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QUETTA: Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti presiding over meeting of Provincial Cabinet

Authorities are dependent on government, need to increase own resources: Seeds of hatred sowed in minds of youth to keep them away from state through social media under pre-planned conspiracy: CM

Independent Report QUETTA: The Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti has stated that the seeds of hatred were sowed in minds of youth to keep them away from the state through social media under the pre-planned conon Friday. spiracy.

He said that the state would remove their sense of deprivations by embracing them. He stressed that there is need to implement the

guide the youngsters in right direction and they get opportunities of progress and move ahead. The Chief Minister stated so was while chairing the 5th meeting of Balochistan cabinet held here

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During the course of meeting, certain important decisions were made on the agenda points of different partments While addressing the

Balochistan Youth Policy meeting, Chief Minister is-

Meets COAS

place in Muslim world:

2024 in real terms so as to sued orders for return of the loans of the private banks payable against the food department at the earliest.

He said that we can't pay the exchequer of poor public on account of the in-

He regretfully pointed be the basic target through out that Rs. 2 million are bebetter coordination irrespecing paid as interest daily tive of the difference of area. while Rs. 60 million are paid monthly on this acnot go against the law. The Chief Minister stressed that count. This is sheer cruelty and as such this practice the autonomous authorities must be stopped, he added. have to increase their own

The Chief Minister resources instead of dependvowed to increase profesing on the government. For how long, the public exchesional capability of police and levies for restoration of quer would continue to be peace in the province. As spent on such authorities, he responsibility of both the quipped.

He said that basically, forces is same, therefore, the the objective behind estabrestoration of peace should lishment of the authorities is to increase the resources, but unfortunately, the au-He said that we would thorities become dependent on the government and depend on the government instead of generating their resources

Pak-China relations transforming into enhanced investment, economic ties: PM Shehbaz

Sharif, emphasizing the transformation of friendly relations between China and Pakistan into enhanced investment, economic and trade ties, said that the next phase of CPEC will mainly involve business to business arrangements particularly in industrial sector

views while addressing the representatives of international companies doing business in Pakistan including China here on Friday. Governor and Chief Minister of Sindh, Federal Ministers, prominent businessmen and senior officers were also present on this occasion.

The PM said "Pakistan and China are two iron brothers and now we have to convert these relations of brotherhood and friendship into enhanced investment, economic and

KARACHI (APP): The larly in the fields of agri- tional culture in Chinese Prime Minister, Shehbaz culture, information tech- educational institutions he nology, mines, minerals and infrastructure." Being an agrarian

economy with over 60 % rural population Pakistan need to further strengthen and augment its agricultural produce, he said and informed courses, he added. that Pakistani agricultural exports increased by \$ 3 billion in the last financial He expressed the year while we have fixed a agreement with Pakistan target of additional 7 b for counterparts the PM said the current fiscal year. that next phase of the

Terming it as a quan-China-Pakistan Economic tum leap that required Corridor (CPEC) will vigorous efforts along mainly consist of businesswith adoption of modern to-business arrangements and joint ventures in industechnology and techniques and best practices, PM try particularly in textile, Shehbaz said that China agriculture production and could be our best partner then export of these prod-

in achieving this target of ucts to different countries. boosting agricultural ex-He added that Pakistan ports and value addition in and China could devise a common mechanism for Referring to his recent production and export of visit of China the PM said

such products and it will be that fascinated by wonder- a win-win situation for trade relations particu- ful technology and educa- both the countries.

Imam Masjid-i-Nabawi COAS welcomed the dignitary and highlighted that visit by Imam Masjid decided to send 1000 Paki-Al-Nabawi to Pakistan is a matter of stani boys and girls for advance training in China in Agriculture. That program

was almost finalized and RAWALPINDI (Online): now these students would Imam Masjid Al-Nabawi, go to China for refresher Dr. Salah bin Mohammad Al-Budair called on Chief Encouraging the Chiof Army Staff General Syed nese businessmen to enter Asim Munir in Rawalpindi into business cooperation Friday,

According to ISPR, during the meeting, matters of mutual interest were discussed

The COAS welcomed the dignitary and highlighted that visit by Imam Masjid Al-Nabawi to Pakistan is a matter of honour

honour for the people of Pakistan. for the people of Pakistan. Imam Masjid Al-Nabawi said Pakistan has a significant place in the Muslim world and it is playing its vital role for peace and stability in the region

Both sides expressed satisfaction over Pak-Saudi relations. At the end Imam

Masjid Al-Nabawi prayed for the peace, stability and unity of Muslim Ummah.



of Islamic Republic of Pakistan Pakistan holds significant ad Shehbaz Sharif istinguished delegates from

KARACHI: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif addresses business delegates from the People's Republic of China.

Calls him nation's pride Governor, CM greet Arshad on winning gold medal in Olympics Independent Report

QUETTA: The Governor, Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail and Chief Minister, Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti has congratulated the Pakistani athlete Arshad Naeem on winning gold medal in the Paris Olympics.

In their separate felicitation messages issued here prices.

Govt accepts JI demands to give relief in electricity prices. Attaullah Tarar

JI's sit-in achieved its targets, claims Hafiz Naeem; JI

RAWALPINDI (APP): the JI, the minister en-Federal Minister for Infordorsed the agreement anmation and Broadcasting nounced by the JI leader-

ship. He highlighted that Attaullah Tarar on Thursday night reiterated the government's firm resolve government was giving the subsidy of Rs 50 billion in to provide relief to people by reducing electricity electricity prices, and the three months relief to the consumers using up to 200 units. He said the government would fully act upon the agreements and the committees formed in that regard would regularly meet to monitor its implementation. The minister also condemned in the strongest terms the brutalities being demands which were aimed committed by the Israeli at providing relief to the forces in Gaza. Addressing the pro-"The UN must bring testors at the conclusion of Israel to justice for war the 5th and final round of crimes in Gaza", he bilateral negotiations with added.

CM calls on Governor; agree to stay in constant contact for interest of province

exports.

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QUETTA: The Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti met with Governor Balochistan Jafar Khan Mandokhail at the Governor House here on Friday.

During the course of meeting, issues of mutual interest including ongoing development projects in the province, important



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QUETTA: Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti meeting with Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail

Pak Armed Forces, CJCSC felicitate Arshad Nadeem

RAWALPINDI (INP): Inter-Service Public Relations (ISPR) Department of Pakistan Army congratulated the nation including Arshad Nadeem for winning the first gold medal for Pakistan after 40 years in the Paris Olympics.

According to ISPR, Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee (CJCSC) and Chiefs of Pakistan Army including Chief of Army Staff General Asim Munir, Chief of Air Staff Air Chief Marshal Zaheer Ahmed Sidhu, and Naval Chief Admiral Naveed Ashraf congratulated the



nation on the victory of Arshad Nadeem for winning the first gold medal for Pakistan in Olympics after 40 years.

The ISPR stated that Arshad Nadeem made history by becoming the first Pakistani athlete to win an individual gold medal. Pakistan's spectacular success in the Olympics is the result of Arshad's unwavering dedication.

In its statement, the ISPR added that the success in the Olympics is proof of Arshad Nadeem's tireless work. perseverance, and exemplary work.

In the men's javelin throw event final at the Paris Olympics, the eyes of the whole nation were on Arshad Nadeem, who was Pakistan's only hope of getting a medal in the Olympics after 32 years.

ProfYunus on swearing in as Bangladesh's

interim govt head political and administrative ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Shehbaz The changes taking Sharif on Friday feliciplace in the region, ensuring good governance in the Professor tated province and benefiting the Muhammad Yunus as he took the oath of office of people from development Chief Advisor of Bangladesh's interim government. Heartiest projects were also dis-Both leaders were

PM felicitates

agreed to consult each other felicitations to Professor Muhammad Yunus on his and stay in constant conswearing-in as Chief Ad-viser of the Government tact for the best interest of

of the People's Republic of Bangladesh," the prime minister wrote on his X timeline. He wished Professor

Yunus great success in guiding Bangladesh tovards a harmonious and prosperous future.

