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

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

highlighted his previous ef-

facilities to students at Dan-

ing abundant resources and

77 years of independence,

ish Schools.

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 the country remains heavily burdened by debt. Youth Programme, he recalled his service as Chief He noted that extreme pov-Minister of Punjab under erty prevents many from affording basic needs, such the leadership of President Pakistan Muslim League as arranging marriages for their daughters, while the 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.

ISLAMABAD (APP): formation Technology, and Prime Minister Artificial Intelligence to each province has its sepaspark a revolution in the rate programs to support students, he added. country, similar to the Additionally, the prime progress seen in China. He

minister announced that he will personally fund the forts in providing modern education of 1,000 agricultural graduates in China, Shehbaz Sharif also la- aiming to equip them with mented that, despite hav- 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 imcountry's elite class enjoys possible in this world and significant privileges. possible in this world and He stated that this emphasized the need to year, the federal govern- progress by learning from past mistakes. He assured ment will provide one milthat the country's hockey lion smartphones, tablets, and laptops to top-per- will be revived. Praising javforming students across the elin thrower Arshad country, including those Nadeem, he noted that He expressed his vision from Azad Jammu and Nadeem had won a gold medal for the country after

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

ISLAMABAD (Agencies): retirement have also been In an unprecedented move, the country's former spymaster, Lt-Gen (retd) 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

former spymaster was not Army Act. "Complying with the orders of Supreme Court of initiated against him. Pakistan, a detailed court of inquiry was undertaken by Pakistan Army, to ascertain correctness of complaints in Top City case made against Lt-Gen (retd) Faiz Hameed. Consequently, appropriate disciplinary action has been initiated Faiz.

against Hameed, under pro-The inquiry was orvisions of Pakistan Army dered in pursuant to the Act," read a statement isorders of the Supreme sued by military's media Court and in the light of the wing, the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) on directives of the Ministry of Defence. This was the first for-Monday. "In addition, mulmal inquiry ordered against Gen Faiz, who resigned in November 2022 four tiple instances of violation of Pakistan Army Act post

LHC decision annulled:

SC declares 3 PML-N

candidates successful

in NA constituencies

election

dates of PML-N.

SC has accepted ap-

peal pleas of Abdul

Rehman Kanju, Azhar

Qayyum Nehra and

Zulfikar Ahmed from

PML-N .in this decision.

declared null and void the

MNAs on their petitions

seeking re-count in their

respective constituen-

On April 25 LHC had

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

only arrested but court marmonths before his retiretial proceedings have been ment date.

Gen Faiz served as DG C in the ISI and later headed The charges against Gen Faiz date back to May the spy agency. His name 2017 when he was DG-Č surfaced in many controin the ISI. In April, the army versies including the constituted a high-level in-Faizabad Dharna case. quiry committee headed by Three-time former prime a major general to look into minister Nawaz Sharif the allegations against Gen named him and Gen Bajwa as main characters behind his removal through a Su-

preme Court decision. Charges against Faiz On November 8, 2023, Moeez 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 alle-

gations, 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 mat ter 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.

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

ISLAMABAD (APP): of jobs opportunities for President Asif Ali Zardari the minorities in different situation in India, the presion Monday reiterated that government's departments dent said "Modi's India is Pakistan was committed to on merit basis besides, in- not a safe haven for the mi-

Comparing the current

of equipping talented youth Kashmir, Gilgit-Baltistan,

with modern education, In- and remote areas of a drought of over 40 years.



ISLAMABAD: H.E Henny Fokel De Vries, Ambassdor of the Kingdom of Netherland 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): Army Chief, Chief Justice, Founder of Pakistan and police chiefs while 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

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 supremo noted that Hasina Wajid out of the party." stated had appointed her own Khan.

and police chiefs while sidelining opposition parzation plans. ties He drew parallels be-

tween these events and Pakistan, stating "These events have occurred and are occurring in Pakistan as well

fence of the country. The In a critique of the minister also acknowledged government's handling of the 0importance of the Pathe 9 May incidents, Khan kistan Navy in safeguardaccused 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,

ing the maritime interests of the country. Mountaineer Murad Sadpara passes away

(SLAMABAD (IŇP): while the rest went under-One of the top climbers ground or were coerced of the country, Murad Sadpara, who went missing after being wounded in the Broad Peak a day Ahsan stresses upon peace,

interest in details of recent

acquisitions of state-of-the-

art platforms and equip-

ment which will further

strengthen the seaward de-

confirmed the news of Sadpara's death.

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

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

ISLAMABAD (Online): differed with the decision. Supreme Court (SC) while nullifying Lahore High Court (LHC) decision per-**Defence Minister** taining to National Assem-

visits Naval bly (NA) constituencies including NA-79, NA-81 Headquarters and NA-154 has declared PML-N candidates suc-SLAMABAD (APP): Defence Minister, Khawaja

cessful. Juhammad Asif on Mon-SC while accepting apday visited Naval Head-quarters (NHQ) here and peal pleas of PML-N leaders restored Election Comalled-on Chief of the Namission (EC) decision. val Staff Admiral Naveed

SC announced decision Ashraf. During the meeting. with 2-1 majority on Monmatters about the Regional day. Maritime Security milieu

It has been said in maand operational readiness jority decision EC is a conof the Pakistan Navy were stitutional institution discussed, a Pakistan Navy which deserves respect. news release said. Judges of LHC gave unnec-The naval chief apessary remarks about head prised the minister on mariof EC and its members. time challenges and the Pakistan Navy's prepared-LHC decision cannot be ness to meet them. The maintained.

A 3-memnber bench of minister was also briefed SC presided over by Chief on the Pakistan Navy's Justice of Pakistan Qazi future capability enhancement and modern-Faez Isa had reserved decision on appeal pleas. The minister took keen

Justice Âqeel Abbasi



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KARACHI: Peoples Party (PPP) Chairman, Bilawal Bhutto Zardari exchanges views with US Ambassador, Donald Blome during meeting held at Bilawal House in Karachi.

Reports about removing Governor Tessori in Sindh baseless: Dar ISLAMABAD (INP):

threatened to quit the rul-Deputy Prime Minister Ishaq Dar on Monday ruled ing coalition if the PML-N failed to fulfill its 'promout the reports regarding ises' made during the power removal of Governor sharing agreement. Senior MQM-P leader Sindh Kamran Tessori.

Talking to a private TV Farooq Sattar talking to channel here, he termed the media had warned ruling PML-N of severe consereports about replacing quences if Sindh Gover-Tessori as baseless and out nor Kamran Tessori was Ishaq Dar was of the removed from his office.

