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ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif in a group photo with students at the International Youth Day ceremony.

PM Shehbaz pledges support for youth to transform Pakistan into a developed nation

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Monday pledged to allocate ample resources to the nation's youth to help transform the country into a thriving, developed nation.

Speaking at an event marking the International Day of Youth, organized by the Prime Minister's Youth Programme, he recalled his service as Chief Minister of Punjab under the leadership of President Pakistan Muslim League Nawaz Muhammad Nawaz Sharif. He aimed to provide opportunities for the youth to change the country's destiny as prime minister.

"The country's youth have the potential to elevate the nation to new heights, if given access to modern education and resources," he added.

He expressed his vision of equipping talented youth with modern education, In-

formation Technology, and Artificial Intelligence to spark a revolution in the country, similar to the progress seen in China. He highlighted his previous efforts in providing modern facilities to students at Danish Schools.

Shehbaz Sharif also lamented that, despite having abundant resources and 77 years of independence, the country remains heavily burdened by debt. He noted that extreme poverty prevents many from affording basic needs, such as arranging marriages for their daughters, while the country's elite class enjoys significant privileges.

He stated that this year, the federal government will provide one million smartphones, tablets, and laptops to top-performing students across the country, including those from Azad Jammu and Kashmir, Gilgit-Baltistan, and remote areas of

Balochistan. Additionally, each province has its separate programs to support students, he added.

Additionally, the prime minister announced that he will personally fund the education of 1,000 agricultural graduates in China, aiming to equip them with modern technology to boost agri production. Huawei has also committed to sending 200,000 youth for IT training and advanced education, he said adding that he will unveil a comprehensive development plan for the country on August 14.

The prime minister stated that nothing was impossible in this world and emphasized the need to progress by learning from past mistakes. He assured that the country's hockey will be revived. Praising javelin thrower Arshad Nadeem, he noted that Nadeem had won a gold medal for the country after a drought of over 40 years.



ISLAMABAD: H.E. Henny Fokel De Vries, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Netherlands called on Minister for Defence, Defence Production and Aviation Khawaja Muhammad Asif.

Imran Khan warns of protests if attempts made to extend CJP Isa's term

RAWALPINDI (INP): Founder of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), Imran Khan, has warned of potential protests if the government disregards decisions concerning reserved seats and attempts to extend the Chief Justice's term.

During an informal discussion with journalists in Adiala Jail, Khan expressed his discontent with the current political climate, comparing Pakistan's situation to that of Bangladesh under Sheikh Hasina.

"Our conditions are worse than Bangladesh's," Khan claimed.

Describing the conditions, the PTI's supreme noted that Hasina Wajid had appointed her own

Army Chief, Chief Justice, and police chiefs while sidelining opposition parties.

He drew parallels between these events and Pakistan, stating "These events have occurred and are occurring in Pakistan as well."

In a critique of the government's handling of the 9 May incidents, Khan accused the authorities of orchestrating a crackdown on PTI under false pretenses. "The same people who stole footage of 9 May were responsible for the events of that day. Half of our leadership was jailed, while the rest went underground or were coerced out of the party," stated Khan.

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Ahsan stresses upon peace, stability, reforms for national success

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Professor Ahsan Iqbal on Monday emphasized upon the crucial role of peace, political stability, policy continuity, and continuous reforms in achieving national success.

Speaking at an event marking the International Day of Youth, organized by the Prime Minister's Youth Programme, he stressed that these interconnected factors were vital for driving growth and prosperity in Pakistan, urging the youth to recog-

nize the importance of a stable and peaceful environment for the country's progress.

"This is not a matter of political ideology, but a question of the future and well-being of 240 million people and youth of Pakistan," he added.

Ahsan Iqbal expressed his belief that a stable government, under the leadership of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, working towards a single agenda for the next five years, would empower the youth to surpass India in the race for success.

