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PM Shehbaz tells ministries Roll up your sleeves as nation wants results; won't tolerate laxity in downsizing plan

Calls for coordination b/w federal, provincial Govts to ensure peace during Muharram; Federal cabinet approves action plan for Pak PWD abolition

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Wednesday, warning against any laxity in the implementation of the government's downsizing agenda, asked the ministries to work hard for making a difference and meeting the nation's expectations.

mentation. Roll up your sleeves as this is a matter of country, its resources and resolution of its issues," the prime minister said in his remarks while chairing the meeting of the federal cabinet.

mittee under Planning Minister Ahsan Iqbal for follow-ups. Similarly, he said he had chaired a meeting a couple of days ago to review the progress on the follow-up of "very productive" discussions with Chinese President Xi Jinping and Premier Li Qiang during his China visit and would hold another meeting on July 20.

launched solarisation of 28,000 tube-wells in Balochistan to save bleeding of annual Rs 80 billion. He also appreciated the Balochistan chief minister and other relevant ministries and departments for taking the project to the implementation stage.



QUETTA: Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti chairs high-level meeting to review the security arrangements in the province during Muharram ul Haram.



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif addresses the federal cabinet.

Governor maintains Concept of power changing at fast pace in ever changing world and so requirements of modern era

INDEPENDENT REPORT QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail has stated that the concept of power is changing at fast pace in the ever changing world and so the requirements of modern era.

produce quantity human resource and thus we as a nation remain behind in the race of development. The Governor was speaking to the core committee of National Security Workshop who called on him under leadership of Sardar Qurban Jozgezi here at the Governor's House on Wednesday.

role for guiding the new generation and putting them on path of development. He regretfully pointed out that we couldn't benefit from the services of our thinkers, scientists, experts and researchers in the best interest of country and nation. The Governor stressed the need to benefit from the knowledge and experience of all concerned in all sectors of life especially in the public sector universities so that we are able to produce quality human resource and formulate apt policies at the national and provincial level.

Guiding Balochistan's youth crucial for country's development: Shahid

QUETTA (APP): The spokesperson for the Balochistan government, Shahid Rind said on Wednesday that guiding the youth of Balochistan in the right direction was crucial for the country's greater good. Speaking to a private news channel, he said that the provincial government was committed to launching numerous initiatives and projects for the youth.

Rind stressed that vocational training programs tailored to the needs of Balochistan's youth could address these challenges by equipping them with practical skills. He said that the provincial government has prioritized sectors including education, health, and climate change, as reflected in the announced budget. The provincial government's efforts aim to foster a more stable and prosperous Balochistan, contributing positively to the nation's overall progress.



ISLAMABAD: Head of PkMAP and Chairman Tehreek-e-Tahafuz-e-Aain Pakistan Mehmoond Khan Achakzai and others talking to media persons.

Pak-US Infantry Rifle Company Exercise-2024 ends at NCTC Pabbi

RAWALPINDI (INP): The closing ceremony of Pakistan-United States Infantry Rifle Company Exercise-2024 was held at National Counter Terrorism Centre (NCTC), Pabbi. The "Infantry Rifle Company Exercise-2024" between Pakistan and United States has been conducted for the 1st time in Counter Terrorism domain. The two-week exercise commenced on June 29 at National Counter Terrorism Centre (NCTC), Pabbi. One company each from both professional Armies participated with efficiency and zeal.

General Officer Commanding 17 Division attended the closing ceremony as chief guest. Major General Charles G Kemper, Commanding General, 34 Infantry Division from United States Army also witnessed the closing ceremony. The troops displayed highest standards of professional excellence during the conduct. The Infantry Rifle Company Exchange was aimed at refining drills procedures besides sharing counter terrorism experiences vital for countering perpetual terrorism threat faced by both nations.

