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Interior Minister says **Balochistan attacks** aimed at sabotaging upcoming SCO summit

Says no operation underway in Balochistan; Vows stringent actions against those who did not accept state

ISLAMABAD (Agencies): action would be taken Minister for Interior Mohsin Naqvi on Friday accept the State and took up said that the horrific attacks in Balochistan, wherein dozens including security personnel lost their lives, was a "plot to subvert" upcoming Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit to be hosted by Pakistan next month. "A lot of people are in anguish as they don't want Pakistan to host don't want rakistan to nost the [SCO] meeting," he said, adding that the August 26 incident was a "conspiracy to sabotage the summit".

Naqvi further said that no operation was being launched in Balochistan while "stringent action would be taken against those who did not accept the state and took up arms".

APP adds: Minister for Interior Mohsin Naqvi on Friday said that no operation was going on in Balochistan and stringent tion of Pakistan and salute the national flag.

arms.

Speaking at the 342nd Senate session after Senators Jan Muhammad, Dr Zarqa Taimur, Bilal Ahmed Khan and opposition leader Shibli Faraz's different opinions over the Baluchistan issue, he said that the Apex Committee reviewed the decisions of the National Action Plan (NAP) resolutions and coordinated with the federal and provincial institutions, adding "Parliament is su-

preme and will remain su-preme". Giving details of the last day's meeting of the National Action Plan's Apex Committee chaired by Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif in Quetta, he said that dialogues could only be made with those who respect the Constitu-



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif meets the President of Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (F) Maulana Fazal ur Rehman, in the Federal Capital.

Balochistan Disaster Management Commission meets: CM Bugti directs to make advance necessary measures more effective in case of natural disaster

Meeting decides PDMA to make assessment of whole year to handle situation of natural disaster in better manner; quarantine centers established during COVID-19 in Taftan to be brough under arrangement of PDMA

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QUETTA: The Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti has directed to the concerned authorities to make the advance necessary measures more effective in case of the natural disaster. He also directed to en-

cerned high ups. sure protection of the link bridges for maintaining the communication links in case agement of the natural calamity. The Chief Minister

PM meets

(APP)

Ministe

Shehbaz

points

was chairing the crucial **OUETTA: Federal Minister for Interior Mohsin Naqvi** meeting of Balochistan Diin a meeting with Governor Balochistan Jaffar Khan saster Management Commission here on Friday.

The leader of Opposi-Governor calls Chairman NHA, tion in provincial assembly, Mir Younas Aziz Zehri, Member of the Commis-sion and Member Provin-

cial Assembly, Mir Zafarullah Zehri, Chief Sec-retary, Shakeel Qadir Khan, Addiving I Close tion caused due to the rains Additional Chief Secretary

in the province. Planning and Development, Meanwhile, the meet-Hafiz Abdul Basit, senior ing decided that PDMA Member Board of Revenue, would make assessment of Kambar Dashti, Secretary the whole year to handle the Communication and Works, situation in better manner. Lal Jan Jaffar and other con-

The Director General Provincial Disaster Man-Authority, in the divisions. Jehanzaib Khan briefed the

participants about agenda cided to bring the quarantine centers established dur-Addressing the meet-ing, Chief Minister directed ing COVID-19 in Taftan under arrangement of to make more effective the PDMA.

process of collection of sci-Meanwhile, certain imentific data in order to cope portant decisions were with the situation of natumade about the PDMA afral fairs in the meeting. Besides, he also di-. income Support Program

Talks with enemies of Pakistan out of question No leniency to those who sow seeds of hatred in **Balochistan: PM Shehbaz**

Says terrorists to be made an example to accomplish journey of progress; Vows to defeat Pakistan's adversaries through collective efforts

Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif has said talks with the enemies of Pakistan stand out of question.

"The youths of Balochistan are being lured through a narrative. Jawans of Pakistan army are chasing terrorists day in day out, he said this while addressing meeting of federal cabinet here Friday.

I reviewed law and order situation during my visit to Quetta. I met the family members of Shuhada. The family members of Shuhada were in great courage. Corps commander Quetta gave detailed briefing on situation in the province. What hap-

ISLAMABAD (Online): pened in Balochistan it was trajectory. extreme of terrorism. Khwarij and terrorists are sowing seeds of hatred in Balochistan and are being funded from abroad. But those sowing seeds of ha-tred will find no place.

He expressed the resolve that enemies of Pakistan will be crushed through collective efforts of the nation, armed forces and the law enforcement agencies. He said the Chief Minister launched a number of

province. He held the announcement of global rating agency Moody's about Pakistan economic outlook reflects that the country's economy is moving towards upwards

He assured that the federal government would extend support for capacity building of the Levies force. He said the Federal government will implement

the proposals put forward by the provincial political leaders. The Prime Minister said the government is also taking effective measures

for development of youth. He said ten percent additional quota has been allodevelopment projects in the cated for Balochistan in the schemes like laptops and agricultural training in China. He said the federal government will spend fifty-five billion

rupees to convert agricultural tube wells on solar energy in Balochistan.



QUETTA: Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti presiding over meeting of Disaster Management Commission

Naqvi meets Governor

Balochistan Jaffar Khan Mandokhail at the Governor's House Quetta

interior minister and Gov-

ernor Balochistan con-

demned the recent terrorist

attacks in Balochistan and

expressed solidarity with

the families of the martyrs.

said that immediate mea-

sures would be taken at all

levels to establish peace

and security in Balochistan.

He highlighted that the

Apex Committee has de-

cided to hold talks only

with those who lay down

their arms and recognize the Constitution of Pakistan.

13 of family die as

landslide fall on

house at Dir Upper

and Rescue 1122, the fami-

lies of Naushad Khan along

with his two brothers were

fast asleep last night when

a huge avalanche fell on

The interior minister

During the meeting, the

on Friday

37 casualties reported in Balochistan: PDMA declares 10 districts

It was also decided not to create unnecessary vacancies in the disaster management villages established The meeting also de-

asks to ensure timely completion of Zhob bypass project

fic.

Mandokhail in Governor House Quetta.

Independent Report QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail has called Chairman National Highway Authority (NHA) Shehryar Sultan and asked him to timely execute the Zhob bypass project after starting work on it immedi-

He said Zhob is an important city of Balochistan, which connects it with other provinces through the national highways.

He stressed that timely completion of the bypass is very necessary because of it's strategic location and it's own big population.

He said that the completion of Zhob bypass news to the people about would increase access to construction of Zhob by other provinces, promote pass very soon.

trade activities, improve Maulana Fazal travelling facilities and ento discuss political sure smooth flow of traf-

situation of country While speaking to the ISLAMABAD Chairman NHA over tele-Prime phone, the Governor said Muhammad that the geographic impor-Sharif on Friday visited the tance of Zhob is increasing residence of President of for the economic develop-Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (F) ment and trade changes tak-Maulana Fazal ur Rehman. ing place in the region.

Maulana Fazal ui He said that we have Rehman warmly welcomed to provide strong basis to the prime minister.

economy, trade, education The prime minister exin the Zhob division in view pressed best wishes for of the educational devel-Maulana Fazal ur Rehman. opment and economic During the meeting, the

changes wo sides discussed overall The Chairman NHA political situation of the assured the Governor that country. PM Shehbaz Sharif was we we would provide good

accompanied by Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar, Federal Minister for Interior Sved Mohsin Raza Naqvi and Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Attaullah Tarar

12 more Khwarji terrorists killed in 'extensive' Tirah Valley IBOs

RAWALPINDI: At least 12 hwarji terrorists were killed in ongoing intelli-QUETTA: A large number of people standing on gence-based operations gas shop to filling their gag cylinder. According to (IBOs) by security forces in Khyber district's Tirah an SSGC spokesperson, the damage to the pipeline has resulted in the suspension of gas supply to Quetta, Mastung, Kalat, Kolpur Machh, Pishin, and Valley on August 28 and 29, according to a statement from the military on