Defence Minister visits Naval Headquarters

ISLAMABAD (APP): Defence Minister, Khawaja Muhammad Asif on Monday visited Naval Headquarters (NHQ) here and called on Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Naveed Ashraf. During the meeting, matters about the Regional Maritime Security milieu and operational readiness of the Pakistan Navy were discussed, a Pakistan Navy news release said.

The naval chief apprised the minister on maritime challenges and the Pakistan Navy's preparedness to meet them. The minister was also briefed on the Pakistan Navy's future capability enhancement and modernization plans.

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Mountaineer Murad Sadpara passes away

ISLAMABAD (INP): One of the top climbers of the country, Murad Sadpara, who went missing after being wounded in the Broad Peak a day ago, passed away on Monday.

The vice president of Alpine club, Ayaz Shigri confirmed the news of Sadpara's death.

Sadpara was injured in his way back from the summit of Broad Peak which is 8,047 metres in height.

The Pakistan Army helicopter helped four climbers reach the base camp where they were also trying to retrieve Sadpara's dead body.

It must be noted that Sadpara had climbed four peaks including the K-2. He was spearheading the 'K-2 Clean-up Expedition' and was involved in retrieving Hassan Shigri's dead body last year.

Reports about removing Governor Tessori in Sindh baseless: Dar

ISLAMABAD (INP): Deputy Prime Minister Ishaq Dar on Monday ruled out the reports regarding removal of Governor Sindh Kamran Tessori.

Talking to a private TV channel here, he termed the reports about replacing Tessori as baseless and out of context.

Ishaq Dar was of the view that Bashir Memon was not being appointed as the new governor of the province.

Final decision over Sindh's governor will be taken in next few days, he added.

Earlier, the Muttahida Qaumi Movement-Pakistan (MQM-P), a key ally of PML-N at the Centre,

Former DG ISI Faiz Hameed into military custody, court martial initiated: ISPR

ISLAMABAD (Agencies): In an unprecedented move, the country's former spymaster, Lt-Gen (ret'd) Faiz Hameed, was detained by military authorities and court martial proceedings have been initiated against him on charges of corruption, misuse of authority and violating the Pakistan Army Act.

"Complying with the orders of Supreme Court of Pakistan, a detailed court of inquiry was undertaken by Pakistan Army, to ascertain correctness of complaints in Top City case made against Lt-Gen (ret'd) Faiz Hameed. Consequently, appropriate disciplinary action has been initiated against Hameed, under provisions of Pakistan Army Act," read a statement issued by military's media wing, the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) on Monday. "In addition, multiple instances of violation of Pakistan Army Act post

retirement have also been established. The process of Field General Court Martial has been initiated and Gen Faiz has been taken into military custody," the statement added.

Given the powerful position of head of ISI, it is seen as unusual that the former spymaster was not only arrested but court martial proceedings have been initiated against him.

The charges against Gen Faiz date back to May 2017 when he was DG-C in the ISI. In April, the army constituted a high-level inquiry committee headed by a major general to look into the allegations against Gen Faiz.

The inquiry was ordered in pursuant to the orders of the Supreme Court and in the light of the directives of the Ministry of Defence. This was the first formal inquiry ordered against Gen Faiz, who resigned in November 2022 four



months before his retirement date.

Gen Faiz served as DG C in the ISI and later headed the spy agency. His name surfaced in many controversies including the Faizabad Dharna case. Three-time former prime minister Nawaz Sharif named him and Gen Bajwa as main characters behind his removal through a Supreme Court decision.

Charges against Faiz On November 8, 2023, Moez Ahmed Khan, the owner of Top City, filed a petition in the Supreme Court in which he accused

Gen Faiz for misusing his authority.

The petition stated that on May 12, 2017, on the behest of Gen Faiz, ISI officials raided the Top City office and his house. During the raid, valuables, including gold, diamonds and money, were seized from the house by ISI officials, the petitioner alleged.

The petition also stated that Sardar Najaf, the brother of Gen Faiz, also contacted him to resolve the issue later.

