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Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif addresses the media in a press conference in Qasr-e-Millat, Dushanbe.

## PM wants expansion of bilateral trade between Pakistan, Tajikistan through enhanced connectivity

PM Shehbaz, President Emomali vow to further strengthen Pakistan-Tajikistan ties

DUSHANBE (APP): Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday stressed upon expansion of bilateral trade between Pakistan and Tajikistan as the current volume did not reflect the current level of brotherly relationship between the two countries.

Addressing a presser along with President of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon, the prime minister said that today, they had signed a number of MoUs which would be very helpful in furthering their bilateral ties.

The prime minister especially mentioned the

agreement over strategic partnership.

"These agreements will go a long way in furthering our brotherly ties and of course, expanding our scope of cooperation in the coming days," he added.

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif also assured Tajik president that he would work closely with him to further cement the brotherly ties not only in fields of agriculture, education, health and promotion of investment but also in expansion of bilateral trade.

He underlined that the both countries required to work closely and fix targets as how to increase their bi-

lateral trade and investment, citing transportation of goods from port of Karachi to Tajikistan via Afghanistan and then from Dushanbe to Karachi port via Afghanistan through a rail-road connectivity project.

The prime minister termed this existing opportunity as 'an area of huge economic importance for both countries'.

The prime minister apprised that he had very fruitful and productive one-on-one meeting with the Tajik president, besides holding delegation level meetings in which they discussed to explore trade and

investment opportunities.

He said Pakistan would be keen to be a part of China, Tajikistan and Afghanistan trade corridor project, adding it would be another opportunity to broaden the multilateral trade' in the region.

He also expressed the confidence that the CASA 1000, would be completed soon, bringing prosperity in this region.

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif also referred to another MoU pertaining to relaxation of visas requirements and said that it would be very helpful for both countries in further achieving their goals.

The prime minister said the two brotherly countries had been the victims of terrorism; Pakistan faced this menace for years and paid a huge price in terms of human lives and of course, suffered from colossal economic losses to the tune of billions of dollars.

Thousands of people from all walks of life laid down their lives to defeat the menace of terrorism, he said, adding the armed forces of Pakistan had been fighting this menace and its officers and jawans gave huge sacrifices in the line of duty, besides police and

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## PM directs to Power Division to finalize agreement about solarization of agri. tube wells in Balochistan

CM insists we want prompt solution to issue of zamindars; says billions of rupees to be saved on account of subsidy after conversion of legal connections of agricultural tube wells on solar energy

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QUETTA: The Prime Minister, Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif has directed to the Federal Secretary Power Division to finalize agreement about solarization of the agricultural tube wells in Balochistan as per the points already reached in the previous meetings. He also directed to the Power Division's team to reach Balochistan and finalize the matters in this regard.

The Prime Minister was chairing a video link meeting on the issue of conversion of agricultural tube wells on solar energy in Balochistan, in Islamabad on Tuesday morning.

The Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti and other high ups participated in the

meeting from Quetta through video link.

He was flanked by the Provincial Minister Finance, Mir Shoaib Nausherwani, Minister Food, Mir Ali Madad Jatak and other concerned high ups. Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister apprised the Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif and other participants of the meeting about the issues of zamindars of province.

He also highlighted the stance of the provincial government and steps taken by it in this regard.

Mir Sarfraz Bugti said that the provincial government has allocated Rs. 10 billion in the provincial budget for solarization of agricultural tube wells in the

province.

In addition to this, provincial government has already given subsidy of billions of rupees on electricity during last few years, adding he mentioned.

The Chief Minister said that we want prompt solution to the issues of zamindars, and they would suffer a lot in case of delay in this important matter.

He anticipated that billions of rupees would be saved on account of subsidy after conversion of agricultural tube wells on solar energy.

Therefore, it is endeavour of the provincial government that federal government may give final shape to the matters in this regard, adding the Chief Minister insisted.

## Law and justice have to be relied upon for sake of justice: CJP

ISLAMABAD (Online): Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Qazi Faez Isa has remarked constitution and law have to be relied upon for the sake of justice.

"We have to rely on law and constitution for sake of justice. Supreme Court (SC) decisions are based on justice. In every decision the constitution was followed. Some judges will be wise. I am not so much wise. Let Pakistan tread on the path of constitution once, CJP gave these remarks during the hearing of case related to reserved seats of Sunni Ittehad Council (SIC) Tuesday.

Justice Mansoor Ali Shah remarked we cannot close the eyes. If we can-

not see the entire picture then what we have to do with the powers of full justice. We all know that so many independent candidates succeeded in polls by showing their affiliation with PTI. Justice Munib Akhtar remarked parliamentary system is based on political parties. The question is this the independent candidates in such large number came from where. Did the people elect them as independent on their own. Did the Election Commission (EC) not declare these people independent. If it has been done so then should the court not correct this mistake. Should that legal option be not adopted which corrects this mistake.

On one side it is being said EC is constitutional institution which can do every thing. EC has official correspondence with assembly secretariat. EC is accepting members of SIC. How can EC change its stance on the matter of reserved seats.

Justice Athar Minallah remarked Attorney General it is not simple appeal. It is case of rights of people. You want we declare the misinterpretation of EC correct. This has misinterpreted court's decision. You want we revive doctrine of necessity.

Justice Ayesha Malik remarked as to why EC is not accepting SIC as political party after accepting it as parliamentary party.



ISLAMABAD: Former Federal Minister and senior leader of the Awami National Party, Mr Ghulam Ahmed Bilour, called on President Asif Ali Zardari, at Aiwan-e-Sadr.

## All political parties need to join hands for economic, political stability: President

ISLAMABAD (INP): President Asif Ali Zardari has said that all political parties will have to work together for economic, political stability and addressing the problems being faced by the country.

He stated this while talking to former federal minister and senior leader of Awami National Party (ANP) Ghulam Ahmed Bilour who called on him in Islamabad on Tuesday.

During the meeting, overall political, security and law and order situation of the country came under

discussion. President Asif Ali Zardari emphasized that all political parties need to work together for economic and political stability and addressing the country's problems.

Consultation and consensus with all political parties on important national issues is inevitable, he added.

ANP leader Ghulam Ahmed Bilour congratulated Asif Zardari on assuming the office of President for the second time.

## PM Shehbaz lays wreath at Ismail Somoni monument

DUSHANBE (APP): Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday laid a wreath at the monument of Tajikistan's national hero Ismail Somoni, short after his arrival for a two-day visit here.

Ismail Somoni is regarded as the historic figure of Central Asia and a hero of Tajikistan, who ruled Tajikistan and Khurasan region in 9th and 10th century, and brought about

immense development to the Tajik nation.

Earlier, as the prime minister arrived at the Dushanbe airport, he was received by Tajik Prime Minister Kokhir Rasulzoda, Energy Minister Daler Juma, Deputy Foreign Minister Farrukh Sharifzoda, Tajik Ambassador in Islamabad Yousuf Sharifzoda and Pakistan's Ambassador in Dushanbe Saeed Sarwar and senior diplomatic officers.



DUSHANBE: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif meets Prime Minister of Tajikistan H.E. Qahir Rasulzoda at the airport in Tajikistan.

## Imran Khan alleges intelligence agency's interference in jail matters

Monitoring Desk ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) founding chairman Imran Khan has criticised the alleged interference of the Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) in civilian matters.

In an informal media talk inside Adiala Jail today, the incarcerated former prime minister said, "We have filed a petition in court questioning the presence of ISI Majors and Colonels in Adiala Jail."

"The ISI has no authority in civil matters or judiciary interference. The prison superintendent is following ISI orders, leading to the transfer of two officers to ensure no leniency is shown to me."

Talking about the results of the February general elections, the PTI founder expressed confusion stating, "Five months

have passed since the elections, and I still do not know who won or lost."

He also spoke about the recent resolution by the US Congress on alleged election irregularities in Pakistan highlighting that it had passed with 85% support. "Even the most powerful Israeli lobby has never managed such a resolution. The US conducted thorough research before approving this resolution"

He cited reports from PILDAT and FAFEN confirming electoral fraud, alleging that the chief election commissioner was appointed to cover up these irregularities. The entire country says it was a fraudulent election," Imran stated. "The world is echoing what the commissioner of Rawalpindi and former Prime Minister Kakar told Hanif Abbasi."

## President summons Senate to meet on July 4

ISLAMABAD (APP): President Asif Ali Zardari on Tuesday summoned the Senate to meet on July 4.

The Senate will meet at the Parliament House on Thursday at 1700 hours, according to a President House press release.

The president summoned the session in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Article 54 (1) of the Constitution.

## Justice Aalia Neelum nominated as LHC chief justice

ISLAMABAD (INP): The Judicial Commission of Pakistan (JCP) has unanimously nominated Justice Aalia Neelum as the first-ever woman Chief Justice of Lahore High Court (LHC).



The Commission, headed by Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Qazi Faez Isa, unanimously approved Justice Neelum's name for the coveted position.

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## Politicians have to play role to come out of present crisis & disappointment, insists Sheikh Jaffar Mandokhail

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QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail has stated that the politics is a difficult and complex process and there is a need to learn from our mistakes and maintain relationships with the masses to play role in it (politics).

The Governor said that democracy is the name of rule of people in which public service, harmony, respect to difference of opinion and acceptability are essential elements.

This is matter of satisfaction that there is democratic system and democratic institutions in the country, however, still there is a need to do a lot for learning from experiences of each other and making the democratic system fruitful.

The Governor was speaking to a delegation

who called on him under leadership of the organizing General Secretary of Balochistan Awami Party, here on Tuesday.

The Governor stressed that our political workers and leaders have to make them compatible with the requirements of ever changing world.

He said that the public representatives and political leaders are held in high esteem in every civilized society just because they play leading role to set new course for the bright future of society, increase in the rights and powers of the people and ensure provision of justice.

The Governor expressed sorrow over that we are indulged in meaningless and unnecessary hatred as a result we have lost major objectives and human values.

He stressed the need to promote understanding and harmony in the society.

## PTI founder's arrest an internal matter of Pak: Law minister

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Law and Justice Senator Azam Nazeer Tarar on Tuesday said that the arrest of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf's (PTI) founder and pending cases against him were an internal matter of Pakistan.

He said Pakistan was a sovereign state and its court enforced its Constitution and laws, and took decisions accordingly.

Responding to the report of the United Nations Working Group, the minister said the PTI founder was in the jail as a convicted prisoner. He had all rights as per the Constitution of Pakistan and laws, and international norms.

The relief given to the PTI founder by the courts in many cases manifested a transparent and fair trial of his cases by the judiciary.

It was biased and unfair to make demands beyond the ambit of Constitution, law and international norms, he added.

## Justice Ejaz Swati takes oath as Acting Chief Justice

QUETTA (APP): Balochistan High Court's judge Justice Muhammad Ejaz Swati took oath as Acting Chief Justice on Tuesday.

Justice Muhammad Khan Mulakhail administered the oath ceremony of the Acting Chief Justice.

Judges of Balochistan High Court, lawyers' community and others were also present in the ceremony.

## Attallah Tarar for further strengthening economic ties with Canada

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Information, Broadcasting, National Heritage, and Culture, Attallah Tarar, emphasized the importance of strengthening economic ties with Canada during a meet-



ing with the Canadian High Commissioner to Pakistan, Leslie Scanlon, on Tuesday.

In their discussion, Minister Tarar highlighted the mutual benefits of enhanced economic relations between the two countries. They also addressed various key issues, including bilateral relations and the government's economic initiatives.

High Commissioner Scanlon congratulated the minister on assuming the additional portfolio of National Heritage and Culture, alongside his responsibilities in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

Minister Tarar underscored the significance of the longstanding and multifaceted relationship between Pakistan and Canada, noting that Ottawa is a major development partner for Pakistan. High Commissioner Scanlon expressed appreciation for the economic initiatives undertaken by the Government of Pakistan.

## ATC issues non-bailable arrest warrant for CM Gandapur

ISLAMABAD (INP): Anti-terrorism court (ATC) of Islamabad on Tuesday issued non-bailable arrest warrants for Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Ali Amin Gandapur.

In October 2022, a case was registered against Ali Amin Gandapur in connection with an FIR at the I-9 police station for protesting against the decision of Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP).

Gandapur has pleaded

the court for exemption of attendance which was rejected by the court.

Judge Tahir Abbas Sipra has held the hearing for tomorrow (Wednesday).

The court said Gandapur had never appeared before the court after April 2024.

It should be noted that the case was lodged for vandalism during the protest against disqualification of Imran Khan.

## Sri Lankan envoy praises CPEC & Gwadar impact; eyes deeper ties with Pakistan across sectors

ISLAMABAD (APP): Sri Lanka's High Commissioner Admiral Ravindra C Wijegunaratne, on Tuesday highlighting Pakistan's pivotal economic developments linked to CPEC and the operationalization of Gwadar Port, expressed his country's commitment to furthering diplomatic, economic and cultural ties with Pakistan.

He stressed the importance of long-term policies focusing on youth development, agriculture, and water security for sustained growth in an exclusive chat with APP.

Ravindra emphasized the necessity for Pakistan to formulate long-term policies that prioritize youth development, agricultural sustainability, and enhanced water security to sustain economic growth effectively.

Regarding bilateral ties, the envoy reiterated Sri Lanka's commitment to strengthening relations with Pakistan across multiple fronts, including trade, tourism, and defence.

He pointed out Sri Lanka's pivotal role as an international transshipment hub, particularly for mega-

container ships like the Triple E-Class, which cannot dock at all ports due to their size. He anticipated that the full operationalization of Gwadar Port would provide Pakistan with significant revenue opportunities, particularly for transit trade to the Central Asian Republics (CARs).

Reflecting on the historical camaraderie between the two nations, Admiral Wijegunaratne recalled Sri Lanka's steadfast support for Pakistan during critical junctures, including providing crucial logistical support during the 1971 war. He praised Pakistan's assistance in combating insurgency in Sri Lanka, highlighting the provision of military hardware that helped in defeating the Tamil Tigers.

Economically, he noted the bilateral trade volume of approximately one billion dollars annually, with prospects to exceed this mark, emphasizing Pakistan's exports to Sri Lanka and Sri Lanka's potential to expand its exports to Pakistan. He also discussed Sri Lanka's interest in boosting tourism between the two countries,

noting challenges in air connectivity that hinder potential growth in this sector.

On educational and cultural exchanges, Admiral Ravindra highlighted initiatives such as the Allama Iqbal Scholarship, which supports Sri Lankan students studying in Pakistan. He mentioned Sri Lanka's eagerness to collaborate with Pakistan in religious education and praised Pakistan's hosting of the Gandhara Culture Symposium, emphasizing the cultural ties that could enhance tourism and mutual understanding.

Looking ahead, Wijegunaratne discussed Sri Lanka's recovery from economic challenges exacerbated by COVID-19, focusing on revitalizing tourism and improving agricultural productivity. He suggested Pakistan to negotiate debt restructuring with international lenders and leverage its diaspora to bolster foreign exchange reserves.

Addressing regional challenges, the Sri Lankan envoy highlighted climate change as a potential threat to South Asia, stressing the need for collective action.



DUSHANBE: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif receives guard of honor at the Qasr-e-Millat.

## PM wants expansion of bilateral...

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other law enforcement agencies personnel also rendered huge sacrifices.

Termed it a "story of huge sacrifices", the prime minister regretted that unfortunately, it had re-surged but it would be suffice to say that they had absolutely resolved to defeat this menace again with collective efforts.

The prime minister also offered cooperation to Tajikistan in this regard and said the two countries could fight this menace collectively wherever it existed and in any shape.

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif reiterated that peace was imperative for progress and prosperity of the region as it was directly linked with the development of the region.

The prime minister said today, the world was facing different challenges, the war in Ukraine, and genocide in Gaza in which almost 40,000 Palestinians had lost their lives including children and mothers had been martyred.

"It is genocide", he said, adding that the mankind had not seen such scale of destruction in the recent times.

The prime minister said Pakistan had condemned this genocide in the strongest terms.

He said that Pakistan had raised voice for the support of people of Palestine and maintained that unless their due rights were recognized including the right to freedom as citizens of free Palestine state, permanent peace could not be achieved in the region.

Pakistan also deeply condemned what was happening in the Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK), he said and reiterated that durable peace could not happen without just solution to the Kashmir issue in line with the aspirations of the Kashmiri people and the implementation of resolutions of the United Nations Security Council in this regard.

He also thanked the

Tajik president for the warm welcome accorded to him and his delegation and reiterated an invitation to him to visit Pakistan.

Earlier Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif and President of the Republic of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon on Tuesday expressed satisfaction on the existing fraternal ties and reaffirmed to continue their joint efforts to further strengthen Pakistan-Tajikistan ties.

The two leaders reaffirmed their commitment to deepen the existing fraternal ties between the two countries which were based on a shared history, culture, geographical contiguity and common faith.

