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PM orders 50% of public sector cargo to be routed via Gwadar Port

Shahbaz Sharif views completion of IT Park Islamabad as milestone to achieve \$25 bn export mark

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has directed to bring 50 percent of all public sec-tor cargo inland by sea through Gwadar port.

He was chairing an important review meeting regarding Chinese investment in Pakistan, in Islamabad

today. The Prime Minister was given a detailed briefing on the visit of the delegation of Chinese experts to Pakistan.

It was informed that a delegation of Chinese experts visited Pakistan from 30th of last month to 6th of this month. The Chinese delegation met representatives of various ministries

ISLAMABAD (APP): in which the ministries gave suggestions regarding in-creasing cooperation in related fields.

During the visit of the delegation, significant progress was made in terms of cooperation and investment in the fields of trade and investment, energy, ag-riculture, information technology, communication and infrastructure.

It was briefed that services of Chinese experts will be hired to increase domestic exports and eliminate non-trade barriers. Sectoral road shows will be organized in different cities of China to increase exports of Pakistani products.

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Lt Gen Ahmed Dawood Salman, Secretary Defence of Iraq meeting with General Sahir Shamshad Mirza, Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee. at Joint Staff Headquarters, Rawalpindi.

Iraqi Defence Secretary, CJCSC discuss bilateral security enhancements Independent Report RAWALPINDI: Lt Gen Ahmed Dawood Salman, Secre-



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif chairs a review meeting on Chinese investment in Pakistan

Governor calls for taking revolutionary changes in old curriculum, traditional procedure in public sector varsities

Independent Report

QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail has stated that the world is moving ahead at a fast pace, as such we have to bring revolutionary changes in the capacity of human resource, traditional procedure and old curriculum at the public sector universities level to be compatible with the ever changing world.

The Governor said that all the vice chancellors of universities have been made bound to achieve these objectives so that they may introduce the subjects of their universities compatible with the relevant and market demands.

He stressed the need to avoid from opening unnecessary and irrelevant departments in the universities.

The Governor was speaking on occasion of the briefing conducted about performance and future plan of the Bolan University of Medical and Health Sciences here on Monday.

Also present on the occasion were the Vice Chancellor of the University, Professor Dr Shabbir Ahmed Lehri and Principal Secretary to Governor, Muhammad Hashim Khan Ghilzai.

The Governor said that it is requirement of the time that our higher educational institutions may produce maximum professional according to the prevailing circumstances and modern requirements and even to prepare design for our mechanics, technical experts and ma-

Torrential rains | 🕿 claim 18 lives

chine operators at the district level.

He said that he has issued directives being chancellor of the public sector universities to their vice chancellors to identify irrelevant subjects and unnecessary departments in their respective universi

roadmap for introducing the subjects based on the impor-

quality control in view for ensuring effectiveness of ev-

The Governor said that it is appreciable to introduce the BS programmes in different fields such as nursing, medical laboratory, dental and surgery by the Bolan University

He said that the idea of producing around 2,000 medical experts annually by the University is rare. However, long struggle and huge amount is required for implementing the plan, he stated.

The Governor appreciated the vice chancellor of the university and his whole team and said that different programmes would cast positive and constructive impacts on the overall healthcare system of the province.

Therefore, it is necessary to advertise the registration and entry test of the programmes by August 30 so that the desirous candidates may not deprive of the im portant opportunity.

Imran Khan says:

All drama of

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Faiz Hameed

being enacted

to send me to

military court

RAWALPINDI (Online)

PTI founder Imran Khan

has said all the drama of ar-

resting Gen (Retd) Faiz is

being enacted to take him

to make Gen (Retd) Faiz

approver against me. They

know all other cases against

me have been discharged.

Therefore, they want to

take me to military court

he said this while talking to

journalists in Adiala jail

get divulge some thing fron

Gen (Retd) Faiz. They wil

force Gen (Retd) Faiz to

give some statement that

arrest him. Whosoever

hatches conspiracy he does

not demand for judicial

Regime change was

commission.