The petition also claimed that Gen Faiz later personally met him to resolve the issue, in which he assured that some of the items which had been taken away by the ISI officials during the raid would be returned. However, 400 tolas of gold and cash will not be returned to him.

The petition also alleged that the ISI officials extorted Rs4 crore cash from them.

Considering the sensitivity of the matter and in view of these serious allegations, a three-judge bench of the Supreme Court, which included Chief Justice of Pakistan Justice Qazi Faiz Isa, Justice Athar Minallah and Justice Aminuddin, heard the case.

The Supreme Court observed this was a very serious matter and the serious nature of allegations may damage the image of the entire institution, therefore the matter cannot be ignored. The Supreme Court asked the attorney general to look into the matter and discuss with the relevant authorities.

The Attorney General for Pakistan assured the Supreme Judiciary that full cooperation will be given to the matter and action will be taken according to law.

Following the direction, the army constituted the inquiry committee to look into the matter.



ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari addressing a ceremony in connection with Minorities' Day in Pakistan, at Aiwan-e-Sadr.

LHC decision annulled: SC declares 3 PML-N candidates successful in NA constituencies

ISLAMABAD (Online): Supreme Court (SC) while nullifying Lahore High Court (LHC) decision pertaining to National Assembly (NA) constituencies including NA-79, NA-81 and NA-154 has declared PML-N candidates successful.

SC while accepting appeal pleas of PML-N leaders restored Election Commission (EC) decision.

SC announced decision with 2-1 majority on Monday.

It has been said in majority decision EC is a constitutional institution which deserves respect. Judges of LHC gave unnecessary remarks about head of EC and its members. LHC decision cannot be maintained.

A 3-member bench of SC presided over by Chief Justice of Pakistan Qazi Faez Isa had reserved decision on appeal pleas.

Justice Aqeel Abbasi

differed with the decision.

It is pertinent to mention here that Abdul Rehman Kanju, Azhar Qayyum Nehra and Zulfikar Ahmed from PML-N had resorted to SC against LHC decision.

Objections were raised in NA 154 Lodhran, NA 81 Gujranwala and NA 79 Gujranwala in February election.

EC had accepted pleas of PML-N candidates. EC had issued notification regarding success of 3 candidates of PML-N.

SC has accepted appeal pleas of Abdul Rehman Kanju, Azhar Qayyum Nehra and Zulfikar Ahmed from PML-N in this decision.

On April 25 LHC had declared null and void the notices issued by EC to PTI backed 2 independent MNAs on their petitions seeking re-count in their respective constituencies.

Pakistan committed to protection of minorities' rights, ensure equal opportunities: President

ISLAMABAD (APP): President Asif Ali Zardari on Monday reiterated that Pakistan was committed to protection of the rights of minorities and provision of equal opportunities to them to excel in every walk of life as enshrined in the Constitution of Pakistan.

Addressing a ceremony to mark the celebrations of Minorities' Day at the Aiwan-e-Sadr, the president said, "Under the Constitution and under the onus of oath my office, I have the duty to protect all rights of the minorities and provide all kind of facilitation".

He said that the objective behind the observance of Minorities' Day at the official level was to acknowledge the valuable contributions made by the members of different communities living in Pakistan.

The president further stressed upon enhancement

of jobs opportunities for the minorities in different government's departments on merit basis besides, increasing the existing jobs quota.

Lauding the role of the minorities in the national progress and prosperity, he said that they were the equal citizens of Pakistan and future builders of the nation.

Stressing upon the significance of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah's vision, the president said they were required to fully emulate his message aimed at fostering unity, brotherhood and religious tolerance in society. The event arranged by the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony was attended by members of parliament, ulama, religious leaders, members of the diplomatic corps, media and representatives from different minorities.

Comparing the current situation in India, the president said "Modi's India is not a safe haven for the minorities," and lauded Quaid's farsightedness and leadership who had realized the future fate of minorities in India. President Zardari said the people of Pakistan always felt the pains of sufferings of humanity and for those lying lowly in society and accorded due respect and space to all the minorities living here because such a message of human consideration had been embedded in their religion and culture.

