will have to accepted, otherwise there would be zero hope of securing Russian withdrawal from Ukrain-ian territories, particularly Crimea, which holds substantial strategic and historical significance

for Russia. Recognition by the two sides that the exercise of sovereignty is often symbolic may help them understand that their decade-long conflict is not about annexing territory or collect-ing tribute like mediaeval monarchs.

The sovereignty issue could be addressed through a formula for governance/ shared sovereignty and dual citizenship in certain disputed areas transferred to Ukraine during the Soviet era. This approach would honour the historical and cultural ties between the two nations, while maintaining Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity.

Ukraine cannot afford to become a hostile bordering outpost Russia's heartland, while Russia must regain Ukraine's trust by respecting its sovereignty and territorial integrity, and aiding generously in the reconstruction of its war-torn infrastructure. Pakistan, maintaining ing China of supporting neutrality, would support a win-win solution pledged support for "an that protects the vital in-Viktor ture Nato membership - Courtesy Dawn

Parents' concern

Zubeida Mustafa

Here comes yet another and education, the powattempt at kick-starting a public discourse on the most neglected issue in Pakistan: public sector education. This time the initiative has been taken by Nargis Rahman, the dynamic head of the Pakistan Women's Foundation for Peace, which has launched a series of seminars on the subject. Two meetings have been held so far, with one more scheduled.

Nearly a dozen speakers have expressed their views on the malaise of 'stagnated' public sector schools in the country. It is remarkable how a variety of problems have been addressed to give participants a better understanding of what is going on. However, this exer-

cise has so far not produced an answer to a frequently asked question: 'What can civil society do to get the government to put its education house in order?' Only those in office can undertake this task. All the speakers were eloquent in analysing the ing tentative solutions. They also seemed to policymakers are aware of what is wrong and what needs to be done to improve the situation. After all, most of the experts who spoke in the two seminars have either worked with the power wielders, or are now engaged in some form of partnership with the government. But we were not toldwhy the experts are failing to get the government to pay heed to their sound advice. The fact is that on such occasions no one wants to call a spade a spade. There are two reasons for our rulers' lack of political will to

the masses knowledge ers that be hope to keep the people ignorant and critically and developing problem-solving skills. The neglect of family planning, the emphasis on 'English medium' education and the promotion of excessive religiosity are also decomplacent and fatalistic. As a result, they accept their poverty and the oppression heaped on them without resistsubservient and easier

to control and exploit. The second reason maintain the status quo is that it would add to so many employed in system going. There are some honest.

hardworking, well-qualified and conscientious people who work within the system but they are, arguably, heavily out-numbered by the corare legion, and mercithe courage to focus on problems, and identify- them. The power of money to buy or sell 'privileges' and 'advanknow full well that the tages' that are not legally earned is now taken for granted. It is nation boards are the and inefficient. biggest money minters and need a clean-up operation if education in Pakistan is to survive.

earlier question of what is to be done, I would suggest the Dr Akhter Hameed Khan approach. Doctor Sahib launched the Orangi Pilot Project in Karachi, based on his faith in the ability and native doable and should help. knowledge of the people, who were its beneficiaries. His phiput their act together losophy was that every when it comes to edu- community has its own

cation. First, by denying leaders who can solve their own problems if facilitated by outside expertise that also understands this philosoincapable of thinking phy. That is how Orangi's drainage system became a success story narrated all over the world. In the context of

education, it would mean restructuring and expanding the powers signed to make people of school management committees so that they act as regulatory bodies that give the community a greater say in the future of their chiling. They are also more dren. Every school should have an SMC comprising parents and informal leaders/ elders for our rulers wanting to of the community from where the students are drawn. Others to be inthe loot that accrues to cluded shou--ld be the school headmistress/ the sector. Money is the head- master and some grease that keeps the members of staff and some representatives from the education department (specifically the district education

Above all, some members of the public, the likes of school rupt. Tales of corruption adopters, should be invited to join the SMC fully, some speakers had and play the role of middlemen and use their good offices to mediate in the conflicts that will be inevitable. Hopefully, this will improve the working of schools as the presence corruption that leads to of the adopters will inefficiency. The examination neutralise the corrupt

The adopters could invest some of their funds in providing extra benefits to the school. Returning to the Perhaps they could pay the salaries of one or two teachers who are needed and provide snacks to undernourished children. Some donations for libraries with librarians would also help. Personally I think this scheme is Not everyone is corrupt. The honest need moral support to stand up for integrity and honest work. -- Courtesy Dawn

Commerce News

PM directs preparing action plan for PASSCO's privatisation

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Friday directed the authorities concerned to prepare an action plan for the privatisation of the representatives of farmers, Pakistan Agricultural

The prime minister, chairing a meeting to discuss the matters related to the Ministry of National Food Security and Research

He

said

should include Land Information Storage and Services Management System and relevant departments. Cooperation (PASSCO). The prime The participants

and PASSCO, also authorities to formulate an as well as reforms in the instructed to carry out the alternate strategy for PASSCO.

restructuring of the Wheat wheat procurement by the federal government and the hold consultation with the restructured Wheat Board provincial governments and Baltistan and Azad Jammu and Kashmir, as well as

The participants of minister called for taking the meeting were briefed effective measures to about the ToRs and enhance the yield of wheat restructuring of the Wheat and other crops.

He asked the relevant

Board, and also on increasing the crops yield

members including Ahad Khan Cheema, Muhammad Aurangzeb, Rana Tanveer also those of Gilgit Hussain, Attaullah Tarar, and Ali Pervaiz Malik, Deputy Chairman of Planning Commission Jahanzeb Khan, PM's Coordinator Rana Ehsan

> officers attended the meeting. The meeting approved the restructuring of Wheat Board.

