





## Ayaz for further strengthening Pak-Germany bilateral ties

ISLAMABAD (APP): National Assembly Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq on Thursday emphasized further strengthening Pakistan-Germany bilateral ties, particularly through expanding cooperation between parliamentary friendship groups and the exchange of parliamentary delegations.

He made these remarks during a meeting with the Parliamentary delegation from Germany, who called on him here. Both sides discussed a wide range of bilateral, regional, and global issues.

They expressed contentment over the current state of bilateral relations, including parliamentary ties, and reaffirmed their joint resolve to further expand and diversify mutu-

ally beneficial cooperation.

The NA Speaker said Pakistan and Germany enjoy a multifaceted friendly relationship marked by shared interests and a common stance on various regional and international issues.

"It is high time to further strengthen parliamentary, cultural, economic, and people-to-people connections between the two countries to attain a shared goal of sustainable development," said the NA Speaker.

While discussing trade and economic cooperation bilaterally and in European context, Sadiq mentioned Pakistan's proactive efforts in creating a conducive environment for economic and trade activities, providing friendly countries with

significant investment opportunities and mutual benefits.

The delegates expressed gratitude to the NA Speaker for the warm welcome and his sentiments for country and its people.

They reiterated that Germany views Pakistan as an important regional stakeholder and is committed to further strengthening linkages in all areas of mutual interest, in addition to fostering parliamentary and cultural exchanges.

German delegation comprised of Members of German Parliament; Michael Müller, Christoph Schmid and Derya Türk-Nachbaur, Parliamentary officials and representatives of Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) Pakistan.



ISLAMABAD: Speaker National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq in a group photo with parliamentary delegation from Federal Republic of Germany at Parliament House.

## World Population Day: PM stresses importance of joint efforts for resilient future

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Thursday called on government departments, civil society, the private sector, and international partners to collaborate for a resilient and equitable future.

In his message on World Population Day being observed on Thursday, (July 11, 2024), he stressed the importance of sustainable population growth to ensure every citizen enjoys dignity, security, and prosperity.

"Our government is fully committed in its endeavors of providing quality education and skills

training to this young generation to compete in a rapidly evolving global economy. Additionally, we are creating sufficient job opportunities for the youth to harness their potential and turn this youth bulge into an asset."

"I urge all stakeholders - government departments, civil society, private sector, and our international partners - to join hands in our pursuit of a resilient and equitable future. Together, we can build a Pakistan where every citizen enjoys a life of dignity, security, and prosperity by steadfastly pursuing the path of achieving sustainable population growth."

Creating an environment where every Pakistani can thrive requires effective management of our population growth, ensuring a balance between resources and population size to foster economic growth, improve living standards, and reduce poverty, he emphasized.

Pakistan's demographic makeup reveals a significant youth majority, comprising over 65% of the population under 30 years old. This dynamic presents dual prospects and difficulties. The nation's youth represent a powerful force for fostering economic growth, innovation, and societal advancement.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Housing & Works Mian Riaz Hussain Pirzada handing over house keys to the allottees of flats in sector 1-16/3.

## Human rights experts demand robust legislation for an autonomous Minorities' Rights Commission

**Independent Report**  
ISLAMABAD: Speakers at a press conference organized by the Centre for Social Justice (CSJ) and Peoples Commission for Minorities Rights (PCMR) vehemently criticized the private members' National Commission for Minorities Bill, 2024 recently introduced in the National Assembly, which, according to them was in conflict with UN Paris principles regarding National Human Rights Institutions. The panelists urged the Federal government to introduce a treasury bill to create a strong legal basis for an independent,

and mandated a national human rights institution. He also stressed meritorious appointments on the commission.

Dr. A. H. Nayyar, an academic, researcher, and PCMR member, said that the prospective commission should function as an independent human rights institution rather than a religious body. He called for dropping the proposed representation of the Council of Islamic Ideology (CII), the Ministry of Religious Affairs (MoRA), and the Evacuee Trust Property Board (ETPB) from the bill, in line with the other national commissions on human rights, child rights, and women's rights constituted through acts of parliament in Pakistan, otherwise, it will remain under the influence of religious bodies, undermining its independence.