He also recited a verse of famous Sindh poet, Shah Abdul Latif Bhittai, in this regard to emphasize his point of view.

While recollecting the events of Pakistan Movement, he said that his father in his youth took active part for the creation of Pakistan.

Pakistan's Parliament championed critical legislation on gender violence, women empowerment: Speaker NA

ISLAMABAD (APP): Speaker National Assembly, Sardar Ayaz Sadiq on Monday said the path to sustainable and inclusive development sans women empowerment and gender equality was elusive whereas the Parliament of Pakistan had championed critical legislation barring gender violence and supporting women empowerment in the country.

In his keynote address at the inaugural session of the two-day meeting of the Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (AFPPD) on "Gender Empowerment and Green Economy", the Speaker underscored that the presence of high-level dignitaries depicted great leadership and partnership

of regional parliamentarians in achieving gender equality and women empowerment goals.

As many as 15 Asian countries' parliamentarians and others from Pakistan, diplomatic community, high level political figures, government officials, international non-governmental organisations (INGOs), members of international donor organisations, and academia participated the event. Speaker National Assembly, Sardar Ayaz Sadiq lauded PM's aide Romina Khurshid Alam for her tireless efforts in organizing the international meeting with a very timely and pertinent agenda synchronized with the national sustainable development goals. The parliament of Pa-

kistan has played a crucial role in ensuring well guided legislation on gender equality, reproductive health, and established women caucus, youth parliamentarians committee, and other parliamentary forums for inclusive engagement of all stakeholders in policy making initiatives, he added.

"The Parliament of Pakistan became the first public building for securing net metering license to promote green economy and renewables. The Speaker National Assembly's residence and the Parliament building were first converted over solar energy when there was no public building with solar power in the country," he mentioned.



ISLAMABAD: Speaker National Assembly, Sardar Ayaz Sadiq in a group photograph with other guests at the inaugural session of the Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development on 'Gender Empowerment and Green Economy'.

Shehbaz Sharif provided various opportunities to empower Youth: Rana

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chairman of the Prime Minister Youth Program (PMYP) Rana Mashhood Ahmed Khan said on Monday that Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has provided youth with many opportunities, resources, and support.

Talking to the media at the Youth Festival organised to celebrate International Youth Day at Pak China Friendship Center, he said the government under the dynamic leadership of the prime minister was taking various initiatives to highlight the potential and provide more employment and other opportunities to the youth.

He stated, "On this International Youth Day, we stand with the global community in celebrating the notable achievements of

our youth."

Mashhood affirmed PMYP's commitment to creating an environment where youth can thrive, innovate, and lead.

The Chairman highlighted several existing and upcoming initiatives under the PMYP including, PM Skill Development Programs (NAVTTTC), PM Youth Laptop Scheme, Pakistan Education Endowment Fund, Youth Business and Agriculture Loan Scheme, PM Youth Internship Program, National Innovation Award, setting up of the PM National Youth Council, PM National Volunteer Corps, PM Digital Youth Hub, PM Talent Hunt, Youth Sports League, PM Sports Academies, Green Energy Solarization and PM Green Youth Movement to empower the



Federal Minister for Finance & Revenue Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb presiding over a meeting of the Cabinet Committee on State-Owned Enterprises (CCoSOEs) in Islamabad.

NA speaker, Belarusian envoy discuss bilateral ties, parliamentary cooperation

ISLAMABAD (APP): National Assembly (NA) Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq on Monday said Pakistan and Belarus enjoy cordial relationship based on a shared commitment to global peace and sustainable development.

It is crucial to enhance political, cultural, economic, and people-to-people connections between the two countries for the mutual benefit of the people on both sides, he remarked, during a meeting with the Belarusian Envoy

to Pakistan, Andrei Metelitsa, who called on him here at the Parliament.

The two sides discussed a wide range of regional and global developments. They underscored the significance of continuous collaboration to maintain a positive trajectory in bilateral relations and explore new areas of engagement.