> Afzal and relevant senior



Wheat Board and matters related to PASSCO.



ISLAMABAD: Mr. XU Hangtian, Ministrer-Counsellor, Embassy of the People's Republic of China called on Federal Minister, Rana Tanveer Hussain.

Shaza, Dr Jack Lau discuss matters of mutual interest

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister of State for IT and Telecommunication Shaza Fatima Khawaia and President Qatar Science and Technology Park Dr Jack Lau on Friday discussed matters of mutual interest and start-up regarding ecosystem and innovation.

During a meeting Dr Jack Lau briefed Shaza Fatima about Qatar Science and Technology Park and said that slightly large companies from Pakistan are encouraged to establish a strong physical presence in Qatar, as it would facilitate their expansion and provide them with a strategic base in Middle

He urged Pakistani entrepreneurs to come and work on cutting-edge program.

foundational technologies

in Qatar, saying that these opportunities are being provided by several unicorns that are setting up operations in Oatar. based Open Market Operation (OMO). Shaza Fatima said present government was According to OMO taking steps for promoting entrepreneurship and

latest tech training and their capacity building. She said youth of Pakistan has great potential and talent, adding that start-ups exchange program can be started between Qatar and Pakistan. Ignite and Qatar Science and Technology Park can jointly work regarding this exchange

innovation in the country.

She said Prime Minister of

Pakistan was focused upon

equipping youth with

SBP injects over Rs10 trillion into market

KARACHI (APP): The State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) injected Rs10,129.3 billion in the market on Friday through Reverse Repo Purchase and Shariah Compliant Mudarabah

results issued her Fridaye, the SBP conducted Open Market Operation, Reverse Repo Purchase (Injection) on July 12, 2024 for 7-day and 28-day tenors and accepted all the 42 received bids amounting to Rs10,074.3 billion. The

central bank received 25 bids 7-day accumulatively offering an amount of Rs 8,102.75 billion at the rate of return ranging between 20.54 to 20.60 percent. For the 28day tenor 17 bids amounting to Rs1,971.55 billion.

Independent Report secondary market depth of KARACHI: Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) is GoP Ijarah Sukuk (GIS). Since the commencement of GIS auctions through the pleased to announce the PSX platform on December 8, 2023, and the induction of Meezan Bank as the first market maker for subsequent secondary CDS-eligible Government of Pakistan (GoP) Ijarah market trading of GIS, there has been a gradual Sukuk (GIS) issued through increase in retail investor primary market auction at participation. Meezan PSX. This addition aims to Bank's induction as a

PSX Inducts Meezan Bank

as the First Market Maker

for GoP ljarah Sukuk

enhance liquidity in the market maker for GIS CDS-eligible Government marks another milestone Debt Securities (GDS) in PSX's journey towards market through the becoming a world-class quotation of two-way becoming prices and to facilitate exchange.

Spanish envoy calls on Finance minister

ISLAMABAD (APP): Ambassador of Spain to Pakistan Jose A. de Ory Friday called on Minister for Finance and Revenue Muhammad Senator Aurangzeb at Finance

Division. welcomed the Ambassador and discussed the cooperation and longstanding relations between the two countries,

said a press release here. The minister gave an update on some of the indicators including building up of foreign exchange reserves to USD billion, robust performance of the stock exchange, declining trend of inflation rates with CPI inflation clocking in at 12.6% in June 2024, and increase in foreign remittances by 7.7% as compared to last year.

He also highlighted the successful conclusion of the 9-month Stand-By Arrangement (SBA) with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and apprised about the government's intention to continue with the economic reform agenda under a fund supported medium term program. Aurangzeb

emphasized government commitment to achieve economic stability by increasing tax to Gross Domestic Product

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Industries, Production of the People's Republic of China XU Hangtian, said a news release.

and National Food Security Rana Tanveer Hussain on Friday said Pakistan will send 1,000 agricultural graduates to education and training, which will focus on specialized skills in agriculture and food

PSX loses 48 points

ISLAMABAD (APP): The 100-index of the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) on Friday shed 48.26 points, a slight negative change of 0.06 percent, closing at 79,944.10 points against 79,992.35 points on the last working day.

A total of 437,315,657 shares were traded during the day as compared to 389,024,310 shares the previous day, whereas the price of shares stood at Rs 23.484 billion against Rs 20.924 billion on the last trading day.

Around companies transacted their shares in the stock market, 155 of them recorded gains and 245 sustained losses. whereas the share price of 44 companies remained unchanged.

to China; Rana Tanveer security.
The minister said this during a meeting with the Counselor, Embassy

> The meeting aimed modalities for sending Pakistani agricultural graduates to China,

Pakistan to send

1000 agriculture graduates

Minister's recent visit to

Rana Tanveer said that the basic objective of the scholarship was to enhance the capabilities and skills of Pakistani finalizing the graduates in the food and agriculture sectors, and equip them with modern agricultural techniques which was announced and technical skills.

