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Musakhail, Kalat, Bolan, Noshki, Mastung hit: At least 39 dead in multiple incidents of terrorism in Balochistan

23 passengers gunned down after they were offloaded from the passenger buses and other vehicles in Musakhail; Police, levies personnel among 10 killed in armed attack in Kalat; Six bodies were discovered in Bolan; CM strongly condemns terrorism act; seeks report, orders investigations; Governor grieved over martyrdom of passengers in Musakhail; directs to arrest elements involved

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QUETTA: As many as 23 passengers and some personnel of levies and police among at least 40 persons were killed mostly gunned down and some got injured by the unknown armed assailants in multiple incidents of terrorism occurred in different parts of Balochistan province including Musakhail, Kalat, Bolan, Noshki.

The official reports suggested that most of the terrorism incidents were

occurred between the night of August 25-26. Only in one horrific incident, some 23 passengers were gunned down after they were offloaded from the passenger buses and other vehicles in Rada Sham area of Musakhail, the official reports suggested.

The Senior Superintendent of Police, Musakhail Ayub Achakzai told that at least 23 passengers were killed after being offloaded from passenger buses and trucks in the Radasham area of Musakhail.

Meanwhile, speaking to the media, the spokesman of provincial government, Shahid Rind said that the militants had attacked on two to three fronts where they faced retaliation and resistance from the security forces and law enforcement agencies (LEAs).



QUETTA: Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti along with parliamentary leaders of coalition partners addressing a Press conference

No Baloch killed any Punjabi rather terrorists have killed Pakistanis: We have to fight against terrorism together, no need to carry out grand operation in Balochistan, says Chief Minister

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narrative through use of force. The Chief Minister said that terrorists attacked in different areas and places, in which 38 innocent people were martyred.

He insisted that we are ready to speak to those who want to surrender and speak to us. These views were expressed by the Chief Minister while addressing a hurriedly called press conference at the Chief Minister secretariat on Monday.



ISLAMABAD: Commander of the Ground Forces of the People's Liberation Army of China, General Li Qiaoming calls on Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif.

COAS reaffirms commitment to fraternal ties with China

RAWALPINDI (Online): Commander of the People's Liberation Army Ground Forces General Li Qiaoming called on Chief of Army Staff General Syed Asim Munir at the General Headquarters Monday.

The visiting dignitary expressed admiration for Pakistan's concerted efforts in combating terrorism and extremism, acknowledging the unwavering professionalism and dedication of the Pakistan Army.

PM pays tribute to security personnel martyred in Balochistan

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Shehbaz Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Monday paid tributes to the personnel of security forces who embraced martyrdom during operations against terrorists in various areas of Balochistan province.

PM terms Pak-China strategic ties vital for regional peace

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif says defense and strategic ties between Pakistan and China are vital for peace and stability in the region.

The prime minister warmly welcomed General Li to Pakistan and underscored that Pakistan and China are all-weather strategic cooperative partners and trusted friends.



RAWALPINDI: Commander of the Peoples Liberation Army (PLA) Ground Forces, General Li Qiaoming paid respects at the Yadgar-e-Shuhada by laying a floral wreath during his visit to General Headquarters (GHQ) in Rawalpindi.

Gets briefing on terrorism incidents and security situation in different areas:

Govt. ready for extraordinary measures in exceptional circumstances, asserts CM

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QUETTA: The Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz Bugti has categorically stated that the provincial government is ready for extraordinary measures in otherwise exceptional circumstances, and as such directed to the counter terrorism department (CTD), police, levies force and other law enforcement agencies to prepare comprehensive plan for security.

The Chief Secretary Balochistan, Shakeel Qadir Khan. The Additional Chief Secretary Home and Inspector General of Police Balochistan, Abdul Khaliq Sheikh briefed the Chief Minister about the incidents of terrorism and security situation in Musakhail, Kalat, Mastung, Bolan, Khad Kocha and Noshki. Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister asserted that the writ of state would be established at every cost.

In a message, the prime minister said the timely actions of the security forces foiled the nefarious designs of the terrorists.

He said the entire nation stood with its brave security forces.



QUETTA: A delegation led by Provincial Advisor Naseem ur Rehman Mulakhail meeting with Balochistan Governor Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail

IHC seeks detailed report on slow internet

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Islamabad High Court (IHC) on Monday summoned Ministry of Information Technology (IT) technical person in a case against slow internet speed and alleged installation of firewall.

President Zardari reiterates nation's resolve to keep up fighting terrorism

No form of terrorism is acceptable in the country. Our fight against terrorism will continue till the complete elimination of the scourge: PM

ISLAMABAD (APP): President Asif Ali Zardari and Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Monday strongly condemned a terrorist attack targeting a passenger bus in the Musakhel area of Balochistan.

Info Minister urges parties to avoid politicizing terrorism

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister for Information and Broadcasting Attaulah Tarar has urged political parties to refrain from doing politics on the issue of terrorism. Responding to a point of order, he said we have requested Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Ali Amin Gandapur to establish a Counter Terrorism Department in the province at the earliest. He said there should also be safe city initiatives to combat terrorism.

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The Minister recalled the nation successfully defeated terrorism and restored peace in Karachi during the tenure of Mian Nawaz Sharif. Unfortunately, the previous government of PTI brought back the Taliban to Pakistani areas and these elements are responsible for recent incidents of terrorism and bloodshed in the country.

Time risen for elimination of terrorism & barbarity: Sustainable peace guiding principle of civilized society: Governor

QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Jaffar Khan Mandokhail has stated that the time has risen to get to the mentality based on terror and barbarity and ensure its elimination. The Governor asserted that there is no room of spreading fear and turmoil in our peaceful and human-friendly province. In a statement issued here on Monday, the Governor condemned the terrorism incidents in Musakhail, Kalat and other areas of the province in strongest words.

He directed to the concerned authorities to give effective and prompt response in the case of any sorrowful incident. The Chief Minister was at briefing on law and order situation particularly in backdrop of the terrorism incidents in different areas of the province, here at the Central Police Office, on Monday.



QUETTA: Chief Secretary Balochistan Shakeel Qadir Khan presiding over a meeting of Oversight Committee regarding betterment of education in the province



QUETTA: Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti along with parliamentary leaders of coalition partners addressing a Press conference

He said that government would take the elements involved in the sorrowful incidents to the logical end. He said that the terrorists and their facilitators would not be spared at all and taken to task anyway. He said that those targeting the innocent people don't deserve any remission. He also asserted that those spreading lawlessness and chaos would not be spared whatsoever.

