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# Major win for PTI as **Supreme Court rules party** eligible for reserved seats

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

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.

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 Justice of Pakistan Qazi Faez Isa. Justice Syed Mansoor Ali Shah, Justice minorities in the national Athar Minallah, Justice and provincial assemblies, Muhammad Ali Mazhar, Justice Avesha Malik, Justice Syed Hassan Rizvi, and Justice Irfan Saadat

order of the top court said: no. 13289 of 24, the leave "The impugned judgment dated 25.03.2024 of the high court is set aside. The order of the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP)

Constitution." It further said: "The notifications of various dates, whereby the persons respectively mentioned sion is under a constitu-Justice Mansoor Ali identified in the Shah announced the 8-5 majority verdict of the bench, headed by Chief have been declared to be strue and apply all statutory provisions, accordingly."

The order said, "It is returned candidates for reserved seats for women and

quashed from 6th of May 2024 onwards, being the Elections of 2024 as herein after provided."

ISLAMABAD (APP): A Khan favored the judgment. date an interim order was A nine-page written made by the court in CPLA petitions out of which the instant appeals arise.'

"It is declared that the lack or denial of an election symbol does not in any dated 01.03.2024 is de- manner affect the constitu-The court nullified the clared to be ultra vires the tional and legal rights of a political party to participate in an election (whether general or bye) and to field candidates and the Commistherein, being the persons tional duty to act, and con-

The order said, "It is declared that the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) was and is a political party, which secured or won (the Shahid Waheed, Justice are declared to be ultra vires two terms being inter-Munib Akhtar, Justice to the Constitution, with-changeable) general seats in out lawful authority and of the National and Provincial no legal effect, and are Assemblies in the General



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif chairs a meeting on solarization of agriculture tubewells and anti-power theft campaign.

# PPP respects court decisions, even though it has had to accept rulings that have harmed it: Sharjeel

KARACHI: Senior Minister of Sindh, Sharjeel Inam Memon, has said that the Pakistan People's Party (PPP) respects court decisions, even though it has had to accept rulings that have harmed it. The recent

like the Election Commis- Imran Khan, despite being ally, today's decision has High Court's earlier ruling against the BRT project, which had been rejected by Justice Bandial.

Supreme Court decision is Speaking at a press

ambiguous. It is at the federal government's discretion whether to appeal this decision or not, but the decision seems to exhibit "Ladlaism" and "good to see you." Under this deci- facilitated Imran Khan. Be-

conference in Karachi, Sindh Senior Minister Sharjeel Inam Memon said it is no secret that every act and decision of former Chief Justice Saqib Nisar sion, constitutional bodies fore the 2018 elections,

sion of Pakistan had their a liar, was declared Sadiq orders bulldozed. Addition- and Amin. During the 2018 elections, the RTS system overturned the Peshawar failed, and PTI won through rigging. When the results were challenged, Justice Saqib Nisar ordered that such cases should not be heard for the time being and that the government should be allowed to work. In one instance, when a person was tortured in the middle of the road, Saqib Nisar instructed the torturer to deposit money into the dam fund and go. He said that when the operation against encroachments was going on across the country and people's houses were being demolished, Justice Saqib Nisar declared Ladla's house as legitimate. For the 2018 elections, Saqib Nisar & Co. fully facilitated

> Senior Minister Sharjeel Inam Memon said that Imran Khan, involved in incidents like May 9, was brought to court in a

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

ISLAMABAD (Online): PTI while terming Supreme 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 togave decision in favor of on form 47. It will continue PTI. Today decision was against the rigging.

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

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-

fer defeat. Shibli Faraz said our right has been given to us. day 11 out of 13 judges Our struggle will be based

#### **Reserved Seats:** PTI needs to confess mistakes, not malign ECP: ttaullah Tarar ISLAMABAD2 (INP):

Federal Minister for Information, 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 Pakistan

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 intra-party election in accordance with the law besides 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 Parliament.

"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



Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif was also present on the occasion.