On the bilateral front, the two leaders discussed the entire range of bilateral cooperation between Pakistan and Tajikistan, including trade and economy, investment, connectivity, culture, education, science & technology, defence, humanitarian assistance, parliamentary exchanges, and people-to-people contacts.

The prime minister who is on a two-day official visit to Tajikistan on the invitation of the president of Tajikistan, met the Tajik president.

Earlier, the official welcoming ceremony was held at Qasr e Millat. Upon arrival at Qasr e Millat, the president of Tajikistan received the prime minister, and he was given a guard of honour.

The welcome ceremony was followed by a tete-a-tete meeting and delegation level talks, PM Office Media Wing said in a press release.

During the talks, the two leaders exchanged views on a wide range of issues of bilateral cooperation, as well as regional and international issues of mutual interest.

The two leaders signed the "Strategic Partnership Agreement", which upgrades bilateral relations to the level of a long-term strategic partnership.

The two leaders underlined that the upgradation in bilateral relations would open new vistas of opportunities to further expand multifaceted cooperation.

To further deepen and diversify bilateral relations, the two sides signed a number of Agreements/MoUs in the fields of aviation, diplomacy, education, sports, people to people linkages, industrial cooperation, tourism, etc.

## Justice Aalia...

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She was third in the seniority list of the Lahore High Court after the elevation of former LHC CJ Malik Shahzad Ahmad Khan and Justice Shahid Bilal Hassan to the Supreme Court.

After Justice Shahzad's elevation, Justice Shujaat Ali Khan was appointed as the acting chief justice for the LHC by President Asif Ali Zardari under Article 196.

Justice Aalia Neelum, a renowned jurist, started her practice as a lawyer in 1996 and was elevated as a judge of the Lahore High Court in 2013. She has a distinguished career spanning over two decades and has been known for her judicious approach and legal acumen.

Addressing the audi-

## NEPRA introduces new fixed charges for domestic consumers effective July 1

ISLAMABAD (INP): The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) has announced revised fixed charges for domestic consumers, effective from July 1, aimed at boosting revenue for electricity distribution companies.

According to the latest details, households consuming up to 200 units of electricity will be exempt from fixed charges. For consumers using 301 to 400 units, a monthly charge of Rs 200 will apply, while those using 401 to 500 units will incur Rs 400 per month.

Consumers falling within the 501 to 600 units bracket will face a fixed charge of Rs 600 monthly, escalating to Rs 800 for usage between 601 to 700 units.

Households consuming over 700 units will bear a fixed charge of Rs 1,000 per month.

The rationale behind these adjustments is to enhance revenue streams for electricity distributors, ensuring sustainability and improved service provision.

As these changes take effect, stakeholders anticipated varied responses from consumers affected by the new tariff structure, aiming for equitable distribution of costs across usage tiers.

This move by NEPRA reflects ongoing efforts to stabilize the energy sector and meet financial obligations amid evolving consumer needs and market dynamics.

## Rana Sanaullah advocates political leadership for country's progress

ISLAMABAD (INP): Rana Sanaullah, leader of Pakistan Muslim League (N) and advisor for inter-provincial coordination, emphasized the pivotal role of political parties in steering the country forward. He underscored that political dynamics shape national discourse and governance, urging a shift away from negative narratives surrounding politics.

Addressing the audi-

ence at an event in Islamabad, Sanaullah called for a cultural re-assessment, applauding positive traditions while advocating accountability for negative attitudes. Reflecting on his extensive experience in law and provincial governance, he highlighted his current role in inter-provincial relations and advocated for enhancing political engagement in sports administration.



LAHORE: Chief Minister Punjab Maryam Nawaz chairing a special meeting to review amendments to the proposed laws and rules for establishment of the Punjab Enforcement Regulatory Authority

## Training completed for New Gwadar International Airport in Hainan, China

BEIJING (APP): The training course for the New Gwadar International Airport being constructed in Gwadar, Balochistan province, has been completed in Hainan, China.

It provided a comprehensive understanding of airport operations, Chinese aeronautical regulations, airport management, aviation safety, aircraft maintenance, security and logistics," said Subhash Chader, senior assistant director of communication, navigation, and surveillance in the electronics engineering division of Pakistan Civil Aviation Authority (PCCA).

Muhammad Qayyam Khalid, senior deputy director of commercial development and cargo operations with the PCCA, said, "The technological innovation and infrastructure at Hainan's airports are a testament to the province's remarkable progress in recent decades. The unique architecture of the airports reflects careful planning and design to meet the needs of travelers." During the training course, participants visited Hainan Free Trade Port's one-stop aircraft maintenance industrial base to explore potential cooperation opportunities with

Pakistan in related industries, China Daily reported.

With a total investment of about 1.62 billion yuan (\$220 million) and a footprint of about 15 hectares, the one-stop maintenance base aims to leverage the policy advantages of the port to expand the aircraft maintenance market.

It aims to become a high-level, intelligent, one-stop aircraft maintenance platform serving the global market. Khalid said Pakistan and Hainan can collaborate on aircraft maintenance services, leveraging the province's expertise and facilities to support Pakistani airline companies.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Mr. Tanweer Aslam with regards to movable & immovable assets of deceased Mr. Aziza Rana citizen number 54400607464 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs:  
1. Tabassum Hassan (Daughter)  
2. Durr E Saadat Khan (Daughter)  
3. Uzma Rana (Daughter)  
4. Tanweer Aslam (Daughter)  
5. Anwar Haroon (Daughter)  
6. M. Mazhar Hussain Khan (Son)  
7. Samina Ashraf Choudhry (Daughter)  
On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach to person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice.

INCHARGE SFU, NADRA QUETTA-SFU

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Mr. Muhammad Hanif with regards to movable & immovable assets of deceased Mr. Haji Ali Muhammad citizen number 563020812403 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs:  
1. Bibi Fareeda (Daughter)  
2. Zahida (Daughter)  
3. Khalid Khan (Son)  
4. Bibi Saadea (Daughter)  
5. Muhammad Ali (Son)  
6. Raouf (Son)  
7. Muhammad Hanif (Son)  
8. Nehal Khatoon (Spouse)  
On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach to person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice.

INCHARGE SFU, NADRA MEGA QUETTA-SFU

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Ms. Bibi Najma with regards to movable & immovable assets of deceased Mr. Ameer Jan citizen number 544008904111 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs:  
1. Bibi Najma (Spouse)  
On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach to person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice.

INCHARGE SFU, NADRA MEGA QUETTA-SFU

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Application for issuance of Letter of Administration / Succession Certificate by Mr. Saif Ullah with regards to movable & immovable assets of deceased Mr. Aman Ullah citizen number 5440046511959 has been received. Following are declared as legal heirs:  
1. Saif Ullah (Son)  
2. Muhammad Ullah (Son)  
3. Razaq Ullah (Son)  
4. Shama Ullah (Son)  
5. Eshan Ullah (Son)  
6. Nageem Ullah (Son)  
7. Irfan Khan (Son)  
8. Bibi Salima (Daughter)  
9. Bibi Khalida (Daughter)  
On the above application the objections of public at large are invited. Any aggrieved person may approach to person the undersigned for submission of objection (if any) within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice.

INCHARGE SFU, NADRA MEGA QUETTA-SFU

**TENDER NOTICE**  
TSE-242507473323 Only electronic bid will be submitted, No physical bid is required. Note: In All Procurements of GOB Whether Through Electronic or Manual Bid Submission, It is Mandatory For All Bidders to Get Registered At Electronic Public Procurement System of BPPRA GOB. The Project Director Chief Minister Package for Quetta Development invites bids from Eligible Bidders for execution of following works for the Year 2024 based on Composite schedule rates 2018 on Percentage Rates Tender Fee Rs.1000/- and Bid Security 2%

S.No	Name of Work/s	E/Cost
1	Clearing / Aligning & Reconstruction of Service Road (Service Roads from RD 2+800 to 6+125)	1,661,748,000

Procurements shall be made under the Balochistan Public Procurement Rules - 2014. Eligibility of Bidders: Presence in Active Tax Payer List. The bidding firm must not be blacklisted by any procuring agency of Pakistan. Balochistan Revenue Authority Registration is required. The bidder must have completed 2 Assignment of similar nature of work. Turnover of at least 1,000,000,000 PKR Amount in 3 subsequent previous years showing financial capacity of the firm Registration with Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC) C-1 and above (Upto 2500 million) in Relevant Category and Specialized Code is CE02, CE09(i) (Sewerage Works), CE10(i) (General Civil Engineering Works), CE01-(i) (Road and Pavements Drainage & Retaining Structure). Bid Security of 2% of estimated cost Tender processing fee of amount Rs. 1000 in account No. C02716 having head, PD, C/MPQD. Only for the firms already engaged with PMU - C/MPQD, it is mandatory for them to provide performance certificate. Procedure of Procurement: Single Stage Two Envelope Bidding Procedure Bid Security: The bids must accompany Bid Security in the form of Bank Guarantee, Deposit at Call of 2% specified above in the name of the undersigned from a scheduled bank. Tender Documents: The NIT & Bidding Document can be obtained electronically from www.bppra.gov.pk Issuance of tender Documents: Complete Bidding Document can be viewed at www.bppra.gov.pk Last Date of bid submission: Bid can only be submitted electronically latest by 22 July, 2024 till 11:00 AM through supplier dashboard. Tender opening: All tenders will be opened on same day at 12:00 PM on EPPS System Address: House No. 81-A Chaman Housing Scheme Airport Road Quetta  
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**NOTICE INVITING TENDER**  
The Irrigation Division Harnai intends to carry out the following Development Works for the year 2024-25 and invites sealed tenders on composite schedule of rates 2023 GoB for the PEC Registered Government Contractors.  
Earnest Money 2% , Tender Fee Rs.2000/- and Completion Period 12 Months for each work.

S.No	Name of work	E/Cost
1.	FLOOD PROTECTION KILLI SPIN TANGI HARNAI PSDP No. 3488 (2024-25)	49.52 M
2.	CONSTRUCTION OF IRRIGATION CHANNEL AT SUNARI, BALLI, CHAP, TUKA, DUB, KOTALI KHAN, SHINKACH AND MAIN KACH SPINTANGI AREA DISTRICT HARNAI PSDP No. 3035 (2024-25) TSE-242507472173	19.80 M

The Procurement shall be carried out in accordance with the BPPRA rules 2014 and Amended 2019. ELIGIBILITY OF CONTRACTORS: Valid registration certificate of PEC in the relevant category and having following Specialization Codes CE 04 (irrigation only), CE 10 General Civil Engineering Works: Slope Protection Earthworks, sub-soil drainage, Waterproofing, etc. Valid registration certificates from Income Tax Authority (NTN) and Baluchistan Revenue Authority (BRA). The firm/ Contractor either blacklisted nor involved in any Litigation / Arbitration (Attach all certificates and the affidavit (on non-judicial stamp paper) of not blacklisting) not involved in any litigation / arbitration) Authorized Representative's will only be allowed, having a specific Authorization letter for the Scheme mentioned above. (The Authorization letter/ deed must be provided on Non-Judicial Stamp Paper Valuing Rs. 100, duly attested by first class Magistrate). Rate analysis of offered rates. Detailed Technical Evaluation Criteria is mentioned in the Bidding Documents. METHOD OF PROCUREMENT: Bids are invited on Single stage two envelope procedure (Technical & Financial Proposals). Financial Proposals of bids found Non-responsive by the procurement committee shall be returned un-opened to the respective bidders. The interested Contractors /Firms are required to provide Technical Proposal comprising information regarding Experience, Personnel Capabilities, Financial Status, Equipment Capabilities and other relevant information as explained in the Bid Soliciting Documents (one original + one copy) in sealed envelope & the Financial Proposal in separate envelope, clearly labeled each accordingly BIDDING / TENDER DOCUMENTS ISSUANCE: The tender documents shall be obtained till 18<sup>th</sup> July 2024, from the office of the undersigned on production of green challan (as bidding documents fee) to be deposited in the head of account C-03434 in the National Bank of Pakistan. The NIT & Bidding Document can also be downloaded from www.bppra.gov.pk. SUBMISSION OF BIDDING / TENDER DOCUMENTS: The last date & time for submission of tender documents will be 19/07/2024 at 1.00 P.M. Only the Bid (Technical Proposals) will be opened on the same date 19/07/2024 in the office of undersigned at 2.00PM, before procurement committee and in the presence of Contractors/ Firms or their authorized representatives. Date and time for opening of (Financial) Bids will be communicated to only the shortlisted contractors after evaluation of the technical bids accordingly. BID SECURITY: Bid Security of 2% of estimated cost in the shape of call deposit from any scheduled bank as mentioned against the contract shall be enclosed with the bid (Technical Proposal). The Competent Authority reserves the right to accept/reject any or all bids at any time prior to acceptance of a bid, due to cogent reason. Any further information regarding the bid can be obtained from Office of the Undersigned on any working day. The office of the Executive Engineer, Irrigation Division Harnai. Tel#0833-520083

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ii.	Civil Work.	2.902 M	58100	1500	30-6-2025	TSE-242507472563
iii.	Solar System.	5.490 M	110000	1500	30-6-2025	TSE-242507472803
iv.	Supply of Pipe	0.587 M	11800	650	30-6-2025	TSE-242507472823
2	Construction of WSS Goth Mohammad Malook Katohar PSDP NO.5657					
i.	Drilling & Development of Bore.	3.947 M	79000	1500	30-6-2025	TSE-242507472693
ii.	Civil Work.	2.902 M	58100	1500	30-6-2025	TSE-242507472733
iii.	Solar System.	5.490 M	110000	1500	30-6-2025	TSE-242507472783
iv.	Supply of Pipe	0.587 M	11800	650	30-6-2025	TSE-242507472843
3	Construction of WSS Talib Hussain Ginsar PSDP NO.5992					
i.	Drilling & Development of Bore.	3.947 M	79000	1500	30-6-2025	TSE-242507472903
ii.	Civil Work.	2.902 M	58100	1500	30-6-2025	TSE-242507472923
iii.	Solar System.	5.490 M	110000	1500	30-6-2025	TSE-242507472983
iv.	Supply of Pipe	0.587 M	11800	650	30-6-2025	TSE-242507473013
4	Construction of WSS Goth Zahoor Ahmed Shahpost Mouza Saina PSDP NO.5786					
i.	Drilling & Development of Bore.	3.947 M	79000	1500	30-6-2025	TSE-242507473073
ii.	Civil Work.	2.902 M	58100	1500	30-6-2025	TSE-242507473133
iii.	Solar System.	5.490 M	110000	1500	30-6-2025	TSE-242507473843
iv.	Supply of Pipe	0.587 M	11800	650	30-6-2025	TSE-242507473873
5	Construction of WSS Goth Rakhia Khan Mouza Saina PSDP NO.5791					
i.	Drilling & Development of Bore.	3.947 M	79000	1500	30-6-2025	TSE-242507473883
ii.	Civil Work.	2.902 M	58100	1500	30-6-2025	TSE-242507473943
iii.	Solar System.	5.490 M	110000	1500	30-6-2025	TSE-242507473963
iv.	Supply of Pipe	0.587 M	11800	650	30-6-2025	TSE-242507474013
6	Construction of WSS Goth Mohammad Achar Banguani PSDP NO.5819					
i.	Drilling & Development of Bore.	3.947 M	79000	1500	30-6-2025	TSE-242507474053
ii.	Civil Work.	2.902 M	58100	1500	30-6-2025	TSE-242507474073
iii.	Solar System.	5.490 M	110000	1500	30-6-2025	TSE-242507475073
iv.	Supply of Pipe	0.587 M	11800	650	30-6-2025	TSE-242507475413
7	Construction of WSS Goth Hamid Ali Banguani PSDP NO.7790					
i.	Drilling & Development of Bore.	3.947 M	79000	1500	30-6-2025	TSE-242507475433
ii.	Civil Work.	2.902 M	58100	1500	30-6-2025	TSE-242507475563
iii.	Solar System.	5.490 M	110000	1500	30-6-2025	TSE-242507475503
iv.	Supply of Pipe	0.587 M	11800	650	30-6-2025	TSE-242507475503
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i.	Drilling & Development of Bore.	3.947 M	79000	1500	30-6-2025	TSE-242507475573
ii.	Civil Work.	2.902 M	58100	1500	30-6-2025	TSE-242507475593
iii.	Solar System.	5.490 M	110000	1500	30-6-2025	TSE-242507475703
iv.	Supply of Pipe	0.587 M	11800	650	30-6-2025	TSE-242507475823

Procurement shall be made the Balochistan Public Procurement Rule 2014. Eligibility: The Contractor must have valid registration with Pakistan Engineering Council in relevant Category and Drilling Agencies must have registration with Drilling Directorate I&P Department (CE-6, CE-9 & CE-10 & above in relevant discipline and registration with tax authorities i.e. NTN and sales tax and BST Department), where applicable. Three Years Relevant works Experience. Turn Over of last three years. Method of Procurement, Single stage, single envelopes Procedure: Bid Security: The bid must accompany bid security in shape of Bank Call Deposit of amount specified above in the name of the undersigned from a scheduled bank. Tender Documents: The bidding documents can be obtained from the Office of the undersigned upon payment (Non-refundable) bidding documents fee amount mentioned above against each work through green challan under head C02726 Receipt (the NIT and bidding documents can also be downloaded from BPPRA web site. Issuance of Tender Documents: Tender documents issued from the date of publication of NIT to till 19-07-2024 at 11:00 AM. Last date of Bid Submission The tender must be submitted latest by 19-07-2024at 12:00 PM. Tender Opening: All tenders will be opened on same day at the office of undersigned at 01:00 PM. Place of Issuance and submission will be: Address: Office of The Executive Engineer, I&P Division Jhal Magsi at Gandawah Telephone: 0837-430173 Fax No. 0838-430173 E-mail address: xerphalmagsi@gmail.com Bid Validity Period: 90 days. The undersigned reserve the right to reject all or any bids without assignment of any reason thereof. Note: It may be noted that no pay order will be accepted/entertained and firm's complete title/ name should be written on the call deposit. (Pay Order and Bank Draft will not be acceptable)

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1	CONSTRUCTION OF BT ROAD INSTALLATION OF SOLAR STREET LIGHTS HAJUJABAD BHAG DISTRICT KACHHI TSE-242507472793	49,000,000
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3	CONSTRUCTION OF PCC STREET, SIDE DRAINS FIXING OF TUFF TILES, AT DHADAR, SHAHI CHOWK, MASHKAF DISTRICT KACHHI TSE-242507472553	49,000,000
4	CONSTRUCTION OF BT ROAD & INSTALLATION OF SOLAR STREET LIGHT JAMEELABAD DISTRICT KACHHI TSE-242507472343	49,000,000

Procurements shall be made under the Balochistan Public Procurement Rules - 2014. Eligibility of Bidders: Eligibility Criteria for bidders may be seen in the Bidding Documents Bidding Procedure: Single Stage One Envelope Bidding Procedure (TSE-242507472793, TSE-242507472653, TSE-242507472553, TSE-242507472343) Tender Documents: The Bidding document can be downloaded from www.bppra.gov.pk (free of cost) and the same can also be obtained from the office of the undersigned upon payment of prescribed tender fee. Last Date and Time of Bid Submission 22 July, 2024 at 12:00 PM and will be opened on same day at 01:00 PM Address: Local Government Office, Dhadar District Kachhi Phone no: 03327868891 Email: qazi.shoran@gmail.com

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ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif chairs a meeting regarding national preparedness for the monsoon.