'MOM-P will reconview that Bashir Memon sider its alliance with the was not being appointed as government if it fails to keep the new governor of the its promise of retaining Final decision over Tessori as the Sindh gover-

Sindh's governor will be nor." he stated taken in next few days, he The MOM leader also expressed disappointment Earlier, the Muttahida over the government's decision to 'replace' Tessori Qaumi Movement-Paki-

stan (MQM-P), a key ally terming it the breach of of PML-N at the Centre, trust

It is pertinent to menminorities and provision of tion here that Abdul equal opportunities to them Rehman Kanju, Azhar to excel in every walk of life Qayyum Nehra and as enshrined in the Consti-Zulfikar Ahmed from tution of Pakistan. PML-N .had resorted to

Addressing a ceremony to mark the celebrations of SC against LHC decision. **Objections** were raised Minorities' Day at the in NA 154 Lodhran, NA 81 Aiwan-e-Sadr, the presi-Gujranwala and NA 79 dent said, "Under the Con-Gujranwala in February stitution and under the onus of oath my office, I EC had accepted pleas have the duty to protect all of PML-N candidates. EC rights of the minorities and had issued notification reprovide all kind of facilitagarding success of 3 candition

> 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

notices issued by EC to stressed upon enhancement ent minorities. PTI backed 2 independent

protection of the rights of creasing the existing jobs norities," and lauded Quaid's farsightedness and quota.

leadership who had realized Lauding the role of the minorities in the national the future fate of minorities in India. President Zardari progress and prosperity, he said that they were the equal citizens of Pakistan said the people of Pakistan always felt the pains of sufand future builders of the ferings of humanity and for those lying lowly in socination Stressing upon the sigety and accorded due re-

nificance of Quaid-e-Azam spect and space to all the Muhammad Ali Jinnah's minorities living here bevision, the president said cause such a message of human consideration had they were required to fully emulate his message aimed been embedded in their reat fostering unity, brotherligion and culture. hood and religious tolerance He also recited a verse of famous Sindhi poet,

in society. The event ar-ranged by the Ministry of Shah Abdul Latif Bhittai, in Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony was attended by members of parliament, ulema, religious leaders, members of the diplomatic corps, media and representatives from differ-

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): of regional parliamentarians 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

kistan has played a crucial in achieving gender equalrole in ensuring well guided ity and women empowerlegislation on gender equalment goals.

ity, reproductive health, Ås many as 15 Asian countries' parliamentarians and others from Pakistan, diplomatic community, high level political figures, government officials, international non-governmental organisations (INGOs), added. 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 building with solar power sustainable development in the country," he mengoals. The parliament of Pationed.

and established women caucus, youth parliamentarians committee, and other parliamentary forums for inclusive engagement of all stakeholders in policy making initiatives, he '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



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'

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Professor Ahsan progress. Iqbal on Monday empha-

stability, reforms for

national success

sized upon the crucial role of peace, political stability, policy continuity, and continuous reforms in achieving national success. stan," he added.

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 recogsuccess.

nize the importance of a stable and peaceful environment for the country's 'This is not a matter

of political ideology, but a question of the future and well-being of 240 million people and youth of Paki-

Ahsan Iqbal expressed Sadpara's dead body. 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

ago, passed away on Monday. The vice president of Alpine club, Ayaz Shigri Sadpara was injured

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The court's power

The rumbling within the Supreme Court grows louder. In an order pertaining to held-up pension payments by the National Bank of Pakistan, Justice Mansoor Ali Shah has underlined that implementing the apex court's verdicts is not 'optional'

'To disregard or delay the implementation of [the Supreme Court's] verdicts is to challenge the very framework of our legal system," he has remarked in the order, noting that when the apex court issues a verdict, it does so as the ultimate interpreter of the Constitution. He has warned that non-compliance sets a dangerous precedent that could lead to executive overreach.

Justice Shah's observations, also reflected in his remarks a day later at a conference, have stirred speculation over how proceedings in the reserved seats case may unfold. It may be recalled that the government recently enacted legislation designed to frustrate the Supreme Court's order in the case, while its representatives and allies have taken turns to attack both the judgement and the eight judges behind it.

The power to hold individuals or entities in contempt for failing to comply with a court order is fundamental to the judiciary's ability to function effectively," Justice Shah observes in his order. "Without this power, the judiciary would be rendered toothless, unable to enforce its deci-sions, thereby jeopardising the administration of justice.

If the sword of contempt is unsheathed, the ECP could be its first casualty. Having acted on multiple occasions as if it is under no compulsion to obey the laws or court orders, the ECP has, in this instance too, refused to respect the Supreme Court as the final arbiter of the Constitution. It should have allotted whatever reserved seats accrued to the PTI by now in line with court directives, but has chosen, instead, to play tag-team with the government in subverting the verdict.

Still, it must be acknowledged that part of the blame falls on the court itself. Due to certain past actions and decisions, the apex court earned the distrust of the political class, lending itself to controversy. Such actions include the endorsement of military takeovers, and its role in dislodging at least two prime ministers. It must be noted. however, that even in these cases, its verdicts were implemented.

Secondly, the court must also acknowledge that the absence of the detailed verdict in the reserved seats case continues to foster controversy. While it should take adequate measures to enforce its writ and uphold the constitutional order, it must also realise that it needs to announce ing. the detailed verdict soon for the objections against it to be addressed with finality.

The reserved seats case has turned into a charged political issue. Wisdom and restraint are needed in abundance to see the matter through.

The best-laid plans

eas of the Gaza Strip Zarrar Khuhro cleared of Hamas". This statement tallies with US Recently, Benjamin Netanyahu entered the discussing ways to US Congress like a con-'revitalise' and reform the quering hero, garnering over 50 standing ova-PA with an aim of having it at least participate in the tions in a 60-minute governing of a post-Hamas Gaza. This prospeech from fawning Congressmen and posal was formally rewomen clapping for their jected by Hamas and also dollars like Israel, but Israeli media trained circus seals. reported that Netanvahu While several Congress 'unofficially' expressed people boycotted the interest in the plan, proceedings and Rashida though that could have Tlaib staged a lonely, been just to string the US along. The Beijing agreeone-woman protest in the hall, the overwhelming ment now makes that an impression was that this impossibility; even beis America's genocide as fore that, the PA had bemuch as it is Israel's. In gun to realise that obei-

Pakistani parlance, they sance to Tel Aviv will not are absolutely on the stop the killings of Palestinians in the West Bank Around the same nor the illegal seizure of time, half a world away, their land, all of which has Hamas and Fatah - bitincreased manifold since ter rivals at the best of Oct 7.