Nabila Feroze Bhatti referenced the Supreme Court's 2014 directive, which called for the establishment of a minority rights body with a mandate to monitor the practical realization of minorities' rights and provide policy recommendations. He emphasized that the government must constitute an empowered body to fully implement the court's directive.

the minorities commission should concentrate on protecting and promoting minorities' rights and addressing violations, however, assigning this commission the tasks relating to protection, rehabilitation, and preservation of places of worship will be a departure from the functions



autonomous, and effective National Commission for Minorities Rights. Peter Jacob, Dr. A. H. Nayyar, Shafique Chaudhary, Nabila Feroze Bhatti and Fatima Atif were among the panelists at the press conference held at the National Press Club.

Peter Jacob, the executive director of CSJ, ex-

pressed civil society reservations on the bill introduced by the treasury, noting that it was a counterfeit of the bill passed by the National Assembly and subsequently dropped by the Senate last year, due to inherent flaws. He regretted that the movers ignored the warning about the effectiveness and weak composition of the proposed body. He expressed dismay that MNAs did not consult any competent Civil Society Organizations, hence displaying a lack of seriousness regarding establishing minorities' commissions.

He observed that

## Decision on maintainability of petition against appointment of Justice Tariq reserved

ISLAMABAD (Online): Decision on maintainability of the petition against the appointment of Islamabad High Court (IHC) judge Justice Tariq Mehmoode Jahangiri has been reserved.

The petition filed by Mian Dawood against the appointment of Justice Tariq Mehmoode Jahangiri came up for hearing before single bench of IHC led by Chief Justice (CJ) Aamir Farooq for hearing Thursday.

CJ IHC Aamir Farooq remarked during the hearing of the case there are registrar office objections on your petition. Read your plea.

The counsel for petitioner Mian Dawood told the court there is objection on making Supreme Judicial Council (SJC) respondent. It is our plea that the learned judge does not come upto the qualification. Please make investigations into it.

The court inquired can quo warranto writ be filed against any

judge.

The counsel told the court I give replies to both of your questions.

He gave reference to decision of Sajjad Ali Shah case 1998.

CH IHC remarked you are saying if there is personal matter of judge then it can be seen.

The counsel replied yes I am saying this.

The counsel requested, his petition is maintainable. Petition has been filed to ascertain the authenticity of letter running on social media.

The CJ IHC Aamir Farooq remarked "I have written your points. Thank you.

The counsel told the court debate is going on social media and media on university letters.

The CJ IHC remarked you should not talk to the extent of merit till now. Give arguments on maintainability.

The court later reserved judgment on maintainability of the petition.

## AIOU announces admissions for Fall 2024

ISLAMABAD (APP): Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU) has announced admissions for the first phase of the Fall 2024 Semester across the country from July 15 (Monday).

The admissions for BS (Face-to-Face), MS, MPhil, and PhD programs will only be conducted through online mode. The admission forms and prospectuses for Matric and FA programs will be available from July 15 at the university's main campus in Islamabad, 54 regional offices across various cities, and Swift Centers. According to the AIOU, the admissions for Matric and FA programs can be processed both online and manually. To guide prospective students, facilitation centers have been activated in all regional offices under the instructions of Vice Chancellor, Professor Dr. Nasir Mahmood.

## MoHR to start mechanism of certificate for PWDs

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Ministry of Human Rights (MoHR) moves to digitalize the disability certificate issuance mechanism for Persons with Disabilities (PWDs). This initiative aims to streamline the process, reduce delays, and enhance accessibility.

A high-level meeting was held to discuss this initiative, attended by representatives from the Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination, PIMS, Polyclinic, NIRM, Chairman Medical Assessment Board Dr. Faridullah Zimri, and ED SPRC.

Key decisions made during the meeting included developing an online appli-

cation and tracking system to facilitate easier access and progress monitoring for applicants. Digital certificates will be issued to replace traditional physical copies, enhancing efficiency and security. NADRA's database will be integrated for seamless verification, ensuring the authenticity of the information provided, said a press release issued here on Thursday. Collaboration among stakeholders from the healthcare, social welfare, and IT sectors was emphasized to ensure the successful implementation of the digital system. This joint effort aims to create a more inclusive and supportive environment for PWDs in Pakistan.