## PM forms high-level committee for tackling monsoon emergencies

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday formed a high-level committee to handle potential emergencies during the upcoming monsoon season.

Chairing a review meeting to address the monsoon forecast and potential emergencies, the prime minister decided to personally supervise the response to any flood situations during the monsoon.

Prime Minister Shehbaz emphasized integrating advanced monsoon information into national broadcasts, stressing the regular dissemination of weather updates to farmers. He assured full support to farmers during emergencies, emphasizing the need for immediate assistance in such situations.

He instructed all relevant institutions to remain on high alert during the monsoon and directed the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) to support all provincial governments and related agencies.

The prime minister directed that advance information about the monsoon be disseminated to people in areas at risk of any emergency during the season. He

emphasized that farmers and residents located near rivers and canals should be updated daily through the media and other information sources.

During the meeting, the NDMA provided a detailed briefing on the monsoon forecast and the areas at risk. The forum was informed that heavy monsoon rains are expected in the four provinces during the first and second weeks of July. The forum was informed that this year's monsoon rains in Pakistan will move from the southeast to the north. Rainfall is expected in the Potohar region and the eastern part of Punjab during the first week of July. The meeting was informed that in the second week of July, there is a possibility of heavy rains in Rawalpindi, Sargodha, Gujranwala, Lahore, and Faisalabad, with scattered rainfall anticipated in Bahawalpur, Multan, Sahiwal, and Dera Ghazi Khan divisions.

According to the briefing, a flood situation is anticipated in the Sutlej, Chenab, and Ravi rivers during the first two weeks of August. Preparations for relocation and emergency response have been completed in the areas surrounding these rivers.

## Pak-Iran ties can be strengthened through educational, cultural cooperation: Chairman HEC

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chairman Higher Education Commission (HEC), Dr Mukhtar Ahmed on Tuesday said that Iran has been the guardian of knowledge, culture, and heritage for centuries, whereas Pakistan and Iran can learn from each other's experiences as neighbouring countries.

He was addressing as chair to the opening session of the two-day Second International Conference on "Iran-Pakistan Academic-Cultural Dialogue" here organized by Allama Iqbal Open University (AIU) in collaboration with the Higher Education Commission (HEC) of Pakistan.

Dr. Mukhtar highlighted the importance of Muslim countries setting aside their mutual differences and uniting to address common problems. He also stressed that Iran-Pakistan relations can be further strengthened through educational and cultural cooperation.

Furthermore, he emphasized the use of education, science, and knowledge for the betterment of humanity instead of destruction. Lastly, he also offered prayers and condolences for the former president of Iran who recently passed away.

The head of the Iranian delegation, Prof. Dr. Seyyed Abolhasan Navvab, addressed the conference, expressing his pleasure in visiting Pakistan and Allama Iqbal Open University. He underscored the shared values between Iran and Pakistan,

highlighting the importance of cooperation in education, culture, knowledge, economy and science.

Prof. Dr. Navvab also mentioned the vast opportunities for collaboration between the two countries and expressed gratitude for the support from the Pakistani nation and government. He concluded by expressing his willingness to visit Pakistan frequently to further enhance the relationship, and thanked AIU and HEC for organizing the conference.

Vice-Chancellor, AIU, Prof. Dr. Nasir Mahmood, while delivering the welcome note, said that during a conference at Irani University this year, significant progress was made in fostering collaboration in various departments.

## Ulema's role indispensable for promoting unity, brotherhood, peace in country: Ch. Salik

ISLAMABAD (INP): Minister for Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony Chaudhry Salik Hussain on Tuesday emphasized on the indispensable role of Islamic scholars in maintaining unity, brotherhood, and peace in the country, especially during Muharram-ul-Haram 1446 AH and the days ahead.

He said this during an address at a representative meeting of Pakistan's leading scholars and religious leaders, held at the Council of Islamic Ideology (CII) under the chairmanship of Dr. Raghieb Naemi.

Minister Salik highlighted that the remaining roots of extremism and radicalism in the country were close to being eradicated.

The CII Chairman, Dr Raghieb Naemi, presented the consensus declaration of the meeting. He stated that the "Azm-e-Istihkam" initiative would not only strengthen the National Action Plan but also achieve the desired outcomes for peace. He emphasized the need to disseminate the Code of Conduct of the "Paigham-e-Pakistan" from the pulpit and niche, ensuring it reaches the very fabric of society.

Additionally, he said promoting a separate code of conduct specifically for Muharram-ul-Haram was crucial, a responsibility that rests with the religious scholars and leaders.

Dr. Raghieb said the declaration underscored the importance of upholding the Constitution, respecting the basic rights of every citizen, veneration of Islamic sanctities, and taking genuine steps to eradicate hate speech, violence, prejudice, sectarianism, and extremism.

Prominent participants of the meeting included Hafiz Tahir Ashrafi, Maulana Abdul Khair Azad, Maulana Hamid-ul-Haq Haqqani, Maulana Ahmed Ludhianvi, Maulana Tayyab Qureshi, Allama Arif Wahidi, Allama Itikhar Hussain Naqvi, Mufti Nauman Naem, Allama Shabbir Maisami, Allama Hameed Imami, Pir Naqeb-ur-Rehman, Maulana Imtiaz Siddiqui, Senator Hafiz Abdul Karim, and other esteemed scholars.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony Chaudhry Salik Hussain addressing a meeting of leading scholars and religious leaders at the Council of Islamic Ideology

## IFA destroys mint grown with wastewater in ICT

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Islamabad Food Authority (IFA) on Tuesday raided at vegetable farms in the G-12 area and destroyed mint of hundreds kilograms, irrigated with wastewater on one kanal land.

Talking to APP, Deputy Director Operations (DDO) of IFA, Dr Tahira Siddique said that the IFA accompanied by food safety teams (FSTs) inspected a total of 10 kanal land and found mint irrigated with wastewater on one kanal, which was then destroyed.

Dr. Tahira Siddique stated that these vegetables were meant to sell in the vegetable market. Using wastewater for irrigation violates food safety rules.

Farmers received strict warnings to stop using wastewater for growing vegetables, she added.

Dr. Siddique emphasized that contaminated water could cause diseases and only non-edible crops could be irrigated with such water.

The IFA was conducting strict monitoring to ensure a safe food supply. Food safety teams were always active in the field to provide quality and nutritious food to the public, she added.

## Political instability pushes Pakistan to economic crisis, Shibli Faraz

ISLAMABAD (INP): Former federal information minister, Shibli Faraz has claimed that Pakistan is facing a crisis due to political instability. The Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf leader, talking to the media accompanied by Kanwal Shauzab in Islamabad, asserted that only elected representatives' presence in parliament can ensure improvements. He said current occupants of parliament hold their seats due to Form-47, not through a public vote.

These people lack legitimacy as public representatives, he added. He said the budget announced by the federal government is not public friendly.

Criticizing the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP), he said the commission has failed to perform its constitutional duties. He said we are worried about the case which is being dragged out. The last general elections are being criticized globally. A UN report reads it will be made a case study, he claimed.

Shibli Faraz said the economy of Pakistan is deteriorating owing to the unfair elections. He categorically said that the IMF does not hold a soft corner for Pakistan. Only the genuine public representatives can put the country on the right track, he added. Kanwal Shauzab alleged that the ECP has violated Article 17 of the constitution of Pakistan by unjustly delisting the largest party—PTI. She also claimed that the PTI candidates were pressured to contest as independent candidates.

Judicial complex vandalism case: ATC seeks report from Supdt Adiala jail about production of PTI founder

ISLAMABAD (Online): Anti Terrorism Court (ATC) Islamabad has sought report from superintendent Adiala jail about production of PTI founder Imran Khan in Judicial complex vandalism case.

Judge Tahir Abbas Sipra has remarked challan in respect of 176 accused including PTI founder and Pervaiz Elahi have come. We are issuing non-bailable arrest warrants of absented accused. It is last opportunity and if the attendance is not ensured on next hearing then the bail

will be revoked. He gave these remarks on Tuesday. Hearing of two cases registered in police stations CTD and Golra against PTI founder, Shah Mahmood Qureshi, Umar Ayub, Ali Nawaz Awan and other leaders came up for hearing in the court. Judge Tahir Abbas Sipra called report from superintendent Adiala Jail with reference to production of PTI founder. The court adjourned the hearing of the cases till July 29.



ISLAMABAD: Heavy machinery being utilized for expansion work of Club Road during development work in Federal Capital.

## Islamabad set to launch electric bus service; check all routes

ISLAMABAD (INP): The Capital Development Authority (CDA) has decided to launch an electric bus service in Islamabad, with 30 buses set to start operations this week on two city routes.

The inauguration ceremony, expected to take place on July 5, will be attended by either the Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif or the Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi. The buses will ply on two routes, 'Nust to Pims' and 'Pims to Bari Imam'.

The first route will cover a distance of approximately 13 kilometers, with 13 stops, and a bus will arrive at each stop every 10 minutes.

The second route will pass through several key locations, including G-7, G-6, Melody, Aabpara, Ataturk Road, Serena Hotel, Foreign Office, Radio Pakistan, and the Diplomatic Enclave.

The electric buses, which arrived in Islamabad last month, are part of a larger fleet of 200 buses, with 70 more expected to arrive from Karachi and 60 from China. The CDA has planned to operate these buses on 11 routes, connecting rural and urban areas of Islamabad.

The buses are owned by the National Radio and Telecommunication Corporation (NRTC), a subsidiary of the Ministry of Defence, while the CDA will pay Rs306 to Rs331 per kilometer in fare and provide logistics to the contractor.

## PMD, RIMES hold Climate Application Forum

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD), in collaboration with the Regional Integrated Multi-Hazard Early Warning System (RIMES) arranged a Climate Application Forum on Tuesday.

This event brought together experts, policymakers, and stakeholders from various sectors to discuss innovative strategies and applications for climate resilience and disaster risk reduction.

The forum commenced with an insightful keynote address by Dr. Muhammad Afzaal, Chief Meteorologist, PMD, who emphasized the critical need for enhanced climate services and innovative applications to mitigate the impacts of climate change.

Chief Guest Lt. Gen. (Rtd.) Nadeem Ahmad, Advisor, RIMES highlighted the collaborative effort needed to tackle climate change and extreme weather events. Sahibzad Khan, Director General of PMD, said: "This forum marks a significant milestone in our efforts to integrate cutting-edge climate science with practical applications. By partnering with RIMES, we are committed to advancing our capabilities in early warning systems and fostering a culture of preparedness and resilience in the face of climate change."

## Islamabad election petitions set for early hearing

ISLAMABAD (INP): The Islamabad High Court Tribunal has scheduled election petitions from the city's constituencies for early hearing.

The tribunal approved multiple requests for expedited hearings, summoning Tariq Fazal Chaudhary and Raja Khurram Nawaz on July 8. Justice Tariq Mahmood

Jahangiri has also called upon Election Commission officials to attend the next hearing.

The decision comes in response to requests filed by Shoaib Shaheen and Ali Bukhari, who sought a faster resolution to the election disputes. This move highlights the tribunal's commitment to promptly addressing electoral issues in the capital.

The upcoming hearings are expected to play a crucial role in resolving the pending election-related matters in Islamabad.

## Tourists visiting Murree to be provided best possible facilities: DC

ISLAMABAD (INP): Deputy Commissioner Murree Agha Zaheer Abbas Shirazi has said that the district administration will provide best possible facilities to the tourist visiting the areas.

In a statement issued on Tuesday, he said that as per vision of Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz, practical steps were being taken to promote tourism.

DC Agha Zaheer Abbas instructed the authorities concerned to complete the development works on their stipulated time to get desirable results and reviewed other recreational facilities including washrooms to be built at Thanda Jangal entertainment venue.



ISLAMABAD: A lady health worker administer polio drops to young children during the year's fifth anti-polio campaign in the Federal Capital.

## Parliamentary Taskforce striving for sustainable future for all: Bilal Kayani

ISLAMABAD (INP): Convener Parliamentary Taskforce on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Mr. Bilal Azhar Kayani has said that the taskforce is vigorously striving for a sustainable future for all.

He stated this while talking to the UN Pakistan Resident Coordinator Mr. Mohamed Yahya who called on him at the Parliament House Islamabad on Tuesday.

During the meeting, the two sides discussed the current status of implementation of SDGs in Pakistan and role of the Parliament in the attainment of these goals. They also deliberated upon international best practices and their socio-economic compatibility in terms of the contemporary challenges faced by Paki-

stan. It was stressed upon to pro-actively assist the MPs during the legislation phase and to build knowledge around the SDGs framework to support localization & implementation of 2030 Agenda more effectively.

Bilal Azhar Kayani while reaffirming commitment of the Parliament to play a constructive role in accelerating the progress to achieve SDGs stated "Parliamentary Task Force on SDGs is vigorously striving for a sustainable future for all."

The Convener also added, "Parliamentary Taskforce will complement governments effort in ensuring access to quality education, better health facilities and devising strategies to effectively tackle cli-

political rights, and the freedom of expression, belief, worship, and assembly.

He firmly rejected any dross in the name of implementing Islam, armed action against the state, violence, and chaos, labeling such acts as rebellion against the spirit of Islamic laws. He said no individual has the right to declare anyone, including government and security personnel, as infidels.

Dr. Raghieb urged the scholars, religious leaders, and individuals from all sectors to fully support the state and its institutions, especially law enforcement and armed forces, to eradicate violence from society. He advised the citizens to avoid participating in movements based on linguistic,

regional, religious, or sectarian prejudices against the state. He condemned the promotion of sectarian hatred, armed sectarian conflict, or the imposition of views on others by force as a violation of Shariah and a cause of disorder. He said educational institutions, whether private, public, or religious, have been barred from promoting militancy, providing training, or fostering hatred, extremism, and violence, with legal action to be taken against those involved in such activities.

Dr. Raghieb said strict administrative and punitive measures are outlined against those promoting extremism, sectarianism, and violence, regardless of their organization or belief.

While all schools of thought in Islam have the right to preach their respective beliefs, he said spreading hatred or making derogatory remarks or baseless accusations against any person, institution, or sect is strictly prohibited.

He said the code prohibits any disrespect towards the Holy Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him), all Prophets, the Mothers of the Believers, the Ahl al-Bayt, the Rightly Guided Caliphs, or the Companions. He emphasized that no individual or group should obstruct the investigation or prosecution of blasphemy cases. Only religious scholars are permitted to explain Shariah principles based on religious doctrine, with the decision to declare someone an infidel falling under the jurisdiction of the court, he added.