times — met in Beijing to In addition to this, sign a national unity support for Hamas in the agreement under the aus-PA-controlled West Bank pices of the Chinese govhas increased manifold, ernment. Hamas, Fatah with 82 per cent Palestinand 12 other Palestinian ians polled there expressing understanding for why Hamas launched the groups agreed to lay the groundwork for an "interim national reconciliaattacks and 88pc calling tion government" that for PA President would govern post-war Mahmoud Abbas to resign. All this means that While this does not the PA is in no physical

mean that the problems or political shape to take between Hamas and the over Gaza, even if it Fatah-run Palestinian wanted to. Authority (PA) — widely

viewed by Hamas and its option considered by Isallies as Israel's accomrael had come to a premaplices — have ended, it ture close. This was to does put a crimp in one hand over control of Gaza of the proposed US-Isto local clans, who would raeli plans for a post-war 'govern' the area while also keeping what was left Although

of Hamas suppressed with Israeli aid, and act-Netanyahu claims that he wants all of Gaza under ing as intermediaries for direct Israeli control, Tel Aviv. while holding out the op-Gaza is home to

tion of a 'deradicalised' many clans and large fam-Palestinian governmental ily groups of varying inpresence, there have fluence and power. And been several other prowhile most tend to be lawposals that offer insight abiding and benign, into what America and some, like the infamous Doghmush clan, formed Israel envisage happengangs that engages in murder, kidnapping and For example, anony-

mous Israeli officials have racketeering, especially in let it be known that they the chaos preceding and were "open in principle to immediately after the Palestinians securing ar- Hamas takeover.

Realising that credibility would come from establishing control, Hamas quickly cracked down on such groups and publicly executed those accused of criminal activities, attacks on Hamas leaders and collaboration with Israel. In 2017, one such condemned man, Hisham al-Aloul, accused Israeli intelligence of betraying him before he was executed. With Hamas under fire and Gaza being deci-

mated, some in Israel decided to give this plan another go earlier this year by once again looking to members of the Doghmush clan as accomplices. Once again, we saw an embattled Hamas take swift action by executing a maj-or clan leader of the tribe in Mar-ch this year. This was followed by a joint statement from the heads of Palestinian tribes, clans and families rejecting any notion of being used as a governing political body.

Soon after, Basem Naim, a top member of Hamas' political bureau in Gaza, announced that all Palestinian tribes "have rejected this 'Zionist offer' and know that these offers and plans are malicious and aim at dividing the Palestinians'

Words were followed Before this, another by action and we saw Fatah, along with numerous clans, civil society groups and factions, stepping in to help provide security for the aid convoys that Israel had relentlessly targeted with the excuse that these transported Hamas members. This leaves the fan-

tasy of a 'multinational' or 'Arab/Muslim-led' security force that would magically appear and take over control of whatever is left of Gaza

But given that the only country to even reportedly express interest in this is the UAE, an Arab ally of Israel, this option can be viewed as dead on the ground, much like the children of Palestine. Courtesy Dawn

Commerce News

Skills and success

Neda Mulji

Federal Directorate of Education and Professional organised a wonderful summer fiesta for schoolchildren, with a wide range of skill-based workshops, seminars, lectures and activities. This kind of immersive experience with creative writing, financial literacy, digital technology and so forth, is the urgent need for students who haven't got much exposure to global skills.

and traditional teaching after the summer break. Many precious steps forward, but some unfortunate leaps backwards too. It may be time to revisit what they are learning in classrooms and whether the curriculum and teaching methods support the skill development we must envision for a progressive, holistic application of knowledge

Skill development starts in early years with knowledge of the world around us, roles and responsibilities, creative and critical thought, and strong foundations in numeracy and literacy. If we begin to benchmark are mostly preoccupied the skills taught in our classrooms to global standards, we may hope to target the aims of the SDGs for education.

This includes reflective teaching practices that only equip teachers with books, and accompanying pedagogy fo-cusing on real-life skills. We also need to integrate technological experiences for our early years' students. Digital reading programmes, for example, are more efficient at teaching pronunciation, decoding and comprehension. Such programmes lead chil- use manipulatives to dren through evidencebased reading strategies dra that start with prompts

Some weeks ago, the absorb the text, and develop the ability to give Training capability.

personal responses using their critical thinking Such programmes are not as competitive as a noisy classroom environment that has over 50 students and one teacher. In fact, technolpatience for students to learn at their own pace, and matches their com-

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programmes are user-Sadly, these chil-dren will go back to reading levels, and monilead students through teacher-led classrooms tor their progress with timely reports showing achieved on comprehen-

sion quizzes. Literacy in the early years is not only about being able to read, but tune used to learn the also acquiring the ability to express opinions, draw conclusions and gradually using language independently. A strong early years literacy programme will teaching and learning give students many opportunities to play with words, come up with unique perspectives, and delve into the possibilities of structuring tably turn to digital resentences in multiple sources; but are we ways. Sadly, students with the need to produce the 'right' answers, and in that vein, we end up encouraging mimicry where the teacher be-

comes the crutch that students come to depend on.

riculum would enable them how far the stars students to learn in different ways. If one strat- ask enough questions egy isn't working, a to pique their curiosity teacher's challenge is to about the world and be able to offer different their place in it? Do we ways to help the student navigate concepts. Rather than 'learning' numeracy concepts, they can be taught to visualise, analyse and w conclusions.

- Courtesy Dawn

and clues to help the ways to support chilchild think creatively, dren in accessing learning outcomes can lead to massive benefits as they progress through school levels. And the better their grip on learning, the faster they will develop confidence in their ability to excel in academics. Often, in our society, we equate confidence with being able ogy affords the time and to speak in public; we couldn't be further from the truth. Confidence stems from one's belief prehension ability. The in their ability to learn, understand and apply friendly, structured to what they know. The application of skills is the yardstick of confidence that we should be focusing on, especially in the reading hours, books early years. Instead, covered and scores much of our focus re-

mains on memorisation and reproduction in assessments and tests. Even the melodious tables hasn't changed in more than a century.

It's time to look closely at what we are producing and how far we've changed our methods to evolve with the times. Teachers are no longer the only source of information, and students will ineviequipping them to understand, navigate and use the digital resources to their advantage and in responsible ways?

When children sing Twinkle Twinkle Little Star, do we ask them if they know what a star is A strong math cur- made of? Do we ask might be from us? Do we give them the confidence in their own ability to find answers?

It's not always what we teach, but how we teach it that determines the trajectory of success for our students.

Simple and easy

Pakistan restarts tractor export to Africa: Rana Tanveer

LAHORE (APP): Federal Minister for Industry and Production Rana Tanveer Hussain cut the ribbon at a here at Millat Tractor

Executive Raheel Asghar and other top management of the company as well as the foreign guests were also present.

Addressing the the country's c ceremony, the Federal strong footing.