## Saudi delegation calls on IIUI president

ISLAMABAD (APP): A Saudi delegation of industrial experts called on the President of the International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI), Dr. Hathal Homoud Alotaibi, on Thursday and appreciated the high level of professionalism of the institution.

The objective of the visit was to conduct spot hiring for civil engineering-related positions at the university, according to a news release.

The delegation included Mansou Al Shaghab, ACES Regional HR Manager, and Eng. Ayman Tanninah, Branch Manager for the Tabuk Region.

They informed the IIUI President about their visit to Pakistan to hire Civil Lab Engineers, Lab Technicians, Civil Surveyors, HSE Officers, and Geotechnical Drillers.

Dr. Alotaibi briefed the delegation on the accreditations and achievements of the Faculty of Engineering and Technology (FET), highlighting the recent activities and milestones achieved under the newly implemented strategic plan. He emphasized that the IIUI has been witnessing encouraging results, with FET playing a pivotal role in achieving academic excellence and fostering industry-academia linkages.

The meeting was also attended by Dr. Khaz Zeb Jadoon, Dr. Rashid Farooq, and other relevant officials.

## Riaz hands over apartment keys to 1-16/3 allottees

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Housing and Works Mian Riaz Hussain Pirzada on Thursday handed over the keys to the allottees of the 1-16/3 apartments in a ceremony held here at the project site.

Speaking on the occasion, the minister appreciated the efforts of Pakistan Housing Authority (PHA) officials for the successful completion of the project and for carrying out the best construction work for the apartments.

Pirzada expressed concern over the shortage of housing in the country and directed PHA's Foundation management to start work on launching more housing projects to provide shelter to lower-income groups.

The minister said that providing quality and affordable housing to federal government employees was the priority of the government and hoped that the issue of govt employee's plots and apartments would be resolved by September 2024.

He directed the PHA foundation officials to com-

plete the plantation of trees at the site and made arrangements for the supply of daily-use items in the newly growing residential area.

On the occasion, the Chief Executive Officer of PHA Foundation Shahid Hussain briefed the minister that PHAF had formally launched the Multi Stories project on 17 acres of land provided by the Capital Development Authority in 2015. He briefed that the project consisted of 672 sq feet of B-type and 912 sq feet of E-type apartments for the general public and federal government employees. Moreover, he briefed that possession of 1063 apartments had been handed over to the owners while 33 families had been shifted.

The project has 51 commercial shops of which 23 had been sold through an open auction, he said and added that the project has also 462 parking sites of 290 sq ft for B type and 172 sq ft for E type and was offered on a first come first served basis on the payment of Rs 395,000.



ISLAMABAD: Senator Rubina Khalid, Chairperson Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP), conducted a live E-Katcheri session at BISP Headquarters.

## Alem directs review of Sialkot-Rawalpindi motorway project

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Communications Abdul Aleem Khan Thursday instructed a review of the Sialkot to Rawalpindi Motorway project, proposing an upgrade from four lanes to six lanes to meet the future needs of the next 50 years.

During a high-level meeting of the National Highway Authority (NHA), Alem Khan said that all motorways should be free of barriers and obstructions for vehicles.

He advocated for public awareness through print and electronic media regarding these updates. The Minister reviewed the progress on various NHA projects, including those in Balochistan, Sindh and Gilgit-Baltistan.

He directed the installation of live cameras on all NHA construction projects to enable real-time monitoring. Highlighting the importance of highways and motorways as national assets, he stressed the need to consider future demands due to population growth.

The minister priori-

tized the construction of economically beneficial roads and instructed the NHA to implement the phase-wise construction of the N25 highway in Balochistan, costing Rs. 150 billion. He also called for third-party evaluations of repair projects to ensure the proper utilization of government funds.

He urged the NHA to engage with the Gilgit-Baltistan government to resolve communication issues and to address directives from the Balochistan High Court by coordinating with the provincial government.

Special instructions were issued regarding the construction of CPEC-linked highways, with NHA required to include plans in a dashboard for reporting to the Prime Minister. He also called for a feasibility report on the shortest routes to access Central Asian countries in the future.