Friday. The Inter-Services Decision makers not worried Public Relations (ISPR) stated that extensive IBOs for country: Imran Khan have been underway in the region since 20 August, tar-

geting the reported presence

of Khwarij elements. "On 28 & 29 August, our troops effectively engaged Khwarij locations, where, after intense fire exchanges, twelve Khwarij of Fitna-Al-Khwari [Tehreek-e-Taliban Paki stan (TTP)] were sent to hell," the statement said.

these operations have dealt a major setback to Fitna-Al-Khwarij and its affiliates. So far, 37 terrorists have been sent to hell, while 14

rious injuries," it added. The military emphasised that the IBOs vails in Balochistan at will continue until peace is present we should take fully restored in the area and 01 all Khwarij elements are

QUETTA: Chief Executive Officer Balochistan Health Card Program Asadullah Kakar and Director Benazir Income Support Program Irfan **Rafique signing a MoU**

18-inches diameter pipeline swept away: Sui gas supply suspended to Quetta, Pishin, Ziarat, Kalat and Mastung

Independent Report QUETTA: The sui gas supply was suspended to Quetta as well as Pishin, Ziarat, Kalat and Mastung

after the gas pipeline swept away in the Mach area on

them at Patrak village in the He said that the repair of the gas pipeline could take few days. It may be mentioned here that the other gas pipeline coming to Quetta is already shu

Security forces kill five terrorists in Balochistan

RAWALPINDI (Online): ficers of the Pakistan Army for sending five Khawarij Security forces have killed five terrorists and three othto hell and arresting three after injuring them in ers injured during three intelligence based operations Panjgur, Kech and Zhob in Kech, Panjgur and Zhob districts of Balochistan. districts of Balochistan. In a statement today,

According to ISPR, the Prime Minister reitersanitization operations will ated the resolve to continue continue until all perpetrathe war against terrorism tors, facilitators and abetuntil its complete eradicaters of cowardly acts of tion from the country. 26th August are brought to The Prime Minister

said those who are trying Security forces of Pato spread chaos in the country will not be spared.

kistan, in step with the nation, remain determined to Federal Interior Minis thwart attempts at sabotagter Mohsin Naqvi paid tribing peace, stability and ute to the security forces progress of Balochistan. for the successful intelligence-based operation in Minister Panjgur and Zhob on Fri-

Prime Shehbaz Sharif has appreday. ciated the soldiers and of-

DIR UPPER (APP): At least 13 persons of a fam-ily died after a huge land-slide fell on their house at The sources said that the SSGC's teams were dis-patched to Mach for repair of the damaged gas pipeline. The General Manager of SSGC, Farooq Ahmed Patrak village in Dir Upper district. According to police

informed that the repair work would be started on the damaged pipeline after improvement in the weather conditions and security clearance

mountainous region. As a result, Naushad's wife, daughters Samina, and Yamin and sons Tayyab and Umar have died. Four family members of Khan Badashah, the brother due to the repair work. of Naushad Khan including his wife, daughter Taqwa, sons Saeed and Rohan also ex-

pired

of Balochistan calamity-hit **Balochistan** QUETTA (APP): Federal in current Monsson rains Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi met with Governor

PDMA authorities request humanitarian partners to remain in coordination while extending support to flood affected areas

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rent Monsoon rains.

cluded: Kalat, Kachhi,

Awaran, Loralai and

In the official letter to

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Sohbatpur,

although the government of Balochistan is in position to QUETTA: As many as 10 handle the current emergency situation in all the districts of Balochistan above-mentioned districts. have been declared calamand so far, has not reity-hit in view of the curquested the humanitarian According to an official partners' support.

However, few humaninotification issued here the other day, the Provincial tarian partners have already extended their support to Disaster Management Aumitigate the sufferings of (PDMA) Balochistan has declared the flood affected communities in close coordination the following district cawith PDMA Balochistan. The districts are in-

The PDMA official further said that such kind of support is encouraged by PDMA Balochistan, how-Muhammad, Lasbela, ever, the humanitarian partners are strongly requested to remain in close coordination with PDMA while exthe humanitarian partners, tending support the PDMA official said that affected areas. tending support to the flood

Pakistan, Bangladesh agree to work closely for South Asia's progress

ISLAMABAD (APP): tion, both leaders also Prime Minister Shehbaz agreed that greater regional Sharifon Friday held a telecooperation could play a vital role in uplifting the phone conversation with lives of the people of South Asia, a PM Office press Adviser of Bangladesh government Professor Muhammad release said. Prime Minis-Yunus wherein two leaders ter Shehbaz Sharif congratuagreed that there was a need lated Professor Muhammad to work closely for the Yunus on assuming the office of Chief Adviser and lauded progress and prosperity of the people of both counhis contribution to the socioeconomic development of Bangladesh.

During the conversa-

KARACHI: A view of sea waves seen from a residential apartment, following

reports from the Pakistan Meteorological Department of a potential cyclonic storm that could develop over the Arabian Sea, at Clifton Beach, in the city.

RAWALPINDI (Online): four provinces. We can unit the people. He held those who are making these decisions

agencies have been assigned to eliminate PTI. He said this in an informal talk with the journalists after hearing of 190 million pounds reference against him and Bushra in 50 years. Now I have come to know that the Bibi in Adiala jail

Rawalpindi. He cautioned there is mammoth threat of provincialism. Protest was got staged in Punjab against terrorism in Balochistan.

surrounding areas.

PTI founder Imran Khan

has said decision makers

have no worries about the

country while the secret

Political parties can unite people and not the army. PTI is the only party in the country along Balochsitan which is existing in all the

they have no worry about country. What largest challenge I am seeing in the country is economy. Earlier I had heard the lowest investment came in the country

people

The ISPR noted that lowest investment of the history has come in the country this year. Debt is swelling. The

country is heading toterrorists have suffered sewards destruction. On the other side terrorism is rising. What situation pre-

eliminated

The sources of Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC) told that the 18-diameter inch gas pipeline was swept away in the flashflood in the Mach area. The situation caused gas suspension to Quetta and different other areas of the province from Mach area

justice.

late Thursday night.



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Credit rating upgrade

The decision by Moody's to upgrade Pakistan's

long-term sovereign credit rating from Caa3 to

Caa2 could not have come at a better time. The

agency has also revised its outlook for the

country's beleaguered economy from stable to

positive. The rating upgrade, which comes after a

similar announcement by Fitch, is inspired by

Pakistan's improving macroeconomic conditions,

especially liquidity and its external position, which

have improved from very weak levels amidst a

staff-level agreement with the IMF for a fresh \$7bn

bailout. Despite the upgrade, the new rating still

remains within the agency's "speculative grade'

band and continues to reflect the nation's "very

weak debt affordability that drives high debt

sustainability risk". Yet the agency has noted that

Pakistan's default risk has reduced even though

the nation's interest payments would continue absorbing about half of government revenues

over the (next) two to three years. The improve-

ment in the country's investment risk profile, as

reflected by the rating upgrades by two major

agencies within a month, must help reduce

Pakistan's country risk premium and elevate in-

vestor confidence. The stock market perked up

on Thursday as Moody's elevated confidence in

this economy substantially wiped clean uncer-

in facilitating the government's return to the glo-

bal bond markets and commercial banks for fresh

funds it aims to raise by the next fiscal year for

budgetary support and covering the gross exter-

nal financing hole, one of the reasons for the de-

layed IMF approval. With a better rating, the

government would be able to negotiate less harsh

terms and lower interest rates with the foreign

commercial banks it is in talks with for raising

\$4bn. That said, Moody's, like Fitch, has warned

that uncertainty persists regarding the

government's ability to maintain and implement

reforms sustainably. It suspects that the coali-

tion government led by the PML-N formed after

the February elections may not have a sufficiently

strong electoral mandate to continually implement

revenue-raising measures without stoking social

tensions. "... (The potential) slippages in reform

implementation could lead to delays in or with-

drawal of financing support from (multilateral and

bilateral) official partners," it added. "(This could

elevate investment risks) since Pakistan contin-

ued to rely on timely and sufficient disbursement

of financing from official partners to fully meet

any digression from the IMF reforms, including

revenue-raising measures, if it wants to ensure

timely reviews of the Fund programme, continu-

ally unlock financing from official partners to meet

its external debt obligations, and support further

build-up of its forex reserves. Pakistan's economy

has come a long way from where it was a year ago. But it still isn't in a position to hold its own

without multilateral and bilateral help.