Minister said, "The process of exporting said that everyone knows Pakistani tractors to that the biggest challenge different African countries facing Pakistan is the ceremony arranged on the has started again. I hope it economy, however, the occasion of restart of the will revive the sinking country's economy will tractors export to Africa tractor manufacturing recover soon only through industry." He said that the agricultural development. Company on Monday. The company's Chief decision to export tractors The present government to African countries would has managed to save the expedite the process of the country from default and tractor manufacturing 'our goal is to revive the economy,' he said, citing that from 2013 to 2017, industry and also ensure agricultural development, thus setting Pakistan had been the the country's economy on developing fast and afterwards, every sector

Gold rates

remain

unchanged

ISLAMABAD (APP): The per tola price of 24

karat gold witnessed no

change on Monday and

was traded at Rs 256,500

grams of 24 karat also

remained stagnant at Rs.219,907 while there

was no change in prices of

10 gram 22 karat gold

The price of per tola

Jewellers

Chinese

The price of 10

in the local market.

Rana Tanveer Hussain had started declining due to incompetent the government that took over in 2018. The Federal Minister mentioned that though the present government has taken difficult decisions, these would prove beneficial for the nation and the country, and everything will be fine in a year. "Agriculture will play an important role in the recovery of the economy and the government has given many incentives.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb in a meeting with PepsiCo's CEO for Africa, ME & SA Mr. Eugene Willemsen accompanied by CEO Pakistan and Afghanistan Mr. Muhammad Khosa.

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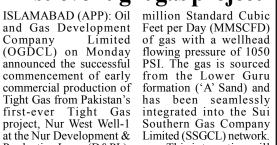
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MANSEHRA: First Unit of the Suki Kinari (SK) Hydropower Station in a group photo during ceremony after successfully completed the back feeding process, marking the official countdown to grid-connected power generation for the station, located on the Kunhar River in Mansehra.

OGDCL announces **Commencement** of production from Pak first-ever tight gas project

and Gas Development Company Limited (OGDCL) on Monday Limited announced the successful commencement of early commercial production of Tight Gas from Pakistan's first-ever Tight Gas project, Nur West Well-1 at the Nur Development & Limited (SSGCL) network. Production Lease (D&PL), This integration will located in the Sujawal district of Sindh.

According to press and contribute to the stability of Pakistan's 1 is currently producing 1.5 energy supply.



which was traded at Rs.201,582, All Sindh Sarafa Association reported. strengthen the national and ten gram silver gas supply infrastructure remained unchanged at Rs.2,850 and Rs.2,443.41 respectively.

Ahsan Iqbal chairs review meeting on public-private partnership projects

Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Ahsan Iqbal on Monday chaired a meeting to review the progress of Private Partnership (PPP) framework.

Among others, the meeting was attended by Minister for Petroleum Senator Musadik Malik, Muhammad Jahanzeb meeting.

ISLAMABAD (APP): Khan, Secretary Planning Awais Manzur Sumra, Secretary Railways, Economic Secretary Affairs Division, PPP CEO Malik Ahmed Khan and ongoing projects being senior officials from executed under the Public-federal and provincial ministries, a news release Pakistan's said. progress and potential The participants collaboration opportunities.

reviewed the implementation report of the ongoing projects and Deputy Chairman of the discussed decisions made Planning Commission during the previous

China Mobile leads global telecom industry

ISLAMABAD (APP): China Mobile International Limited, [China Mobile Communication Corporation (CMCC)] continues to lead the telecom industry, ranking 55th on the Fortune 500 list—a notable rise of seven positions from last year. external environment, Specifically, within the telecom sector, China Mobile, which ascended to

opportunity presented by the accelerating digital the top of the industry last transformation of the year, maintains its economy and society. leadership on the industry The remained steadfast in its list this year, said a news release issued here on development goal of becoming a "world-class

Monday. The Fortune Global 500 list was information service and released with a total of 133 technology innovation companies, company

including those from Taiwan, making it to the list. Among them, the three major Chinese telecom operators have collectively secured their positions once again. Over the past year, despite facing a complex and challenging

China Mobile seized the company

trade

PepsiCo's CEO for Africa ISLAMABAD (Online): including increased foreign the tax net. Federal Minister for Finance exchange and Revenue Senator decreased inflation, and Muhammad Aurangzeb on stable currency. Monday held a meeting with The minister initiative and its impact in PepsiCo's Chief Executive attributed these positive driving agricultural and Officer (CEO) for Africa, Middle East (ME) and South Asia (SA) Eugene month Willemsen to discuss arrangement (SBA) with economic

completion of the nine-

Finance Minister meets

stand-by the IMF and mentioned that a staff-level agreement (SLA) has been reached to ensure continued economic stability

reserves,

ongoing reforms in the improve efficiency. energy sector, state-owned enterprises (SOEs), and taxation, emphasizing the government's initiative to incorporate under-taxed growth in the financial and untaxed entities into sector.

Muhammad Aurangzeb appreciated the PepsiCo's seed lab minister initiative and its impact in indicators to the successful overall economic growth.

Talking about the digitization in Federal Board of Revenue (FBR), the Minister discussed the integrating RAAST (the digital payment system) and NADRA (the national database and registration He also spoke about authority) to further

> Willemsen expressed appreciation for Pakistan's positive economic indicators and noted the

Cars' sale increase 58% in July 2024

ISLAMABAD (APP): showed that 790 units of The sale of cars during the Honda Civic and City were first month of the current sold financial year 2024-25 has increased by 58.21 percent as compared to the same month of last year, a recent data released by Pakistan Automobile M a n u f a c t u r i n g Association (PAMA) said. According to the data, as many as 5,857 cars were sold during the month under review as opposed to 3,702 units in the same month of last year.

The breakup figures

during corresponding month of the year 2024-25 as compared to the sale of 208 units last year.

Toyota Corolla and Yaris cars sales also increased by 3.65 percent as it went up to 1,106 units from 1.067 units in July of the previous year. Suzuki Swift's sales

also surged by 101.60 percent as its sale increased to 502 units from 249 units last vear.

president of the Iran-Africa Joint Chamber of Commerce has called for strategic planning to enhance Iran's trade relations with the continent, which currently stand at approximately \$1.3 billion. The current trade volume, Masoud Berahman told a conference

in the city of Zanjan on Sunday, is significantly lower than the potential opportunities between Iran and Africa.

He was accompanied

by CEO Pakistan and

Afghanistan Muhammad

Khosa, said a news release.