He also exhorted them to take concrete measures for ensuring sustainable peace. The Governor emphasized that we have to ensure protection of life and property of the people at every cost so that they remain busy in earning livelihood for their children. He said that it becomes national duty of every citizen to join hand with the government for improving the law and order situation in the province so that it can become the hub of peace in the whole region.

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Delayed funds

A friend in need is a friend indeed. China, Saudi Arabia, and the UAE have lived up to the adage, rescuing Pakistan multiple times in recent years by propping up its international reserves through large cash deposits and loans, as well as rolling over their debt, to help it access IMF funds in order to avert a sovereign default.

Of late, though, they appear a bit hesitant to lend a helping hand as promptly. Little wonder these nations have not yet intimated the IMF of their decision to roll over their combined existing debt of \$12bn for another year. This is said to be one of the reasons the Fund removed Pakistan from the agenda of its Aug 30 Executive Board meeting where it was expected to sign off on the recently concluded staff-level agreement for a new bailout package of \$7bn over the next 37 months.

Earlier, these countries had turned down a request for Islamabad to extend the maturity of these loans for a period of three to five years to allow 'predictability' through the IMF programme tenure. The other factor delaying the loan's approval pertains to Islamabad's failure to arrange funds well in time to plug an external financing gap of \$2bn, which both the finance minister and State Bank governor had earlier described as an easy task. Strapped for cash, Pakistan has now reached out to Riyadh for an additional debt of \$1.5bn on top of the existing \$5bn deposits, as well as Middle Eastern banks for the rest of the money to bridge the external financing gap. Unless the government is able to secure these funds, the IMF Executive Board might not close the deal even in September.

Pakistan will eventually secure the required debt rollovers from the friendly states, as well as fresh Saudi funds — and possibly commercial loans — that will give it access to IMF dollars and unlock other multilateral financing. Still, the experience of dealing with the IMF and bilateral lenders during the last few years underlines the country's decreasing geopolitical influence that was once considered sure insurance for significant financing from a range of Western and Arab lenders and donors whenever required.

Today, we find ourselves in a situation similar to where Sri Lanka was a year ago after it declared bankruptcy. It took months and firm commitments from bilaterals like China before the IMF concluded a loan deal with Colombo. For the last three years, our foreign policy has mostly revolved around just one point: how to borrow and from where to borrow. The situation has become untenable. It is time we tried to change and stand on our feet rather than look outside for charity. This can be very tiring for our friends.

Teacher licensing

Ali Nawab

The recent initiative of teacher licensing demonstrates the Sindh government's commitment to ensuring quality teachers in public sector schools where the low academic achievement of students has generally been associated with the low capacity of teachers. The first phase of the licensure test has been conducted although the pass percentage was quite disappointing (17 per cent). This result generates further concerns related to the quality of teachers and teacher education institutes in the province. Relying solely on a licensure test is unlikely to fulfil the goal of having quality teachers.

Although a common practice in many countries, the licensure test is one of several measures to determine the competency of potential teachers for the profession of teaching. It is because the written test lacks the space and possibility to assess the important characteristics of potential teachers. Teaching is a complex and tempo-relational process that requires different responses to different situations. Someone might be very good at theory and in written aspects but not necessarily in teaching or in the response to problematic situations. On the contrary, someone else could prove to be exemplary in teaching, but not be good in theory or writing. If we agree that being an effective teacher requires practical skills, then setting a high passing score and relying solely on a written test may eliminate effective teachers.

Consequently, in many countries, including the US, there is a growing focus on performance assessment or

the ability of prospective teachers to plan lessons, deliver instructions, engage students in meaningful activities, respond to problematic situations, assess student learning and reflect on their practice for further improvement. These are the acknowledged prerequisites to be an effective teacher, which a licensure test can barely assess.

A high passing score and sole reliance on the written test may lead to the exclusion of aspiring teachers, who come from marginalised and disadvantaged communities. Individuals, for example, from remote and backward areas as well as minority groups may not have access to quality education. Resultantly, it is less likely for the disadvantaged students to achieve the target score in the licensure test. Where other countries are working on diversifying teaching — for instance, Ireland — we may be limiting diversity in our schools and in the teaching profession. To ensure inclusion in learning, we must first ensure inclusion in the profession of teaching.

Since the quality of teacher education institutes will be associated with the performance of their students in the licensure tests, simply relying on the written test would make them focus only on those curricular components that are assessed in the tests. In this sense, the practice aspect of teaching will receive reduced attention in teacher education institutes. If so, the consequences would be predictable.

Teacher licensing in itself is not a guarantee of quality teachers. Many countries across the globe, such as Finland, Singapore, the Netherlands, Japan and Korea, do not require

any licensure test. It is to be noted here that these countries are well placed in international comparisons for student achievement. It suggests that quality teacher education, rather than the licensing test, determines the competency of a prospective teacher.

Thus, to ensure quality teachers for learners, a straightforward approach is required: improve the quality of teacher education institutes to produce quality teachers. These institutes must be mandated and supported to achieve certain levels of accreditation from the National Accreditation Council for Teacher Education.

In addition, practical components such as teaching practice, or practicum or internship should be a compulsory part of the teacher education programme. It is crucial to provide prospective teachers with high-quality teaching practice experience. The evidence of effective teaching practice should be considered for licensure.

If those who have initiated the teacher licensing process are serious about the quality of teachers, their focus should be on practice and performance assessment. This could be achieved through improving the quality of teacher education institutes rather than licensure tests. Since other provinces in the country may introduce teacher licensing building on the experience of Sindh, how teacher licensing is implemented would have significant implications for education not only in this province but also across Pakistan.

Those who are involved in teacher licensing should plan and implement it very consciously and cautiously. -- Courtesy Dawn

Rise in renewables

Zarrar Khuhro

One of the first major milestones in the development of renewable energy was way back in 1979, when US president Jimmy Carter installed 32 solar panels on the roof of the White House in order to power a water-heating system.

Clunky, inefficient and expensive by today's standards (they weighed 45 kilos each and cost a whopping \$28,000 to install) these panels served to heat water for the White House until they were removed during the Reagan administration, undoubtedly as a signal that the new Republican president preferred good old fossil fuels to these hippie-inspired and possibly commie ideas like sustainability and environmentalism.

The panels went into storage until at least one of them ended up in a museum in China. There's a certain irony to that, as China is currently leading the world when it comes to scaling up renewable energy, with twice as many solar and wind projects under construction as the rest of the world combined.

Right now, China has 180GW of solar power under construction along with 159GW of wind power, which far outshines the comparatively measly 40GW under construction in the US. In the first half of this year, China's clean energy generation has already exceeded the total amount of energy produced by the UK in a year from all sources.

Existing projects are also being expanded, like the Caipeng photovoltaic power station, which holds the record for being the highest solar power plant in the world, and the Xinjiang solar farm, which has the capacity to power all of Papua New Guinea for an entire year.