If Gen (Retd) Faiz is

He held they want to

Monday.

"Efforts are underway

to military court.

SC stays IHC's proceeding in audio leaks case

ISLAMABAD (APP): the Supreme Court that the The Supreme Court of Pakistan on Monday served notices to respondents in an appeal of federal government against the order of Islamabad High Court (IHC) related to the alleged audio leaks of Najam us Saqib and Bushra Bibi.

investigate. The Additional Attor-The top court also suspended the order of IHC dated June 25, and stopped ney General Aamir Rehman its proceeding into the mattold the court during the ter till further orders.

A two-judge bench the IHC of May 29, the comprising Justice Amin ud authorities were stopped Din Khan and Justice Naeem Akhtar Afghan heard the case. The apex court, in its order regarding the hearing, said that the Additional Attorney General has stated that the proceedings of the IHC have not been finalized. The high court has exceeded the ju-

CDR. Due to the order the institutions are unable to do counter intelligence and caught terrorists. The court said in its order that the order of the IHC dated 29 May 2024 was reviewed. This order was not extended in the risdiction of Article 199, the next court proceedings, so principles have been laid they are not suspending the down in two decisions of order, it added.

high court cannot take suo-

was told that the five ques-

tions decided in the hearing

of the high court on May

31, were not the case of the

petitioners. It was also told

that the high court could not

hearing that in the order of

from phone tapping and

moto notices by itself. It said that the court

Tarar says: **Provinces should follow** Center, Punjab to ensure substantive relief to masses



three months' electricity Minister for Information, bills (June to August) with Broadcasting, Culture and a generous allocation of a National Heritage Attaullah subsidy of 50 billion ru-Tarar on Monday brushed pees.

Tarar pointed out that

They have also been directed to prepare their future

tant and market for near future. In this regard, they should also keep the steps of

ery new programme, he added.

tary Defence of Iraq called on General Sahir Shamshad Mirza, Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee, at Joint Staff Headquarters, Rawalpindi.

Matters of bilateral interests including, emerging security environment and enhancement of security and defence cooperation between the two countries were discussed during the meeting.

The visiting dignitary commended the professionalism of Pakistan Armed Forces and acknowledged the sacrifices rendered by people and Armed Forces of Pakistan in the war against terrorism.

Three brave sons of soil embrace martyrdom. Five terrorists killed during infiltration attempt at **Pak-Afghan border**

President, PM praise security forces for successful operation

RAWALPINDI (INP): who were trying to infil-Three soldiers were trate Pakistan-Afghanistan ince martyred and five militants border, was picked up by



were killed during an intense exchange for fire near the Pakistan-Afghanistan border in Bajaur district.

The Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) in Resultantly, five militants a statement said a movement of a group of militants,

between 18 and 19 August. Own troops effectively engaged and thwarted their attempt to infiltrate.

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Khan's counsel Salman

Safdar maintained that the

proceedings in the reference

against the former prime

minister are still underway

and the last of the 35 with

nesses are under cross-ex-

that there were eight ac-

cused, six of which are

absconders and the two are

Khan and his wife, Bushra

in the case, the petitioner

of this plea, facilitated the

As per the allegations

He apprised the court

amination.

Bibi

190 million pounds case: **IHC stops trial court to** announce final decision

ISLAMABAD (INP): Apa case also involving a propproving a request by Pakierty tycoon. During the hearing,

stan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) founder Imran Khan, the Islamabad High Court (IHC) stopped the trial court from announcing the final verdict on the $\tilde{E}190$ million settlement case.