The minister welcomed

Willemsen and provided an update on Pakistan's

economic progress. He also highlighted recent improvements, Iran's trade with Africa reaches \$1.3 billion ZANJAN (APP): The

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Maryam Nawaz says: After Qur'an & Sunnah, we take guidance from Imam of Kaaba & Imam of the Masjid-e-Nabawi

LAHORE (APP): Punjab Lahore, but I know about Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif accorded a warm welcome to the Imam Masjid-e-Nabawi Dr. Salah bin Muhammad Al Budair on his arrival at the Chief Minister's Office here on

Monday. The CM said, "On behalf of people of Punjab, I welcome your highness, Pakistan is your home.' She also prayed for the health and long life of the Saudi King, Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques. The CM said the friendship of the Saudi royal family with her father Muhammad Nawaz Sharif is enviable. She added, "I follow Hazrat Umar Farooq's (RA) governance model. Hazrat Umar Farooq (RA) was a beacon one's grief fades away and one's faith is revitalised. of light for the rulers. Our powerhouse is in Madinah. I don't know much about Imam of Masjid-e-Nabawi

every street in Madinah." Pakistani. CM Maryam Nawaz

noted that the meeting with Nabawi Dr. Saudi Crown Prince Muhammad Al-Budair Muhammad bin Salman expressed good wishes for along with Prime Minister the people of Punjab from Shahbaz Sharif was great. the Custodian of the Two She added, "Crown Prince Holy Mosques and the Muhammad bin Salman people of Madinah. He wants to serve his people thanked Chief Minister which is my mission as Maryam Nawaz Sharif for well. Prince Muhammad the warm welcome, and bin Salman is serving the said that Pakistan and people of Saudi Arabia Saudi Arabia are like two with sincerity," she said. The CM said, "After pole stars shining together in the sky. He added the Our'an and Sunnah, we Pakistan and Saudi Arabia take guidance from Imam are strategic friends, they of Kaaba and Imam of the were in the past and will Prophet's Mosque in Saudi Arabia." She added listening to the recitation of Imam Dr. Salah bin

be in the future. He highlighted Muhammad Nawaz Sharif is a friend of Pakistan, his leadership is Muhammad Al-Budair, a source of improvement and prosperity for Pakistan. Nawaz Sharif is following She underscored visiting in his footsteps.

released for

Youm-e-Azadi

is a great honour for every Imam Masjid-e-Salah bin

PESHAWAR: Governor KP Faisal Karim Kundi addressing during his visit to Khyber Eye Foundation. Governor Kundi thanks center to allocate funds for Lift Canal PESHAWAR Governor Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi on Monday paid thanks to federal government for allocating funds for the long-standing "Maryam demand of the Chashma project Dera Ismail Khan that will not only resolve the water problem but to Security plan increase in agriculture

Governor's House

Khyber Peshawar. The governor said that he always raised the issue of the lift bank canal at every forum. He said that the Chashma Lift Canal is a crucial irrigation project in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, designed to enhance agricultural productivity by diverting water from the He said this during a Chashma Barrage to the arid lands of Dera Ismail

meeting with a delegation of senior journalists from Khan. This ambitious Dera Ismail Khan led by project involves lifting water from the barrage journalist Saleem through a series of pumps Qureshi and the Chief and canals, providing a Editor of a local daily, reliable water source to Chaudhry Asghar at the areas previously affected

(APP):

by water scarcity, he remarked.

Governor Kundi emphasized that the development prosperity of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa are among his top priorities.

and

He highlighted the need for collective efforts to ensure peace and stressed the importance of the media's role in promoting messages of peace, unity and tolerance. He acknowledged the

public's concerns about the state of education and healthcare in the province admitting that there has been insufficient progress in these sectors.

Saudi Arabia has always supported Pakistan in difficult times: Governor

Independent Report LAHORE: Punjab Governor, Sardar Saleem Haider Khan accorded a warm welcome to Imam Masjid Nabawi Dr. Salah

here today at Governor

House Lahore. Saudi

occasion, Governor Punjab

Sardar Saleem Haider Khan

said his presence is a matter

of joy and honor for him.

He said Pakistan and

Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

enjoy long standing fraternal relations.

Saudi Arabia has always

Masjid Nabaw,i Dr. Salah bin Muhammad Al-Badair also led the Zuhr prayer in Jamia Masjid of Governor House

A large number of Governor House staff and bin Muhammad Al-Budair public offered prayer led by Imam Masjid Nabawi, ambassador Nawaf bin Dr Salah bin Muhammad Saeed al-Maliki was also Al-Budair also offered a present. Speaking on this special prayer for the prosperity, peace and unity of Muslim Ummah.

The distinguished guest also visited the Governor's House. Governor Sardar Saleem Haider Khan informed the Imam of Masjid Nabawi Governor Puniab said that Dr. Salah bin Muhammad Al-Badeer about the supported Pakistan in historical importance of the difficult times. Imam Governor's House.



LAHORE: Imam Masjid Nabawi Dr. Salah bin Muhammad Al-Budair meeting with Punjab Governor, Sardar Saleem Haider Khan at Governor House.

Committee met to address teachers' issues in KP

PESHAWAR Minister for Education Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) Faisal Khan Tarakai on Monday chaired a meeting of the committee formed to address the demands and issues of teachers. The meeting was attended by Additional Secretary of Education Faiz Alam, Additional Director Dr. Muhammad Iqbal and other

During the meeting, the education minister was briefed on the issues and demands presented by various teachers' unions. The minister reiterated

(APP): commitment to resolving the teachers' issues and stated that various committees have been formed to find appropriate solutions. He said the purpose of the meeting was to review the actions taken by these committees. He directed that a secretary-level meeting be convened within a week to resolve the issues related to the teachers' CP Fund.

This meeting will include the Secretary of Finance, Secretary of Law, Secretary Establishment, and Secretary of Education. and the Education Minister government's will chair it.

Punjab cabinet to approve LG law draft soon: Minister

LAHORE (APP): Provincial Local Government Minister Zeeshan Rafiq has said that the legislative process is underway to conduct local bodies elections in Punjab. There is ambiguity in the law made by the former government.

He was addressing a round table conference on the topic of local democratic governments. Civil society representatives, senior journalists and others also participated in the conference. The participants emphasized the need for early holding of local body elections in Punjab.

Minister Zeeshan Rafiq said that the Local Government Act 2019 called for the abolition of the Union Council, the basic unit of local bodies. He regretted that elected the new bill to the local bodies were not cabinet.", he said.

FAISALABAD (APP): allowed to flourish in the past decades, but Muslim League-N has a track record of conducting local bodies elections during its tenure. Zeeshan Rafic reminded that Muhammad

Nawaz Sharif strengthened the local bodies during his prime ministership, but the government that came after him sent the local bodies of the Muslim League-N government home. He said that under the

duties across the district while 5 Superintendents supervision of Chief Police (SPs) and 13 Deputy Minister Maryam Nawaz Superintendent Police Sharif, the preparation for (DSPs) were deputed to holding local body monitor the security duty. elections in Punjab is He said that one-wheeling, proceeding ahead.

"Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharit display of weapons had has set up a high-level been banned and all the committee within a Station House Officers month of assuming (SHOs) were directed to power, which has studied ensure thorough patrolling various systems and sent in their respective areas for the recommendations of implementation of this ban

on Independence Day.