Prime Shehbaz said that he looked forward to working with him to deepen cooperation between Pakistan and Bangladesh in

FO spokesperson rubbishes Israeli media's baseless reports targeting

Pakistan

ISLAMABAD (APP) Foreign Office spokesperson Mumtaz Zahra Baloch on Friday rubbished as 'baseless" the reports published in the Israeli media, alleging any commitment by Pakistan to send nukes to support Iran.

At her weekly press briefing, the spokesperson responding to a query, rejected a Jerusalem Post's report of August 6 which alleged that "if the conflict between Iran and Israel escalates, Pakistan plans to supply Iran with Shaheen-III medium-range ballistic missiles.3

"Such reports are patently false. Before paying any attention to such reports, it is important to reflect on the source behind such baseless reports and the malicious agenda behind them," the spokesperson remarked. She said, "This is a

critical time in the Middle East. We, therefore, urge all parties, including the media, not to indulge in peddling

of fake news.



RAWALPINDI: Chief of Army Staff (COAS), General Syed Asim Munir exchanging views with Dr. Salah bin Mohammad Al-Budair, Imam Masjid-i-Nabvi (PBUH) during meeting held at General Headquarters (GHQ) in Rawalpindi.

Governor directs NADRA to improve present methodology by benefitting from modern scientific inventions & new IT

tive is to serve the people better at their doorstep for Independent Report QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail has diwe are making efforts and formulating public friendly policies.

The Governor was speaking during the briefing on performance and future plan of the NADRA in Governor's House on Friday. Also present in the

briefing were Director General NADRA, Kashif Iqbal and Principal Secretary to the Governor, Hashim province. Our actual objec- Khan Ghilzai.

NA unanimously adopts resolution to pay tribute to Olympic gold medalist Arshad

Masjid e Nabawi (PBUH), The National Assembly on Sheikh Dr Salah Bin Friday unanimously adopted the resolution to Muhammad Al-Budair and unanimously said that it was a blessed pay tribute to world record day for the nation with the holder javelin throw athlete eminent presence of the Imam. Tarar while paying tribute to the gold medalist Arshad Nadeem for winning a gold medal at the Paris Olympics 2024 with high-est ever 92.97 meters long Athlete said that Arshad Nadeem had set an Olympic world record by throwing the highest ever javelin

Minister for Law and Justice and Parliamentary throw. "All parliamentary leaders have demanded that Affairs, Senator Azam Nazeer Tarar tabled the the House should pass a resolution with his welcomresolution to pay tribute to ing remarks for Imam Arshad Nadeem," he added.



QUETTA: DGNADRAMuhammad Kashif Iqbal briefed Governor Balochistan Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail about NADRA

on late Thursday night, the Governor and Chief Minister said that the courageous and talented youngster Arshad Naeem is pride of Pakistani nation.

Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti said that the longest Javelin throw in the Olvmpics final is a commendable honour. With this, he set an excellent Olympics record. the Chief Minister added. He said that there's no people.

dearth of talented youth in the country.

The Chief Minister also expressed best wishes for more successes in future

Pakistan being pushed into constitutional crises: Bilawal ISLAMABAD (INP): Pa-kistan People's Party (PPP) Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari on Friday criticised Supreme Court's verdict on reserved seats.

Addressing on the floor of the National Assembly Bilawal Bhutto Zardar claimed Pakistan is being pushed into constitutional crisis

Referring to a recent ruling of the SC in SIC reserved seats case, Bilawal said "a verdict of the court, mobilized the 'dead'

party". He also asked the op-position leader, did he or the premier snatch PTI's bat symbol? It was revoked by the court citing 'rigging' in the interparty election.

The PPP leader lamented that 'hate politics' in on the rise in Pakistan, which is unprecedented in the history of the country.

He said that the final round of talks with the Jamat-e-Islami remained fruitful with the govern-

ment accepting certain demands of JI. He said that the Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif had already directed the government's negotiating team to accede to the JI's



RAWALPINDI: Chief (emir) of the Jamaat-e-Islami Pakistan (JI) Hafiz Naeem Ur Rehman, Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi, and Liaqat Baloch exchanging view on stage in sit-protest, after final round of negotiations between the government and Jamaate-Islami (JI) concluded successfully.

Gwadar & Balochistan are inseparable part of Pakistan, no one can separate them from us, asserts Zia Langove

Provincial Minister Home says developed Gwadar can put Balochistan and Pakistan on track

of development and prosperity; hate & disturbance would push province in more darknesses

through which the darknesses of ignorance can **Independent Report**

be evaded. QUETTA: The Provincial He stressed that people Minister for Home and of Balochistan should play Tribal Affairs, Mir Ziaullah their role for serving the

stated that Gwadar and Balochistan are inseparable part of Pakistan which can't be separated from us.

He said that the developed Gwadar can put Balochistan and Pakistan on track of development and prosperity. While hate and disturbances would push province in more darknesses

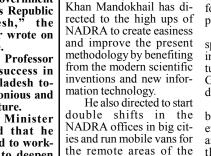
In an official statement ssued here on Friday, the rovincial Minister for Home urged the people of Balochistan to reject terrorism by making education their mission as it (education) is the ornament

province and country utilizing their capabilities. He also stressed that every segment of the society including doctors, lawyers, teachers and others

have to contribute in development of the province while presenting best services.

He urged the parents to play their wholehearted role for decorating their children with ornament of education. He said that real suc-

cess lies in acquiring education. He said that the hate and disturbance would push the province in more darknesses.



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Political paradox

What happens when an unstoppable force meets an immovable object? It is a question political observers in Pakistan have grappled with over the past two-odd years.

On the one hand, there's the PTI; seemingly unstoppable, despite all efforts to impede its march. On the other, there is the establishment; unmoved despite the many challenges it has encountered. The stalemate created by these two actors' inability to reach a settlement has upended the country and destablised the economy.

It cannot hold forever, which is why recent remarks by PTI founder Imran Khan have aroused feverish speculation. Will they, won't they? The concern is palpable, even though both sides still seem unwilling to compromise. The needle is stuck erals on May 9, with one side demanding an unconditional apology, and the other unwilling to give one without ifs and buts. Who will make the first move? Much is on the line.

Mr Khan has recently suggested that he is ready to offer an apology if the state can prove its position on May 9. This 'softening' of his stance is being seen as a major development. He insists, however, that the allegations against his party be investigated by an independent commission first. Perhaps the accusation that the events of that day were a 'premeditated con-spiracy' do indeed need to be probed, but Mr Khan surely agrees that it was his party that was out in the streets on May 9; participating in, if not precipitating, the violence that occurred that day? If he believes that what happened was wrong, he should at least apologise for the protests turning violent and the damage to public properties that was caused. All else may be left to a commission to resolve. At the same time, the security establishment, too, must relent, mainly because its insistence on treating the protests as 'terrorism' and a 'conspiracy against the state' is unlikely to yield positive outcomes or help the nation move forward.

Protests can turn violent, especially if those participating feel they have a right to be angry. The way Mr Khan was manhandled by dozens of Rangers personnel on that same day and the circumstances of his arrest from the Islamabad High Court cannot be ignored. They provide necessary context for understanding why the protests broke out.

What happened next was unqualifiedly wrong, but the state, too, should reflect on its mistakes. It must turn over all evidence to prosecutors and let those accused of May 9-related crimes be tried in ordinary courts. It would be within its rights to demand punishments in proportion to their crimes.

The attention of Pakistan's leadership needs to be focused on policies, not events. The future of millions is at stake. For their sake, the nation must move on now.

