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Information Minister says Govt decides to ban PTI, initiate treason case against Imran, Alvi, Suri

Attaullah Tarar says government will file a review petition against Supreme Court's reserved seats verdict; Cites May 9 riots, foreign funding for case against PTI; Blasts PTI for creating false narrative around cipher controversy.

ISLAMABAD (APP): its leadership to weaken Minister for Information, Broadcasting, Culture and Broadcasting and harm its integrity at the Broadcasting and broadcasting and harm its integrity at the Broadcasting and Broadcast Broadcasting, Culture and National Heritage Attaullah Tarar on Monday an-nounced four major deci-also featured audio and sions of the federal the gov-ernment of banning Paki-stan Tehreek-e-Insaf, filing of review petition in re-served seats case, references against PTI founder and others for subverting the Constitution and strict legal action against handful of overseas Pakistanis for anti-state activities.

He announced the decision at a press conference

and harm its integrity at the international level.

PTI and its leadership in the 'anti-state' activities.

"This is a fact and on the record that the PTI has been involved in the antiend, the government and its against the country in a forallies have decided to initiated legal proceedings to ban

against any country's Parliament.

All these activities of ated legal proceedings to ban the PTI under Article 17 of which mainly highlighted the Constitution which he said, adding "in view of

narm its integrity at the rnational level.

The press conference featured audio and o clips that alleged. video clips that allegedly showed involvement of the institutions on May 9, deinstitutions on May 9, default the economy by sabotaging Pakistan's negotia-The minister dsaid: tion with the International Monetary Fund, resettle the terrorists in the country and hire lobbying firms state activities and to this to get a resolution passed

the PTI were established, the activities of the PTI and empowers the federal gov- the foreign funding case,

He said a series of events that set off in a form of chain, gave a clear under-

standing of the anti-state agenda of the PTI which first brought terrorist back into the country and then attacked on the state institution to undermine its sovereignty. On the one hand, they

installations including the Corps Commander House in Lahore, he said asking the PTI's founder who gave him the authority to bring back disgruntled elements in settled areas. The minister said the party used the pro-hibited funding to hire lob-bying firms that worked to damage the integrity of the country. The minister said the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) had given a verdict that the PTI had received prohibited funding, recalling how delaying



Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Monday said the government was committed to investing in modern skills and professional education

for the youth. In his message in connection with the World Youth Skills Day, the prime minister said the greatest strength of Pakistan was its talented youth and equipping them with modern skills was the need of the hour to secure the future of

government was equipping its youth with modern eduing to compete with the

D (APP): world.

Minister Shehbaz reiterated the government's resolve to send 300,000 youth for vocational training in the field of information technology and 1000 for modern agriculture to China

In this context, he said the government was prioritizing the women and the youth belonging to remote and backward areas of the

The prime minister said training programs in the the country. field of information technology were also continued at the national level. "Millions of students are honcation, equal development opportunities as well as ing their skills in and outside Pakistan after completmodern professional train- ing their education under these programs.



KARACHI: Governor Sindh Kamran Khan Tessori presenting bouquet to Consul General of France Alexis Chahtahtinsky during a ceremony on eve of

Imposing a ban is no child's play: PTI leaders lambast govt's decision

strongly condemned the proposal to ban their party, stating that such a move is not a child's play. The statement was made during a press conference by op-position leader Omar Ayub, PTI Chairman Gohar Ali Khan, and Shibli Faraz in Islamabad on Monday.

Khan addressed the media, saying, "Today, the government announced its intention to ban PTI, and we strongly condemn this statement. It is a clear contempt of the Supreme Court, which has granted us relief. The Supreme Court has affirmed PTI's right to ister of the UAE.

He added, "The PDM government is making such

ISLAMABAD (INP): tion from our seats. Out of Leaders of Pakistan 60 million votes, PTI re-Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) have ceived 30 million. They plan to ban us over the foreign funding case and the cipher case, even though the PML-N spokesperson is unaware that the foreign funding case against us is no longer active."

Ayub stated, "The

Supreme Court has declared PTI a legitimate party. Today's press conference reflects their desires. This 'Form 47 government' is a minority government. We demand that the PPP and MQM clearly state whether they support PML-N's statement. They must be explicit about their stance." He also criticised the government for raising electricity rates and predicted an impending wave



KARACHI: Security officials stand alert to avoid any untoward incident as security has been tightened during the Shiite religious mourning procession in memories of martyrdom of Hazrat Imam Hussain (R.A), grandson of Prophet Mohammad (PBUH) in connection of 8th Muharram-ul-Haram, at M.A Jinnah road in Karachi.



Tarar addressing a press conference.

Political parties unite against PTI ban, calling it an attack on democracy

JI, JUI, APP, QWP, and BNP condemn government's decision

Monitoring Desk

ISLAMABAD: The federal government's recent decision to ban the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) has ignited backlash from other political parties, who view the move as a serious affront to democracy.

It should be noted that the federal government has decided to file a review appeal against the decision of the Supreme Court on reserved seats and ban Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI).

Federal Information Minister Atta Tarar anview appeal with the Su- boundaries, the country preme Court concerning the can begin to heal. He urged ban on PTI and certain electoral seats.

Maulana Fazlur Rahman, chief of Jamiat Ulema Islam (JUI), has asserted that to address the ongoing political crisis, the establishment must distance itself from politics. He emphasized that using force against political entities will only exacerbate the existing

nounced plans to file a re- here to their constitutional authorities to recognize that the current hybrid system has failed, insisting that the key to resolving the nation's issues lies in holding transparent elec-

Sardar Akhtar Mengal, chief of the Balochistan National Party (BNP), has expressed strong opposition to the turmoil. government's decision to ban the Pakistan Tehreekthat if all institutions ad-

Govt hikes petrol price by Rs9.99 per litre

Monitoring Desk government has announced a whooping increase in petroleum prices for second fortnight of July 2024.

A notification issued by the government said the petrol price was increase by Rs9.99 to Rs275.60 per

Similarly, the price of high-speed diesel was jacked up by Rs6.18 per litre, with new price fixing at Rs283.63 per litre.

The new prices will come into effect from July 16, 2024 till July 31, 2024.

PM Shehbaz consults Nawaz on PTI ban

Monitoring Desk ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehabaz Sharif and Pakistan Muslim League Nawaz (PML-N) President Nawaz Sharifhad second round of meeting in Murree on Monday.

The party sources said Punjab CM Maryam Nawaz was also present in the meeting where consultation was undertaken to ban Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI).

The PM informed the party president about contacts and consultations with other allies including President Asif Ali Zardari on the issue.

Karachi police issue security plan for 9, 10 Muharram

KARACHI Karachi Police have unveiled a comprehensive se curity plan to ensure the safety and security of the public during processions of 9th and 10th of Muharram. According to the details, a total of 17,947 police officers will be deployed across the city. be deployed across the city during Muharram.

During 9 and 10 Muharram, a total of 1,049 processions will take place, while a total of 4,664 majalis will be held in Karachi

Additionally, 987 traf-fic police officers and per-sonnel will be on duty to maintain order and facilitate smooth traffic flow during the processions and majalis

in the city.

Earlier in the day, the Peoples Bus Service announced the suspension of its operations on specific routes during 9 and 10 Muharram

Governor Sindh's message on the occasion of Ashura

KARACHI (APP): Gover- him). This day reminds us nor Sindh Kamran Khan of Imam Hussain's message Tessori has said in his mes- and the historic role, he ob-Ashura that the 10th of sacrifice of Hazrat Imam Muharram "Ashura" is a Hussain (R.A) established historic, spiritual, and im- the tradition of sacrificing portant lesson for Muslims all over the world.

The Ashura was the day of the great sacrifice and martyrdom of Hazrat Imam Hussain, the beloved grandson of the holy Prophet righteous path in every Muhammad (peace be upon era of history.

one's life for the exaltation of Islam and the achievement of the highest goals in Islamic history, which is also a bright example for those who follow the

KPK Governor for easy loans to youth under NBP schemes

KARACHI (APP): The national institution. Governor of Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi has stressed the need for providing easy loans to the unemployed youth under NBP schemes here on Monday.