ہیڈ کوارٹر فرنٹیئر کور بلوچتان (نارتھ) کوئٹ کومندرجہ ذیل یونٹوں میں تقیراتی اور مخلف مرمتی کام کے لئے برائے مال سال 25-2024 ورس برائج بیڈ کوارٹر فرنٹیئر کور بلوچتان (نارتھ) اور آئم فیس/سل فیس ڈیرار شمنٹ سے رجٹر ڈشدہ میکیداروں سے جنہوں نے رواں مال سال کے لئے تجدید کرائی ہو، سے ٹینڈرز مطلوب ہیں۔ٹینڈرزفرنگیئر کوربلوچتان (نارتھ) کے جی ایس اوون (ورکس) کے نام رجشری یا دی مورجہ 28 جولائي 2024 بوقت 1130 بج تك بي جاني جائي جائي جوكداى روز بوقت 12 بج موجوده تعكيدارون

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38.736 ملين	مرتی/تجدیدیکام	ببوررائفلو،غازه بندريكاوكش، نوشكي مليشيا، قلعة سيف الله ركاوكش، سوئي رائفلو اور جلتن رائفلز

(۱)۔ٹینڈرز کی تفصیل دفتر بذا ہے دفتر ی اوقات میں حاصل کی جاسکتی ہے۔(ب) لیلور صفانت کل لاگت کا 2 فیصد کال ڈیپازٹ کی صورت میں آئی جی ایف سی بلوچتان(نارتھ) کے نام جمع کرانا ہوگا۔ (ج) مشروط ومشكوك اورك يصفي ثيندُ رزقا بل قبول نبين موسكَّه_

میجر برائے انسکیٹر جنزل فرنٹیئر کوربلوچستان (نارتھ) (دانیالاصغر) PID(Q)20/24 (081-9202089)

CM directs establishment of Quran Mahal to preserve old copies of Holy Quran

PESHAWAR (APP): Chief Ali Khan, Secretary Auqaf provided to each provincial Pakhtunkhwa Sardar Ali Amin Khan Gandapur has decided to establish a "Quran Mahal" in the provincial capital Peshawar in order to preserve the old copies/pages of the holy Qur'an and directed the Peshawar Development Authority (PDA) to provide a suitable plot for

this purpose. He further directed that the proposed Qur'an Mahal should be a masterpiece of Islamic architecture, adding that the shaheed copies/pages of the holy Our'an from across the province would be preserved in the above mentioned Quran Mahal.

He was chairing the first meeting of the Auqaf department, held here at Chief Minister's House the other day. Provincial Minister for Auqaf, Adnan Qadri, Principal Secretary to Chief Minister Amjad Rs. 2.00 million would be

SARGODHA (APP):

Provincial Minister and

Committee on Law and

Order Khawaja Salman

Rafiq visited the main

procession route and

İmambargahs of Sargodha

committee officials,

processions organizers

and Shia leaders at

on Ashura Day. He said

Later talking to the

media, Khawaja Salman Rafique said mobile Rehman,

scholars of all schools of Muhammad

thought are on a one Bhatti.

Imambargah 7-block.

Chairman

Committee.

meeting. On this occasion, the chief minister was briefed about the administrative and financial matters of the department, lease policy of the Aquaf's properties and other important matters.

Sardar Ali Amin Khan Gandapur decided to hold Rehmatul-lil-Alameen (AS) conferences this year manner across the province at official level. He directed the quarters concerned to make arrangements for holding these conferences at provincial as well as divisional and district headquarters level throughout the province.

He announced that Rs. 5.00 million would be provided for holding Rahamtul lil Alameen Conference events at the

page.
"Alhamdulillah

Muharram is passing in a

peaceful manner," Khawaja Salman Rafiq

there is no problem of

The minister said

Cabinet committee

members visit processions

routes, imambargahas

city along with other law and order in the members of Cabinet province and the

added.

Cabinet

Khyber and other concerned headquarter for this ardar Ali officials attended the purpose. Similarly, district headquarters would also be provided with Rs. 1.00 million each to hold such conferences/events

> The chief minister further decided that the Ulema-o-Mashaikh Conference would also be held in the province. He, on this occasion, directed the authorities concerned to identify suitable land for in a grand and impressive a government graveyard so as to meet the requirements of Peshawar City in this regard.

The meeting also decided the establishment of Assets Management Unit and GIS mapping of the Augaf properties across the province. Similarly, it was decided to hire a reputable law firm for better follow-up of the cases pending in various courts related to the waqf properties of the Augaf Department.

11 dead, 1,298 injured in Punjab road accidents LAHORE (APP): At least

11 people were killed and 1,298 others injured in 1,266 road accidents in Punjab during the last 24 hours. As many as 570 people with serious injuries were shifted to different hospitals, while 728 with minor injuries were treated at the incident site by rescue medical teams.

The data analysis arrangements for Aushra showed 720 drivers, 58 underage drivers, 148 According to a Muharram are going on handout issued here, they according to the rules and Muharram are going on pedestrians, and 441 passengers were among met with local peace regulations. "Unity Muslims is the guarantee of our safe future," he the victims of road crashes.

The statistics showed that 300 accidents were **Provincial Ministers** reported in Lahore, which Shujaur Chaudhry affected 320 persons. placing the provincial service would be Shafay Hussain, Bilal suspended only in Akbar Khan and sensitive declared areas Secretary Interior Punjab capital at top of the list, followed by Faisalabad with 108 accidents and 114 Noorul Amin Mengal, victims, and at third Multan with 75 accidents administrations and Commissioner Sargodha and 66 victims.



rains in the Provincial Capital.

Minister promises investigations by JIT into mysterious death of woman

MULTAN (APP): Punjab provincial minister for social welfare and Bait-ul-Maal Sohail Shoukat Butt and Chairperson Women Chairperson Protection Authority (WPA) MPA Hina Pervaiz Butt visited the residence of Syed Asad Abbas Shah and promised thorough investigations into the mysterious death of his married daughter which he had alleged was a planned

murder and not a suicide. "A joint investigation team would be deputed to investigate the case on merit and all evidences would be collected", the woman.

announced after he along with WPA Chairperson conveyed their heartfelt condolences to the woman's father and offered Dua for elevation of her stature in the afterlife.

The minister said that case would be thoroughly investigated disinterment of the grave would be carried out for her post burial post-mortem to collect more evidence.

