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Pakistan Army is sole target of digital terrorists

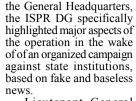
A massive, illegal political mafia trying to sabotage Azm-i-Istehkam operation: DG ISPR

Lt Gen Chaudhry says Azm-i-Istehkam to target anti-state mafias for ensuring peaceful environment; It is not military operation, but comprehensive, integrated campaign against terrorism; There has been increase in antiarmy propaganda, lies, misinformation through organized campaign; It's time for nation to 'stand up against militants, digital terrorists; Any leverage to May 9 perpetrators will further foment chaos; Army had conducted over 22,000 intelligence-based operations in the ongoing year to eliminate terrorism in the country; A total of 398 terrorists have been killed while 137 officials were martyred; DG shows videos of attack on Bannu Cantt

ISLAMABAD (APP): Di- the General Headquarters. rector General, Inter-Services Public Relations (DG ISPR), Lieutenant General Ahmed Sharif on Monday brushed aside misconceptions over Azm-i-Istehkam Operation and stressed that it was a comprehensive counter-terrorism drive that had been launched after national consensus.

He said it was not just a military operation as portrayed by some disgruntled elements, rather a comprehensive drive to flush out anti-state individuals and mafias, hell bent upon to disrupt peaceful environment in the country

In a press conference at



Lieutenant General Sharif gave the breakup of counter-terrorism drive during the current year as some 22,409 intelligencebased operations (IBOs) were conducted that resulted in elimination of 398 terrorists. On average 112 IBOs were done on daily basis by the army, police and law enforcement agencies (LEAs) that helped in elimination of 31 high value



targets (most wanted terrorists), he added.

During these counterterrorism activities, 137 officers and soldiers embraced martyrdom in 2024 whereas the armed forces paid tribute to the families of these martyrs.

the evacuation of refugees.

The prime minister, in

statement issued by PM

Office, described the aggressive attack on the Khan

Younis area of Gaza shortly

after the instructions to the

stated that it had become clear that the Israeli forces

had been pursuing a geno-

cidal agenda against Pales-

tinians, noting that unarmed

Palestinians had been de-

nied the opportunity to

Barrister Gohar,

Rauf Hasan

arrested

ISLAMABAD (Online)

Islamabad Police arrested

Pakistan Tehreek Insat

(PTI) leader Barrister

Gohar and Information

police headed by SSP Hasan Jahangir Wattoo

raided the secretariat of Pa-

kistan Tehreek-e-Insaaf in

leader Barrister Gohar Ali

Khan and Information Sec-

retary Rauf Hassan and

took them to unknown

place. Important docu-

ments and laptops were also

taken away from the office of

the party secretariat, but it is

not known on what charges

the police arrested the two PTI leaders.

Governor to

visit Zhob todav

Independent Report

QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail is sched-

uled to visit Zhob today

handout issued here on

Monday, the Governor's

visit is aimed at getting ac-

quainted about the situation

of remote districts and

During the visit, Gov-ernor would also formally inaugurate Zhob to Wana

also be meeting the po-

litical leaders, workers as

well as Ulemas and tribal

Besides, he would

hardships of the people.

According to an official

(Tuesday)

Police arrested PTI

Islamabad.

A heavy contingent of

Secretary Rauf Hasan.

evacuate.

"Amid growing propaganda and lies, it is imperative to hold regular media briefings to debunk false news," he added.

He pointed out that a massive, illegal political mafia was trying to sabotage the state's Azm-i-

Istehkam (Resolve for Stability) operation. Replying to a query re-

garding the displacement, he said crucial issues were being targeted just for political gains, adding that Azm-i-Istehkam was one such example.

Last month, the federal government approved the operation to counter due to terrorist attacks across the country, particularly in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan, after the banned Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) ended its ceasefire with the government in November 2022.

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ing on increase in investment and capacity of federal government Ministries.

Collective wisdom required to address collective issues:

Governor stresses need to maintain balance between formation of family & available resources

Sheikh Jaffar Mandokhail says big challenge for government is to provide basic facilities to scattered population in vast area; says viable strategy needed to control high birth



Independent Report
QUETTA: The Governor

Balochistan, Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail has underlined the need to maintain balance between formation of family and available resources describing it important need of the hour.

The Governor said that the thoughtful statements and research about the family planning and birth control must not be restricted merely to the stage or pa-

pers, rather concrete mea-

sures should be taken in this regard.

The Governor was speaking at a seminar organized to mark the World Population Day here on Monday. The Advisor to Chief

Minister for Environment, Naseemur Rehman Mullakhail, Parliamentary Secretary for Population Welfare, Ms. Hadia Nawaz, Secretary Population Welfare, Abdullah Khan, representatives of the civil society and people belonging to different shades of life participated in the seminar.

The Governor said that we acknowledge the efforts bade by the government to cope with the challenges of increased population and ensure implementation on the family planning. How-ever, still there are certain challenges before us to address them.

He noted with concern that Pakistan is the fifth most populous country of the world, and said that such a huge population puts pressure on our resources, frastructure and environment of the developing country like Pakistan.

He said that according to estimates of the United Nations, the world's population has crossed the figure of eight billion.

Referring Balochistan,

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(FOSPAH)'s Annual Report for the year 2022-23 to the President Asif Ali Zardari during a call on at Aiwan-e-Sadr. Five doctors of DHQ Ziarat suspended because of

ISLAMABAD: The Federal Ombudsperson, Ms.

Fauzia Viqar, presented the Federal Ombudsman

Secretariat for Protection Against Harassment

absence from duty **Independent Report**

QUETTA: Five doctors of District Headquarter Hospital Ziarat were suspended owing to absence from their duties for long.

According to an official hand out issued here on Monday, the services of five doctors were placed under suspension due to their continuous absence from duty in the DHQ

Actually, the Provincial Minister for Food, Noor Muhammad Dummar had complained to the Chief Minister Balochistan about absence of the doctors from their duties during visit to the DHQ

During the surprise all visit, the Provincial Minister checked the attendance register of the doctors and medical staff and found these doctors absent

from duty.

It was informed by the Medical Superintendent of DHQ Ziarat that doctors have been absent from duties for long.

On this, the Minister Food contacted the Chief Minister and complained him about absence of the doctors from duty.

Later, on directives of the Chief Minister, the absentee doctors were suspended.

Meanwhile, while speaking on occasion of the visit to DHQ Ziarat, the Provincial Minister Food said that the government would not make any compromise on absence of the doctors and other officials from their duties at

He said that government is taking steps for provision of healthcare facilities to the people at their doorstep



QUETTA: GM National Highway Authority (NHA) Agha Inayatullah meeting with Speaker Balochistan Assembly Captain (retd) Abdul Khaliq

Joint resolution to be tabled on 1st sitting:

Orders of the day issued as BA session due to be held from today

Independent Report QUETTA: The session of Balochistan Assembly is scheduled to be held at 03:00 PM today (Tuesday). It may be mentioned here that Governor Balochistan, Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail had summoned the session of provincial assembly last week.

The agenda of session (Orders of the day) has been issued by the provincial assembly's secretariat for the today's session.

As per the agenda, the joint resolution would be tabled regarding formation of Balochistan Women Par-

liamentary Caucus in the assembly. The resolution would be tabled by the Deputy Speaker, Ms. Ghazala Gola, Advisor to Chief Minister, Dr. Rubaba Buledi, parliamentary secretaries, Ms. Hadia Nawaz and Ms. Mina Baloch and members of provincial assembly Ms. Shahida Rauf and Ms. Umme Kalsoom.

Similarly, different audit reports would also be tabled by the Provincial Minister for Finance, Mir Shoaib Nausherwani in the session. There would also be question hour during the

Global firm hired to invest **PM** condemns and improve the efficiency Israeli attack on Khan Younis, calls of government institutions it inhumane act

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Monday vehe-mently condemned the Is-raeli forces' violent attack ISLAMABAD (Online): The services of a global firm have been acquired to increase investment in Pakistan and improve the efficiency of government instion Khan Younis in Gaza. describing it as an inhumane An important meeting act, particularly following

was held under the chairmanship of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif regarding increasing investment and improving the efficiency of government institutions, in which a briefing was given by the Public Private Partunarmed Palestinian refunership Authority that ingees to evacuate as a mockcreasing the efficiency of ery of humanity according federal ministries and im-The prime minister proving investment.

hire experts.

In the briefing, it was mentioned that Kearney is an internationally renowned firm with operations all over the world, especially in the Middle East.
Addressing the partici-

pants of the meeting, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif said that increasing investment in the country is the first priority of the government. The government is taking all possible steps to provide a business friendly environment to traders and

He directed to take immediate effective measures for investment and govern-Consultancy firm ment efficiency improve-Kearney has been hired to ment projects that are likely to yield results soon.



ISLAMABAD: Admiral Andre Luiz Silva Lima De Santana Mendes Chief of Staff Brazilian Navy Called on Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Naveed Ashraf at Naval Headquarters in the Federal Capital.

Despite challenges, Balochistan youth excelled in all fields: Rana Mashood

QUETTA (APP): Chair- tended the event. man Prime Minister's Youth Program, Rana Mashood Ahmed Khan on Monday said that Pakistan could integrate 1 to 1.5 million youth into the global

"Despite challenges, the youth in Balochistan have excelled in various fields, serving as role models. The government, under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif is striving hard to equip youth of Balochistan

with latest technology and He expressed these views while addressing a ceremony held at BUITEMS on "Accessible Social Entrepreneurship for Balochistani youth, organized with the support of PPAF, NIC, BUITEMS

and other institutions. Kashif Irshad from the National Heritage and Culture Division and CEO of Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund (PPAF) Nadir Gul Bareech, were prominent among others who at-

The Chairman Prime Minister Youth Program said the government has decided to establish a National Youth Council to address the issues faced by the youth, involving them in decision-making process. He noted that the federal government was providing interest-free loans through the Prime Minister's Youth Program, benefiting millions of families to initiate small and medium business. He highlighted the importance of unity and the role of youth in facing conspiracies against Pakistan as saying by engaging youth in healthy and educational activities, the propaganda against the country could be shun effec-

tively.

The IT industry's current volume is PKR 2.5 billion and government aims to expand it to PKR 25 billion to meet the global demand and provide streams to the unemployed and skilled youth of the coun-



QUETTA: Chairman PM Youth Program Rana Mashood Ahmed Khan addressing a ceremony of cheque distribution of interest free loan among students of Madaris in collaboration with PPAF and BRSP

Govt to reverse policy decision **Brazilian Chief of Staff** of suspending passport visits NHQ

ISLAMABAD (APP): Brazilian Chief of Staff Admiral, Andre Luiz Silva Lima De Santana Mendes visited Naval Headquarters (NHQ) and called on Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Naveed Ashraf here on Monday

Upon arrival at Naval Headquarters, the visiting dignitary was received by Chief of the Naval Staff. A smartly turned out contingent of Pakistan Navy also presented Guard of

Brazilian Chief of Staff laid wreath at Shuhada Monument and afterwards was introduced to Principal Staff Officers of Naval Headquarters, a news release said.

Later, Admiral Andre iiz Silva Lima De Santana Mendes called on Chief of the Naval Staff in his of-

3 terrorists killed during infiltration attempt at Pak-Afghan border in Dir

RAWALPINDI (INP) Three terrorists were killed by security forces during an infiltration attempt at the Pakistan-Afghanistan border in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's Dir district, the military's media wing said on Monday.

A statement from the Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) said the movement of three terrorists was detected by security forces in the district on the night between Sunday and Mon-

day.
"The infiltrators were surrounded, effectively engaged and after an intense fire exchange, all three terrorists were sent to hell, the ISPR said.

It said Pakistan was consistently asking the interim Afghan government to ensure effective border management on its side of the border, adding that the neighbour was expected to fulfil its obligations and deny the use of Afghan soil by terrorists for perpetrating acts of terrorism against

issuance to asylum seekers ISLAMABAD (APP): tary, interior secretary, Di-Deputy Prime Minister and

Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar on Monday chaired a highlevel meeting to discuss the matters related to the welfare of overseas Pakistanis wherein it was decided to reverse the policy decision of suspending the issuance of passports to Pakistani nationals seeking asylum abroad.

The meeting discussed in detail the recent policy decision that was taken vide circular dated 5 June 2024 for not issuing passport to any individual who had sought asylum or already living on asylum abroad. It was decided to reverse the policy decision with immediate effect and to withdraw the circular of 5 June 2024,"

according to a press release. The meeting was atrector General of Immigration and Passports (IMPASS) and senior officers of the foreign ministry.

The meeting also discussed the issues relating to delays in the issuance of passports to Pakistanis living abroad. The interior secretary

and Director General of IMPASS briefed the deputy prime minister about the ongoing efforts to streamline the process. It was decided that the

Ministry of Interior and IMPASŠ will take immediate necessary steps to upgrade the infrastructure and equipment within the next 45 days and to accelerate the clearance of the entire backlog relating to the issuance of passports to overseas Pakistanis



ISLAMABAD: Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar, chairs high level meeting on the welfare of over-

Imran admits giving call for protest outside GHQ before arrest

RAWALPINDI (INP): Pakistan Tehreek-e-Ínsaf (PTI) founder Imran Khan admitted that he had asked the party workers to stage a peaceful protest outside GHQ before his arrest.

In an informal conversation with journalists in Adiala Jail where he has been detained for months in multiple cases, the former prime minister said he would ask his party's lawmakers in Centre and provinces to observe hunger strike.

He alleged that approvers were being found against him in the

Talking about rising electricity prices, he said the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) had signed expensive contracts with the independent power producers (IPPs), leading to hike in power tariff. He lamented over economic crisis in the

The PTI founder also demanded a judicial commission to probe the Bannu incident.

country.

Responding to a question, Khan said he would tender an apology to anyone if he had committed any mistake

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Pakistan calls for immediate implementation of ICJ's advisory opinion on Israeli occupation in Palestinian territories

comed the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) on Israel's unlawful policies and practices in the Occupied Palestinian Territory and called for its immediate and full implementation.

It said the ruling clearly established that Israel's unlawful policies and practices in the Occupied Palestinian Territory were in breach of Israel's obligation to respect the right of Palestinian people to self-determination.

"Israel is under an obligation to end its unlawful occupation; cease its illegal settlement activities: and to

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pa-kistan on Monday wel-damage caused," it was as-determination of the Pales-

The ICJ had ruled on the "Legal Consequences arising from the Policies and Practices of Israel in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem.

"It may be recalled that Pakistan had made a written submission to the ICJ on the case in July 2023, and later also shared a rejoinder with the Court. Pakistan reiterated its Al-Quds Al-Sharif as its strong and unwavering sup- capital.

tinians and highlighted the illegality of the Israeli occupation," Foreign Office Spokesperson, said in a

Tuesday July 23, 2024

per cent shares in the Paki-

stan International Airlines

(PIA), whose privatization

had started on June 7, 2024.

In a briefing given to the committee, which met here

with Dr. Farooq Sattar in the chair, on the PIA's

privatization, it was in-

formed that it was the fed-

eral cabinet, which had to

decide how many shares of

July 1 meetings were held

with six parties for bidding

Monitoring Desk

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Sec-

retary General and Leader

of the Opposition in Na-

tional Assembly Omar

Ayub Khan criticized the

current government, label-

ling the Director-General of

the Inter-Services Public

Relations' (DG ISPR) re-

cent press briefing as a sign

Chairman Barrister Gohar

on Monday, Ayub ad-

dressed the media in

Islamabad, emphasizing the

dire economic situation and

the alleged misuse of power

"DG ISPR's press

Speaking alongside PTI

of political failure.

by the authorities.