Dr. Raghieb said the code also prohibits the promotion of terrorism, the provision of training to terrorists, their recruitment, or engagement in any terrorist activities. He said the curriculum in public, private, and religious educational institutions would include the etiquette of diverging opinions, recognizing educational institutions as the most suitable places for research on jurisprudential and ideological differences. He said all Muslim citizens and government officials are called to perform their duties in light of Islamic teachings and the Constitution.



ISLAMABAD: A view of traffic jam at Islamabad Expressway in the Federal Capital.

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**'Cruel jest'**

Another year and another missed opportunity to set things right. But what is it for those who, by all appearances, consider themselves unaccountable to the public and unfussed by their miseries?

Precisely three weeks ago, Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb had solemnly declared that there were "no sacred cows" in his eyes and that "everyone would have to contribute to the economy". The pronouncement had come a day before the federal budget for the new fiscal year was unveiled, and it had momentarily ignited some hope that Pakistan, at long last, was serious about setting itself on a path of equitable taxation and sustainable spending under a 'technocrat' finance minister.

Between then and this weekend, however, the nation has realised that the finance minister's 'assurances' had been little more than a cruel jest. Speaking at a news conference on Sunday, Mr Aurangzeb could only express his condolences to the salaried class on the higher taxes he had imposed on them.

It is now widely accepted that the coalition government's 'crisis budget' will achieve little more than strangulating those already paying their dues while allowing sacred cows to fatten themselves even further. Actual economic course correction has once again been put off for another time.

The term 'deepening the tax net' is being used widely in a bid to rationalise what was clearly another half-hearted attempt at fixing the state's perennial revenue woes. It is little more than a euphemism, a fig leaf for our decision-makers' continuing unwillingness or inability to meaningfully expand the tax base.

To add insult to injury, the government has not felt compelled to cut its own expenditures in any meaningful way: those paying will just be forced to pay even more to fund its profligacy. Meanwhile, the trader class, whose activities remain largely undocumented, have been let off once again, presumably because of political expediencies.

Likewise, while a big show has been made of increased taxes on real estate, these will apply mainly to ordinary citizens and not to those who belong to the armed forces or the federal or provincial bureaucracies. Our lawmakers have also managed to have their travel allowances increased from Rs10 per kilometre to Rs25, increased the number of travel vouchers they receive annually from 25 to 30, and also introduced a measure which would see unused air tickets from one year carry over to the next instead of being cancelled.

The audacity of such measures should be illustrative enough to show how the ruling classes continue to privilege themselves while throwing the rest of the nation under the bus. That this is happening while the authorities clamour for an umpteenth IMF bailout explains why this country remains unable to break its shackles and find a more prosperous future for its teeming millions.

**Jawed Naqvi**

June 25 marked the anniversary of Indira Gandhi's 21-month 1975-77 emergency. The 50-year-old event came up for censure in the Lok Sabha Speaker's and president Draupadi Murmu's address to the joint sitting of the two Houses of Parliament last week. The fuss over the emergency looks clearly designed to frame the resurgent Congress and mask the BJP's role in far worse and truly horrific events like the ethnic cleansing in Manipur, Gujarat pogroms and the destruction of Kashmiri lives under the Modi government.

Be that as it may, Khushwant Singh, J.R.D. Tata, Bal Thackeray and the Communist Party of India (CPI) supported Mrs Gandhi's suspension of civil liberties. The usually phlegmatic Tata said that "things had gone too far. You can't imagine what we've been through here — strikes, boycotts, demonstrations. Why, there were days I couldn't walk out of my office into the street".

The emergency, of course, was fought when

it needed to be fought. At JNU, at the dead of night, K.N. Ganesh would be on the prowl with cyclostyled sheets excoriating the dictatorship. The targets included alleged 'collaborators' from faculty and management. Ganesh would slip in his subversive papers under the doors of hostel inmates. A few could tell from the dragging sound of his worn-out slippers with which he attended Romila Thapar's ancient history classes that the zealous CPI-M supporter was on the move.

The Gestetner machine, its ink, A4 sheets and stencils were to be kept from the security guards and 'enemy agents'. An "enemy's" room was selected as safe for the purpose. Ali Javed, whose communist party supported Mrs Gandhi, would chortle for as long as he lived remembering his playing trustee of the rival partisans' printing machine. Several students were rounded up and released. Probrir Purkayastha was jailed for the entire duration of the emergency. Purkayastha was in Tihar jail again recently for run-

ning a media platform critical of the Modi government. A double whammy for the former communist student whose party once courted the BJP as an ally in the fight for democracy. JNU students' union president Devi Prasad Tripathi was arrested soon after. Popular as DPT he became a Rajya Sabha MP and used his position to arrange visas for Pakistani peacekeepers.

When elections were held in March 1977, Indira Gandhi suffered a resounding defeat in her bastion of Rae Bareilly. The socialist maverick Raj Narain who laid her low would soon plead with her to help depose her successor Morarji Desai and instal Charan Singh as a short-term prime minister. While the northern states — where the BJP would gain strength — routed Mrs Gandhi, the southern states stood solidly with her. Which explains her winning 154 seats even as she lost her own. That's much more than the Congress tally in recent polls. Mrs Gandhi made her last comeback with 373 MPs in 1980, marking the end of the Janata Party experiment.

The tally has mocked her rivals. The emergency came in for censure in addresses by the Speaker to the Lok Sabha and by India's president in the mandated meeting of the two Houses of the new parliament last week. Let's see why Rahul Gandhi was miffed by the strange references. Months of student violence — more vicious than what prompts the bulldozing of suspects' homes these days — was widely seen as sponsored by the RSS. It started in Gujarat and spread to Bihar. It spurred the rise of Jayaprakash Narayan — JP — who called on the police and army to disobey Indira Gandhi's orders, which effectively meant a call to revolt against the sitting prime minister of India. Mrs Gandhi locked him up with his supporters from the right to the left of the spectrum, by declaring internal emergency.

The trigger for the measure lay in the Allahabad High Court judgement that found Mrs Gandhi guilty of using the Public Works Department to construct a podium from which she addressed an

election rally. Also, her election manager was a junior government official, which was illegal. For that, she had to be removed as prime minister and not be able to contest another election for six years. Going by the leeway available to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, for example, the high court verdict was vicious, if also a bad joke. JP came out of the jail as a hero, the Lok Nayak, the people's leader who helped retrieve Indian democracy from Indira Gandhi's authoritarian talons.

Two inferences can be made. It's legitimate, even heroic, to call on the army, the bureaucracy, the works, to disobey the orders of a dictator, a deemed dictator, since dictators don't normally accept the accusation of being one.

The other inference to be drawn is that Indira Gandhi saw a threat to India's democracy as it was conceived by her father's enlightened associates in the constituent assembly. In the insidiously right-wing upsurge that JP was leading, she clearly read the fingerprints of religio-fascist groups camouflaged as seekers of

democratic liberties. And this is said to have prompted her to take the steps she believed were provided for the situation in the constitution.

Did Mrs Gandhi fall short of her objective — by focusing more on grooming her son Sanjay Gandhi as successor — in vacating the threat to democracy she saw and many now also see? "This is worse than the declared emergency", is a common refrain today. These critics have seen dark methods of seeking to crush the opposition, intellectuals, farmers and students among them, some jailed for years without trial, manifold longer than Mrs Gandhi kept her quarries.

"Only one thing could have stopped our movement — if our adversaries had understood its principle and from the first day smashed with the utmost brutality the nucleus of our new movement." Thus exulted Adolf Hitler while addressing the Nuremberg party rally in September 1933. Did Indira Gandhi fail to grasp his point? -- Courtesy Dawn

**Broken politics, broken budget****Arifa Noor**

The budget has come and gone, as far as parliament is concerned. The PPP showed much concern and made much noise but then quietly voted for it, while the PTI couldn't even put up much of a noisy show in parliament. They were far too busy fighting each other.

And so the PML-N has successfully passed a budget, which has been more widely criticised than any in the recent past; when confronted with criticism, the party continues to blandly remind us all that everyone knew this was going to be a 'difficult' budget. Of course, what they conveniently ignore is that the state, the politicians, the bureaucracy, and the military have managed to avoid any burden or difficulty while the salaried class and the more vulnerable people are left to carry the burden, through direct and indirect taxes.

Expenses in government departments have gone up; salaries and pensions have gone up; bonuses are being given generously. But for those outside the 'state', good

news is downloading at the speed of their internet. Hope is a tiny bird, which is sitting where only a few in government can see it.

Consider the finance minister's latest press conference on Sunday. Pension reform is in the works, he says, as is tax on traders. Reducing expenses and shutting down departments is also in the pipeline. Passing responsibilities (read: expenses) also being discussed.

Its Camelot in the making but for those stuck in the purgatory called the tax net, hell couldn't really be any worse.

This is the second press conference by the finance minister since the budget was presented and it seems as if he doesn't realise he is not just dealing with a distrustful IMF but also a citizenry which is equally suspicious of the Pakistan government. Muhammad Aurangzeb may have given up his passport and private sector comforts to come help the motherland but he is not the first such sincere fi-

nance minister who has promised good times to the people in the vague future.

What he doesn't realise is that he carries the burden of the past few years; half a dozen finance ministers have sat in the very same chair and made similar promises. Indeed, since 2018, the people have been promised temporary pain, as the government — any government — gets around to fixing problems. But while the pain is never-ending, the 'fixing' and the relief never come.

And this is part of the reason why the anger this time around has been immediate, to which the government seems oblivious. What else would one call it? The government doesn't even realise the need for optics. Confront it on its rising expenses and increased salaries, and the government holds forth on how this will not make much of a difference to the numbers. In other words, it appears oblivious to the need for even making token efforts at belt-tightening. Why else would the finance minister an-

nounce a three-month bonus for the National Assembly staff during his speech, after having already given the entire bureaucracy a hefty raise?

But then, the problem is bigger than him or even the PML-N. This budget and the interests it has protected at the expense of squeezing the already weak shows, at one level, the impact of manipulated election results — in 2018 and 2024. Beleaguered and weak governments are simply incapable of protecting the rights of those who can vote for them; the protection is, instead, secured for those who have shaped governments. And this makes many wonder if this is why governments are being shaped. To protect the privileges, which may be less secure if the people are able to choose who comes to power? Institutional and individual likes and dislikes, which drive narratives and analyses, are perhaps secondary.

And this is directly linked to the second point of the breathless commentary on how the heavy taxation and high energy bills will lead to chances of rioting or street protests.

In fact, those who point this out also tend to frequently bemoan the Pakistani people's inability to protest and push back against an increasingly extractive state. However, this analysis — both in terms of those who expect rioting and those who think the people are far too submissive — is too Punjab-focused. It seems as if they are unaware of events in Balochistan, where the discord with the state has led to two interconnected but distinct movements. If one is a violent struggle, the second is a peaceful street protest led by women to highlight enforced disappearances.

Similarly, in parts of KP, the emergence of the PTM is also a form of protest politics.

Perhaps one can go so far as to say that at least half of Pakistan is already home to movements or political expressions, which no longer think parliament is the forum where negotiations can be carried out for the

benefit of the people, be it economic or political. It is important to note that these movements may have political issues at heart but economic ones are not far behind. The Baloch have long complained about their resources being monopolised by the centre, instead of being used for the welfare of the people living in the province. The PTM's initial demands included the issue of compensation for the damage caused to property and livelihood.

The point here is that those who think that the decisions of the state will not change unless there is rioting and street protests, are essentially accepting that the election cycle, the formal structure of political parties, and parliament are no longer sufficient for providing a voice or space to ordinary people. In other words, for the voice of the people to be heard, politics now has to be carried out on the street, in the shape of protests. Indeed, our politics has been broken for a long time. The budget is simply another proof of this.

**Economic butchery****Ammar Ather Saeed**

Pakistan is teetering on the edge of economic collapse due to its persistent struggle to increase the tax-to-GDP ratio, a crucial measure of its fiscal health.

Despite numerous efforts, many potential taxpayers remain outside the formal tax net. Recent policies have unfairly targeted existing taxpayers, driving talent and capital away and pushing the nation towards disaster. The recent passage of the Finance Act exemplifies this flawed strategy, threatening long-term economic stability.

For the past decade, Pakistan has relied heavily on taxing non-filers and compliant taxpayers to boost its revenues. Originally, the aim of collecting taxes from non-filers was twofold: generate immediate revenue and use the gathered data to bring the non-filers into the tax net.

Sadly, the state failed to achieve the latter. Instead of leveraging this data, it has merely increased taxes for non-filers, using it as a short-term revenue tool rather than a long-term strategy for fiscal health.

The Finance Act exacerbates this issue, further increasing the rate of tax on non-filers and imposing tax rates as high as about 60 per cent on existing filers' income.

This approach is flawed. Unlike Scandinavian countries, where high tax rates are balanced by extensive social services and a robust public infrastructure, taxpayers here see little or no return on their contributions. The disparity creates a significant trust deficit, with taxpayers feeling alienated. High taxes on compliant taxpayers have stifled economic activity, reduced investment, and encouraged tax evasion.

When individuals and businesses perceive the

tax system as punitive and unbalanced, they are more likely to engage in tax evasion and operate within the informal economy, undermining efforts to formalise the economy and broaden the tax base.

This approach of persistently targeting compliant taxpayers has already driven away skilled professionals and entrepreneurs. With the ever-increasing tax burden becoming unbearable, talented individuals have started seeking favourable environments abroad, reducing the domestic talent pool and stifling potential economic growth and innovation. This exodus of human and financial capital severely hampers Pakistan's long-term economic prospects.

The state's strategy extends to imposing indirect taxes on essential goods such as milk, baby products, and petrol. This decision is nothing short of economic

butchery. By taxing these basic necessities, the state is placing an unbearable burden on the shoulders of ordinary citizens, particularly those from lower-income households. The cost of living will skyrocket, pushing millions deeper into poverty and triggering widespread discontent.

Imagine a family struggling to buy milk for their children because it has been taxed to the point of unaffordability. Picture parents grappling with the soaring costs of baby products while trying to provide the best care for their newborns. Envision the devastating impact of rising petrol prices on transportation costs, leading to increased prices for all goods and services. This is not a mere policy error; it is a catastrophe in the making, an unparalleled disaster that threatens to unravel the social fabric.

Furthermore, the

**Economic butchery****Fahad Zafar**

Pakistan's education system faces significant challenges on two fronts. Firstly, there is a staggering number of out-of-school children, estimated at 26.2 million. This means that a sizeable portion of the children is not accessing any formal education. Economic factors, cultural barriers, and inadequate infrastructure are the primary reasons.

For instance, in some areas, cultural norms may prioritise work or domestic responsibilities over schooling, especially for girls. Additionally, many remote areas lack adequate school facilities, making access to education physically challenging. These children are denied the opportunity to develop essential skills and knowledge, that perpetuates cycles of poverty and limits their prospects. This lack of education not only affects their personal growth and future opportunities but also hinders national development.

Secondly, the quality of education for the 43m children in school in Pakistan is another major concern, as most experience poor learning outcomes due to factors like overcrowded classrooms, lack of qualified teachers, outdated teaching methods, poor governance, insufficient resources, etc.

Overcrowded classrooms make it difficult for teachers to give individual attention to students, hindering effective learning. Many teachers lack proper training and qualifications, which impacts their ability to deliver quality education. Traditional teaching methods, often focused on rote learning, do not foster critical thinking or problem-solving skills. Additionally, schools frequently lack basic resources such as text-

**Engaging parents**

books, teaching materials, and adequate facilities, further compromising the learning environment. Despite school attendance, children are not acquiring the necessary skills and knowledge to thrive in an increasingly competitive global economy.

Shockingly, only 23pc of students at age 10 can read and understand age-appropriate text. This indicates a significant gap in foundational literacy, which is crucial for future learning and academic success.

Despite the significant educational challenges facing Pakistan, parents overwhelmingly express satisfaction with the schooling system. Data from the Pakistan Social and Living Standards Measurement surveys of 2014-15 and 2019-20 reveal that over 94pc of parents reported satisfaction with schooling in the country.

Similarly, in the 2019 Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study assessment, 76pc of parents expressed satisfaction, and in the more recent National Achievement Test in 2023, 75pc of parents indicated complete satisfaction with schooling. This apparent paradox between parental satisfaction and the reality of poor educational outcomes suggests a disconnect between parents' perceptions and the actual quality of education their children receive.

Bridging this gap between parental perception and educational reality is crucial for improving learning outcomes. Parental engagement plays a vital role in a child's learning journey. Research shows that when parents are actively involved in their children's education, children are more likely to perform better academically, have higher attendance rates,

and demonstrate improved behaviour. Active engagement includes activities like helping with homework, attending parent-teacher meetings, and encouraging a positive attitude towards learning.

The 2022 Global Education Evidence Advisory Panel report recommended several low-cost parental involvement approaches that included direct communication from schools to parents, engaging children in educational activities, reading books to a child (if the parent is literate), and sharing simple exercises with parents via text or phone call.