A two-member divisional bench, comprising IHC's Justice Miangul Hassan Aurangzeb and Justice Babar Sattar, on Monday, heard a plea filed by the deposed prime minister, seeking the records for a past National Accountability Bureau (NAB) decision to close the graft case

settlement between the The incarcerated PTI government and the propchairman is accused of causerty tycoon when he was ing billions of rupees loss to the national exchequer in counsel added.

in Balochistan **Independent Report** QUETTA: As many as 18

persons died while 11 got injured in different rain and flood related mishaps occurred in different parts of Balochistan since July 1 2024

According to an official eport shared by PDMA on Aonday, human losses including casualties were reported from Khuzdar. Zhob, Hub, Sibi, Loralai, Ziarat, Kachhi and Killa Abdullah

rescuing family from flashflood As per the report, 124 houses were completely Independent Report collapsed while 293 were QUETTA: The Chief Minpartially damaged during ister Balochistan, Mir the rains and flashflood in Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti has different parts of the provhighly praised an excavator

driver on immediately res-Similarly, the heavy cuing a family stranded in rains and flashflood also the flashflood in Killa caused damages to six Abdullah area. bridges in the province. According to an official

and Health Sciences

Around 31-kilometer-long hand out issued here on roads were also affected due Monday, the Chief Ministo the heavy rains, menter also announced cash tioned in the PDMA's reprize for the driver of excavator. He said that the driver

Besides, at least 120 set a fine example of public cattle were perished while service by saving life of a standing crops on some 111 female and children while acres of land were damaged demonstrating braveness and courage. during the heavy rains.

and braveness. CS announces to form task force for prevention of narcotics at provincial & district level in Balochistan

Independent Report

QUETTA: The Chief Sec-Those retary Balochistan, Shakeel Qadir Khan has announced to form task force for pre-Ali Shah, Secretary Health, vention of narcotics at the provincial and district level Muhammad Saleh Baloch, Secretary Information, in the province. The Chief Secretary Imran Khan, Regional Di-

was presiding over the rector of ANF, Brigadier meeting about prevention of narcotics in the province, Adnan, Director General Public Relations, Noor Khetran. here on Monday Addressing the meet-The meeting reviewed

the measures for prevention of the narcotics in edu-

May 9 was conspiracy. bringing our generations at the brink of destruction. sued order of my arrest and stole CCTV footage then He stressed that we

QUETTA: Governor Balochistan Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail being

briefed about performance and future plan of the Bolan University of Medical

The Chief Minister said

that those serving the soci-

ety with dedication are our

real heroes. He announced

to award commendation cer-

tificate and cash reward to

the driver of excavator. It

may be mentioned here that

a car was stranded in the

flashflood in Toba Achakzai

situation, the local dwellers

called the driver of excava-

tor immediately, who res-

cued the family with car

they were riding in, from

the flood water demon-

strating extreme courage

By seeing the critical

area of Killa Abdullah

Announces cash prize for heroic work of driver:

CM applauses excavator driver on

have to keep our youth and every individual away from narcotics so as to save them from this curse. He directed to take ac-

tion against use and sale of done against us and I was the drugs in educational input into jail. They are saying now Gen (Retd) was stitutions. He urged the parents mastermind. Faiz got me arrested. They don't feel and teachers to play their

effective role for keeping ing, Chief Secretary said that the narcotics sellers are evils.



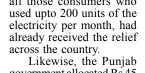
QUETTA: Chief Secretary Balochistan Shakeel Qadir Khan presiding over a meeting regarding provi the prime minister, the sion of medicines to provincial hospitals

aside the undue criticism about relief initiative of all those consumers who Federal and Punjab governments in power bills, and called upon other provinces to follow suit for ensuring instant relief to the masses during summer season.

Talking to the media, he said it was the foremost priority of the government to provide substantive relief to the masses, reduce price of the electricity and bring down the inflation in the country

"Provision of the relief to the people by the federal and Punjab governments during the summer season is a good move which should be welcomed by all," he added.