It was also told that on

the airline would be sold.

press statement. The spokesperson further said that they hoped that the Court's ruling would be an important step towards ending the Israeli occupation. realization of the inalienable right of the Palestinians to self-deter-Pakistan also participated mination, and creation of a in the oral public hearing viable, secure, contiguous held by the ICJ on the and sovereign State of Palcase in February 2024. In estine on the basis of the its submissions to the ICJ, pre-1967 borders and with

proposed, NA body told ISLAMABAD (INP): The and that after the National Assembly's (NA) privatization, parties privatization, parties would spend an amount Standing Committee on ranging between \$400 mil-Privatization was told on lion and \$500 million on the Monday that the financial adviser had suggested the national flag carrier since the government did not have sale of 51 per cent to 100

Sale of 51 to 100 per cent

shares in PIA has been

that much amount. It was told that the cabinet had so far approved the privatization of 24 state-owned entities, including that of power producing and distribution companies.
The NA body was

briefed that since courts took a long time to decide on the privatization of different departments, therefore from now onwards, tribunals would be set up for the purpose.

Ayub asserted.

fidavits from PTI members,

accusing intelligence agen-

cies of unfairly targeting the

party. Ayub pointed out that under PTI's leadership,

the economy was growing

at six per cent, while under the Pakistan Democratic

Movement (PDM) govern-

the economy was growing

at six percent. Under the

PDM government, the

growth went negative," he

When PTI left office,

ment, it had declined. "



ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari chairing a meeting on saving Karachi from urban flooding, environmental degradation and promoting sustainable water resource development at Aiwan-e-Sadr.

Political parties should work jointly for peace, economic stability: Amir

DG ISPR's presser reflects government's failure: PTI (SAFRON) and Kashmir Affairs and Gilgitbriefing is a clear indicator Baltistan Engineer Amir of the political government's failure," Muqam on Monday said that all political parties should work together for He highlighted a police maintaining peace and enraid aimed at collecting afsuring substantial eco-

> Addressing a news conference here, the minister said that nobody should play politics on the national issues such as peace and economic prosperity, adding that the country was heading towards economic stability due to efforts under dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Muhmmad

nomic stability in the coun-

He strongly condemned malicious cam-

Governor stresses..

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the Governor said that al-

though population of the

province is lesser than

other parts of the coun-

try, but it is scattered.

Undoubtedly, it is a big

challenge for the govern-

ment to provide basic fa-

cilities to the people, he

He said that we are fac

ing certain challenges to en-

sure access of the people

to the facilities of educa-

tion, health and services of

family planning especially

in the backward communi-

matter of pleasure and

satisfaction for us that

our population mostly

comprises the young

people, but there

should have viable

strategy to utilize their

hidden potential, adding he

that it is an admitted fact

that sustainable solution to

the collective issues lies in

the collective wisdom. In

this regard, the Governor

also stressed the need to

devise comprehensive

strategy to control the high

ticipants to play their part

in development of the

country and form the

world, which we want con-

ganizers of seminar, ex-

perts and other guests on

successful seminar. He also

distributed commemora-

tive shields among the key

participants and organiz-

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He appreciated the or-

He exhorted the par-

The Governor said

stressed.

sciously.

Despite all this, it is a

added.

defame the country for their personal motives. He said that a political

party was continuing the relief to the masses campaign against state institutions which was highly regrettable. "I have always talked against terrorism valiantly and all the political parties should play their role in eradicating the menace of terrorism from the country," Amir Muqam added.

He said that PTI was following the same agenda to destabilize the country which it implemented on May 9th by targeting the state institutions including torching Radio Pakistan's building and disgracing the memorials of the martyrs.

The minister lauded paign against the supreme the sacrifices of the armed

Federal Minister for States Bannu and urged that no for the country. He further and Frontier Region one should be allowed to said that the armed forces had played a proactive role in earthquake disaster and flood havoc by providing

> He said that the government of Pakistan strongly condemned the incident of ransacking Pakistani Consulate in Germany. He said that those involved in this incident wanted confrontation between Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Turning to the situation in Bannu, the federal minister said every political party has the right to protest, however, peace and economy should not be politicized. He strongly condemned targeting the state institutions in Bannu. He demanded formation of Joint investigation Team to probe



QUETTA: Acting Vice Chancellor BUITEMS Dr. Abdul Rehman Khan presenting a shield to Chairman PM Youth Perogram Rana Mashhood Ahmed Khan upon arrival at BUITEMS. Provincial Education Minister Raheela Hameed Khan Durrani is also present

UETTA: Chief Secretary Balochistan Shakeel Qadir Khan presiding over a meeting of Board of Balochistan Public Procurement Regulatory Authority Babar Azam names toughest

LAHORE (INP): Paki- ing, "Yeah, I agree with stan white-ball captain that. He's very close. Babar Azam recently re- He's one of the toughvealed that Australia's Test and ODI captain Pat

Azam appeared on former South Africa captain AB de Villiers' official YouTube channel, where he was asked to name the toughest bowler he has ever faced. The Pakistan captain quickly responded, "Pat Cummins."

De Villiers also agreed with Azam, say-

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bowler he ever faced est bowlers I have ever faced." It is worth not-

> dismissed Babar Azam thrice in Test cricket and only once in

> white-ball cricket. The top-order batsman also mentioned that he consults with Virat Kohli, Kane Williamson, and Joe Root to seek help in

improving his batting. "I talk a lot to Virat

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The Municipal Committee Nall, the Sealed tenders/ invited from

Government Contractor/Companies/Firms for the following works

Laying of Tuff Tile at Madrasa Abdul Malik Street 0.952 M

MC Area Nal District Khuzdar

Laying of Tuff Tile at Bizen Pur Road JAMIA

Laving of Tuff Tile From Arbab House To Abdul

Ghani House MC Area Nal District Khuzdar

Const: of open Surface Drain and Sewerage

line at Ufone Tower Bazaar MC Area Nal

Construction of Sewerage line and laying

of Tuff Tile at Khain Masjid Street MC Area

Nal District Khuzdar .TSE-242507497393

Construction of Open Surface Drain at Bizen

Laying of Pipe Line at Sabir Street Bizen Pur

Construction of Boundary Wall for Eid Gah at

Dhal Lal Muhammad MC Area Nal District

MC Area Nal District Khuzdar . TSE-242507497433

ELIGIBILITY:- The Contractor must have registration with tax

authority's i.e (NTN, sales tax & BRA Department) valid registration

with Pakistan Engineering Council in category, who have deposited

enlistment/renewal fee for year 2023-24. METHOD OF

PROCUREMENT: - Single stage single envelope

BIDDING/TENDER DOCUMENTS:- Issuance Documents will be

issued Office of the Municipal Committee Nall, from the date o

advertisement published in newspapers on presentation of requisite

documents i.c tender fee Rs.1000 each work through Green Challan under A/C No. 11938-6 will deposit in NBP Khuzdar

(Nonrefundable). Bid security/earnest money 2% income tax

certificate (NTN)etc submission of last date of submission of

documents will be 12.08.2024 at 11.00 am. Opening the tender

document will be opened on 12.08.2024 at 12.00 pm. iii. Solace o

issuance, submission, inquirers and opening will be office of

Municipal Committee Nall. Address: Office of the Municipal

Committee Nall. Other terms and conditions are attached with

CHIEF OFFICER, MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE NAL

District Khuzdar .TSE-242507497373

Pur MC Area Nal District Khuzdar

Khuzdar .TSE-242507497453

MASJID SARDAR SHAHR MC Area Nal

District Khuzdar .TSE-242507496413

Williamson and Joe Root. They are always ready to give you advice which helps you a lot. I have learned a lot from these players" he stated. The star batter also shared that his family faced financial hardships during his childhood, but they provided him with unwavering support on his

journey to success.
"I don't come from a rich family, and we didn't have money all the time. But my parents supported me a lot. I used to play street cricket growing up, and playing cricket with a hard ball was very difficult," he added. Babar Azam is currently gearing up for the upcoming two-match home Test series against Bangladesh, sched- delved into the details of gitimate and pressing conuled to be played in

Media Colony allotment letters distributed among journalists By Haroon Siraj for the year 2023-24

stated.

SWAT: Allotment letters for plots in the Swat Media Colony were distributed among members of the Swat Press Club and Union of Journalists. The letters were handed over by Sherinzada, Press Club Chairman, and Fazal Khaliq Khan, General Secretary, during a joint meeting of the Swat Press Club, Union of Journalists, and

governing body members. The meeting also the grant received from the cerns that need attention

Journalists expressed their gratitude to the provincial government and called for simplifying the plot allotment procedure for all Swat Press Club members.

Journalists hailed the allotment of plots in the media colony as a major achievement, acknowledging that the members' demands for streamlined procedures and resolution of challenges faced by working journalists are le-



QUETTA: Provincial Minister for Livestock Bakht Muhammad Kakar, Secretary Tayyab Lehri, DG Dr. Farooq Khan addressing meeting of Progressive Report of Livestock Department

A massive, illegal political mafia trying to....

built that the operation would displace people but the purpose of the operation was only to reinvigorate the already in-place National Action Plan (NAP)," the DG ISPR said, adding that the policy document of the operation clearly mentioned this aspect.

operation.

He said if Operation Azm-i-Istehkam was properly implemented, it would not only eliminate terrorism but also lead to societal and national uplift.

'[Such narratives and

He said kinetic operations were "underway in a splendid manner" with four to five operations in every hour'

He said it was decided in 2014 and 2021 that Counter-Terrorism Departments would be established

at the provincial levels and

about

He said Pakistan had sent over 1,100 tonnes of aid to Palestine.

He said 'digital terrorists' used the tools of cell

tioned the lack of action against such individuals deand other institutions.

Spokesman of the Pakistan Army showed videos during the press conference on Monday regarding the attack of miscreants on Bannu Cantt

It can be clearly seen that some of the miscreants involved in the Peace March were armed and carrying weapons.

And they were participating in the peace march. All the evidence regarding looting in the Army depot can be clearly seen in the video, that how the attack was done, the wall was pulled down but also the looting was done.

EXTENSION IN DATE

Reference to this department Tender Notice No.527 Dated:10.07.2024 with tender opening date 24.07.2024 were advertised/published in Daily newspapers Quetta on 12.07.2024 under PRQ No.205/11-07-2024. Due to some unavoidable reasons the date of opening of tenders may be read as 01.08.2024 instead of 24.07.2024. The terms and conditions will remain same as per BPP

PRQ No.340/22-07-2024

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CANCELLATION

Due to mistakenly entry of scheme amount for tender of TSE-242507472653 PRQ No. 36 which was to be tendered on dated 22 July 2024 is now cancelled, new date for tender of same with correction will be publish in newspaper later.

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Local Government Department District Kachhi

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 EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (BUILDING), CW, PP&H DEPARTMENT DISTRICT DERA BUGTI invites bids from Eligible Bidders for execution of following works for

the Year 2024 based on Composite schedule rates 2023 on Percentage Rates Tender Fee Rs.3000/- and Bid Security 3% for each work.

Name of OWork/s CONSTUCTION OF BUILDING GOVT GIRLS 95.086.000 HIGH SCHOOL BAIKAR PEHLAWAGH

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'A narrative is being against terrorism talked

"A massive, illegal, political mafia rose to sabotage the operation and its first move was to make the operations controversial", ĥe said and added that a "very strong lobby" had a "vested interest" because of which it didn't want the NAP to succeed. He said the entity in question was "receiving a lot of money" to subvert the

Questioned about an audio leak of TTP chief Mufti Noor Wali Mehsud. the DG ISPR questioned what brand of religion the militant was preaching that involved blowing up schools, colleges, hospitals, and homes.

actions] will be taken to their logical end," he said, adding that they "only strengthen our resolve that Azm-i-Istehkam is imperative and necessary" for the country's stability and security.

they would be responsible for leading operations The DG ISPR said the

National Action Plan also regularisation and registration of religious seminaries but only a bit over 16,000 were done and thus the status of 50 per cent was unknown. "Îs this the responsibility of the army?" he questioned.

On violence during a eace rally in Bannu, the DG ISPR mentioned last week's terrorist attack on Bannu Cantonment that martyred eight military per-

He said the locals had demanded carrying out a peace march the next day and it was agreed that there would be no negative sloganeering. "But when the peace march commenced, some specific negative elements joined to sabotage the gathering," he added.

He said the rally marched through the point of the terrorist attack and "chanted anti-state slogans and pelted stones", adding that some armed individuals were already part of the march "who [opened] fire because of which there were

He said a temporary wall was also torn down and the supply depot was "This is how it happened. The army's response was as per SOP (standard operating procedure) and as er orders. When the May ncident happened, a specific political group, a chaotic crowd, started propaganda that why didn't the

army stop them.' The DG ISPR said riot control and law and order the province government's responsibility. He said protests should definitely take place and the nation had a right to express its anger over terrorist inci-

On recent sit-in by Tehreek-i-Labbaik Pakistan (TLP), he said the issue at its core was about Palestine. 'This is a very important and sensitive issue. It should be clear that the state and army have a clear stance on the issue of Palestine: it is genocide and unaccept-

About propaganda on social media, the DG said:

What is happening is digital terrorism.

phones, computers, falsehood and propaganda to impose their views on society, on the same pattern of other terrorists. The DG ISPR ques-

spite their activities against the country's leadership Online adds: The

expiry date 21-12-2025 in the name of Abdul Wakeel S/o Haji Abdul Ali has been lost somewhere in Cutpiece Street Masjid Road Quetta. Finder may please contact at 01313-3828301



ISLAMABAD: Chairman Senate Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani addresses as chief guest at 25th conference of the Islamic World Academy of Sciences (IAS) in Federal Capital.

Gilani for PUIC's proactive role in advancing sustainable development

Yousaf Raza Gilani on Monday called upon the Parliamentary Union of OIC Member Countries (PUIC) to play a proactive role in advancing sustainable development agendas through legislative measures and science diplo-

He was addressing the 25th IAS Scientific Conference, titled "Water-Energy-Food-Ecosystem Nexus for the Security of OIC Countries," as chief guest here at the Pakistan Academy of Sciences

World Academy of Sciences (IAS) and the PAS, gathered distinguished scientists and researchers to discuss critical issues facing OIC

Speaking on the occasion, he also emphasized the importance of scientific innovation and collaboration in addressing the interconnected challenges being faced by OIC countries vis'-a- vis' water, energy, food, and ecosystems secu-

The Chairman Senate

The conference, orgaing scientific excellence as a Chairman Senate Syed nized jointly by the Islamic pivot to address and resolve socio-economic is-

> He also highlighted the high-profiled patronage of IAS by leaders, including His Royal Highness Prince El-Hassan bin Talal of Jordan and President Asif Ali Zardari and called it indicative of the significant political support for scientific progress.

Chairman Senate Gilani underlined that national security now encompasses a broader range of issues beyond traditional acknowledged the vital role of IAS and PAS in foster-out that these challenges are shared out that these challenges are

countries due to rapid population growth and enironmental degradation.

He drew attention of the participants towards Pakistan's own efforts to tackle these issues, including the national tree plantation campaign and comprehensive climate change policies introduced during his tenure as prime minister.

He urged continued commitment to scientific research and innovation to drive sustainable development and address shared challenges effec-

IHC disposes off plea regarding recovery of PTI's activist

IHC instructs CS, PTI

to hold meeting for

procession permission

During course of pro- there was law and order situ-

ceedings, the chief justice ation in the country.