He said that Punjab government would extend all out support to the family of the deceased

More tours to be arranged for orphan children: CM aide

Advisor to Chief Minister on Tourism, Culture, Archaeology and Museum Zahid Chanzeb said on Friday that more tour trips and training sessions would be arranged for orphan and street children to provide them an opportunity to participate in recreational and healthy activities. "The leadership camp and other healthy activities are providing the best the orphan children to the opportunity to these scenic spots in Swat Valley.

children to learn more about eco-tourism, hone their innate capabilities and become useful part of society and face the present-day challenges effectively," he said in a release issued here Friday. The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Culture and Tourism Authority (KPCTA) and the Al-Khidmat Foundation (AKF) arranged a five-day tour and leadership camp for

Chinese CG visits Sundus **Foundation**

LAHORE (APP): Chinese Consul General Lahore Zhao Shirin visited the Thalassemia Center Sundus Foundation here during which he presented a check of 2.3 lakh to the Director of Sundus Foundation Khalid Abbas Dar and assured to provide further support treatment.

Talking about the visit of Sundus Foundation, Chief Operating Officer Abdul Sattar said that this is the second visit of the Chinese Consul General in 15 days, for which "we are grateful to him". He has promised that including donations, he will help Sundus Foundation in al matters, Sattar added.

Drug peddler awarded 9-year imprisonment

FAISALABAD (APP) Additional District and Sessions Judge Saqib Farooq Awan has awarded nine year imprisonment and Rs 80,000 fine to a drug peddler, here on Friday. According to the prosecution, Balochni police had arrested a drug pusher, Asif Ali, of Chak 96/R-B red handed with 1.4kg hashish on April 4.

The convict will undergo additional imprisonment if he fails to

Governor Punjab visits residence of Barrister Mian Amir Hassan

Governor Punjab Sardar Saleem Haider Khan visited the residence of Barrister Mian Amir Hassan to attend a Majlis. In the Bibi Pak Daman and Majlis tragedy of Karbala was discussed. On this occasion tributes were paid to Imam Hussain (peace be upon him) and the martyrs of Karbala. Barrister Amir Hassan, Mian Tariq Sajjad, Dr. Mazhar Iqbal, Engineer Hussain, Mansoor Shahzad Saeed Cheema, Information Secretary of People's Party Central falsehood

(Online): Punjab, Sardar Ali and others were present.

> Later, Punjab Sardar Saleem Haider Khan visited Darbar offered special prayers for peace in the country. Speaking on the occasion, Governor Punjab Saleem Haider Khan said that Muharram is a holy month which reminds of the great sacrifices of the martyrs of Karbala. He said that Ahlebayt sacrificed their lives but did not bow down to



LAHORE: Governor Punjab Sardar Saleem Haider Khan during his visit to residence of Barrister Mian Amir Hassan to attend a Mailis.

CJ LHC to constitute larger bench Petition against allowing by govt to ISI to tap phone calls of citizens

LAHORE Justice Farooq Haider of Lahore High Court (LHC) has recommended to constitute larger bench in respect of petition filed against allowing by government to Inter Service Agency (ISI) to tap phone calls of citizens.

Justice Farooq Haider took up for hearing petition filed by former member of assembly Ghulam Sarwar Friday. Justice Farooq Haider sent the petition to Chief Justice (CJ) LHC to constitute larger bench. The court said in its note important points have been raised in the petition. Therefore, larger bench be constituted to hear the case. The federal allowing ISI to tap phone constitution.

(Online): calls of the citizens was challenged in the court. Prime Minister

federal government and P a k i s t a n Telecommunication have been made respondents in the petition.

The petition said government of Pakistan through a notification has allowed ISI to tap phone calls of the citizens. The PTA act under which this notification has been issued, its rules have not been framed so far. Constitution

Pakistan ensures privacy and freedom of expression to the citizens.

The petition added as per Indian SC decision tapping phone calls of government step for citizens is violation of the

International News

60 bodies found in Shujaiya after Israeli assault on Gaza City

this week could wreck ef-

Gaza City were trapped in houses and bodies lay uncollected in the streets under an intense new Israeli assault on Thursday, even as Washington pushed for a peace deal at talks in Egypt and Qatar.

agency in Gaza said that around 60 bodies have been found in Gaza City's Shujaiya district, devastated by a two-week Israeli

"Once the Israeli occupation forces withdrew from the Shujaiya neighborhood, civil defence crews, with local residents, managed to recover about 60 martyrs up to now," agency spokesman Mahmud Basal

Israel said on Wednesday it had ended its operation against Hamas in the

Monitoring Desk Hamas says a heavy and the release of prison-GAZA CITY: Residents of Israeli assault on Gaza City ers.

forts to finally end hostilities just as negotiations have entered the home want to say that it's imstretch. In a statement, the mediately around the cor-Palestinian group said mediators had yet to provide be far out in the distance if it with updates on the state everyone comes in this The civil defence of the talks since it made concessions last week in response to a US-backed Israeli peace offer. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office said the head of Israel's Shin pound bombs to Israel.

Bet security agency was headed to Cairo for more ceasefire talks. US envoy Brett McGurk was in Israel, where he met Defence Turkish President

Minister Yoav Gallant. White House National Security Adviser Jake administration Sullivan said on Thursday that many details still need to be hammered out to secure a deal between Israel and Hamas for a ceasefire

"There's still miles to go before we close if we are able to close. So I don't ner, but it does not have to with the will to get it done," Sullivan told reporters, adding that there has been no change in policy with regard to a US pause of shipment of 2,000

Sullivan also said President Joe Biden will soon give an update on the status of ceasefire talks.

Tayyip Erdogan said US President Joe Biden and his complicit in Israeli war crimes and violations of international law in the Gaza conflict and he called for sanctions against Israel.