# CM orders removal of encroachments, illegal parkings, cables

administrative, local bodies. development authorities, and the police to create a plan to eliminate encroachments from footpaths, service roads, green belts, walkways, and streets to restore the beauty and sanctity of "We as a Sindh gov-

ernment are strengthening the local bodies so that this city can be made liable but under the nose of concerned authorities, encroachments are made in their areas to wash away all the government's efforts."

He issued these instructions while presiding over a meeting to discuss the issues of encroachments and resolve them here at the CM House.

Provincial Ministers -Nasir Shah, Saeed Ghani, Mayor Karachi Murtaza Wahab, Chief Secretary Asif Hyder Shah, PSCM Agha Wasif, Chairman P&D Najam Shah, Commissioner Karachi Hassan Naqvi, Adl IG Karachi Imran Yakoob, Secretary Local Govt Khalid Hyder Shah, Secre-

Rasheed Solangi, CEO Water Board Salahuddin, DG KDA all the deputy commissioners. Encroachments on walkways, Green belts and Streets: The chief minister said that encroachments on footpaths, Green Belts, walkways and streets have defaced the city and caused serious issues in the flow of traffic even for the pedestrians but no authority was ready to remove them.

Shah categorically said that no institution has the authority to allow encroachment on the Green belts, footpaths and walkways. "How, some private offices have installed their generators on the footpath under the nose of the concerned local body and the deputy commissioner," he questioned. He directed all the administration, KMC, Town Municipal Corporations (TMCs), the police, and the development authorities to clarify their role and responsibilities.

The local Govt Minister Saeed Ghani and Mayor failed to reconstruct the

KARACHI (APP): Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah has instructed all Imiaz Shah, DG SBCA not as active as they should be a strong of the have. The CM directed the KMC, TMCs, and administration to remove encroachments from the public spaces with the support of the police. "I would suggest you give appropriate time to the encroachers and then launch a vigorous operation," he directed the concerned authorities. Removal of Debris: It was pointed out that debris and construction materials were left on the foot-baths, service roads and even the main roads. The CM directed SBCA to get an undertaking from all the builders while permitting them that they would not use public spaces for dumping the construction material

Meanwhile, the administration would launch a drive against such government and private builders, impose heavy fines against them and seize their material. The CM said that different authorities such as KMC, KDA, TMCs and others were granting road-cutting permission and collecting charges but have



ISLAMABAD: Chairman of the Pakistan Tehreeke-Insaf Gohar Ali Khan talking with media persons after the PTI reserved seats case outside supreme court in the Federal Capital, The Supreme Court of Pakistan on Friday declared Imran Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) eligible for seats reserved for women and minorities.

# PM vows to collaborate with provinces for farmers' welfare

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister Prime Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif 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 energy.

Chairing a meeting on 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 comprehensive strategy after consultation with the provincial 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-

structed to formulate a comprehensive plan to further improve electricity theft prevention measures. The prime minister appreciating the provincial

governments for their coop-

eration with the Power Ministry to prevent electricity theft, directed the authorities concerned to present a comprehensive plan to introduce smart metering system in the country. He said the over billing in the electricity bills would not be tolerated. The meeting was informed that during the anti electricity theft campaign, since September 2023, some 74,366 people had been arrested, 174,562 FIRs had been registered, 46 employees of Power Distribution Companies had been suspended and 421,460 cases had been filed across the country.



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

## enhanced security coordination for Ashura

SLAMABAD (APP):Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif directed Interior Minister Mohsin Nagyi on Friday to enhance security coordination with provinces, 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 control, the prime minister issued these directives. They deliberated on the law and order situation throughout Muharram-ul-Harram. Additionally, they discussed the wider political landscape, interior ministry affairs, and other pertinent matters during the

#### Traffic plan issued for Muharram 8 to 10<sup>th</sup> processions

KARACHI (INP): The city's traffic police on Friday issued a traffic management plan for processions on the 8th, 9th and 10th of Muharram.

According to the traffic plan issued, on 8th Muharram, a procession will start from Nishtar Park and end at Hussainian Iranian Imambargah Kharadar.