(IHC) on Monday disposed off a petition regarding the recovery of PTI media coordinator Ahmed Janjua after he was produced before anti-terrorism

Justice Muhammad Tahir heard a petition moved by Farhana Barlas, the wife of Ahmed Janjuar, seeking recovery of her husband.

The petitioner has adopted the stance that some persons have forcibly lifted her husband from their house on July 20. The court attorney general of Pakistan and police officials

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Islamabad High Court (IHC) on Monday in-

structed the chief commis-

sioner and Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaaf (PTI) to

resolve the matter with

consultation regarding the permission for holding a po-

litical procession in the Capital. Chief Justice Aamer Farooq heard the case, filed by PTI through

Shoaib Shaheen Advocate.

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nal Assessment Framework fo

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Foundational Learning

ISLAMABAD (APP): To

address the teacher short-

age in federal government

schools and colleges, the

Ministry of Federal Edu-

cation and Professional

Training has launched a

transparent recruitment

on Monday that the Min-

istry advertised 237 posi-

tions for Elementary

School Teachers (EST),

which included 102 male

An official source told

After a recession, Additional Attorney General Munawar Dogal appeared before the court. Prosecutor General Islamabad informed the court that an FIR under Anti-Terrorism Act (ATA) was registered against Ahmed Janjua and the concern court had granted his seven-day physical remand.

The bench remarked that the police had disclosed the arrest of Ahmed Janjua and now the petitioner could move to the relevant forum for relief. The court allowed the wife of Mr. Junjua to meet him and disposed off the petition.

remarked that the political

party just wanted to hold a

procession, what was

wrong it. Advocate general

Islamabad said that the PTI

could organize its procession

after 25th August 'chehlum' procession. The chief justice

said that holding a proces-

sion was the right of the pe-

titioner. The court asked if

the ceremonies of 14th Au-

gust were also cancelled. Jus-

tice Aamer Farooq said that

ISLAMABAD: Federal Secretary Ministry of Education Mohiuddin Wani

Education Ministry executes

recruitment drive in fair manner

Intermediate and Sec-

(FBISÉ) conducted the

screening test through

an AI based assessment

system developed in

partnership with Na-

tional University of Sci-

ence and Technology (NUST) for 21,564 candi-

Following this, ap-

The Federal Board of

Education

the month of March.

addressing a consultation meeting on assessment framework.

Compliance with traffic rules stressed

ISLAMABAD (APP): Superintendent National Highways and Motorway Police Headquarters Mubashera Javed has said that adherence to traffic rules was essential to avoid accidents and ensure road safety. Addressing a road safety seminar organized by the Road Safety Awareness Unit (RSAU) of the National Highways and Motorways Police Headquarters Zone at a local hotel on Monday, she said that road safety was a collective issue which required

Mubashera stressed that observance of traffic rules and road safety measures would save precious human lives and property.

serious efforts by all seg-

ments of the society.

Motorway Police Road Safety Awareness SPOs Younus Nawaz, Nabila Yasmin and Asifa Gilani also highlighted.

the Establishment Division

Each committee, led

to establish four interview

by a BS-20 officer and in-

cluding four members from

educational institutions and

MoFEPT, carried out inter-

views from May 28 to June

signed to ensure transpar-

ency and to avoid any ex-

ATC grants

7-day physical

remand of

Janjua

ISLAMABAD (APP): An

Anti-Terrorism Court

(ATC) of Islamabad on

Tuesday approved a seven-

day physical remand of the

arrested Pakistan Tehreek-

e-Insaaf (PTI) Coordinator

Judge Tahir Abbas Sipra

heard the case. During the

hearing, Ahmed Waqas

ternal influence

The process was de

committees.



for recruitment **Independent Report** ISLAMABAD: According to the details, following the

special directions of Inspector General of Police (ÎGP) Islamabad Syed Ali Nasir Rizvi, the Islamabad Police started the physical

nior police officers at these

IGP Islamabad also visited the physical test center established at F-9 Park and Police Lines Headquarters in Islamabad. He



tests for executive staff re- reviewed the arrangements

officer said. The physical tests ment centers. were conducted for candiin the federal capital

Islamabad, Multan, and The physical testing phase was completed under the supervision of DG Safe City Malik Jameel Zafar, AIG Establishment

Abdul Haq Umrani, SSP

cruitment, a public relations and facilities provided for the aspirants at the recruit-

He emphasized that dates at recruitment centers the recruitment process must uphold transparency and merit to safeguard the rights of all candidates, ensuring a 100% merit-based completion of recruitment.

He directed the police officers to treat all aspiring candidates with respect. provide necessary facilities, Security Zeeshan Haider, and ensure transparency SSP Traffic Mohammad and merit.

23 brands of bottle water declared unsafe for human consumption

The Pakistan Council of Research in Water Resources (PCRWR) has declared 23 brands of bottle water unsafe for human consumption due to microbiological or chemical contamination.

For the 2nd quarter of year 2024 (April to June), 209 samples of mineral/ bottled water brands were collected from 21 cities and out of which 23 brands were found unsafe for human consumption, said a press release issued here Monday.

Four brands (Aqua Qismat, Vivo Water, Ruyaal Silver, Smart) were found to be unsafe due to presence of higher levels of sodium, three brands (Still,

Safa Purified Water) were found unsafe due to presence of high level of Arsenic than the permissible limit, while, one brand (Smart Pure Life) was found to be unsafe due to presence of higher levels of Potassium.

Fifteen brands (Fijji, Asha Premium Drinking Water, Water Plus Premium Drinking Water, Neo Health Drinking Water, Cliff Water Healthy drinking water, Dream Pure, Samar Indus drinking water, Splash water, Crystal Pure Life, Buxton, Kohinoor, BRO H2O, Oriel, Parwaz Water, Masafi) were found contaminated with bacteria and thus were unsafe for drinking purpose.

2 wanted members of snatcher gang held: valuables and weapons recovered

Independent Report ISLAMABAD: Islamabad Police Noon police station

team arrested two wanted members of a criminal gang involved in looting citizens and snatching activities and recovered motorbikes, mobile phones, cash and weapons from their possession, a public relations officer said. He said that, following the special directions of Inspector General of Police (IGP) Islamabad Syed Ali Nasir Rizvi, the Islamabad Police has intensified the crackdown against the criminal elements in order to eliminate the crime in the city. Following these directions, the Noon police team used technical and human resources and succeeded in apprehending two wanted members of a snatcher gang

who were involved in several incidents of looting citizens at gunpoint.

The accused were identified as Muhammad Amir and Zulifqar. The police team also recovered motorbikes, cash, mobile phones and weapons from their possession. Case was registered against the nabbed accused and further

investigation is underway. DIG Islamabad Syed Ali Raza said that Islamabad Police is taking all possible measures to protect the lives and property of citizens, ensuring no criminal element disturbs the peace. Citizens are urged to cooperate with police and report any suspicious activity or information through the emergency helpline "Pucar-15" or the "ICT-15" app.

Romina Khurshid says: Tackling plastic pollution vital for environmental sustainability, public health

Coordinator to the Prime Minister on Climate Change and Environmental Coordination, Romina Khurshid Alam Monday said that plastic pollution has emerged as a serious concern for Pakistan, which has aggravated further the environmental degradation problem being faced by the country with significant economic and health crisis.

'Plastic waste, if not managed properly, degrades our ecosystems, affects public health, and hampers our sustainable developmental goals," the PM's aide warned while

addressing as a chief guest at a high-level roundtable discussion on plastic waste management in the country, organised by the Ministry of Climate Change & Environmental Coordination, the roundtable discussion aimed at sharing knowledge, showcasing successful interventions, and exploring opportunities for collabo-

The discussion was attended by various stakeholders including top key government officials, representatives of national and international non-governmental organization, academia, researchers, stu-



tourists SLAMABAD (APP) The Punjab Tourism Squad (PTS) Murree was effectively working to provide all kinds of facilities and guidance to tourists thronging to the recreational spots

facilitating

Highlighting the present government's plas-

tic waste management

policy measures, Romina

Khurshid Alam informed

the participants, "We have

established a robust regula-

tory and policy framework

control

transboundary movement

of plastic waste in line with

establishes standards for

the transboundary move-

ment of hazardous waste.

solid waste, and municipal

The Basel Convention

the Basel Convention."

Tourism squad also issued warning to the hotels and restaurants management to ensure cleanliness and provide tourists with a comfortable environment and quality food to enjoy their trip, said a press release issued here on Monday. Speaking on the occasion, Assistant Director Operations Syed Khurram Hasan said that the Punjab Tourism Squad will take all possible measures in colaboration with the local government for facilitating

the tourists. Sanam's acquittal challenged before SC

SLAMABAD (APP) The Punjab government has challenged the decision of Lahore High Court (LHC) before the Supreme Court of Pakistan regarding the acquittal of PTI activist Sanam Javed in May 9 riots case. Advocate on record has sent notice to Sanam Javed served by the top court. It may be mentioned that a division bench of the LHC had discharged Sanam Javed from the FIR registered by Gujranwala Police. The provincial government had filed an appeal before the apex court against the verdict.

Indian troops kill Kashmiri vouth in Rajouri

ISLAMABAD (APP): Indian troops in their fresh act of state terrorism martyred one Kashmiri youth in Rajouri district of Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK).

According to Kashmir Media Service, the youth was killed by the troops during a cordon and search operation in Gundha area of the district. Earlier an attack was carried out on an Indian army's Rashtriya Rifles camp in the area in which one Indian army man was injured.

ICT admin cracks down on price hikes, ensure fair practices

ISLAMABAD (APP): On display price lists. the directions of Deputy Commissioner Islamabad, Irfan Nawaz Memon, the Assistant Commissioners of Islamabad have intensified their efforts to control price hike in the Federal Capital in a bid to tackle ris-

According to the Spokesman of ICT's Administration, Assistant Commissioner Nilore led by district administration teams inspected markets at Khanna Pul area, where offenders were nabbed for

also visited shopping malls where he also checked licences of security guards. Additionally, an antiencroachment operation cleared 15carts blocking

Ahmed Waqas Janjua. In another action, Assistant Commissioner Industrial Area targeted price Janjua was presented before violations in I-9 area. Durthe court who was arrested ing inspection, the AC arin a case registered in porested 10 persons and imlice station CTD. The court posed fines to several indiwas informed that exploviduals for not displaying sive materials were found price lists and using polythene bags.



ISLAMABAD: Senator Dr. Zarga Suharwardy Taimur, Chairperson Senate Functional Committee on Devolution presiding over a meeting of the committee at Parliament House.

ISLAMABAD: Chief Minister Sindh Syed Murad Ali Shah called on the President Asif Ali Zardari ISSI, BNU to host Intl conference on "Strengthening

Pakistan-U.S. Relations" Studies Islamabad (ISSI), in collaboration Beaconhouse National University (BNU), is organizing an International Conference on "Strengthening Pakistan-U.S. Relations." The Conference will be held on July 24, 2024, at the Institute of Strategic Studies Islamabad, a news

release said. The conference aims to foster a deeper understanding of Pakistan-U.S. ties, address contemporary challenges in the bilateral, regional and global context, and identify opportunities for mutually beneficial collaboration in various dobe covered will include bi-

ISLAMABAD (APP): lateral relations, economic The Institute of Strategic partnership, security cooperation, and regional dy

> The conference will feature a distinguished lineup of diplomats, practitioners, and subject specialists including from the academia. The event will feature panel discussions and interactive sessions, providing a platform for participants to engage in meaningful conversations and explore opportunities for fruitful collaboration.

The event will be attended by a cross-section-including from the diplomatic community: academia; members of think tanks, civil society, and the mains. The key subjects to media; and students of international relations



shade of Zero Point Bridge during heavy rain late night in the Federal Capital.

Wani emphasizes collaborative efforts to improve edu. standards

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Secretary of Education and Professional Training, Mohiuddin Wani, has called for coordinated efforts between federal and provincial governments to address challenges in the education sector.

Speaking at the opening ceremony of a two-day consultative workshop organized by the Pakistan Institute of Education (PIE) on Monday, Wani highlighted the need to simplify assessment reports, including the National Achievement Test by PIE, for teachers, students, and stakeholders. He emphasized that making these reports more accessible will enhance their utility and understanding.

Wani also advocated for the use of advanced technologies, including Artificial Intelligence (AI), in assessments.

He believed that incorporating such technologies will not only improve the quality of assessments but also enable effective crossvalidation. The Federal Secretary

stressed the importance of making all assessment reports from the Pakistan Institute of Education easily understandable, which will contribute to improvements in teaching methods, curricula, and teacher train-

In his address, Wani underscored that training programs like this are essential for elevating educational standards to international levels and advancing educational objec-

He stated that such efforts are crucial for enhancing the quality of education for children.

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Population calamity

Pakistan's population bomb is not ticking anymore; it has already exploded. The detailed results of the 2023 digital census published by the government after a year's delay reveal that the population increased from 207.68m in 2017 to 241.49m in 2023, at one of the world's highest growth rates of tions. The second is that 2.55pc. There have been reservations expressed by some political parties as well as the Sindh government on the way the census was conducted. Many suspect that the 2023 census understates the total population.

If allowed to increase unchecked at the present rate over thrice as fast as the global average growth rate of 0.8pc – Pakistan's population might double by 2050. Some conservative estimates, such as the one by the UN, forecast that the numbers will surge to 403m. This will have far-reaching implications for the economy and society, putting an enormous strain on food security, socioeconomic infrastructure and public services. Hence, the ur-population growth.

There are two contrasting opinions about the country's burgeoning population: one views it as a case of rampant poverty and a growing strain on the state's capacity for public legal victory in the Supreme service delivery, while the other touts the increasing numbers as a demographic dividend that can be harnessed to drive faster economic growth, since 67pc of decisions, the apex court order his release from the population is below the age said PTI is a political party of 30, and 80pc below 40.

The reality is that it is proving to be more of a bane than a boon, as it is a big strain on our already stretched resources, and has made eradication of poverty, hunger, disease and illiteracy a lot more difficult than it should have been. This fact is brought home A woman following the by Pakistan's poor ranking on given for wondering what the UNDP's Human Development Index. With extreme policies are proliferating globally, and the political weather events, including destructive floods and droughts, which turn large areas of land uncultivable and uninhabitable not be dismissed as a niche women's rights issue. Inand force communities to mi- stead, it must be understood grate, disregarding population as a warning sign of democratic erosion. control is no longer an option.

Pakistan's exponential population growth may be attributed to several factors: religio-cultural beliefs, social taboos, poverty, female illiteracy, lack of ment and violence; policies that stymie women's abilaccess to birth control and family planning services, etc.

However, many other countries facing similar impediments have successfully overcome their high population growth problem. For example, US election know that even Bangladesh, which faced a high Donald Trump's failed asfertility rate and a rapidly grow- sassination attempt, the ing population in the 1970s, has brought down its fertility rate to less than two births per woman, and the population growth rate to just above 1pc.

Likewise, India's growth largely through the absence rate has dropped to 0.8pc. of women in the Community Party's leadership. The Countries such as Turkiye and failure to mention the role Iran have also reduced their fertility rates to 2.1pc and 2.3pc, compared to Pakistan's

Their success shows that Pakistan can also control its growth rate by following the examples of its peers and implementing functional family planning programmes and campaigns.