Nato boosts Asia ties to counter China **Monitoring Desk** own political survival. After spending the

partners after slamming China as a "decisive enabler" of Russia's war, before holding talks with President Ukraine's Volodymyr Zelensky at the end of a summit in Washington. The 32-nation alliance has used the pompfilled set piece in the US capital to showcase its resolve against Moscow and backing for Kyiv.

ing has been overshadowed by political uncertainty in the United States as Presibulk of the summit focused on bolstering Ukraine, Nato shifted attention eastwards by welcoming the leaders of Australia, Japan, New

Zealand and South Korea. A strongly-worded declaration from Nato released Wednesday called Beijing a "decisive enabler of Russia's war against Ukraine" through its supplies of dual-use goods such as microchips that can help Moscow's military.

the largest war in Europe in recent history without this negatively impacting its in-

US President Joe chief resigns

NAIROBI: Kenya's po-

The office of President William Ruto announced Koome's resignation the day after Ruto sacked nearly his entire cabinet, bowing to the demands of protest-

63 missing after Nepal landslide sweeps two buses into river

Monitoring Desk people were missing in Nepal on Friday after a landslide triggered by heavy monsoon rains swept two buses off a highway and into a river, authorities said.

Dozens of search and rescue personnel were combing the site for survivors of the accident in the central district of Chitwan, district official Khimananda Bhusal told AFP.

Bhusal said that the buses were carrying at least 66 people between them but three passengers had been able to escape before they crashed into the Trishuli river and were now being treated in hospital. "We are not sure of

the total number because the buses could have picked up others on the road," he said. "The river has swollen and no one else has been found vet.

along

Narayanghat-Mugling highway, around 100 kilometres west of the capital Kathmandu early Friday at 3:30am local time.

One bus was heading from the capital Kathmandu to Gaur in Rautahat district in southern Nepal and the other was en route to Kathmandu from southern Birgunj.

A driver was killed in a separate accident on the same road after a boulder hit his bus. He died as he was being treated at a hospital. Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal expressed sadness over the accident in a post on social media platform X. "I direct all agencies of the government, including the home administration, to search

the passengers," he said. Deadly crashes are common in the Himalayan republic because of poorly constructed roads, badly The accident took maintained vehicles and the reckless driving.

for and effectively rescue

Zelenskyy says to win the war, US needs to lift limits on striking military targets inside Russia

Monitoring Desk WASHINGTON: Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy on Thursday embraced the support of allies who have provided substantial new military aid and a path to joining NATO, even as he emphatically pushed for the help to arrive faster and for restrictions to be lifted on the use of U.S. weapons to attack military targets inside

Russia. "If we want to win, if we want to prevail, if we want to save our country and to defend it, we need to lift all the limitations, Zelenskyy said alongside NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg in the final hours of a summit that saw Ukraine receive fresh commitments of weapons and other support to firm up its defense against Rus-

The summit unfolded

against the backdrop of a tumultuous American political cycle, with mounting angst among Democrats about President Joe Biden's ability to serve another four vears following a shocking debate flop two weeks ago that threw the future of his presidency into doubt.

An untimely verbal flub Thursday evening did little to soothe concerns. when Biden at an event for the unveiling of an agreement called the Ukraine Compact mistakenly introduced Zelenskyy as Russian President Vladimir Putin. Some in the room gasped at Biden's gaffe, which the U.S. president quickly sought to clean up by saving, "President Putin? You're going to beat President Putin," Biden said to Zelenskyy. "I'm so focused on beating Putin, we got to worry about it."

Finland passes law to block migrants crossing from Russia

Monitoring Desk HELSINKI: Finland's parliament passed a law on Friday granting border guards the power to block asylum seekers crossing from Russia, after more than 1,300 people arrived in the country, forcing Helsinki to close its bor-

Finland has accused neighbouring Russia of weaponising migration by encouraging scores of migrants from countries such as Syria and Somalia to cross the border, an assertion the Kremlin denies.

Helsinki believes Moscow is promoting the crossings in retaliation for Finland joining NATO, which backs Ukraine against Russia's

ernment of Prime Minister Petteri Orpo has said Russia-ally Belarus.

the bill is vital to stop future arrivals, despite the law being at odds with its international human rights commitments.

"This is a strong message to Russia, a strong message to our allies, that Finland takes care of its own security, we take care of the security of the EU border,3 Orpo told a press conference after the vote.

There have been no new arrivals by asylum seekers since March. Finland shut its land borders with Russia late

Finland's move is similar to steps taken in recent years in other European countries, including Poland and Lithuania, to make it more difficult for migrants to cross the border from Russia and

4 migrants die while attempting to cross the English **Channel from** northern France **Monitoring Desk**

PARIS: Four migrants have died while trying to cross the English Channel on an inflatable boat from France to the U.K., French authorities said Fridav.

The migrants' vessel capsized and punctured off the coast of Boulogne-sur-Mer, in northern France, the prefecture responsible for the region said in a statement. Sixty-three people were rescued by the French coast guard.

A French navy patrol boat spotted the overcrowded vessel early Friday as it deflated off the French coast. Several people were "drifting in the water while others were still clinging to the broken rubber dingy," the statement said. Navy vessels, a fishing boat and a Navy helicopter joined the effort.