Terrorist Commander among three killed, four soldiers martyred in Peshawar IBO

RAWALPINDI (APP): A terrorist commander among three were killed in a joint intelligence-based operation conducted by the Security Forces and Police in Hassan Khel area of Peshawar District while four brave sons of the soil embraced martyrdom amid gallantly fighting against the terrorists. During conduct of the operation, after intense exchange of fire, three terrorists including high value target, Terrorist Commander Abdul Raheem were killed whereas weapons and ammunition were also recovered from the killed terrorists, an Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) news release said.

money of Rs 6 million on him, as he remained actively involved in numerous terrorist activities, and was also responsible for Shahadat of Captain Hassan Jehangir Shaheed and Havildar Shafiq Ullah Shaheed on 26 May 2024. "Today's operation has avenged the heinous act and has brought the main perpetrator to justice," the ISPR said. The martyred soldiers were identified as Sepoy Muhammad Idrees (age: 34 years, resident of Swabi District), Sepoy Badam Gul (age: 34 years, resident of Kohat District) of Pakistan Army and Sub Inspector Tajmir Shah, (age: 38 years, resident of Peshawar District) and Assistant Sub Inspector Muhammad Akram (age: 34 years, resident of Manshera District) of CTD KPK.



QUETTA: A delegation of Al-Hamd Islamic University led by its President Dr. Shakeel Roshan meeting Balochistan Governor Jaffar Khan Mandokhail.

Maulana Fazal says We are waiting for court's decision on reserved seats case

DERA ISMAIL KHAN (Online): JUI-F chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman has said we are waiting for court's decision on the matter of reserved seats case. Approval of resolution in US Congress has no importance but it is weakness of our diplomatic mission. Instead of operation Azme Istehkam we should sit together to ascertain basic reasons to the problems related to terrorism and move towards its solution.

he said this while talking to media men here Wednesday. He went on to say Supreme Court has now to give decision on the matter of reserved seats. It is hoped the court will give the best decision. To a question he said the approval of resolution in US Congress does not hold importance because resolutions continue to be passed about other countries in the world parliaments.

13 die, Jeep plunges into river Neelum

MUZAFFARABAD (Online): As many as 13 people were killed and several injured after a jeep plunged into river Neelum in AJK capital Muzaffarabad. The passenger jeep was on its way from Lawat Bala to Muzaffarabad when it fell into River Neelum on Neelum highway. The rescue teams are facing difficulties in rescue work due to rain. The victims include men, women and children. The bodies of 13 persons have been pulled out and rescue process is underway. People were travelling in the jeep beyond its capacity, therefore, more casualties are expected. 3 persons have been injured who have been shifted to hospital.

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Planning Minister Prof. Ahsan Iqbal meets with Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan, H.E. Jiang Zaidong, to discuss ongoing and upcoming initiatives under the second phase of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) in Islamabad

Chairs high level meeting on security arrangements for Muharram: Chief Minister directs to ensure complete implementation on SOPs for security of Muharram processions & gatherings

Bugti directs all divisional commissioners to prepare coordinated strategy regarding security arrangements in respective divisions together with law enforcement agencies

INDEPENDENT REPORT QUETTA: The Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti has directed to the concerned authorities to ensure complete implementation on the standard operating procedures (SOPs) for security of the processions and gatherings to be held during the month of Muharramul Haram. He also directed to fully implement the security plan prepared for the routes of Muharram processions. The Chief Minister was chairing high level meeting about the security arrangements during

Muharramul Haram in the province, here at the CM's secretariat on Wednesday. The Provincial Minister for Home and Tribal Affairs, Mir Ziaullah Langove, Chief Secretary, Shakeel Qadir Khan, Inspector General of Police, Abdul Khaliq Sheikh, Deputy Inspector General of Police Quetta, Aitezaz Goraya, Director General Levies force, and other concerned high ups participated in the meeting. The Commissioner Quetta and commissioners of other divisions participated in the meeting through video link. The concerned high

ups briefed the meeting about the security arrangements made in the province. Addressing the meeting, Chief Minister directed to all the divisional commissioners to prepare coordinated strategy regarding security arrangements in their respective divisions together with the law enforcement agencies. He also directed to them to submit report of the security measures for Muharram taken in the divisions in the Chief Minister's secretariat. In addition to this, the security of sensitive districts should also be beefed up, adding he directed further.