In fact, according to Reuters, China has installed so many solar panels that they're generating more energy than the

country's storage and transmission infrastructure can handle! And because China just refuses to think small, it is also manufacturing practically all of the world's equipment for producing solar panels and — because synergy is a good thing — is also now making over half of all new electric cars sold worldwide.

The US is, of course, trying to catch up and one landmark there is that for the first time, the US has this year produced more electricity from wind and solar than it does from coal.

It's not just the richer countries that are taking advantage of this energy revolution. In fact, the push for renewables could be a lifesaver for poorer countries saddled with high fuel import bills for power production.

Here Uruguay stands out as a great example; this South American country was highly reliant on imported oil and gas-based power and, much like Pakistan, greatly suffered from financial shocks whenever the prices of these commodities spiked.

Already at full capacity when it came to hydel power and unwilling to set up nuclear power plants that would rely on imported uranium, Ramón Méndez Galain, Uruguay's then director of energy, decided to bet on wind and solar power. He financed this by holding a series of clean power auctions where the private sector was offered long-term contracts at guaranteed rates, resulting in \$6 billion being invested in renewables in just five years.

In short, he went for the IPP route, only with a focus on renewable energy and with undoubtedly more reasonable terms than we got here in Pakistan. Now Uruguay is reaping the dividends of this approach, with energy production costs having been cut in half and new jobs being created by the clean energy sector.

Perhaps as importantly, Ramón's vision has also practically insulated his country from the shocks of foreign wars and resultant supply issues; from July 2023 to April 2024, Uruguay ran entirely on renewable energy!

There are certainly lessons here for Pakistan, which also pays far too high a price for fuel imports and is unable to withstand any financial shocks, resulting from high prices of imported fuel.

Like Uruguay, we too are primed to take advantage of the natural bounties of wind and solar power, and thankfully, we can now see significant movement in that direction. Recently, K-Electric announced its intention of setting up renewable power projects of a combined 640MW and bidding has already begun on one of these projects, a 150MW solar plant in Balochistan for which they received Pakistan's lowest tariff bid of PKR 11.2 per unit, establishing a new precedent in the Pakistani renewable space. The strong interest from international and local investors in the solar projects not only demonstrates Pakistan's investment potential but also promises significant economic benefits. In addition to this the Sindh government is planning a 550MW floating solar energy project at Keenjhar lake and similar projects are underway across the country and when these are online, Pakistan's energy sector may finally have its day in the sun.

Some may wonder why we are adding capacity when we can't seem to be able to pay for the capacity we already have (and in many cases aren't even using) but we have to understand that there are no quick fixes, and that moving towards renewables in a big way will definitely help us save big bucks in the future. -- Courtesy Dawn

Commerce News

Action plan ready to reform power sector: Awais Leghari

FAISALABAD (APP): Federal Minister of Energy Sardar Awais Ahmad Khan Leghari has said an action plan is on the anvil to introduce reliable reforms to the power sector with an objective to minimize line losses, bring down the cost of electricity production and pass its benefits on to consumers.

He expressed these views during a meeting at the Faisalabad Electric Supply Company (FESCO) office along with Federal Secretary for Energy Dr Muhammad Fakhar Alam Irfan on Monday. He identified

power theft as a major shock to the national economy and said that the government had taken bold steps to contain the menace. He said that on the special directives of the Prime Minister, the electricity crisis had been reined in through revolutionary reforms and hoped that at least 40 percent more power pilferage would be controlled very soon.

He said that apolitical and independent members had been deputed in the Boards of Directors (BODs) of distribution companies (Discos) to check power theft and

provide best possible facilities to the consumers. He said that Discos had been given a free hand to check electricity theft and in this connection, impartial action would be taken against power pilferers. He expressed satisfaction over the performance of FESCO and said that power theft was not restricted to any province or region as it had plagued the entire country and the government would control it with an iron hand. He said that FESCO officers and staff must work hard to eliminate power pilferage on a permanent and sustained basis.

Shell Pakistan reports Rs 1.3 billion profits

ISLAMABAD (APP): Shell Pakistan Limited (SPL) has posted a profit after tax of Rs 1.3 billion for half year results for the company, compared to the profit after tax of Rs. 3.5 billion made in the same period last year.

According to a press release, in October 2023, Shell Petroleum Company Limited entered into a Share Purchase Agreement with Wafi Energy LLC for the sale of its entire shareholding in SPL.

This transaction is currently in progress. In April 2024, an

Addendum to the agreement was posted on the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX), reflecting a change in the capital ownership structure of the Acquirer, where Wafi Energy Holding Limited replaced Wafi Energy LLC as the 'Acquirer'.

On July 27, 2024, a Public Announcement of Offer was made by Arif Habib Limited on behalf of Wafi Energy Holding Limited to further acquire up to 24,162,179 ordinary shares, representing 11.29% of SPL.

Shipping activity at Port Qasim

KARACHI (APP): Four ships, Beek-6, Fairchem Mako, Chemroute Pegasus and Asklipios scheduled to load/offload Rice, Palm oil, Chemicals and LNG, berthed at Grain Terminal, Liquid Terminal, Engro Terminal and Port Gas Terminal respectively on Sunday. Meanwhile seven more ships, MSC Positano, APL Antwerp, MSC Silvia, Lydia, Tivolo Park, Amorgos and Marangas Asclepius carrying Container, Mogas, Chemicals, Coal and LNG are arrived at outer anchorage port during last 24 hours.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue, Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb chaired the Steering Committee Meeting on the Pakistan Raises Revenue Program (PRRP) at the Finance Division.

Commerce minister pledges tax relief for sports goods exporters

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Government is steadfast in its commitment to reducing the tax burden on exporters, the Minister for Commerce, Jam Kamal Khan on Monday assured industry representatives during a key meeting with the Sectoral Council for Sports Goods.

The virtual meeting, held at the Ministry of Commerce, focused on addressing the challenges faced by the sports goods industry, with particular

attention to taxation and energy production policies, said a press release issued here. During the discussion, the Minister pledged to reconsider the current policy that imposes a cap of 100KW on solar energy production for export-oriented industries.

This move is expected to alleviate operational constraints and enhance the competitiveness of the sports goods sector, which heavily relies on sustainable and cost-effective energy solutions.

Belarusian ambassador calls on Aleem Khan

ISLAMABAD (APP): Ambassador of Belarus to Pakistan Andrei Metelitsa called on Federal Minister for Privatization, Board of Investment and Communications Abdul Aleem Khan and discussed issues of mutual interest and bilateral cooperation in various fields. In the meeting, the ambassador highlighted the "Transport Week" to be held in Belarus in September and its representation from Pakistan, said a press release on Monday.