In other words, the government can ill-afford

its external debt obligations," it observed.

More importantly, this should go a long way

tainty around the IMF loan approval delays.

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OPINION

Islamic environmentalism

Muhammad Hayat Lak | Muhammad **Mohad Zulfigar**

It is no secret that Pakistan faces an existential climate change crisis. Currently ranked fifth in the Global Climate Risk Index, we are at severe risk of exposure to extreme temperatures and climate-related disasters. The destructive floods of 2022 — which affected 33 million people and caused economic losses amounting to more than \$15 billion serve as a warning of what the future might hold.

In such a state of affairs, how can one persuade the people of Pakistan to mitigate environmental degradation? Interestingly, one plausible answer lies in religion, particularly Islam. This, in simple terms, would mean proliferating a scheme of ideas based on the Quran and Sunnah aimed at the conservation of the environment.

Often dubbed as Islamic environmentalism, this idea can be traced back to a series of lectures delivered by the Iranian philosopher Seyyed Hossein Nasr in shall be conserved. 1968 at the University of Chicago. Nasr employed the Sufi concept of unity of the universe to argue that all created beings are interconnected, therefore humans owe a duty to the environment, as much as they do to their fellow men. If humans do not live up to this duty, then society will face moral degradation and crises as a direct corollary of our actions. As the Quran states, "Corruption has appeared throughout

life Fund was unable to persuade them otherwise. Eventually, Khaled, founder of the Islamic Foundation for Ecology and Environmental (IFEES), was brought in. Khaled dealt with dynamite fishing by engaging local fishermen, imams, and political

Recently, through Nasr — that all of creits judgment in Amer ation is connected, Ishaq and others v. Prov- therefore harm incurred ince of KPK, pertaining to one part of it necesto air pollution caused sarily effects the others. by stone crushers in This proved to be a Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, hugely successful exerthe Supreme Court has cise, and the use of dyplaced special emphasis namite fishing plumon Islamic environmenmeted. talism. The court — while Similarly, the Afri-

referring to Hossein can Muslim Environment Network is playing Nasr's work — has explored the idea on the an active role in dealing basis of six fundamental with the perils of climate principles: 1) Tawhid, change. It utilises zakat that Allah is the Creator and other charities' of all and hence all the money to spread envir-o-nmental created are interconnected. 2) Stewardship, educ--ation and fin-a-nce sustainable that man, as the khalifa, must adopt a responsible ventures. Mal-aysia also provides a practical attitude towards managing natural resources. $\breve{3}$) example of Islamic envi-Balance that the natural ronmentalism, where more than 400 mosques balance or meezan of have joined hands to Earth shall not be interfered with. 4) Avoiding counter poaching and waste, that Islam advopromote the conservacates the idea of moderation of turtles. In 2015, tion, especially in relathe IFEES launched the Islamic Declaration on tion to consumption; the Quran commands,"O Global Climate Change, Children of Adam! ... Eat aimed at educating Muslims across the and drink, but do not waste. Surely, He does world about the harmful impacts of climate not like the wasteful" change. The declaration (7:31). 5) Justice, that climate change hurts the stressed the moral and religious duty of all poor the most even though they may have Muslims to adopt suscontributed the least. 6) tainable practices to Hima, that natural recounter climate change. sources and biodiversity In order to mitigate

damage and promote In countries across sustainability, the govthe globe, Islamic enviernment must draw from ronmentalism is being these examples and employ Islam as the basis used for community engagement to deal with for wider community climate-related issues. In engagement on the environment. As a deeply religious country, the people of Pakistan will be more receptive to the idea of environmental conservation as a religious duty Stakeholders from Fazlun

across the board - academic experts, religious scholars, and socio-po-Sciences litical leaders — must come together to form a consensus against environmental degradation. As one fisherman from Zanzibar put it: we leaders in community can break the laws of

The Baloch question

Yet all of this seems

the

It is not as if we have not here been Balochistan has bled for stream Pakistani concomes an expert on everything Balochistan.

of civilians in Musakhelmost of them reportedly of Seraiki and Punjabi backgrounds — is a microcosm of everything that is wrong about the way most Pakistanis, particularly in the core regions of our highly fragmented country, conceive of the Baloch question.

First came the frention. Expressing outrage at the killings is one thing, but giving the state license to crush 'terrorism' is another thing altogether. The current insurgency in Balochistan has raged for almost two decades, and was originally triggered by the dictatorial regime of General Pervez Musharraf, who, some readers will remember, publicly announced 'they won't know what hit them'

Ever since, Baloch youth criminalised to no end, thus providing further fuel to the insurgency. Even staunch Pakistani nationalists have, on occasion, acknowledged that insurgencies, past and present, represent a failure of state policy. Militarisation of the Baloch question has not worked before, and

before. same political opinions so long that the mainjust because of their ethnic backgrounds. Indeed, sciousness has tuned it the Baloch people are exinto the background. Yet every so often, the Baloch Makran belt in the south, national question is thrust for instance, comprises a into the spotlight and everyone suddenly beto the northeastern parts of the province, including the Bugti, Mengal and

What has transpired after the gruesome killing Marri heartlands as well as Balochistan's 'green belt' on the Sindh border. reduction of the entirely organic Baloch national question to great games and international conspiracies. It is certainly not implausible that there are ists. regional and global players active in Balochistan, but the concerns that

many Baloch have vis-azied demands for retribulike CPEC are long-standing and undeniable. been ravaged by state and schemes.

to matter little in a social media universe where nuhave been ance, history and facts count for little. It is certainly true that social mesuch as the Baloch recent days confirm how the Facebook and Twitter statist trolls and bots ensure will not work now. intellectualisation of po-

Second was the lack litical debate. of knowledge about It is also telling how Balochistan on display. supposedly broad-Among other things, the based term 'Balochi' was banaround matters like endied about in reference to forced disappearances the people, whereas the correct term is 'Baloch'. Then there was almost total neglect of the fact ethnic peripheries start resisted at all costs. -that Pash-tuns, Hazaras, displaying outright rac- Courtesy Dawn

Aasim Sajjad Akhtar Punjabis, Seraikis and ism by calling for a boycott of Quetta cafes and others also call Balochistan their home. call banishing Baloch stu-They do not all hold the dents from Punjab.

The obvious tensions which do exist between ethnic-nations in Pakistan should, in fact. tremely diverse — the make clear that the Pakistani state continues to fail spectacularly in addressing the Baloch and distinct social formation other national ques-The tions. weaponisation of reli-

gion continues to be the calling card of choice, which is why the Finally, there was the militants of the TLP and TTP thrive while even entirely peaceful Baloch youth who are demanding accountability of the state are called terror-

Thirty years ago, Eqbal Ahmad delivered a lecture entitled 'Terrorism: Theirs & Ours' vis the grand 'developwhich many 'experts' mental' claims of projects should listen to. In it, he meticulously outlined the manner in which the Gwadar's historic term 'terrorism' was infishing communities, for strumentally used by example, have seen their states to pursue their livelihoods destroyed by narrow, cynical intercorporate trawlers, while ests. Of all the forms of political violence that the wider population has can viably be called 'terprivate profiteers, who rorism', it is the modern have made a killing state, in fact, that has perpetrated the most through bogus real estate terror.

There is little evidence that the master strategists who run this country are interested in genuinely resolving the eight-decade-old dia has provided impetus Baloch question. Those to peaceful movements who claim to be on the side of the people, par-Yakjehti Committee, but ticularly those in the core regions of the country, must not do algorithm as well as the their bidding, and at the very least use critical de- analytical lenses to make sense of what is going on in Balochistan.