Establishment 'must step back' to ensure transparent elections: Imran Khan

ISLAMABAD (INP): Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) incarcerated and beleaguered founding chairperson Imran Khan emphasised the urgent need for the establishment to step back to ensure transparent elections in the country. "If we want to save the country, the establishment must step back to move towards transparent elections," the former premier asserted during an informal talk with media in the Rawalpindi's Adiala jail today. The PTI supreme highlighted the drastic increase in national debt, stating that in 2021, it was

Rs2.8 trillion, but within four years, it had surged to Rs8 to Rs9 trillion. He criticised the current government for failing the nation, saying, "The current government has destroyed Pakistan's hope; no one trusts this government anymore." Imran pointed out the severe economic burdens on the common people, noting, "The poor who used to have a 2,000 rupees bill now face a 10,000 rupees bill." In a previous media talk, Imran emphasised that the IMF cannot solve the country's issues, asserting that the solution lies in fair and transparent elections.



ISLAMABAD: Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar in a meeting with JUI Secretary General Maulana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri.

Ahsan, Chinese Envoy discuss CPEC-2 progress, future initiatives

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Prof. Ahsan Iqbal on Wednesday met with Chinese Ambassador Jiang Zaidong to discuss the ongoing and upcoming initiatives under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) Phase 2. During the meeting, he underscored the government's unwavering commitment to ensuring the timely implementation of CPEC projects, said a news release. The minister emphasized Pakistan's eagerness to advance to the next phase of CPEC, which includes the operationalization of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) aimed at facilitating Chinese investment in Pakistan. Ahsan Iqbal is scheduled to visit China to attend

the high-level forum on the Action Plan for Global Development and a Shared Future, organized by the China International Development Cooperation Agency. This visit follows up on the agreements reached during the recent visit of Pakistan's Prime Minister to China. The follow-up meeting will focus on mutually agreed projects, with special attention to agriculture scholarships, IT training programs, the ML-1 railway project, and the Karakoram Highway (KKH) Phase 2 (Thakot-Raikot Section). Ambassador Jiang Zaidong extended a warm welcome to Minister Iqbal, noting that this marks the fourth visit to China by the



ISLAMABAD: Vendors try to save their belonging from their shops after a massive fire erupted at H-9 Sunday weekly bazaar in the Federal Capital, More than 100 shops were gutted in the fire that broke out in Sunday weekly bazaar.

NA passes State-Owned Enterprises (Governance and Operations) (Amendment) Bill, 2024

ISLAMABAD (APP): After Senate, the National Assembly on Wednesday passed the State-Owned Enterprises (Governance and Operations) (Amendment) Bill, 2024, aimed at strengthening the provisions for the removal of directors under the Act, amid the opposition uproar. Minister for Law and Justice Azam Nazeer Tarar on behalf of the Minister for Finance and Revenue piloted the bill in the House to amend the State-Owned Enterprises (Governance and Operations) Act, 2023...

Romina Khurshid urges gender equity, population management to boost climate resilience

ISLAMABAD (APP): Coordinator to the Prime Minister on Climate Change and Environmental Coordination, Romina Khurshid Alam on Wednesday has emphasized the need to address gender equity and population management to reduce emissions and build climate resilience. In a message on World Population Day to be observed on Thursday, tomorrow, Romina Khurshid Alam stressed the importance of understanding the intersections between population dynamics and climate change...

500 shops gutted as fire sweeps through Sunday Bazaar in Islamabad

ISLAMABAD (INP): As many as 500 shops were destroyed after a massive fire broke out in a Sunday Bazaar in Islamabad on Wednesday. The cause of the blaze could not be ascertained as yet while a large number of fire engines including from the Pakistan Navy and Air Force were rushed to the site. A pall of thick black smoke can be seen from a distance. According to rescue officials, a number of rescue vehicles were engaged in extinguishing the fire and more vehicles of fire brigade have been called up...



ISLAMABAD: Federal Secretary for Education and Professional Training Mohyuddin Ahmad Wani in a group photograph with principals during closing ceremony of Summer Fiesta-2024 at IMCG F-72.