Deep-sea mining

Jamil Ahmad Mining in the deep sea gathered on its impact on has turned into a hot marine ecosystems and topic in the discourse on on economies depencontrolling planet-warm- dent on terrestrial mining gases in the atmoing

For areas beyond To steadily transi- national jurisdictions, tion away from fossil fu- the absence of rules and els, low-carbon techregulations makes it nologies will require unriskier for marine interrupted supplies of biodiversity and ecosyslarge quantities of crititems. The International cal minerals, or 'battery Seabed Authority is minerals' — cobalt, working on preparing nickel, copper, and manground rules for deep ganese. Scientific eviseabed exploitation. dence suggests that

Environmental small rocks, or 'nodules', groups have voiced conon the seabed, usually at cerns that rushing to a depth of four to six dive deep for extracting kilometres, contain large minerals would have reamounts of critical minpercussions for the marine environment and Expansion in the marine life as it would dephotovoltaic industry grade one of the remainand the recent growth in ing ecosystems that has electric vehicles has inso far stayed largely se-

creased demand. While cure from human interterrestrial mining is vention largely meeting the cur-We face the disasrent market demand, futrous consequences of ture demand, price volaextreme weather events, tility and supply chain biodiversity loss and concerns have put oppollution, linked to health tions for deep-sea minproblems, economic ing in the spotlight. losses and increase in

The International poverty and inequality. Energy Agency's Critical Can the world afford to Minerals Market Review open a new front against 2023 notes that the ennature? Enfeebled by huergy sector requirement man-induced environwas the main factor be- mental challenges and hind the "tripling in overclimate change, the all demand for lithium, a planet is already in a frag-70pc jump in demand for ile state. It cannot withcobalt, and a 40pc rise in stand another anthropodemand for nickel". The genic onslaught, this IEA reported a 60pc intime on its seabed. crease in the sale of elec-Available scientific

tric cars in 2022, exceeddata and information is ing 10 million units. In insufficient to conclude that scraping the bottom of the sea for minerals 2023, the number neared 14m and is expected to rise further, pushing up will not harm ecosysthe demand for battery tems. Or that it will be minerals and causing a rush to the bottom of the economically beneficial compared to options for terrestrial mining. A UNEP briefing pa-

After a steep price rise in 2021 and 2022, the prices of lithium, nickel, data to support a detailed cobalt and graphite de- understanding of ecoclined in 2023, according logical relationships and to IEA's Global Critical impacts associated with Minerals Outlook 2024. Meanwhile, some countries, appear to be preparing for deep-sea min- "current scientific con- terrestrial mining. ing in their jurisdictions. sensus" that "deep-sea Courtesy Dawn

Several others want to mining will be highly wait till more evidence is damaging to ocean eco-gathered on its impact on systems" as, at present, no robust, precautionary approach exists to safeguard the ocean against its potential ecological impacts. The fishing industry and large coastal

communities in developing countries dependent on fishing could be negatively affected too. Planet Tra-ck--er, a UK think tank, has questioned the economic viability of industrial sea-

bed mining. According to its report, How to lose half a trill-i--on, the value loss of activity for the ocean floor and terrestrial mining could be bet-ween \$30 bil-lion to \$132bn glob-ally.

This scientific uncertainty has led governments, scientists, environmentalists, and the private sector to call for a moratorium on deep-sea mining until the ecological consequences are better understood. In an Issues Note, UNEP has pointed out that the "environmental, social, and ible economic impacts of exploiting the deep seabed

are uncertain and potentially grave'. It has called for "a comprehensive analysis" to address the potential impact of deepsea mining on marine and terrestrial ecosystems. The UN Convention on Migratory Species has urged governments not tages. to support deep-seabed

mining until robust scientific data is obtained that such activities won't harm "migratory species, their prey and their ecosystems

The implications of digging the seabed need to be analysed and understood, given the potential for grave per notes the "paucity of risks. Sustainable consumption and production and circularity of critical minerals is one option to manage the deep-sea mining". The demand, protect jobs paper, Harmful marine ex- and reduce the envitractives, points out the ronmental footprint of

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try, by Anatole Lieven, was published in 2011. Thirteen years later, Paour wealth, are not spread evenly. We tend to analyse our economic problems in financial terms. But hardship also has a human face and confronts psychosocial challenges, which the better off fail to notice.

Look at the agriculthe most lucrative, connomic Survey 2023-24). soil is helped by his family. But the women are not counted and are reduced to being invis-

The hardship bewhen a deal is struck between the landowner and hari (farmer). It is a brazenly unequal deal. The landowners in Pakistan are probably one of the most privileged classes, who have special benefits and advan-

We are told that the landowners were Partition that their holdtouched. Hence, no templated in the first decade, unlike India. It was in 1959 and then in 1972 that reforms were announced, but in practical terms they made circumvented by wealthy families who Now, the concept of heaped on them. land reforms has received an honourable

Story of a hari

Zubeida Mustafa

also enjoy immense political powers, irrespective of who is at the kistan is a 'harder' helm. Treating the hari country still. But not with contempt, the landeveryone here is aware lords have safeguarded cated to a hari called that the hardships, like their wealth. For instance, in northern Sindh, most deals are done on a crop-sharing basis. It means the hari has to till the land and share the crops harvested equally with the landowner. The caveat lies in the conditions imposed. The hari has to pay for all the inputs,

tural sector. It is one of such as seed, fertilisers of two types, pestitributing 22.9 per cent cides, tractor and ers who had used it to to Pakistan's GDP. It thresher charges, seed provides livelihood to planter, etc. It is esti-the highest number of mated that if the haris people, accounting for were spared this bur-37.4pc of the labour den, their income would Hence, Abid mobilised force (Pakistan Eco- double. Rough calculations put a hari's in-Every man who tills the come for an acre of land that he tills at Rs50,000 per annum. The haris receive half the crop harvested. They store some for their own con- acquire a tractor to loan sumption and sell the it to the haris at a low gins from day one, rest for cash. Needless to say, they are exploited mercilessly by

the middle men. The haris get no relief from the government, which is dominated by the landowning class. Children in the rural areas are denied the benefits of

good education and healthcare. Census assured at the time of 2023 tells us that 61pc of the country's popuings would not be lation lives in the rural areas, but anecdotal land reforms were con- evidence suggests that rate social responsibiltowns and cities, where is certain that the chilno impact as they were dren of the haris do not sess. But of most imporempowers them to reretained their land. sist the oppression

In this ocean of misery, there are some burial, with the Federal islands of compassion Shariat Court having tempered with dignity

pronounced it un-Is- and self-esteem. One of lamic in 1989. Addition- these that emerged Pakistan: A Hard Coun- ally, the landowners about three years ago is the Tractor Project set up by the Ali Hasan Mangi Memorial Trust in Kheiro Dero (District Larkana). It is dedi-Abid Husain, who suffered from chronic liver disease. In spite of his health disadvantage, Abid's was a smiling face of dignity and courage. He was always at the forefront when collective action was the need of the hour.

At one time, a small bridge over a nullah collapsed, causing a lot of har-dship to the farmtransport goods and crops. Despite repeated reminders, the authorithe haris to provide free lab-our. The Trust paid for the material, and the bridge was repaired. It was Abid who came up with the suggestion that the Trust should rate. Thus, their cost of inputs would be considerably reduced. Now the Trust has two tractors and the farmers are benefiting. Those who are allowed to avail this facility by their landlords manage to save a substantial amount.

It is time our landowners, who are hardly taxed, opened their eyes to the poverty around them. Is it too much to ask them to create a fund in line with corposchools are not located ity, as the business secin the same ratio. More tor has done? It would schools function in the mean a turnaround in their attitudes towards fewer people live. This the people who generate the wealth they posget the education that tance is the fact that the face of poverty should be fringed with dignity and self-respect. What the tillers of the land are

looking for are their rights and not charity. - Courtesy Dawn

PM Sharif vows to extend utmost support to exporters

KARACHI (APP): Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Friday said that the got huge potential and this because Pakistan got huge potential and this that Pakistan will send 1,000 agricultural graduate government utmost support to capacity, he added. exporters and producers to facilitate them in serving the country with full capacity.

The Premier was to take appropriate steps of the Food and Agriculture research Expo-2024 (FoodAg24) here at the Expo Centre.

Prime Minister Shehbaz and performed the digital inauguration of the event.

Prime Minister coming into power, the country and we all should Shehbaz Sharif said that the present government, many celebrate. last years export of rice and steps have been taken for other Agri items was growth of agriculture Minister Shehbaz Sharif commendable and the sector and referred the along with other dignitaries ministers, administrative project to solarise 28,000 secretaries and all those tube wells in Balochistan who contributed in it to provide the farmers with cheap electricity. deserve appreciation.

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Stock Exchange (PSX) held

a gong ceremony to mark

the listing of Big Bird Foods Limited (BBFL).