He said the federal government had already given upto Rs 5 per unit relief to all the protected and nonprotected consumers in people.



overnment allocated Rs 45 billion from its own funds to give subsidy to those who were using 200 units to 500 units per month. Cumulatively, the relief

initiatives of both the governments did provide the much-needed relief to the masses, he said, adding now it was up to other provincial governments to take identical steps to ensure relief for the masses

He said these relief steps ought to be fully appreciated and called for discarding criticism to work together for collective welfare and betterment of



ISLAMABAD: General Secretary Jamiat Ulema-i-Islam-Fazl (JUI-F) Maulana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri addressing during Aalmi Majlis Tahaffuz Khatm-e-Nubuwwat protest in favor of their demands in front of Parliament house, in the Federal Capital.

Balochistan govt provides resource for youth: Buledi

OUETTA Balochistan Minister for Planning and Development, Zahoor Ahmed Buledi said the provincial government while implementing its vision has started providing resource for harnessing youth through development, which needs reliable ashamed that they are

and reconcilable data. Speaking at the policy dialogue roundtable, DATA for Development (D4D), Youth and Employability Challenges in Balochistan, Transforming Obstacles into Opportunities, jointly organized by Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) and Balochistan University of Information Technology, Engineering and Management Sciences (BUITEMS) with the sup-

port of United Nations

(UNFPA), the Minister

Fund

Population

(APP): mentioned that the initiative 'Data for Development (D4D)' was being tailored to the present days needs of the provincial government in empowering Baloch youth.

Unveiling the initiative for discussion, Lead of the initiative 'D4D,' Deputy Executive Director, SDPI Dr. Sajid Amin Javed said the aim was to enhance the capacity of the government, mainly the planning and development ministry and department, for evidencebased development planning in the country, particularly at the provincial level, said a news release.

"This will be achieved through demand-driven evolving agenda of programme, which caters e needs of stakeholders,

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province. who were resent in the meeting were included Additional Chief Secretary Home, Shahab

cational institutions of the

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Miscellaneous

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Bilawal extends Sindh's hand to boost Punjab's healthcare

man Bilawal Bhutto Zardari says the best hospitals in Sindh, including Karachi. the country are in Sindh.

Speaking at the inauguration of the CyberKnife Unit at Jinnah Hospital, he highlighted that three Sindh hospitals – JPMC, NICVD, and NICH – are among the top healthcare providers in Pakistan.

He noted that the Sindh government significantly improved medical services and offered to assist Punjab in enhancing its healthcare sector.

The former foreign minister remarked, "Pakistan often receives negative coverage both domestically and internationally, but the success of these three hospitals showcases the country's good governance.3

He also mentioned that Sindh has developed the world's largest hospital for treating heart diseases, providing excellent care for children.

Additionally, he announced the launch of the city's third CyberKnife machine, which will offer free treat-

APP adds: Chairman of Pakistan People's Party (PPP) Bilawal Bhutto Zardari on Moday said new stateof-the-art facilities at Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre

QUETTA: Shah Khalid presenting souvenir to Pro-

vincial Education Minister Raheela Hameed Durrani

Shaheens set to face

Bangladesh 'A' in second

four-day match today

LAHORE (INP): The Pa- Ali have replaced Hasan

Mahmud, Mahmudul

Hasan Joy, Mominul Haque, Mushfiqur Rahim,

Nayeem Hasan, and Zakir

Hasan in the Bangladesh

'A' squad. The toss will

take place at 0930 and the

first ball is expected to be

bowled at 1000.

kistan Shaheens cricket

team will take on Bangladesh 'A' in the sec-

ond four-day match on

Tuesday, 20 August at the

Islamabad Club after the

first four-dyer ended up as

Bangladesh 'A' have made

wholesale changes to their

squads after the conclusion

of the first four-dayer as

Shaheens have welcomed

players joined Bangladesh

'A' after the Test squad

players left for national

duty. Uncapped top-order

batter Kamran Ghulam who

was released from the Pa-

kistan Test squad, along

with Abrar Ahmed, will lead

the Shaheens in the second

four-dayer.

new players while six

Pakistan Shaheens and

a draw

eight

during a ceremony organized by CA Pakistan

KARACHI (INP): Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) Chair- (JPMC) would ensure substantive relief to people of

He said it was definitely a gift of Sindh government to the people and prove to be as another milestone in healthcare sector.