Discussing parliamentary cooperation, the speaker emphasized regular interaction between parliaments, mainly through

parliamentary friendship groups and the exchange of parliamentary delegations, in order to share and learn from each other's experiences.

The ambassador expressed gratitude to the speaker for his kind remarks and reiterated that Belarus views Pakistan as an important regional stakeholder. He expressed his desire to further strengthen linkages in all areas of mutual interest, in addition to fostering parliamentary and cultural exchanges.

Finance minister chairs CCoSOEs meeting

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister for Finance & Revenue Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb on Monday presided over a meeting of the Cabinet Committee on State-Owned Enterprises (CCoSOEs). The meeting was attended by Minister for Housing & Works Mian Riaz Hussain Pirzada, Minister for Maritime Affairs Qaiser Ahmed Sheikh, Minister for Power Sardar Awaiz Ahmad Khan Leghari, Minister for Law & Justice Azam Nazeer Tarar, Deputy Chairman Planning Commission, Governor SBP, Chairman SECP, and other senior officers from the relevant ministries and divisions.

The Cabinet Committee approved the proposals of Finance Division and Power Division for the appointment of candidates as



ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of Belarus Mr. Andrei Metelitsa called on Speaker National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq at Parliament House.

Naqvi extends heartfelt message on Intl Youth Day

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control, Mohsin Naqvi, extended heartfelt tributes to Pakistan's youth, highlighting their immense potential and contributions to the nation, on the occasion of International Youth Day.

He paid special homage to Arshad Nadeem, the Olympic champion in the javelin throw competition, who has become a symbol of hope and inspiration for the country's younger generation.

"Arshad Nadeem, by winning the gold medal, has proven that Pakistani youth are not only hardworking but also fully capable of achieving greatness," stated Naqvi.

He emphasized that Nadeem's extraordinary performance at the Paris Olympics has infused new energy and enthusiasm among the youth, encouraging them to strive for excellence in all spheres of life.

Naqvi underlined the crucial role of youth in shaping the future of Pakistan. "Youth are the greatest strength of Pakistan, and they possess the full potential to change the destiny of our nation. The talents bestowed upon our youth by God have brightened the name of Pakistan across every field," he remarked.

Pak Institute of Fashion Design to establish sub-campus in Karachi

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Pakistan Institute of Fashion Design (PIFD) announced to establish its sub-campus in Karachi, as directed by the Minister of Federal Education and Professional Training, Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui.

This new sub-campus will provide students with access to world-class education in fashion design, technology, and management, said a press release on Monday.

The campus will offer a range of associate and undergraduate degrees designed to equip students with the skills and knowledge needed to succeed in the fashion industry. The establishment of the sub-campus is a significant milestone in PIFD's expansion plans after GB and demonstrates the government's commitment to promoting education.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Interior Mohsin Naqvi in a meeting with JUP Secretary General Owais Noorani.

National Minorities Day event held at NUML

ISLAMABAD (APP): The National Commission on the Rights of Child (NCRC), in collaboration with the National University of Modern Languages (NUML), Monday held an event to commemorate National Minorities Day 2024.

The event focused on promoting inclusivity for religious minorities in Pakistan's education system, bringing together key stakeholders for dialogue and awareness.

Maham Afridi, Programme Officer at NCRC, opened the event by underscoring the importance of National Minorities Day, reflecting on the challenges and opportunities for religious minorities in education.

NUML student Kashish Satyani shared her experiences as a representative of the Hindu community, highlighting the challenges and opportunities for religious minorities in education.

Khalid Naeem, Member ICT at NCRC, welcomed the guests, setting the stage for a panel discussion moderated by Dr. Riaz Ahmed Saeed.

The panel featured insights from Prof. Dr. M. Akram, Mr. Pirbhu Lal Satyani, Prof. Dr. A. H. Nayar, Ms. Romana Bashir, and Prof. Dr. Alvi. Key topics included disparities in educational access for minority students and the need for legislative reforms to foster interfaith harmony.