'Crisis of governability'

Umair Javed

In a recent piece published in the Journal of Democracy, scholars Adeel Malik and Maya Tudor provide an overview of why the Pakistani state is losing its ability to control the political landscape. In their own words, the authors foresee a 'crisis of governability' that will only deepen in the coming years.

The clearest indication of this crisis is the current regime's struggle in two distinct arenas: the first is that it faces extremely low levels of societal acceptance for its political and economic acits ability to bend political and economic outcomes according to its own agenda is increasingly handicapped.

In terms of societal acceptance, actions such as coercion against PTI members, continued incarceration of Imran Khan, the 'management' of the 2024 elections, tales of 'digital fitna', and the post-election set-up cobbled together with the PML-N at its helm are all fairly unpopular. Any

public opinion surveys will show the low levels of legitimacy for the current dispensation, the continued popularity of PTI, and a historic lack of trust in the military establishment that now extends well beyond the geographic peripheries. In the economic do-

main, mass perception is that the regime is flailing about and the economy continues to worsen. While a few recovering indicators, such as inflation, current account numbers and the stock market, are hyped as success stories. no one really cares about these in the face of plummeting real wages and the drying up of economic opportunities given the lack of growth. The relentless assault of taxes and rising electricity tariffs in the recent budget twisted the proverbial knife and set off

another wave of dismay. Clearly, public reaction to whatever political and economic story the state is selling ranges between resigned apathy and complete mistrust. But that is not necessarily the end of it. Many governments hold power while being unpopular, especially if they have no authoritarianism coexists democratic pretensions. Authoritarian regimes require some legitimacy (among key backers), sure. but the bigger priority is to bend political and economic outcomes as per their will.

This is the second distinct aspect where the current set-up is struggling. The 2024 election results indicated that large-scale election manipulation that relies on shepherding electables, legal straitjackets and extralegal suppression is an increasingly impossible task. Recent decisions by the superior courts that provide relief to the PTI further show that not evervone within the state is willing to play along. The judiciary is emerging once more as a site of active resistance. To overcome such re-

sistance, doubling down on even more coercion and manipulation will be required. No wonder, then, that ideas like banning the PTI and appointing ad hoc judges were floated soon after the Supreme Court's decision on the reserved

with another long-standing issue: the state's inability to steer economic outcomes towards any type of sustained growth. The frequently narrated dollar bonanza from the Gulf and China has so far failed to materialise; domestic investment continues to languish; and no amount of reform rhetoric can paper over the fact that key sectors, such as energy, continue to act as a drain on the overall

The only economic area that state personnel show competence in is appropriating benefits for themselves, or as Aasim Sajjad, Shahrukh Rafi Khan, and Sohaib Bodla put it succinctly, "an enhancement of their own quality of life at the expense of the rest of the citi-

economy

Several analysts and scholars rightly point out that the crisis of governability is an outcome of deeper changes within Pakistani society. Urbanisation, the rise of a vocal white-collar upper middle class, the growth in dreams, aspirations, and Such handicapped ambitions among lower

middle class segments, and the rise of a separate information universe on social media that challenges state-spun fables (and puts out its own), have all helped loosen the state's political control.

The symptom of this crisis — surging anger at a failing economy and suffocating politics — is being channelled through the figure of Imran Khan and his party. But the underlying reality is that the status quo of the past few decades is proving itself to be largely unsustainable.

In several aspects, the current moment of low social acceptance and low ability is reminiscent of the final stages of Musharraf's martial law regime. Between 2005 and 2007 too, the economy faltered, the state was unable to do anything about food and energy crises, the superior judiciary emerged as a site of activism, and opposition of all colours, from militant fundamentalism, to middle class civic action, to mainstream party-based opposition, all became active.

Learning from the recent past, a short-term path forward could be a

brokered negotiation that at least fixes the acceptance part of the equation for the state, even if it can't do much about the ability part. A fresh election in a defined time frame, removal of restrictions on the opposition and social media, dropping of frivolous cases against party leaders, and restoration of proper parliamentary politics can act as a much-needed safety

Sceptics will counter with the retort that these steps do nothing for the bigger problem of a broken economy and a dysfunctional public sector. There is certainly truth in the fact that no mainstream party in power has shown that it can harness domestic economic productivity and repair the public sector's ability to deliver services (to a population beyond itself) But to the sceptics, one asks: which version of the state has a better chance to achieve these goals. one that is mired in a crisis of both legitimacy and ability, or one that has at least one part of the equation working in its favour? -- Courtesy Dawn

High-risk game

Maleeha Lodhi

If the Shehbaz Sharif government goes ahead with the decision to ban Imran Khan's PTI, it could plunge the country into renewed turmoil, even chaos. This, at a time when the country needs political calm and stability to fix the economy. The decision announced just days after the stafflevel agreement with the duration loan programme suggests that the government either doesn't understand the nexus between economic and political stability or chooses to over-

look it in a state of panic. The panic was obviously triggered by PTI's Court; by the verdict that the party was entitled to its share of reserved seats in the national and provincial assemblies. In overturning the Election Commission despite having lost its election symbol. This dealt a huge blow to the ruling coaemerge as the single largest party in the National Assembly, and the government

PML-N leaders assailed the court judgement in unseemly language, intensifying tensions with the judiciary. They didn't see the disconnect between attacking the court and, at the same time, approaching it for a review of its judgement and, later, on the ban issue. The Supreme Court has the final say on banning a party under the Consti-

The ruling party seemed to fear that the SC verdict would also open up a Pandora's box calling into question the election to the Senate and president, as the electoral college that elected them was constituted on legally flawed grounds in light of the expected redistribution of seats. Perhaps PML-N's fears were accentuated by the prospect of the courts, which acquitted Khan in a number of key prison, where he has been incarcerated for the past across the political spec-year. That may explain why trum, although the PPP is ment decides to go ahead, it be much more daunting in economic stability as well PML-N spokesmen also lition. With PTI poised to declared the intention to

The government's an-

condemnation by many political leaders, the media, lawyers and human rights groups. The grounds cited by government spokesmen were flimsy, involving charges that the judiciary had already thrown out. Legal experts were near unanimous in saying it would be next to impossible for the court to uphold such a controversial and legally dubious decision should a reference be made to it. Meanwhile the government moved the Supreme Court for a review of the reserved seats ver-

These developments have escalated political tensions and left the country in a state of dangerous flux. Even if the government retreats from its decision in view of the intensely adverse reaction, it shows how insecure it is feeling, as well as its intolerant mindset. It has also laid bare the fact that the government going along with the decision while demurring on taking a clear public posi-

After the Supreme losing its two-thirds major- nouncement about banning Court verdict, wisdom and

ity, the ruling party went PTI evoked widespread political prudence demanded an effort by the government to hold a dialogue with the opposition to forge some kind of understanding on the way forward, especially in view of the economic challenge. PTI also had to show similar responsibility. Instead, the government wants to eliminate it from the political arena. If Pakistan's past is any guide, it shows that outlawing political parties has never worked as they either live to fight another day or resurface under a new name. But history is a poor teacher in Pakistan, where political leaders keep repeating the same mis-

> There are signs the government may be backtracking on the ban, as it has been saying any final decision will be taken after consultations with political allies. PML-N leaders say they will first try to build a consensus, while the defence minister described the has little support from ban announcement as prewill run several risks. The most obvious is the legal one, given the strong possibility that the Supreme Court will not endorse such

cal party, it is hardly likely to judge it to be acting in a manner prejudicial to the 'sovereignty and integrity of Pakistan' The political risk is

also high. Banning a national

party, expected to be the biggest in parliament, will inevitably provoke turmoil, deepen polarisation, and force PTI towards agitation. The coalition government will be shorn of any democratic credentials as well as its legitimacy. The action will be opposed by political parties, civil society and the media, with international criticism likely to grow. The Human Rights Commission of Pakistan has described the intention to ban PTI as a "blow to democratic norms". In fact, the government has already lost much credibility by its announcement and incurred a political cost even before doing anything. Words al-

Then there is the economic risk. Implementing a an environment marked by political confrontation, a ban. Considering it just ship for people across the from going down this path.

ways have consequences.

recognised PTI as a politi- board require the widest possible political consensus for their effective implementation. Efforts to revive the economy and build investor confidence will be seriously threatened by the escalation of political tensions. An ailing economy can hardly be healed in fraught political conditions. International rating agencies have been quick to issue warnings in this regard. The latest Fitch report cautions that Pakistan's economic recovery can be derailed by the ongoing political tur-

For all these reasons, the government's plan to ban PTI is a serious misreading of what it can gain by doing so. The high-risk gamble also misreads the mood in the country People are both weary and wary of more political conflict and confrontation that further vitiates the political atmosphere. Any such move will put at grave risk both the as endanger Pakistan's fragile democracy. Amid turbulence and uncer- warnings of a constitutainty. Indeed, measures tional breakdown, the govthat entail economic hard- ernment should desist

Restricting women

Huma Yusuf

century she is in. Sexist discourse in many countries is defined by increasingly regressive messaging about women. This trend should

Anti-women narratives are appearing in various garbs: growing calls for state control over reproductive rights; laws with weak or poorly enforced punishments for sexual harassment and violence; policies ity to work or vote: and the promotion of women's traditional roles with--in families, particularly as mothers, refra-med as a strategic response to demographic crises facing some devel-

oped countries. fight over reproductive rights arguably remains the key electoral issue.

On the other side of the world, China's Third Plenum last week highlighted the country's gender inequality challenges, that women's economic participation can play in boosting GDP was notable. China under Xi Jinping has suppressed women's rights, both through crackdowns against feminist movements and softer messaging encouraging women to stay home and procreate.

The return women's issues to the political centre stage is not surprising. Women's bodies have long been political battlegrounds, their rights an easy frame through

which to consider contentious politics. In the context of intense political polarisation, a position on gender matters becomes shorthand for a broader political narrative or value system signalling, which can help populist candidates win the allegiance of disparate constituencies that may disagree on material issues but are united in

Women's bodies become politicised because women themselves continue to be excluded from the political space, including in supposedly evolved democracies such as the US, where the poorest women and those from marginalised backgrounds face rampant disenfranchisement.

But anti-women political narratives are not only about gender exclusion, they are also a litmus test for democratic resilience. Research conducted by Erica Chenoweth and Zoe Marks in 2022 identified a Those following the correlation between increasingly authoritarian regimes (Xi in China, Putin in Russia, Trump in the US) and an uptick in patriarchal oppression.

Chenoweth Marks argued that as prodemocratic social movements (often with high female participation) arose to push back against authoritarian figures, a "patriarchal backlash" became a key way to prevent mass movements from mobilising. Marks explained that "they seek to minimise women's equal rights as citizens and frame it as niche 'opposition' or identity politics; and they centre masculinity and male breadwinners' status as the key indicator of the nation". In sum, where women's issues are politicised, authoritarianism likely

More prosaically, the more you hear about women, the less you hear about other issues that matter: cost-of-living crisis, public service delivery, economic growth, social welfare, climate resilience, etc. Politicians talk about women's bodies because they have little to offer on the substantive issues. This creates a credibility gap that itself breeds more distrust in the democratic system.

Toxic anti-women narratives also breed a vicious cycle that will further wea-k-en democracies, possibly irreparably. Here's why: women's participation in the democratic process (thr-ough voting or po-

participat-i--on) is known to strengthen democracies. This is not only because women's participation is fundamentally in-It is also because

when women vote, they tend to prioritise issues, such as education, healthcare and social welfare. As Hina Shaikh put it in a blog on Pakistan's 2024 elections for the International Growth Centre, "when more women vote, it can lead to growth in welfare and redistribution expenditures by the government. Women's participation ... is fundamental to the functioning and legitimacy of democracy". Sadly, anti-women political narratives will ultimately suppress women's political participation, and so undermine democratic functioning as It's therefore time to

move away from emotive

political discourse about women's issues, particularly without their participation in the debate. The emphasis, instead, should remain on women's emancipation, whether through grassroots activism or political participation. That's the only way to end up with democratic, inclusive societies in which everyone wins. sity associations

Education crisis

Nazir A. Jogezai Finally, the Balochistan government has taken a much-needed decision: it has increased the budget for higher education institutions (HEIs). This is likely to resolve many long-standing issues which had hindered the progress of these facilities, such as providing ries to staff. relief to employees who have endured months of delayed salaries. In additual staff, reducing remution, the announcement nerations, raising student fees, and limiting scholabout granting full scholarships under the Benazir arships and internships, Bhutto Scholarship alongside compromised Programme for PhD stuuniversity functions, dents from Balochistan to spell disaster for higher

study in 200 leading uni-

versities worldwide, will also go a long way in supporting the youth to find fulfillment. Sadly, for decades, the governance and management of HEIs in Balochistan has faced a crisis, with the recent financial collapse revealing the ineptitude of the relevant authorities. Besides, the HEIs were always far too reliant on aid and grants. While much was spent on new construction and salaries, not a penny went towards profit-making endeavours, human development, research and advancement. The latter would have kept the HEIs safe from such a dismal monetary state, making a university. Higher eduthem self-reliant and able to contribute to broader social well-being, resulting in research-based and informed decision-mak-

The rapid academic and structural disintegra- needs astute leadership to tion of the HEIs was eclipsed by the protests and uproar against employees' financial predicaments. The responsibility for this collapse rests with all stakeholders-from lawmakers and policy engineers to administrations and univer-

the shortsighted, unimaginative mindset of our legislators is in complete conflict with internationally their manifestos.

established criteria in higher education. They prefer quantity and cosmetic changes — new buildings and recruits over quality, leading to grave liabilities, including non-disbursement of sala-The increasing inclination for hiring contrac-

education in the province. Every arbitrary move demoralises the sidy, are a necessity. teaching faculty, which is unable to tend to its daily needs and professional obligations. After the Covid-19 pandemic, HEIs worldwide merged departments to foment efficiency and lower costs. Pakistan, on the other hand, continues to follow an outdated policy expand departments into divisions and inaugurate more universities and must ponder over the questions of whether we need all those enrolled in HEIs, especially when there are no jobs for graduates, as well as whether every district has cation has become more of a symbol than a forum for the contributions of scientists, entrepreneurs, philosophers, and histo-

The crisis is deep; it set a direction, empower others and create synergy. It is also time that HEIs' leadership took responsibility and devised a strategy to repair the damage. Moreover, rational resource utilisation and academic management have to become a priority, with a focus on profit genera-

tion and curtailed expansion schemes in far-flung areas. All academic associations must become more proactive in promoting quality education in

Salvation also lies in multiple interventions integrating departments, closing satellite campuses, collaboration with postgraduate colleges, and capacity buil-ding. A shift towards inclusive disciplina--ry methods subjects which enable communal engagement and are relevant to Balochistan's socioeconomic landscape — and an eq--u-i---table tuition fee str-ucture, whereby the wealthy pay a higher feeand the poor get a sub-

The Higher Education Commission has played a disappointing role, especially in the context of the 18th Amendment. It still takes key decisions — from determining the norms for recruitment, to programmes of study, to other administrative affairs.

Financial support and academic freedom in HEIs should be a provinsatellite campuses. One cial obligation. While it must be acknowledged that the HEC has guided higher insitutes in Balochistan, the dynamics have changed. It ought to give up its powers so that the institutions assume responsibility for managerial excellence as well as debacles.