Muhammad Ali (MA) Jinnah Road will remain closed from Gurumandir to Tower due to security con-

The procession will go through Nishtar Park, Sir Shah Nawaz Bhutto Road, Mehfil-i-Shah-i-Khurasan, MA Jinnah Road (point a) Mansfield Street, Preedy Street, Tibet Chowk, MA Jinnah Road (point b), Baba-e-Urdu, Bara Imam, Nishtar Road, Altaf Hussain Road, Bolton Market, MA Jinnah Road (point c), Nawaz Mahabat Khanjee Road, Bombay Bazar, Kharadar Police Station to Hussainian Iranian Imambargah. On 9<sup>th</sup> Muharram

Tuesday), a procession will be taken out from Martin Road Imambargah, Liaquatabad at 9am. It will

# Pakistan, Azerbaijan affirm commitment to expand bilateral ties

ISLAMABAD (APP): Paaffirmed their commitment to further expanding mutually beneficial cooperation in the areas of bilateral interest, especially energy, trade, connectivity, defence, and people-topeople 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 I dent Asif Ali Zardari said that both countries enjoyed excellent relations and had a great scope of further improving ties in various areas of mutual

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

He highlighted the imkistan and Azerbaijan have portance of Gwadar port, suggesting that Central Asian Countries and Azerbaijan could benefit from it for promoting regional trade, connectivity and tourism, besides bringing shared economic prosperity to the region.

President welcomed the signing of Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) between Pakistan and 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 to-

ards prosperity. He added that Pakistan wanted to build a sustainable and result-oriented engagement with Central Asian Republics and



ISLAMABAD: Governor of Sindh Kamran Tessori presenting bouquet to Ambassador of France to Pakistan Nicolas Galey during national day ceremony at residents of France Ambassador, in the

# 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): seats should be given to the Minister for Law and Jus-SIC, he said, adding that tice 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 condition of Article 51 of the Constituapparently Article 51 and 106 were re-written, he

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 members of PTI did not approach any forum after winning. Azam Nazeer Tarar said according to the SIC's manifesto, they should not be allocated minority seats. He tion. The independent added that PTI never members of PTI were on the claimed that their party



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

### Steps to be taken to immediately shift heavy traffic to Lyari Expressway: Mayor Karachi

Karachi Barrister Murtaza Wahab has said that measures will be taken to immediately shift heavy traffic to Lyari Expressway that would bring improvement in the traffic flow on

city main roads. He said this while chairing a meeting at the Mayor's office on Friday with the senior officials from National Highway Authority, Karachi Port Trust, and KMC. Municipal Commissioner KMC S.M Afzal Zaidi and other

He said that the city's roads cannot sustain con-

KARACHI (APP): Mayor tinuous pressure from heavy traffic. In light of a positive third-party report, measures will be taken to immediately shift heavy traffic to Lyari Expressway, he added.

During the meeting, a detailed assessment was conducted regarding various aspects of utilizing Lyari Expressway effectively to improve traffic flow on Karachi's key

The Mayor Karachi emphasized the necessity of organizing traffic on Karachi's important roads in an orderly manner due to increasing traffic challenges.

# Daily doice of Masse Independent

# 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

Yanukovych, as a strate- for Ukraine as well as adgic 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 accus-

ditional 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 in-

tegrity. 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 inirreversible path" to fu- terests of both nations. 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 put their act together losophy was that every

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 phiwhen it comes to educa- community has its own

tion. First, by denying leaders who can solve the masses knowledge their own problems if 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 Storage and Services Management System and relevant departments. Cooperation (PASSCO). The prime The participants

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

said He should include Land Information

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

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 Afzal and relevant senior

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

> officers attended the



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif chairs a meeting on restructuring of 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

operations in Oatar. Shaza Fatima said present government was taking steps for promoting entrepreneurship and innovation in the country. She said Prime Minister of Pakistan was focused upon equipping youth with latest tech training and their

provided by several

unicorns that are setting up

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

#### **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 based Open Market Operation (OMO).

According to OMO 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.