Speaking to National Bank of Pakistan (NBP) President Rehmat Ali that NBP was an important

He said that the institution should take steps to provide better facilities to

its customers.

Kundi said that facilities should be provided to pensioners and widows so that they did not face difficulties. Faisal Karim Kundi said that special arrange-Hasnie during his visit to ments should be made for NBP head office, he said senior citizens to sit in the branches



KARACHI: Governor Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa Faisa Karim Kundi being briefed by President National Bank of Pakistan (NBP) Rehmat Ali Hasnie on NBP affairs at NBP Headquarters.

Commissioner briefed on Child Health and Mortality **Prevention Surveillance program**

of medical experts from Aga Khan University, working for the program Child Health and Mortality Prevention Surveillance (ČHAMPS) initiated by the Bill and Milenda Gates Foundation met with Commissioner Karachi Syed Hassan Naqvi on Monday to discuss ways to improve child health and prevent child mortality and briefed him on the program's objectives and activities.

KARACHI (APP): A team

The team, representing the CHAMPS (Child Health and Mortality Prevention Surveillance) pro-

Momin Qazi, Director of Health, Government of Sindh, and Dr. Saqib Sheikh.

gram, included Dr. Abdul

The Director of Health informed the Commissioner that the Aga Khan University is conducting a study in Karachi to improve child health and prevent child mortality by enhancing pediatric care.

The team will con-

duct a survey in two districts of Karachi, Korangi and Malir, to assess the health status of children and identify areas for improvement



ISLAMABAD (APP):

The envoys of seven coun-

tries including Zimbabwe,

Tajikistan, Rwanda, Argen-

tina, Myanmar, Cambodia,

and the Ambassador-designate of Botswana, Dr. Batlang Comma Serema. Later, the envoys also held separate meetings with

ISLAMABAD: The Ambassador-designate of Tajikistan, Sharifzoda Yusuf

Toir presenting his diplomatic credentials to President Asif Ali Zardari at

present diplomatic

credentials to President

and Botswana presented the President. their diplomatic credentials Talking to the envoys to President Asif Ali Zardari the President said that Pakistan had great investment opportunities and foreign countries should benefit from its investmentfriendly environment. He highlighted that foreign investors should explore investment opportunities in Pakistan's agriculture, livestock. Information Tech-

> The President stated that Pakistan wanted to broaden cooperation with all friendly countries in diverse fields, especially trade, investment, and



KARACHI: Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Sindh President, Haleem Adil Sheikh talking to media persons during press conference regarding electoral fraud in NA-238 East Karachi at the Election Tribunal established in the Sindh High Court, in Karachi.

PTI founder arrested in Jinnah House attack case

LAHORE (INP): The Investigation police have formally arrested Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) founder and former prime minister Imran Khan, in connection with the Jinnah House attack case on May 9. The police reached Adiala Jail to execute the formal arrest. According to the police, the PTI founder will be investigated under sections related to inciting against the state.

The police stated that PTI founder Imran Khan has been arrested in 12 cases related to May 9 riots, including the Jinnah House attack. The police requested the fer the suspect to Lahore, but the court denied the transfer due to security concerns. The police announced that the PTI founder would appear via video link before the Lahore Anti-Terrorism Court on Monday (today), where a request for his remand will be made for further investigation regarding the Jinnah House attack.

Rawalpindi court to trans-

Earlier, an 11-member police team from Lahore arrived at Adiala Jail to investigate three cases from May 9th registered against the PTI founder. After completing their investigation, the team departed.

Envoys of seven nations | CM takes notice of Noriabad accident, loss of lives

KARACHI (APP): Sindh Chief Minister (CM) Syed Murad Ali Shah while taking notice of the Nooriabad road accident and loss of lives had directed to provide medical treatment to injured persons in the accident. According to the Spokesman for CM House, MPA Imdad Patafi called the CM and informed him about the accident.

Seven people had been killed and seven others injured in the accident. The CM directed Imdad Patafi to offer condolences to the families of

the deceased. PM hails appointment of Sheikh Abdullah as

Deputy PM
SLAMABAD (APP): Minister Shehbaz Muhammad Sharif on Monday extended warm felicitations to UAE Foreign Minister Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan on his appointment as Deputy Prime

Minister. He also extended heartiest congratulations to the Crown Prince of Dubai, Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum on his appointment as Deputy Prime Minister and Defence Min-

6 labourers killed in accident between trucks on M-9 Motorway

HYDERABAD (APP): At least six men, including other four persons, were injured in an accident with a truck on the M-9 Motorway near Lunikot, Jamshoro district, on Monday. The Jamshoro police informed that four persons, who were traveling in the mini truck transporting fruit from Tando Allahyar to Karachi, died on the spot while 2 others breathed their last in Liaquat University Hospital. The police added that the deceased were laborers in the fruit and vegetable market in

Tando Allahyar

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Afghan challenge

The recently released UN monitoring team's report on Afghanistan captures the dilemma confronting the international community where dealing with the country's Taliban rulers is concerned. On the one hand, the Taliban have managed to stabilise Afghanistan after decades of conflict. But on the other, under the hard-line movement's rule, terrorist groups are flourishing on Afghan soil. A third scenario should also be of concern to foreign states, particularly Afghanistan's neighbours: IS-K — which is opposed to the Taliban — is believed to have between 2,000 to 6,000 fighters, and is using Afghanistan as a base for its external operations. Moreover, the terrorist outfit is also looking to poach fighters from other militant groups.

Though the Taliban regime is by no means a progressive pro-people entity, it has managed to bring a semblance of stability to Afghanistan after over four decades of war. The UN report says that as the Taliban "transition from insurgency to governing authority", they have brought down petty corruption and reduced poppy cultivation, while managing to keep the precarious economy afloat.

Perhaps it is because of these limited gains that there has been no mass opposition to the Taliban's obscurantist rule. Afghans are tired of forever wars, while the Western-backed Karzai and Ghani administrations were notorious for their corruption and bad governance. Yet if the Taliban seek full recognition from the international community. they need to do much more, particularly in the areas of women's rights and by creating a more inclusive governance structure, which guarantees fundamental freedoms for all.

With regard to militancy, as the UN report highlights, the global community must keep its eyes and ears open. For example, the report says that the banned TTP has become the largest terrorist group in Afghanistan, and has developed a working relationship with Al Qaeda. Moreover, endorsing what Pakistan has been saying for a while, the report points out that the Taliban rulers are "unable or unwilling" to tackle the TTP threat.

As per the UN, the TTP conducted over 1,200 attacks against Pakistan last year. But it is not anti-Pakistan militants alone that are using Afghanistan as a base. The anti-China ETIM group, Al Qaeda, as well as IS-K, which threatens Iran, the Central Asian states and Pakistan, are all using Afghanistan as a "permissive haven". This requires a coordinated response from the international community, particularly Afghanistan's neighbours, as they are most at risk from terrorist groups.

The Taliban should be told that they need to take action against 'good' militants who support them (TTP, Al Qaeda), as well as 'bad' militants who oppose them (IS-K). On this, there can be no compromise, and foreign states must emphasise that diplomatic recognition and trade relations all depend on greater counterterrorism efforts

Supreme injustice

Rida Hosain

Tuesday July 16, 2024

In a way, some dissent the dissent identifies still be achieved. To quote Benjamin N. Cardozo, the dissenter speaks to the future. Recently, by a majority of 2-1, our Supreme Court converted a conviction of rape into 'fornication'. In a powerful dissent, Justice Ayesha A. Malik used her pen for a better tomorrow

Before the court, a brother's friend of rape. The trial court and the high court ruled in the woman's favour. At the Supreme Court, Justice Malik Shahzad Ahmad Khan and Justice Jamal Khan Mandokhail found that the woman was a consenting party.