The establishment of a functional provincial HEC should be a priority, with the province operating its HEIs within its budget and in line with the needs of the people. More importantly, utilising Balochistan's human capital, as opposed to recruiting expensive foreign scholars, will make the provincial HEC more sustainable, relevant, and effective. --Courtesy Dawn

Inflation not acceptable in any case: CM Maryam

CM calls for technology to enhance public service departments' monitoring

Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif, chairing a special meeting on increase in the price of chicken, said the price of chicken should not be beyond the reach of common man, rather it should be kept in check.

The CM said that inflation was not acceptable in any case, all relevant institutions should monitor in the field. She expressed great concern over artificial increase in the price of chicken, and got furious over continuous increase in the prices of chicken and poultry products in the province. She directed to set up a regulatory mechanism to determine the price of chicken.

CM Maryam Nawaz questioned that chicken was among the most consumed food items,

where were the responsible Secretary & DG Industries institutions. She said chicken was widely used by people throughout the province, it was not rate. She added do poultry underscored business and earn legitimate profit, but do not over burden people with price hike. The CM said: 'Our people are aware, they cannot allow mafias

to increase prices. We don't want anyone to suffer, but should we leave people at the mercy of mafias?" Senior Provincial Minister Marriyum Aurangzeb, Information & Culture Minister Azma Zahid Bukhari, Provincial Ministers Bilal Yasin, Ashiq Hussain and MPA Salma Butt attended the

and other officers concerned were also present. Meanwhile, Punjab Chief Minister acceptable to increase its Maryam Nawaz Sharif importance of enhancing reliance on technology to strengthen the monitoring of government public service departments.

In a meeting with Brig (Retd) Babar Alauddin, Chairman Chief Minister Directorate of Evaluation, Feedback, Inspection and Monitoring to discuss suggestions recommendations for good governance transparency

management level, here on Monday, she discussed the process of incorporating public opinion into government



LAHORE: Punjab Minister for Local Government Zeeshan Rafique chairs meeting to review projects under Marri Development Plan.

Punjab govt facilitating religious minorities: Arora

Provincial Minister for Minority Affairs, Sardar Ramesh Singh Arora, attended a reception held at the local Poyam Church

provincial highlighted practical steps taken by the Punjab government to government has increased the recent budget, which will provide more resources for the welfare of

He mentioned that the government had allocated a % job quota and a 2% minorities to provide employment educational opportunities minority community

Sardar Ramesh Singh Arora said that a significant amount has been allocated in the development fund for minorities in South Punjab, and the Punjab government is issuing special grants on occasions like Christmas, Easter.

Holi, and Diwali. He emphasized that to ensure the protection of realize Chief Minister minority rights, it is Maryam Nawaz's vision of essential to promote environment minority funds by 200% in religions, including Hindu, Sikh, and Christian communities, to practice their worship and celebrate

their festivals, he added. Pastor Ansab John, Pastor Shaukat Ashiq, Pastor Samar Shakeel, and quota in universities for Mubashir Khawar Gul were also present. They appreciated the initiatives of the minister and his commitment to the welfare



MULTAN: Provincial Minister for Minorities Affairs Ramesh Singh Arora addressing the Christian community during his visit to the Poiema Church.

Tarakai directs EMA to focus on facilities provision in schools

Independent Report PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Minister for Elementary and Secondary Education, Faisal Khan Tarakai has directed the authorities of the shift schools programmes Education Monitoring and complete details of the Authority (EMA) to focus on the provision of facilities, including the attendance of teachers, students and ongoing academic activities in

He issued these directives while presiding of furniture free textbooks over a review meeting on the Education Monitoring enrolment campaign and Authority here on Monday.

Besides, Special Secretary Elementary and Secondary Education Asfandyar Khattak, Additional Secretary Jahangir Azam and officials of the Education Monitoring Authority also attended the meeting.

He said that according to the data of the authority, policy level decisions are made for schools and students and the schools in the merged achievement of all districts, 192141 teachers.

important goals has been ensured due to the excellent performance of the monitoring authority. The minister said that

the monitoring of double shift schools programmes girls' community schools and monthly visits to schools have also been entrusted to the authority. He said that all the

employees of the authority have worked very diligently in provision to schools, details of vacancies, which is appreciable. However, keeping in view the requirements of future, measures will be taken to develop the authority on modern lines including equipping the employees of the authority with modern training and IT equipment. The monitoring authority officials briefed the minister that the authority monitors a total of 34633 schools, including schools in the merged

CM meets PA Speaker, discusses assembly affairs

LAHORE (APP): Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif met Speaker Punjab Assembly Malik Muhammad Ahmed Khan to discuss affairs of Punjab Assembly and overall political situation in the country.

She also had a detailed discussion on various development projects of the government in the province. The CM said the Punjab government was 'Minority-Friendly tolerance and love. The focused on providing Punjab." He stated that for the first time, the Punjab providing a peaceful people. She added, "We want to bottle up inflation and bury it forever." Speaker

Assembly Malik Muhammad Ahmed Khan appreciated the steps taken by the Punjab government to rid people of artificial inflation. He congratulated the chief minister on the successful test flight of first country's air ambulance.

Heatwave hits Jacobabad, dozens hospitalized ACOBABAD (APP)

Dozens of people were admitted to the hospital after fainting and humidity due to extreme heat and humidity in Jacobabad on Monday. According to rescue sources, many people became unconscious and had to be admitted to the hospital due to the severe heat and humidity. A young man named Ali Gohar

Kundarani died from heat exhaustion and suffocation in the Jungle area. Citizens reported that the extreme heat and humidity made it very difficult to breathe. The situation was worsened by frequent

power outages, leaving

hundreds of people

without access to relief

from the heat.

Police seize **3,000** liters of smuggled fuel

RAJANPUR (APP): Rajanpur Police claimed to have successfully foiled an attempt to smuggle fuel and seized 3,000 liters of oil here Monday. Following the instructions from District Police Officer (DPO) Dost Muhammad. a crackdown against smuggling is in progress across the district. SHO Sadar Police Station Asad Abbas, along with his team. conducted the operation which resulted in the seizure of a tanker filled with smuggled diesel. One suspect involved in the

smuggling was arrested

along with the vehicle. DPO Captain (Retd.) Dost

Muhammad has issued

directives to all SHOs in the

district to continue

effective action against the

smuggling of all types.

together to promote inter-faith harmony in the country (Online): on assuming the office of Deputy Speaker Sindh

increasing immorality. He lamented the consequences the enforcement of law,

All stakeholders should work

Assembly, Anthony Naveed and Deputy Speaker Punjab Assembly Malik Zaheer Iqbal called on Governor Punjab Sardar Saleem Haider Khan at Governor House Lahore

Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim

Kundi here on Monday

emphasized the critical role

of law and ethics in national

advancement and asserted

that it was the collective

responsibility to bolster faith in the justice system.

convocation ceremony as

the chief guest at a private

college, the Governor

highlighted the escalating challenges posed by the disregard for legal and

attributing them to

Addressing the

standards,

today.
Pastor Daniyal Saleem also accompanied Deputy Speaker Sindh Assembly Anthony Naveed. Both the Deputy Speakers congratulated Sardar Saleem Haider Khan

Governor of Punjab and expressed best wishes to him. In the meeting, ways to promote inter-provincial relations was discussed.

ABBOTABAD: Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi

Governor KP stresses

on upholding law, ethics

for national progress

of eroding confidence in the

responsibility to bolster

Governor

faith in the justice system.

significance of the day for

students and the institution alike. Faisal

Kareem Kundi urged the

graduating students to embrace heightened responsibilities, stressing

that safeguarding the

supremacy of law and constitution is paramount

for national progress and

prosperity. He emphasized

that democracy hinges on

The

underscored

oferoding confidence in the judiciary, asserting that it is the collective risk losing their identity. He

addressing media persons during his visit to Abbotabad Press Club

Speaking on the occasion, Punjab Governor, Sardar Saleem Haider Khan said that all stakeholders should work together to promote interfaith harmony in the country. He said that everyone has to play a positive role in the

ten PhD degrees

called upon Pakistanis to

champion the cause of legal

supremacy, urging a spirit

of sacrifice for the nation's

welfare. Acknowledging

the post-pandemic surge in

online activities, he

highlighted the growing

importance of the digital

sector. The convocation was attended by Vice-Chancellor Hazara

University Professor Dr. Mohsin Nawaz and Vice-

Chancellor Abbottabad

University of Science

PU awards

Professor Dr. Majid.

Technology

LAHORE (APP): Punjab University has awarded ten PhD degrees to the scholars in which Saber Hussain S/o Muhammad Hussain in the subject of Botany, Tehreem Nasir D/ o Muhammad Nasir in the subject of Communication Studies, Isbah Ashfaq D/o Ashfaq Ahmad in the subject of Zoology, Khadija Naz D/o Abdul Karim Bakhol in the subject of Philosophy, Salma D/o Muhammad Ilyas in the subject of Persian, Ghanwa Ahmad D/o Faiz Ahmed in the subject of Zoology, development of country. | Muhammad Khalid Azeem



Sharjeel Inam Memon talks with media persons during press conference on the occasion of inauguration ceremony of the new routes of the Red Line Peoples Bus Service Project, held in Karachi

Karachi admin to launch tree plantation campaign in August

KARACHI (APP): In a bid administration will launch a tree plantation campaign in collaboration with Sindh Forest Department, municipal corporations non-government organizations.

It was decided in a meeting, held here on Monday with Commissioner Karachi Syed Hassan Naqvi in chair, that 140,000 saplings will be planted across the city during the campaign set to start in the next two weeks, said a statement issued

During the campaign to improve the deputy commissioners of The environment of the all the districts of Karachi attended metropolis, the Karachi division will make arrangements to plant 10,000 trees in their respective districts with the help of local government institutions, private sector and industrial organizations.

The commissioner speaking to the meeting urged all relevant institutions to extend cooperation in the regard and make the campaign a success that will help improving the city's environment and aid in government's efforts aimed at addressing

The meeting was representatives of various organizations, including the district administration. forest department. Karachi Metropolitan Corporation, cantonment boards, DHA, LDA, KDA, Port Qasim Authority, Administrations, ABAD, SITE Limited and Chamber

environmental issues.

Industries. The Commissioner office has started identifying locations and spaces for tree plantation in consultation with relevant commissioners

Commerce



KARACHI: Teachers from Sindhi try to enter Red zone area during protest in favour of their demands.

Ceremony held to honor martyrs of 2018 attack

Monday to honor the martyrs of the November 23, 2018, attack on the Chinese Consulate.

Minister Zia ul Hassan Lanjar as the chief guest, along with the families of the martyred police commitment to the welfare officers, ASI Ashraf of the families of the Dawood and Constable martyrs. Ameer. Other attendees included Chinese Consul General Yang Yungdong, IGP Sindh Ghulam Nabi Memon, Additional IGP Karachi Javed Akhtar Odho and other senior police officers.

In his address, Home The ceremony
Minister Zia Ul Hassan concluded with the Lanjar praised the bravery and valor of the police officers and Jawans who sacrificed their lives to protect the people. He expressed gratitude to the Chinese government for acknowledging these Chinese government.

KARACHI (APP): A sacrifices and emphasized ceremony was held at the the essential role of public Central Police Office here support in the fight against

IGP Sindh Ghulam Nabi Memon highlighted the importance of the The event was sacrifices made by the attended by Sindh Home martyred officers, calling them an asset and a guiding light for the department. He assured continued

Chinese Consul General Yang Yungdong commended the security measures of the Sindh Police and expressed the Chinese government's gratitude for their support and cooperation.

exchange commemorative shield between the Sindh Police and the Chinese Consulate. A memorial medal was presented to AIGP Finance Suhai Aziz on behalf of the



LAHORE: Deputy Speaker Sindh Assembly, Anthony Naveed called on Governor Punjab Sardar Saleem Haider Khan at Governor House.

Three cases of May 9 dismissed related to PTI founder's interim bail

LAHORE Lahore High Court (LHĆ) dismissed all three applications related to interim bails in 3 cases of former Prime Minister Imran Khan on the basis of

During the hearing, Justice Tariq Saleem Sheikh inquired that while we are hearing this case, Is Imran applications.

yes, he is currently in petitions on the basis of custody. The lawyer further said that on July 9 remembered that Imran our bails were rejected by the Anti-Terrorism Court, we filed an application in the Lahore High Court on

Anwar-ul-Haq remarked that we have to see from the official record when the applications were filed, Justice Tariq Saleem Sheikh said that it is not proved from the record that application was filed on July 13. On this PTI Lawyer said that we want withdraw

Later, the Lahore High The PTI lawyer told Court dismissed the withdrawal. It should be Khan had challenged the Anti-Terrorism Court's decision to reject the bails in the Jinnah House, Shadman Police Station and On this, Justice Askari Tower attack cases.

Minister lauds EMA's performance

Provincial Minister for Education Faisal Khan Tarakai has directed the Education Monitoring Authority (EMA) to further enhance its monitoring with main focus on provision of facilities in schools, ensuring the attendance of teachers and students and enhancing educational activities. He expressed these

views while presiding over authority's a review meeting of the performance.

(APP): EMA which was attended by Special Secretary Education Asfandyar Additional Khattak, Secretary Jehangir Azam and other officials of the Authority.

The minister said that policy-level decisions for schools and students are made on the basis of the authority's data, and significant goals had been achieved due to the excellent



LAHORE: Members of Victims Contract Water Management Employees Punjab are holding protest demonstration for demanding restoration of their employment, at Lahore press club.

Minister reviews progress in 27 schemes for Murree

LAHORE (APP): Progress decided to start projects

was reviewed in a meeting held at the Civil Secretariat, which was presided over Punjab Local Government Minister Zeeshan Rafiq on Monday. Secretary Government Shakeel Ahmed Mian, Special Secretary Asia Gul, Additional Secretary Maria Tariq and others participated. The Deputy Commissioner Murree

briefed the meeting on the

development plan through

video link. The minister

said that on the direction

of Chief Minister Maryam

Murree Development Plan

in 27 schemes under the including upgrading of the water network in Murree. "Drainage and streetlight services will also be upgraded in the main tourist hub of Punjab", he said. He elaborated that the water schemes for Murree would be completed in three phases and shortterm scheme would be started first. Zeeshan Rafiq said that the short-term scheme will be completed by the Murree Municipal Committee, while medium and long-term schemes have been entrusted to PHED. He said that the initial cost of the water schemes was estimated at Nawaz Sharif, it has been Rs635 million.

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Pak, Kuwait agree for further promoting bilateral trade

ISLAMABAD (APP): Ambassador of Kuwait to Pakistan and Kuwait on Pakistan Abdul Rehman Monday agreed for further Jay. Al-Mutiari, said a results could be obtained, signed in the recent past by promoting friendly and bilateral trade relations between the two countries by moving forward in a more integrated manner. besides enhancing business business and

government cooperation. The consensus to this regard was evolved in a meeting between Minister for Board of Investment, Privatization Communications, Abdul Khan and

press release.

discussed various promotion of trade activities from Kuwait and projects on the basis of support Government".

Abdul Aleem Khan said that he wanted the Kuwait was keen to progress for investment further strengthen the

ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of Kuwait to Pakistan, Abdul Rehman Jay. Al-

Mutiari called on Federal Minister for Board of Investment, Privatization

participation, as the smaller standard lot size

makes high-priced stocks

more affordable for retail

investors, resulting in

higher liquidity and

improved trading volumes.