#### as the First Market Maker for GoP ljarah Sukuk Independent Report secondary market depth of

**PSX Inducts Meezan Bank** 

KARACHI: Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) is pleased to announce the induction of Meezan Bank as the first market maker for CDS-eligible Government of Pakistan (GoP) Ijarah Sukuk (GIS) issued through primary market auction at PSX. This addition aims to enhance liquidity in the CDS-eligible Government Debt Securities (GDS) market through the quotation of two-way becoming prices and to facilitate exchange.

GoP Ijarah Sukuk (GIS). Since the commencement of GIS auctions through the PSX platform on December 8, 2023, and the subsequent secondary market trading of GIS, there has been a gradual increase in retail investor participation. Meezan Bank's induction as a market maker for GIS marks another milestone in PSX's journey towards becoming a world-class

# 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 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

#### agricultural graduates to education and training, which will focus on specialized skills in agriculture and food

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.

**PSX** loses

ISLAMABAD (APP):

Federal Minister for

Industries, Production

and National Food

Security Rana Tanveer

Hussain on Friday said

Pakistan will send 1,000

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 Rana Tanveer said of the People's Republic

> said a news release. The meeting aimed modalities for sending Pakistani agricultural graduates to China,

of China XU Hangtian,

Pakistan to send

1000 agriculture graduates

Minister's recent visit to

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 روال 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	مرتى اتجديدى كام	ببوررائفلز ، غازه بندر كاوُش، نوشكی ملیشیا، قلعه سیف الله ركاونش، سوئی رائفلز اور چلتن رائفلز

(۱) \_ ٹینڈرز کی تفصیل دفتر ہذا ہے دفتر ی اوقات میں حاصل کی جاسکتی ہے۔ (ب) \_ بطور صفانت کل لاگت کا 2 فیصد کال ڈیبازٹ 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 کور بلوچستان ( نارتھ ) (دانیالاصغر) PID(Q)20/24 (081-9202089)

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

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

thought are on a one Bhatti.

Later talking to the

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

PESHAWAR (APP): Chief Ali Khan, Secretary Auqaf provided to each provincial 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

Saturday July 13, 2024

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 wagf 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** media, Khawaja Salman Rafique said mobile Rehman, 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 scholars of all schools of Muhammad and 66 victims.



LAHORE: People make their way through a flooded road after heavy monsoon 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 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 attend a Majlis. In the Bibi Pak Daman and 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

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 oc-

cupation 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 Wednes-

day it had ended its operation against Hamas in the

**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-

neighbouring Russia of

weaponising migration by

encouraging scores of mi-

grants from countries such

as Syria and Somalia to

cross the border, an asser-

tion the Kremlin denies.

Moscow is promoting

the crossings in retalia-

tion for Finland joining

NATO, which backs Ukraine against Russia's

ernment of Prime Minis-

Helsinki believes

Finland has accused

Finland passes law

to block migrants

crossing from Russia

the bill is vital to stop fu-

ture arrivals, despite the

law being at odds with its

international human

message to Russia, a

strong message to our al-

"This is a strong

rights commitments.

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

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 pause of shipment of 2,000 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

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.

#### 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 lies, that Finland takes care of its own security, the coast of Boulogne-surwe take care of the security of the EU border,3 Mer, in northern France, the Orpo told a press conferprefecture responsible for ence after the vote. the region said in a statement. Sixty-three people were rescued by the French There have been no new arrivals by asylum seekers since March. coast guard.

A French navy patrol Finland shut its land boat spotted the overborders with Russia late crowded vessel early Fri-Finland's move is day as it deflated off the similar to steps taken in French coast. Several people were "drifting in the recent years in other European countries, includwater while others were still clinging to the broken ing Poland and Lithuania, to make it more difficult rubber dingy," the statefor migrants to cross the ment said. Navy vessels, a border from Russia and fishing boat and a Navy heter Petteri Orpo has said Russia-ally Belarus. licopter joined the effort.



# Nato boosts Asia ties to counter China

**Monitoring Desk** 

leaders on Thursday looked to bolster ties with Asian 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.