The Police department has senior released security plan here Muhammad on Monday for the celebration of 77th Youm-e-Azadi (Independence Day 2024). During a meeting, City Police Officer (CPO) Kamran Adil said that more than 4293 police officials including 54 Sub Inspectors (SIs), 634 Assistant Sub Inspectors (ASI), 232 head

sector.

constables and 3355 constables/lady constables PESHAWAR (APP): A would perform security meeting held here on Monday with Chief Secretary of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Nadeem Chaudhary Aslam reviewed preparations for the 77th Independence Day celebrations.

rash driving, underage driving, aerial firing and Additional Chief Secretary Home and Tribal Affairs Department, Abid Majeed, relevant administrative secretaries, and other officials were present at the meeting, while commissioners and

The meeting was given a detailed briefing from Secretary Administration Muhammad Israr, about the activities planned for Independence Dav. Commissioners and deputy

Day would deputy commissioners celebrated with great participated via video link. enthusiasm and zeal.

eight during crackdown against illegal arms

RAWALPINDI (APP): Police have arrested eight illegal arm holders and recovered arms, ammunition from their possession during crackdown here on Monday. According to police spokesman, Chakri police held Akhlaq and recovered 7mm rifle from his possession and a 12-bore rifle was found from Faizan while

01 pistol 30 bore was recovered from Usama. Similarly, Mandra police apprehended two illegal arm holders Shan and Haider and recovered 02 pistols 30-bore the

senior officials.

International News

Police nab

Meeting reviews preparations for **I-Day celebrations**

commissioners informed

respective districts. On this occasion, the Chief Secretary stated that, as like previous years, this year's Independence be

from their custody.

the meeting about the programs planned in their

Gazans flee 'from death to death' as Khan Yunis hit

Monitoring Desk KHAN YUNIS: Israel expanded evacuation orders in Khan Yunis in the Gaza Strip overnight, forcing tens of thousands of Palestinian residents and displaced families to leave in the dark as explosions from tank shelling reverberated around them.

Palestinians already displaced numerous times by Israeli air strikes were forced to flee Al-Halaa and other northern neighbourhoods of Khan Yunis on Sunday, a day after an Israeli airstrike on a school in Gaza City killed at least 90 Palestinians.

"We're exhausted. This is the 10th time I and my family have had to leave our shelter," said Zaki Mohammad, 28, who lives in the Hamad housing project in western Khan Yunis, where the occupants of two multi-floor buildings were ordered to leave.

also

End UK riots,

parents of murdered

girl urge at her funeral

from.

Attendees had been

asked to wear white, a tra-

feathers - passed by.

gathered outside.

"We are running from death to death. An Israeli airstrike

near the Khan Yunis mar- meagre belongings and left

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SOUTHPORT: Hundreds

of mourners gathered on

Sunday in Southport for

the funeral of a nine-year-

old girl killed in last

month's knife attack, which

sparked more than a week

three girls, who were mur-

dered at a Taylor Swift-

themed event, called for an

end to the nationwide riot-

ing that followed their

deaths at an emotional fu-

neral for their young daugh-

munity leaders and emer-

gency responders all joined

Alice da Silva Aguiar's par-

ents for an emotional cer-

emony at a Catholic church

in the seaside town, nearly

two weeks after the mass

stabbing that shocked the

country

Family, friends, com-

The parents of one of

of nationwide disorder.

ket at the city centre killed four Palestinians and wounded several others, medics said, while residents from from areas where Israeli planes carried out attacks in the eastern and western parts of the city.

The forces pushed deeper into Al-Jalaa area that erstwhile was considered relatively safer zone. Al-Jalaa would become a "dangerous combat zone". the Israeli forces warned the remaining population of Palestinians as the army refugees UNRWA Philippe dropped leaflets containing Lazzarini said on X, "Just in the past few days, more than 75,000 people have fresh evacuation orders telling residents and refugees been displaced in southwest to leave the Khan Yunis area

Gaza. "For your own safety, Lazzarini said the new you must evacuate immeevacuation orders sent diately to the newly created many people fleeing. "Some are only able to carry their humanitarian zone. The area you are in is considchildren with them, some carry their whole lives in ered a dangerous combat zone," said the announceone small bag," he said. ment posted on X.

Families gathered their are trapped and have nowhere to go.'

the area, fearing fresh missile strikes and fighting. Crowds of people, mainly Hamad the reported that two multi- neighbourhood in Al-Jalaa. floor buildings were left with whatever they bombed, as smoke rose could lay their hands on. some loading mattresses, clothing and cooking utensils into pick-up trucks, while others simply walked with their bags.

Young men and women escorted elderly family members, while others tried to catch a ride to safer zones Head of the UN refugee agency for Palestinian

Displaced Palestinians make their way as they flee Hamad City following an Israeli evacuation order, in Khan Younis in the southern Gaza Strip. Israeli minister tells US that large-scale Iranian attack expected, Axios reports

Monitoring Desk

WASHINGTON: Israeli Defence Minister Yoav Gallant told US Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin on "The people of Gaza Sunday that Iran was making preparations for a largescale military attack on Israel, Axios reporter Barak Ravid said in a post on X, citing a source with knowl-

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party chief set

coordination and the Israeli military's readiness in the face of Iranian threats.

a guided missile submarine to the Middle East. The US military had already said it would deploy additional fighter jets and Navy warships to the region to bolster Israeli defences. On Friday, an Iranian Revolutionary Guards deputy commander was

quoted as saying by local news agencies that Iran was set to carry out an order by Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei to "harshly punish" Israel over the assassination on July 31 of the leader of Palestinian militant group Hamas in Tehran

US publicly announces submarine move to Middle East amid Israel-Iran tensions

Monitoring Desk marine, was already in the WASHINGTON: US De-Mediterranean Sea in July, fense Secretary Lloyd Austin has ordered the deaccording to a US military post on social media, it was ployment of a guided misa rare move to publicly announce the deployment of sile submarine to the Middle East, the Pentagon a submarine. In a statement after said on Sunday as the re-Austin spoke with his Isgion braces for possible attacks by Iran and its alraeli counterpart, the lies after the killing of se-

Pentagon said Austin had nior members of Hamas ordered the Abraham and Hezbollah. Lincoln strike group to While the USS Georaccelerate its deployment gia, a nuclear-powered subto the region.

Bomb blast in in the November 5 presidential election. **Kabul leaves** one dead, 11 everyone here when I am president we will continue injured

Monitoring Desk

Austin has meanwhile KABUL: A bomb blast on ordered the deployment of minibus in neighbourhood Afghanistan's capital killed one person and wounded 11 others on Sunday, a Kabul police spokesman said.

The blast went off in Dasht-i-Barchi - home to many Shias, a historically persecuted community in Afghanistan and a frequent target of the Islamic State group that considers them herefics — in the western neighbourhood of Kabul. "An IED (improvised

explosive device) was planted on a minibus in the Dasht-i-Barchi area," Kabul police spokesman Khalid Zadran said in a statement.