The meeting, attended by the Federal Secretary for Communications, Chairman of the NHA, and senior officials.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Communications, Abdul Aleem Khan presiding over a high level meeting of NHA.

## 120 Pakistanis receive US Fulbright scholarships

ISLAMABAD (APP): US Ambassador, Donald A. Blome, on Thursday congratulated 120 Pakistani students and scholars on receiving prestigious Fulbright scholarships to pursue Master's and PhD programmes in the United States (US).

The group also included participants in the Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Programme. The Fulbright Programme is the US government's flagship academic exchange programme, and the Fulbright Programme in Pakistan is

one of the largest in the world.

Supported by the US government, Fulbright academic exchanges enable students to attend top-tier universities, advance groundbreaking research, share knowledge, and make global connections. To ensure departing students are well-equipped to navigate the academic landscape and immerse themselves in American culture, the United States Educational Foundation in Pakistan (USEFP) organized a two-day pre-departure orientation here.

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ISLAMABAD: Stall holders examine the burnt remains of their stalls which burnt due to yesterday's fire at the H-9 Weekly Bazaar.

## Proactive monsoon measures in place: Chairman FFC

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chairman of the Federal Flood Commission, Engineer Ahmed Kamal said on Thursday that rigorous efforts have been made this year to prepare for the monsoon season.

Talking to PTV World News, he said that all the federal and provincial organizations were proactively preparing for timely alerts and necessary actions for the monsoon season's flooding.

"All federal and provincial organizations start their preparations in January and February each year," he added.

Kamal said this year alone, four meetings concerning monsoon preparations were held on March 4, April 26, June 10, and most recently on July 4. In these meetings, detailed directions were issued to all federal and provincial units.

He said letters were sent to the chief secretaries of the provinces regarding river encroachments and critical shore points on river systems to ensure effective flood fighting.

The Chairman FFC also addressed the issue of timely repairs to the Sukkur barrage gates with the Sindh provincial irrigation department.

He stressed the importance of having concrete contingency plans for all barrages and dams. Kamal said, "We need to have well-prepared, well-knitted, and well-implemented contingency plans in place to safeguard the population, especially in the emergency situations."

So far, he said 58 flood fighting plans from various provincial and federal organizations have been received and placed on the commission's website.



ISLAMABAD: Senator Faissaleem Rehman, Chairman Senate Standing Committee on Interior presiding over a meeting of the committee at Parliament House.





## PM stresses using technology for effective enforcement of customs duties

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Thursday emphasized the importance of taking comprehensive measures to eliminate corruption in customs operations. He stressed the need to remove unnecessary hurdles and utilize modern technology, including artificial intelligence and advanced equipment, to ensure the full enforcement of customs duties.



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif chairs a meeting regarding the Federal Board of Revenue.

Chairing a meeting focused on the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) and Pakistan Customs, the prime minister described the customs sector as the backbone of the country's economy. He stated that reforms within the FBR and complete digitization would secure economic stability.

Prime Minister Shehbaz instructed the relevant authorities to ensure a third-party audit of reform initiatives in the FBR and other departments, consolidating all such projects under a single framework.

He directed efforts to increase revenue collection through enhanced enforcement measures and called for the establishment of a project management unit dedicated to reforms in the customs sector.

Addressing issues related to mis-invoicing, he stressed the need to resolve these problems and eliminate under-invoicing to protect Pakistan's

industries and products. He also requested detailed reports on revenue collection resulting from enforcement actions and called for the establishment of a regulatory framework for the operations of the shipping industry.

The prime minister emphasized the need for a third-party audit of the web-based one-customs system (WeBOC). During the briefing on customs operations, it was reported that Pakistan Customs

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb chairing the Advisory Committee Meeting on Release of International Mobile Telephony (IMT) Spectrum for Next-Generation Mobile Broadband Services in Pakistan.

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Industries, Production and National Food Security Rana Tanveer Hussain on Thursday reiterated the government's commitment to promote the cotton industry. He said this while addressing the meeting of the Pakistan Central Cotton Committee's governing body, said a news release.