The newly inaugurated units include the 120bed Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, the 110-bed Department of Neurology and Stroke Unit, and the cutting-edge CyberKnife S7-FIM, continuing the Sindh province's commitment to providing quality and free healthcare services to people.

Addressing the inaugural ceremony at JPMC, the PPP Chairman said that the standard hospitals were located in Sindh province and added that Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre (JPMC), National Institute of Cardiovascular Diseases (NICVD), and National Institute of Child Health (NICH) represented top healthcare institutions in the country. He said that these three institutions stood as a bea-

con of hope and termed these as exemplary models of good governance and successful public-private partner-ships by the provincial government.

11-member Pakistan squad named for 1st Test against Bangladesh

emony of new facilities, held at Jinnah Hospital in Karachi.

Board (PCB) has announced an 11-member squad for the first Test against Bangladesh, starting on Wednesday, August 21, at the Pindi Stadium, Rawalpindi.

The playing XI includes Shan Masood (captain), Saud Shakeel (vicecaptain), Abdullah Shafique, Babar Azam, Khurram Shahzad, Mohammad

Rizwan Mohammad (Wicket-Keeper), Naseem Shah, Saim Ayub, Salman Ali Agha and Shaheen Shah Afridi, said a press release. Pakistan will hit the

four fast bowlers. Shan Masood will lead the team for the first time in a home

series, while Jason

November 2023 Pakistan Shaheens captain Kamran Ghulam stated, ISLAMABAD (APP): "It is a great opportunity The Helpline '1413' for the for me to lead the Pakistan Shaheens side in the second Marriage Rights has refour-dayer. I'm excited to see myself in this role and help the team with my lead-2023.

ership and batting. "We will look to win the second four-day match and clinch the series which will be a huge confidence booster for the players going into a busy red-ball sea-January 2023.

son. "We are well aware of The calls received yet range from complaints the conditions at the Islamabad Club and will about domestic violence, child custody, and forced look to make the most of marriages, to difficulties in the learnings acquired dur-Chinese companies have inpursuing legal cases. The ing the first four-day creased interest in relocatcalls also highlight the urmatch. The new players gent need for legal represenwho have joined the squad tation and intervention in

ISLAMABAD (APP): Gillespie will make his de-The Pakistan Cricket but as the Pakistan cricket team's coach.

Pakistan has played 13 Tests against Bangladesh, winning 12 and drawing

INP adds: Bangladesh begin a two-Test series in Pakistan this week with their preparations severely hampered by the political turmoil that has wracked the country Unrest that led to the

overthrow of prime minis-Ali, ter Sheikh Hasina kept the team's foreign coaches indoors, strictly following advisories from their embassies, while mass protests stopped the team field with a combination of from assembling for practice sessions.

The make-up of the Bangladesh Cricket Board

NCHR help-line receives 348 calls since

Protection of Women's ceived 348 calls for legal assistance on marriage rights since November

The helpline was established by National Commission for Human Rights (NCHR) in collaboration with Musawi in

Hassan fled the country due to his association with Hasina

Cricket and politics go hand-in-hand īn Bangladesh, but ace allrounder Shakib Al Hasan a member of the now-dissolved parliament for Hasina's party – is being allowed to feature in the Pakistan series by the interim government. "Be-

cause of the situation it was not possible to practice," spin bowling coach Mushtaq Ahmed told reporters. The tourists got some reprieve after the Pakistan

Cricket Board invited them to arrive four days early to make up for their lack of preparations. A secondstring Bangladesh team -

after president Nazmul from the national team had already been playing practice games Islamabad since August 10.