Helicopter crashes into roof of Cairns Hilton Double Tree hotel, killing pilot Monitoring Desk

SYDNEY: A helicopter on an unauthorised flight justice of Bangladesh," crashed into the roof of a Hilton hotel in Australia's northern tourist town of Cairns on Monday, killing the pilot and forcing hundreds of guests to evacuate after a blaze, authorities said. day became the latest to

US presidential candidate Kamala says she supports eliminating taxes on tips work to drive down con-

Monitoring Desk sumer prices, vowing to LAS VEGAS: US Vice "take on big corporations President Kamala Harris that engage in illegal price-gouging" and corporate landlords that unfairly raise told supporters in Nevada on Saturday she supported eliminating taxes on tips, rents on working families, taking a similar position to as well as going after big her rival Donald Trump in pharmaceutical companies an effort to win over service workers, an important

nate taxes on tips for ser-

vice and hospitality work-

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Sheikh Hasina, quit follow-

presidential official said on

string of fresh appoint-

ments to replace an old

guard viewed as linked to

the previous regime, ousted

by the student-led uprising.

the senior-most high court

judge, was sworn into of-

fice by President Mohammed Shahabuddin,

the president's press sec-

retary Shiplu Zaman said.

'He became the 25th chief

University of Dhaka, Ox-

ford and Tufts University

Obaidul Hassan on Satur-

in the United States.

Ahmed studied at the

Ahmed's predecessor

Zaman said.

Syed Refaat Åhmed,

President

It is the latest in a

Sunday.

ers," Harris said.

to drive drug prices lower. Trump, who told a rally in Las Vegas in June constituency in the state. Harris and her Demothat he would seek to end cratic running mate, Mintaxation of income from nesota Governor Tim Walz, tips, accused Harris of wrapped up a multi-day stealing his policy protour of battleground states posal. on Saturday with their stop "Kamala Harris, in Nevada, a western state that could play a pivotal role

whose 'Honeymoon' period is ENDING... just copied my NO TAXES ON TIPS Policy," Trump said on his Truth Social app. "It is my promise to "The difference is, she won't do it, she just wants to fight for working famiit for Political Purposes!" lies, including to raise the minimum wage and elimi-

A Harris campaign official said her proposal would require legislation to be passed by Con-Harris said she would gress.

Bangladesh swears in new chief justice

announce his departure, DHAKA: Bangladesh's after hundreds of protesters gathered outside the new chief justice has been sworn into office after his court to demand he step predecessor, viewed as a down loyalist of toppled premier

Appointed last year, Hassan earlier oversaw a ing protester demands, a much-criticised war crimes tribunal that ordered the execution of Hasina's opponents, and his brother was her longtime secretary.

Bangladesh's new interim government said on Sunday it was working to resolve attacks on Hindus and other religious minorities reported after ouster of former premier Sheikh Hasina. Hindus are the largest minority in Bangladesh. They are considered a steadfast support base for Hasina's party, the Awami League. After Hasina's abrupt resignation and flight abroad on Monday brought an end to her 15 years of rule, there were numerous reports of attacks against Hindu households, temples and businesses.



dition for some in Portugal, where Alice's parents hail leader To Lam will visit China next week in his first Locals lining the main foreign trip since his aproad clapped as the funeral pointment as general secrecortege - bearing a small tary of the ruling Commuwhite coffin, resting on a nist Party earlier in August, three officials familiar with

carriage pulled by two white horses with colourful the matter told Reuters. The move would con-"Of course we're here firm the close ties between it's the Southport the two communist-run spirit," said one man who neighbours, which have well turned out. "We're here to developed economic and pay our respects." Pink trade relations despite ocribbons and balloons had casionally clashing over been tied to lampposts and boundaries in the energygarden walls near the rich South China Sea, a cruchurch. Several hundred cial commercial waterway people packed inside the that Beijing claims almost venue for the service - feain its entirety - irking sevturing short addresses, readeral countries in the region. ings, prayers and hymns -Lam, who is also the state which was relayed on loudpresident of the Southeast speakers to those who had Asian nation, is planning to arrive in China on Aug 18.

to visit China next week **Monitoring Desk** HANOI: Vietnam's top

Daily **Independent**, Islamabad

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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." future generations. Mashhood affirmed PMYP's commitment to core components were creating an environment structured around the "4E's": Education, Emwhere youth can thrive, innovate, and lead. ployment, Engagement,

The Chairman highand Environment and these lighted several existing and four pillars were the focus upcoming initiatives under of the ongoing youth-fothe PMYP including, PM cused initiatives across the Skill Development Procountry. grams (NAVTTC), PM Youth Laptop Scheme, Pato ensure that the digital kistan Education Endowpathways they pursue toment Fund, Youth Business day lead to a more prosperous and sustainable future and Agriculture Loan Scheme, PM Youth Intern-

for all", he added. Rana Mashhood afship Program, National Innovation Award, setting up firmed his commitment that of the PM National Youth PMYP through various Council, PM National Volprograms, initiatives, and capacity-building trainings unteer Corps, PM Digital Youth Hub, PM Talent was equipping the younger generation with the tools Hunt, Youth Sports League, and knowledge required to PM Sports Academies, Green Energy Solarization overcome contemporary and PM Green Youth challenges and contribute to Movement to empower the the development goals.



"Let us work together 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 (NÁ) Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq on Monday said Pakistan and Belarus enjoy cordial relationship based on a shared commitment to gloments. They underscored bal peace and sustainable the significance of continuous collaboration to maindevelopment.

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

parliamentary friendship to Pakistan, Andrei Metelitsa, who called on groups and the exchange of him here at the Parliament. parliamentary delegations, The two sides disin order to share and learn cussed a wide range of refrom each other's experigional and global develop-

The ambassador expressed gratitude to the speaker for his kind retain a positive trajectory in marks and reiterated that Belarus views Pakistan as bilateral relations and explore new areas of engagean important regional stakeholder. He expressed his Discussing parliamendesire to further strengthen tary cooperation, the linkages in all areas of mutual interest, in addition to fostering parliamentary and cultural exchanges.

Finance minister chairs CCoSOEs meeting

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 Awais 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 Commit-

tee approved the propos-

als of Finance Division and

Power Division for the ap-

pointment of candidates as

ISLAMABAD (APP): independent directors/ chairman on the boards of ZTBL and NTDC respectively. The Committee also considered the proposal presented by the Ministry of Housing & Works and decided to categorize Pakistan Housing Authority – Foundation (PHA-F) as essential with further directions to present a revised plan of PHA-F to the Committee. Meanwhile Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Muhammad Aurangzeb on Monday met with the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) team to review revenue collection performance.

The minister acknowledged the services and contributions of the former Chairman FBR Malik Amjed Zubair Tiwana especially his role in budgeting process and IMF negotiations.