The three-day gathering has been overshadowed by political uncertainty in the United States as President Joe Biden fights for his terests and reputation.'

own political survival. After spending the bulk 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. China "cannot enable the largest war in Europe in recent history without this negatively impacting its in-

# **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 US President Joe

#### Kenya's police chief resigns following criticism over protests Monitoring Desk

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

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."

# **Democracies can't thrive** without public trust: CM

KARACHI (APP): Sindh ing for public service as a professional capacities and Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah has said that without the unwavering trust of the public, it is difficult for democracies to thrive, therefore, it is crucial to provide efficient service delivery and good governance directly to the people to rebuild their confidence.

"If the public does not support public servants, it should serve as a warning for them to work with conviction and personal com-

speaking at the graduation ceremony of the participants of the 35th Senior Management Course (BS-19 officers), who have completed their 16-week long Course today at this prestigious National Institute of Management (NIM),

DG NIM Dr. Lubna Ayub, Chief Instructor Khalique Shaikh, Chief Instructor, Mid-Career Management Course (MCMC), and others. The CM congratulated all 38 officers, including two female participants, for completing their

personal choice and voluntary commitment than a mundane occupation.

The CM said that the present SMC cohort inhave come from all corners Government as well.

He said the Sindh government would continue to our very Institute, and This he said while would further strengthen linkages and collaborate with it, and extend all necessary support for the fulfillment of professional needs of the participants as much as possible.

Murad Shah said that the mandatory requirement for promotion to BS-20 positions has provided all the officers with a platform skills, enabling them to address policy issues and service delivery challenges. The CM said that the

trainee officers have been

profession was more of a personal transformation. "I am also confident that the National School of Public Policy (NSPP) syllabus containing themes on public policy, public financial cluded officers from various management, strategic plancadres and groups of the ning and management, leadfederal government who ership and communication skills, and research and of Pakistan, and the Sindh analysis techniques, must have enabled officers to face up to the public sector challenges in the age of climate own the NIM Karachi as change, the economic downturn, geopolitical uncertainties, domestic unrest, and fast-changing society," he

A public servant neither routinely switches jobs nor her dividends are as financially attractive as in the private business or corporate sector despite having competitive qualifications and professional abilities, the CM said and added that to update their knowledge he was sure that the public base and brush up their servant would up to their commitment with confidence without fear or re-

According to the CM, DG NIM and faculty the the key function of professional civil service in any provided with all possible society is to implement the policies of the sitting



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

# Pakistan, Azerbaijan agree to enhance bilateral trade, investment

the side lines of the visit of the President of Azerbaijan to Pakistan, a high-level official delegation from Azerbaijan held meeting with Federal Minister for Petroleum and Water Resources Dr Musadik Malik to enhance bilateral trade and investment. The Azerbaijan Shahbazov, Minister for En-Agency(AZPROMO), Mr Ulvi Mansurov, Executive

ISLAMABAD (APP): On Mammadov, Advisor to the Minister of Digital Development and Transport, Mr. Togral Kocharli, Head of Global Business Development of SOCAR Trading and Mr Emin Guliyev, Senior Specialist of Investment Promotion Department AZPROMO. The Pakistani side was led by Dr Musadik Malik, Federal side was led by Mr Parviz Minister for Petroleum and Water Resources, accompaergy accompanied by Mr nied by Awais Leghari, Fed-Sahib Mammadov, Deputy Minister for Economy, Mr Aleem Khan, Federal Minis-Yusif Abdullayev, Executive ter for Communication and Director of Export and In- Privatization, Jam Kamal Promotion Khan, Federal Minister for Commerce, Lt. General Sarfaraz Ahmed, National Director of Azerbaijan Invest- Coordinator (SIFC) and fedment Company, Mr Elchin eral secretaries.