Judges can have genuine disagreements would not respond. Othon whether evidentiary ers blanked out or were standards have been too shocked to react, met — particularly in a and went into a state of criminal case where the liberty of an individual is The majority assumes involved. There can be one type of response, different views on the only type they are whether the evidence able to imagine. before the court is enough to uphold the cation to be proved, it conviction. But instead of limiting themselves to sexual intercourse was the evidence, the majority went on to determine ity has imputed consent how a rape victim should have reacted.

Since the man was unarmed, the majority held, "a female who is not a consenting party would offer very strong resistance in a case of attempt to commit rape with her" and "no mark of violence whatsoever was noted on the entire body". The court effectively found that an 'actual' rape victim would have offered strong resistance, and there marks on her body to establish this. This reasoning shifts the onus onto

In sharp contrast, some delay in reporting

ing judgements reflect studies by expert psywhat could have been, chiatrists, which show and what can one day that in cases of sexual violence, victims may have various different types of response fight, flight or freeze. There is no fixed response in rape cases. To say that a woman must 'fight' looks at rape from a masculine lens, and undermines a woman's lived experience. Per Justice Malik, "the offence of rape is made on the woman had accused her body of the victim and her response to this offensive act cannot be standardised". The New

Times magazine did a story, speaking to rape victims about the 'freezing' response. Some victims said they wanted to yell and push and resist, but their body simply involuntary paralysis.

Moreover, for fornimust be shown that consensual. The majoron behalf of the victim, whereas the dissent found that consent must be an unequivocal voluntary agreement. Consent must not be as-

sumed. The majority judgement then holds that there was a two-day delay in filing an FIR. This finding ignores precedent which clearly states that in cases of sexual assault, a lenient view should be taken on delayed reporting. In line would be resistance with established precedent, Justice Malik writes: "With reference to delay, this Court has the victim, ie, she should held that delay is of no have done more, she consequence as such should have resisted, cases involve the victim she should have fought and her family's reputatesy Dawn

tion and honour, hence, a crime of sexual offence

is immaterial.' The reasoning of the majority has a striking similarity with the Mukhtaran Mai case. In both cases, the court completely disregards the extreme trauma associated with rape, and how this may result in slower reporting. In Mukhtaran Mai's memoir, she expresses how she felt suicidal after the incident: "I have made up my mind. I want to kill myself ... I'm already dead in the eyes of others." It takes time and strength to undertake a le--gal battle, to use this against a victim is an in--justice that ign-ores the cultural and social stigmas associated with rape.

The majority seem to have come up with a rulebook on how victims should react in order to get justice. The 'right' victim fights, the 'right' victim has marks of resistance, the 'right' victim reports immediately.

A few weeks ago, Justice Malik was speaking at a symposium on inclusive justice organised by the Federal Judicial Academy and UN Women. She explained that her reasoning may differ from her male colleagues: "my understanding may be very different because it's based on a different premise, because it's based on my life experiences, it's based on my perspective which is the gender perspective."

The tragic reality in Pakistan is, since men dominate the judiciary, our jurisprudence is dictated by the male lived experience. There is little to no gender sensitisation training in the judicial system, and gender stereotypes remain deeply embedded. The voice, perspective, and lived experience of nearly half the population continues to be overlooked. -- Cour-

Employment paths

Neda Mulji

Last month, the federal government reversed its decision to slash the HEC's budget but it seems to have been a case of 'too little, too late'. Federally administered cover the main component of their expenditure, which is salaries for ogy teaching. What we teaching and non-teaching staff, but the urgency to improve standards will unaddressed yet Many of our higher

churn out large numbers of graduates each year, but there are no systems in place to absorb them into the economic infrastructure, neither are there programmes to ment and change, it upskill the graduates for doesn't lay out the stratjob requirements. Most find themselves navigating an extremely competitive market where they cannot match up to the skills needed to be hired.

With 58 per cent of our population under the age of 24, our higher education system has to step up to deliver the outcomes necessary for economic growth. Over two million Pakistanis are currently in higher education and only 60,000 get the opportunity to study in institutes abroad. Our 3,000 degree colleges have the massive responsibility to produce jobready graduates, which requires investment in infrastructure, technology, industry ties and skills that can serve key economic sectors.

ing the economy must come from creating employment pathways for our young graduates, which implies that outdated curricula and traditional teaching cannot contribute to the change we need. We cannot expect to churn the same wheel and expect different results, and we can no longer afford to keep our young population out of jobs.

societies, the vision for ventures may enable growth has come from universities to create humanities education philosophy, literature and culture. Sadly, we've whilst earning themdeprioritised humanities. We have also failed to retain our doctors and sci- and retain students, creuniversities can hope to entists, and we haven't ating new revenue upgraded our math, engineering and technolare looking at is an economy teetering on the brink of decline and we need quick solutions for

Pakistan Vision 2025 education institutions by the planning ministry highlights some key areas demanding urgent focus. Among these is the need to create jobs. Unfortuthe pillars for improveegy that will address the urgent need for employ-

ways such as establishbacked by agencies serving particular geographical communities may process to match graduates with available jobs in their area. Tax breaks for comquota of fresh graduates hire and train for the skills needed for the jobs. Employed people spend boost the economy through generating money. Smaller companies can benefit from hiring graduates who have lower salary expectations Any hope for build- and can be trained

quickly Very few universities offer placement centres to help graduates find jobs, and fewer still have ing synergies within experimented with incubation centres to set up entrepreneurship opportunities for their students. This is mainly due to the costs attached. ing population, we However, the long-term would be running after a benefits outweigh the train that is headed tocosts. Supporting entrepreneurship by funding tesy Dawn

In most developed small and promising economic opportunities for their graduates, selves a sound reputation that will help attract streams for the institu-

There is much to learn from developed societies. One study of the US economy from 1980 to 2005 found that the annual net employment gro-w-th in the US would have been negative wi--thout small busin-esses. The cumulative effect of small businesses on job crenately, while it highlights ation is massive, especial--ly given that they tend to keep costs low by hiring fresh graduates on re-latively lower sa---laries.

It also creates a Employment path- pathway for development as the small busirecruitment nesses become training programmes that are grounds for the young population who can then transition to the larger companies in due vide quick and easy ac- course. In fact, this isn't new to us. After independence, Quaid-i-Azam Mohammad Ali panies that hire a set Jinnah initiated a policy of funding small busimay create the impetus to nesses and giving concessions to spur economic growth in key sectors. Jinnah made it more, pay taxes and clear that industrial power was Pakistan's hope to reduce dependence on external help for life's necessities.

Traditionally, developed societies have also created programmes that match small entrepreneurs with the more successful and established ones to create networkcommunities. Nowhere is it possible to create jobs without enablement programmes and if we don't empower our growwards disaster. -- Cour-

Commerce News

OGRA takes action against mixing of CO2 with LPG

The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) has taken serious note of the issue of mixing carbon dioxide (CO2) with liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) by illegal decanters. In response, OGRA conducted a high-profile meeting chaired by Mr. Masroor Khan, Chairman OGRA, along with authority members, enforcement, legal, and LPG teams. The meeting addressed the potential life risks associated with this dangerous practice and urged provincial Chief Secretaries, the Attorney General, and provincial Advocate Generals to take appropriate action against the illegal decanters. OGRA is determined

to utilize all legal options under its rules and regulations to eliminate properly. such illegal activities,

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properties of the general public. It is pertinent to mention that CO2 mixing province, especially at Pano Aqil near Sukkur.

The Assistant Commissioner of Pano Aqil has raided four sites. discovered illegal decanting activities, sealed all the sites immediately, and lodged FIRs against the concerned individuals.

flammable, and the mixing of CO2 poses fatal risks, the general public. including adverse environmental impacts. CO2 has higher pressure than LPG, which can cause serious safety concerns as equipment calibrated for LPG may not function

OĞRA's enforcement

ISLAMABAD (Online): aiming to safeguard team visited the LPG sites The Oil and Gas precious lives and the in Pano Aqil and observed in Pano Aqil and observed that all the sites were being operated illegally and in unsafe conditions. LPG with LPG has been bowsers were being used reported in various for storage instead of locations of Sindh proper LPG tanks, and substandard equipment was found.