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 Dav

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

premier Nawaz Sharif would not give extension to anyone whereas Shehbaz Sharif didn't have any power as the governwas reduced to

ISLAMABAD (APP): capable of achieving great-

ness," 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 po-tential to change the destiny of our nation. The talents bestowed upon our youth by God have brightened the youth are not only name of Pakistan across hardworking but also fully every field," he remarked.

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

ISLAMABAD: Coordinator to Prime Minister on Climate Change and Envi-

ronmental 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 PRCS celebrates progress on skill training programme

ous trades.

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

Senator Rubina Khalid emphasized the importance of offering top-quality training courses that are

recognized internationally. She pointed out that such training could help beneficiaries find jobs abroad, improving their economic situation and allowing them to contribute to the country's economy.

She also mentioned the increasing need for skilled workers in areas like hospitality management, opment and raises awareness of the challenges they face. In his address, PRCS Chairman Sardar Shahid Gilani calls upon youth

Intl Youth Day ISLAMABAD (APP) The Pakistan Red Crescent Society (PRCS) celebrated International Youth Day with a vibrant event at the

Fatima Jinnah Auditorium, at the PRCS National Headquarters, on Monday. The event was at-

tended 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 devel-

speaker emphasized regular interaction between parliaments, mainly through **President expresses** condolence with bereaved

ment.

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 martyr-dom 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.



Sheikh Rashid predicts technocrat govt family of Shaheed Lt. Uzair

by Sept 20 RAWALPINDI (INP) Former federal minister Sheikh Rashid on Monday predicted that the govern ment would be sent pack ing soon as technocrats

would hold the reins from Sept 20. Speaking to media outside the Adiala Jail, Rashid said that the gov-

ernment 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 Aug 31.

He said that former

Training Programme, which home care, and reception aims to provide skill devel-opment opportunities to trainees should learn basic BISP beneficiaries and their work ethics and hygiene family members across vari- practices.

Flag march on occasion of 77th I-day

skills, knowledge ISLAMABAD (APP): the recent record-breaking Chairman Senate Syed success Arshad Nadeem brought to the country, he said, "Young blood with its Yousaf Raza Gilani Monday called upon the youth to equip themselves with valour and determination the skills and knowledge can achieve great things and necessary to create a susmake the nation proud." He added that youth

tainable future. are the real agents of change, In his message on International Youth Day, he and their role is crucial for extended heartfelt greetings to the vibrant and dynamic vouth of Pakistan. He said that Pakistan is a country blessed with talent and po-

tential.

to equip themselves with

the country's progress and prosperity. The chairman said that youth participation in the democratic process is vital for the continued growth Quoting an example of 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

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



celebration

SLAMABAD (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 Medical Complex, a state-Senior Superintendent of of-the-art healthcare facil-Police (SSP) Operations ity. The meeting was at-Mohammad Arsalan Shahzeb started from tended by representatives from the Ministry of Nasports complex and passed

through various routes of other relevant officials. the city and ended back at the sports complex. "The purpose of the flag march was to express the determination of the

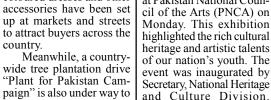
Islamabad police to establish peace and order and promote unity on Independence Day", he added.

Preparations in full swing to

celebrate I. Dav 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

promote plantation to reduce pollution. Radio Pakistan and





and Culture Division, Hasan Nasir Jamy. In his remarks, Jamy stated, "It is with great honor that I inaugurate the

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 credits.

During the meeting, the design and master plan tional Health Services and

The Jinnah Medical Complex, spread over 600 kanals, will be a self-sustaining project, with a com-

mercial center nearby to cover expenses. The complex will also incorporate eco-friendly features, including tree plantation on vacant land, to earn carbon

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.

rubble. **AIOU** sets August 20

deadline for MS, MPhil, **PhD** admissions

ISLAMABAD (APP): Allama Iqbal Open Univer-sity (AIOU) has set August 20 as the deadline for admissions in MS, MPhil, and

PhD programs. The forms, prospec-tuses, and other details are avaiĺable 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 Sci ences on August 23. and the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities on August 24.

Independence Day celebrations: Art exhibition "Hues of **Pakistan'' opens at PNCA** ISLAMABAD (APP): An exhibition, 'Hues of Paki- serves as a memorable

Art exhibition "Hues of stan; Art Competition and Pakistan" featuring a vi-Exhibition for the Youth,' brant showcase of creativorganized in connection ity in connection with the with the Independence Day celebrations of Pakistan's of Pakistan by PNCA".

Independence Day, opened This significant occaat Pakistan National Counsion offers us a unique opcil of the Arts (PNCA) on portunity to recognize and Monday. This exhibition celebrate our youth's rehighlighted the rich cultural markable creativity, while heritage and artistic talents also honoring our beloved nation's rich cultural and of our nation's youth. The historical heritage. "I extend my heartfelt

congratulations to all the young participants for their successful contributions to

serves as a memorable mileevent to commemorate Nastone in their artistic journey", he said. Director of Visual Arts

Ms. Mariam Ahmed

this exhibition. It is my sincere hope that this event among the winners.

tional Minorities Day 2024. Division (VAD) at PNCA promoting inclusivity for

religious minorities in also shared her thoughts, Pakistan's education system, bringing together key stakeholders for dialogue 'We had an overwhelming response for this art competition this year, and we and awareness. received more than 200 art-Programme Officer at works from all over Pakistan that are included in this NCRC, opened the event exhibition. The top ten by underscoring the imporwinners of the art competitance of National Minorities Day, reflecting on Q u a i d - e - A z a m tion were selected by a panel of jury members, and the Chief Guest distributed Muhammad Ali Jinnah's shields and certificates

ment, said a press release on Monday. The campus

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Pakistan Institute of Fashion Design (PIFD) anwill offer a range of associate and undergraduate denounced to establish its subcampus in Karachi, as digrees designed to equip sturected by the Minister of dents with the skills and Federal Education and Proknowledge needed to succeed fessional Training, Khalid in the fashion industry. The Maqbool Siddiqui. establishment of the sub-cam-This new sub-campus

pus is a significant milestone will provide students with in PIFD's expansion plans afaccess to world-class eduter GB and demonstrates the cation in fashion design, government's commitment to technology, and managepromoting 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): stanis The National Commission

The event focused on

Afridi.

Maham

Khalid Naeem, Memon the Rights of Child (NCRC), in collaboration ber ICT at NCRC, welcomed the guests, setting the stage for a panel discus-sion moderated by Dr. Riaz with the National University of Modern Languages (NUML), Monday held an 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 har-

mony. NUML student Kashish Satyani shared her experiences as a representative of the Hindu community, highlighting the challenges and opportunities for 1947 address advocating religious minorities in education

equal rights for all Paki-

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

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