Displaced Palestinians arrive in Nuseirat, central Gaza Strip. leaders on Thursday looked to bolster ties with Asian

The three-day gather-

China "cannot enable

dent Joe Biden fights for his terests and reputation.' **Indirect nuclear talks** with US ongoing via Oman, says Iranian FM

Monitoring Desk DUBAI: Iran is still conducting indirect nuclear

talks with the United States via Oman, Iran's Etemad newspaper on Thursday quoted Iran's acting foreign minister as saying. Ali Bagheri Kani's reported comments followed remarks on Monday in which a White House spokesperson said the United States was not ready to resume nuclear talks with Iran under the newly elected president, Masoud Pezeshkian. "Indirect talks are being conducted through Oman but the negotiation process is confidential and its details cannot be recounted," Bagheri Kani was quoted as saying. Efforts were being made to leave "suitable grounds" for negotiations for the new Iranian government that will take office in the next few weeks. Pezeshkian, a low-profile moderate who won Iran's run-off presidential vote last week

Biden mistakenly introduces **Zelensky as Putin**

at NATO event

Monitoring Desk WASHINGTON: President Joe Biden accidentally introduced Ukrainian leader Volodymyı Zelensky as "President Putin" in a gaffe during a signing ceremony on the fi-nal day of the Nato summit in Washington DC on Thursday. The blunder will further fuel concerns about his mental acuity after a disastrous debate performance against Donald Trump two weeks ago. It comes just before a press conference that could decide the fate of his reelection bid

Kenya's police following criticism over protests Monitoring Desk

lice chief Japhet Koome resigned on Friday following intense criticism of officers' conduct during recent anti-government protests that left at least 39 people dead.

Secretary Planning inaugurates CMT for reliable census data

ISLAMABAD (APP): Secretary for Planning, Development, and Special Ini- a news release. tiatives (PD&SI) Awais Manzur Sumra on Friday inaugurated the Census Master Trainers (CMT) Training Program to provide reliable, timely, and authentic data crucial for informed decision-making, boosting productivity and

He said this while addressing the inaugural sescultural census-2024 orga-

nized by the Pakistan Bu-tive implementation. reau of Statistics (PBS), said

The secretary recognized the Agricultural Census team for their pivotal role in the CMT training program, emphasizing the link between agricultural

CMTs to fully engage in sion of Training of Census uniform training delivery to ensuring consistency and Master Trainers 7th Agri- supervisors and enumera- reliability in data collection tors nationwide for effec-

"This training of Cen-

sus Master Trainers is not merely a preparatory step but a cornerstone in our efforts to gather accurate and timely agricultural data," he remarked. "The success of the 7th Agricultural Census data and policymaking.

He encouraged the hinges on the competence and dedication of our trainers and enumerators. It is their training to ensure in- imperative that the knowlformed decision-making edge imparted here today and stressed the need for cascades down uniformly, processes," he added.

He reiterated the government's commitment to using data for evidencebased policies, particularly in the agricultural sector, where accurate data is vital for planning and implementing development strategies. Dr. Naeem uz Zafar, Chief Statistician Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) expressed gratitude to the secretary for his support and highlighted the collaborative efforts of PBS, stakeholders, and the government in advancing the 7th Agricultural Census.

Senate Chairman Syed

Yousaf Raza Gilani on Friday, emphasized the urgent

need for effective gover-

nance to tackle Pakistan's

socio-economic challenges.

35th Senior Management

Course participants at the

National Institute of Man-

rience as both Prime Min-

ister and Senate Chairman,

Gilani highlighted the piv-

agement (NIM).

He was addressing the

Drawing on his expe-



awarding ceremony of 35th senior management course at National Institute of Management (NIM).



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Privatization Abdul Aleem Khan, Parliamentary Leader of PPP, in Senate Senator Sherry Rehman, Ambassador of France to Pakistan Nicolas Galey, Farooq Sattar and others stands in honor of national anthem of both countries during national day ceremony at residence of France Ambassador, in the Federal Capital.

DG Wafaqi Mohtasib directs **Federal Government entities** to resolve people's problems

ICT admin cracks

down against alms

seekers; 12 arrested

ISLAMABAD (APP): tions to their officials who The Director General, Wafaqi Mohtasib Secre-Muhammad Ashfaq Ahmad and Consultant PR & Media, Khalid Sial, held a Khuli Kutcheri in the Wafaqi Mohtasib Regional Office located at Muzaffarabad, Azad Kashmir under the directions of the Wafaqi Mohtasib, Mr Ejaz Ahmad

These officials listened to the public complaints against Federal Government Entities in Azad Kashmir area and passed on the spot instruc- lower literacy level.

ISLAMABAD (APP): In a tions

coordinated effort led by

the Deputy Commissioner

of Islamabad, Assistant

Commissioners and Magis-

trates have launched an op-

eration targeting profes-

sional beggars across vari-

ous areas of the Federal

According to the spokesman of Islamabad

Capital Territory (ICT) ad-

ministration, the operation

resulted in the arrest of 12

made by Assistant Commis-

The arrests were

Mulana Ahmed ur Rehman.

ISLAMABAD (APP):

Maintaining the previous

trends, girls bagged ma-

jority of the top posi-

tions in the Secondary

School Certificate (SSC)

Part- II 1st Annual Ex-

amination 2024 as per

the declaration of the re-

sult by the Federal Board

of Intermediate and Sec-

In the Science group, Zebadia Naseeb

School, EME College

Campus, Rawalpindi

secured first position

with 1087 marks while

Hijab Fatima from Glo-

bal School System,

Rawalpindi Cantt ob-

tained second position

as shared by Mossadiq

Shahbaz of Army Public

School, Golra Campus,

Rawalpindi and Fatima

Wajid from Fauji Foun-

dation Model School,

Rawalpindi with 1084

Campus,

The third position

with 1085 marks.

(FBISÉ) on Friday.

Education

sioners in different jurisdic- rehabilitation.

ISLAMABAD: Governor of Punjab Sardar Salim

Haider Khan meet Parliament House Khateeb

Girls grab more top

positions in SSC

Part-II exam

group, Aqsa Farooq from

Cantt secure first posi-

tion, Onaiza Jalil from

DHA Senior School for

Girls, Lahore Cantt se-

cured second position

and Muhammad Anas

from Institute of Is-

Islamabad got third po-

sition with 1014 marks.

nounced during a cer-

emony held at a local col-

lege with Federal Secre-

tary for Education and

Professional Training,

Mohyuddin Ahmad Wani

casion, the Federal Sec-

retary emphasized on

equipping students with

the latest technology to

compete in this digital

present government is

taking concrete steps to

elevate the standard of

education in the public

school, making these stu-

He said that the

Speaking on the oc-

as a chief guest.