In response to these findings, OGRA has decided to exhaust all legal options to eliminate this illegal activity. The authority has advised its legal counsel in Pano Aqil to pursue the case and LPG is highly represent OGRA's point of view for the safety of

> OGRA has also written letters to the Commissioner of Sukkur the Custom Collectorate, urging them to ensure safety at the local level by curtailing the illegal sale of LPG in the

KARACHI: Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi meets Managing Director Pakistan State Oil (PSO) Syed Muhammad Taha at PSO

World youth skills day: Investing in youth vital for sustainable economic development PESHAWAR (APP): Like stressing the significance unemployment

other parts of the country, world youth skills day was also observed in Khyber Pakthunkhwa where public and private institutions and youth bodies organized functions and seminars highlighting significance of investment in technical education for sustainable economic development prosperous future of the country. The civil society and youth organizations

of youth's role in peace, development and economic progress of Pakistan.

Every year, the day is marked on July 15 aimed promoting empowerment of young people worldwide by focusing on their education and skills development besides employment.

Designated by the United Nations General Assembly in November 2014, the day emphasized also staged a rally in front the significance of of the press club in equipping youth with connection with the day, necessary skills to tackle

poverty besides achieving sustainable development

The theme of the day was 'Youth skills for peace and development' which highlighted the role of youth in peace building and resolution of conflicts.

"In an era of rapid e c h n o l o g i c a l advancements and evolving economic landscapes, the traditional approach of education is undergoing a profound transformation owing to mushroom growth of digitalization.

PSX witnesses bullish trend, gains 1,211 points

Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) witnessed bullish trend on Monday, gaining 1,211.51 points, a positive change of 1.52 percent, closing at 81,155.61 points against 79,944.10 points on

A total or 441,338,958 shares were traded during the day as compared to 437,315,657 shares the previous day,

ISLAMABAD (APP): whereas the price of shares The 100-index of the stood at Rs 27.228 billion against Rs 23.484 billion on

the last trading day. Around companies transacted their shares in the stock market, 265 of them recorded gains and 141 sustained losses, whereas the share price of 51 companies remained unchanged.

Shipping activity at **Port Qasim**

Shipping activity was reported at the port where four ships namely, MSC Positano, APL Mexico City, Eco Alice, and Ondo carrying Containers, LPG and LNG, berthed at Qasim International Container Terminal, Engro Vopak Terminal and Pakistan Gasport Terminal respectively on Monday, 14th July-2024.

PSO must find new sites for further expansion in KP: Faisal Karim Kundi

KARACHI (APP): The demand for petroleum Governor of Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim the completion of CPEC Kundi on Monday visited and plans should be Pakistan State Oil (PSO) chalked out to this effect. head office and discussed foreign investment in oil number of people refinery and other issues associated with the with Managing Director of transport PSO Syed Mohammed belonged to KP. Taha.

They also discussed the transportation of oil, foreign investment in oil KP. refinery, problems in this regard and their

solutions

chalked out to this effect. He said that a large

business He further said that

PSO should find new sites for further expansion in

The MD PSO said that PSO had a big market and they were also working Kundi said that the on new sites in KP.



ISLAMABAD: A vendor arranging and displaying clay pottery on handcart to attract the customers at his roadside setup in the Federal Capital.

Drive on Railway safety, prohibited items in full swing

Pakistan Railways awareness campaign was in full swing in order to raise public knowledge of the dangers of trespassing, crossing railroad tracks, and carrying forbidden objects like gas cylinders, guns without a license, cartridges, drugs, and daggers.

"The campaign was launched on the directives of Secretary Syed Mazhar Ali Shah which will not help the department to control accidents but also win the confidence of the passengers of the rail" an official told APP.

The official said, 'Pakistan Railways will use all the social media platforms including print, electronic media, twitter, Facebook, poster and pamphlets to create an

ISLAMABAD (APP): awareness among the citizens about a safe train journey.

> department has also asked all the divisional superintendents to ensure checking of luggage of passengers at entry points with scanners, metal detectors and walkthrough gates. The official said Pakistan Railways had always given importance to the safety of citizens and its passengers.

> 'It has been directed to discourage and stop those passengers who are carrying prohibited products. It is suggested to install emergency doors and auto-lock doors in coaches in case of any emergency," he

positive step taken towards building Zong as provider and the displays are a testament to that. Today, we align ourselves to our vision of an excellent Information Services and Technology Innovation company in Pakistan. From legacy network setting up state-of-the-art Data Centers as a backbone

mobile network operator, celebrated Digital Day 2024 in grand style. dynamic The event served as demands. As we entered a more than just a Integrity, Ope Responsibility, positioning Zong 4G as an Excellence. In doing so, we

Zong celebrates

Digital Day

celebration; it was a resounding endorsement of CEO Zong 4G's vision of exemplary information service and technology innovation company. While welcoming

employees to the Digital Day celebrations CEO Zong 4G HuoJunli said "This day was yet another expansion, of cloud services, to building network-neutral product portfolio" said a

ISLAMABAD (APP): news release.

"We had to adapt to the changing landscape of technology and the consumer new age of Zong, we also embodied our values of Integrity, Openness, were able to drive growth within and beyond the organization - growth that was crucial to the Sci-Tech transformation we wished

to see in Zong" he added. He further said, "I am delighted to see the product displays today, we have an attractive an information services portfolio of digital products such as Zong Engage, Zong Road Assistance, and Banking as a Service (BaaS).

These innovations. available through the Zong App, are designed to simplify our customers' lives." MedIQ, a health services provider, offers convenient access to ondemand healthcare, both in-person and via a digital

Training session on e-procurement held

LAHORE (APP): As per direction Commissioner Punjab Social Security Nadia Saqib, a one-day training session was organized in collaboration with the Punjab Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) here on Monday.

The session took place in the auditorium of Punjab Social Security Hospital on Multan Road Lahore. Sixty-five social security officers from hospitals and offices across Punjab participated in the training session. Director Admin Khawaja Waqar Ahmed and other officers attended, while PPRA officers, led by MD PPRA Khawaja Waqar Ahmad, provided the

The participants briefed procurement cycles and received step-by-step hands-on training to familiarize themselves with the e-procurement

KARACHI

the last working day.

The three top trading companies were PIA Holding Company with

Strict action will be taken on sharing hate material on social media: Minister

FAISALABAD (APP): Provincial Minister for Information Azma Bukhari said that Ashura would be observed under complete harmony and strict action would be taken on sharing hate material on social

Presiding over a meeting at DC Office here on Monday, she took a briefing about Muharram arrangements and said that the government was committed to facilitating the masses during Ashura days. In this connection, Sharbat Sabeel would be arranged on the routes of mourning processions in addition to ensuring tight security arrangements for

Peshawar press club.

members of Khyber Union

of Journalists (KHUJ) and

Peshawar Press Club (PPC) on Monday staged

a strong protest against the

killing of senior journalist and reporter of Aaj News, Malik Hassan Zeb. The protest demonstration,

attended by a large number

of journalists with placards

in their hands, chanted

She said that CCTV Ashura in a most befitting manner under tight security

arrangements," she added. She said that activities of social media would also days and no one would be allowed to share hate material or promote

He also directed police officers to verify

PESHAWAR: Journalists are holding protest to

condemn the killing of senior journalist Malik

Hassan Zaib, who was shot dead by two unknown

assailants in the Akbar Pura village Nowshera

district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPK), at

PPC, KHUJ stage

strong protest against

killing of senior journalist

PESHAWAR (APP): The here and demanded arrest

slogans in front of the the journalist, police have

Peshawar Press Club, so far failed to make any

opposite Railways Station progress in the case.

participants in majalis, she each information before taking any steps. In this connection, hot spots cameras would be used for should be monitored is a sacred month for Muslims and the government would try its optimum best to observe the same and the soft members of thoughts and members of the same and the sam

Earlier, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Abdullah Nayyar Sheikh briefed the minister about administrative and security be monitored strictly arrangements in Faisalabad especially during Ashura and said that 387 CCTV cameras were made functional across the material or promote district to monitor sectarianism in the Muharram security in addition to keeping vigil eye on the movement of suspects

2 workers die while cleaning sewerage

FAISALABAD (APP) Two workers, including an employee of the municipal corporation, died when they were cleaning sewerage in Chak Jhumra police limits.