Additionally, this change

allows investors to build

more balanced portfolios,

as those with limited

capital can now afford a

wider range of stocks. The

new lot size also eliminates

the need for investors to

trade in odd lot markets at

a discount, promoting accessibility. Furthermore,

it simplifies operations for

investors and securities

brokers by removing the

sizes, thus reducing

expressed his satisfaction

with the transition, stating,

"This is a significant step forward for Pakistan Stock

Exchange, particularly

benefitting small investors

The shift to a One-Share

aligns

and moves PSX closer to

global standards where

trading units consist of one

share per lot, enhancing

operational burdens.

and Communications Abdul Aleem Khan.

Independent Report KARACHI: Pakistan

Stock Exchange (PSX) has

successfully transitioned

to a One-Share Lot system

for investor transactions

on the regular market,

aligning with international

best practices for stock

market investments. Previously, the minimum

marketable lot sizes for

listed companies varied

from 20, 50, 100, and 500

shares based on their

prices. To enhance investor

convenience and streamline

stock market transactions,

this change has been

enacted. PSX as a frontline

regulator is committed to

add value to its customer

investors and stakeholders.

Share Lot began on April

weekly basis, to ensure a

smooth and efficient

transition. The conversion

comprehensive evaluation

benefits to investors,

facilitating seamless,

systematic, and efficient

transactions in the capital

ISLAMABAD (APP): In

empower the micro, small,

and medium enterprises

(MSME) sector through

conducted by

based on a

The new lot size is Lot

PSX transitions to the

efficient & convenient

one-share marketable lot

experience and facilitate need to track multiple lot

19, 2024, and was executed in multiple phases on a MD & CEO of PSX,

The transition to the One- administrative

the

expected to offer numerous international best practices

market. Key advantages of market compatibility.

JazzCash leads way

in Digital supply

the One-Share Lot include competitiveness.

increased

especially from the private meeting sector.

Ambassador proposals regarding the Kuwait to Pakistan, Abdul Rehman Jay. Al-Mutiari assured the minister that expressed his willingness his government would to cooperate for various provide all possible in 'Business to Business' strengthening of Pakistan's and "Government to economy and projects of mutual cooperation.

He further said that

Rupee sheds

18 paisa

against dollar

ISLAMABAD (APP):

Pakistani rupee on

Monday depreciated by 18

paisa against the US dollar

in the interbank trading and

closed at Rs 278.30 against

the previous day's closing

to the Forex Association of

Pakistan (FAP), the buying

and selling rates of the

dollar in the open market

stood at Rs 279.25 and Rs

came down by 19 paisa to

close at Rs 303.01 against

the last day's closing of Rs

302.82, according to the State Bank of Pakistan

gained 01 paisa and closed at Rs1.77, whereas a

decrease of 04 paisa was

witnessed in the exchange

rate of the British Pound,

which traded at Rs359.64

as compared to the last

day's closing of Rs359.68.

the Emirates Dirham and

the Saudi Riyal increased

by 04 paisa each to close

at Rs75.76 and Rs74.19

Bearish trend

continue at PSX

KARACHI (Online)

Bearish trend dominated

the trading floor on

Monday as shares at the

Pakistan Stock Exchange

(PSX) declined by more

than 1,500 points because

of heightened political

100 index shed 1370.56

points, or 1.71 per cent, to stand at 78,747.33 points

around 12pm from the

previous close of 80,117.89

points. Finally, the index closed at 78,539.18 points,

down by 1578.71 points or

-1.97pc, from the previous

tensions and media reports

on banning Pakistan's

largest and most popular

political party have

dragged down sentiment,'

Yousuf M Farooq, director

of research at Chase

Securities, told a private

large rally, a correction was

due and heightened

political noise has become

a reason for a correction,'

attempt to prevent the PTI

from becoming the single

worried about the increased

political tension resulting

largest party in the NA.

"Investors

"Moreover, after a

This was seen as an

news channel.

he reasoned.

"Heightened political

The benchmark KSE-

respectively.

The exchange rate of

The Japanese yen

The price of Euro

280.7 respectively.

However, according

of Rs 278.12.

Kuwaiti institutions would be finalized within the given time frame.

The Ambassador of Kuwait, while appreciating Abdul Aleem Khan's recent visit to Kuwait, said that his presence in Kuwait helped more development of bilateral relations between Kuwait and Pakistan and promotion of mutual trade which would continue in the coming



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Finance & Revenue, Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb in a virtual meeting with the Representatives from Fitch Ratings.

Contracts with IPPs, should be revise and made public: Atif Ikram

Independent Report SLAMABAD: President Federation of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce and Industry Atif Ikram Sheikh has said that it is necessary to review the agreements with IPPs. The government should bring the agreements with IPPs to the public. Expensive contracts are the cause of electricity crisis today, people and business circles have suffered severe problems due to expensive electricity bills, he expressed these views while talking to a delegation of the business

community.

reason for the high electricity bills is the agreements made with the IPPs. The power plants of the PPPs are running at less than 10% capacity and the government is paying the full amount. On one hand, the circulating debt is increasing, on other hand, the public is being burdened. Atif Ikram said that the price per unit of electricity in Pakistan was already higher than other countries in the region, now the living and business conditions of the common people in Pakistan have become disturbed. The delegation of the business Federation President community included



FAISALABAD: President Faisalabad Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FWCCI) Ms. Rubina Amjad addressing a press conference at FCCI Complex.

POL import bill decreases by 0.61 percent in FY2024

ISLAMABAD (APP): The imports of the overall petroleum group decreased by 0.61 percent during the fiscal year 2023-24 as compared to the corresponding period of the last year, the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS)

reported. The total imports of the petroleum group during July-June (2023-24) stood at \$ 16,910.249 million as against the imports of \$ 17,014.558 million during the same period of last year, according to PBS data. Among petroleum commodities, the import of petroleum products declined by 12.91 percent, from \$ 7,628.442 million last year to \$ 6,643,912

million during the time period under review.

of petroleum crude increased by 11.80 percent, from \$4,947.216 million to \$ 5,531.129; natural gas liquefied by 4.84 percent, from \$ 5,531.129 to \$ 3,945.703 whereas the imports of petroleum gas liquefied went up by 16.93 percent and reached to \$ 675.029 million as compared to \$ 789.287 last year.

The imports of all other petroleum group products decreased by 35.86 percent and went down to \$0.339 million from \$0.218 million. Meanwhile, on a year-

on-year basis, the petroleum group imports witnessed a decrease of 3.73 percent during the month of June 2024 as compared to the same



at University of Agriculture Faisalabad Farm.

Govt to encourage private seed companies: Minister

PESHAWAR (APP): The Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and private seed company Akora Seed Company here on Monday signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to ensure supply of quality

Chief Executive Officer of Akora Seed Company Muhammad Siddiq and Javed Marwat, Secretary Agriculture, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Government signed the MoU on behalf of their respective organizations. Provincial Minister Major Retired Sajjad Barkwal participated in the ceremony as the chief

On this occasion, Special Assistant to the

Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Industries Abdul Karim Tordhir and senior officials the Agriculture Department were also present

Talking to representatives, provincial minister assured them that the government would provide all the facilities to the seed companies in the supply of quality seeds. He further said that private seed companies had very important role in providing quality seed. Quality seed supply is not possible without the positive role of seed companies. Private seed companies should

play a role with the

government to supply.

NA Committee on Privatization expresses concerns over delay in PIACL privatization process ISLAMABAD (APP): Sattar noted that the delay

Standing Committee on Privatization on Monday expressed concern over the delay in the process of International Airlines Company Limited (PIACL) and directed to provide a detailed working paper on the entities

10 years. which met here under the

Internship

program

revolutionize

agriculture

sector: DG

FAISALABAD (APP)

Director General (DG)

A g r i c u l t u r e (Extension), Chaudhary

Abdul Hameed has said

that the one-year

internship program announced by the CM

Punjab Maryam Nawaz

Sharif will revolutionize

the agriculture sector in

Punjab province. According to a spokesperson, DG

agriculture said that the last

date to receive the

applications is August 5,2024 (Monday). Under

the agriculture transformation plan,1000

privatized during the last

Assembly in the privatization process of PIACL resulted in an increase in its losses, and liabilities from Rs 200 billion in 2015 to Rs800 privatization of Pakistan billion in 2024 and recommended transparently expediting the process. The committee also

committee, chairmanship of Farooq release.

urged to protect the rights

of the employees during the process which was assured by the Minister for and Privatization, said a press

Ministry of Privatization gave a briefing on the overall working and performance of the Ministry. The committee directed the secretary to provide a detailed working paper on the entities privatized during the last 10 years. The committee considered **Privatization Commission** (Amendment Bill, 2023)

recommended approving the said Bill.

Commerce minister holds preparatory meeting for FoodAg Expo

Federal Minister for Commerce, Jam Kamal Khan on Monday conducted a zoom meeting to review preparations for the second International Food and Agriculture Exhibition (FoodAg 2024) to be held in Karachi from August 9 to 11th. The

emphasized the importance of top-notch arrangements and foolproof security for the international delegates expected to attend, said a press release issued here.

During the meeting, Jam Kamal directed that agriculture graduates would significant efforts be made be provided internships for towards the branding and the development of the promotion of the event to

agriculture sector in the ensure its success.

ISLAMABAD (APP): feature several key components including a Trade and Investment Conference, an Exhibition Display, a Cuisine Show and an Inauguration Dinner at Mohatta Palace.

Additionally, various sideline activities such as B2B seminars, chef table talks, and city tours organized by the Provincial Tourism Department and PTDC are planned to participants.

Over 1,000 buyers have been recommended to attend, with 484 confirmed by missions from 74

A total of 288 local exhibitors, representing Pakistan's leading brands



HYDERABAD: Residents of Latifabad are holding protest demonstration against prolong electricity load shedding in their area, at HPC.

Gold rates up by Rs.1,000 per tola

ISLAMABAD (APP): The price of per tola of 24 karat gold increased by Rs.1,000 and was sold at Rs. 251,000 on Monday against its sale at Rs. 250,000 on last trading

The price of 10 grams of 24 karat gold also increased by Rs. 857 to Rs. 215,192 from Rs. 214,335 whereas that of 10 gram 22 karat gold went up to Rs.197,260 from Rs. 196,473, the All Sindh Jewellers Association reported.

The price of per tola and ten gram silver remained unchanged at Rs.2,920 and Rs.2,503.42 respectively.

The price of gold in the international market increased by \$2 to \$2,402 from \$2,400, the Association reported.

60,700 beneficiaries of **BISP** get cash

SARGODHA (APP): As many as 84.84 percent beneficiaries of Benazir

Income Support Programme (BISP) in Tehsil Sargodha got cash during the last three month Talking to APP here on Monday, BISP Sargodha Deputy Director Raazia Asim that a total of 71,550 beneficiaries registered in Tehsil Sargodha.

Electric vehicles need of hour: Jam Dharejo

KARACHI (APP): The Dewan Sindh Minister for representatives Hasan Industries and Commerce Zafar, Saad Murad Khan, Jam Ikramullah Dharejo Captain (retd) Kashif Riaz has said that the Electric and Saleha Hassan were Vehicles (EVs) were need also present. of the hour to cope with environmental degradation.

He stated this in a meeting held at the Sindh chairmanship of the vehicles were the need of Provincial Minister for the hour to cope with Industries and Commerce environmental pollution.
Jam Ikramullah Dharejo. 'Pakistan is pollute Secretary Industries and Commerce Muhammad Yasin Shar Baloch, MD Site dealing with environmental

Ghazanfar Ali Qadri, pollution, he said.

Speaking on this asion, Provincial occasion, Provincial Minister for Industries and Commerce Jam Ikramullah Secretariat under the Dharejo said that electric

> 'Pakistan is polluted country and the use of these vehicles will help in

Railways move ahead to adopt digital work place solutions

ISLAMABAD (APP): for providing the relevant Pakistan Railways is taking steps to become an E-office soon to digitalize its service and improve internal efficiencies through

electronic administration. The e-office platform aims to cater for the need for effectiveness and transparency

Governmental processes and service delivery mechanisms as well as help government departments to go paperless.

The idea is being implemented with the help of the National Information Technology Board (NITB) which will be responsible

training to the staff of Pakistan Railways.

E-Office is a digital workplace solution that replaces the existing method of manual handling of files and documents with an efficient electronic system.According to an official source, Pakistan Railways will be on eoffice soon which will not only facilitate the users but also make the entire system of the department transparent.

Listing other steps taken by the department, the source revealed that Pakistan Railways.





Digital financial liquidity and better credit

Speaking at a panel Speaking at a panel titled 'Strategies for Thriving in Pakistan's Digital Supply Chains: Inflation, Credit Dynamics, and Digital Imperatives' at

MSME sector to improve financial

chain finance Pakistan's developing economy, it is crucial to

> solutions can enable the operational efficiency with ratings, promoting the long-term and stable

address, Saleem Ullah, the Deputy Governor of the State Bank of Pakistan, emphasised the importance of leveraging technology to digitise supply chain

the DigiBap Summit 2024, Aamir illustrated how fintech players like JazzCash are enabling grassroots digitisation in rural and semi-urban areas to enable end-to-end Digital Supply Chain Finance (DSCF) Solutions for MSMEs. In his keynote

development of stronger

from the potential ban on supply chain relationships. I the main opposition party.

SARGODHA: Farmers cultivate rice crops by hands in the fields on the outskirts area Moza Boori.

Israel sends tanks back into Khan Younis area, 49 killed after new evacuation order

Monitoring Desk CAIRO: Israel sent tanks back into the greater Khan Younis area and at least 49 Palestinians were killed by Israeli fire, Gaza medics said on Monday, after ordering evacuations of some districts it said had been used for renewed attacks by militants. The Palestinians were killed by tank salvoes in the town of Bani Suhaila and other towns fringing the eastern side of Khan Younis, with the area also bombarded by air, they

Residents of the densely built-up area of southern Gaza said the tanks advanced for more than two kilometres into Bani Suhaila, forcing residents to flee under fire.

"It is like doomsday," one resident, who only identified himself as Abu Khaled, told Reuters via chat app. "People are fleeing under fire, many are the new Israeli offensive. dead and wounded on the

The Gaza health ministry said the dead included several women and children and that at least 186 other people had been injured by Israeli fire. The Gaza ministry does not distinguish between militants and civilians in its death tallies.

Around 400,000 people are living in the targeted areas and dozens of families have begun to leave their houses, Palestinian officials said, adding they were not given time to get out of harm's way before the Israeli strikes began.

Some families fled on donkey carts, others on foot, carrying mattresses and other belongings. The Palestinian Red Crescent Society said two of its clinics located in eastern Khan Younis had been knocked out of operation because of rebuild their lives.

At Khan Younis Nasser Hospital, some people stood outside the morgue to bid farewell to dead relatives.

"We are tired, we are tired in Gaza, every day our children are martyred, every day, every moment,' said Ahmed Sammour, who lost several relatives in bombings of eastern Khan Younis. "No one told us to evacuate. They brought four floors crashing down on civilians... and the bodies they could reach, they brought to the refrigerator (morgue)," Sammour added.

There was no immediate Israeli comment on the strikes on the eastern side of Khan Younis, whose population initially fled their homes when Israeli tanks stormed in several months ago, before returning after they withdrew to



A Palestinian woman sits on a wheelchair as she and others flee the eastern part of Khan Younis after they were ordered by Israeli army to evacuate their neighborhoods, amid Israel-Hamas conflict, in Khan Younis in the southern

Russian troops mount pressure on Ukrainian logistics hub of Pokrovsk Monitoring Desk inch forward.

KYIV: Ukraine's top com-

mander said on Monday that Russian forces were staging relentless assaults to try to advance towards the town of Pokrovsk, a logistics hub in the east and that there was active fighting taking place along the entire front line.