He invited Federal Minister for Communications Abdul Aleem Khan to participate in this inter country event

in Belarus. Ambassador Metelitsa discussed with the minister regarding Pakistan's participation in the "Joint Memorandum" of transport with Russia, Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan.

Abdul Aleem Khan and the ambassador discussed joint projects in the fields of communication and transport and reviewed the possibilities of increasing the existing bilateral relations.

During the meeting, the minister said that mutual relations between Pakistan and Belarus, especially in trade matters can be increased further.

Necessary step to be taken to ensure implementation of PRRP: Aurangzeb

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister for Finance and Revenue Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb on Monday said that the government will continue to engage with stakeholders and take necessary steps to ensure the successful implementation of Pakistan Raises Revenue Programme (PRRP).

The minister chaired the Steering Committee Meeting on the Pakistan Raises Revenue Programme (PRRP), which

was attended by the Minister of State for Finance & Revenue Ali Parvez Malik, Chairman Federal Board of Revenue, Secretary Economic Affairs Division and Secretary Planning Development and Special Initiatives, said a press release.

Secretary Maritime Affairs, Ms. Tania Airdus CEO Waseela, Salman Nasir CEO Ayesha Spinning Mills Limited Kamran Khalid Chief Product Officer Netsol

Technologies, senior officers from concerned ministries and FBR and key stakeholders from the private sector and relevant agencies also attended the meeting.

The meeting focused on the strategies to enhance Pakistan's revenue generation capacity. During the proceedings participants discussed multiple initiatives and reforms aimed at broadening the tax-base, improving tax compliance, and reducing revenue leakages.

IESCO domestic consumers to get Rs 14 per unit relief

ISLAMABAD (APP): The domestic consumers of Islamabad Electric Supply Company (IESCO) who used 201 to 500 units in August will get Rs 14 per unit relief in their electricity bills as per the orders of the Punjab Government.

According to the press release issued by IESCO, for consumers under domestic tariff batches 1 to 5 who have already paid their electricity bills, the excess amount will be adjusted in the September bills. For consumers in batches 1 to 5 who have not yet paid their August bills,

APTMA, German delegation for enhancing bilateral trade

LAHORE (APP): The All Pakistan Textile Mills Association (APTMA) and a visiting delegation of German importers have agreed to enhance sustainability reporting to boost bilateral trade expansion.

The German delegation, led by Dr. Michael Arretz, Managing Director VFI e. V. German Importers and included Ms. Bettina Müller (Project Director, SEQUA), Mr. Christian von Mitzlaff (Supply Chain Due Diligence Consultant), and Mr. Sarim Mahmood (CEO FOS), visited the APTMA office here on Monday.

APTMA North Zone Chairman Kamran Arshad, along with Senior Vice Chairman Asad Shafi, Vice Chairman Ahmed Shafi, Mohammad Ali, Ismail Fared Sh, Haroon Elahi and Secretary General Mohammad Raza Baqir welcomed the delegation.

The German delegation's visit aimed to explore opportunities for cooperation and synergies in the textile sector.

Kamran Arshad emphasized the importance of the €45 million Technical Cooperation Agreement between Pakistan and Germany to enhance trade and investment.



FAISALABAD: Federal Minister for Energy, Awais Ahmad Khan Leghari, chairing a meeting at FESCO Headquarters.

Kundi criticizes PTI for seeking NRO, pleading for release from jail

BUNER (APP): Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi has criticized the leadership of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) for allegedly seeking an NRO (National Reconciliation Ordinance) and pleading for release from jail.

Governor Faisal Karim Kundi said this while addressing the public meeting in Buner on Monday.

Governor Kundi praised the people of Buner for their sacrifices in maintaining peace, emphasizing that their contributions are well-recognized.

He welcomed the public enthusiasm and the joining of other parties into the PPP, describing it as a positive development.

Governor Kundi referred to the events of May 9 as unforgettable and criticized the previous government's performance.

He highlighted that the late Benazir Bhutto endured imprisonment and martyrdom for the country's sake, while former President Asif Ali Zardari spent eleven years in unjust detention without speaking against the country.

He criticized the leadership of PTI for allegedly seeking an NRO and pleading for release from prison.

Kundi expressed confidence that the public support indicates that the upcoming government will be led by the PPP.

Governor Kundi reiterated that providing

economic stability to women was a dream of Benazir Bhutto. He said that the Benazir Income Support Programme is a step toward fulfilling that vision.

Reflecting on 2008, Kundi recalled that when the PPP came into power, the province was engulfed in violence, but by 2012, they had managed to restore peace. However, he criticized the subsequent administration for failing to maintain stability.

He condemned the current state of unrest in the province, highlighting the prevalence of armed groups and the kidnapping of judges. Additionally, he criticized the rise in corruption and the inefficiency of justice institutions.



LAHORE: Punjab Minister for Health and Secretary Health Azmat Mehmood chaired meeting to review revamping in Government Hospital at Specialized Healthcare and Medical Education Department.

CM orders strict price controls on bread, flour

LAHORE (APP): Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif, chairing a meeting on price control immediately after her return to Lahore from Murree on Monday, reviewed food prices, especially the prices of bread and flour, separately in each district.

The CM directed the authorities to never allow bread to be sold above the fixed price in any city, saying that flour should be supplied to people across the province at controlled rate.

The chief minister was briefed by Secretary Industry Ehsan Bhatta about the prices of essential commodities in the province. She was also briefed in detail about price control efforts of the



LAHORE: Members of a charity distributing Langar, free food to devotees at the 981st annual Urs of Hazrat Data Ali Hajveri.

Rapid population growth major national problem: SACM

PESHAWAR (APP): Welfare Gohar Zaman and others also addressed the seminar. During the seminar, the authorities of 'Rahnuma' a civil society organization gave a detailed briefing on the control of the growing population and its prevention in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province.

They informed the special assistant regarding Family Planning Vision 2030 and its targets. Various suggestions for controlling population growth, preventive plans, seeking of clerics support and cooperation in the acceleration of public awareness campaign, legislation, inclusion of subject in the curriculum and supply of medicines to the far-flung areas came under discussion.

ANF seizes 373 kg drugs in 10 operations

RAWALPINDI (APP): Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) while conducting 10 operations across the country managed to recover 373 kg drugs worth Rs 340 million and arrested 10 accused, said an ANF Headquarters spokesman here on Monday.

He informed that 783 grams ice was recovered from a Jeddah-bound passenger arrested at Lahore Airport.

1.140 kg ice and 50 grams heroin were recovered from a parcel booked for Australia at a courier office in Karachi.