A Rescue 1122 spokesman said here on Monday that 40-year-old Shakeel Masih, an employee of Municipal Corporation Chak Jhumra, entered into a sewerage at Chiniot Road but he became unconscious due to some toxic gas. Later, his coworker, Sohail Masih, 35, entered the sewerage to save him but he also fainted.

ANF recovers over 86 kg drugs in 5 operations

RAWALPINDI (APP): Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) while conducting five operations managed to recover over 86 kg drugs and arrested 11 accused, said an Headquarters spokesman here on Monday.

He informed that 810 grams ice was recovered from a parcel booked for Bahrain at Karachi Airport.



Law and Order Khawaja Salman Rafique being briefed about security arrangements during Muharram ul Haram at Control Room of Home Ministry.

Minister directs early financial assistance to rain affectees

Independent Report PESHAWAR: Provincial

Minister for Public Health Engineering, Puthtunyaar Khan on Monday directed for providing in time financial assistance to the people affected by the recent heavy rains. Following the directives, Secretary Relief KP, assured the minister that financial relief assistance will be provided to the affected people within the next few days. Former tehsil was also present on the any discrimination.

Provincial Minister Pukhtunyaar Khan said provincial government stands with the rain-affected people at this critical juncture.

The KP government will do its best to compensate for the losses of people incurred by the natural disasters.

He said no effort will be spared in reaching out to the affected people and the financial assistance will be provided to every member, Masoom Wazir affected family without

PDWP approves development schemes worth Rs5.56b

and Working Party Punjab (PDWP) in its 6th meeting of the current financial year, approved two development schemes of SHC&ME and Environment sectors at a

cost of Rs 56.560 billion Preside over by P&D Board Chairman Barrister Nabeel Ahmad Awan here Monday, the meeting approved the following

LAHORE (APP): The Centre at the cost of Rs 56 Provincial Development billion. Investigation of sources of particulate matter for informed decision making in Punjab at the cost of Rs 560 million. P&D Board Secretary Dr Asif Tufail Secretary Environment Raja Jahangir Anwar, Secretary Health Ali Jan Khan, Chief Economist Dr

representatives of the Establishment of relevant provincial Nawaz Sharif Institute of departments attended the Cancer Treatment and meeting.

Nasir Iqbal Malik, P&D

Board members, heads and

Azma visits Allied Hospital-I, inspects facilities

FAISALABAD (APP) Provincial Information Minister Azma Bukhari Monday paid a surprise visit to Allied Hospital-I.

She inspected medical facilities available for patients in emergency and other wards, presence of doctors and paramedics.

She inquired after the patients in different wards. She also inquired from attendants about treatment, availability of medicines and other facilities.

She also checked the functioning of air-conditioners in wards and medicine stock in the hospital's store.

Intel drugs smuggling gang busted

PESHAWAR (APP) Police on Monday arrested four accused including a wanted Afghan ring-leader of an international drugs supply gang during a raid in Tajabad area here.

Police said, a team of Pishtakhara police raided a house in Tajabad area and unearthed a heroin producing factory. Four accused were arrested from the factory. The arrested accused were involved in supplying drugs to Dubai, Afghanistan and other countries. During the intelligence-based raid, police also recovered 60

Health minister visits field hospital, inspects facilities

Provincial Health Minister Khwaja Salman Rafique Monday paid a surprise visit to the field hospital, established in Union Council-143, Fatehgarh.

The minister inquired about the medical facilities provided to people in the hospital. He also inquired from the attendants about treatment, availability of medicines and other facilities. Khwaja Salman Rafique said that the field hospital project was the flagship programme of the

Punjab Thousands of people had been provided with best medical facilities at their doorstep across the province, he added. He said providing best medical facilities to people was the first priority, adding that facilities of lady doctor, free examination and medicine were also being provided in field hospitals

Hafiz Mohammad Aleem, Chudhry Sarwar, Mehar Mudassar, Mian Rashid and Malik Saif ur Rahman were present.



SIALKOT: DSPCIA crime organizer Rana Mahmood ul Hasan is handing over the money recovered from the accused of robbery Rs. 18 lakh to owner Haji Imran at SCCI.

Departments lauded for Muharram arrangements

Independent Report
PESHAWAR: Provincial Minister for Higher Education Meena Khan Afridi has lauded the relevant departments for making effective arrangements for Muharram. He said that Capital Metropolitan, District

Administration, Rescue 1122, Water and Sanitation Services Peshawar (WSSP), other relevant and departments had made elaborate arrangements and that their efforts will play a crucial role in maintaining peace and order during Muharram.

He expressed these views while visiting various Imambargahs, command posts, and the Kohati.

Supreme Command Post in Peshawar.

On this occasion, the Director General of Capital Metropolitan, Waheed Rehman, ADC Peshawar, AC Peshawar, AACs, WSSP, and other officials also accompanied him.

The provincial minister inspected various Imambargahs in the Qissa Khwani area and reviewed the facilities provided by the government. He met with the heads of the Imambargahs and was briefed on their issues.

He also visited the command post at Khan Raziq police station in Qissa Khwani and the Supreme Command Post in

International News

other

Gaza civil defence says 15 killed in Israel strike on Gaza school

of the killers. Senior Vice

President Imran Yousafzai

in his speech demanded of

the Chief Minister Khyber

Pakhtunkhwa to take

notice of the incident and

direct early arrest of the

killers for an exemplary

punishment. He said despite CCTV footage of

the incident which showed

clear faces of the killers of

Monitoring Desk

GAZA STRIP: The civil defence agency in Hamasrun Gaza said Sunday that 15 people were killed in a strike on a school sheltering war displaced where the Israeli military said it had targeted "terrorists"

The strike on the UNrun Abu Araban site in central Gaza's Nuseirat camp was the fifth on a schoolturned-shelter in eight days.

The Abu Araban school was housing "thousands of displaced people," civil defence agency spokesman Mahmud Bassal told AFP, adding that most of the dead were women and children.

Schools in Nuseirat were the target for two of the earlier school strikes as Israel keeps up its offensive against Hamas Palestinian militants who triggered the war with their

said its air force "struck a number of terrorists who were operating in the area of UNRWA's Abu Araban school building in Nuseirat".

It said the building had 'served as a hideout' and base for "attacks" on Israeli

AFPTV images showed the three-storey complex standing, with clothes and bedding airing out over its railings. A wall bearing the UN logo had been blown out, and rooms inside were damaged.

On July 6, Israeli airalso run by the United Nations relief agency for Palrefugees (UNRWA), in Nuseirat. UNRWA said about 2,000 people were sheltering there at the time.

The following day, October 7 attack on Israel. four people died in a strike

The Israeli military on the church-run Holy Family school in Gaza City, in the territory's north, according to the Civil Defence agency.

On Monday, Israel hit another Nuseirat school, again saying it was targeting "terrorists" The next day, a hospi-

tal source said at least 29 people died in a strike at the entrance to Al-Awda school in the Khan Yunis area, southern Gaza. Israel says Hamas

uses schools, hospitals and other public infrastructure for military purposes. Hamas denies the accusacraft hit Al-Jawni school, tion. France and Germany on Wednesday called for an investigation into the school strikes. After the Al-Jawni

strike, UNRWA spokesperson Juliette Touma told AFP that when the war began "we closed the schools and they became shelters."

US President Joe Biden delivers a statement a day after Republican chalthe White House in Washington, US.

lenger Donald Trump was shot at a campaign rally, during brief remarks at

China, Russia start joint naval drills, days after NATO allies called Beijing a Ukraine war enabler

Monitoring Desk BEIJING: China and

Russia's naval forces on Sunday kicked off a joint exercise at a military port in southern China on Sunday, official news agency Xinhua reported, days after NATO allies called Beijing a "decisive enabler" of the war in Ukraine.