Direct communication from schools, such as regular updates and progress reports, helps keep parents informed and engaged in their children's education. Encouraging parents to read to their children and engage in educational activities at home promotes early literacy and cognitive development. Sharing simple exercises and learning activities via text or phone can provide parents with practical tools to support their children's learning at home. Supporting the role of parents in the medium term, as it can have a lasting impact on children's educational outcomes.

At the same time, it is critical to generate a broader understanding of Pakistan's foundational learning challenges. While some challenges persist throughout the country, Pakistan's education landscape is heterogeneous, and delivery is devolved to the provinces. Each province has its unique set of challenges and priorities, which must be addressed through tailored solutions. -- Courtesy Dawn

## Deputy Speaker New York State Assembly calls on CM

KARACHI (APP): A delegation led by Deputy Speaker of the New York State Assembly, Phil Ramos, on Tuesday called on Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah.

The delegation comprised of parliamentarians and APPAC office bearers which agreed to pass a resolution from the assembly to declare Karachi as the sister city of New York.

The meeting was held at CM House and was attended by Health Minister Dr Azra Fazal Pechuho, Minister Education Sardar Shah, Chief Secretary Asif Hyder Shah, Secretary to CM Raheem Shaikh, Secretary Health Irfan Baloch, Secretary U&B Abbas

Baloch and others. The 32-member delegation includes NY Assembly Member Alec Brook, American Pakistani committee's Dr Aijaz, Imtiaz Rahi, Imtiaz Pirzada, Amir Memon, Dr Tariq Ibrahim, Rukhsana Mahmood and others.

The Deputy Speaker of the New York State Assembly, Mr. Phil Ramos, informed the Chief Minister that during his last visit in 2023, he and the Sindh government had agreed to declare New York as the Sister City of Karachi, but the matter was still pending.

The CM stated that the Sindh Assembly was in a budget session and that in the next session, he would pass the resolution for sister cities from the assembly.



HYDERABAD: Sindh Minister for Prisons, Ali Hassan Zardari, presented shields to the position holders during the passing out parade ceremony of the 18th basic training course for prison constables and lady prison constables at the Sindh Prisons Staff Training Institute.

## Federal Ombudsman's intervention ensures payment of dues to retired employee

ABBOTTABAD (APP): Federal Ombudsman Ejaz Ahmed Qureshi's intervention on Tuesday has facilitated the payment of outstanding dues to a retired Army employee.

According to the details, Ali Khan, a resident of Manshera and a former employee of the F.F., had lodged a complaint at the Federal Ombudsman Secretariat's regional office in Abbottabad against CMA Lahore, citing long-pending arrears amounting to Rs. 133,235. Upon receiving the complaint, Regional In-Charge Abdul Ghafoor Baig issued notices to CMA Lahore. Following a thorough investigation, CMA Lahore issued a cheque for Rs. 133,235 to Ali Khan.

Expressing his gratitude, Ali Khan thanked Federal Ombudsman Ejaz Ahmed Qureshi and Regional In-Charge Abdul Ghafoor Baig for resolving his longstanding issue. Abdul Ghafoor Baig highlighted that the Federal Ombudsman's institution serves as a public court,

providing prompt and inexpensive justice. He reiterated that the Federal Ombudsman is regarded as the court of the poor, ensuring equal, immediate, and affordable justice as a guardian of human rights.

He further elaborated on various programs aimed at delivering justice close to the public, including open courts at the tehsil level. These initiatives allow people from remote areas to present their complaints to authorized officers of the Federal Ombudsman, with media involvement to raise public awareness and resolve issues. Abdul Ghafoor Baig emphasized that once a decision is made in any case, it remains active until fully implemented. Disciplinary actions are taken against officers or personnel exhibiting negligence, bias, or unnecessary delays adding that institution addresses complaints of mismanagement, especially concerning pension cases, in both federal and provincial departments, as well as some personal.



LAHORE: Controller General of Accounts Maqbool Ahmed Gondal inaugurated the newly renovated building of DGPR.

## Police chiefs assure safety of traders

RAWALPINDI (APP): Regional Police Officer (RPO) Babar Sarfaraz, City Police Officer (CPO) Khalid Hamdani and Chief Traffic Officer (CTO) Taimur Khan paid a visit to the Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (RCCI) here on Tuesday.

President RCCI Saqib Rafiq and Group Leader RCCI Sohail Altaf and office bearers welcomed the RPO and his team.

President Saqib Rafiq said that this is the first time that the three chiefs of Rawalpindi Police have visited the Chamber of Commerce to meet the business community, which shows their seriousness to strengthen the interaction and communication with stakeholders to solve their problems.

RPO Baber Sarfaraz in his remarks said that the business community is the backbone of country's economy and added that the RCCI was playing an important role in promoting community

policing in society. He said the Safe City project in Rawalpindi will be fully operational by the end of this month, which will help in more effective measures against criminal elements.

He emphasized the essential role of the business community in the economy and assured that all necessary measures would be taken to address their concerns.

CPO Khalid Hamdani assured that addressing the problems of traders was top priority for which Rawalpindi Police was using all resources.

CTO Taimur Khan informed the participants about the measures taken to address traffic congestion in the city.

Senior Vice President RCCI Muhammad Hamza Sarosh, Vice President Faisal Shahzad, Former Presidents, executive committee members, chamber members, and members from various trade associations were also present in the meeting.



KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister, Syed Murad Ali Shah in meeting with the Deputy Speaker of the New York State Assembly, Phil Ramos and his delegation, which included parliamentarians and APPAC office bearers, held at CM House in Karachi.

## Govt committed to protecting people from inflation: CM Maryam Nawaz

LAHORE (APP): Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif has said that the government is fully determined to save people from inflation.

Chairing a special meeting for a detailed briefing on the proposed structure of Punjab Enforcement Regulatory Authority (PERA), she reviewed amendments to the proposed laws and rules for the purpose.

The CM directed to complete legal formalities at the earliest for the establishment of Punjab Enforcement Regulatory Authority. She directed to create a comprehensive monitoring mechanism for the enforcement authority.

The CM said that hoarders cannot be allowed to play with public interests. Earlier, the CM was briefed by relevant authorities that the Punjab Enforcement Regulatory Authority (PERA) will play an effective role in curbing inflation. It will be established at the provincial level. Each district will have a District Enforcement Regulatory Board.

The Sub-Divisional Enforcement Officer at Tehsil level will ensure the enforcement of law. The CM was briefed that the Hearing Officer will hear appeal at Tehsil level and give a decision. Timelines for decisions by the 4 appellate forums will be set. She was further briefed that in a tehsil, 40 officials including enforcement officers will monitor prices of consumer

goods, and take action against profiteers.

The CM was also apprised that streets and bazaars will be widened by removing immovable encroachments.

Tehsil Enforcement Officer will continue to take action for the permanent removal of illegal encroachments. She was apprised that the cost incurred on removing encroachments will also be recovered from the violators.

The authorities concerned highlighted that after 200 years, changes are being made in the administrative system under public interest. PERA will include assembly members, DG, Administrative Secretary and 4 independent

members. At the district level, the Deputy Commissioner will head the District Enforcement Regulatory Board.

Enforcement officers at Tehsil level will be responsible for operations and monitoring.

One month special training will also be given to the enforcement officers. A system of monthly performance review of the enforcement authority will also be devised.

Senator Pervaiz Rashid and Senior Provincial Minister Marriyum Aurangzeb attended the meeting. Chief Secretary, Additional Chief Secretary, Finance Secretary, Secretary I&C and other relevant officers were also present.



LAHORE: Chairperson of the Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP), Senator Rubina Khalid, inspects the payment disbursement mechanism at a payment campsite.

## BISP to introduce skill training initiative to make beneficiaries out of poverty

LAHORE (APP): Chairperson Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP), Senator Rubina Khalid Tuesday said that a new skill training initiative is being launched to help members of deserving families start their own businesses and rise out of poverty.

She was speaking during a visit to the BISP's Campsite at Government High School Iqbal Town in Lahore.

The visit aimed to review the basic facilities provided to deserving women who come to receive the Kafaalat

quarterly stipend.

During her visit, Senator Rubina Khalid engaged with the women beneficiaries, listened to their concerns, and assured them of BISP's commitment to addressing their issues.

She instructed the BISP staff to conduct surveys at tehsil offices to prevent overcrowding at payment centers.

The BISP staff briefed the Chairperson on the current payment system.

She emphasized the importance of disbursing payments to all deserving women in a fair and

transparent manner.

Earlier, Senator Rubina Khalid also addressed media representatives at BISP Central Zonal Office in Lahore, highlighting the impact of the programme.

She shared that 9.5 million deserving families benefit from BISP and the program's scope is being further expanded.

Senator Rubina Khalid noted past efforts to change the name of the Benazir Income Support Programme but reaffirmed its commitment to honoring the legacy of Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto.

## 721 POs, 81 dacoits among 1847 arrested during June

FAISALABAD (APP): The police claimed to have arrested 1847 criminals including 721 Proclaimed Offenders (POs) and 81 dacoits from Faisalabad during June 2024.

Giving some details here on Tuesday, police spokesman said that the police during a crackdown busted out 29 dacoit gangs and arrested their 81 active members from Faisalabad during last one month besides recovering 78 looted motorcycles, 8 mobile phones, 6 cows, one buffalo, 2 oxen and gold ornament worth Rs 17,159,680 from their possession.

Similarly, the police also arrested 721 Proclaimed Offenders (POs), 823 court absconders and 390 illicit weapon holders along with 318 pistols, 13 rifles.

## CPWB rescued 87 child beggars in June

LAHORE (APP): The Child Protection and Welfare Bureau (CPWB) rescued over 87 child beggars in the provincial capital in June.

In a press statement issued here on Tuesday, CPWP Chairperson Sarah Ahmed said that child rescue operations were being carried out in the city on a daily basis due to which decrease in child beggars was observed at major thoroughfares.

## Minister reviews monsoon preparations

LAHORE (APP): On the directives of Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif, Minister for Local Government Zeeshan Rafiq chaired a meeting at the Civil Secretariat on Tuesday to review the monsoon preparations in detail.

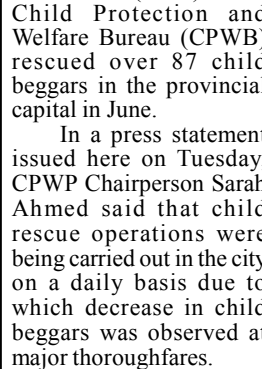
The meeting was attended by Secretary Local Government Shakeel Ahmad Mian, Special Secretary Asiya Gull, and Secretary LG Board Rizwan Nazir. Deputy Commissioners and Municipal Chief Officers from across Punjab participated via video link.

The minister stated that CM Maryam Nawaz Sharif has ordered effective measures across the province during the monsoon season, emphasizing the need to maintain the same enthusiasm for cleanliness exhibited during Eid-ul-Adha. The minister praised the cleanliness efforts during Eid-ul-Adha, calling them commendable. He mentioned that the CM is personally visiting districts

at the onset of the rainy season and that he will also be conducting visits to review the arrangements. He directed that lessons learned from initial rains should be used to make improvements.

Zeeshan Rafiq emphasized the importance of continuous coordination between chief officers and line departments in districts. He directed that all available resources be utilized for drainage. If any drains have not been desilted, immediate cleaning should be ensured, he added and warned that action would be taken if government directives are not promptly followed. Deputy Commissioners should ensure the establishment of monsoon emergency camps, he further said.

Secretary Local Government Shakeel Ahmad Mian stated that the monsoon plan has been sent to all chief officers. He added that third-party validation of drain cleaning and other arrangements is being conducted.



KARACHI: A view of seashell seen at sea view beach.

## CM GB chairs meeting on security arrangements for Muharram

GILGIT (APP): Chief Minister of Gilgit-Baltistan Haji Gulbar Khan chaired a high level meeting regarding security arrangements during Muharram UI Haram.

The meeting discussed measures to ensure peace and security during the month of Muharram.

The Chief Minister emphasized the importance of maintaining law and order, promoting brotherhood, and preventing hate speech and violence.

He directed officials to ensure strict implementation of the law, hold daily meetings with

district commissioners and police officials, enhance security arrangements in sensitive areas, monitor social media and take action against hate speech, install CCTV cameras and use drones for surveillance, provide necessary facilities for processions and mazaalis, establish a special committee to ensure peace and security.

The meeting was attended by high-ranking officials, including the Home Secretary, Secretary of Health, and Inspector General of Police Gilgit-Baltistan. District commissioners and other officials joined the meeting via video link.



GILGIT: Chief Minister Gilgit-Baltistan Haji Gulbar Khan presiding over the meeting regarding the security arrangements in the coming month of Muharram ul Haram.

## Senior minister announces commencement of second phase of anti-smog campaign

LAHORE (APP): Senior Provincial Minister Marriyum Aurangzeb on Tuesday announced the commencement of second phase of the anti-smog campaign.

In a statement issued here, she stated that Chief Minister of Punjab, Maryam Nawaz Sharif, has mandated the strict enforcement of laws and regulations under the Smog-Free Punjab vision.

She noted that the first phase, which spanned three months, focused on providing facilities, technical assistance, equipment, and technology across all sectors. Over the next three months, environmental protection laws and regulations will be rigorously enforced in industries, agriculture, traffic, and other sectors, she said, and warned that violations of environmental laws will result in fines, penalties, and arrests.

Furthermore, the senior minister affirmed the commitment to achieving a complete ban on plastic, with Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif personally overseeing its implementation. Strict actions will be taken against the burning of crop residues, the emission of toxic fumes from industries, and the discharge of harmful chemicals into water bodies, she added.

## Work on Hindu, Christian Marriage Acts to be completed soon: Arora

LAHORE (APP): Provincial Minister for Minority Affairs Ramesh Singh Arora on Tuesday said that work on the Hindu and Christian Marriage Acts would also be completed soon to ensure the elimination of the sense of deprivation among minorities.

While addressing a seminar organized by a private institution on the protection of the rights of religious minorities, he said the Human Rights and Minority Affairs department was developing

short, medium and long-term plans, while work was also progressing rapidly on a five-year roadmap with the cooperation of the World Bank.

The minister further said that in the past, it was observed that very few young pilgrims came to Pakistan, but this year, a significant number of young people were invited for the Baisakhi festival from 12 countries to dispel the fear that they might face visa issues when traveling to other countries after visiting Pakistan.



LAHORE: Opposition Leader in Punjab Assembly, Malik Ahmed Khan Bhachar along with others addresses to media persons during press conference held at Lahore press club.

## Regional In-charge of Federal Ombudsman holds Khuli Kachehri in Dadu

HYDERABAD (APP): Regional In-charge of the Federal Ombudsman Secretariat Hyderabad Ambassador @ Dr. Rizwan, along with Associate Advisor Dr. Imtiaz Shaikh held an open court session (Khuli Kachehri) at the committee hall of DC Office Dadu.

According to a press release issued on Tuesday, the majority of attendees expressed grievances about the lack of domestic sui gas connections for the past ten years and problems related to water supply and drainage. The zonal manager of Sui gas department Sikandar Ali informed that the gas pipelines in district Dadu were being replaced, and hopefully gas pressure would be restored within a day. Associate Advisor Dr.

Imtiaz Shaikh assured the public that if the gas supply was not restored within two days, they should immediately report to the Federal Ombudsman Secretariat Hyderabad, action would be taken against those responsible for the mismanagement.

During the khuli kachehri citizens also raised issue of detection bills issued by SEPCO. In response, Ambassador @ Dr. Rizwan ordered the removal of the unjustified detection charges from the bills and directed SEPCO officials to refrain from issuing such bills in the future. Some complaints against NADRA were also resolved on the spot.

## Pakistan, Azerbaijan Commit to enhance bilateral trade, economic cooperation

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan, Azerbaijan on Tuesday agreed for enhancing bilateral economic and trade relations to increase the trade and investment cooperation between two countries.

Both sides determined on the necessity of a long-term and practical mechanism to enhance monitor bilateral trade and cooperation to suggest ways forward to achieve the desired aim.

Deputy Foreign Minister of Azerbaijan, Mr. Samir Sharifov, called on Federal Minister for Commerce Jam Kamal Khan at his office, said a press release issued here.

The high-profile meeting was attended by Mr. Khazar Farhadov, Ambassador of Azerbaijan, Federal Secretary for

Commerce Ahsan Ali Mangi, and other senior officials.

Minister Jam Kamal Khan highlighted the Pakistani government's dedication to forging robust economic relations with other nations.

He emphasized that, over the past three months, the government has made significant strides in enhancing diplomatic and economic ties, achieving notable developments.

"Pakistan attaches great importance to its relationship with Azerbaijan. We must continue to advance our cooperation in various sectors including tourism, transport, energy security, and defense, though this requires additional efforts," said Minister Jam. He also urged the need for an early conclusion of

Preferential Trade Agreement and Bilateral Transit Trade Agreement.