ISLAMABAD: Coordinator to Prime Minister on Climate Change and Environmental Coordination, Romina Khurshid Alam addressing the inaugural session of the Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development on 'Gender Empowerment and Green Economy'.

BISP, PSDF discuss progress on skill training programme

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) and Punjab Skill Development Fund (PSDF) held an important meeting at BISP Headquarters to discuss the progress of the BISP Skill Training Programme.

The meeting was attended by Chairperson of BISP, Senator Rubina Khalid, Secretary BISP, Amer Ali Ahmad and CEO of PSDF, Ahmed Khan.

The meeting focused on the progress of the Skill Training Programme, which aims to provide skill development opportunities to BISP beneficiaries and their family members across vari-

President expresses condolence with bereaved family of Shaheed Lt. Uzair

ATTOCK (APP): President Asif Ali Zardari on Monday visited the residence of Shaheed Lieutenant Uzair Mehmood Malik to express condolence with the bereaved family.

The president prayed for the eternal peace of the departed soul, President Secretariat Press Wing said in a press release.

On the occasion, the president paid tribute to Shaheed Lt. Mehmood for laying down his life for the country, adding that he had embraced martyrdom while facing Khawarij terrorists with bravery.

The president while expressing resolve to root out terrorism, observed that nation was proud of its valiant martyrs and their unmatched sacrifices strengthened the determination of nation further.

He also prayed for the bereaved family to bear the loss with equanimity.



ATTOCK: President, Asif Ali Zardari offering Fateha for Lieutenant Uzair Mehmood Malik Shaheed, during his visit to the Shaheed's home, in Attock.

CDA Chairman discusses master plan for Jinnah Medical Complex

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chairman Capital Development Authority (CDA), Muhammad Ali Randhawa, on Monday presided over a meeting to discuss the construction of the Jinnah Medical Complex, a state-of-the-art healthcare facility. The meeting was attended by representatives from the Ministry of National Health Services and other relevant officials.

The Jinnah Medical Complex, spread over 600 kanals, will be a self-sustaining project, with a commercial center nearby to cover expenses. The complex will also incorporate eco-friendly features, including tree plantation on vacant land, to earn carbon credits.

During the meeting, the design and master plan of the complex were discussed in detail, with a focus on obtaining financial and technical advisory services. The chairman announced plans to engage national and international consultants to ensure the project's success.

Independence Day celebrations: Art exhibition "Hues of Pakistan" opens at PNCA

ISLAMABAD (APP): An Art exhibition "Hues of Pakistan" featuring a vibrant showcase of creativity in connection with the celebrations of Pakistan's Independence Day, opened at Pakistan National Council of the Arts (PNCA) on Monday. This exhibition highlighted the rich cultural heritage and artistic talents of our nation's youth. The event was inaugurated by Secretary, National Heritage and Culture Division, Hasan Nasir Jamy.

In his remarks, Jamy stated, "It is with great honor that I inaugurate the exhibition, 'Hues of Pakistan: Art Competition and Exhibition for the Youth,' organized in connection with the Independence Day of Pakistan by PNCA."

This significant occasion offers us a unique opportunity to recognize and celebrate our youth's remarkable creativity, while also honoring our beloved nation's rich cultural and historical heritage.

"I extend my heartfelt congratulations to all the young participants for their successful contributions to this exhibition. It is my sincere hope that this event

Sheikh Rashid predicts technocrat govt by Sept 20

RAWALPINDI (INP): Former federal minister Sheikh Rashid on Monday predicted that the government would be sent packing soon as technocrats would hold the reins from Sept 20.

Speaking to media outside the Adiala Jail, Rashid said that the government was preparing to step down and interviews for new set-up were being taken in this regard.

He also announced to be fully participating in political activities from August 31.

He said that former premier Nawaz Sharif would not give extension to anyone whereas Shehbaz Sharif didn't have any power as the government was reduced to rubble.