The minister stressed that Pakistan's economy heavily relies on cotton production and textile industry growth is linked to good cotton yields. "The textile industry has been granted Rs 10 per unit subsidy on electricity, which will significantly alleviate its financial burdens and alleviate its difficulties to a great extent," he added.

He said that research and development must be prioritized, and the government is committed to providing comprehensive support to farmers, ginners, and all relevant stakeholders. The minister said the country's annual cotton production currently stands at 8.4 million bales, aiming to increase 15 million bales by 2025.

The yield per acre can be increased with modern agricultural practices and technology. "The textile industry has been granted Rs 10 per unit subsidy on electricity, which will significantly alleviate its financial burdens and alleviate its difficulties to a great extent," he added.

ISLAMABAD (APP): The speakers at a public-private dialogue on Wednesday called for strategic collaborations and rationalized spectrum and licensing mechanisms to address challenges and unlock potential in the Information Technology (IT) and Telecommunication sector.

The dialogue, organized by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI)'s study group on IT and Telecommunication, focused on the state of competition in the telecom sector and ways to promote it.

Brig © Muhammad Yasin Senior Advisor Emeritus at SDPI, highlighted the critical role of the telecom sector as the backbone of the country's economy, impacting education, health, industry, defence, and agriculture. He emphasized the need for a robust and competitive environment, meaningful regulations, and collaborations among service providers to foster sector development.

He also noted that infrastructure sharing among telecom operators could reduce business costs and improve service delivery, especially in rural areas where competition has dwindled the number of internet service providers from six to three.

MULTAN (APP): Students of 10 universities of exhibited their projects at one-day TechExpo, hosted by WUM Institute of CS & IT on modern advancements which included several educational and technological advancements.

This expo and poster exhibition was the first of its kind at WUM featuring different modules in disciplines such as computer science, engineering, applied sciences, AI intelligence, and healthcare.

A total of 38 projects were displayed showcasing a broad spectrum of academic and practical skills. A Poster competition was also

## Advisory Committee discusses release of IMT Spectrum

ISLAMABAD (APP): Finance Minister, Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb on Thursday chaired the meeting of Advisory Committee on Release of International Mobile Telephony (IMT) Spectrum for Improvement of Next Generation Mobile Broadband Services in Pakistan.

According to press release issued by finance ministry, the meeting was attended by Minister of State for IT and Telecom, Ms. Shaza Fatima Khawaja, Chairman P a k i s t a n Telecommunication Authority (PTA) and senior officials from relevant ministries and departments.

The key stakeholders from the telecommunication sector and regulatory authorities briefed the minister on the strategic plans for the allocation and utilization of the IMT spectrum.

It was mentioned that the release of this spectrum is expected to significantly improve connectivity, enhance Internet speeds, and meet the increasing demand for high-quality data services.

The auction process, technical specifications and the time-line for the spectrum release were discussed in the meeting. The Advisory Committee also considered the way forward to promote technological advancements and create an environment conducive to investment and growth in the telecommunications sector.

This meeting underscores the government's commitment to advancing digital infrastructure and supporting the country's economic growth.

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) here on Thursday organized a national seminar on "Safe Use of LPG - 'Zero' Fatal Accident" to address the need for enhanced safety measures in the use of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG).

The seminar was attended by senior officials from the Petroleum Division, Islamabad Police, Motorways Police, Civil Defense and CEOs of leading LPG sector companies.



LAHORE: People are buying used items from a roadside vendor at Shadman area in the Provincial Capital.

Masroor Khan said that the increasing use of LPG across the country, from urban centers to remote villages demanded urgent need for robust safety protocols.

He said that the seminar aimed to address these safety concerns by bringing together industry leaders, policymakers. The National Savings has set an annual target of Rs 1.742 trillion for the year 2023-24, it is encouraging that 100 percent of the target has been achieved, the senior official of CDNS told APP here on Thursday.

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## Govt making concerted efforts to reduce electricity prices: Awais Leghari

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister for Power Division Sardar Awais Ahmed Khan Leghari has apprised the National Assembly Standing Committee on Energy (Power Division) that the Power Division was making concerted efforts to reduce the price of electricity by intensifying anti-theft campaigns and reducing line losses.