Deputy Minister Sharifov conveyed Azerbaijan's readiness for closer cooperation with Pakistan across all fields of mutual interest.

He apprised that the President of Azerbaijan plans to visit Pakistan soon, during which several MoUs are expected to be signed. Minister Jam also proposed to hold B2B meetings which may either in Pakistan or in Azerbaijan.

On the occasion, Azerbaijan minister Deputy Minister, Sharifov highlighted the ease of travel between the two countries, noting that Azerbaijan received 55,000 Pakistani visitors last year due to its favourable visa policy.



Minister of State for IT and Telecommunication Ms. Shaza Fatima Khawaja in a group photo following visiting booths of different tech companies on the occasion of Global Digital Economy Conference 2024 in Beijing.

## Pakistan, Belarus agree to enhance cooperation in diverse fields

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan and Belarus on Tuesday while expressing satisfaction at the trajectory of bilateral relations agreed to enhance cooperation in all issues of mutual interest.

The sixth round of Bilateral Political Consultations between Pakistan and Belarus was held here. Additional Foreign Secretary (Europe), Ambassador Shafiqat Ali Khan led the

Pakistani side while the Belarusian side was headed by the First Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Lukashевич, Foreign Office Spokesperson said in a press release.

The two sides reviewed the entire range of bilateral relations covering political relations, high-level engagement and dialogue, trade and investment, military and security cooperation, education, and people-to-

people contacts. The two sides also agreed to continue cooperation at multilateral forums, including at the United Nations, and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO). Ambassador Sergei Lukashевич also called on Foreign Secretary Muhammad Syrus Sajjad Qazi. Bilateral areas of cooperation and important regional and global developments were discussed.

## Russian Ambassadors meets Aleem Khan

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister for Communications, Board of Investment and Privatization Abdul Aleem Khan Tuesday met with Russian Ambassador Albert P. Khorev and discussed matters of mutual interest and bilateral cooperation in multiple fields.

In this meeting, detailed discussions were held on road connectivity between Russia and Pakistan which could greatly increase trade and cargo activities between both countries, said a press release.

Speaking on the occasion, the minister said that Pakistan was keen to connect Russia through Central Asian countries and back to Karachi Port for the promotion of bilateral trade which would also help other countries to boost their commerce activities.

Abdul Aleem Khan said that Pakistan attached importance to trade relations with Russia due to its great significance in the region. The Central Asian countries and South

Asia were also equally important for trade activities for which Pakistan was ready to invite investment from these countries, he added.

He also informed about his recent visit to Central Asia. In the meeting, they also discussed in detail the promotion of bilateral trade and creating an effective mechanism for investment matters on both sides.

In the meeting, Ambassador of Russia in Pakistan Albert P. Khorev said that Russia also attached great importance to trade and economic relations with Pakistan and added "We are willing to provide financial and technical support to this country in various projects."

He said that the road network of China, Pakistan and Central Asian countries was of special importance, while Russia also wanted to establish road connectivity to Pakistan through Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Afghanistan as a trade corridor.



ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of the Russian Federation to Pakistan, Albert P. Khorev called on Federal Minister for Communications, Board of Investment and Privatization Abdul Aleem Khan.

## We request govt to revise the budget: Atif

**Independent Report** ISLAMABAD: President Federation of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce and Industry Atif Ikram Sheikh has said that we request the government to revise the budget, after the presentation of the budget, the difficulties of the export sector have increased. Electricity and gas rates have already increased. Not globally competitive, these will increase further, which will put us out of the competitive race in the region.

Federation President Atif Ikram said that the

stakeholders were not taken into confidence in the budgeting process. As a representative of the business community, I appeal to the government to revisit the budget due to the excessive taxes. In the current budget, tax payers have been burdened with billions of rupees, businesses will be affected after electricity and gas become expensive. Opportunities are running out for entrepreneurs burdened by taxes. The government should reduce its expenditure and give relief to the people and businessmen.

## Property tax problem would be taken up at relevant forum: MD

PESHAWAR (APP): Managing Director (MD) Small Industries Development Board (SIDB) Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Habibullah Arif has said that the problem of the property tax of industrialists would be taken up at the concerned forum.

He was talking to a delegation of industrialists which called on him in his office on Tuesday.

President, Small Industries Estate, Peshawar Waheed Arif was leading the delegation, Deputy Managing Director (DMD) SIDB, Nauman Fayyaz was also present on the occasion.

The delegation congratulated him on his appointment as Managing Director SIDB and expressed good wishes for them.

Speaking on the occasion, the Managing Director SIDB said that his doors are opened for the industrialists as they are doing commendable job of providing employment to hundreds of the people to earn livelihood for their families. He said that first commercial plaza has been constructed for the industrialists and invited them to come and display their products in it. He said that beside closure of all illegal shops, cleanliness system at the estate would also be improved.

QUETTA: A street vendor displays seasonal fruit plums to attract customers on Joint Road in Quetta.

## 7th Final Year Engineering Design Projects Expo begins

PESHAWAR (APP): Special Assistant to KP CM on Industries, Commerce and Technical Education, Abdul Karim Tordher on Tuesday inaugurated the 7th Final Year Engineering Design Projects Expo 2024 of Engineering Universities.

The exhibition has been organized in collaboration with Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC) here at Hayatabad.

Models of various engineering projects prepared by the students of engineering universities across Khyber Pakhtunkhwa have been showcased in the event.

## OGDCL collaborates with NCSW for women empowerment

ISLAMABAD (APP): Oil and Gas Development Company Limited (OGDCL) has partnered with the National Commission on the Status of Women (NCSW) to empower women and foster their growth within the company.

Ahmed Hayat Lak, MD/CEO of OGDCL, and Nilofar Bakhtiar, Chairperson of NCSW, on Tuesday, signed a Letter of Intent (LoI) to formalize this collaboration. The signing ceremony was held here at the OGDCL Head Office. This strategic partnership underscores OGDCL's commitment to

recognizing and honouring the invaluable contributions of women within its operations. Earlier this year, OGDCL unveiled its Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Policy to foster a more inclusive workplace culture. The collaboration between OGDCL and NCSW is poised to set a new standard for gender inclusivity and empowerment in Pakistan's corporate landscape. OGDCL is committed to promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion, ensuring a workplace where every individual.

## TMA's directed to reduce expenditure on fuel

PESHAWAR (APP): Provincial Minister for Local Government (LG), Arshad Ayub Khan on Tuesday directed Town Municipal Administrations (TMAs) to reduce their fuel expenses and said that timely measures were needed to avoid financial constraints.

During his visit to Local Council Board Hayatabad, he inspected various sections of the board.

Chairing a meeting of Mardan and Peshawar Division Town Municipal Officers, he directed to reduce fuel expenses and said that the expense of smaller municipal administrations was one million rupees.

He directed to reduce the patrol bill and said that "we cannot avoid financial crunch if corrective measure were not taken." He stressed upon town administrations to become self-reliant and find ways to generate new opportunities of revenue generation.

He also told that tracking system would be installed in all vehicles to control misuse and control fuel expenses.

## Farmers advised to complete sesame cultivation by mid-July

FAISALABAD (APP): Agriculture experts have advised farmers to start cultivation of sesame (Til) immediately and complete it by the mid of July for getting a bumper crop as late sowing would hamper the quantity and quality of the grains.

According to a spokesman for the agriculture department, sesame is an oil-seed crop which would not only play a pivotal role in catering to domestic food requirements but its production would also help fetch precious foreign exchange for the country.



TAJIKISTAN: Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi meeting with renowned Industrial Group of Tajikistan.

## Jazz announces strategic transformation to ServiceCo

ISLAMABAD (APP): By embracing a dynamic ServiceCo structure, Jazz leading telecommunication company is evolving from a traditional mobile operator into a forward-leaning conglomerate.

The company is establishing dedicated Strategic Business Units (SBU's) focused on innovation and growth in new sectors while continuing to deliver cutting-edge services to its existing customers, said a news release.

Jazz is taking steps into software, analytics, and data centres, positioning itself at the forefront of technological advancements.

This evolution provides an opportunity to extend Jazz's successful brands beyond Pakistan, making a meaningful

impact on the global stage. These initiatives are set to generate additional dollarized income for Pakistan through the export of IT and software services. By strategically housing future companies in optimal jurisdictions and legal structures, Jazz aims to attract international investors, fostering collaborations and boosting the country's FDI.

Leveraging specialized skills, Jazz will focus on Financial Services, Enterprise Solutions, and Platforms, anticipating and exceeding customer needs with innovative solutions.

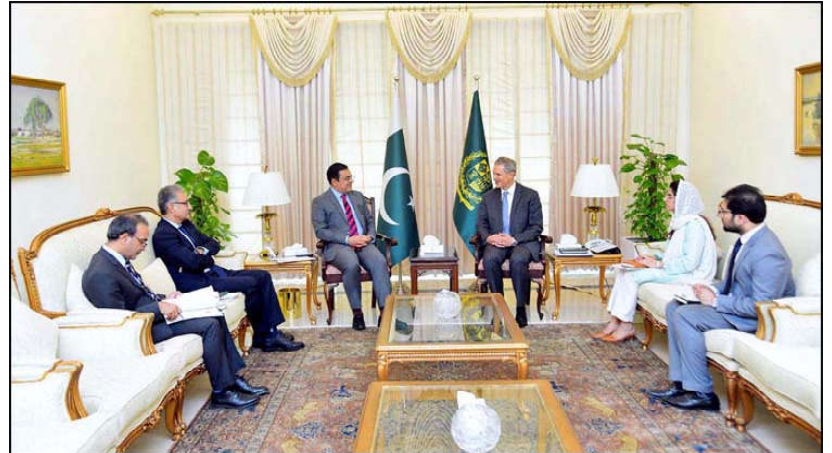
This transformation will enhance operational efficiency, enabling Jazz to manage resources more effectively and reduce costs. By honing in on distinct business lines.

## PSX stays bullish, gains 728 more points

ISLAMABAD (APP): The 100-index of the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) continued with bullish trend on Tuesday, gaining 728.55 points, a positive change of 0.92 percent, closing at 79,552.89 points against 78,824.33 points on the last working day.

A total of 413,153,249 shares were traded during the day as compared to 306,038,889 shares the previous day, whereas the price of shares stood at Rs 16,597 billion against Rs 13,746 billion on the last trading day.

Around 431 companies transacted their shares in the stock market, 246 of them recorded gains and 128 sustained losses, whereas the share price of 57 companies remained unchanged. The three top trading companies were WorldCall Telecom with



ISLAMABAD: The Ambassador of Jordan to Pakistan, Dr. Maen Khreasat calls on the Minister for Economic Affairs, Mr. Ahad Khan Cheema.

## Fatima Fertilizer and JazzCash sign MOU to pioneer digitalization of Agri-Sector Payment Ecosystem

**Independent Report** ISLAMABAD: Fatima Fertilizer, a leading name in Pakistan's agriculture sector, and JazzCash, Pakistan's largest digital wallet, have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to revolutionize the agri-sector payment ecosystem.

This collaboration aims to drive financial inclusion and economic empowerment for farmers, who are predominantly unbanked, enabling them to actively

JazzCash's digital payment solutions, the initiative will empower farmers to access financial services that were previously out of reach. This will bridge the gap between the unbanked farming community and the formal banking sector.

With the ability to receive and manage payments digitally, farmers will have better control over their finances, leading to enhanced economic stability and growth. This empowerment will enable them to invest in better

farming practices and improve their livelihoods.

The collaboration will ensure that transactions are carried out swiftly and securely. The digital platform will reduce the need for cash handling, minimizing risks and increasing transparency in financial dealings.

Utilizing JazzCash's robust digital payment system, the initiative guarantees the security and reliability of transactions, fostering trust among farmers and stakeholders in the agri-sector.

Speaking at the MOU signing ceremony, Rabel Sadozai.



participate in the formal economy.

The partnership between Fatima Fertilizer and JazzCash will facilitate secure, fast, and reliable transactions, making financial processes more efficient for farmers. It will also enable our Sarsabz Pakistan Farmer App for digital payments.

Furthermore, by leveraging Fatima Fertilizer's extensive dealer network, this initiative will provide farmers with a seamless and accessible platform to manage their finances, receive payments, and conduct transactions.

## Governor KP visits Tajikistan to boost trade, tourism

TAJIKISTAN (APP): Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi on Tuesday discussed opportunities for enhancing trade, investment, and tourism during a meeting with Tajikistan's Khalton Region Governor Davlatlali Said.

Governor Kundi is on an official visit to Tajikistan leading a high level delegation comprised of prominent business and government figures.

During the meeting, both the leaders emphasized the strategic proximity of Khalton to Afghanistan and its potential benefits for economic ties with Pakistan, particularly for traders and investors in Peshawar and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province.

Governor Kundi highlighted the rich opportunities for

commerce and investment in both countries, inviting Tajik authorities to visit Peshawar and engage with local business communities to foster economic growth and promote tourism.

"I believe that due to the close geographical proximity between Khalton and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, our shared religion and culture, we should consider Peshawar and Khalton as sister regions," Governor Kundi stated, underscoring cultural ties and mutual interests in regional development.

Moreover, the leaders discussed the inclusion of Khalton in the CASA-1000 project, a major initiative for electricity supply among Pakistan, Afghanistan, Tajikistan, and Kyrgyzstan, highlighting its potential to enhance regional connectivity and economic stability.



QUETTA: People in Quetta are busy buying solar air coolers as demand has surged due to the extreme heat wave hit the city.

## Ambassador of Japan lauds KPS over outstanding contributions to IT industry

ISLAMABAD (APP): Ambassador of Japan to Pakistan Wada Mitsuhiro has praised Komatsu Pakistan Soft (KPS) for its outstanding contributions to the Information Technology industry.

In an event arranged to celebrate the silver jubilee of Komatsu Pakistan Soft (KPS), the ambassador highlighted KPS as a key player in leveraging Pakistan's rich IT human resources to address the global demand

for technology professionals. He informed about the growing recognition of Pakistan as a valuable source of IT talent, especially considering Japan's anticipated shortage of 500,000 IT professionals.

He mentioned that Komatsu was established in 1921, began its international expansion in the 1950s, and now has offices in 150 countries worldwide.

The Ambassador noted that in 2021, Komatsu celebrated its centenary and is now moving forward to the next 100 years. He added that Japanese human resource companies are active in Pakistan, and the Ministry of IT and Telecommunications, Pakistan Software Export Board (PSEB), and JICA are collaborating to establish a system that connects Pakistani IT human resources with Japanese companies.

## Israel orders Palestinians to flee Khan Younis, signaling likely new assault on southern Gaza city

**Monitoring Desk**  
KHAN YOUNIS: The Israeli army ordered a mass evacuation of Palestinians from much of Khan Younis on Monday, a sign that troops are likely to launch a new ground assault in the Gaza Strip's second largest city. The order suggested Khan Younis will be the target in the latest of Israel's repeated raids into parts of Gaza it had previously invaded during the past nearly nine months, pursuing Hamas militants as they regroup. Much of Khan Younis was already destroyed in a long assault earlier this year, but large numbers of Palestinians have since moved back in to escape another Israeli offensive in Gaza's southern-most city, Rafah.

The order came as Israel released the director of Gaza's main hospital after holding him for seven months without charge or trial over allegations the facility had been used as a Hamas command center. He said he and other detainees were held under harsh conditions and tortured. AP correspondent Charles de Ledesma reports dozens of detained Palestinians have been set free by Israel.

The decision to release Mohammed Abu Selmia raised questions over Israel's claims surrounding Shifa Hospital, which Israeli forces have raided twice since the start of the nearly nine-month war with Hamas.

Abu Selmia and other Palestinian health officials have denied the accusations. His release triggered an uproar across Israel's political spectrum. Government ministers and opposition leaders expressed outrage and insisted Abu Salmia played a role in Hamas' alleged use of the hospital — though Israeli security services rarely unilaterally free prisoners if they have a suspicion of militant links.



Dutch King Willem-Alexander and Prime Minister Dick Schoof pose with the new members of the Dutch Government at Palace Huis ten Bosch in The Hague, Netherlands.

## Trump says he can end the Russia-Ukraine war in one day

**Monitoring Desk**  
UNITED NATIONS: Donald Trump has said repeatedly he could settle the war between Russia and Ukraine in one day if he's elected president again. Russia's United Nations ambassador says he can't.

When asked to respond to the claim from the presumptive Republican nominee, Vassily Nebenzia told reporters Monday that "the Ukrainian crisis cannot be solved in one day."

At a CNN town hall in May 2023, Trump said: "They're dying, Russians and Ukrainians. I want them to stop dying. And I'll have that done — I'll have that done in 24 hours." He said that would happen after he met with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and Russian President Vladimir Putin. And he keeps repeating the claim on the campaign trail.

During last week's debate with President Joe Biden, Trump claimed, "If we had a real president, a president that knew — that was respected by Putin ... he would have never invaded Ukraine."