SC declares stone crushing near populated areas threat to human life

ISLAMABAD (Online): Supreme Court (SC) while declaring stone crushing near populated area a threat to human life has made it clear that we are giving 24 hours time that all the respondents including KP government should file their replies otherwise court will announce its decision. Justice Mansoor Ali Shah remarked during the hearing of the case that power stone crusher near populated areas are threat to human life. These power stone crushers be shifted to some other location. The issue of stone crushing in KP is very serious issue...

Tunisia's Consul calls on Mashhood

ISLAMABAD (APP): Consul of the Republic of Tunisia, Ammad Rasheed called on Chairman of the Prime Minister's Youth Programme (PMYP) Rana Mashhood Ahmed Khan on Wednesday. The two sides held a productive meeting which discussed various initiatives undertaken by the Prime Minister's Youth Programme. They explored avenues of cooperation between Pakistan and Tunisia in youth development, said a news release.

Interior Minister directs Chairman CDA to Ensure Swift Water Drainage

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister for Interior Mohsin Naqvi on Wednesday directed Chairman Capital Development Authority (CDA) Muhammad Ali Randhawa to ensure swift water drainage in low-lying areas of the city following the torrential rainfall. He directed the Chairman CDA to utilize all resources to drain water from the streets and to personally oversee the drainage work. He also instructed the police to ensure the smooth flow of traffic. On the Minister's directives, Chairman CDA, Muhammad Ali Randhawa visited various locations to review the drainage work...

Governor KP calls on Amir Muqam

PESHAWAR (APP): Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi on Wednesday met with Federal Minister for SAFRON, Kashmir and Gilgit Baltistan Affairs, Engineer Amir Muqam and discussed the political situations in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Parliamentary leader of PPP, KP Assembly Ahmed Karim Kundi and former MPA Jamshed Khan were also present on this occasion.

EC gives assurance to IHC for holding LB polls in Islamabad on Sep 29

ISLAMABAD (Online): Election Commission (EC) has given assurance to Islamabad High Court (IHC) for holding Local Bodies (LB) polls in Islamabad on September 29. This assurance was given to IHC on Wednesday. IHC ordered the respondents to file parasitic comments in details in the court. All the relevant petitions were clubbed. The court inquired what is status of EC. EC authorities replied this is process of four months. Justice Mohsin Akhtar Kiyani heard the case pertaining to LB polls in Islamabad. During the course of hearing of the case EC authorities gave assurance to hold LB polls on September 29. Amendment in Election act is necessary in connection with election. The matters related to reserved seats are not clear so far.

A large section containing portraits and biographies of several individuals, including Ghulam Mustafa, Abdur Rahman, Khalid Qadir Khan, Muzammil Haq, Mirza Farooq, and Jaffer Khan. Each portrait is accompanied by a name and a short bio in Urdu.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Interior Mohsin Naqvi chairing a meeting of Core Committee regarding Security of Chinese Citizens.

Pak-China strategic ties being advanced through CPEC: Envoy

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chinese ambassador to Pakistan Jiang Zaidong on Wednesday said the strategic relations between the two countries were moving forward under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). "There are immense opportunities for growth and cooperation in areas such as green energy, oil and gas exploration, and IT, emphasizing that the economic corridor provided a platform for all countries to invest and benefit from it."

The conference titled "CPEC: Enhancing Community with a Shared Future for Mankind" was organized by the Ministry of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives in collaboration with the Pakistan Research Center for a Community with Shared Future and the Embassy of the People's Republic of China to Pakistan. The ambassador highlighted the vast opportunities for growth and cooperation in areas such as green energy, oil and gas exploration, and IT, emphasizing that the economic corridor provided a platform for all countries to invest and benefit from it.

He also acknowledged the significant progress made in Pakistan-China relations during Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's visit to China, and expressed hope for further strengthening strategic ties through CPEC. The envoy said the decades-long friendship between China and Pakistan was strong and stable, adding both countries wanted peace and development in the region and world as well. He highlighted China's desire for peace and development in Pakistan, stressing the need for global cooperation to achieve these objectives. In recent years, Jiang Zaidong said the southern countries of the world have emerged as symbols of economic development, taking interest in global affairs.