AIOU sets August 20 deadline for MS, MPhil, PhD admissions

ISLAMABAD (APP): Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU) has set August 20 as the deadline for admissions in MS, MPhil, and PhD programs.

The forms, prospectuses, and other details are available on the university's website at www.aiou.edu.pk however, applications can only be submitted online, said a press release on Monday.

The entrance tests will be held from August 22 to 24.

According to the schedule, the Faculty of Arabic and Islamic Studies will conduct its entrance test on August 22, the Faculty of Sciences on August 23, and the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities on August 24.

Gilani calls upon youth to equip themselves with skills, knowledge

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chairman Senate Syed Yousaf Raza Gilani Monday called upon the youth to equip themselves with the skills and knowledge necessary to create a sustainable future.

In his message on International Youth Day, he extended heartfelt greetings to the vibrant and dynamic youth of Pakistan. He said that Pakistan is a country blessed with talent and potential.

Quoting an example of

the recent record-breaking success Arshad Nadeem brought to the country, he said, "Young blood with its valour and determination can achieve great things and make the nation proud."

He added that youth are the real agents of change, and their role is crucial for the country's progress and prosperity.

The chairman said that youth participation in the democratic process is vital for the continued growth and stability of Pakistan.



ISLAMABAD: Islamabad Police and law enforcement agencies conducting a flag march in connection with Independence Day security. Flag march started from the sports complex and passed through different areas of the city and ended back at the sports complex in the Federal Capital.

Pakistan, South Korea can achieve great success together: Ambassador Park

ISLAMABAD (APP): South Korean ambassador to Pakistan, Park Kijun, on Monday, said that there was innumerable potential for Pakistan and South Korea to work together on major projects.

In an interview with Radio Pakistan, he stated that he believes that by collaborating, both countries can significantly benefit their people. The ambassador praised Pakistan's skilled workforce and noted that South Korean IT companies were eager to invest in Pakistan, taking advantage of the country's young talent.

He suggested that both nations could expand cooperation in areas like energy and infrastructure. He also emphasized the need to increase trade, as last year's trade volume of \$1.2 billion is far below the potential both countries have.

The ambassador said that Pakistan has rich natural resources and a dynamic workforce, while South Korea excels in technology and economic growth. He expressed a strong desire to strengthen cultural ties, especially South Korea's interest in Pakistan's Gandhara heritage.

PRCS celebrates Intl Youth Day

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Pakistan Red Crescent Society (PRCS) celebrated International Youth Day with a vibrant event at the Fatima Jinnah Auditorium, on Monday.

The event was attended by PRCS staff, representatives from Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partners, students from various educational institutions, and a large number of volunteers.

International Youth Day, observed annually on August 12, highlights the contributions of young people to societal development and raises awareness of the challenges they face.

In his address, PRCS Chairman Sardar Shahid Ahmed Laghari remarked,

Flag march on occasion of 77th I-day celebration

ISLAMABAD (APP): Contingents from the Police, Dolphin Squad, Traffic Police, and other law enforcement agencies conducted a flag march across the city on Monday to maintain peace and tranquility throughout the 77th Independence Day.

According to a police spokesman the flag march under the command of the Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Operations Mohammad Arsalan Shahzeb started from sports complex and passed through various routes of the city and ended back at the sports complex.

"The purpose of the flag march was to express the determination of the Islamabad police to establish peace and order and promote unity on Independence Day", he added.

Preparations in full swing to celebrate I. Day

ISLAMABAD (Online): As the Independence Day is approaching closer, a large number of stalls displaying national flags, bunting, flag-coloured dresses and other accessories have been set up at markets and streets to attract buyers across the country.

Meanwhile, a country-wide tree plantation drive "Plant for Pakistan Campaign" is also under way to promote plantation to reduce pollution. Radio Pakistan and Pakistan Television are broadcasting special transmission to highlight the sacrifices of the heroes of Pakistan Movement.



Senator Abdul Qudus Bizenjo, Chairman Senate Standing Committee on Aviation presiding over a meeting of the Committee at Parliament House Islamabad.