The Chinese defense ministry said in a brief statement forces from both sides recently patrolled the west-

any third party. The exercise, which began in Guangdong province on Sunday and is expected to last until mid-July, aimed to demonstrate the capabilities of the navies in addressing security threats and preserving peace and stability globally and regionally, state broadcaster CCTV reported Saturday, adding it would include anti-missile exercises, sea strikes and air defense. Xinhua News Agency reported the Chinese and Russian naval forces carried out on-map military simulation and tactical coordina-

Indian workers from 'slavelike' conditions on farms

Monitoring Desk

gangmasters. Police said the two alleged abusers, also Indian, persuaded their fellow nationals to come to Italy, paying €17,000 each to obtain seasonal working

police added.

Dubai crown prince appointed **UAE** defence minister Monitoring Desk

DUBAI: The crown prince of Dubai has been appointed as minister of defence for the United Arab Emirates as part of a broader cabinet shuffle, Dubai ruler and UAE Prime Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al-Maktoum posted on

The 41-year-old Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid al-Maktoum, who has served as Dubai's crown prince since 2008, was also named as one of the UAE's deputy prime ministers.

Seven students drown on summer holidays in Mexico

MEXICO CITY (INP) Seven students drowned in eastern Mexico after their vehicle was dragged into a fast-flowing river as they tried to retrieve a boat from its waters, local government sources said Sunday.

The victims, all between 21 and 23 years old, on Saturday were celebrating the end of the school year and summer holidays at a private residence on the banks of the river in the city of Coatzacoalcos.

After assassination attempt, Trump and Biden seek calm, unity **Monitoring Desk**

MILWAUKEE: Donald Trump arrived on Sunday in Milwaukee, where he will be formally nominated as the Republican presidential candidate later this week after surviving an assassination attempt that has aggravated an already bitter US political divide.

President Joe Biden, a Democrat, ordered a review of how a 20-year-old man with an AR-15-style rifle got close enough to shoot at Trump from a rooftop on Saturday. Trump, as a former president, has lifetime protection by the US Secret Service. Trump, 78, was hold-

ing a campaign rally in Butler, Pennsylvania – a key state in the Nov. 5 election - when shots rang out, hitting his right ear and leaving his face streaked with blood. His campaign said he was doing well.

"That reality is just setting in," Trump told the Washington Examiner on

Sunday. "I rarely look away from the crowd. Had I not done that in that moment, well, we would not be talking today, would we?'

One person in the crowd was killed and two others wounded before Secret Service agents fatally shot the suspect.

Both Trump and Biden on Sunday sought calm and unity.

Trump is due to accept his party's formal nomination at the Republican National Convention with a speech on Thursday. He pumped his fist in the air several times as he descended the stairs from his plane after arriving in Milwaukee. "This is a chance to bring the whole country, even the whole world, together. The speech will be a lot different, a lot different than it would've been two days ago," Trump told the Washington Examiner. Biden delivered a televised address from the Oval Office in the White House on Sunday.

Syrians vote for their next parliament, which may pave the way for Assad to extend his rule

Monitoring Desk DAMASCUS: Syrians were voting for members of a new parliament in an election Monday that was expected to hold few sur-

prises but could pave the way for a constitutional amendment to extend the term of President Bashar Assad. The vote is the fourth in Syria since mass antigovernment protests in

2011 and a brutal crackdown by security forces spiraled into an ongoing civil war and comes as an economic crisis grips the country, fueling demonstrations in the Syria's 2024 parlia-

mentary election excludes rebel-held northwest Syria and the country's northeast U.S.-backed. under Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces. The number of eligible voters hasn't been announced either and

tions, the millions of diaspora Syrians — whose numbers have ballooned since the civil war — are not qualified to vote for the legislators. Western countries and Assad's critics say the poll-

ing in government-held ar-

eas in Syria is neither free

nor fair.

unlike presidential elec-

This year, 1,516 government-approved candidates are running for the 250-seat People's Assem-

bly. Some 8,151 polling stations were set up in 15 voting districts in government-held areas, with results expected to be announced Monday night or the following day. In the last round of elections in 2020, the outcome was delayed for days due to technical issues, according to officials. Assad's Baath Party won 166 seats, in addition to 17 others from allied parties.

Judge dismisses Donald Trump's classified documents case

Monitoring Desk WASHINGTON:

Florida judge appointed by Donald Trump has dismissed the criminal case against the former president on charges of mishandling top secret documents, ruling that Special Counsel Jack Smith was unlawfully appointed. The decision is a ma-

jor victory for Republican presidential candidate Trump, who had been accused of endangering na-tional security after leaving the White House. The decision comes

days after an assassin's bullets flew by him during a campaign rally, streaking the Republican presidential candidate's blood across his face and prompting his security agents to swarm him, before he cial Counsel Jack Smith is emerged and pumped his fist in the air, mouthing the

words "Fight! Fight! Fight!"

Hours after the incident, the US Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) said it had identified the shooter in the assassination attempt as 20-year-old Thomas Matthew Crooks

year-old argued for a parof a Supreme Court ruling that a former president has broad immunity from prosecution.

of Pennsylvania, US media reported early on Sunday. Federal Judge Aileen Cannon made her ruling after lawyers for the 78tial stay of proceedings to allow for an assessment

"Former president Trump's motion to dismiss indictment based on the unlawful appointment and funding of Spegranted," Aileen wrote in her order.

King Charles III to visit Australia and Samoa as he recovers from cancer

Monitoring Desk LONDON: King Charles

III is preparing to visit Australia and Samoa in October, an itinerary that will span 12 time zones and test the monarch's stamina as he recovers from cancer treatment.

The trip, announced on Sunday by Buckingham Palace, marks a watershed moment for the 75-year-old king, who has been slowly returning to pub-lic duties after taking a break following his cancer diagnosis in early February. The decision to undertake such a long journey will be seen as a sign of Charles' recovery, even though the program in Australia will be "limited."

ern and northern Pacific Ocean and that the operation had nothing to do with international and regional situations and didn't target tion exercises. Italian tax police free 33

ROME: Italy's tax police said Saturday they had freed 33 Indian farm workers from "slave-like working conditions" in the northern province of Verona, while seizing almost half a million euros from the two alleged

permits. The men were then obliged to work in farms for seven days a week and up to 10-12 hours a day, paid only 4 euros per hour, in conditions that the Italian police described as 'slavery.'

Some of the migrants were also asked to continue working for free to pay an additional 13,000 euros for a permanent work permit, which in reality they would have never obtained, the

IMF loan accord lifts Pakistan Stock Exchange to new high

volumes on ready counter

decreased by 0.3 percent to

438.83 million shares dur-

ing this week as compared

to previous week's average

of 440.31 million shares

while average daily traded

value on the ready counter

increased by 13.7 percent

to Rs 20.77 billion during

this week against previous

remained net buyers of

shares worth \$3.959million

during this week. Total mar-

ket capitalization increased

by Rs36 billion during this

week to Rs10.630 trillion.

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& accessories, and woollen

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Sector-wise, auto as-

The foreign investors

week's Rs 18.28 billion.

ISLAMABAD (INP): The mained dull as average daily latest loan agreement agreed with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) triggered brisk buying at the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) on Monday, lifting the index to new heights.
The benchmark KSE-

100 index soared by 1,230.05 or 1.52 percent to 81,174.14, compared to the previous close of 79,944.10

The stocks had Friday witnessed a volatile session after the decision of the Supreme Court on reserved seats, decreasing by 48.26 points or 0.06% to close at . 79,944.10 points.

Pakistan Stock Exchange remained under pressure during the outgoing week ended on July 12, 2024 as the investors opted to book profit on available margins. The benchmark KSE-100 index declined by 268.69 points on week-onweek basis and closed at 79,944.10 points.



KARACHI: Coordinator PM Youth Program Sindh Fahad Shafiq meeting with Governor Sindh Kamran

We will not allow decision of ban to be implemented even for a second, Ali Zafar

ISLAMABAD (Online): Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf leader Ali Zafar has said that we will not allow the decision of ban to be implemented even for a second. The government living in a different world, talking against the law. There is no scope, the government cannot impose any such re-

Talking to a private TV channel, he said that all these matters are dealt un-

decision to be implemented even for a second

Barrister Ali Zafar said that the government has received a setback after the judgment of the reserved seats case, which is completely illegal and we reject it. Federal Minister talked about Article 6, perhaps they do not read the law, Article 6 deals with a crime of treason, it is a different kind of crime.