The result was an-

Foundation

Rawalpindi

Sciences,

professional beggars.

Capital.

were in attendance there.

The Khuli Kutcheri was attended by a very large number of complainants belonging to Muzaffarabad and adjoining areas, who had a lot many complaints against Government Departments like NADRA, Pakistan Posts, BISP, National Savings, NHA and State Life Insurance Corporation.

It was found that most of the complainants are not fully conversant with the procedure being followed the BISP in view of their

The Assistant Com-

In the Pothohar area

missioner for the City area

apprehended seven beggars

near Jamia Masjid Rumi and

Faisal Market.

and fiery speeches.

cation issued here, the district administration, following the District Intelligence Committee's recommendation, has prohibited the entry of 17 Ulema into the city. This measure aims to prevent any potential un-rest during the Muharram observance.

Among those banned are Allama Tahir Ashraf, Maulana Muhammad Ilyas, Maulana Abdul Khaliq Rahmani, and Allama Aurangzeb Faroogi

Maulana Yusuf Rizvi Ilyas, Peer Irfan Al-Meshadi, Dr. Asif Ashraf Jalali, and Maulana Mohammad

three beggars were arrested, while the Assistant Commissioner for the Rural area detained two beggars from P.S. Lohibher, Sihala, and nearby areas. The arrested beggars were taken to the police station. Meanwhile, minors found begging were sent to the Edhi Center for care and

AIOU organises **Open House** 2024

Department of Computer Science, Allama Iqbal Open University on Friday organized the "Open House 2024," where fi-nal year BS (Computer Science) students showcased their projects addressing societal needs.

A total of 77 students participated, presenting 27 projects. These included a gas leakage detection project, a rural emporium (ecommerce platform), a system for cleaning and protecting wheat from pests, a battery-powered modern wheat harvesting machine, a PC watch

tutor, among others. The exhibition was inaugurated by the Dean of the Faculty of Sciences, Professor Dr. Hajra Ahmed. On this occasion, Dr. Hajra inspected all the projects, and the students gave

NDMA's rain alert cautions for medium level urban, flash flooding & landslides ISLAMABAD (APP): Administration to closely The National Disaster monitor the situation and

Management Authority (NDMA)'s National Emergencies Operation Center (NEOC) on Friday anticipated that rainfall was expected in various parts of the country over the next 3

The NEOC alert underscored, "If rainfall exceeds 50-100 mm, it may lead to urban/flash flooding in local nullahs and river tributaries

Likely exposed urban areas include Gujranwala, Lahore, Sialkot and whereas Kashmir, Rawalpindi Kohistan, Mansehra, and Murree are prone to landslide and flash flooding."

The NDMA has advised PDMAs and Local

take appropriate measures to safeguard the population The public is advised

Chairman Senate urges strong

governance for Pak development

ISLAMABAD (APP): otal role of a professional tion for women, which he

Gilani pointed out re-

cent progress in governance,

particularly the increased

opment goals

to take preparatory actions including maintaining household drainage systems to prevent water logging. Report any blocked drains or potential hazards to local authorities promptly. People are advised to take caution while travelling to landslide-prone areas. Communities at risk are also advised to follow instructions from local authorities. The public is urged to download NDMA's 'Pak NDMA Disaster Alert' mobile app for timely disaster alerts, guidelines, and precautionary mea-

and dynamic bureaucracy deemed vital for a prosperin achieving national devel-He encouraged the course participants to uti-

He stressed the importance of integrating glolize their training to foster inclusive development bal Sustainable Development Goals into Pakistan's while adapting to changing domestic, regional, and glodevelopment agenda, asserting that good governance bal dynamics. is essential for their realiza-

Recognizing NIM's commitment to excellence in professional training, the Chairman commended the institute's role in shaping future leaders.

Intl day of combating sand & dust storms observed

ISLAMABAD (APP) The International Day of Combating Sand and Dust Storms was observed on Friday.

According to the United Nations, sand and dust storms have become more frequent and severe in recent years.

The day was observed to raise awareness and address the alarming increase in frequency and severity of these natural disasters.

The UN General Assembly had declared the period from 2025 to 2034 as the United Nations Decade on Combating Sand and Dust Storms, to combat these destructive storms and mitigate their impact on communities

More rain-

thundershower

likely at various

parts of country

ISLAMABAD (APP) Pakistan Meteorological

Department (PMD) has

forecast more rain-thundershower associated

with windstorm/gusty

winds for Khyber

Pakhtunkhwa, North-

East/Central Punjab

Potohar region, Islamabad,

and

Kashmir, Gilgit-Baltistan

Balochistan during the

next 24 hours. Heavyfalls

may also occur at isolated

places in Kashmir, North-

east/Central Punjab,

Potohar region, Khyber

Pakhtunkhwa and North-

synoptic situation, mon-

soon currents from Ara-

bian Sea were penetrating

upper/central parts of the

country. A trough of west-

erly wave was affecting

upper parts of the country.

During the last 24 hours.

rain-wind/thundershower

with isolated heavyfalls oc-

curred in Islamabad,

Pothohar region, northeast/

central Punjab, Khyber

According to the

east Balochistan.