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

ISLAMABAD (APP): Deputy Prime Minister and Minister 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 October 2024. The committee has been constituted in pursuit of the Prime Minister's directive to ensure hosting of the SCO Council of Heads of Government

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 SCO practice, Pakistan's international standing, concomitant with Pakistan's tradi-



KARACHI: PTI workers and supporters distributes sweet to celebrate the verdict of SC in favour of PTI on reserved seats for women and minorities.

# Over 7000 policemen perform duty on fifth day of Muharram: SSP Sukkur

SUKKUR (APP): On the Section 144 is being Fifth of Muharram, 46 processions and 51 majalis (gatherings) were held in the Sukkur district with security provided by more than 7,000 police officers and personnel, according to the Police Department spokes-

man here on Friday.
The SSP Sukkur
Amjad Ahmed Shaikh said that security would remain on high alert across the district during Muharram.

He mentioned that female police officers are deployed for the security of female citizens. In compliance with Sindh government directives,

strictly enforced.

He emphasized the prohibition of jubilant firing, display of weapons, dissemination of hate material, and incitement.

Security arrangements for gatherings and processions are being monitored with the help of CCTV

The CTD, Special Branch, Traffic Police and other field formations are deployed for Muharram security. Actions are being taken indiscriminately against individuals promoting hate material on social

#### Two TTP terrorists arrested from Janjal Goth

KARACHI (INP): In a major operation by the Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) in Karachi's Janjal Goth, two terrorists from the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) Hafiz Gul Bahadur group were arrested. According to media reports, DIG CTD Asif Ijaz Sheikh said the arrested suspects were in contact with TTP leadership in Afghanistan through a social media network.

collecting funds for the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan.

The suspects, Abdul Zar and Yaqub Mehsud, hail from Waziristan and had recently returned to Karachi to resume their funding operations.
The CTD's Anti-Ter-

rorism Financing Unit apprehended the suspects, and the funds they had collected were also recovered.

#### **PTI suspends** Sher Afzal Marwat's membership

ISLAMABAD (INP): The Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) has reportedly suspended the membership of Sher Afzal Marwat, a firebrand party leader who was elected to the National As-

sembly in the Feb 8 polls. According to media reports, PTI leaders met incarcerated party founder Imran Khan on Thursday where the decision regarding Marwat was taken.

The party leaders claimed that Sher Afzal Marwat was constantly violating the party discipline and over the past month. "During the meeting with Imran Khan, it was agreed that no leader is above the party and all other leaders would face the same fate if they crossed the party line," they added.

#### Rangers arrest notorious drug dealer from Gadap Town

KARACHI (APP): The Pakistan Rangers Sindh and Police in a joint intelligence based operation in Khilji Goth, Gadap Town arrested an alleged notorious drug dealer drug dealer.

According to Rangers spokesperson on Friday, the arrested accused was identified as Ibrahim alias Kharo and 1.70kg heroin was recovered from his possession.

Previously, during a raid by the Pakistan Rangers Sindh and police on June 21st of this year, the suspect had evaded capture by discarding 940 grams of

heroin in the bushes. The apprehended suspect and the seized drugs have been handed over to the police for further legal proceedings



Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar chairs 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 (15-16 October 2024) at Ministry of Foreign Affairs

## UN report Pakistan population to hit over 400 million mark in 2092; to surpass Indonesia in 2048

(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 sec-ond half of the century or

rent 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

According to the cur-

population is expected to surpass that of Indonesia in 2048 when it will reach Between 1998 and

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ISLAMABAD; Enjoying a

D-Day after the Supreme

Court's verdict in the re-

served seats case earlier to-

day (Friday), the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) is

expected to emerge as the

largest party in the Na-

tional Assembly as the

number of Imran Khan-led

party is likely to soar to

victory for the main oppo-

sition party, the top court

of the country ruled that the

party of incarcerated Imran

Khan is eligible for the allo-

The decision has not

cation of reserved seats.

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2017, Pakistan's average population growth rate was 2.40%, the report said. For a population of over 220 million, this is a growth of about 5.28 million people

per year. Pakistan has one of 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 education systems.3

Since the year 1947, when the country became a sovereign state, the population of Pakistan has in-

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the coalition alliance by

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of the National Assembly.