Nearly 29 months after the full-scale invasion. Ukraine has stepped up its mobilisation effort to address its manpower shortages and been reinforced by supplies of Western artillery shells, but Russian troops have continued to

The enemy pays no attention to their fairly high level of losses and continues to push through towards Pokrovsk," Colonel General Oleksandr Syrskyi said in a statement from the eastern front.

Pokrovsk is less than 25 km (15 miles) from Russian-occupied land, according to open-source intelligence battlefield maps, and lies at an intersection of roads and a railway that makes it an important logistics point for the military and for civil-

Bangladesh student group suspends protests over death toll

Monitoring Desk DHAKA: The Bangladeshi student group leading demonstrations that have spiralled into deadly violence suspended protests on Monday for 48 hours, with its leader saying they had not wanted reform "at the expense of so much blood".

What began as demonstrations against politicised admission quotas for sought-after government jobs snowballed into some of the worst unrest of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's imposed and soldiers are patrolling cities across the South Asian country, while a nationwide internet blackout since Thursday has drastically restricted the flow of information to the outside

"We are suspending the shutdown protests for 48 hours," Nahid Islam, the top leader of the main protest organiser Students Against Dis-

A British Border Force vessel picks up an inflatable dinghy carrying mi-

grants in front of the white cliffs of Dover in the English Channel, Britain.

Trump told Fox News in

an interview.
"I think that was a

mistake," he added. "How

did somebody get on that

roof? And why wasn't he

on Saturday reported that top officials at the US Se-

cret Service repeatedly re-

jected requests from

Trump's security detail for

more manpower and gear at

events before the attempted

The Washington Post

reported?"

Trump says he received no

warnings of 'a problem'

before assassination attempt

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WASHINGTON: Donald

Trump said on Saturday

nobody warned him of a

problem in the lead-up to

the former president's rally

in Pennsylvania when a

would-be assassin shot him

it, nobody said there was a

problem. I would've waited

for 15, they could've said

let's wait for 15 minutes,

"Nobody mentioned

in the ear.

UK's Rwanda asylum scheme has cost 700 million pounds

Monitoring Desk ONDON: Britain's now scrapped plan to deport migrants who arrive illegally on British shores to Rwanda has cost taxpayers 700 million pounds (\$904 million), new interior minister Yvette Cooper said on Monday.

'Two and a half years after the previous govern-ment launched (the Rwanda plan), I can report it has already cost the British taxpayer 700 million pounds, she told parliament.

Netanyahu to face US Congress amid Gaza tensions **Monitoring Desk**

JERUSALEM: Facing intense pressure to quickly cut a ceasefire deal with Hamas in Gaza, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is to deliver a landmark speech to the US Congress on Wednes-

While Netanyahu will become the first foreign leader to address a joint meeting of the two chambers four times, pulling ahead of Britain's Winston Churchill on three, an expected meeting between Netanyahu and US President Joe crimination, told AFP Biden is still not confrom his hospital bed. Biden is still not confirmed.

US Senator

Manchin eyes

presidential bid

as Democrat

Monitoring Desk

WASHINGTON: Indepen-

dent Senator Joe Manchin

is thinking about rejoining

the Democratic Party and

entering the 2024 US presi-

dential election race, media

Manchin called on Presi-

dent Joe Biden to quit the

race before Biden an-

nounced his decision not to

seek reelection and en-

dorsed Vice President Ka-

mala Harris for the Demo-

cratic presidential nomina-

ports, citing sources famil-

According to the re-

Earlier on Sunday,

reports said Sunday.

Harris calls Biden's record 'unmatched' as she launches her presidential campaign half, urging delegates to next

Monitoring Desk Vice President Kamala Harris lauded President Ioe Biden for his service to the country in her first public appearance on Monday since he abruptly abandoned his reelection bid and endorsed her as his successor. "Joe Biden's legacy over the last three years is unmatched in modern history," Harris said at a White House event to honor college athletes. "Every day, our president, Joe Biden, fights for the American people and we are deeply, deeply grateful for his service to our nation." Harris did not specifically refer to her new status as the leading Democratic candidate for president, after Biden stepped aside on Sunday

from fellow Democrats. Campaign officials and allies have already made hundreds of calls on Harris' be-

under growing pressure

month's Democratic Party convention to join in nominating her for president in the Nov. 5 election against Republican Donald Trump. Biden's departure was the latest shock to a White House race that included the near-assassination of former President Trump by a gunman during a campaign stop and the nomination of Trump's fellow hardliner, U.S. Ŝenator J.D. Vance, as his running mate. Harris said in a post on X that she would visit what had been the Biden campaign headquarters in Delaware - now the Harris campaign headquarters - on Monday afternoon. She said Biden, who tested positive for COVID-19 last week, was feeling better. Virtually all of the prominent Democrats who had been seen as potential challengers to Harris have lined up behind her, including Governors Gretchen Whitmer of Michigan.

Hezbollah says fires rockets, drones at Israel

Monitoring Desk Lebanon's Hezbollah said it fired

Katyusha rockets and drones at Israel on Sunday after strikes which the Israeli army said targeted Hezbollah weapons storage facilities. Hezbollah has traded

near-daily cross-border fire with Israeli forces in support of Hamas since the Palestinian militant group's October 7 attack on southern Israel triggered war in the Gaza Strip.

Six people were wounded in the overnight Israeli strike, according to the official Lebanese National News Agency.
In retaliation, Iran-

backed Hezbollah, an ally of Hamas, said in separate statements that on Sunday it targeted two Israeli military positions in northern Israel with Katyusha rockets and drones.

An earlier statement by the group had said its fighters also struck the

rockets "in response to the Israeli enemy's attacks that targeted civilians in the town of Adloun, injuring several of them'

Israel's military had said its air force "struck two Hezbollah weapons storage facilities in southern Lebanon, containing rockets and additional weaponry" overnight Saturday to Sunday. Hezbollah on Sunday

also said that three of its fighters had been killed in southern Lebanon. The Lebanese army

also reported that two of its soldiers were wounded "moderately" on Sunday when Israeli fire hit a watchtower in the south of the The violence since

October has killed at least 518 people in Lebanon, according to an AFP tally. Most of the dead have been fighters, but they have included at least 104 civilians.

On the Israeli side, 18 have been killed, according Dafna area with Katyusha to Israeli authorities.

China and Philippines reach deal to avoid clashes at disputed reef

MANILA: China and the Philippines have struck a deal aimed at stopping the two countries from clashing over the fiercely disputed Second Thomas Shoal in the South China Sea, the Philippine government said Sunday. In the past year, the territorial standoff at the reef has flared and came to a head in mid-June when Chinese forces seized and damaged two Philippine navy boats with machetes and improvised spears. Several Filipino navy personnel were injured in the incident. China

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pine government said Sunday. The Philippines occupies Second Thomas Shoal but China also claims it, and increasingly hostile clashes

and the Philippines reached

a deal they hope will end con-

frontations at the most

fiercely disputed shoal in the

South China Sea, the Philip-

The crucial deal was reached on Sunday, after a series of meetings between Philippine and Chinese diplomats in Manila and exchanges of diplomatic notes that aimed ceptable arrangement at the shoal without conceding either side's territorial claims. Two Philippine officials, negotiations, confirmed the deal to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity sued a brief statement announcing the deal without providing details. "Both sides continue to recognize the need to deescalate the situation in the South China Sea and manage differences through dialogue and consultation and agree that the agreement will not prejudice each other's positions in the

at sea have sparked fears of **Hundreds of migrants leave**

CIUDAD HĪDALGO: Hundreds of migrants from around a dozen countries left from Mexico's southern border on foot Sunday, as they attempt to make it to the U.S. border.

of the group said they hoped to make it to the U.S. border before elections are held in November, because they fear that if Donald Trump wins, he will follow through on a promise to close the border to asylum-seekers.

risk that permits (to cross the border) might be blocked," said Miguel Salazar, a migrant from El Salvador. He feared that a new Trump administration might stop granting appointments to migrants through CBP One, an app used by asylum-seekers to enter the U.S. legally — by getting appointments at U.S. border posts, where they make

involve the United States to establish a mutually acwho have knowledge of the and the government later is-

their cases to officials.

The app only works once migrants reach Mexico City, or states in northern Mexico. "Everyone wants to use that route" said Salazar. 37.

The group left Sun-

larger conflicts that could South China Sea.'

southern Mexico on foot in a new caravan headed for the US border **Monitoring Desk** day from the southern

Mexican town of Ciudad Hidalgo, which is next to a river that marks Mexico's border with Guatemala. Some said they had been waiting in Ciudad Hidalgo for weeks for per-Some of the members

mits to travel to towns further to the north. Migrants trying to pass through Mexico in recent years have organized large groups to try to reduce the risk of being attacked by gangs or stopped

by Mexican immigration officials as they travel. But "We are running the the caravans tend to break up in southern Mexico, as people get tired of walking for hundreds of miles (kilometers). Recently, Mexico has trains.

also made it more difficult for migrants to reach the U.S. border on buses and Travel permits are

rarely awarded to migrants who enter the country without visas and thousands of migrants have been detained by immigration officers at checkpoints in the center and north of Mexico and bused back to towns deep in the south of the country.

U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris, delivers remarks to the women and men's National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Champion teams in her first public appearance since President Joe Biden dropped out of the 2024 race, on the South Lawn of the White House, Washington, U.S. On Biden, the Kremlin says the Ukraine war is

more important **Monitoring Desk** MOSCOW: After US President Joe Biden abandoned his reelection bid, the Kremlin said that for Rusgoals in the Ukraine war not

over coming months. Biden abandoned "The elections are still four months away, and that is a long period of time in which a lot can change," Kremlin Dmitry spokesman Peskov told the SHOT

much could change

news outlet. "We need to be patient and carefully monitor what happens. The priority for us is the special military operation," Peskov said, using the euphemism for the Ukraine war that

Putin had said several times said that he felt Biden was preferable as the future US president to Trump for sia the most important Russia, even after Biden thing was achieving its cast the Kremlin chief as a "crazy SOB" though some US politics where Moscow of his remarks have been

Russian state television led news bulletins with the news of Biden leaving the election race and Biden's support for Harris, though it said it was unclear if Harris would earn the Democratic

Former Russian President Dmitry Medvedev said on the Telegram messaging app that he wished Biden good health and added that the goals of the special military operation would be

President Vladimir Putin Hungary, Slovakia ask European Commission to mediate with Ukraine over Lukoil

Monitoring Desk

BUDAPEST: Hungary and Slovakia have asked the European Commission to mediate a consultation procedure with Ukraine, Hungary's foreign minister said on Monday, after Kyiv placed Russian group Lukoil on a sanctions list, stopping its supplies to the two countries.

Slovakia and Hungary have stepped up pressure on Kyiv after they said last week they had stopped receiving oil from Lûkoil via Ukraine. Hungary receives 2 million metric tonnes of oil from the Russian group annually, around a third of its total oil imports, Peter

Szijjarto said. "I spoke with the Ukrainian foreign minister yesterday, he said they allow every oil transfer through, but it's not true,"

The two countries have now initiated a consultation with the European Commission, he said. The Commission has three days to execute our request, after which we will bring

the issue to court." Szijjarto said if the consultation procedure did not bear fruit, Hungary and Slovakia would bring the issue to an international court of their choosing in-

In an attempt to sell the freed-up crude volumes, Lukoil has added some 140,000 metric tonnes of crude oil to its original lifting plan for the Black Sea port of Novorossiis for July, market sources said.

Lukoil's oil supplies via Druzhba's southern spur account for some 50% of the pipeline's flows

iournalist Kurmasheva to 6.5 years Monitoring Desk

Russian court

sentences

MOSCOW: A Russian court has sentenced Alsu Kurmasheva, a Russian-American journalist for USfunded Radio Free Europe/ Radio Liberty (RFE/RL), to 6-1/2 years in prison for spreading false information about the Russian army, the court revealed on Monday. A spokesperson for the court in the southern city of Kazan said Kurmasheva had been sentenced on Friday.

That was the same day that a separate court in Yekaterinburg sentenced another US citizen, Wall Street Journal reporter Evan Gershkovich, to 16 years in prison for espionage following a trial condemned.

Australia warns of malicious websites after cyber outage

Monitoring Desk SYDNEY: Australia's cyber intelligence agency said on Saturday that "malicious websites and unofficial code" were being released online claiming to aid recovery from Friday's global digital outage, which hit media, retailers, banks and airlines.

Australia was one of many countries affected by the outage that caused havoc worldwide after a botched software update from CrowdStrike. On Saturday, the Australian Signals Directorate (ASD) — the country's cyber intelligence torate (ASD) agency — said: "a number

of malicious websites and unofficial code are being released claiming to help entities recover from the widespread outages caused by the CrowdStrike technical incident". On its website, the agency said its cyber security centre "strongly encourages all consumers to source their technical information and updates from official.



57 Bangladeshi expatriates for protesting against their government while in the Gulf country where demonstrations are banned, state media reported Monday. Protests have swept Bangladesh this month against a quota system for civil service jobs that critics say benefits supporters of Prime Minister Sheikh

Hasina's rule. The near-daily marches escalated last week into civil unrest which has left 163 people dead. More than 500 people, including some opposition leaders, have been arrested in Dhaka since the violence began, according to police.

On Monday, the official Emirati news agency Bangladeshi expatriates were sentenced to life, 53 others to 10 years in prison and one to 11 years for participating in alleged pro-

The defendants had 'gathered and incited riots in several streets across the UAE on Friday," WAM said, adding they would be deported after the completion of their prison terms. The charges follow a

ordered on Friday, according to WAM. A witness confirmed "that the defendants gath-

ered and organised largescale marches in several streets of the UAE in protest against decisions made by the Bangladeshi government," it added.

iar with the matter, **India lifts** 58-year-old ban on civil servants joining far right RSS Monitoring Desk NEW DELHI: India has

lifted a decades-old ban on civil servants being members of a far-right Hindu nationalist group that is the ideological parent of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's ruling party, according to a government memo made swift investigation that was public on Monday.

Several top leaders of Modi's Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), including the PM himself, cut their teeth Rashtriya the

Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), whose millions of members conduct paramilitary drills and prayer meetings.



Cycle rickshaws ply at a partially deserted street during a curfew following recent clashes between protesters and police in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

President for comprehensive plan to prevent urban flooding in Karachi

ISLAMABAD (APP): President Asif Ali Zardari on Monday directed the Sindh government to prioritize a comprehensive plan to prevent urban flooding in Karachi by adopting a sustainable, long-term strategy based on international best practices for managing sewage and stormwater.

The President expressed these views while chairing a meeting on saving Karachi from urban flooding and environmental degradation and promoting sustainable water resource development, at Aiwan-e-

The President was given a comprehensive presentation by international water and sewage management experts and proposed various solutions to address the challenges of urban flooding and sewage in Karachi on the pattern of the tunnel sewer systems

nel Sewerage System of Singapore.
Chief Minister Sindh,

Syed Murad Ali Shah, Adjutant General Lt General Muhammad Asim Malik, Minister for Local Government Department of Sindh, Saeed Ghani, Mayor Karachi, Barrister Murtaza Wahab, Chief Secretary Sindh, Syed Asif Hyder Shah, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Karachi Water and Sewerage Corporation, Syed Salahuddin, Country Head Herrenknetch Pakistan, Col ® Danyal Naveed Ahmed, senior government officials, and local and international water management experts attended the

was proposed that a netsewer tunnels under existing roads in high-flood

of Washington DC, the London Super Sewer Project, and the Deep Tun-lighted that underground tunnelling using modern techniques would not disturb the public, city traffic and land ownership.