## Ukraine releases thousands of prisoners so they can join fight against Russia

**Monitoring Desk**  
DNI PROPETROVSK REGION: At a rural penal colony in southeast Ukraine, several convicts stand assembled under barbed wire to hear an army recruiter offer them a shot at parole. In return, they must join the grueling fight against Russia.

"You can put an end to this and start a new life," said the recruiter, a member of a volunteer assault battalion. "The main thing is your will, because you are going to defend the motherland. You won't succeed at 50%, you have to give 100% of yourself, even 150%."

Ukraine is expanding the draft to cope with acute battlefield shortages more than two years into fighting against Russia's full-scale invasion. And its recruiting efforts have turned, for the first time, to the country's prison population. Although Ukraine does not announce any details of troop deployment numbers or casualties, frontline commanders openly acknowledge that they are facing serious manpower problems as Russian continues to build up forces in eastern Ukraine.

## British PM Sunak hunts for votes among the robots at dawn

**Monitoring Desk**  
LUTON: Badly lagging in the race to win Britain's election, Prime Minister Rishi Sunak went hunting for votes among robots and staff in a retail distribution centre on Tuesday, kicking off his first campaign stop of the day before 5 a.m. (0400 GMT).

Sunak, who has often looked exhausted as he crossed the country during a six-week campaign, started the penultimate day of campaigning before Thursday's vote in a vast Ocado warehouse in Luton.

## Nine killed in Seoul after car hits pedestrians

**Monitoring Desk**  
SEOUL: At least nine people were killed and four others were injured when a car struck pedestrians near Seoul city hall on Monday, police said.

There were six fatalities at the scene, while three others were pronounced dead after being rushed to hospital, firefighter Kim Chun-soo said.

South Korea's Yonhap news agency reported that a 68-year-old driver crashed into people who were waiting at a traffic signal. He was driving in the wrong direction and hit two other vehicles before ploughing into the pedestrians.

## 107 killed in stampede at religious event in India's Uttar Pradesh

**Monitoring Desk**  
UTTAR PRADESH: Nearly 107 people were crushed to death at a Hindu religious gathering in northern India on Tuesday, with many others injured, a senior government official said. A large crowd had gathered near the city of Hathras for a sermon by a popular preacher but a fierce dust storm sparked panic as people were leaving.

"The attendees were exiting the venue when a dust storm blinded their vision, leading to a melee and the subsequent tragic incident," Chaitra V, divisional commissioner of Aligarh city in Uttar Pradesh state, told AFP.

"We ... are focusing on providing relief and medical aid for the victims," she added.

Hours after the tragedy, she told reporters the toll had surged past a hundred.

"Initial information ... is that 107 people have died," she told reporters.

Most of the dead were women, according to state chief medical officer Umesh Kumar Tripathi, who told reporters "many injured" have been hospitalised. Lines of ambulances carried the injured to hospitals.

Waiting outside and crying men gathered under one mortuary in the town of Etah, where many of the dead were taken, seeking news of their relatives.

## North Korea brags of new missile with 'super-large warhead'

**Monitoring Desk**  
SEOUL: North Korea said Tuesday it had test-fired a new tactical ballistic missile capable of carrying "a super-large warhead," a claim quickly disputed by South Korean officials and experts who speculate the North likely fabricated a successful test to conceal a botched launch.

It's the second time that South Korea has questioned North Korea's claim on the development of new weapons in recent days, as the rivals are locked in heightened animosities over the North's testing activities.

The North's official Korean Central News Agency said that Monday's test involved the Hwasongpho-11 Da-4.5 missile, which can carry a 4.5-ton-class warhead. It said the test was meant to verify the weapon's flight stability and hit accuracy at the maximum range of 500 kilometers (310 miles) and the minimum range of 90 kilometers (55 miles).

The test apparently refers to the two ballistic missile launches that South Korea said North Korea performed Monday.

Joint Chiefs of Staff spokesperson Lee Sung Joon said at a briefing late Tuesday that the second North Korean missile was found to have fallen on an uninhabited area near Pyongyang, the North's capital.

He said he could find few previous test-launches by North Korea that have aimed at ground target sites.

The South Korean military has said the second North Korean missile possibly traveled abnormally during the initial stage of its flight.

## UN seeks aid for Sudan refugees fleeing to Libya, Uganda

**Monitoring Desk**  
GENEVA: The UN refugee agency said on Tuesday it is expanding its Sudan aid plan to Libya and Uganda, after a surge in arrivals in those countries of people fleeing the 14-month-old Sudanese civil war.

Sudan is already the world's worst displacement crisis with some 12 million forced to flee their homes and more than 2 million displaced across borders. The latest expansion of the UN response plan brings to seven the number of African countries taking in large numbers of Sudanese refugees. The arrivals in Libya, northwest of Sudan, raise the prospect that the refugees may continue their journey to Europe across the dangerous Mediterranean route - a scenario which UNHCR's chief has already warned about if aid is not provided.

A UNHCR planning document published on Tuesday showed that the agency expects to receive 149,000 in Libya before year-end. It projects 55,000 for Uganda which does not share a direct border with Sudan and already hosts 1.7 million refugees and asylum seekers from other crises.

"It just speaks to the desperate situation and desperate decisions that people are making, that they end up in a place like Libya which is of course extremely, extremely difficult for refugees right now," the UNHCR's Ewan Watson told reporters in Geneva, saying most had arrived there from Darfur where ethnic violence has escalated.

At least 20,000 refugees have already arrived in Libya since last year, with arrivals accelerating in recent months and many thousands more unregistered, Watson added. At least 39,000 Sudanese refugees had arrived in Uganda since the war, he said. The Sudan aid response is suffering from a shortage of resources amid record humanitarian needs due to multiple crises around the world and as some donors retrench due to domestic budget constraints.

## Taliban told to 'include women' in public life at UN talks

**Monitoring Desk**  
DOHA: Taliban authorities told women must be included in public life, UN Under-Secretary-General Rosemary DiCarlo said on Monday as she defended a decision to sideline civil society groups at official talks in Doha. Rights organisations have strongly criticised the controversial UN move to exclude the groups, including women's rights activists, from the two-day meeting on Afghanistan as the price for the Taliban government's participation. "Authorities will not sit across the table with Afghan civil society in this format, but they have heard very clearly the need to include women and civil society in all aspects of public life," DiCarlo told a Doha news conference.

The UN-hosted meeting began on Sunday and is the third such gathering to be held in Qatar in a little over a year, but the first to include the Taliban authorities who seized power in Afghanistan for a second time in 2021.

The talks were due to discuss increasing engagement with Afghanistan and a more coordinated response to the country, including economic issues and counter-narcotics efforts. The international community has wrestled with its approach to the Taliban since they returned to power, with no country officially recognising its government. The group has imposed a strict interpretation of Islam, with women subjected to laws characterised by the UN as "gender apartheid".

The Taliban refused an invitation to Doha talks in February, insisting on being the only Afghan representatives, to the exclusion of civil society groups. But their condition was accepted in the build-up to this latest round.

The United States said it agreed to participate in Monday's talks after receiving assurances that the talks would meaningfully discuss human rights. US pointman on Afghanistan Thomas West and Rina Amiri, the US special envoy on the rights of Afghan women and girls, in Doha.



Hungary's Prime Minister Viktor Orbán and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy attend a joint news briefing, amid Russia's attack on Ukraine, in Kyiv.

## Dozens protest in Kenya with riot police out in force

**Monitoring Desk**  
NAIROBI: Dozens of Kenyans took to the streets on Tuesday under a heavy police presence, with many shops shuttered as youth activists called for fresh protests after anti-tax hike demonstrations last month descended into deadly violence.

Activists have stepped up their campaign against President William Ruto despite his announcement last week that he would not sign into law a controversial finance bill that triggered what he has branded "treasonous" protests. The Kenya National Commission on Human Rights (KNCHR) said on Monday that 39 people had been killed and 361 injured during two weeks of demonstrations and condemned the use of force against protesters as "excessive and disproportionate".

On Tuesday morning, the capital Nairobi's central business district — the focus of previous rallies — was quiet, with police patrolling and few people on the streets. Local politician John Kenyatta expressed frustration over businesses shuttering, telling AFP there was "no alarm", despite instances of looting last Thursday.

"They are scared. I told people to open their businesses, but most have fear, they even moved their goods from the shops."

## Japan successfully launches an advanced Earth observation satellite on its new flagship H3 rocket

**Monitoring Desk**  
TOKYO: Japan successfully deployed an upgraded Earth observation satellite for disaster response and security after it was launched on a new flagship H3 rocket Monday.

The H3 No. 3 rocket lifted off from the Tanegashima Space Center on a southwestern Japanese island and released its payload about 16 minutes later, putting it into a targeted orbit as planned, the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency, or JAXA, said during a livestream.

The Advanced Land Observation Satellite, or ALOS-4, is tasked primarily with Earth observation and data collection for disaster response and mapping, including for volcanic and seismic activity and other land movements. It's also capable of monitoring military activity, such as missile launches, with an infrared sensor developed by the Defense Ministry.

## Comoros President Assoumani gives son government job

**Monitoring Desk**  
MORONI: Comoros President Azali Assoumani has put his son, Nou El Fath, in charge of coordinating government affairs as he reshuffled his cabinet following a tense January election that his opponents alleged was tainted by voter fraud.

One person was killed and at least 25 injured in violent protests in the country, a group of three islands off the coast of Mozambique, after the election body declared Assoumani re-elected to his fourth five-year term.

## Rahul Gandhi recites Darood Sharif at Lok Sabha

**Monitoring Desk**  
NEW DELHI: Indian Congress member Rahul Gandhi, who is the Opposition Leader in Lok Sabha, quoted the Holy Quran and recited Darood Sharif upon Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) during an assembly session. "It is written in the [Holy] Quran the Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him) said, 'God said have no fear [for] I am with you, hearing and seeing,'" he said at Lok Sabha. The remarks came as he hit out at the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) for spreading hatred.

**NOTICE INVITING TENDER**

The Executive Engineer Public Health Engineering Division Killa Saifullah... invites sealed rates tenders based on Composite schedule of Rates, 2023, Government of Balochistan from interested Contractor for the works mentioned below:- The Tender fee will be deposit through Green Challan in National Bank of Pakistan under the head of account C0-2725-02. Earnest Money 2% Through Call Deposit. Time limit 30-06-2025 for each work

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3	CONSTRUCTION OF WSS KILLI SAIB SALEEM KILLA SAIFULLAH TSE-242507471213	2.175	0.042	650
4	CONSTRUCTION OF WSS KILLI BANDAT PASINZAI KHAZEN KILLA SAIFULLAH TSE-242507471293	2.175	0.042	650
5	CONSTRUCTION OF WSS KILLI BANDAT PATOZAI MEROZAI KILLA SAIFULLAH TSE-242507471353	2.175	0.042	650
6	CONSTRUCTION OF WSS KILLI ABDUL RAZAQ KAMALZAI KILLA SAIFULLAH TSE-242507471493	1.650	0.033	650
7	CONSTRUCTION OF WSS KILLI MOLVI EHSANULLAH PASINZAI KILLA SAIFULLAH TSE-242507471583	1.650	0.033	650
8	CONSTRUCTION OF WSS KILLI IBRAHIM SHAH AKHTERZAI KILLA SAIFULLAH TSE-242507471633	1.650	0.033	650
9	CONSTRUCTION OF WSS KILLI MUSTAFA PASINZAI KILLA SAIFULLAH TSE-242507471683	1.650	0.033	650
10	CONSTRUCTION OF WSS KILLI KHAR KARAN KILLA SAIFULLAH TSE-242507471763	1.650	0.033	650
11	CONSTRUCTION OF WSS KILLI MULAZAI ALOZAI KILLA SAIFULLAH TSE-242507471783	1.590	0.030	650
12	CONSTRUCTION OF WSS KILLI RAHIM DIN & ALLA UD DIN KILLA SAIFULLAH TSE-242507471843	4.500	0.090	1500
13	CONSTRUCTION OF WSS MALA JAN MUHAMMAD ROD JOEZAI KILLA SAIFULLAH TSE23240540563	2.985	0.030	1500

The procurement will be carried out in Accordance with Balochistan Public Procurement Regulatory Authority Rule 2014. Eligibility: The contractors must have registration with "Tax authorities" (Le (NTN & BRA), valid registration with Pakistan Engineering Council in Category who have deposited / renewal fee for the year 2022-23. Method of Procurement: Single stage, Single envelope. Bidding / Tender Documents: Issuance:- Tender Contractor documents will be issued from the date of advertisement published in newspaper on presentation of requisite documents i.e Tender Fee (Not-refundable). Bid security/earnest money, valid Engineering Council Certificate in relevant /required category, ITax certificate (NTN) etc. Submission:- Last date for submission of documents from advertisement published in newspaper up to 23-07-2024, at 12:00 AM. Opening:- The tenders will be opened on 23-07-2024, at 1:00 PM Place of Issuance, submission inquires and opening will be: Address: Public Health Engineering, Division Killa Saifullah. The terms and conditions can be seen / obtain from Office of the undersigned. (Phone No. 0823-610233) (Fax No. 0823-610233) Email Address:- abdulhaleemk@gmail.com.

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**TENDER NOTICE**

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S. No.	Name of Work	E/Cost
1.	D/D of Tube Well for WSS at Killi Takri Abdul Hai Chapper District Kalat PSDP No. 5488 TSE-242507472003	6142994
2.	D/D of Tube Well for WSS at Killi Jattak Sumalari Near Zakriazai Khaliq Abad District Kalat PSDP No. 5490 TSE-242507472023	6142994
3.	D/D of Tube Well for WSS at Killi Haji Ameer Hamza Bahiri Khaliq Abad District Kalat PSDP No. 5493 TSE-242507472063	6142994
4.	D/D of Tube Well for WSS at Killi Ali Ahmed Langau Essazai Khaliq Abad District Kalat PSDP No. 5549 TSE-242507472113	6142994
5.	D/D of Tube Well for WSS at Killi Khuda Baksh Kolohi Khaliq Abad District Kalat PSDP No. 5758 TSE-242507472183	6142994
6.	D/D of Tube Well for WSS at Killi Sardar Kot Khaliq Abad District Kalat PSDP No. 5760 TSE-242507472203	6142994
7.	D/D of Tube Well for WSS at Killi Barenchina Khaliq Abad District Kalat PSDP No. 5800 TSE-242507472263	6142994
8.	D/D of Tube Well for WSS at Khaliq Abad Bazar District Kalat PSDP No. 5804 TSE-242507472303	6142994
9.	D/D of Tube Well for WSS at Killi Mir Abdul Haq Langau Khaliq Abad District Kalat PSDP No. 5808 TSE-242507472333	6142994
10.	D/D of Tube Well for WSS at Killi Mir Khalil Langau Khaliq Abad District Kalat PSDP No. 5846 TSE-242507472413	6142994
11.	D/D of Tube Well for WSS at Zard Counselor Muhammad Aslam Langau Khaliq Abad District Kalat PSDP No. 5850 TSE-242507472503	6142994
12.	D/D of Tube Well for WSS at Killi Yir Muhammad Zard Khaliq Abad District Kalat PSDP No. 5854 TSE-242507472593	6142994
13.	D/D of Tube Well for WSS at Killi Shapch Salarzai Muhammad Qasim Khaliq Abad District Kalat PSDP No. 5859 TSE-242507472673	6142994
14.	D/D of Tube Well for WSS at Killi Malik Mian Durakzai Khaliq Abad District Kalat PSDP No. 5864 TSE-242507472703	6142994
15.	D/D of Tube Well for WSS at Killi Dii Shad Nichari Kohak Khaliq Abad District Kalat PSDP No. 5868 TSE-242507472743	6142994
16.	D/D of Tube Well for WSS at Killi Shah Baran Khaliq Abad District Kalat PSDP No. 5871 TSE-242507472823	6142994
17.	D/D of Tube Well for WSS at Killi Mir Jan Malangzai Khaliq Abad District Kalat PSDP No. 5876 TSE-242507472883	6142994
18.	D/D of Tube Well for WSS at Killi Sikandar Abad Keertaar Gazg District Kalat PSDP No. 5905 TSE-242507473023	6142994
19.	D/D of Tube Well for WSS at Killi Haji Rahim Dad Langau District Kalat PSDP No. 5908 TSE-242507473083	6142994
20.	D/D of Tube Well for WSS at Yousafzai Zia Yousafzai Khaliq Abad District Kalat PSDP No. 5912 TSE-242507473163	6142994
21.	D/D of Tube Well for WSS at Killi Mir Moulia Baksh Langau at Khaliq Abad District Kalat PSDP No. 5917 TSE-242507473183	6142994
22.	D/D of Tube Well for WSS at Killi Gaha zai Langau at Khaliq Abad PSDP No. 5921 TSE-242507473233	6142994
23.	D/D of Tube Well for WSS at Killi Mengal Abad Bencha District Kalat PSDP No. 5925 TSE-242507473273	6142994
24.	D/D of Tube Well for WSS at Killi Muhammad Shahi Mehmood Gohram Khaliq Abad District Kalat PSDP No. 5963 TSE-242507473343	6142994
25.	D/D of Tube Well for WSS at Killi Chowang Mengal Dasht-e-Goran District Kalat PSDP No. 5964 TSE-242507473353	6142994
26.	D/D of Tube Well for WSS at Killi Gharib Abad Kalat District Kalat PSDP No. 5965 TSE-242507473393	6142994

Procurements shall be made under the Balochistan Public Procurement Rules - 2014. Eligibility of Bidders: Presence in Active Tax Payer List The bidding firm must not be blacklisted by any procuring agency of Pakistan Balochistan Revenue Authority Registration is required The bidder must have completed 3 Assignment of similar nature of work Turnover of at least 61,42,994 PKR Amount in 3 subsequent previous years showing financial capacity of the firm Procedure of Procurement: Single Stage One Envelope Bidding Procedure Bid Security: The bids must accompany Bid Security in the form of Deposit at Call of 2 % specified above in the name of the under-signed from a scheduled bank. Tender Documents: The bidding documents can be obtained from the office of the under-signed 2,000 PKR through green chalan on a/c of Tender documents Fee C02726-others. Issuance of tender Documents: From the date of publication of NIT to 01 July, 2024 during office hours on working days Last Date of bid submission: The Tenders must be submitted latest by 22 July, 2024 till 09:30 AM. Tender opening: All tenders will be opened on same day at the office of the undersigned at 10:30 AM Address: Kohing Kalat Phone no: 0844210228 Fax no: Email: xanphedkalat@gmail.com

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# 99.99 percent reporting is correct: Chief Justice IHC

ISLAMABAD (Online): Chief Justice (CJ) Islamabad High Court (IHC) Aamir Farooq has remarked reporters reporting court's proceedings are absolutely correct and those who announce decision while sitting in evening programs is problem.