In another operation, 190 kg heroin was recovered from Chaman area, 100 kg hashish and 22 kg opium were recovered from Pasni and Gwadar areas.



LAHORE: Punjab Minister for Labour and Human Resource Faisal Ayub Khokhar during his visit to Social Security Hospital Multan Road.

One killed, 3 injured in road mishap

ATTOCK (APP): A six-year-old girl on Monday was killed and three others injured, two among them were women when a car overturned on Bassal-Pindigheb road.

The police sources said that a family belonging to the nearby village Kharappa was going in a car which overturned as the driver lost control over the vehicle due to overspeeding.

Minister takes urgent action on BSTH deteriorating condition

ABBOTTABAD (APP): KP Minister for Revenue Nazir Ahmed Abbasi, along with Tehsil Mayor Sardar Shujaat Nabi Monday paid a surprise visit to the Benazir Shaheed Teaching Hospital (BSTH) Abbottabad. During the inspection, they checked various departments including the Emergency, CCU, Medical Ward, and others, and addressed the concerns of patients and their families. The

SA session re-scheduled for Sept 2

KARACHI (APP): The sitting of the Provincial Assembly (PA) of Sindh has been re-scheduled for September 2, Monday. The Speaker Sindh Assembly Syed Awais Qadir Shah in exercise of powers conferred upon him has adjourned the setting, which was scheduled to be held on August 27 and now it would be held on September 2.

Traffic pressure horns: A negative social practice irritates locals

PESHAWAR (APP): Once known as a City of Flowers, Peshawar is currently confronted with a monster problem of traffic pressure horns, which started unnerving the people.

Exposed to massive traffic jams almost every day, especially during peak hours in the morning and evening, Peshawaris are subjected to various health, mental, and psychological health hazards due to unnecessary pressure horns of buses, buses, wagons, a tsunami of rickshaws and other vehicular traffic that continued to people's headache.

Despite many complaints were made and rules framed; however, the implementation against pressure horns' laws has been declared unsatisfactory in KP.

"No doubt, pressure horns are a social course. On Sunday last, I visited Peshawar where a truck's loud pressure horns affected my hearing structure and faced pains," said Kamal Khan, a resident of Nowshera while talking to APP.

The irritating and doubled hearing pains forced me to visit an ENT specialist for treatment, said Kamal, and questioned that who was responsible for his suffering without naming the PTI Government.

ENT specialist and former professor of Khyber Medical College Peshawar, Dr Fazal Sattar said that using a pressure horn for an extended period can lead to hearing loss, as the loud noise can damage the delicate structures of the ear. Additionally, he said that such horns can be jarring and may cause physical discomfort to its victims due to sudden loud noise. Causing an extreme stress and anxiety in people exposed to it for extended periods of time especially traffic police, vendors shopkeepers, and drivers, he said that in some cases, air horns can even be dangerous and cause accidents while driving or operating machinery.

Dr Sattar said many medical investigations conducted by experts at local and international levels have proved that noise pollution can cause physiological stress reactions such as high blood pressure besides increasing heart rate, speech, and sleep disturbance.

Besides hearing loss, he said that noise pollution could also cause cardiovascular problems associated with accelerated heartbeat, gastric intestinal, decrease in alertness and ability to memorize, and long-lasting effects such as insomnia, nervousness, bulimia, chronically high blood pressure, anxiety, and depression.

In recent years, the noise pressure levels in all major cities including Karachi, Lahore, Peshawar, and Rawalpindi have risen exponentially as unplanned and unmanaged urbanization continued to swell the urban sprawl.

Except for some posh townships, it is difficult to differentiate between a residential and commercial locality, offices, shopping plazas, and auto-repair workshops surround even schools, universities, and hospitals which should always be protected from noise pollution.

International News

Russia fires huge missile, drone salvo at Ukraine's power grid

Monitoring Desk
KYIV: Russia launched about 200 missiles and drones at Ukraine on Monday, killing five people and striking energy facilities nationwide, Kyiv said, while neighbouring Nato member Poland reported a drone had probably entered its airspace.

Power cuts and water supply outages were reported in many areas, including parts of Kyiv, as officials said the attack — 2.5 years into Russia's full-scale invasion — targeted power or other critical infrastructure in at least 10 regions.

Russia dramatically stepped up its strikes on the Ukrainian power grid in March in what Kyiv has said looked like a concerted

effort to degrade the system ahead of next winter when people need electricity and heating most.

Monday's missile and drone salvo was Russia's most intense in weeks, coming as Ukraine is claiming new ground in a major cross-border incursion into Russia's southern Kursk region while Russian forces steadily inch forward in Ukraine's east, closing in on the transport hub of Pokrovsk.

"It was one of the biggest combined strikes. More than a hundred missiles of various types and about a hundred Shahed drones. And like most previous Russian strikes, this one is just as sneaky, targeting critical civilian infrastructure," President

Volodymyr Zelenskiy said on Telegram.

Poland said an "object" had entered its airspace, that it may have landed on Polish territory and that searches were underway.

"Most likely it was a drone and we assume so, because the trajectory of the flight and the speed indicate that it was definitely not a missile," Jacek Gorzyszewski, spokesperson for the Polish army's operational command, told Reuters.

According to Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal, 15 Ukrainian regions sustained damage from the missile and drone barrage. Zelenskiy said the energy sector had suffered "a lot of damage".



North Korean leader Kim Jong Un oversees a performance test of drones during a visit to the Drone Institute of North Korea's Academy of Defence Sciences at an undisclosed location in North Korea.

North Korea's Kim Jong Un oversees tests of 'suicide drones'

Monitoring Desk
SEOUL: North Korean leader Kim Jong Un watched as new "suicide drones" took off and destroyed test targets including a mock tank, and urged researchers to develop artificial intelligence for the unmanned vehicles, state media reported on Monday.

Kim visited the Drone Institute of North Korea's Academy of Defence Sciences on Saturday and

Russia skips UN meeting pledging respect for humanitarian law

Monitoring Desk
GENEVA: Switzerland hosted United Nations Security Council members at a meeting in Geneva on Monday to recommit to international humanitarian law, describing an "alarming" global context characterised by over 120 armed conflicts, with Russia the only member absent.

Switzerland, which is one of the 15 members, organised the informal meeting to commemorate the Geneva Conventions, signed 75 years ago after World War Two in the Swiss city to limit the barbarity of war.

UN 'concerned' by newly ratified Afghan morality law

Monitoring Desk
KABUL: The UN mission in Afghanistan said on Sunday it was "concerned" about a morality law recently ratified by the Taliban authorities, criticising in particular restrictions on women.

The Taliban authorities on Aug 21 announced the codification of a law with 35 articles detailing wide-ranging behaviour and lifestyle restrictions based on their strict interpretation of Islamic law.