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lower house of the legisla-

ture, the ruling coalition led

by Pakistan Muslim

League-Nawaz (PML-N)

will continue to occupy the

simple majority with the

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The opposition alli-

108 members.

23 reserved seats

With the majority

PTI to emerge as largest party

in National Assembly after

SC ruling on reserved seats

creased significantly, particularly because more and more people felt comfortable moving their families and businesses to the area, the report said. Compared to the

other countries in the region, the growth rate of Pakistan is about 2.1 percent higher, it said.

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

#### Never said PTI was not a political party: ECP

ISLAMABAD (INP): The

Election Commission 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 The ECP said the PTI

was a political party with its name included in the list of political parties on Moreover, it said, the

Election Commission had The PML-N has a total of not misconceived any deci-

The Election Commission declared PTI's in-He said the arrested only paved the way for the PTI's return to parforums against it.



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# Govt not able to control inflation, engaged in manipulation of numbers: Zahid

KARACHI (INP): Chairman of FPCCI Advisory Board and National Business Group Pakistan, President Pakistan Businessmen and Intellectuals Forum, All Karachi Industrial Alliance, and former provincial minister Mian Zahid Hussain has said that the government is not able to control inflation and is engaged in manipulation of numbers which will not satisfy the masses. Talking to business community on Friday, he said that the inflation was increasing uninterrupted for last three years which has made the life of common man miserable.

Mian Zahid Hussain said that a minor decrease in inflation was witness a few months but it was still being increased again due to the hike in electricity and gas tariffs and taxes.

Inflation was damaging the economy while the high cost of living frustrates and angers people, he added. The business leader further stated that for the first time in the country's history, the wave of inflation has been going on for three years and will continue. Little has been done to combat inflation, and the rulers were trying to appease the people through promises and statistics, he

Mian Zahid Hussain said that people were currently having problems paying electricity bills. At the same time, their condition will worsen from next month due to additional tax deductions in salaries, an increase in electricity rates, a hike in fixed payments and overbilling.

He said that the

people were bearing the brunt of the politicians' wrong policies and the bureaucracy's incompetence, and the masses were made to pay for all kinds of corruption in the energy



SUKKUR: Activists of Jamat-e-Islami (JI) are holding protest demonstration against prolong electricity load shedding and high inflated electricity bills, at Sukkur press club.

#### Four a family die in Sheikhupura roof collapse

SHEIKHUPURA (INP) Four members of a family including women died and seven others injured when roof of a house collapsed due to heavy rain here, rescue sources said on Friday.

According to details, dilapidated roof a house located at Sharqpur road in Siddiqia Colony near Milad Chowk suddenly came down as heavy downpour lashed the area. Four family members including Kausar Bibi 55, Bano 50, Mugheeza 35, and Ali Raza 25, died in the incident while Asghar Ali 55, Alishba 19, Afzal 40, Zaria 10, Adeel 07, Faria 06 and Shakeel 05, were criti cally injured.

#### Drug gang member arrested, 12.3 kg hashish seized

KARACHI (APP): The Special Investigation Unit (SIU)/ Crime Investigation Agency (CIA) of Karachi Police arrested an alleged member of a drug gang and recovered a huge quantity of drugs from his possession while one of his accused managed to flee from the scene. According to SSP SIU Adeel Hussain Chandio on Friday, the arrested belong to a four members drugs gang.

The accused was arrested from near Nauman Masjid, Lasbela and 12.340 kg hashish was recovered from his possession.

# Ahsan proposes four-pronged approach to synergize efforts to achieve sustainable development

velopment and Special Ini- effectiveness. tiatives, Ahsan Iqbal Friday said that by aligning its national strategies with global objectives, fostering regional and international collaboration, driving innovation, and sharing knowledge, the world community could synergize efforts to achieve sustainable devel-

"It is through these collective actions that we will create a future that is prosperous, inclusive, and resilient," he made these remarks while speaking at a panel discussion during the Second High-Level Conference of the Forum on Global Action for Shared Development with the topic Sustainable Development: Continuous Actions for a Better Future.