Merely breaking the law is not treason. He said They are talking about that if such cases of treathe impossible and if they son are filed, then there do such a move, the courts will be cases of treason are there and we are also against the parliamentarthere, we will not allow this ians as well.

Muharram ul Haram was

MNA Zulfiqar Bachani visits various Imam Bargahs in Tando Allahyar, Chambbar

HYDERABAD (APP): The Member National Assembly (MNA) Zulfiqar being celebrated with great Sattar Bachani has commended the peaceful organization of processions and majalis in district Tando Allahyar during the observance of Muharram ul Haram. Talking to the media during his visit to various Imam Bargahs in Tando Allahyar, he expressed satisfaction with the arrangements made by the district administration and other relevant departments.

On this occasion, Deputy Commissioner Tando Allahyar Saleemullah Odho, SSPAbraiz Ali Abbasi, Chairman Municipal Committee Syed Samar Hussain Shah Rizvi and district officers of other relevant departments were also with him. Bachani said that every law and order.

devotion, religious brotherhood and peace, and the arrangements made by the district administration had been commendable and scholars of all schools of thought were also satisfied. The Deputy Commissioner informed that the HESCO management had assured that there would be no load shedding during Ashra-e-Muharram ul Haram particularly on 09th and 10th of Muharram. SSP Abraiz Ali Abbasi mentioned the deployment of over 1800 personnel from the police and Rangers who are diligently performing their duties during processions and majalis, with comprehensive security mea-Zulfiqar Sattar sures in place to maintain

Commissioner visits Sehwan Sharif to review arrangements of Muharram-ul-Haram

HYDERABAD (APP): The Divisional Commissioner Hyderabad Bilal Ahmad Memon arrived in Sehwan Sharif to review the arrangements for Deputy Commissioner Jamshoro Riaz Hussain Wasan, he visited various Imam Bargahs and procession routes and areas of Sehwan Sharif.

sioner Hyderabad Bilal Ahmad Memon visited the shrine of Hazrat Lal Shahbaz Qalandar and offered Fatiha.

He inspected the various imambargahs and processions routes and instructed the district administration Jamshoro that effective arrangements should be ensured for cleaning, lighting and security at the places of imambargahs, majalis and mourning pro-

Hyderabad appealed to the religious leaders to cooperate with the district admintain law and order during Muharram.

relevant officers that any kind of negligence in the arrangements of Muharram will not be tolerated.

Deputy Commissioner Jamshoro Riaz Hussain Wasan, Additional Commissioner Hyderabad, Assistant Commissioner Sehwan Faisal Malook and other relevant officers were also present during the visit.

Hyderabad also visited district Matiari to review the arrangements related to Muharram-ul-Haram Deputy Commissioner and SSP Matiari also accompanied the commissioner during the visit where he attended the Dargah Shah Abdul Latif Bhitai in Bhit Shah and reviewed the se-



Pakistan, China friendship to move forward with greater integration in world, regional markets: Ahsan Iqbal ister, who is currently in

BEIJING (APP): Federal Minister for Planning, Development, and Special Initiatives, Prof Ahsan Iqbal, stated that as China finalizes its roadmap for the future, the friendship be-tween Pakistan and China will certainly advance.

He said that it will involve greater integration of Pakistan and China in the world and regional markets. On what the world can

learn from China's development experience, the min-

DIG Larkana

rewards police

officers for

excellent

performance

Independent Report

Larkana Nasser Aftab has

summoned three police of-ficers from District

Kashmore to his office for

their outstanding performance. Constable Ejaz

Ahmed Khosa, Safin

Ahmed Jagirani, and

Kamran were awarded

cash prizes and commen-

dations for their excellent

work. The DIG praised

the officers, saying that

they would be rewarded

for their good perfor-

mance. The officers were

encouraged to continue

special train

for pilgrims

SUKKUR (INP): A special

train from Kotri- via Tando

Adam to Rohri on the 9th and 10th of Muharram will

run to facilitate travellers.

President Majlis-e-Wihadat-ul-Muslmeen

(MWM), Sindh, Allama

Maqsood Domki on Mon-

day hailed the decision of

the Government of Paki-

allowing pilgrims to attend

religious observances and

train's schedule, Allama

Domki informed the pil-

grims that will depart from

Kotri at 2 PM, ensuring

that they can reach their

destinations in a timely and

Operation

conducted against

electricity

thieves

Independent Report
MIRPUR MATHELO:
XEN SEPCO Mirpur
Mathelo Nizamuddin
Pirzada and SDO SEPCO
Rizwan Hakim conducted

an operation against elec-

tricity thieves in the city.

Recovery of Rs. arrears, the

operation will continue un-

til the end of electricity theft, XEN Sepco Mirpur Mathelo Nizamuddin

According to details, XEN SEPCO Mirpur Mathelo Nizamuddin Pirzado and SDO Sepco

Mirpur Mathelo Rizwan

Hakim have visited differ-

ent areas of the city of Mirpur Mathelo. Kousar Colony, Soomra Colony, Soomra Mohalla, Hyder

Shah Colony, Gil Colony

and other areas, illegal

Kunda connections were

disconnected while con-

ducting operations against

electricity thieves, while

cases of electricity theft

have been registered against

five persons, in this regard,

Pirzado,

convenient manner.

Railway Authorities

As per the special

stan and thanked the

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their hard work.

ARKANA:

Beijing for an official visit, told CGTN, "I think China's experience of development gives us four very luable lessons. There are four prerequisites that any country needs for development:

peace, political stability, continuity of economic policies, and continuous The minister said that

that is the reason that China Pakistan and China enjoy a has developed so fast, add-ing, that China has shown a great success story to the whole world by pulling 800 million people out of poverty in the shortest possible

Prof Ahsan Iqbal said that China has shared its development, and has shared its experience of development with other countries through the Belt and Road Initiative and Global

unique relationship.Â

Terming the China-Pakistan Economic Corri-

dor as a flagship project of friendship between the two countries and the Belt and Road Initiative, he said, "I think as China finalizes its roadmap for the future, certainly Pakistan and China friendship will also move forward, with greater integration of Pakistan and China in the world markets and the regional markets

35 MNAs submit affidavits to ECP expressing their

allegiance to PTI ISLAMABAD (INP): Following the Supreme Court's (SC) decision to allot reserved seats to the PTI, as many as 35 party members of the National Assembly (MNAs) have so far submitted to the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) their affidavits of al-

legiance to the party. Sources told that the party's nine members of the provincial assembly (MPAs) from Sindh and over 100 MPAs from Punjab too had submitted their affidavits. They further disclosed

that Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) Chief Minister Ali Gohar Ali Khan, Omar Ayub Khan and Ali Asghar were yet to submit their affidavits.

On the other hand, 92 PTI MPAs in the KP Assembly have so far signed their affidavits. The PTI will get 21

seats reserved for women and three seats for women.

Imran distances himself from May 9 violence RAWALPINDI (INP): Pa-

kistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) founder Imran Khan said he never urged anyone for violence during his political career of 28 years, saying independent inquiry should be held in May 9 incidents.

The former prime minister stated this during his video-link hearing at an Lahore's anti-terrorism court in 12 cases related to May 9 violence.

During the hearing, Khan sought permission to say something and it was granted by Judge Khalid Arshad.

He said, "I have never provoked anyone for violent protest in 28 years. An independent inquiry was not conducted into May 9 incidents".

Fire breaks out in Karachi University's Mass Communication **Department**

KARACHI (INP): A fire broke out in the Mass Communication Department at Karachi University on Monday. The blaze, which erupted around 10am in the department's audiovisual room, is believed to have been caused by a short

According to sources, the fire was not severe and was quickly brought under control by two fire tenders that were dispatched to the

extinguish the flames.