The law sets out graduated punishments for non-compliance —

China, Philippines clash in South China Sea

Monitoring Desk
MANILA: The Philippines and China clashed in disputed waters of the South China Sea on Sunday over what Manila said was a resupply mission for fishermen, the latest in a series of sea and air confrontations in the strategic waterway.

The incident overshadows efforts by both nations to rebuild trust and better manage disputes after months of confrontations, including a violent clash in June, in which a Filipino sailor lost a finger.

The Philippines on Sunday accused China of "aggressive and dangerous manoeuvres" to block the resupply mission. China's coast guard, meanwhile, said it had taken "control measures" against a vessel that had "illegally" entered the waters and repeatedly approached Chinese ships in a dangerous manner.

Rohingya refugees mark the anniversary of their exodus and demand a safe return to Myanmar

Monitoring Desk
COX'S BAZAR: Tens of thousands of Rohingya refugees from Myanmar who live in sprawling camps in Bangladesh on Sunday marked the seventh anniversary of their mass exodus, demanding safe return to Myanmar's Rakhine state.

The refugees gathered in an open field at Kutupalong camp in Cox's Bazar district carrying banners and festoons reading "Hope is Home" and "We Rohingya are the citizens of Myanmar," defying the rain on a day that is marked as "Rohingya Genocide Day."

On Aug. 25, 2017, hundreds of thousands of refugees started crossing the border to Bangladesh on foot and by boats amid indiscriminate killings and other violence in Myanmar's Rakhine state.

Myanmar had launched a brutal crackdown following attacks by an insurgent group on guard posts. The scale, organization and ferocity of the operation led to accusations from the international community, including the U.N., of ethnic cleansing and genocide. Then-Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina ordered border guards to open the border, eventually allowing more than 700,000 refugees to take shelter in the Muslim-majority nation. The influx was in addition to the more than 300,000 refugees who had already been living in Bangladesh for decades in the wake of waves of previous violence perpetrated by Myanmar's military. Since 2017, Bangladesh has attempted at least twice to send the refugees back and has urged the international community to build pressure on Myanmar for a peaceful environment inside Myanmar that could help start the repatriation. Hasina also sought help from China to mediate. But in the recent past, the situation in Rakhine state has become more volatile after a group called Arakan Army started fighting against Myanmar's security forces.

Australia gives millions of workers 'right to disconnect'

Monitoring Desk
SYDNEY: Australia gave millions of workers the legal right to "disconnect" on Monday, allowing them to ignore unreasonable out-of-hours calls, emails and texts from their bosses.

People can now refuse to monitor, read, or respond to their employers' attempts to contact them outside work hours — unless that refusal is deemed "unreasonable".

Unions welcomed the legislation, saying it gave workers a way to reclaim some work-life balance.

"Today is a historic day for working people," said Michele O'Neil, president of the Australian Council of Trade Unions.

"Australian unions have reclaimed the right to knock off after work," she said. In the streets of Sydney, people appeared to welcome the change.

"I have a very hard time disconnecting and even

Brazil deploys military planes to fight wildfires in southeast

Monitoring Desk
RIBEIRO PRETO: The Brazilian government is deploying military planes to combat wildfires ravaging Sao Paulo state in the southeast, as more than 40 cities have been placed on high alert, the regional development minister announced on Sunday.

Minister Waldez Góes said that four planes will be mobilised initially "to fight the flames and monitor affected zones." They include a KC-390 Embraer, a troop transport craft converted to be able to drop loads of up to 12,000 litres of water on fire zones.

Among the cities most threatened is Ribeirão Preto, with a population of more than 700,000, 300km from Sao Paulo.

Videos posted on social media showed Ribeirão Preto plunged into near-darkness by a dense layer of smoke. "It's apocalyptic. Lots of wind, lots of smoke — you can't even see the city."



QUETTA: Provincial Minister for Finance Mir Shoaib Nausherwani and Education Minister Raheela Hameed Khan Durrani presiding over a meeting regarding financial issues of Public Sector Universities of the Province

Balochistan Universities Financial Commission meets: Govt. determined to resolve financial issues of PSUs in limited resources: Shoaib

Independent Report
QUETTA: The Chairman, Universities Finance Commission and Provincial Minister for Finance, Mir Shoaib Nausherwani has stated that our government is mobilizing all available resources for promotion of education in the province so that the young generation may brighten the name of Balochistan and country by getting modern scientific and technical education.

Mir Shoaib Nausherwani also said that our government has been determined to resolve the financial issues of the teachers of universities remaining in the limited resources.

He said that we have

not only given funds for payment of the salaries of the teachers before, but Rs. 2.5 billion are also being given to ensure payment of the salaries of the teachers even now.

However, there is dire need to prepare a policy for resolving the financial issues of the universities on sustainable basis.

He was chairing the meeting of the Universities Finance Commission along with the Provincial Minister for Education, Ms Rahila Hameed Durrani here on Monday.

The Secretary Finance, Babar Khan, Secretary Higher Education, Hafiz Muhammad Tahir and vice Chancellors of all public sector universities of the province.

The meeting formed a committee with the Vice Chancellor of Balochistan University of Information Technology, Engineering and Management Sciences, Dr Khalid Hafeez, as its chairman and Secretary Finance, Secretary Higher Education, representative of Higher Education Commission, Vice Chancellor of Bolan Medical University, Dr Shabbir Lehri and Vice Chancellor, Dr Abdul Razzaq Sabir as its members.

As per the decision, the committee would present its recommendations within 15 days.

Afterwards, new formula would be prepared for resolving financial issues of the universities with consensus.

NA told Operationalization of Gwadar Airport likely by December

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister for Aviation Khawaja Muhammad Asif on Monday informed the National Assembly that the New Gwadar International Airport project has substantially completed, and its operationalization is expected by December after formal handovers and trials.

Responding to various questions during Question Hour, he said the New General Aviation Aerodrome near Muridke was substantially completed and would be operational by next month. It was anticipated that general aviation organizations and flying schools would be relocated to the new aerodrome within three to four months, he said.

Replying to another question, Khawaja Muhammad Asif said before the operationalization of Islamabad International Airport (IIAP), Cabinet Secretariat Aviation Division

vide letter No 6-12/84-P&D dated 3rd February, 2017 has forwarded a copy of Prime Minister's Office Islamabad letter No. 378/M/SPM/2017 dated 1st February, 2017 where in it has been directed PCAA to carry out a consultative exercise and initiate a summary for the Cabinet proposing possible names that can be given to the New IIAP Islamabad.