Working people Punjab from to consensuses Balochistan are not perpetrators of hate. They can, however, beand ethnic profiling dis-sipate rapidly, and so for the politics of hate. many people outside the It is this which must be

Zanzibar, for years fishermen used to dynamite coral reefs to catch fish. Despite successive attempts, the World Wildthe land and sea by [reason of] what the hands of people have earned so He may let them taste part of [the consequence of] what they have done that perhaps they will

return [to righteous-

ness]" (30:41).

workshops. Khaled government, but not of emphasised — much like God. -- Courtesy Dawn

Commerce News

Daily **Independent**

Zimbabwean ambassador set a target for increasing bilateral up to \$100 million While Pakistan imports

ISLAMABAD (APP): Ambassador of Zimbabwe to Pakistan, Titus M.J. Abu Basutu on Friday said that the existing bilateral trade between Pakistan and Zimbabwe stands at \$ 30 million in FY 2023 less than its potential, which needs to be increased to \$100 million in the coming three years.

The target is to take the volume of bilateral trade up to 100 million in the next three years till FY 2026, the role of the private sector and chambers of commerce and Industries is significant and the Zimbabwean embassy in Islamabad will provide full support to the exporters and cal equipment, sports equipment, safety tools and this regard, Ambassador of machinery.

Zimbabwe to Pakistan. Titus M.J. Abu Basutu told from Zimbabwe including APP here

chemicals, tanning dving to-The Ambassador said bacco and cotton from Zimthat Pakistan's current exbabwe. The Ambassador port volume to Zimbabwe said that at this time Zimbais \$20 million and bwe prioritized promoting Pakistan's imports from economic and trade relations Zimbabwe are \$10 million, with Pakistan and increased which is less than the bilatbilateral trade volume on prieral economic and trade ority, for which, "We encourpotential, which can be inage the business communities of both sides to exchange creased over time to strengthen economic ties. mutual business delega-

He said that Zimbations." The ambassador bwe imports from Pakistan said that Zimbabwe is have mainly agricultural goods ing a 'Trade Expo' in April 2025, where industrialists including rice, tractors and other sectors like light enand traders from all over gineering, electronics, medithe world will participate and he invites the Pakistani business community to participate in it.

SBP injects

Rs9.2trln

into market

TBM achieves Rs 2.6 bln profit before tax in first-half of 2024

ISLAMABAD (APP): Telenor Microfinance Bank (TMB) during the first-half of the year 2024 has achieved Rs 2.6 billion profit before tax, which was up by 788 percent as compared to the corresponding period of the last year.

The Board of Bank (TMB) in its meeting approved the bank's financial results for the half year ended June 30, 2024, said a press release issued here Friday.

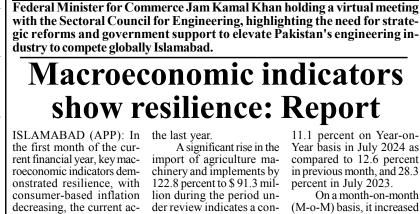
The TMB has reported exceptional financial performance for the first half of 2024, achieving a 14.5 billion.

of digital Telco.

KARACHI (APP): The State Bank of Pakistan profit before tax of Rs 2.6 (SBP) injected Rs9,218 bilbillion, a staggering 788% increase compared to first half of 2023 Rs 0.3 billion and equity touching Rs 10 billion, solidifying its position as a pioneering force in Pakistan's fintech landscape

Customer deposits and advances have demonstrated remarkable growth, with deposits reaching Rs 67.0 billion up by 21% in comparison tively amounting to Rs9,103 billion. The central with first half of 2023 Rs 55.3 billion and advances climbing to Rs 22.9 billion, growing by 59%, Rs

Team ONIC comes together for a group photo to mark the First anniversary



count balance improving, lion in the market on Friand revenue collection surday through reverse repo passing targets. purchase and Shariah Com-According to the pliant Mudarabah based 'Monthly Economic Up-date and Outlook August Open Market Operation (OMO). According to 2024', issued by the Min-OMO results issued here, istry of Finance on Friday, the SBP conducted Open the agricultural credit dis-Market Operation, Reverse bursement recorded an in-Repo Purchase (Injection) crease of 24.8 percent duron August 30, 2024 for 7 ing fiscal year 2024 to Rs day and 28-day tenors and accepted 32 bids cumula-

A significant rise in the import of agriculture machinery and implements by 122.8 percent to \$ 91.3 million during the period under review indicates a con-

tinued boost in investment in farming technology, paving the way for enhanced productivity and efficiency in the agriculture

sector The Large Scale Manufacturing Sector registered positive growth of 0.9 percent in fiscal year 2024 against the contraction of 10.3 percent last year. 2,216 billion compared to CPI inflation recorded at

11.1 percent on Year-on-Year basis in July 2024 as compared to 12.6 percent in previous month, and 28.3 percent in July 2023.

On a month-on-month (M-o-M) basis, it increased by 2.1 percent in July 2024 compared to an increase of 0.5 percent in the previous month.

The government managed to reduce the fiscal deficit to 6.8% of GDP in FY2024, down from 7.8% last year. The primary balance showed a surplus of 0.9% of GDP, in contrast to a deficit of 1.0% of GDP

into partnership by signing MOU LAHORE (APP): The A cornerstone of this Lahore Chamber of Com-

LCCI, PSQCA step

merce & Industry and Pakistan Standards and Quality Control Authority (PSQCA) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). This strategic partnership is poised to provide comprehensive support and resources to the businesses for enhancing their ability to compete on a global scale.

The MOU was signed by LCCI President Kashif Anwar and Director General PSOCA Taufique Ali Abbasi. This agreement marks the beginning of a collaborative effort to streamline access to standardization and conformity assessment services for LCCI members.

partnership is the establishment of a dedicated PSQCA Information Desk at LCCI. This desk will serve as a one-stop resource center where businesses, entrepreneurs and traders can seek guidance on standards, regulations and best practices. The Information Desk wil be staffed by nominated officials from PSQCA to provide expert advice and assistance.

Kashif Anwar highlighted the importance of this initiative stating that this MoU is more than just a formal agreement; it is a strategic alliance aimed at empowering our members with the knowledge and resources they need to meet global standards.



FAISALABAD: Daily wages laborers unload sacks of potatoes from a delivery truck at a bustling vegetable market.

FPCCI, **SECP** organize seminar on new portal 'eZfile'

LAHORE (APP): The Federation of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) and Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) organised an awareness seminar regarding SECP's new portal 'eZfile', 'Companies Regulations 2024' and Company Regularization Scheme (CRS) at FPCCI Regional Office, here on Friday. Vice President and

is to educate private lim-

Regional Chairman FPCCI Zaki Aijaz highlighted that the objective of the session

rules and regulations of the SECP, so that the participating companies could better fulfill their legal requirements. Vice President Zaki Aijaz said that FPCCI aims to provide a vibrant platform for its member companies and business community to enhance their knowledge and also to aware them with contemporary business techniques. He emphasised that the SECP plays a crucial role in the economic development of Pakistan.

ited, listed and non-listed

companies about the new

Short-term inflation bank received 31 bids for eases further by 0.62% 7-day tenor cumulatively offering an amount of Rs9,287.3 billion. ISLAMABAD (APP): corresponding week of last The weekly inflation, mea-year, the SPI for the com-The weekly inflation, measured by the Sensitive Price

Indicator (SPI), witnessed further decrease of 0.62 percent for the combined consumption groups during the week ended on August 29, the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) reported on Friday

According to the PBS data, the SPI for the week under review in the abovementioned group was re-corded at 319.73 points as compared to 321.72 points during the past week.

As compared to the

15.34 per cent.

stan Stock Exchange (PSX) continued with Bullish bined consumption group trend on Friday, gaining 138.55 more points, showin the week under review witnessed an increase of ing a positive change of 0.18 percent, closing at The weekly SPI with 78,488.22 points against the base year 2015-16=100 78,349.66 points on the covers 17 urban centres and last working day.

51 essential items for all A total of 680,810,524 shares were expenditure groups Likewise, SPI for the traded during the day as compared to 599,820,775 lowest consumption group of up to Rs 17,732,

shares the previous day, however witnessed an inwhereas the price of shares stood at Rs crease of 0.24 per cent and went up to 310.80 21.186 billion against Rs 20.409 billion on the last points from last week's 310.29 points. trading day.

in FY2023. PSX gains 138 more points ISLAMABÂD (APP):

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CM leading a revolution to modernize entire health system in Punjab: Marriyum

LAHORE (APP): Chief Minister Punjab Maryam Nawaz Sharif is leading a revolution to modernize entire health system in Punjab, said Punjab's Senior Minister Marriyum Aurangzeb while inaugurating, on Chief Minister Punjab Maryam Nawaz Sharif's direction, a newlyconstructed block at Mayo Hospital Lahore, equipped with modern facilities for the treatment of children.