He said Chinese President Xi has provided a forum to promote the development process in southern countries. Speaking on the occasion, Secretary of the Ministry of Planning Awais Manzoor Sumra highlighted the significant investments made in various sectors of Pakistan under CPEC over the past decade.

He mentioned that several important energy and infrastructure projects have been completed, and that Pakistan and China were determined for successful execution of CPEC Phase-II.

President highlights socio-economic challenges related to population growth

ISLAMABAD (APP): President Asif Ali Zardari has underlined the need to understand the profound impact that rapid population growth had on the socio-economic development of Pakistan and suggested steps to address the related challenges which directly affected country's resources.

In a message on the occasion of World Population Day being observed on 11th July, the president said on this day, they reflected on the critical importance of population dynamics in shaping the nation's future.

He said population of Pakistan, counted as 241 million (Census-2023), and was growing at a high rate of 2.55% and this population was projected to reach 263 million by 2030 and 383 million by 2050.

"Our young population, which constitutes the majority, is a vibrant and dynamic force that holds immense potential for driving our nation towards prosperity. However, to harness this potential, we must ensure that our youth have access to quality education, healthcare, and employment opportunities which are significantly affected by imbalance between the available resources and the size of our country's population," President Secretariat Press Wing, in a press release quoted, the president as saying.

The president said Pakistan faced significant challenges in managing its population growth, which directly affected their resources and public services.

Despite being water-abundant at the time of independence, he said, they were now one of the water-stressed countries in the world; the agricultural land was being converted into housing areas.

Naqvi chairs meeting of Core Committee on Security of Chinese

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Interior Mohsin Naqvi on Wednesday chaired a meeting of the Core Committee on Security of Chinese Citizens at the Ministry of Interior. The meeting was attended by Secretary Interior, Secretary Defense, Incharge National Coordinator NACTA, Coordinator National Action Plan and senior officials of law enforcement agencies.

Chief Secretaries of all provinces, including Azad Jammu and Kashmir and Gilgit-Baltistan, IGs, and Home Secretaries participated in the meeting via video link. The meeting reviewed in detail the security of Chinese citizens across the country.

The Interior Minister underlined that no compromise and negligence would be tolerated in the security of Chinese citizens. He directed that the security audit of Chinese citizens be completed within the stipulated time line and that all relevant agencies ensure 100 percent implementation of the new SOPs. He further said that the SOPs for the security of Chinese citizens had been prepared in consultation with all relevant agencies, and every effort had been made to ensure that all security aspects were considered in it.

The minister asked the departments and agencies working in the field to provide further recommendations.



QUETTA: A delegation of National Workshop Core Committee led by Sardar Qurban Jozegai meeting Balochistan Governor Jaffar Khan Mandokhail.

Improvement in health and education included in priorities: Dream of development can't be materialized unless health taken seriously, says CM

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QUETTA: The Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti has stated that improvement in health and education sectors is included in priorities of the provincial government. He said that until and unless health is taken seriously, the dream of development can't be materialized.

He said that concrete measures are needed to be taken for bringing revolution in health sector by improving services of the neonatal children and mothers during delivery.

In a statement issued on eve of the World Population Day being observed today (Thursday) all over the globe including Pakistan and Balochistan, the Chief Minister said that the reproductive health and family planning plays important role in decreasing the mother and infant mortality rate and improving the overall health of people.

He mentioned that abundant funds have been allocated for the health sector and family planning in the budget.

He said that the provincial government reiterates its commitment to pay more focus on reproductive health and family planning, which are otherwise important components of overall health and welfare of population.

The Chief Minister said that the government is determined to work with partners for good health and well being of the people of province.

He said that the "Healthy Balochistan is our resolve."



QUETTA: Chairman Ruet-e-Hilal Committee Maulana Abdul Khabir Azad shaking hand with Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti.

Balochistan Governor says: Currently exponential population increase created dilemma for Balochistan

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QUETTA: With regard to World Population Day, the Governor Balochistan, Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail has stated that currently exponential population increase has created a dilemma for the province of Balochistan where on one hand the province is struggling to meet its needs due to limited resources and on the other hand it is facing depletion of natural resources. With the celebration of the World Population Day in our province, the public will get a chance of awareness on the importance of balanced population increase which shall further lead to a better environment.