KARACHI: Peoples Party (PPP) Chairman, Bilawal Bhutto Zardari addresses during inauguration cer-

add То to Bangladesh's problems, in-form opener Mahmudul Australia earlier this year, Hasan Joy has been ruled Pakistan brought in former out of the first Test with a Aussie paceman Jason groin strain, but senior bat-Gillespie as Test coach, ter Mushfigur Rahim is while expected to recover in time groundsman Damien from a finger injury. Hough was hired to im-

Bangladesh will be hoping hope to overturn pitches. Having released their only spinner, Abrar Ahmed, Pakistan will entheir no-win record against Pakistan, having lost 12 of the 13 Tests, with just one ter the Test with an alldraw

The two-match Test pace attack – a ploy they series is part of the World last used five years ago Test Championship's third against Sri Lanka at the cycle with Pakistan sixth in the current nine-team table and Bangladesh eighth The second Test - both

matches moved to Mehidy Hasan Rawalpindi because of (164) all included. Mehidy Hasan Miraz construction work at Karachi stadium – will be played from August 30.

Adelaide

Pakistan captain Shan Masood refused to accept the Bangladesh team is un-Following a 3-0 rout in

der-prepared. You expect all international Test sides to come into a series well prepared and trying to play their best cricket," he told AFP.

"Bangladesh is a side that has quality players in prove the standard of all departments and we highly respect the challenges they bring as a side to us.

Masood also hopes Pakistan will show improvement under the new coach. "We are excited to see how they (coaches) help us to be better people, better cricketers and -

Bangladesh, however, will rely on spin with Shakib (237 wickets), Taijul Islam (195), and world."

Good news for agri, power sectors; Tarbela reaches full capacity

nificant development for uninterrupted during the Pakistan's water and power sectors, Tarbela Dam has been filled to its maximum capacity, with water levels reaching 1,550 feet. This marks the second

ne venue.

consecutive year that the dam has been fully filled, storing over 5.8 million acre-feet (MAF) of water. The Water and Power Development Authority

Balochistan govt (WAPDA) announced that provides... with the dam now at full anacity there is no room

TARBELA (INP): In a sig- cultural activities remain

upcoming seasons. Additionally, the dam will continue to generate hydroelectric power, contributing to the stability of

the national grid. On the other hand, over the past 10 years, Pakistan's oil and gas production has witnessed a significant decline instead of the anticipated growth, a situation attributed to political instability, security con



Director General Health Dr. Aminullah Khan Mandokhail visiting DHQ Hos-

PM orders 50% of.... *Continued from page 1* tion date to February 2025

from earlier June 2025.

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vices

be made available.

of the government's ser-

The Capital Develop-ment Authority's (CDA)

Abrar Ahmed, Ali Zaryab, Imam Ul Haq, Mohammad Awais Anwar, Niaz Khan, Qasim Akram, Rohail Nazir and Sharoon Siraj replaced Mir Hamza. Mohammad Ali, Mohammad Huraira, Mohammad Rameez Jnr, Naseem Shah, Saim Ayub, Sarfaraz Ahmed and Saud Shakeel

Mohammad Naim, Mohammad Saifuddin, Saif Hassan, Soumya Sarkar, Towhid Hridoy, and Zakir the second four-day match.

ing of District officers

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TENDER NOTICE

Note: In All Procurements of GOB Whether Through Electronic

or Manual Bid Submission, it is Mandatory For All Bidders to

Get Registered At the Electronic Public Procurement System of

BPPRA GOB. The District Council Mastung invites bids from Eligible

Bidders for the execution of the following works for the Year 2024

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Procurements shall be made under the Balochistan Public

Procurement Rules - 2014. Eligibility of Bidders: Presence in

Active Tax Payer List The bidding firm must not be blacklisted by any

procuring agency in Pakistan Balochistan Revenue Authority

Registration is required The bidder must have completed 3

Assignment of similar nature of work Other conditions mentioned in

the bidding document. Procedure Of Procurement: Single Stage

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OF DISTRICT COUNCIL MASTUNG, DISTRICT

WATER TANKS AT DIFFERENT UNION COUNCILS

are exciting and will hopefully contribute towards Shaheens' success in the protection. second game. Bangladesh 'A' captain housed in the NCHR office Anamul Haque "After a few changes to

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SSISTANT DIRECTOR DISTRICT COUNCIL

MASTUNG

and is managed by two female helpline officers. The our squad we are now fohelpline is operational from cused on giving our best in 9am to 5pm every Monday to Friday

ing Chinese industries to Pakistan. Pakistani students and research scholars situations of domestic will be trained in the field abuse, divorce, and child of agriculture in China for The helpline '1413' is which 572 applications have been received so far.

pital Chaman

The Prime Minister directed to give equal participation to students from all provinces for this training.