Accordingly, the PCAA has forwarded the summary to Aviation Division vide letter of even number dated 9th February, 2017 wherein the name of Liaquat Ali Khan International Airport was among the names which were proposed to be named for the airport, Liaquat Ali Khan International Airport, Fatima Jinnah International Airport, Abdul Sattar Edhi International Airport, Dr. A.Q Khan International Airport, Dr Abdus Salam International Airport,

Sardar Abd ur Rab Nishtar International Airport, Baba Bulleh Shah International Airport, Data Ganj Baksh International Airport, Muhammad Ali Jauhar International Airport and Ch. Rehmat Ali International Airport.

The name of Islamabad International Airport was formally declared by Cabinet Division Memorandum dated 7th March, 2018, he added.

He said in 2017 a matter regarding naming newly constructed airport of Islamabad was discussed with the then Prime Minister, wherein, it was directed to submit proposals after making necessary consultations. Accordingly, few names were submitted to the Prime Minister vide Summary dated 06.06.2017. The then Prime Minister shortlisted two names i.e. IIAP and Gandhara International Airport for placing before the Federal Cabinet.



QUETTA: MPA Molvi Noorullah meeting with Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti

IHC summons detailed report on handing over Aafia to US till Friday

ISLAMABAD (Online): Islamabad High Court (IHC) has summoned on Friday detailed report from foreign ministry about handing over Aafia Siddiqui to US.

The court also issued directive replies to two questions of the court be submitted that "had ISI any evidence against Aafia Siddiqui and had ISI mandate to hand over Aafia Siddiqui and her children to some one else."

On the other hand Mr Smith the counsel for Aafia Siddiqui has filed his affidavit in the court.

It has been said in the affidavit that in 2003 Sindh government handed over Aafia Siddiqui and her children to ISI and ISI handed over Aafia Siddiqui with her children to US.

Upon this affidavit the IHC has sought replies to two questions with reference to handing over Aafia Siddiqui and her children to US authorities.

Justice Sardar Ijaz

Ishaq took up the case for hearing on Monday.

Additional Attorney General (AAG) Muhammad Iqbal Dogal, Imran Shafiq counsel for family of Aafia Siddiqui and amicus curiae Zainab Janjua appeared in the court.

Fouzia Siddiqui sister of Aafia Siddiqui also appeared in the court through video link.

At the inception of hearing Mr Smith counsel for Aafia Siddiqui filed his affidavit in the court.

The affidavit said Sindh government handed over Aafia Siddiqui along with her children to ISI in 2003 and ISI handed over Aafia Siddiqui with her children to US.

Justice Sardar Ijaz

Govt. to bring terrorists & facilitators to task, says Abdul Khaliq Achakzai

Independent Report
QUETTA: The Speaker Balochistan Assembly, Captain (Retd) Abdul Khaliq Achakzai has condemned the terrorist attack in Musakhail that claimed lives of 23 innocent passengers.

In a condemnation statement issued here on Monday, the Speaker expressed deep grief and sorrow over loss of precious lives in the tragic incident of terrorism in Musakhail.

He expressed heartfelt condolence to the bereaved families of those martyred in the terrorist attack.

He said that the terrorists and their facilitators involved in the cowardly act would get exemplary punishment.

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Senator Samina Zehri says: Nefarious ambitions of the enemies will be crushed

Independent Report
QUETTA: Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri, the chairperson of the Senate Standing Committee on Human Rights, has strongly condemned the terrorist incidents in other areas of Balochistan, including the killing of innocent people in the terrorist incidents in Musakhail. Expressing deep grief and anger.

She said in her condemnation statement that humanity is ashamed of the Musa Khel incident, that innocent people were thrown from the vehicles and killed. Knowing the cowardly enemy and their facilitators will not be able to escape in any way. Very soon all these cowardly elements will be sent to hell.

In her condemnation statement, she condemned the incident as little as possible. She further said in her

condemnation statement that the recent incidents of terrorism in other parts of Balochistan are the actions of cowardly and anti-national elements that will soon be brought to the level of infidels. Expressing grief and sorrow, she expressed her heartfelt sympathy and condolence to the families of the deceased and prayed that Allah may grant the martyrs a high place in His mercy and patience to the families. She said that targeting innocent citizens is a form of terrorism. There is evidence of kidney failure. She said that the purpose of the cowardly incidents of terrorism is to weaken Pakistan, which is moving towards political and economic stability, and to push it towards instability, which will not be allowed to succeed under any circumstances.



QUETTA: Inspector General of Police Balochistan Abdul Khaliq Sheikh addressing under trainee officers of National Police Academy Islamabad during study tour of Quetta

Security forces & people are on same page in war against terrorism, Jatak

Independent Report
QUETTA: The Provincial Minister for Agriculture, Mir Ali Madad Jatak has condemned the incidents of terrorism occurred in different areas of the province in strongest words.

In a condemnation statement issued here on Monday, the Provincial Minister expressed deep grief and sorrow over loss of precious lives in the incidents of terrorism.

He said that the security forces and people are on same page in the war against terrorism.

He paid homage to those who rendered sacrifices of their lives for the

country and nation.

Mir Ali Madad Jatak said that the provincial government would chase and hunt down the terrorists and take them to task.

He said that the terrorists blocked the highways at different places and then set vehicles of people ablaze. The terrorists also assassinated some 23 persons after offloading them from the vehicles, he noted with concern.

He said that the innocent people were targeted in the terrorism incidents. He said that anti-Pakistan elements are opponent to the development of Balochistan.

Tarar condemns act of terrorism in Musakhel

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Information, Broadcasting, National Heritage and Culture Attaullah Tarar on Monday strongly condemned the brutality of terrorists in Musakhel, Balochistan.

In a statement, Attaullah Tarar expressed deep sorrow and grief over the killing of 23 persons by terrorists firing.

The minister said that terrorists brutally targeted innocent passengers near Musakhel which was highly condemnable act.

The terrorists involved in this heinous incident and their facilitators will not be able to escape from punishment, he maintained.



QUETTA: A delegation led by Chairman Khidmat-e-Khalq Foundation Naimatullah Zaheer meeting with Governor Balochistan Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail

Enemy countries trying to sabotage peace, dev, in Balochistan: Asif

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister for Defense Khawaja Muhammad Asif on Monday said that enemy countries were trying to sabotage peace and development in Balochistan region.

Talking to a private television channel program, he said that rival countries were funding the terrorists to slow down the development works in the province but the incumbent government was fully determined to quell all such activities and designs of the enemy.

In reply to a question

about today's killing incidents in Balochistan, he said anti-Pakistan forces were making efforts to weaken Pakistan.

He said Jaws of law enforcement agencies were striving hard to wipe out the terrorism from the country. Pakistan has made a lot of sacrifices in war on terror, he stated.