PSX holds gong

ceremony to mark listing

of big bird foods Ltd

Big Bird Foods was and Mr. Danish Elahi, CEO

established in September Elahi Group of Companies

2011 as a poultry and Shareholder of Big Bird

was is high time to serve to China to get higher determined to extend together with our full education and training in The Prime Minister

agriculture and food sector. Prime Minister called for the need to value Shehbaz expressed addition to our produce confidence that "nothing is and said for that we have impossible, if we all put our best efforts"

Minister addressing as chief guest at like adaptation of latest Prime Minister the inauguration ceremony technologies and more Shehbaz Sharif also and congratulated the Pakistani development. He also Athlete Arshad Nadeem for called for the need of winning Gold medal and On the occasion, the comprehensive planning setting new Olympic ne Minister Shehbaz and effective record in javelin throw in Sharif along with others implementation of the the Paris Olympic-2024 policies to achieve targets. and said that this is the He said that ever since victory for the whole

> Earlier Prime presented awards to top three exporters including rice, fruit and vegetable and meat sectors.

SBP injects **Rs3.174 trillion** into market KARACHI (APP): The State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) injected Rs3,174.35 billion in the market on Friday through reverse repo purchase and Shariah Compliant Mudarabah based Open Market Operation (OMO).

issued here, the SBP conducted an Open Market Operation, Reverse Repo Purchase (Injection) on August 09, 2024, for 7-day and 28-day tenors and accepted 30 bids cumulatively amounting to

Rs3,084.35 billion. The central bank received 13 bids for 7-day tenor cumulatively offering an amount of Rs732.2 billion at the rate of return ranging between 19.57 to 19.60 percent while 19 bids were received for the 28-day tenor offering an amount of Rs2,542.25 billion at the rate of return ranging between

19.55 to 19.61%. The SBP accepted all 13 quotes for a 7-day tenor amounting to Rs550 billion at 19.57 % rate of return while 17 quotes for 28-day tenor amounting to Rs2,534.35 billion.



KARACHI: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif presents a souvenir to the Minister of Trade of Turkiye Omar Bolat, at the 2nd International Food & Agriculture Exhibition, in the Provincial Capital.

JS Bank wins leading **Digital Bank Award**

ISLAMABAD (APP): JS the forefront of digital Bank, one of the fastest banking innovation, growing banks in Pakistan, implementing state-of-thehas been awarded the art technologies to enhance Leading Digital Bank accolade at the CxO Elevate customer experience and streamline banking processes. From pioneering digital account management

In addition, JS Global, a subsidiary of JS Bank, to launching advanced has been recognized with mobile applications, JS Bank is the Digital Investment Transformation Award. committed to providing These prestigious recognitions highlight JS seamless, secure, and userfriendly financial services. Its investments in digital infrastructure technology have set new benchmarks in the industry, making banking more accessible and efficient for

JS Bank has been at millions of customers.

Short-term inflation up by 0.30 percent

As compared to the corresponding week of last year, the SPI for the combined consumption group in the week under review witnessed an increase of 17.96 per cent. The weekly SPI with the base year 2015-16 =100 covers 17 urban

centres and 51 essential items for all expenditure groups. The SPI for the lowest consumption group

of up to Rs 17,732, increased by 0.46 per cent and went down to 310.83 points from last week's 309.40 points.

cusecs water ISLAMABAD (APP): Indus River System Authority (IRSA) on Friday released 502,200

cusecs water from various

IRSA releases

502,200

rim stations with inflow of 549,700 cusecs. According to the data released by IRSA, water level in River Indus at banking Tarbela Dam was 1540.00 feet and was 142.00 feet higher than its dead level of 1,398 feet. Water inflow and outflow in the dam was recorded as 322,100 cusecs and and 294,400 cusecs respectively. The water level in

River Jhelum at Mangla Dam was 1208.35 feet, which was 160.35 feet

Gold rates up by **Rs.1,000** per tola

ISLAMABAD (APP) The per tola price of 24 karat gold increased by Rs.1,000 and was traded at Rs.256,500 in the local market on Friday against its sale at Rs.255,500 the previous day.

Likewise, the price of 10 grams of 24 karat also increased by Rs.857 to Rs.219,907 from Rs.219,050 whereas that of 10 gram 22 karat gold went up to Rs.20,582 from Rs.219,050, All Sindh Sarafa Jewellers Association reported.

FM highlights positive economic developments

ISLAMABAD (APP): Leghari Special Assistant recent developments in economic attended the meeting. landscape, including increased foreign exchange reserves. decreased inflation, and enhanced tax

collection. During a meeting with Charge d'affaires of the investment Embassy of People's Republic of China, Shi Yuanqiang and other Recalled his recent officials of the Embassy, the visit to China, Aurangzeb minister outlined significant reforms in the energy sector, state-owned enterprises privatization efforts.

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Karachi, has invited a

multi-sectoral business

delegation from the apex

platform of FPCCI to

trade and economic

cooperation. The two

countries have an evident

bilateral trade potential of

\$5 billion; but, at present, we are only at \$1 billion

per year, he added.

Federal Minister for to Prime Minister on Finance & Revenue Power, Muhammad Ali Muhammad Aurangzeb and Minister of State for here on Friday highlighted Finance and Revenue, Ali positive Pervaiz Malik also While emphasizing a

focus on export-led growth, the minister expressed Pakistan's commitment to attracting increased foreign direct (FDI). according to a press release issued by finance ministry.

said he had extremely useful discussions with the Minister for Finance and (SOEs), and ongoing other officials on proposals for enhancing Minister for Power economic cooperation Sardar Awais Ahmad Khan between the two countries.

Eyes on \$5bln bilateral trade Turkiye's CG invites multi sectoral delegation: Saquib

Mr. Saquib Fayyaz KARACHI: Mr. Saquib Magoon, Acting President Fayyaz Magoon, Acting FPCCI, reiterated that both sides have agreed that we President FPCCI, has apprised the entire should take tangible steps business, industry and to realize the trade trade community of potential – whereas, Pakistan that H. E. Mr. Pakistan stands to gain Cemal Sangu, Consul tremendous foreign

General of Turkiye in earnings through exports of value-added textiles; leather goods; processed foods; IT & IT-enabled services; sports goods and explore the avenues for surgical equipment.

Mr. Asif Sakhi, VP FPCCI, reiterated that Turkiye has world-class expertise in manufacturing and engineering products; specifically, vehicles (EVs). electric

processing unit to provide Foods Limited. KTrade quality chicken products in national and international markets. Present at the gong

ceremony were Dr. Mohammad Mustafa Kamal, CEO, Big Bird Khan and Foods Limited; Mr. management of management of PSX

exclusive



Mahmood Ali Shah Bukhari, CEO KTrade Securities Limited; Mr.

Omar Salah Ahmed, MD

KTrade Securities Limited

Finance.

Corporate



According to OMO results

Bank's and JS Global's significant roles in transforming the financial sector through innovative digital solutions, said a news release.

ISLAMABAD (APP): The weekly inflation, measured by the Sensitive Price Indicator (SPI), witnessed an increase of

0.30 percent for the combined consumption groups during the week ended on August 08, 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 recorded at 322.54 points as compared to 321.56 points during the past week

higher than its dead level of 1,050 feet.

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Kundi terms justice crucial for development of society

PESHAWAR Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Faisal Karim Kundi, on Friday emphasized that social justice was crucial for the development of any society. He said that if justice was not delivered promptly, public trust in the justice system erodes.

He urged the lawyers to play a significant role in ensuring swift and affordable justice. The Governor also highlighted his party's consistent support for lawyers and noted that many prominent positions in the country had been filled by lawyers.

these remarks during a meeting with a delegation uphold from the Association of independence, rule of law,

press club.

Speaker of the National Assembly and Pakistan

Peoples Party (PPP) Central

Punjab President Raja

Pervaiz Ashraf has extended

his heartfelt congratulations

to national hero Arshad

Nadeem for securing the gold medal in the javelin throw at

on Friday, Raja Pervaiz

Ashraf lauded Arshad

achievement, noting that this victory marks the first

In a statement issued

historic

individual Olympic gold sports history.

the Olympics.

Nadeem's

Pervaiz Ashraf greets

LAHORE (APP): Former medal for Pakistan. He

(APP): Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Association Chapter at the Governor International Lawyers is House Peshawar.