She visited various sections of the newly-constructed block and reviewed various medical facilities available there for the patients

The Senior Provincial Minister said, "Established governance. She highlighted that Nawaz Sharif and in 1871, Pakistan's oldest Shehbaz Sharif, as the chief and largest Mayo Hospital ministers of Punjab, had alhas been serving the public for 153 years. This 300-bed ways set new examples of service in the province. hospital at the time of es-Health Minister Khawaja Salman Rafigue said on the tablishment of Pakistan has become a 2399-bed hospital today.' Marriyum Aurangzeb

said the health of women and children is the top priority of Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif. She added, Madam Chief Minister's vision is to make Punjab an exemplary province in terms of education, health, public service, infra-

structure, environment and ity Affairs

seven terrorist corridors are

actively working to sabo-

tage CPEC, but emphasized

that China's investments in

Pakistan demonstrate its

commitment to the

country's growth. The ex-

perts praised China's

friendship, citing the

20,000 Pakistani students

studying in China. They

suggested focusing on eco-

nomic and trade objectives.

rather than security and

geopolitics, and opening

natural east-west corridors

chaired by Professor Dr.

Zahid Anwar, former Pro-

The discussion was

for trade purposes.

LAHORE: Employees of a local hotel rescue customer during fire in hotel at Australia Chowk in the Provincial Capital.

Experts urge focus on economic objectives for CPEC success

PESHAWAR (APP): Experts at a roundtable discussion in Peshawar have hailed the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) as a game-changer for Pakistan's development, despite attempts by hostile forces to undermine it.

Experts at roundtable discussion titled "CPEC: Opportunities and Challenges," organized by the Institute of Regional Studies (IRS), Peshawar, in collaboration with the Institute of Policy Studies (IPS), Islamabad, highlighted that CPEC is a project of construction and development for Pakistan.

Vice Chancellor, Dean of They revealed that Social Sciences.

occasion that Paeds Surgical Block also has a CSSD central oxygen supply, a small operation theater, day care centre and pathology lab. He added the wards are named after legendary professors. He highlighted that the number of beds in the oncology, dengue and medical wards of the Paeds Medicine Unit has been increased from 25 to 48.

Sonia Ashir meets Minister Salman Rafique has empha-LAHORE (APP): Chief sized that there will be no Minister Punjab, Maryam compromise on quality and Nawaz Sharif, has aptransparency in the ongoproved the appointment of ing hospitals revamping project across the province. parliamentary secretaries assigning Sonia Ashir as the

Parliamentary Secretary for while chairing a meeting at Human Rights and Minorthe Department of Specialized Healthcare and Medi-In this regard, Sonia cal Education on Friday. Ashir met with the Provin-

During the meeting, the cial Minister for Minority Minister highlighted the re-Affairs, Ramesh Singh cent progress at Jinnah Hos-Arora at his camp office on pital Lahore, where several Friday. During the meeting, key units, including the Peads Emergency, Surgical Ramesh Singh Arora con-Unit Two, ICU First Floor, gratulated Sonia Ashir on her appointment and ex-

He made these remarks

5 killed, 987 injured in 962 **RTCs in Punjab**

her future endeavours.

tended his best wishes for

Independent Report AHORE: Five persons were killed and 987 injured in 962 Road Traffic Crashes (RTCs) in all 37 districts of Punjab during the last 24 hours

hospitals.

Out of these, 407 criminal activity. The snow people with serious injuleopard skin is valued at \$20,000, approximately Rs ries were shifted to dif-5.6 million ferent hospitals, while 580 victims with minor ister Marriyum Aurangzeb injuries were treated at the incident site by Rescue Medical Teams thus

appreciated the Wildlife Department and police reducing the burden of teams for their swift action and reiterated the ership.

Salman reaffirms commitment to quality, transparency in hospitals revamping project LAHORE (APP): Punjab Ward, CCU Second Floor, and Gynecology Ward, Health Minister Khawaja

among others, have undergone significant revamping. reiterated government's commitment to prioritizing the completion of these projects to enhance the convenience and care for patients at government hospitals. To expedite the completion of the revamping at Jinnah Hospital Lahore, the minister directed

contractors to increase their work pace by operating in two shifts. He also instructed the concerned officers to maintain strict and continuous oversight of the Medical Unit Two, Eye ongoing projects.

Punjab govt intensifies wildlife protection on **CM** direction

LAHORE (APP): The government's zero-toler-Wildlife Department on ance policy on wildlife law violations. She stressed the Friday successfully recovered a rare snow leopard importance of wildlife and skin during a rigorous opforest conservation in combating climate change eration to protect endan-

gered wildlife and arrested The arrested individual was involved in the the suspect involved in this illegal trade of endangered animal skins on social media. Punjab is now enforcing strict wildlife protec-Senior Provincial Mintion laws and has initiated digital mapping of forests and wildlife under CM Maryam Nawaz Sharif's

directive and dynamic lead-

International News

bers to bear this irriparible lose with fortitude. According to police and Rescue 1122, the famimeets police officials skilled lies of Naushad Khan along in fine arts

LAHORE (APP): Inspector General of Police Punjab, Dr. Usman Anwar. met with talented police officers skilled in fine arts at the Central Police Office here on Friday.

Traffic Warden Imtiaz and Dolphin Officer Gul Zain presented their artwork to the IG.

Dr. Usman Anwar congratulated them on the outstanding reception of their artwork received at the National College of Arts (NCA) exhibition. He also announced commendation certificates for both officers.

PHC grants transit bail to Sanam Javed for 10 days

PESHAWAR (Online) Peshawar High Court (PHC) has granted transit bail for 10 days to PTI leader Sanam Javed.

Justice Dr Khurshid Iqbal heard the transit bail applications of Sanam Javed Friday. The court granted 10 days transit bail to Sanam Javed. Ali Zaman advocate counsel for Sanam Javed said two FIRs are registered against Sanam Javed one in Lahore and one in Mianwali. Justice Khurshid Iqbal inquired from the counsel her residence is in Lahore and what is she doing in Peshawar.

Governor Kundi grieved over demise of 12 of family members at Dir Upper

PESHAWAR (APP): Gov- fast asleep last night when ernor Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi on Friday expressed grief and sorrow over the demise of 12 persons of a family who died after a huge landslide hit their house at Patrak village in Dir Upper

In a condolence mes-

the departed souls in eter-

nal peace and grant courage

to bereaved family mem-

district.

Khyber a huge avalanche fell on sal Karim them at Patrak village in the mountainous region. As result, Naushad's

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wife, daughters Samina, Yamin, sons Tayyab and Umar have died. Four family members

of Khan Badashah, the brother of Naushad Khan sage, the governor prayed to Allah Almighty to rest including his wife, daughter Taqwa, sons Saeed and Rohan were also expired. Similarly wife of Wali

Rehman, his sister Dua and son Nasir have also lost battle for life.

The Rescue operation has been completed and de-bris removed after retrievwith his two brothers were ing the bodies.



LAHORE:An artist painting a motivational wall mural on the Government Kinnaird High School wall to capturing the students' attention.

PPP leadership stresses consensus in selection of new party officials

LAHORE (APP): Pakistan People's Party (PPP) Central Punjab President Raja Pervaiz Ashraf emphasized the importance of consensus and consideration of party interests in the selection of new party officials.

He made these remarks during a meeting focused on the reorganization of the PPP's Faisalabad Division and district chapters. The meeting, which was conducted via video link from the PPP Secretariat in Lahore on Friday, was presided over by PPP Central Punjab General Secretary Syed Hassan Murtaza.

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Bank since early Wednes-

day has killed 16 Palestin-

ians, the Israeli military

ministry gave the same fig-

ure, after both revised ear-

towns and refugee camps

The raids on several

Secretary Syed Hassan Murtaza underscored the need for party unity and collaboration. He stressed that candidates proposed for new party positions should be capable of working harmoniously towards the party's goals.