To a question, he said some people were doing business in the name of missing persons. These people are hiding in foreign countries and operating from there to create unrest in this part of the region.

Three more officers of Adiala Jail transferred for 'facilitating' IK

RAWALPINDI (INP): Three officers of Adiala Jail have been transferred on the allegations of "facilitating" Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) founder Imran Khan.

After the arrest of the PTI leader's alleged facilitators in the prison, transfer of officers is going on. The Prisons IG on Monday issued a notification transferring the three officers.

According to the notification, Additional Superintendent Aftab Ahmed has been transferred to the Punjab Staff Training College.

NIC of Moonis blocked in money laundering case

LAHORE (Online): National Identity Card (NIC) of PTI leader Chaudhry Moonis Elahi has been blocked in money laundering case under the orders of court.

Spokesperson of FIA Lahore told the media men NIC of Moonis Elahi has been blocked under Lahore High Court order and his passport has been placed in control list.

Spokesperson said the national identity cards of 6 accused including Moonis Elahi have been blocked in money laundering case.

The other accused whose NIC have been blocked in money laundering case are Aamir Sohail, Umair Fayyaz, Imtiaz Ali Shah, Farasat Ali and Abid Ali Khan. Case No16/23 is registered against the accused in Anti Money Laundering circle.

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MARDAN: Chairman PkMAP Mahmood Khan Achakzai addressing a public gathering on eve of death anniversary of Sher Ali Bacha

Jamal condemns terrorist attacks in Balochistan

QUETTA (APP): Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) leader Nawabzada Jamal Khan Raisani Monday expressed deep concern over the recent acts of terrorism in Musa Khel and Bolan Balochistan and called for immediate and decisive action against terrorists.

In a statement, he emphasized that the time has come for concrete steps to be taken to ensure peace and stability in the country, urging the nation to move beyond mere condemnations to practical measures.

Jamal Raisani condemned the recent terrorist attacks in Balochistan, stating that the people of the province have made countless sacrifices for the security and peace of the nation.

"I have carried the coffins of my brother, father, and loved ones on my shoulders, so I am well aware of the pain experienced by the families affected by terrorism," he said.

He said the terrorist incidents in Musa Khel and Bolan have shaken the entire nation, where 29 innocent civilians were brutally killed after their identification cards were checked.

"Identification cards do not mention Baloch, Punjabi, Sindhi, or Pashtun, but the word 'Pakistan.' Terrorists have no religion, ethnicity, or language."

Jamal Raisani described these incidents as cowardly acts and criticized certain elements for attempting to portray these events through a lens of nationalism to present themselves as heroes.

He said that their goal is to spread hatred and discord throughout Pakistan and Balochistan aiming to pit communities against each other. Jamal Raisani urged the nation to unite against terrorism and stressed that the time has come to launch decisive action against terrorists to eradicate terrorism from its roots.

Parliament to complete its term: Rana

ISLAMABAD (APP): Advisor to the Prime Minister on Political Affairs, Rana Sanaullah Khan, on Monday said that Pakistan Muslim League Nawaz (PML-N) was ready for dialogue, as it has always been.

Talking to a private news channel, he said that PML-N repeatedly initiated dialogues for the country's betterment and strengthening democracy. He said that PML-N had proposed a charter of the economy as a solution to pull the nation out of the economic crisis, that worsened during the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) regime.

Answering a question, he dismissed the notion of forming a national government, stating that the Parliament and National Assembly were in place, and will complete its constitutional term.

In response to a question, he said all institutions must work within their constitutional limits for the betterment of Pakistan.



QUETTA: Jamhoori Watan Party (JWP) flag flying half-mast at Bugti House in connection of death anniversary of Leader of JWP Nawabzada Akbar Khan Bugti, in Quetta.

Targeting innocent people is an unforgivable crime: Hassan Zehri

Independent Report
QUETTA: Pakistan Peoples Party Senior Leader, Spokesman President Asif Ali Zardari and Provincial Adviser on Industry and Crafts Mir Ali Hassan Zehri strongly condemn the incident of terrorism in Rara Sham area of ??Musakhel district in which armed men killed 23 people belonging to Punjab. The passengers were taken off the buses and killed by firing, but they have expressed deep grief and sorrow. In his condemnation statement, he strongly condemned the incident and said that the killing of 23

innocent people by terrorists in Rara Sham is a highly condemnable incident, which we strongly condemn and assure that the terrorists will be punished, and they will not sit down with China before they are wiped out and will chase the terrorists and their facilitators to their end. He further said in his condemnation statement that various areas of Balochistan including Gwadar, Kolpur, Kalat, Khudkucha, Balochistan. The recent incidents of terrorism in other parts of the province are the actions of cowardly and anti-national elements that will soon be brought to the level of infidels.



QUETTA: Parliamentary Secretary Meena Majeed meeting with Provincial Finance Minister Mir Shoaib Nausherwani

Senator Bizenjo slams terrorism incidents

Independent Report
QUETTA: While strongly condemning the incidents of terrorism in Musakhail, Kalat, Bolan and different areas of Balochistan, the former Chief Minister and Senator, Mir Abdul Qudus Bizenjo has stated that assassination of innocent and armless people is cowardly acts. In a condemnation statement issued here on Monday, Mir Abdul Qudus Bizenjo has expressed heartfelt grief and

sorrow over loss of lives in different incidents of terrorism and said that the elements involved in the incidents of terrorism and association of innocent people don't deserve to be called as human being.

He said that the people of Balochistan are united against terrorism.

The former Chief Minister said that the security forces would eliminate terrorism with support of the people.

Funeral prayers of Kalat's martyrs offered

QUETTA (APP): The funeral prayers of the Levies and Police personnel who were martyred by unknown armed men last night were offered at RTC Kalat.

Deputy Commissioner Kalat, Bilal Shabir, SSP Kalat Dostin Dashti, Commandant Kalat Scouts at Khuzdar Col Hafiz Kashif, Wing Commander FC Col Umar Farooq, Additional Deputy Commissioner Dr. Dost Mohammad Langov, Director Operation Balochistan Levies Force Dr. Mirwias, Assistant Commissioner Aftab

Ahmed Lasi, Principal RTC Kalat Sikandar Khan Khajak, QRF Major Ghulam Murtaza Ummrani DSP Manzoor Ahmad, DSP Abdul Rahim, DSP Zubir Ahmad and senior official of Levies and Police forces, political and tribal leaders and the general public attended the funeral prayers. Levies and Police forces paid tribute to the martyrs and prayed for the elevation of the ranks.

The official source confirmed that a police sub-inspector, four Levies officials.



KALAT: Funeral prayers of police and levies personnel who embraced Shahadat during fight with terrorists being offered