North-East

KP Governor visits Chinese embassy

ISLAMABAD (APP): Khyber Pakthunkhwa Governor, Faisal Karim Kundi on Friday visited the embassy of People's Republic of China at Islamabad where he was warmly welcomed by the Chinese ambassador Jiang

The Governor while praising the role of China in progress and development of Pakistan said that extension of CPEC route from DI Khan to Balochistan was of paramount importance, which would help achieve the desired objectives. The Governor said DI Khan was the first nearest station to the capital and the new international airport near it under CPEC would help bring far reaching positive re-

He underlined the need for establishment of a new economic zone near the

CPEC route that would help enhance trade and business activities in the region.

The Governor said that 34 universities of KP are ready to present its services about teaching Chinese language and underlined the need for awarding special scholarships to students of KP especially of merged tribal districts.

The Governor said relations between the two countries are deep-rooted and time-tested and that nobody could create any crack in it. The Chinese ambassador said that the Pakistan Peoples' Party and the ruling party of China have deep-rooted cordial relations. Great responsibilities rest on the shoulders of Faisal Karim Kundi after assuming the office of KP Governor following his nomination by PPP for this important constitutional



ISLAMABAD: Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhawa Faisal Karim Kundi meets Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan H.E Jiang Zaidong at China Embassy.

IGP Islamabad briefs Red Zone commandos

Islamabad Syed Ali Nasir Rizvi conducted a special

briefing for the Red Zone Commandos (RZC) at the Central Police Office Islamabad. DIG Islamabad Syed Ali Raza and other senior police officers were also present on this occa-During the briefing,

IGP Islamabad reviewed the performance of the Red Zone Commandos. He issued directives to ensure the safety of important governtional and foreign citizens,

Independent Report sized the critical role of the ISLAMBAAD: Inspector Red Zone commandos in General of Police (IGP) enhancing security for ambassadors, foreign delega tions, embassies, and key public and private offices situated in the red zone, ensuring prompt resolution of any untoward incidents. He reiterated that protecting the lives and property of citizens remains the Islamabad Police's top pri-

Previously, on special orders from IG Islamabad, a combat refresher course was conducted to enhance the efficiency and profesment buildings, offices, na- sional skills of Red Zone commandos.



ambassadors, and delegations in the Red Zone, emphasizing the need for diligent execution of their du-

The course included basic anti-terrorism training aimed at enhancing the capabilities of police officers and adopting optimal strat-

IG Islamabad emphaegies during emergencies.

All set to observe 'Kashmir Martyrs Day' tomorrow with full solemnity, reverence

ISLAMABAD (APP): All is set to observe 94th 'Kashmir Martyrs Day' at both sides of the Line of Control (LoC) in Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) and Illegally Indian Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK) and rest of the world on Saturday to pay tributes to the martyrs of Jammu & Kashmir especially those 22 valiant sons of the soil who rendered supreme sacrifices of their precious lives 94 years on July 13 in 1931 in front of Central Jail Srinagar raising mutiny against the despotic Dogra maharajah rule.

The historic day is considered to be the foundation stone of the right of self determination Kashmiris struggle for liberation of the motherland from the clutches of the cruel Hindu Dogra regime. rannical Indian rule. Spe-

The tragic day is the milestone in the history of Kashmiris struggle for freedom of the motherland from dogra and later ongoing long Indian forced and unlawful occupation

for last 77 years. It was revolt against atrocities on July 13, 1931 when people rose against the autocratic Dogra rule and protested against the prosecution of sympathizer of Kashmir freedom struggle, Abdul Qadeer Khan Ghazi. The people of Jammu & Kashmir e people living at both sides of LoC and rest of the world observe the Kashmir Martyrs Day on July 13 every year with the renewal of the pledge to continue the grand mission of the Kashmiri martyrs through perpetuating the freedom struggle, with full vigor, for the achievement of the birth and for the liberation of Illegally occupied Jammu & Kashmir from the tvcial prayer meetings, symposiums will be the hallmark of the day across Azad Jammu & Kashmir as well as at various places in the strife-torn

ICT admin imposes ban on entry some Ulema for fiery speeches

ISLAMABAD (APP): In a bid to maintain peace and security during Muharram, the Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) administration has issued a one-month ban on the entry of some Ulema known for their sectarian

According to a notifi-

The list also includes Hanif Qureshi.

Other Ulema included in the ban are Allama JaffarJatoi, Zakir Shaukat Raza Shaukat, Zakir Asif Raza Alvi, Zakir Anwar Ali Najfi, Allama Allama Kameel Mehdi, Allama Shehnshah Naqvi , Zakir Kamran Abbas, and Zakir Wasim Abbas Baloch Allama Muhammad Iqbal

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tower, and a 3D driving

presentations.

CRISP targets

college Harnai visiting Senate Museum at Parliament House.

WB Mission commends

BISP success in achieving

ISLAMABAD (APP): mission presented its findings for the period Jan-June 2024. wealth and Development Office (FCDO) Amjad Zafar Khan highlighted the success-Implementation Sup-port Mission for the Crisis Resilient Social Protection (CRISP) project highlighted the successful achievement of all targets related to the Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP).

The mission, visited the BISP office on Friday, was led by Senior Social Protection Specialist Amjad Zafar

The mission included key participants such as Melis U. Guven (Lead Economist/Co-Task Team Leader) and Zaineb Majoka (Economist), among others.

During the wrap-up meeting with Chairperson Benazir Income Support Programme, Senator Rubina Khalid and Secretary BISP Amer Ali Ahmad, the

ISLAMABAD: Students and faculty members of government boys degree

ful achievement of all targets related to various initiatives including innovations to the Social Registry, Biometric Payment Systems, Hybrid Social Protection Schemes, Health and Nutrition Improvements, and School Enrollment Incentives.

He remarked that all targets were met satisfactorily and are on Chairperson Rubina

Khalid expressed grati-tude to the World Bank mission for their support and assessment of BISP's performance. She stressed the im-

portance of creating awareness about new initiatives among beneficiaries and extending outreach at the Union Council level for better communication and mo-



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