PTI has done nothing but politics of hate and division: Barrister Danyal

Leader Pakistan Muslim League Nawaz (PML-N) Danyal Chaudhary on Monday said that Pakistan Tahreeke-Insaf has done nothing for the country but only promoted the politics of hatred and division.

Addressing a press conference here, he said that a specific political party was given that relief which was not demanded, adding, that some people think that they can achieve their goals by blackmailing.

He said the coalition

parties decided to file a review appeal on the current decision of the Supreme Court regarding reserved

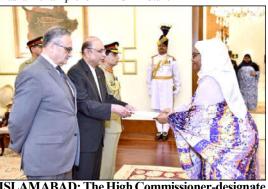
"Sometimes they (PTI) waved ciphers and sometimes hired lobbying firms, the country was abused and burned, besieged, these people attacked the institutions of their own country. May 9 was an example of PTI's kistan.

ISLAMABAD (APP): anti-state policies," he la-

PML-N said that sometimes there were talks of burning and sometimes closing Pakistan, seeds of hatred were sown in the country, adding that today we say no more, we got this country in a destabilizing condition, and the economy was derailed during PTI's

four-year tenure. He further said that if PTI's agenda was political, then they would not have dissolved their assemblies. He said that when we were negotiating with the IMF, they(PTI) were raising slogans against Pakistan.

Danyal Chaudhary said that important decisions will be taken by taking all the parties on board, PTI founders Imran Khan, Arif Alvi, and Qasim Suri have weakened Pakistan, and action will be taken against those who sit abroad and talk about breaking Pa-



ISLAMABAD: The High Commissioner-designate of Rwanda, Ms. Harerimanu Fatou presenting her diplomatic credentials to President Asif Ali Zardari at Aiwan-e-Sadr.

Aleem Khan praises Army's action against terrorists in Bannu

ISLAMABAD (APP): The President of the Istehkam-e-Pakistan Party and Federal Minister for Privatization, Board of Investment, and Communications, Abdul Aleem Khan on Monday paid glowing tributes to soldiers who sacrificed their lives and families for the future of

Pakistan's children. He called these soldiers the true heroes of the nation. In a tweet about the recent security operation near Bannu, he expressed gratitude, saying that solliers are always ready and

alert to counter anti-state ensuring they would not

He praised the Pakistan armed forces for timely action in Bannu, noting that their excellent performance thwarted the enemy's The blood of martyrs has made the country's de-

sized that the security of

Pakistan is their first duty.

fense strong and the entire nation is grateful for their sacrifices and bravery, he The minister stated

that the security forces not only repelled the attacks but also cornered the terrorists

Police & law enforcement agencies on high alert in **Khairpur: Commissioner**

SUKKUR (APP): The Di-routes in the city, assessing visional Commissioner Sukkur, Fayaz Hussain Abbasi on Monday visited Khairpur to review the arrangements for 9th & 19th Muharram-ul-Haram.

He was accompanied by DIG Sukkur, Peer Muhammad Shah, and Shahbaz Rangers Colonel

During the visit, Deputy Commissioner Khairpur, Syed Fawad Hussain Shah, and SSP Khairpur Zubair Nazir Shaikh were briefed on the security arrangements in the district

The Divisional Commissioner Sukkur inspected the procession remaining vigilant.

the security measures, sanitation, lighting, and medical facilities. He also visited medical camps established in different parts of the city, inquiring about the availability of first-aid facilities and ambulance services.

The Divisional Commissioner further visited the Police Control Room and evaluated the performance of the CCTV cameras installed across the

On the occasion, he said that stringent security arrangements have been ensured in the Sukkur Division, with police and other law enforcement agencies



any untoward incident as security has been tightened during the Shiite religious mourning procession in memories of martyrdom of Hazrat Imam Hussain (R.A), grandson of Prophet Mohammad (PBUH) in connection of 8th Muharram-ul-Haram, at M.A Jinnah road in Karachi.

Security for Muharram procession reviewed

HYDERABAD (APP): Deputy Commissioner Shaheed Benazirabad Shehryar Gul Memon visited Daur, Bandhi, Skarand and Qazi Ahmad to reviewed the cleanliness, security and other arrangements on the routes of Muharram processions.

Deputy Commissioner also visited the Imambargahs and met the organizers of the processions to find out the problems. He said that law and order in the district is the first priority of the admin-

watch is being kept on the miscreants disturbing the While scholars of all

religious parties should cooperate with the district administration and police to maintain law and order. On this occasion, As-

sistant Commissioner Urd Hasan Zafar, Assistant Commissioner Qazi Ahmad Arsalan, Assistant Commissioner Skrand Rameez Raja, DSP Police Abdul Hameed Jalbani and other officers accompanied the

Muharram, along with

Divisional Commis-

Memon was briefed by the organizers and leaders in Sehwan about the arrangements made regarding Muharram-ul-Haram.

istration and police to main-

He instructed all the During the visit

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curity arrangements there

Commissioner

Xen said. **SEPCO** Mathelo Nizamuddin Pirzado has said while talking to the media that no concession will be made against electricity thieves. Cases have been registered against five persons including Suresh Kumar at Mirpur and also offered the Fateha. Mathelo Police Station.

commitment to reform. China has shown all four principles to practice, and Development Initiative. **Governor Kundi for**

insurance programmes in KP KARACHI (APP): The province so that more Governor of Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim could benefit from it. Kundi on Monday said that

improving State Life health

ration of Pakistan must be improved in KP. He said that the establishment of State Life Takaful Insurance Zone in Dera Ismail Khan was a welcome initiative and this

the health insurance

programmes initiated by

State Life Insurance Corpo-

people of the province In a meeting with CEO

of State Life Shoaib Javed Hussain at the State Life Principal Office on Monday, he said that the problems faced by the people regarding health insurance should also be resolved.

CEO Shoaib Javed Hussain said that the state Life taking steps to expand State Life Takaful Insurance



KARACHI: Governor Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi meets CEO Sate Life Insurance Javed

British MP Ayoub Khan pledges unwavering support to Palestinian cause

LONDON (INP): Newly convey the severity of the situation. In contrast, Khan pendent MP from Perry Barr, Birmingham constituency, Ayoub Khan has reiterated his unwavering commitment to championing the Palestinian cause, dedicating his victory to the resilient people of Gaza. He lambasted the global community's hypocritical stance on the issue, vowing to persistently raise awareness in the British Parlia-

This was stated by him during an exclusive session in London with prominent Pakistani business leader, former ICCI President and Secretary General

UBG Zafar Bakhtawari. Ayoub Khan also drew parallels with the occupied Kashmir region, highlighting the similarities in the struggles faced by both populations. He acknowledged the critical role of social media in amplifying the Palestinian narranoted the technological limitations hindering the Kashmiri people's ability to share their stories, resulting in relatively less global attention.

The British MP reassured the Kashmiri community that they have a strong advocate in the British Parliament, pledging to vocally support their cause and echo their concerns. He also expressed his desire to strengthen UK-Pakistan relations, bridging the gap between the two nations through enhanced business connectivity and cultural exchange.

Zafar Bakhtawari briefed Khan on Pakistan's investment opportunities and the business community's role in youth development through industry-academia linkages. He extended an invitation to Khan to visit Pakistan and explore its tourism potive, leveraging graphics to tential, which he accepted.

Karachi's BRT Green, Orange lines suspended

KARACHI (INP): In order to ensure security, Karachi's Green and Orange lines will remain suspended during 8, 9 and 10 Muharram, reported on Monday. As per the announcement, both BRTs will resume services from July 18.

Meanwhile, Peoples Bus Service also announced the suspension of its operations on specific routes during 9 and 10 Muharram. A day earlier, the

city's traffic police 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

end at Hussainian Iranian Imambargah in Kharadar. Muhammad Ali (MA) Jinnah Road will remain closed from Gurumandir to Tower due to security concerns. 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.

The Mass Communi-

Rescue operations are currently underway, with firefighters working to fully

cation Department at Karachi University is a prominent institution that has produced many renowned journalists across Pakistan.