In balancing the population in proportion of the available resources, reproductive health and family planning services play a key role in controlling maternal mortality rate and infant mortality rate. A healthy mother means a healthy baby. Balochistan has the highest maternal mortality rate across Pakistan and it is crucial for us to control our population and improve health related indicators while working towards improving our public sector service delivery such as provision of contraceptives, better and accessible health facilities and quality education, especially for girls.

The political parties, civil society organizations and community elders should join hands to prioritize health and family planning for a healthy Balochistan. All efforts should be made to integrate and improve service delivery at the community level for healthy outcomes.

President condoles deaths in jeep accident in Neelum

ISLAMABAD (APP): President Asif Ali Zardari on Wednesday expressed grief over the deaths after a jeep plunged into a river in Neelum Valley of Azad Kashmir.

The president prayed to Allah Almighty for peace for the departed souls, sympathized with the bereaved families, and also prayed for strength to bear the loss.

According to media reports, as many as 10 people died and another three were injured when a jeep plunged into River Neelum after the driver lost control of the vehicle.

Fazal, Zafar & Dastagir elected as Chairman of various standing committees

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QUETTA: The members of Provincial Assembly Fazal Qadir Mandokhail, Syed Zafar Ali Agha and Mir Ghulam Dastagir Badini were elected as Chairman of different standing committees of provincial assembly here on Wednesday.

According to an official press release of the provincial assembly, meetings of three standing committees were held in the assembly in which their respective members unanimously elected chairmen to lead the committees.

The Standing Committee on Social Welfare, Women's Development, Zakat, Ushr, Hajj, and Auqaf Affairs met with its members in the attendance.

The members elected Fazal Qadir Mandokhail as Chairman of the standing committee.

Similarly, the Standing Committee on Law, Parliamentary Affairs, Prosecution, and Human Rights held its meeting in the Provincial Assembly, electing Syed Zafar Ali Agha as Chairman while the Standing Committee on Industry, Labour, and Mineral Development held its meeting in the Provincial Assembly, electing Mir Ghulam Dastagir Badini as Chairman.

Pak Citizenship (Amend.) Bill, 2024 lands in NA

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Pakistan Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2024 was introduced in the National Assembly on Wednesday.

Minister for Parliamentary Affairs and Law and Justice, Senator Azam Nazeer Tarar on behalf of the Minister for Interior, Syed Mohsin Raza Naqvi moved the Bill to amend the Pakistan Citizenship Act, 1951 [The Pakistan Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2024].

Tarar said: "The citizenship of the country was being granted to every child of foreign nationals born in Pakistan. But it is going to be changed as globally it has been the law that anyone of the parents of the ward has to be citizen of that particular country and this is to be adopted in the country as well."

Bakht Kakar says: Livestock sector can be improved further due to range of rain & hills in Balochistan

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QUETTA: The Provincial Minister for Livestock and Dairy Development, Bakht Muhammad Kakar has stated that majority of the people depend on livestock and cattle breeding for livelihood in the province. He said that the livestock sector can be improved further due to the range of rains and hills.

Besides, the agricultural areas and green belt have great potential of cattle breeding and growth.

The Provincial Minister was addressing one-day seminar organized in collaboration with the Asian Development Bank and Government of Balochistan here on Wednesday.

He noted with pleasure that the Asian Development Bank is taking steps for improvement in the livestock sector.

The initiatives like provision of soft term loans, improvement of cattle breeding and prevention of diseases in animals are welcoming, the Minister maintained.

Those who were present on the occasion were included: Secretary Livestock, Muhammad Tayyab Lehri, Director General Livestock, Farooq Tareen, senior Natural Resources Specialist Asian Development Bank besides a large number of people associated with livestock.

The representatives of Asian Development Bank and other experts also addressed the seminar and called for taking concerted measures to develop livestock sector in the province.

SSP says: Traders gives Rs 1mln to police for rehabilitation of drug addicts

QUETTA (APP): Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Operation Quetta Muhammad Baloch on Wednesday said that the representatives of Anjuman Tajran have given funds Rs one million to the police for the rehabilitation of drug addicts which was admirable initiatives.