> Association President resolving their issues. Waqar Khan Advocate, included Vice President Fiza Nizami, General Secretary Shahid Aziz, Advocate Sadozai, Advocate Javed districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

The delegation congratulated the Governor the delegation suggested to on assuming his office and presented him a bouquet. They informed the The Governor said Governor about their and

organization's mission to judicial International Lawyers, and human rights. The

also working globally for The delegation, led by the welfare of lawyers and

The delegation shared that the Association had established Human Rights Committees in various Hashmat districts, leading to legal assistance for families and Iqbal Marwat and other the resolution of several officials and cabinet cases. They are also members from various working on child protection and other human rights issues, they told. The female lawyers in

the Governor that there should be governmentsponsored scholarships professional development training programs for female lawyers both domestically and internationally.

> 7 die, 1344 injured in 1234 road accidents sectors in the region.

(AJK)

tourism organizations.

Provincial Minister for

Minority Affairs Ramesh

Singh Arora has said that for

the first time, the Punjab

government will celebrate

Minorities Day with full

grandeur on August 11(

Sunday) to acknowledge

their contribution towards

the development of the

country.He was addressing

a gathering of Christian

LAHORE

(APP):

in Punjab LAHORE (APP): At least seven persons were killed and 1344 injured in 1234 road accident in all 37 districts of Punjab during the last 24 hours. Out of these, 582 people with serious injuries were shifted KARACHI: Relatives of Atif Khan are holding to hospitals, while 762 victims with minor injuries protest demonstration against high handedness of were treated at the site by police and demanding justice for him, at Karachi rescue medical teams, thus

reducing the burden on hospitals. Furthermore, the analysis showed those 700 drivers, 63 underage drivers, Arshad Nadeem on historic 161 pedestrians, and 490 passengers were among the Olympic gold medal win victims.

ANF seizes

81 kg drugs in four operations RAWALPINDI (APP): The Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) while conducting four operations managed to recover 81 kg drugs and arrested six accused, said an ANF Headquarters spokesman here on Friday. He said, 12 kg opium and 21.6 kg hashish were recovered from a vehicle intercepted near Kala Shah Kaku Toll Plaza Sheikhupura and an accused was arrested.



PESHAWAR: Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Faisal KArm Kundi is called on by International Lawyers KP Chapter delegation at Governor House.

AJK Govt unveils ambitious socio-economic, Tourism plan

MIRPUR (AJK) (APP): government is determined The Government of Azad to improve the living Jammu and Kashmir standards of the common on Fridav people and accelerate the formulated an integrated pace of ongoing plan aimed at the holistic development of the socioeconomic and tourism

development projects in the liberated area. Towards this end, the government has directed According to official the relevant authorities to sources, the primary focus identify the problems faced of the plan is to promote by the common people and adventure tourism in AJK,

devise prompt solutions. with the aim of To boost technical transforming the region education in AJK, the into a major tourism hub in government has also South Asia. To this end, the decided to establish a government plans to Higher Technical Education Board in the organize a nationwide tourism conference in near future. Additionally, the plan includes setting up Mirpur in the near future, inviting renowned global Artisan Schools in Mirpur and Muzaffarabad to The sources further produce skilled manpower

also taking steps to establish district-level Chambers of Commerce and Industry across AJK to promote trade and commerce activities.

Moreover, the plan involves expediting the development of projects such as the Export Processing Zone and Industrial Estates in Mirpur, the region's major industrial and business hub. Recognizing the importance of engaging the overseas Kashmiri community, the AJK government has decided to invite them to participate in various developmental and educational activities as well as the business and industrial sectors.

Pregnant woman to death in Shikarpur

SHIKARPUR: Tragedy system, vowing the purchase of 3,000 new struck in Shikarpur city when a pregnant woman was reportedly killed by buses to improve public strangulation over a minor transportation. dispute. The incident occurred on Friday in the jurisdiction of Lakhi-Gate police station. According to Khan emphasized the government's initial reports, Surahiya Abro, wife of Kashif Abro, was found dead in her for passengers. house located in the Plaza Cinema area.

UN warns IS

Afghanistan

branch growing

in strength

Monitoring Desk

UN counter-terrorism offi-

cial warned on Thursday

that the Afghanistan branch

of the militant Islamic State

group (IS) poses the great-

est external terrorist threat

to Europe as it boosts its

its financial and logistical

capabilities in the past six

months, including by tap-

ping into Afghan and Cen-

tral Asian diasporas for sup-

port," Vladimir Voronkov,

undersecretary-general for

Israel revokes

diplomatic status of

Norway's envoys

to Palestinian

Authority

Monitoring Desk JERUSALEM/WASHING-

TON: Israel said on Thursday

it was revoking the diplomatic

status of Norway's envoys to

the Palestinian Authority ac-

cusing Oslo of "anti-Israel

behaviour" during the Gaza

crisis and drawing a formal

protest. Norway - a key fa-

cilitator in the Israeli-Palestin-

counter-terrorism, said.

"ISIL-K has improved

organisational strength.

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Climate change cell to be established in health department

Independent Report monsoon floods have led to PESHAWAR: Minister of Health Syed Qasim Ali malaria cases in southern Shah had announced the establishment of a Climate Change Cell in the Health Department to address health-related issues in the context of climate change.

Climate change has severe impacts on health, with natural disasters like floods affecting health first, said Syed Qasim Ali Shah in a statement.

contaminate drinking water sources, leading to waterborne diseases. Skin diseases, waterborne diseases, and vector-borne diseases are

districts.

a significant increase in

Floods

all consequences of climate change. The minister said that extreme heat and cold waves are affecting children, the elderly, and Diseases like malaria, women. Climate change is dengue, and leishmaniasis affecting healthcare centers, have emerged in Khyber

staff, and the public, making Pakhtunkhwa due to climate change. it the biggest challenge to

He said that recent public health.



LAHORE: Punjab Governor Sardar Saleem Haider Khan talking to media persons on the eve of inaugural ceremony of 100th Pakistan Lifestvle Furniture Expo.

Minister says: **Punjab to purchase** 3,000 new buses in transport overhaul

ATTOCK (APP): Punjab to enforce axle-load Transport Minister, Bilal regulations, prohibit LPG Akbar Khan on Friday cylinders in public Akbar Khan on Friday cylinders in public announced a major upgrade transport and implement to the province's transport measures to reduce road accidents.

Highlighting the government's broader efforts to improve public During a visit to the services, Minister Khan Attock General Bus mentioned initiatives like Stand, Minister Bilal providing free solar systems to households electricity with commitment to providing consumption below 200 quality travel experiences units and offering subsidized tractors to He directed officials farmers.

strangulated Independent Report

representatives of Christian community expressed their gratitude to the minister for presenting a historic budget for minorities and expressed hope that during his tenure, the sense of among

community during his visit to the residence of Pastor deprivation Shaukat Ashiq in the minorities would be Chuhang area of Lahore. A effectively addressed. International News

revealed that the for the cottage industry. **Ramesh Arora says:** Minorities Day to be

observed with grandeur

large number of people from Christian community warmly welcomed him upon arrival and flower petals were showered from

rooftops. On this occasion, the

Russia declares an emergency in Kursk, under attack by Ukraine. 12 killed in Russian strike on mall

emphasized that Nadeem's

triumph has not only made

history but has also brought

immense pride to the entire

nation on the global stage.

Highlighting the significance

of the accomplishment.

Ashraf mentioned that

Arshad Nadeem shattered a

114-year-old record in the

Olympic javelin throw

event. He remarked that

Nadeem's name will be

forever etched in golden

letters in the annals of both

Olympic and Pakistani

Monitoring Desk KYIV: Russia declared a "federal-level" emergency in the Kursk region following a large-scale incursion from Ukraine and sent reinforcements there on Friday, four days after hundreds of Ukrainian troops poured across the border in what appeared to be Kyiv's biggest attack on Russian soil since the war began.

Meanwhile, a Russian plane-launched missile slammed into a Ukrainian shopping mall in the middle of the day, killing at least 12 people and wounding 44 others, authorities said.

mall in The Kostiantynivka, in the eastern Donetsk region, is located in the town's residential area. Thick black smoke rose above it after the strike.

"This is another targeted attack on a crowded place, another act of terror by the Russians," Donetsk regional head Vadym Filashkin said in a Telegram

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KABUL: Afghan govern-

ment employees must at-

tend mosque five times a

day or face punishment.