The reporters reporting court's proceedings are reporting correctly. Those who announce decision by sitting in programs in the evening is problem. First criminal trial was telecast in US on TV in 1975. I am protector of rights of people. I cannot deprive entire world of this right, CJ IHC remarked during the hearing of the petition seeking nullification of PEMRA notification regarding ban on court reporting here Tuesday.

Chief Justice of Pakistan inquired was any thing reported wrongly. Upon it PEMRA issued notification. I don't think that such thing was done by high court or registrar sent any report.

The court remarked that if I have not said any thing and it is reported then PEMRA can penalize this media house on complaint.

CJ IHC remarked let the people know what is hap-

pening. How many actions were taken by PEMRA on wrong reporting during the last one year.

He remarked I say 99.99 percent reporting is correct. Point one percent can be human error. I believe this may have been done in SC too. If some one does any thing wrong then PEMRA should take action against it. When court issues signed decision then it becomes public property. Decision of judge should be criticized not judge. We should encourage debates on court's decisions. Court's decisions should be highlighted that law was like this. But in decision there is this mistake. PEMRA has imposed complete ban on court's reporting.

CJ IHC remarked there was time when 20 to 25 people sitting in the court could hear the court's proceedings. Now this is age of media. Man sitting in US can hear observation given by me here. We are now moving to the direction that all should see us and world should come to know. Now it is age of transparency. Either it is mistake of bench or of bar, it should be reported.

CJ IHC remarked what such disinformation had come to PEMRA that on the basis of which this happened.



Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif visits the Navruz Palace in Dushanbe.



QUETTA: Members of Pashtunkhwa Students Organization are holding protest demonstration against killing of student Ali and demanding justice for him, at Quetta press club.

## Fact finding inquiry committee constituted to investigate BUITEMS bus mishap

**Independent Report**  
QUETTA: The Colleges, Higher and Technical Education Department, Government of Balochistan has constituted a fact-finding inquiry committee to investigate the recent incident involving a coaster bus of Balochistan University of Information Technology, Engineering and Management Sciences (BUIEMS) transport where students slipped from running bus, resulting in one fatality and one injury.

This was announced in an official notification issued here by the Colleges, Higher and Technical Education Department on Tuesday.

According to the notification, the fact-finding inquiry committee has been constituted with the prior approval of the Minister for

Education and Pro-Chancellor of public sector universities, Ms. Rahila Hameed Khan Durrani.

As per the notification, the investigations would particularly focus on the issues of overcrowding and rash driving, which led to the tragic loss of students.

The Registrar of Bolan University of Medical and Health Sciences, Syed Aurangzaib Shah would act as the Chairman of fact-finding inquiry committee. Registrar of Balochistan University, Muhammad Tariq Jozgezi and Director Pishin Campus of Sardar Bahadur Khan Women University, Ashraf Kakar would be part of the committee as its members. The committee would submit its report to the department within a week, as mentioned in the notification.

## UN body demands immediate release of PTI founder

GENEVA (INP): A United Nations (UN) human rights working group demanded the immediate release of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) founder and former prime minister Imran Khan, maintaining that he was detained in 'violation of international law'.

"(The) appropriate remedy would be to release Mr. Khan immediately and accord him an enforceable right to compensation and other reparations, in accordance with international law," the Geneva-based UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention maintained read in its report.

The UN body also

maintained that Imran Khan was "reportedly instrumentalized for a political purpose".

"(The) working group concludes that his (Imran Khan) detention had no legal basis and appears to have been intended to disqualify him from running for political office. Thus, from the outset, that prosecution was not grounded in law and was reportedly instrumentalized for a political purpose," the report read. Earlier, Deputy Spokesperson for the US Department of State Vedant Patel termed the cases against Imran Khan as an 'internal matter of Pakistan'.



QUETTA: Social Activist, Rozina Khilji along with students of Buitems University addressing a press conference, at Quetta press club.

## No talks with PTI without condemning May 09 violence: IIP Leader

ISLAMABAD (APP): Isteqam-e-Pakistan Party (IPP) Central leader Aun Chaudhry on Tuesday said that no talks would be held with the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leadership without condemnation of the May 09 violence.

Addressing a news conference here at the National Press Club (NPC), he said that some reprehensible elements were hatching conspiracies against the democracy and national institutions to defame the country through their negative agenda but they would not succeed in their motives.

Aun Chaudhry said that the coalition government was trying its best to

put the country on track of development by ensuring economic stability, adding that it was launching mega projects during ongoing regime not only to boost national economy but also steer out the country from economic crunch.

He said, "I pledge to expose those elements involved in May 09 incidents and negotiations with them are only possible after they tender apology to the victims of their violence and face legal action."

PTI leadership had always perpetrated chaos and anarchy in the country's institutions, he added.

## PTI to protest against expensive electricity, taxes: Asad Qaisar

**PESHAWAR (INP):** Former speaker National Assembly Asad Qaisar has called the hike in electricity tariff and taxes as unacceptable.

Asad Qaisar, a central leader of the PTI announced the party's protest meetings against expensive electricity and new taxes.

He announced public meetings of the PTI on July 5 at Mansehra and July 6 in Islamabad against new taxes and hike in power tariffs.

"We are with the people over the matter," he said. "The government has to take back illegal taxes being imposed over the people," he said. Asad Qaisar also demanded a mechanism to ensure free and fair elections in the country.

## Some individuals have taken over PTI: Fawad

ISLAMABAD (INP): Former Federal Minister Fawad Chaudhry said that a few individuals took over the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), and newcomers like Raouf Hassan became seniors.

Speaking at private TV channel program, former minister said asserted that he is still a member of the PTI. "Had I left the party, I would have been minister today on basis of the Forms 47," Fawad Chaudhry added.

He said that few people have taken control of the PTI and newcomers like Raouf Hassan became seniors in the party 'without any justification'.

## Pakistan's tallest man died at 30

VEHARI (APP): The tallest man in Pakistan, Zia Rasheed, 30 years old, died in Vehari after prolonged illness, a private news channel reported on Tuesday.

Due to his height, he developed medical issues at the early age of his life.

Zia Rasheed was the second-tallest man in the world, with a height of eight feet and three inches.

A large number of people from every segment of life attended his funeral prayer.

## Public-Private Partnership Board meets: Incumbent Govt. mobilizing all available resources to provide relief to masses: Nausherwani

**Independent Report**

QUETTA: The Provincial Minister for Finance, Mir Shoab Nausherwani has stated that the incumbent government is mobilizing all available resources to provide relief to the people.

He said that there would be far reaching impacts on the life of people under Public-Private Partnership Project.

He said that concrete steps are being taken to operationalize the Circular road parking plaza under Public-Private Partnership in order to resolve the issues of traffic in Quetta city. A modern building would be built in place of mutton market.

With this, not only the people would get livelihood but it would also resolve the long-standing issue of traffic to great extent, stated the Minister Finance while chairing meeting of the Public Private Partnership Board here on Tuesday.

The Provincial Minister for Planning and Development and co-Chairman of the Public-Private Partnership Programme, Mir Zahoor Buledi was also in the chair with Finance Minister.

Also attended the meeting was by the Principal Secretary to Chief Minister, Imran Zarkoon, Additional Chief Secretary Planning and Development, Hafiz Abdul Basit, Secretary Finance, Babar Khan, Secretary Industries, Noor Ahmed Pirani and Commissioner Quetta, Muhammad Hamza Shafiqat. The Provincial Minister Finance maintained that the provincial government is making utmost efforts to execute different projects under the Public Private Partnership. Under the PPP mode, the local poor people would have opportunities of livelihood through Chaman Master Plan, he added.

## Every possible steps being taken to improve performance of PHE in limited resources: Khetran

**Independent Report**

QUETTA: The Provincial Minister for Public Health Engineering (PHE), Sardar Abdul Rehman Khetran has stated that every possible measures are being taken to improve overall functional of the PHE in province.

In an official statement issued here on Tuesday, the Provincial Minister PHE said that drinking water is basic need and right of the people, however, it is also duty of every citizen to pay utility bill of water monthly on regular basis as well as not to have illegal water connection and save the water from wastage.

He warned that legal action would be taken against those having illegal water connections.

He stressed the need to save the potable water from wastage and misuse.

He said that the department would benefit from increase in the self income. However, we are also finding new means of revenue for the department.



UZBEKISTAN: Focal Person to PMYP for Green Youth Movement & International Linkages, Syeda Anna Batool receiving a souvenir from Minister of the Youth Affairs of Uzbekistan, Alisher Sa'dullayev at OIC Youth Forum.

## Step afoot to address block identity cards issues in Jhal Magsi: DC

QUETTA (APP): Deputy Commissioner (DC) Jhal Magsi Syed Rehamatullah Shah on Tuesday said that Balochistan government was utilizing all resources to address block identity cards issues in consultation with the concerned authorities.

He expressed these views while chairing at a meeting which was held on the light of the instructions of the Home Secretary.

The meeting was attended by Assistant Director NADRA Nasir Hussain, DSP Soomar Khan Jamali, In-charge Special Branch Gandawa Ghulam Farid Tareen and other officers.

In the meeting, the cases of block identity cards were reviewed and complains of people was also heard.

Syed Rehamatullah Shah said that measures would be taken to address the issue. He said that the identity cards of 89 people in Jhal Magsi district have been blocked, out of which only two people attended the meeting. He said that earlier in 2017, their case have been sent to the concerned institution, in this regard, the relevant institutions should submit their reports in a timely manner.

## Pakistan, Afghan Taliban hold face-to-face talks on TTP

Zabihullah Mujahid terms interaction 'good', hopes relations between two neighbours would improve

ISLAMABAD (Agencies): Pakistan and the Afghan Taliban held crucial talks, first in several months, in the Qatari capital as part of the latest push to iron out their differences on the banned Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP).

The talks were held at the residence of Pakistan's Ambassador to Qatar, Pakistan's special envoy on Afghanistan Ambassador Asif Durrani and Chief Taliban spokesperson Zabihullah Mujahid.

Durrani and Mujahid were leading their countries' respective delegations at

the third meeting of the Doha process on Afghanistan.

On the sidelines, Pakistan's Ambassador to Qatar invited Zabihullah Mujahid over a dinner where they held formal talks with Ambassador Asif Durrani.

Mujahid termed his interaction with Pakistan as "good" and expressed the hope that relations between the two neighbours would improve. Durrani, meanwhile, said he discussed the Doha meeting and regional issues with the Taliban delegation.

The meeting took place against the backdrop of simmering tensions between Pakistan and the Afghan Taliban government. Tensions deepened further after Pakistan indicated it might resort to cross border strikes to target the terrorist hideouts of TTP.

Sources said the meeting was part of renewed efforts by Pakistan to convince the Afghan Taliban to get rid of the TTP and its affiliates.

The latest push came after Pakistan decided to use all possible diplomatic options to resolve the issue of TTP.

## Naqvi lauds elimination of terrorists in KP

ISLAMABAD (INP): Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi on Tuesday lauded the army for eliminating terrorists in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

He said the security forces eliminated nine terrorists in Tirah and Lakki Marwat, ridding the areas of the scourge of terrorism. He said fight against terrorism would continue.

The security forces eliminated nine terrorists in two operations in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on Monday, said ISPR.

In Tirah, an intelligence-based operation led to the neutralisation of seven terrorists including key figures Najeeb Abdul Rehman and Ishaq Muavia. In another operation in Lakki Marwat district, security forces neutralised two more terrorists at a targeted location.

## Bail plea of Bushara Bibi in 190 million pounds accepted

RAWALPINDI (Online): Bail plea of Bushra Bibi in 190 million pounds reference has been accepted.

Judge Muhammad Ali Warraich of Accountability Court (AC) Islamabad heard and accepted the bail plea in Adiala jail.

During the hearing of the case the Deputy Prosecutor General (DPG) Sardar Muzaffar Abbasi argued that arrest of Bushra Bibi is not wanted. Chairman NAB did not issue her arrest warrants.

The further hearing of the case was adjourned till July 05. The defence counsel completed cross examination of three witnesses of prosecution during the hearing. Cross questioning in respect of 27 witnesses has been completed in the reference.



DUSHANBE: Prime Minister, Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif lays a floral wreath at the monument of Ismail Samani in Dushanbe.

## PM given guard of honor on arrival for a two-day Tajikistan visit

DUSHANBE (APP): Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday was given a guard of honor as he arrived here on a two-day visit at the invitation of President of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon.

As the prime minister arrived at the Qasr-e-Millat, he was warmly received by Prime Minister Rehmam.

The national anthems of both the countries were played as the prime minister stood at the salute dias.

Later, the smartly turned out contingents of Tajik armed forces presented guard of honor to the prime minister which he reviewed.

Later, both Prime Minister Shehbaz and President Emomali Rahmon introduced their respective delegations to each other.

The prime Minister's delegation comprised Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Muhammad Ishaq Dar, Defence Minister Khawaja Muhammad Asif, Information and Broadcasting Minister Attaullah Tarar and Special Assistant to PM Tariq Fatemi.

Earlier, as the prime minister landed at Dushanbe airport, he was received by Tajik Prime Minister Kokhir Rasulzoda, Energy Minister Daler Juma, Deputy Foreign Minister Farrukh Sgarifzoda, Tajik Ambassador in Islamabad Yousof Sharifzoda, Pakistan Ambassador in Dushanbe Saad Sarwar and senior diplomatic officers.



QUETTA: Jamat-e-Islami (JI) Provincial Chief, Maulana Abdul Haq Hashmi addresses to media persons during press conference, at Quetta press club.

## Action against absentee health officials on CM directives: Deputy MS, 3 Chief MOs & 4 Lady doctors among 23 Health officials suspended on absence from duties

**Independent Report**

QUETTA: The Deputy Medical Superintendent as well as three Chief Medical Officer and four Lady Medical Officers were among 23 medical staff suspended on charges of absence from their duties in the Mufti Mehmood Memorial Hospital Kuchlak and Basic Health Unit (BHU) Barozai Aghbar.

According to the spokesman of provincial government, Shahid Rind, action has been taken against the absentee doctors and medical staff of the Mufti Mehmood Memorial Hospital Kuchlak and BHC Barozai Aghbar who were found absent

from their duties during visit of Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti the other day.

The spokesman of provincial government said that 23 persons including doctors and medical staff have been suspended on absence from their duties.

The suspended medical staff are included: Deputy Medical Superintendent of Mufti Mehmood Hospital, Dr. Imran Khan, Chief Medical Officers Dr. Sanaullah, Dr. Faheemullah and Dr. Abdul Waheed.

The four lady doctors, whose services have been placed under suspension are included: Radiologist, Dr. Javeria Zia and Lady Medical Officers Dr. Abida, Dr. Aqlamina and

Dr. Rubina Shah. Besides them, in all 13 officials of the health department deputed at BHC Barozai Aghbar have also been suspended on absence of their duties.

Needless to mention here that Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti has issued standing orders to take action against the doctors and other medical staff who were absent from their duties during his visit to the Mufti Mehmood Memorial Hospital Kuchlak and BHU Barozai Aghbar on Monday last.

The Chief Minister had expressed his displeasure over absence of medical staff from their duties and poor cleanliness situation in the Hospital.