He expressed these views while addressing a meeting regarding drug addicts.

The meeting was attended by Focal Person for Narcotics DIG Ali Sher Jakhani along with the President of Central Anjuman Tajran Registered Balochistan Abdul Rahim Kakar Dad shopping center and other officials.

Country facing shortage of nurses at national level, 0.9m required by 2030: Tarar

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, and Law and Justice, Senator Azam Nazeer Tarar on Wednesday said the country is facing shortage of nursing staff at the national level as the country required 0.9 million more nurses to cater the growing needs of the population by 2030.

The minister was replying to the calling attention notice moved by Member National Assembly (MNA), Sehar Kamran to invite attention of the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination to the matter of shortage of doctors and nurses in Islamabad, causing grave concern amongst the public.

Tarar informed that there was no shortage of doctors in the hospitals of the federal capital, but rather that of nurses.

"At present, 100,000 nurses are serving whereas there are 589 nursing schools and colleges operating across the country out of which 375 are private and 214 are public institutions," he said.

He added that it was an important service and evening classes policy was being introduced and imposed since 2018.

Since, there were more females opting for this profession, there were efforts underway to manage their hostel and other needs and nursing colleges were encouraged to increase their seats to accommodate increasing number of aspirants, he said.

The minister underlined that some 20,000 doctors were entering the service system per year which was satisfactory and as per the WHO guidelines to cater the population of the country.

Commissioner eulogizes role of UNICEF

SIBBI (APP): Commissioner, Syed Zahid Shah here on Wednesday appreciated the steps of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) for providing clean drinking water, education and starting other welfare projects for children in the region.

He stated this during his visit to UNICEF's office. Deputy Commissioner, Sibbi, Jahanzeb Sheikh was also present on the occasion.

The commissioner also called for initiating more projects for children's welfare in Districts, Dera Bugti and Kohlu.



QUETTA: Provincial Ministers Mir Shoaib Noshewani and Rahila Hameed Durrani in pleasant mood during a meeting.

Pak halts operation to deport illegal foreign nationals

ISLAMABAD (INP): Pakistan has stopped operation to send back illegal foreign nationals residing in Pakistan to their countries.

According to sources, the operation has been temporarily stopped.

The operation against foreigners residing illegally in Pakistan has been temporarily stopped at the request of the United Nations, sources said.

The request by the United Nations was made during the recent visit of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to Pakistan, sources further said. Sources said that United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Filippo Grandi recently visited Pakistan for three days.

During the visit, Filippo Grandi met Afghan refugees in Peshawar and Haripur, sources said.

Filippo Grandi met Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar, Minister Amir Muqam, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Interior officials, sources said.

In the meetings, Filippo Grandi was assured to stop all operations against foreigners residing illegally in Pakistan on a temporary basis, sources said. Sources further said that Filippo Grandi assured the negotiations between the Afghan Transitional Government, international aid organizations and aid partners by the end of this year.

In these talks, every action and package regarding the financial assistance of the Afghan refugees inside and outside Afghanistan will be discussed, sources said.



KHARAN: Inspector General Police Balochistan Abdul Khaliq Sheikh inaugurates District Data Command and Communication Centre.

DC Chaman urges all mobile companies to improve internet services

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QUETTA: The Deputy Commissioner Chaman, Raja Athar Abbas has urged the mobile phone companies to improve their working and so the internet services in the border district.

The Deputy Commissioner said that the traders and business community face problems to carry out their business activities due to slow mobile network in the border town and so the students while taking online classes.

The Deputy Commissioner was in meeting with the managers of mobile companies in Chaman on Wednesday.

The issue of slow process of network of the mobile companies was discussed during the meeting.

The representatives of mobile companies provided detailed information about the mobile network services.

The Deputy Commissioner said that no one can deny importance and utilization of the mobile network in different sectors of life in modern era. He stressed that every possible endeavors should be made to provide better services to the people.

Earlier, the representatives of mobile companies also highlighted the issues being faced in ensuring network of their companies.



QUETTA: Activists of National Party protesting against unannounced load shedding at Quetta Press Club.