It was apprised that

Meawhile Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Monday said that the completion of Information Technology Park project in Islamabad would help boost country's exports in this sector and prove as significant milestone in achieving \$25 billion IT exports target.

The prime minister, while chairing a meeting to review the ongoing projects of Information Technology, digitization and steps to increase IT exports, termed the progress on IT project in Íslamabad as satisfactory.

He further directed for ports saw a growth of 30 taking steps to reduce its percent when compared completion time-frame afwith the figures in the last ter consultation with the year Korean experts, PM Office Media Wing said in a press dents had been registered to

get training in IT skills programmes while four new tended by Ministers Ahsan incubation centers had been set up. Under the Iqbal, Ahad Khan Cheema, Muhammad government's steps, the Aurangzeb, Attaullah Tarar, manufacturing of mobile Minister of State for IT phones in the country saw Shaza Fatima Khawaja, a surge by 30 percent Deputy Chairman Planwhereas the number of its ning Jehanzaib Khan, users had increased by further 800,000.

Under the prime minister's vision, all the relevant institutions and departments were collectively working on different projects to take Pakistan's

mechanisms to ensure qualteams were regularly visitity, and strong partnering and monitoring the project site. The meeting was furships," he said. He added objective of

the initiative was to pro ther briefed over the digital mote and cultivate data cul smart cities and the comture in Pakistan, strengthen mencement of its pilot project from Islamabad, ecosystem for data-driven & people-centric developwhich would enable the ment, planning & policy residents of the city to get making, strengthen the caeasy access to 150 pacity of National & Progovernment's services vincial Statistical System through City Super Appliby helping the planning and development departments Through this mobile to deliver on data-driven application, the governplanning and decision makmental and administrative services including CDA, ing by producing evidence Islamabad Police, health and

and data on critical issues. such as climate change, educational services would population, and gender through research studies The prime minister said that the citizens should and baseline surveys Member National Asbe encouraged to use mo-

sembly of Pakistan from bile application for availing Quetta, Nawab Zada, Jamal Khan Raisani in his address The meeting was also said, finally the government apprised of the IT sector of Balochistan has prepared and adopted 'Youth Policy performance over the past for the 64 percent of the five months. Under the population, which is lookgovernment's steps, IT exing up to jobs carriers in the framework of the policy.

"Lack of reconcilable and reliable data is the biggest obstacle in the imple-A total of 300,000 stumentation of the policy. This is the reason, I am per sonally keen to help the initiative and will take the debate to the National Assembly of Pakistan," MNA Raisani said.

Chancellor Vice BUITEMS, Prof. Dr. Khalid Hafeez in his closing remarks, said AI and other fields of IT are very popular now a days, but we all must remember that without data they are useless and that is the reason BUITEMS will soon launch a major programme, on DATA Science for filling the

Continued from page 1 for additional water stor- cerns, and a persistent lack age. As a result, spillway of investment in explorarobust oversight and gates have been opened to tion and development. manage the overflow.

vear in a row is being hailed

as a major success, particu-

larly for the agricultural and

energy sectors. The stored

water will be used for irri-

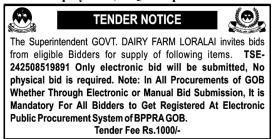
country, ensuring that agri-

Due to the reasons WAPDA is expected to mentioned above, large remake an official announceserves have not been disment regarding the dam's covered over the last destatus later today. cade. The completion of

According to data pro-Tarbela Dam for the second vided by the Pakistan Petroleum Information Service (PPIS), the country's crude oil production has fallen drastically since 2015. Back then, the daily progation purposes across the duction stood at 94,500 barrels



QUETTA: Sacked employees of Police Department are holding protest demonstration for restoration of their employment, at Quetta press club.