He also highlighted the importance of involving youth in the party's new organizational structure, calling for committed young individuals to be given key roles

Participants from the Jhang, Chiniot, and Toba Tek Singh districts presented proposals and highlighted ongoing organiza-In his address, General tional activities.



IG Punjab

National News

Xi says China committed to good ties with US

Monitoring Desk BEIJING: Chinese President Xi Jinping told tor Witten that Beijing re-mained committed to good ties with the mitment to the goal United States, despite "great changes"

Sullivan, the US relations hasn't changed," Xi said. curity adviser to visit China since 2016, china since 2010, met Xi as he China to meet cach wrapped up three other halfway," he added, according to Chinese capital which also saw him meet Foreign Minis-ter Wang Yi and other high-ranking officials

Sullivan's visit weeks" comes as China is Sul lies Japan and the with you again in the Philippines. coming weeks". Philippines.

Monitoring Desk

KYIV: U.S. experts have

joined a Ukrainian investi-

gation into why an F-16

warplane that Ukraine re-

day.

Ukraine says US experts

are helping figure out why

a Ukrainian F-16 crashed

still enjoy good ties. "China's comof stable, healthy, and sustainable development of China-

US will work with CCTV.

President Joe Biden is looking forward to talks with Xi Jinping "coming in the

"President Biden is committed to responsibly managing told top White spite of "great this consequential House aide Jake cha-nges", China relationship to en-Sullivan on Thursday and the US could sure that competition does not veer into conflict or confrontation, and to work together where our interests align," he said.

Earlier in the changed," Xi said. day, Sullivan met se-"We hope that the nior Chi-nese army nior Chi-nese army chief Zhang You--xia at the Beijing head-q-uarters of the Cen-tral Military Commission, where Sullivan said US the two discussed Taiwan and other

flashpoint issues. The two officials agreed to hold a call

Israel, Hamas

agree to three-day

pauses for polio

vaccination

between the two comes as China is embroiled in secu-rity rows with US al-forward to engaging near future", a readout from the White House said.

Palestinians carry their belongings salvaged from the debris following Israeli strikes in eastern Deir Al Balah, central Gaza Strip. Japan's defense ministry seeks record budget as it faces

Ministry on Friday sought

double its annual military spending to around 10 trilweapons and artificial intellion yen, making it the ligence to make up for the world's No. 3 military declining number of spender after the United servicemembers as a result States and China. of the country's shrinking

Germany deports first Afghan nationals since Taliban govt took control

Monitoring Desk

BERLIN: Germany said it The vaccination carried out on Friday the first deportation of Afghans back to their home country since Taliban authorities took power in August 2021, as Berlin faces pressure to crack down on migration.

"These were Afghan nationals, all of whom were convicted offenders who had no right to stay in Germany and against whom deportation orders had been government issued," spokesman Steffen Hebestreit said in a statement.

A chartered Oatar

population. SANAA: Yemen's Iran-The ministry's rebacked Huthi rebels anquest for 2025 marks the nounced Thursday they had third year of Japan's rapid booby-trapped and detofive-year military buildup nated the Greek-flagged oil plan under the government's ongoing security strategy.

tanker Sounion, stranded in the Red Sea after a drone and Japan aims to spend 43 trillion yen (\$297 bil-lion) through 2027 to missile attack earlier this month. The group's leader said the operation took place earlier this week. Since then, the rebels have agreed to allow rescue teams to access the ship. A video shared on the rebels' media outlets showed masked men planting explosives on the vessel and then detonating

them, causing several fires on board. **Czech** police safely detonate **World War** Two bomb at oil refinery

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stranded oil

tanker

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PRAGUE: Czech bomb disposal experts on Friday detonated a World War Two bomb found on the site of an oil refinery, causing no major visible damage to the Polish-owned plant that has halted operations since the discovery last week police said.

Police had prepared for the controlled explosion for several days.

Israel kills 16 Palestinians in West Bank attacks

Monitoring Desk rated from the West Bank TULKAREM: Israel on by Israel.

In the West Bank. col Thursday pressed a largescale military operation in the occupied West Bank, umns of Israeli armoured vehicles backed by troops leaving at least 16 Palestinand aircraft were sent in ians dead in two days debefore soldiers encircled spite UN concerns it was refugee camps in Tubas and Tulkarem, as well as Jenin, fuelling an already exploand exchanged fire with The "counter-terror-

Palestinian fighters. The army said it killed seven on Thursday, including five fighters in the Tulkarem refugee camp.

A military statement said one of the five was The Palestinian health Muhammad Jaber, also known as Abu Shujaa, who Palestinian group Islamic Jihad said was its commander in the nearby Nur Shams refugee were launched as violence camp

Two other fighters raged on in the war-battered were killed in Jenin on Gaza Strip, the besieged Palestinian territory sepa-Thursday, the army said.

UN aid official questions world's 'humanity' as Gaza war rages

Monitoring Desk order to evacuate at some UNITED NATIONS: A point," Msuya said, adding that civilians, "in a state of top UN aid official on Thursday questioned "what has become of our limbo," were being forced into an area equivalent to just 11 percent of the Gaza basic humanity," as the war Strip. "The evacuation orin Gaza rages and humanitarian operations struggle to

ders appear to defy the rerespond. Joyce Msuya, acting quirements of international head of the UN's humanihumanitarian law," she tarian office (OCHA), said added that "we cannot plan more Israel's war against Palestinian militant group than 24 hours in advance because we struggle to Hamas has come under inknow what supplies we creasing scrutiny as the ciwill have, when we will vilian death toll rises, but

have them or where we will international powers inbe able to deliver." "Civilians are hungry. They are thirsty. They are sick. They are homeless. They have been pushed beyond... what any human being should bear," she told the Security Council.

Msuya's comments came after the UN had to halt the movement of aid and aid workers within Gaza on Monday due to a new Israeli evacuation order for the Deir al-Balah area, which had become a hub for its workers. "More than 88 percent of Gaza's territory has come under an (Israeli)

cluding the United States have failed so far to help negotiate a ceasefire. The current fighting was sparked by Hamas's October 7 attack on southern Israel, which resulted in the deaths of 1,199 people, mostly civilians, according to an AFP tally based on

Israeli official figures. Israel's retaliator military campaign has killed at least 40,602 people in Gaza, according to the territory's health ministry. The UN rights office says most of the dead are women and children

Airways flight bound for

Kabul took off from Leipzig airport just before 0500 GMT with 28 Afghans on board, Der

Spiegel magazine said, citing security sources. The operation was the result of two months of "secret negotiations" in which Qatar acted as the gobetween between Berlin and the Taliban authorities,

Spiegel reported. Hebestreit said Germany had "asked key regional partners for support in order to facilitate the deportations", without giving

more details

lieved to have been delivered by European counvaccination of some tries. Military analysts say 640,000 children against the planes won't be a gamepolio, a senior World Health changer in the war, given Organisation (WHO) offi-

Commander Mykola Oleshchuk said on Telegram that "a detailed analysis is already being conducted" into why the fighter jet went down on Monday, when NATO countries, for bring-Russia launched a major ing an opportunity to hit missile and drone barrage at

ority

Ukraine "We must carefully understand what happened, what the circumstances are, progress in its drive into and whose responsibility it is," Oleshchuk wrote in the Ukraine's forces are holdpost.

ing ground in the Kursk The crash was the border region of western first reported loss of an Russia after a recent in-F-16 in Ukraine, where cursion.

ceived from its Western partners crashed earlier this week during a Russian bombardment, the country's air force commander said Fri-Russia's massive air force and sophisticated air defense systems But Ukrainian offi-

eastern Ukraine, while

in the war with Russia Monitoring Desk JNITED NATIONS: The they arrived at the end of Israeli military and Hamas last month. At least six of have agreed to three sepathe warplanes are be- rate, zoned three-day pauses in fighting in the Gaza Strip to allow for the

cial said on Thursday.

campaign is due to start on Sunday, said Rik cials welcomed the super-Peeperkorn, the WHO's sonic jets, which can carry senior official for the Palmodern weapons used by estinian territories.