Ahsan Iqbal proposed a four-pronged approach: Alignment, Collaboration, Innovation and Knowledge Sharing to align national development strategies with regional and global ini- proach to development.

BEIJING (APP): Federal tiatives to exert joint efforts Minister for Planning, De- and achieve comprehensive

Explaining his proposals, he said that firstly, aligning national development strategies with regional and global initiatives requires a shared vision. Each country must tailor its national goals to reflect the broader objectives of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the GDI.

"For Pakistan, this meant embedding the principles of sustainable development into our Vision 2025 framework and our 5Es national economic transformation plan, ensuring that our economic, social, and environmental policies are in harmony with global standards," he

He said that the 5Es plan — encompassing Exports, E-Pakistan, Environment & Climate Change, Energy & Infrastructure, and Equity & Empowerment — aims to create a holistic and integrated ap-



**LAHORE: Chief Guest Former Federal Secretary** Tasneem Noorani, Dr. Ijaz Munir NSPP Rector and Dean of NPCC Dr. Jameel gave certificates to the participants who completed the 35th Senior Management Course 120th National Management Course organized by National School of Public Policy (NSPP).

# **Commissioner reviews** security arrangements for Muharram in Hyderabad

HYDERABAD (APP): ers to ensure the provision The Divisional Commissioner Ahsan Qureshi, along with the Deputy Commissioner Hyderabad Zain ul Abideen Memon and SSP Dr Farrukh Ali Lanjaar, has visited the Qadamgah Mola Ali and the Sajadiyah Imam Bargah Gulistan e sajjad in Qasimabad, to review secu-

rity and other arrangements. On this occasion, he directed the relevant offic-

of all basic facilities, including security, during the days of Muharram, so that mourners and the general public do not face any difficulties. The Commissioner assured the administrators of Qadamgah Mola Ali and Imam Bargah Sajadiyah that the administration would provide all possible cooperation, according to avail-

# **Commissioner urges NGOs** to encourage to play role in country's development

MIRPURKHAS (APP): teams for vaccinating polio Commissioner, Faisal Ahmed Uqeli here Friday urged the NGOs and other organizations to encourage the women to work in the areas which were facing shortage of female workers for development of the

This he said while presiding over the performance review meeting of the Divisional Task Force Polio Program in his office, the spokesmen said.

The commissioner directed the Deputy Commissioners of the division to ensure that no child should be missed of immunizing

He urged the parents

drops to children.

Regional Director, PPHI, Mazhar Visro said that due to the school holidays, some children had been missed the polio vaccination in the previous

Deputy Commissioner Mirpurkhas Dr. Rashid Masood Khan, District Health Officer Dr. Jairamdas, Regional Director Local Government, Mian Muhammad Gau, WHO Representative, Dr. Tahawar attended the meeting while Deputy Commissioner Umarkot Naveedur Rahman Lark and Deputy Commissioner Tharparkar Abdul Halim Jagirani parto cooperate with the 43 ticipated through video link.



tion President, Irfan Khokhar addresses to media persons during press conference, at Hyderabad press club.

#### LPG association claims 10 LPG shops in Hyderabad allowed to reopen over the May 30 incident HYDERABAD (APP):

The Liquified Petroleum Gas (LPG) Distributors Association has claimed that they have reached an agreement with the district administration under which they have been allowed to reopen 10 LPG shops.

At a press conference at Hyderabad Press Club on Friday evening the association's central leader Irfan Khokhar informed that the authorities had allowed 10 of their shops under condition that they would follow the safety rules laid down by the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA). He expressed sadness

shop selling LPG in Pareetabad had claimed 27 lives, including of 19 chil-Khokhar assured that

in which an explosion at a

the allowed selling points would not refill substancylinders. According to him,

the LPG shops would not be allowed to operate in busy commercial areas or near the educational institutions. The association's Hyderabad chapter leader Nawab Khan claimed that around 200 LPG shops in Hyderabad were sealed by the authorities in the wake of the May 30 blast.