Taliban supreme leader Hibatullah Akhundzada

said on Thursday in his lat-

takeover, Akhundzada has

overseen sweeping restric-

tions on society — shut-

ting women and girls out of

modern education, ordering

male chaperones for females

and effectively banning

ministries and institutions

of the (Taliban government)

are obliged by Sharia to

pray in congregation at their fixed times," said the order signed by Akhundzada.

ees who miss a prayer

"without a reasonable ex-

cuse" should receive a

It added that employ-

"The officials of the

Since the 2021 Taliban

est edict.

music.

asks public workers

to attend mosque

policed

since 2016.

post. It was the second ma- Thursday that border reior strike on the town in algion attacks will cause Rusmost a year. Last September, a Russian missile hit an outdoor market there, killing 17.

Russia's Defense Ministry said that reinforcements were on their way to the Kursk region to tiations with Moscow counter Ukraine's daring Mathieu Boulegue, a defense analyst at the raid. Russia is deploying multiple rocket launchers. Chatham House think tank

towed artillery guns, tanks transported on trailers and heavy tracked vehicles, the RIA-Novosti new agency said, citing the Defense

Ministry. Little reliable informa-tion about the surprise Ukrainian operation has tional security," Boulegue emerged, and its strategic aims are unclear. Ukrainian told The Associated Press in a telephone interview. officials have refused to comment specifically about At the same time, the

raid spooks the Russian the incursion, which is taking place about 500 kilomepublic and delivers a slap in the face to Russian Presiters (320 miles) southwest dent Vladimir Putin, offerof Moscow. But a top adviser to Ukraine President ing Ukraine "a great PR coup," he said. Volodymyr Zelenskyy said

sia to "start to realize that the war is slowly creeping inside of Russian territory. Myhailo Podolyak also suggested that the operation would improve Kyiv's hand in the event of nego-

in London. said the Ukrainians appear to have a clear goal in mind, even if they're not saying what it is. "Such a coordinated ground force movement responds to a clear military objective, yet unknown, that requires extreme opera-

works.

Afghan Taliban chief Somalia's cabinet approves bill for universal suffrage

Thursday that, if confirmed by parliament, will revert the country's election system to universal suffrage for the first time in decades, ending a process of indirect

voting, the government's spokesperson said. Amid widespread insecurity caused by an Islamist insurgency and weak state structures, in recent years lawmakers voted for

movement which first ruled states Afghanistan from 1996 to

He rarely appears in ublic and when he does, bodyguards prohibit spectators from taking photographs or video of the man who has led the Taliban indirect ballot



A view shows a supermarket heavily damaged in a Russian military strike, amid Russia's attack on Ukraine, in Kostiantynivka, Donetsk region, Ukraine.

ABC News says Harris, Trump have agreed to presidential debate on Sept 10

Monitoring Desk WASHINGTON: ABC News says that both Reing a lawsuit he has filed. His decision sets up a highly anticipated moment in an election where the first publican presidential nomidebate led to a massive nee Donald Trump and his change in the race — with Democratic counterpart. Democratic President Joe Kamala Harris, have agreed to meet in a debate on Sept. Biden ending his reelection bid and endorsing Harris.

"I think it's very im-The network's announcement on Thursday portant to have debates, came shortly after Trump Trump said Thursday. "I told a news conference that look forward to the debates because I think we have to he had agreed to three deset the record straight.' bates with Harris in September on separate net-

On the social media site X later on Thursday, Trump is rejoining the Harris wrote that "I hear that Donald Trump has ABC debate days after fully committed to debatposting on his social media ing me on September 10. I network that he would not look forward to it.3 appear on the network, cit-

Israel vows to eliminate new Hamas leader as war enters 11th month **Monitoring Desk**

predecessor Ismail Haniveh JERUSALEM: Israel last week in Tehran.

Speaking at a military base on Wednesday, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Israel was "determined" to defend itself. "We are prepared both Gaza war entered its 11th defensively and offensively," he told new recruits. Army chief Lieutenant Gen-

The naming of Sinwar eral Herzi Halevi vowed to to lead the Palestinian "find him (Sinwar), attack group came as Israel braced for potential Iranian retalihim" and force Hamas to ation over the killing of his find another leader.

month on Wednesday.

Bodies of 34 Rohingya refugees found after boat sinking off Bangladesh

Monitoring Desk COX'S BAZAR: The bodies of 34 Rohingya refugees, who fled Myanmar only to drown when their overcrowded boat sank while crossing a river to Bangladesh, have been recovered, a top local government official said on Thursday.

Other refugees fleeing the bitter conflict described grim scenes of "bloodshed" as thousands tried to escape. The boat sank on Tuesday, when the bodies of 10 people — including young children — were ini-tially recovered. But more have since washed ashore, taking the total killed to 34.

Police said the group had fled their villages in Myanmar's Rakhine state and their small craft sank in the Naf River, near Bangladesh's Shahpari Island. Adnan Chowdhury, the government administrator of Bangladesh's Teknaf

border town, said the boat was carrying Rohingya from Myanmar. Local councillor Abdus Salam said the bodies were being buried.

Rohingya 'The people were fleeing with their lives from Myanmar,' he said. At least 1,000 Rohingya have fled the war in Myanmar's Rakhine state to Bangladesh in the few weeks, past Chowdhury said. Clashes have rocked

Rakhine since the Arakan Army (AA) attacked junta forces in November, ending a ceasefire that had largely held since a military coup in 2021

Abdul Kalam, 35, a Rohingya refugee, arrived on a different boat on Wednesday after fleeing the Rakhine town of Maungdaw and said thousands were trying to escape. "Arakan Army were killing us... they want to kick us out of Rakhine," he said.

UK, Egypt issue alerts for Iran, Lebanon airspace as risks of military conflict rise

Monitoring Desk LONDON: Britain and Egypt asked their airlines on Wednesday to avoid Iranian and Lebanese airspace amid growing fears of a possible broader conflict in the region after the killing of senior members of militant

groups Hamas and Hezbollah. Britain's advisory to its airlines to avoid Lebanon's airspace came hours after Egypt instructed all of its airlines to avoid Iran's airspace for three hours in the early morning on Thursday.

Many airlines globally are revising their schedules to avoid Iranian and Lebanese airspace while also calling off flights to Israel and Lebanon.

industry

Flights through conian peace process, particuflict zones became a larly in the secret negotiations that led to the Oslo Accords prominent of the 1990s - swiftly sumsafety issue a decade ago moned the Israeli ambassador after Malaysia Airlines to lodge a formal protest. flight MH17 was shot

down over Ukraine, kill-ing all 298 people on board.

US-based United Airlines said on Wednesday its flights to Tel Aviv, which were paused on July 31 due to security concerns, re-mained suspended. "We continue to closely monitor the situation and will focus on the safety of our customers and crews as we decide when to resume ser-

vice," the airline said. Its rival Delta Air Lines has paused its flights between New York and Tel Aviv through Aug. 31. British carriers are not flying to Lebanon currently, according to flight tracking website Flightradar24 Singapore Airlines stopped flying through Iranian airspace last Friday and is using alternative routes, saving safety is its top priority. Similarly, Egyptian airlines have already been avoiding Iran's airspace.

warning, and if they repeat the transgression "the relevant official is obliged to appropriately punish

A Taliban government spokesman did not respond to a query asking what the punishment would entail. It was not immediately clear how the order for employees to attend prayer during

non-work hours would be Akhundzada directs the government from his hideout in southern Kandahar, the spiritual heartland of the Taliban

the president, while clan heads and elders elected vowed to eliminate new lawmakers in both the fed-Hamas chief Yahya Sinwar, eral government and regional the alleged mastermind of the Oct 7 attack, whose ap-The country had inipointment further inflamed tially been scheduled to regional tensions as the

move to direct voting in 2020, but protracted squabbles among politicians and persisting insecurity across the country forced the government to retain the

Monitoring Desk MOGADISHU: Somalia's cabinet approved a bill on

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ISLAMABAD: Speaker National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq, along with other Parliamentarians present gift to Imam Masjid Al-Nabvi (S.A.W) Sheikh Dr Salah Mohammad M Al-Bdeer at Parliament House, in the Federal Capital.