The experts informed that Karachi generated almost 450 million gallons per day (MGD) of sewage. They added that sewage and stormwater were collected in small and large open drains which fell into the Lyari and Malir rivers and were released untreated into the sea, polluting the marine ecosys-

It was further informed that the existing network of drains had limited capacity and absorbed around 50% of the rainwater under normal cir-During the briefing, it cumstances. The meeting was told that excess wawork of small and large ter was not absorbed by the system, causing urban flooding



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Atta Tarar planting sapling in connection with tree plantation campaign ceremony at trail 5 in the Federal Capital.

Govt. working on improvement of services and solution to other public issues: Sardar Khetran

Independent Report QUETTA: The Provincial Minister for Public Health Engineering, Sardar Abdul Rehman Khetran has stated that the incumbent government is working on im-

provement of services and

solution to the issues of

He said that special attention is being given on projects of restoration of infrastructure and provision of livelihood to the

Deputy Speaker of Balochistan Assembly, Sardar Babar Musakhail who called on him here on

During the course of meeting, different matters were discussed about the projects on priority basis.

vision for poor: Rubina ongoing development projects in Musakhail. The Deputy Commis-

were also present in the meeting.

The former Deputy Speaker thanked the Provincial Minister for the public welfare activities in Musakhail.

sioner Bilal Shabbir and

other concerned high ups

Musakhail appreciated the government's initiatives saying that the develop-nomic condition of the pub-

Sardar Abdul Rehman Khetran said that the provincial government has started the steps for implementation on development

BISP reflects Benazir Bhutto's welfare of

KOHISTAN (APP): Chair person Benazir Income Support Programme (BİSP), Senator Rubina Khalid on Monday said that the BISP reflects the Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto for the welfare of poor women in Pakistan.

Mohtarma laid the foundation of this program it was later implemented by President Asif Ali Zardari

Speaking at public gatherings in Tehsil Batera, Pattan, and Palas, Senator Rubina Khalid reiterated the commitment of BISP to uphold the dignity of deserving women by ensuring full disbursement of funds without deductions.



QUETTA: Provincial Advisor Sardar Ghulam Rasool Umrani meeting with Provincial Minister for Irrigation Mir Sadiq Umrani

Electricity connections of 581 defaulters disconnected in **QESCO's different circles**

Independent Report

QUETTA: The electricity connections of at least 581 more defaulters were disconnected by the Quetta Electric Supply Company (QESCO) in its different operation circles.

The spokesman of OESCO informed that the Company's campaign is continued against the pilferers of electricity and defaulters in Quetta, Pishin, Loralai, Sibi, Khuzdar and Makran operation circles.

During the crackdown, connections of some 581 defaulters were suspended on non-payment of dues. They are included the domestic, commercial and agricultural consumers during

The spokesman said that over Rs. 6.19 million were also recovered from 465 defaulters. Besides, over Rs.

1.232 million were also recovered on account of the detection and fine charged to those involved in the power pilferage.

Meanwhile, fine was also charged to 73 domestic, commercial and agricultural consumers on doing their meters shunt or slow. The applications have

also been submitted against 12 electricity pilferers in different police stations of the province for legal action, added the QESCO

4.7 magnitude earthquake strikes Swat, no damage reported

ISLAMABAD (APP): An earthquake with a magnitude of 4.7 struck District Swat and surrounding areas on Monday, causing no immediate reports of damage or casualties.

According to a private news channel, people came out of houses and shops in fear and panic after the earthquake, reciting Kalma Tayyaba.

According to the seismological centre, the mag-nitude of the earthquake was 4.7 on the Richter scale, the depth of the earthquake was 205 km, and the epicenter was the Hindu Kush mountain range.

Tarar for planting maximum trees to combat future climate challenges

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Information, Broadcasting, National Heritage and Culture, Attaullah Tarar, on Monday emphasized to address the looming challenge of climate change highlighting the critical need to plant a significant number of trees for the sake of future generations. During a ceremony held by the Capital Devel-

dress, Tarar highlighted the commitment of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and the maintain Islamabad's envithe nation's most beautiful cities, with Margalla National Park serving as a prized asset.

opment Authority at Islamabad enjoys superior combating climate change Margalla Hills, in his ad- air quality compared to

other cities, asserting that planting more trees would further enhance the envi-Pakistani government to ronment. He lamented that while Pakistan contributes ronment by promoting ex- only 2% of global carbon tensive tree plantation. He emissions, it bears 90% of praised Islamabad as one of the adverse effects of climate change. Calling for international cooperation, Tarar urged countries with high carbon emissions to Tarar underscored that collaborate with Pakistan in

and education: Shahina Kakar **Independent Report** QUETTA: The central joint secretary of Awami National Party and former Member Provincial Assembly, Ms. Shahina Kakar has regretfully pointed out that Balochistan is the most backward and oppressed province of the country, which is lagging behind in all sector right from educa-

tion and health to the basic infrastructure. While infrastructure. While speaking to different delegations who called on her here the other day, Ms. Shahina Kakar said that the people of Balochistan are deprived of the basic amenities of life despite being important part of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

She said that as the livelihood, shelter and clothes are basic needs of

all sectors including health the people, so are the health

and education facilities. But, the public healthcare has never been priority of the rulers, she mentioned adding that the state is considered to be the mother, but it seems imprisoned in the critical issues of poverty, ignorance and illness. In view of the critical situation, the government needs to pay attention on improving the healthcare system particularly in the Pashtoon areas of the province, adding Ms. Shahina Kakar stressed. She also stressed the need to take immediate steps for improving healthcare facilities in Kuchlalk, Harnai, Pishin, Killa Abdullah, Chaman, Muslim Bagh,

Killa Saifullah, Zhob, Duki,

Ziarat, Shirani, Musakhail

and other areas.

Omar questions smuggling of **POL products** into Pakistan ISLAMABAD (INP): The

Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leaders questioned that who was lodging FIRs against them, saying that "They are not digesting the Supreme Court's verdict,".

"The civilian govern-ment should have addressed the press conference instead of the DG ISPR today," said Opposition Leader Omar Ayub while addressing a press conference here on Monday. PTI Chairman Barrister Gohar Khan and other PTI leaders were present there.

While talking about the DG ISPR's term of "digital terrorism", Omar Ayub said that he was giving examples of Syria, Iran and Libya. "These countries fell down just because of dictatorship," said the PTI leaders

Finance Minister chairs meeting of CCoSOEs

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Cabinet Committee on State-Owned Enterprises (CCoSOEs) on Monday after detailed discussion decided that National Insurance Company Limited (NICL), State Life Insurance Company Limited (SLICL) and Pakistan Re-Insurance Company Limited (PRCL) did not meet the criteria of strategic or essential state owned enterprises and would not be categorized as essential for the public sector. The CCoSOEs met here with Minister for Finance and Senator Revenue Muhammad Aurangzeb in the chair considered the summaries presented by different ministries and divisions for the categorization of their relevant SOEs as strategic or essential or other-

wise, said a press release.

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Finance & Revenue, Muhammad

Aurangzeb chairing a meeting of the Cabinet Committee on State-Owned

Govt providing opportunities,

platform for progress to

Balochistan's youth: Rana
ETTA (APP): Chair-students that "you are not for which funds have b

just making your future but

that would be the success

of your family, region,

province and the country at

He also lauded the Chamalang Education

Project that providing free

education to the poor students of Loralai and Kohlu

Khan said that the then

Chief Minister Punjab,

Shehbaz Sharif has initiated

the Punjab Educational Endowment Fund to provide

scholarships to talented

students in the province

which would be expanded

across the country and it

renamed as Pakistan Edu-

cational Endowment Fund.

sion to empower the youth

in order to make them a

productive citizens. The

government has established

Danish School Authority

and in this connection four

Danish schools in

Balochistan would be set up

a series of engineering tech-

niques and procedures de-

signed to check, inspect,

and test every operational

component of a project,

from individual functions to

to ensure that all elements,

including construction,

processing, and installation,

function according to ca-

pacity, usage, and require-

ister Shahbaz Sharif inau-

gurated the airbase infra-

structure of the China-

funded NGIA, which in-

cludes 32 components such

as civil, technical, electrical,

and communication facili-

ties, alongside modern allied

see the construction of a

cargo complex designed to

handle diverse cargo types.

Upon completion, NGIA

will be the largest airport in

ZIARAT: Provincial Food Minister Haji Noor Muhammad Khan Dummar

Pakistan.

The next phase will

Last July, Prime Min-

The main objective is

complex systems.

He said the Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif has the vi-

Mashhood Ahmed

man Prime Minister Youth

Program Rana Mashhood

Ahmad on Monday said

that the government was

providing platforms, op-

portunities to the youth to

exhibit their abilities and

play their pivotal part for

the prosperity of the coun-

Addressing a ceremony organized by Paki-

stan Poverty Alleviation Fund (PPAF) for awarding

Chamalang Education

Project to the students of

Loralai and Kohlu districts

at Balochistan University

of Information Technology,

Engineering and Manage-

(BUITEMS), he said that

condition

Balochistan would improve

as the province is lucky to have such lot of talented

continue efforts for making

prosperous and stable Pa-

kistan besides working with

diligently to create scope in

the society. Rana hailed the

ing and commissioning of

the New Gwadar Interna-

tional Airport (NGIA) have

been completed with pre-

culmination of a detailed

three-month process, begun

on April 15, that optimized

the airport's compliance

with design requirements,

operational efficiency, and

minimized future opera-

tional risks while adhering

to maintenance standards

and legislative regulations.

testing and commissioning

involved the airport's entire

infrastructure, including the

runway, taxiway, apron,

electrical systems, telecom-

munications networks, se-

curity features, water sup-

ply system, and grid sta-

tion, Gwadar Pro reported

thority (CAA) Pakistan

official explained to Gwadar Pro, "Testing and

A Civil Aviation Au-

visiting District Headquarter Hospital

Balochistan lagging behind in

on Monday.

The comprehensive

This phase marks the

QUETTA: Former Deputy Speaker Sardar Babar

Khan Musakhail meeting with Provincial Minis-

ter for PHE Sardar Abdul Rehman Khetran. Deputy

Commissioner Kalat Bilal Shabbir is also present

Testing and commissioning

of Gwadar Int'l Airport

get completed

GWADAR (INP): The test- commissioning encompass

He urged the youth to

and motivated youth.

through

certificates

for which funds have been

allocated in the recent bud-

of Pakistan Army for pro-

viding education in remote

for Education, Raheela Hameed

Khan Durrani on the occa-

sion said that she feels

happy when seeing the stu-

dents of Balochistan, com-

peting the students of other

President Nawaz Sharif has

always launched youth

Programmes to empowe

them. He allocated seats for

the students of Balochistan

in the educational institute

Raheela Durrani said that PML-N has always

Balochistan, adding that the visit of Chairman of Prime

Mashhood Ahmed Khan is

the evident of federal

government's thriving sup

Cabinet meeting

with PTI ban

on agenda

postponed

ISLAMABAD (INP): A

meeting of the federal cabi-

net to give approval for ban

on Pakistan Tehreek-e-

Prime

port to the province.

of Punjab.

Minister's

Programme

She said that PML-N

areas of Balochistan.

He hailed the efforts

Balochistan Minister

rected to explore Public Private Partnership model for the Pak Expo Company, whereas the the committee also considered the summary presented by the Ministry of Science and Technology and approved to rename and restructure STEDEC into Indigenous Research and Development Agency (Pvt) Limited (IRADA). It was further directed to constitute its board and operationalize the entity by December 2024. The CCoSOEs also approved the proposals of Aviation Division and Ministry of Communications for the appointment of candidates as Independent Directors on the Boards of PIA Holding Company Board, Pakistan Postal Services Management Board (PPSMB) and Postal Life Insurance Com-The Ministry of pany Limited (PLICL).

Commerce was further di-



QUETTA: Provincial Minister Saleem Ahmed Khosa meeting with Governor Balochistan Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail

DPM Dar, Omani FM Badr emphasize upon concerted efforts to combat terrorism

ISLAMABAD (APP): Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Senator Badr bin Hamad bin Hamood Albusaidi on Monday discussed the recent terrorist attack on Imam Bargah Ali bin Abu Talib in Wadi Kabir in Muscat and emphasized upon the importance of concerted action to combat terrorism

The DPM, foreign

Insaf (PTI) was postponed on Monday, sources said. Minister Shehbaz Sharif was scheduled to chair the meeting on Tuesday, July 23, when the to combat terrorism. cabinet members were likely to nod the ban on the politialso expected to give ap-

NAB gets more seven day custody of Imran Khan, **Bushra Bibi**

proval for pursuing cases.

ISLAMABAD (APP): An Accountability Court (AC) on Monday granted the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) a further seven-day physical remand of PTI founder Imran Khan and Bushra Bibi in new toshakhana case.

The two accused were produced before the Accountability Court at Adiala Jail after their eight day remand was ended.

During the hearing, the NAB prayed the court to grant further 14 days physical remand of the accused for more investigation from them in the said case. The NAB also presented the progress report regarding investigation to the court.

tion of dead bodies to Paki-Mohammad Ishaq Dar and Foreign Minister of the Sultanate of Oman, Sayyid

in all its forms and mani-

minister held a telephone conversation with his Omani counterpart. The deputy prime minister ex-tended Pakistan's full support to Oman in its efforts stan and taking care of wounded/injured Pakistani nationals in Omani hospitals, Foreign Office Spokesperson said in a press re-The two leaders reviewed the entire spectrum

He also appreciated

Oman's support in repatria-

of bilateral relations, ranging from political, economic and defense cooperation to people-people exchanges. Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister

Dar welcomed the forthcoming visit of a delegation of Omani investors to Pakistan later this week, geared towards exploring areas of mutually beneficial economic cooperation



QUETTA: Provincial Minister for Finance Mir Shoaib Nausherwani listening problems of a delegation who called on him

Govt. decides to increase number of green buses in **Quetta: Secretary Transport**

Independent Report QUETTA: The Government of Balochistan has decided to increase number of green buses in Quetta. According to the Sec-

retary Transport Department, Hayat Kakar, 10 more green buses are being brought costing Rs. 980

Similarly, summary is also being prepared to bring 20 more buses on directives of the Chief Minister, Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti, the

Secretary Transport in-

formed. The new buses to be purchases are also included the pink buses for women, Hayat Kakar main-

It may be mentioned here that eight green buses are plying in the provincial metropolis. The green buses ply on the route of Baleli (BUITEMS) to Sariab road (Balochistan University).

The Secretary Transport informed that an average 9,000 people travel on the green buses in Quetta.

Registration dates for **Inter academic sessions** 2025-26 announced

QUETTA (APP): Controller of Balochistan Board Abida Kakar said that the Balochistan Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education (BBISE) Quetta announced registration dates for Regular Students of Pre -Engineering Medical Arts Commerce and Science General Groups for Intermediate Academic Sessions 2025-2026 through Higher Secondary Schools.

ficial notification issued here on Monday. She said that per student could pay signal fee Rs1500 for registration till date of September 10, 2024. She said that per student would also submit double fee Rs, 3000 till October 2, 2024 after completing last date while three folds with Rs 4500, October 15 could be submitted by per student for getting forms.



USTA MUHAMMAD: Director General PDMA Jahanzeb Khan and Assistant Commissioner in-