He said the agreement was for the pauses to take back at Russia's air superiplace between 6:00am and 3:00pm local time. Russia's army is making slow but gradual

He said the campaign would start in central Gaza with a three-day pause in fighting, then move to southern Gaza, where there would be another three-day pause, followed by northern Gaza.



a record 8.5 trillion yen (\$59 billion) budget for the next year to fortify its deterrence on southwestern islands against China's increasing threat. Defense officials were also focusing on unmanned

Daily **Independent**, Gwadar

Governor stresses need to expand services of blood donation across Balochistan

Independent Report QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan. Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail has stressed the need to expand the services of blood donations in the province.

The Governor said that modem science has made lot of progress in saving the human lives through the blood donations.

He said that it has been made possible to save lives of several people at the same time through the blood donation.

He also called for establishing the branches of the Regional Blood Centers (RBCs) in order districts of the province.



SLAMABAD: Deputy Chairman Senate Syedaal Khan in a meeting with Inspector General National Highways & Motorway Police (NHMP) Salman Chaudhry at Parliament House.

Mir Ali Hassan Zehri says: **Terrorists from Balochistan will be** wiped out very soon

crushed

politics.

cowardly enemy and the

heinous ambitions of their

instrumentalists were

said that at present some

people in Balochistan are

playing both sides to shine

their failed politics. He said

that Dr. Malik is also seen

as opposed to the incidents

of terrorism and on the

other hand, he supports

such people in private gath-

erings and has a soft spot

in his heart for them, which

shows his double standard

problems

He said that why Dr.

Mir Ali Hassan Zehri

Independent Report QUETTA: There will be no compromise on the integrity of Pakistan and the

motives behind the ongoing terrorism in Balochistan will soon be brought in front of the nation and many faces will be exposed in this. Senior leader of Pakistan Peoples Party, Spokesman of President Asif Ali Zardari and Provincial Advisor on Industries and Trade Mir Ali Hassan Zehri expressed these views in a statement.

He said that behind the incidents of terrorism in recent days in Balochistan, the evil intentions behind the scenes have been destroyed and the brave soldiers of the Pakistan Army

The Governor was speaking to Director of RBC Quetta, Professor Dr Hanif Mandokhail who called on him here at the Governor House on Friday. Also present in the

meeting were the Directors of RBC from Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhaw. They stressed the need

blood in emergency.

Govt officially to promote mutual cooperation for meeting the needs of blood donations.

confirms He said that the painstallation tients suffering from Thalasemia and Congo viof 'web rus can also be benefited monitoring from the services of blood donations besides the normal patients who need

system' ISLAMABAD (INP): The Pakistani government has officially confirmed the installation of a web monitoring system to manage online content. The Cabinet Division has formally informed the National Assembly of the system's implementation.

Parliamentarians (PPPP) The Pakistan Telesaid Balochistan was the communication Authority (PTA) has deployed the most impacted province from violence and terrorism web monitoring system to manage online content. The was casting negative effects on the masses minds. Cabinet Division confirmed that the system has already begun blocking websites and applications within and stakeholders should

join heads to devise solutions for addressing the is-Pakistan sue in Balochistan. According to the Cabinet Division, the PTA has blocked 2,369 URLs and 183 mobile applications through the web monitoring system. Sources indicate that the PTA is now self-sufficient in content blocking following the upgrade of the web monitor-

ing system (WMS). The blocked websites were reportedly involved in exposing citizens' personal data, while the blocked applications were linked to the public disclosure of citi-

zens' identification infor-

mation. Ali Zafar says: Government has no two-third majority for constitutional amendment

Malik did not solve this problem during his two and AHORE (INP): Pakistan a half years in power. Why Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) sedid they not solve the burnof nior leader and lawyer Bar-Balochistan? It is amazing rister Ali Zafar the chapter



ing of the Federal Cabinet.

rorism in Balochistan.

Senators call for dialogue with stakeholders to stem terrorism in Balochistan

ISLAMABAD (APP): harm the peace and stabil-The members of the Upper ity of the region.

Senator Kamran House of the Parliament on Friday urged the govern-Murtaza of Jamiat Ulemament to initiate dialogue e-Pakistan (JUI-P) said with the relevant stakeholdduring the apex committee ers including protesting meeting held the other day, women, girls and youth denine more innocent people manding rights to stem terwere killed in Balochistan in two different areas.

Taking the floor, Sena-Senator Jan Muhammad of National tor Bilal Ahmed Khan of Party said the Baloch na-Pakistan Peoples Party tion has its own code of conduct in politics, social life and matters of serious concern based on honour, integrity, courage and respect towards others. The decision makers He said dialogue is

must to end terrorism in **Balochistan** Minister for Parlia-

mentary Affairs, Senator Senator Dr Zarqa Azam Nazeer Tarar pro-Suharwardy Taimur of Paposed that the discussion kistan Tehreek-e-Insaf should continue on (PTI) said unless the stake-Balochistan and the inteholders were not taken rior minister would brief onboard by the government the House after conclusion of his meetings at the highincluding the women and children of Balochistan facest forum with relevant stakeholders and state en ing neglect, the issue of terrorism would continue to tities.



QUETTA: Provincial Minister for Education Raheela Hameed Khan Durrani meeting with Chief Minister Mir Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti

Govt. taking wholehearted steps to provide special relief

At OIC CFM Pakistan calls for united efforts to rid Palestine, **IIOJK of foreign occupations**

foreign ministers of the OIC two million displaced by member states gathered here in the capital city of Gaza. The foreign secretary Cameroon, for a two-day called for developing a clear 50th Session of the OIC Council of Foreign Minisimplementation of the goals ters, Pakistan called for unity and resolve to address the challenges confronting the Islamic Ummah includ-Gambia and last month's ing the ongoing foreign ocextraordinary OIC Execucupation of Palestine and IIÔJK, terrorism and Saudi Arabia. Islamophobia.

Foreign Secretary Muhammad Syrus Sajjad Qazi, who led the Pakistani delegation at the CFM, highlighted the oppressive foreign occupation of Palestine and Jammu and Kashmir, and the conflicts across the world, fueled by endemic poverty, terrorist and extremist groups and external interventions. ritorial integrity of Iran,

He told the gathering that over 40,000 Palestin-Lebanon and other States;



QUETTA: A delegation of representatives of different regional blood centers led by Dr. Usman Waheed meeting with Governor Balochistan Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail

National Jiga to be called on interests of people of Chaman: Grand protest demonstration held against enforcement of passport policy at Pak-Afghan border

Independent Report QUETTA: A grand protest demonstration was held against the enforcement of passport policy of the government in Chaman on Friday

people belonging to the All parties, traders and general public belonging to different shades of life participated in the protest demonstration.

The participants were

carrying the placards and

banners inscribed with the

slogans against the one-

document regime of the fed-

eral government at Pak-Af-

Zardari

expresses

sorrow over

landslide

tragedy

ISLAMABAD (APP)

President Asif Ali Zardari

on Friday expressed deep

regret and sorrow over th

loss of lives caused by land

slides in the Dir Bala dis

Pakhtunkhwa. According to

a press release from the

President's House, the

president extended his con-

dolences to the families of

the deceased. The president

expressed his sympathies to

Khyber

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the

shura of Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (JUI). Maulana Hafiz Muhammad Yousaf led the living at the border. protest demonstration. The procession A large number of marched through the Taj

ghan border in Chaman.

The member of central

road and turned into a big public meeting at the DC complex

regime The political, tribal, social and traders' leaders addressed the public gath-would be called on the situering and rejected the one ation.