The committee which met with Muhammad Idriss in the Chair and was attended by MNAs; Dr. Tariq Fazal Chaudhary, Raja Qamer ul Islam,

Chaudhry Naseer Ahmed Abbas, Rana Muhammad Hayat Khan, Khurshid Ahmed Junejo, Syed Waseem Hussain, Junaid Akbar, Malik Anwar Taj, Sher Ali Arbab, Haji Imtiaz Ahmed Chaudhry and Ali Afzal Sahi, Muhammad Iqbal Khan. The senior officers from Ministry of Energy (Power Division) and its attached departments also attended the meeting. The Secretary, Ministry of Energy (Power Division) briefed the Committee on working and performance of the Ministry and its attached

ISLAMABAD (APP): The 100-index of the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) on Thursday gained 150.80 points, a positive change of 0.19 percent, closing at 79,992.35 points against 79,841.56 points on the last working day.

A total of 389,024,310 shares were traded during the day as compared to 495,910,236 shares the previous day, whereas the price of shares stood at Rs 20,924 billion against Rs 22,116 billion on the last trading day.

Around 445 companies transacted their shares in the stock market, 181 of them recorded gains and 212 sustained losses, whereas the share price of 52 companies remained unchanged. The three top trading companies were Agritech Limited with 22,041,367 shares at Rs 24.24 per share, Hub Power Company with 18,624,585 shares at Rs 163.75 per share.

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Central Directorate of National Savings (CDNS) has realized a target of Rs 1.742 trillion in fresh bonds and 100 percent of the annual target in the last fiscal year 2023-24, from July 1 to June 30.

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## FCCI stresses on FTA with Indonesia to enhance, diversify bilateral trade

Independent Report KARACHI: Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI), Saquib Fayyaz Magoon, said that ASEAN countries can be a huge export market for Pakistan as it has a population of over 600 million with a very strong middle-class. Their collective GDP in terms of purchasing power parity (PPP) has well surpassed \$10 trillion, he added.

VP FPCCI, Aman Paracha, stated the importance of diversifying imports from Indonesia beyond palm oil and exploring opportunities for Pakistani exports in diverse sectors. He announced FPCCI's plans to organize single-country exhibition in Indonesia.

President FPCCI, Atif Ikram Sheikh, in a statement, stressed that Pakistan needed to work with Indonesia to formulate a free trade agreement (FTA) in order to rectify bilateral trade deficit of up to \$3 billion. "We should work on Brand Pakistan through single-country exhibitions; exchange of trade delegations; cultural & student exchanges and projecting soft-image of

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SIALKOT: Assistant Commissioner Miss Anam and Chairperson of Women's Chamber of Commerce, Dr. Maryam Nauman addressing a seminar "No to Plastic campaign" on the initiative of Chief Minister Punjab organized by WCIS.

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## Indonesia to promote industry, trade, tourism with Pakistan

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They conveyed their commitment to future collaboration during a meeting at the residence of former caretaker provincial minister Adnan Jalil.

Welcoming the Indonesian delegation, Adnan Jalil was joined by former Governor Haji Ghulam Ali, Adnan Jalil, and other participants to visit Indonesia, an invitation that was warmly appreciated by the hosts.

Rahmat Hindiatra, and Economic Attache Axelsyah R Miraza praised the hardworking and dedicated people of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and expressed eagerness to collaborate with them.

They emphasized the need for both countries to exchange experiences in industry and trade to strengthen and expand their commercial relations.



MULTAN (APP): A number of seed dealers assembled at a seminar organised by Punjab Seed Corporation (PSC) on Thursday to build their capacity on how to process Kissan Card holding farmers' requests for quality seed and how to receive payments through the card under a revolutionary scheme promising Rs 150 billion per annum in-kind interest-free loan disbursement.

Kissan Card is a futuristic product launched by Punjab government and is a mandatory requirement for all farmers who wish to avail subsidy schemes through agriculture department, said deputy managing director (DMD) PSC Shamshad Waraich while addressing the seminar participants.

He said that PSC was organising training of seed dealers to benefit farmers so that they can start availing the facility soon after they receive their Kissan card.