WB study urges Balochistan to harness renewable energy potential for electricity

ISLAMABAD (INP): The supply mix. World Bank study on Balochistan's Renewable Energy Development has highlighted the province's vast potential to harness variable renewable energy (VRE) sources and create a

surplus of electricity. This surplus electricity could be exported to other provinces within Pakistan or to international reducing markets. Balochistan's reliance on power imports.

The study has suggested that the existing import connection lines can be used to stabilize the grid, allowing for the exchange of electricity with other countries at competitive prices and optimizing the annual study indicates that the file.

ISLAMABAD (APP):

President Asif Ali Zardari

and Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Friday

congratulated javelin thrower Arshad Nadeem as

he secured a gold medal for

Pakistan at the 2024 Paris

Olympics, ending the

country's 32-year wait for

the gold medal in the men's

javelin beating defending

champion Neeraj Chopra of

India to clinch Pakistan's

Arshad Nadeem won

an Olympic medal.

In the short term (by 2028), the study has noted that while a consistent surplus of VRE supply may not be available for continuous export, there could be seasonal opportunities for reverse power flow through the soon-to-be-available CASA1000 highvoltage direct current (HVDC) transmission line

to

President, PM extend greetings

as javelin thrower Arshad

demand deficit Balochistan has an

Central Asia (Uzbekistan, Kyrgyz Republic, and potentially (Kazakhstan) The Central Asia Re-

gional Electricity Market (CAREM) in this region has utilization, and its energy experienced an electricity supply profile aligns well with the local demand prodeficit during the winter, with growing demand. The

GW-scale opportunity pre-sented by Balochistan's VRE surplus could be of interest to the countries in Central Asia to help meet their seasonal electricity

immense, largely untapped potential for cost-effective solar and wind power generation. The province's Photovoltaic (PV) power potential ranges from 2,000 to 2,500 kWh/m2, placing it among the world's most resource-rich regions for solar energy. Remarkably, PV power in Balochistan can achieve up to 35% grid

SC seeks reply from govt on

shifting MHNP to interior

ISLAMABAD (Online): Supreme Court (SC) has sought reply from government on shifting Margalla Hills National Park (MHNP) to interior ministry besides summoning details of housing project established on Margalla Hills. Attorney General (AG) assured the court for sacking Rana Saeed and bringing the matter of shifting of National Park to the notice of Prime Minister (PM). Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Qazi Faez Isa 2024, besides breaking the ors. "Bravo Arshad! History while expressing resentment previous Olympic record made! Pakistan's first Olymover calling PM as Sahb by pic men's javelin champion secretary cabinet remarked break the chains of slavery

PM reiterates determination for complete eradication of polio from Pakistan

KARACHI (APP): Prime Muhammad Minister Shehbaz Sharifon Friday reiterated the determination for the complete eradication of polio from the country with the joint efforts of the federal, provincial governments and Gilgit-Baltistan and the Azad Jammu and Kashmir governments.

The prime minister said this while presiding over an important review meeting on anti-polio during his visit to Karachi. Gates Foundation Chairman Bill Gates and Global Development President Dr. Chris Elias participated in the meeting through the video link.

While talking to the there are security chalparticipants of the meeting, the prime minister reiter-The prime minister said that with the dedicaated the determination for tion of frontline workers. the complete eradication of polio. He thanked the Bill the determination of the Gates Foundation for its

Government of Pakistan extraordinary support and and the support of partassistance to the health care ners, Pakistan has made significant progress against system in Pakistan, especially polio prevention. polio; The emergence of new polio cases is worrisome, but with the support of provincial governments and partners, polio will be defeated

Chairman of the Gates oundation, Bill Gates while appreciating the government's anti-polio initiatives, expressed satisfaction over the increase in the rate of children receiving anti-polio vaccine drops in the southern dis-tricts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. He said that it is gratifying that the gov-ernment of Pakistan has planned to give inactivated poliovirus vaccine (IPV) to 4 million children.

The meeting was briefed on the anti-polio strategy



meeting regarding Pakistan polio eradication program. Bugti inaugurates monsoon tree plantation drive: **Measures for tackling issue** of climate change included in priorities of Govt, says CM

Independent Report QUETTA: The Chief Minister Balochistan. Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti has stated that measures are being taken to cope with the challenges of climate change to make the monsoon tree as these are included in the provincial government's The Chief Minister vincial assembly to play

was speaking on occasion of the inauguration of monsoon tree plantation cam-paign at the CM's secre-eas. He said that at the time tion in their respective ar-

priorities.

tariat on Friday.

The Provincial Ministhe unexpected rains and ters Ali Madad Jatak, Mir flood situation due to the Muhammad Sadiq Umrani climate change, therefore, and other high ups were tree plantation is necessary also present. The Chief for remaining safe from the Minister stressed the need effects of climate change. This is why, we are

plantation campaign suctaking steps for tackling the challenge of climate change cessful. In this regard, he urged the members of proin the province.

Earlier, the Chief Mintheir wholehearted role for ister and Provincial Minispromotion of tree planta- ters inaugurated the monsoon tree plantation cam-



ISLAMABAD: Deputy Chairman Senate Saydal Khan Nassar meeting with Chairman NADRA.

Imam Masjid Al-Nabawi graces Parliament with significant visit, receives warm welcome

Opp Leader, members welcome Imam *Masjid-e-Nabawi with great homage;* Pakistan, Saudi Arabia can play global role on Kashmir and Palestine: Fazl

SLAMABAD (APP): the assembly. "The pres-Imam Masjid Al-Nabawi, ence of the Imam Masjid Sheikh Salah bin Al-Nabawi in our midst is Mohammad Al-Budair on a great honor and a source Friday made a significant of spiritual solace for us, visit to the Parliament remarked Speaker Ayaz House along with his del-Sadiq. He further added egation. The delegation was that all members of the assembly felt a deep sense of warmly received by National Assembly (NA) joy and happiness to have Speaker, Sardar Ayaz Sadiq Imam Al-Budair among who expressed his deep them. Meanwhile Leader of honor at their presence. the Opposition, Omar Ayub Khan on Friday along

Deputy Speaker Syed Ghulam Mustafa Shah, was also in attendance during the occasion. The NA session began with a recitation from the Holy Quran by Imam Al-Budair, setting a spiritually uplifting tone for the proceedings. He, along with his delegation, observed the assembly's proceedings.

In his welcome address, Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq extended heartfelt greetings to Imam Al-Budair and his delegation, emphasizing the pride and spiritual satisfaction that their presence brought to he led the prayers.

Labourers representatives to be taken on board in decision making of public welfare: CM

Independent Report tion of representatives of labourers who called on him here at the CM Secre-QUETTA: The Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti has stated that the tariat on Friday. provincial government is taking steps for welfare of labourers in Balochistan.

He said that some 400 children of the labourers would be imparted education in the higher educational institutions of the country.

The members of del-egation led by Muhammad Ramzan Achakzai apprised the Chief Minister about the issues being faced by the labourers

with members of the Na-

tional Assembly accorded a

warm welcome to Imam

Masjid-e-Nabawi (PBUH)

Sheikh Dr Salah Bin

Muhammad Al-Budair by

paying great tributes and

ing of fifth meeting of

eighth session of the Na-

tional Assembly at the Parlia-

ment House, the Opposition

Leader said the chief guest,

Imam Masjid-e-Nabawi

(PBUH) had the unique

honour of being the Imam as

Taking floor at open-

homage to the dignitary.

Also present in the meeting was the Advisor to Chief Minister for Labour and Manpower, Sardar

Ghulam Rasool Umrani. Besides, the represen-The Chief Minister tatives of labourers would gave patient hearing to the be involved in the decision

president and prime minister said in their separately issued statements. "Arshad Nadeem's victory is the victory of the whole nation. Setting a fabulous Olympic world record is a great achievement. You have made us proud by winning the gold medal in a great contest of the Olympics and bringing fame to Pakistan," President Zardari stated. Both the president and prime minister also prayed to Allah Almighty for first Olympic Athletic more success for Arshad Nadeem in his future endeavmore success for Arshad

wins gold medal in Olympics ministry

Under the leadership Prime Minister nammad Shehbaz Muhammad Sharif, four provincial governments, Gilgit-Baltistan and the Azad Jammu and Kashmir governments committed to complete eradication of polio from the country. All federal units also

polio eradication

agreed to joint efforts for

The prime minister also thanked the other partners of the government regarding anti-polio. He said that a wholeof-government approach has been adopted to eradicate polio. He further said, "we are doing our best to eradicate this deadly virus

sources of the state should be utilized for the complete elimination of polio from the country. He directed that multiple doses of vac-

cine should be given to every child in Pakistan. He emphasized that provision of the polio vac-

cine should be ensured to every child in areas where

by 2025 The prime minister directed that all the re-

with a 92.97-metre massive throw. "You are a pride of Arshad Nadeem bring the whole nation," both the home a historic gold medal.