They termed it an unfair and highhandedness with thousands of people

They said that it has become difficult for the people to make their both ends meet due to the enforcement of one-documen

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YAOUNDE (APP): As the been martyred and nearly able, secure, contiguous, and sovereign State of Pal-Israel's genocidal war in estine based on pre-1967 borders, with Al-Quds Al-Sharif as its capital," he said. Highlighting the Kashand bold plan to secure the mir dispute, he called for its and objectives agreed upon resolution for a durable by the OIC leaders at the peace in South Asia. He 15th Islamic Summit in said since August 5, 2019, India initiated unilateral steps to annex occupied tive Committee meeting in Jammu and Kashmir and impose what India's leaders ominously call a "Final

The foreign secretary said the Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (ÎIOJK) remained one of the most heavily militarized zones in the world, where the Indian occupation forces continue to impose draconian measures including extra-judicial killings, collective punishments, incarceration of Kashmiri leaders as well as demographic changes to transform Kashmir from

"We must urgently secure an immediate and Situation" for Kashmir. unconditional ceasefire in Gaza and the West Bank; ensure unrestricted humanitarian aid to Gaza; prevent the spread of the conflict to the entire Middle East, while holding Israel accountable for its criminal assassinations and violation of the sovereignty and ter-

and other security forces that now sympathy has have sacrificed their lives to come in his heart on this protect the country and the issue.

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ISLAMABAD: Speaker National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq in a meeting with chairman special committee on Kashmir Rana Muhammad Qasim Noon, at Parliament House, in the Federal Capital.

Govt launches initiative for uplifting of 20 poorest districts: NA told

vincial governments, he

added. He said on the di-

rectives of Prime Minister

a programme has also been

included in annual Public

Programme (PSDP) for ur

ban Sindh which would be

carried out with the consul-

tation of the elected repre-

sentatives of the province.

shrunken to Rs 1100 billion

from Rs 1400 billion due to

fiscal constraints. Around

60 per cent share of total

He said volume of

Sector

Development

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister for Planning and Development Ahsan Iqbal on Friday informed the National Assembly that the government has launched an initiative for uplifting of 20 poorest districts of the country

Responding to a question during Question Hour, the minister said that the PSDP has already been said initiative would be completed with the cooperation of the provincial governments. 50 per cent cost would be provided by the federal government revenue was given to the while remaining would be provinces under NFC bore by the respective pro- award.

Mir Pohlean Baloch: Solution to Balochistan's problem is political dialogue, not military operation

Independent Report QUETTA: National Party's elected member of the National Assembly, Mir Pohlean Baloch, addressed the National Assembly, saying that the solution to Balochistan's problem is not a military operation but a political dialogue.

He suggested convening a grand jirga comprising all representative political parties of Pakistan to discuss and find a solution to the problem. He criticized a former military ruler for igniting a fire in Balochistan, which everyone is cursing.

of constitutional amend ment by the government had been closed as the government had no two third

majority. Talking to media at Lahore High Court (LHC), he berated the incumbent government saying it's all efforts went in vain as it has no backing of two third of the province. majority required in the Parliament for constitutional amendment.

CJP. He also clarified that

the judicial system must be

amended but the govern-

ment should take matters

DC Hub directs

to remain

alert to cope

excessive

water of dam

QUETTA (APP): Deputy

Ruhana Gul Kakar on Fri-

day directed the concerned

department to remain alert

to control excessive water level of Hub Dam which

was increased due to re-

ation of Hub Dam was be-

ing monitored and control

room was set up on emer-

gency basis to tackle the

increasing water level of it

due to recently rain.

She said that the situ-

Hub

Commissioner

cently rain.

with due diligence.

the government took steps He highlighted that the on emergent basis to shift the agricultural tube wells government had not held on solar energy. any consultation on consti-He said that the orders

tutional amendment and have been issued to district PTI members couldn't cast administration and Agriculvotes cooperating with the ture department for survey government. Talking about of the losses caused to the speculations of PTI founder Imran Khan, he zamindars due to the flash floods and rains. stressed to challenge the

The Minister Finance military trial of Imran Khan was speaking to the repreas civilians couldn't be a sentative delegation of military trial. Responding zamindars who called on to the appointment of a new Chief Justice of Pakihim under leadership of General Secretary of stan, he suggested Justice Mansoor Ali Shah must be

to zamindars: Nausherwani

tee Kharan, Dr Mubarak **Independent Report** Ali Badini in the office of QUETTA: The Provincial Deputy Commissioner Minister for Finance, Mir Kharan on Friday Shoaib Nausherwani has stated that the incumbent

The Deputy Commissioner Kharan, Munir government is taking whole-Ahmed Soomro and other hearted steps for providing concerned senior officials special relief to zamindars were present on the occasion. Mir Sarfraz Bugti The Minister said that maintained that the federal and provincial governments are making every possible endeavours to provide special relief to the farmers for

development of the agriculture sector under leadership Minister Prime of Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif and Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti respectively Meanwhile,

zamindar leaders thanked the Minister Finance Mir Shoaib Nausherwani for taking special interest in



QUETTA: A representative delegation of Zamindar Action Committee meeting with Provincial Minister Mir Shoaib Nausherwani

Seeks cooperation of GIZ **CM Focal Person for comprehensive** social protection programmes

Independent Report QUETTA: The Focal Person of Chief Minister for

Balochistan Health Card Programme, Noorul Haq Baloch has underlined the need for launching comprehensive social protection programmes in the province seeking cooperation of the German Development Cooperation (GDC) in this regard.

Mr. Noorul Haq She expressed these Baloch also stressed the need to create awareness among the families living in

the remote areas of the kistan, Dr Franzon, Dr province about the Health Card Programme. He was addressing the

policy workshop on Health Card Programme organized in collaboration with the partment

Imran Durrani, besides the experts and representatives of the Benazir Income Support Programme, State Life Insurance and Health De

The Focal Person of

Commissioner Loralai, Mehran Baloch, said on Friday that the government machinery had remained alert due to continuous heavy rain, which gen-

partments to take timely and precautionary measures to deal with any emergency, start rescue opera-

document regime at the Pak-Afghan border. They said that the en-

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Shahogirdi, Washuk Dis-

trict, upon a public com-

plaint. He declared the road

construction as substan-

The DC has issued di-

quiry into the matter.

struction

There would be no other discussion in the Jirga except the interests of people of Chaman and their forcement of one-document regime is not acceptable at livelihood



QUETTA: Chief Collector Customs Balochistan Muhammad Yaqoob Mako meeting with Inspector General of Police Balochistan Moazzam Jah Ansari

Reki inspects substandard road construction

sure that the construction QUETTA: MPA and work is done according to Chairman Standing Comstandards. He added that the people of Zard Shahogirdi mittee for Housing and Physical Planning, Haji Mir deserve a well-con-Zabed Ali Riki, inspected structed road and he will the substandard road conmake sure that their rights Zard are fulfilled.

He also warned that if any contractor is found involved in corruption, they will be held accountable

dard and announced an in-He emphasized that Haji Mir Zabed Ali the people's money will Riki said that he will not not be wasted on substantolerate corruption and en- dard construction work.

To deal emergent situation during rains DC Loralai directs deptts to take precautionary measures

LORALAI (APP): Deputy ment data on the damages (DČ) caused by the rains.

He said that a family including women and children trapped in the flood water of the river near Zangiwal village, were rescued at 3:30 last night and provided essential foods and other relief items

The rescue operation, conducted by the district administration, Levies, and successfully police. brought the stranded family to safety.

tions, and collect the assess-She that the recent QUETTA: A group photo of participants of policy workshop organized in joint collaboration of Balochistan Health Card Programme

and German Development Cooperation GIZ anyone else dam Chief Editor: Syed Farooq Shah printed at Independent Printers Querry Road Quetta and Published from Akbar News Agency, Airport Road, Gwadar Ph. 2842938 Fax: 2842941 Cell No. 0331-8383955 E.mail: dailyindisb@gmail.com. Quetta Office: Al Syed Building Jinnah road, Quetta, Phone 2842938 Fax: 2842941

views while briefing to methe Deputy Commissioner of Panjgur was killed and dia regarding situation Hub the district chairman was Dam injured, who is still under treatment monsoon rains in Sindh and However, the inves-Balochistan has signifitigation into the matter cantly increased the water has not been made public

Mir Pohlean Baloch

mentioned a recent tragic

incident in Mastung where

level in the Hub Dam. The DC said that the He also condemned reason for the increase in the recent incidents of terrorreservoir water level of the ism in which civilians were dam was heavy rains in the targeted, reiterating that catchments areas of the diskilling anyone on linguistic trict Hub and Khuzdar of basis is not justified. Balochistan and the catchments areas of the whether they are Baloch or