Govt brings Kisan Card to benefit farmers in **Balochistan: Secretary**

QUETTA (APP): Provin- Balochistan Abdul Karim cial Secretary Agriculture Muhammad Dawood Bazai on Friday said that the Balochistan government was bringing Kisan Card which would benefit farmers across the province.

He said this while discussing the performance of the department on the occasion of his visit to Musakhail.

Director General Agriculture Balochistan Muhammad Nadeem Irshad, Director Information

Jafar, Dr. Habibullah Shah, Zamindaran Union District Musakhail President Nooruddin Khan, Maulvi Sirajuddin, Malik Abdullah, Sardar Asad and others were also present on this occasion. President of Zamindars Musakhail

Nooruddin Khan briefed the Secretary about the problems being faced by farmers

BTTN Chief congratulates Arshad

QUETTA (APP): Balochistan Think Tank Network (BTTN)'s Chief Retired Brigadier Agha Ahmed Gul on Friday congratulated Arshad Nadeem on wining gold medal in Paris Olympics.

In his statement issued here, he said Arshad Nadeem has proved that there was no shortage of talent in the Pakistani natenant (R) Saad bin Asad, tion. He said that national has warned tandoor ownhero Arshad Nadeem has ers to adhere to the offiwon Pakistan's first individual gold medal in Olympic Games Paris 2024 by against them.

nar was held at a local re-

sort in Quetta, organized by

the Centre for Develop-ment and Stability (CDS),

where tribal elders, local

youth representatives, and

Balochistan shared their

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'We will not tolerate breaking the record in javany violation of the price list," he said. "Tandoor elin throw. His victory. which has set a new Olvmowners must display the pic record, it should be celofficial price list at their ebrated as a national victory and we all would embrace shops, and anyone found overcharging will be ar-rested and jailed." The him as a national hero, every nation needs heroes like Deputy Commissioner also Arshad. He paid tributes to Arshad for making the nadirected the Assistant Commissioners and Magistion proud and said that trates to conduct daily raids throwing more than 90 on tandoors and submit remeters twice in the final competition has also become the only record.

when Balochistan is facing

DC warns tandoor owners to adhere to official price list

Tandoor owners have appealed to the government to review the official price list

Independent Report negligence will be unaccept-able," he added QUETTA: Deputy Com-Meanwhile tandoor missioner Quetta, Lieu-

owners have appealed to the government to review the official price list, saving it is unrealistic and cial price list, otherwise, will lead to losses for strict action will be taken them. "We understand the

need to control prices, but the current price list is too low," said a tandoor owner. "We request the government to reconsider the prices and find a mutually acceptable solution." The tandoor owners

have threatened to go on strike if their demands are not met. According to details Tandoor owners apports. "We will monitor the situation closely, and any view official price list.

paign by planting saplings of Quetta pine.

NDMA warns

of potential

GLOF threat in

KP and Gilgit

ISLAMABAD (APP): The National Disaster

Management Authority (NDMA) has issued a criti-

cal advisory, warning of a potential Glacial Lake

Outburst Flood (GLOF)

threat in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Gilgit-

visory, the combination of

high temperatures and cur-rent weather conditions has

heightened the risk of GLOF, which could result

in flash flooding and land-

slides in several regions,

private news channel re-

the risks anticipated until

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Advisory stated that

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According to the ad-

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aking to be made for public welfare.

sured that steps would be The Chief Minister taken to resolve their is-

was speaking to the delega- sues. **Digital Gender inclusion strategy PTA, MoITT formally** commenced implementation

ISLAMABAD (APP): Khawaja and convened by With the inaugural meeting Chairman Pakistan Teleof the Steering Committee communication Authority on Digital Gender Inclusion, the Ministry of Information Technology and Telecommunication (MoITT) in collaboration with Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) has formally commenced the implementation of the Digital Gender inclusion strategy to significantly reduce digital gender divide within next three years.

The meeting was chaired by Minister of State for IT & Telecommunication (MoITT) Shaza Fatima





QUETTA: Governor Balochistan Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail inaugurating Monsoon Tree Plantation Campaign 2024

Magsi terms completion of Naulong Dam a significant milestone QUETTA (APP): Former ter Resource Development

Project organized by the Senator Barrister Balochistan Rural Support Nawabzada Saifullah Magsi on Friday said that Program (BRSP). the completion of the Dr. Shah Nawaz from Naulong Dam, with the BRSP, Project Director support of the federal Yusuf Magsi, irrigation exgovernment, will be a pert Mr. Allen Clark, and significant milestone for others were also present on the development of the the occasion. green belt of the

He praised the federal overnment's efforts for ini-Naulong dam will tiating such public-friendly promote the growth of projects. agriculture and livestock

During the briefing on the project, the former senator was informed that the Naulong Dam spans 3,716 acres with a command area of 47,000 acres He expressed these and will generate 4.4 megawatts of electricity under inauguration ceremony of hydroelectric power gen-

the entire region; experts conclude QUETTA (APP): A semi- where all participants All participants aping that it has opened up agreed that CPEC is a guarpreciated CPEC and agreed ways of prosperity for the antor of development and that those who oppose its region. They noted that the prosperity in Balochistan. smooth completion and They expressed their willplot conspiracies to saboingness to protect Chinese tage it are traitors and eninitiatives in the region, in-

CPEC to open ways of prosperity for

cluding the construction of

an international airport in

Gwadar and clean drinking

water projects. A detailed

discussion was held on the

significance of projects

planned for the second

phase of CPEC in Gwadar,

such as renewable energy

initiatives, which were

deemed pivotal for the

prosperity of Balochistan

and Pakistan.

emies of Pakistan. They emphasized that these individuals are spreading misinformation and polluting the minds of people of all Balochistan's progress and stability. Director General of CDŠ, Dr. Irfan Ashraf, and Patron-in-Chief of CDS Brig ® Asif Haroon Raja discussed and highlighted the benefits of

development of Gwadar Port, with an investment amounting to billions of rupees, along with the establishment of a major international airport and clean drinking water projects in the region, signifies a pivages to hinder otal transformation in Balochistan's infrastructure. Dr. Ashraf also mentioned that Chinese companies have committed substantial resources, worth millions of dollars, towards Corporate Social Respon-CPEC for Balochistan, statsibility (CSR) initiatives.



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QUETTA: MPA Engr. Zamrak Khan Achakzai talking with Provincial Minister Mir Sadiq Umrani

Rubaba terms BYP major milestone for youth development and welfare

Independent Report QUETTA: The provincial cabinet of Balochistan has proudly approved the Balochistan Youth Policy 2024, marking a significant milestone in the development and welfare of the

This policy includes comprehensive recommendations aimed at providing growth opportunities across various sectors for young people, with a special focus on the welfare of young women and transgender individuals, stated the Advisor to CM Balochistan for Women Development Department, Dr, Rubaba Khan Buledi.

In an official statement issued here on Friday, Dr. Rubaba Khan Buledi other sectors

valuable insights on the prove to be instrumental in China-Pakistan Economic offering opportunities for Corridor (CPEC). The youth in every field of life seminar focused on "Asin Balochistan. She emphasessing the Transformation sized the government's of Vision into Reality with commitment to ensuring a Focus on Regional Conthat the youth of Balochistan are fully pre-pared to face future chalnectivity, Innovation, and

stated that this policy will

lenges. Through this policy, the government aims to assist young people in realizing their dreams. She further mentioned

that the provincial government developed this policy after extensive consultation, incorporating the views of all relevant stakeholders. The policy ensures the inclusion and development of youth in educational, social, economic, and

Security in Balochistan." During the seminar, an interactive session was held