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1 Animal Food & Medicine (Total Item(s) Count: 3) 2% Procurements shall be made under the Balochistan Public Procurement Rules - 2014. Eligibility of Bidders: 3 Assignments of Similar Nature and Complexity 7,000,000 in Previous 3 Years Turn over of at least 7,000,000 PKR in 3 Subsequent Previous Years Presence in Active Tax Payer List Sales Tax Certificate The bidding firm must not be currently blacklisted by any procuring agency of Pakistan JV is not permissible Submission of the required Bid Security In case Bid Security is not found as required during financial evaluation the bidding firm shall be declared as ineligible and nonresponsive Submission of the required Bidding document Fee Samples Must Be submitted feed will be sent to libortory for analysing Procedure Of Procurement: Single Stage Two Envelope Bidding Procedure Bid Security: The bids must accompany Bid Security in the form of Deposit at Call of 2 % specified above in the name of the under-signed from a scheduled bank. Tender Documents: The NIT & Bidding Document can be obtained electronically from www.bppra.gob.pk Issuance of tender Documents: Complete Bidding Document can be viewed at www.bppra.gob.pk Last Date of bid submission: Bid can only be submitted electronically latest by 30 August, 2024 till 11:30 AM through supplier dashboard. Tender opening: All tenders will be opened on same day at 12:30 PM on EPPS System Address: Office of the Superintendent Govt Dairy Farm Loralai Phone no: 3327869093 Email: rahimkhan 72@yahoo.com



NASEERABAD: Deputy Commissioner Munir Kakar presiding over meet-Five terrorists... were killed, while four othrelease. ers got injured.

However, during intense exchange of fire, three brave sons of soil; Naik Inayat Khan, Lance Naik Umer Hayat and Sepoy Wagar Khan, having fought gallantly, embraced martyrdom.

Meanwhile President Asif Ali Zardari has expressed grief over the martyrdom of three soldiers of the Pakistan Army while

fighting terrorists in Bajaur. Paying tribute to the park project was in full martyrs of the nation, he said the entire nation will

remain grateful to them. The President said the entire nation pays tribute to its martyrs and it will not

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has appreciated security forces for conducting successful operation in Bajaur and killing five Khwarji terrorists.

soldiers of Pakistan Army, Naik Inavat Khan, Lance Naik Umar Havat and Sepoy Wagar Khan. The

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at a Call of 4 % specified above in the name of the undersigned from forget their sacrifices. a scheduled bank. Tender Documents: The bidding documents car be obtained from the office of the undersigned 4,000 PKR Issuance Muhammad of tender Documents: From the date of publication of NIT to 06 September, 2024 during office hours on working days Last Date of bid submission: The Tenders must be submitted latest by 06 September, 2024till 02:30 PM. Tender opening: All tenders will be opened on the same day at the office of the undersigned at 03:30 PM

> He paid tribute to the Email: tarigimam23@gmail.com

Prime Minister prayed for the departed souls and the bereaved families



QUETTA: Chief Executive Officer Balochistan Education Endowment Fund Muhammad Zakriva Khan Noorzai meeting with Honorary Consul General of Germany Mir Murad Baloch

The meeting was at-

PM's Coordinators Malik Mukhtar Bharath, Rana

Ahsan Afzal and relevant senior officials. The meeting was apprised that work on the IT

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Senate body on S&T deliberates on PHA (Amendment) Bill, 2023'

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Senate Standing Committee on Science and Technology on Monday deliberated on the Private Member's Bill titled "Pakistan Halal Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2023."

The meeting was chaired by Senator Kamil Ali Agha. Senator Dr. Zarqa Suharwardhy, the bill's mover, explained that the bill aims to strengthen the Pakistan Halal Authority (PHA) by providing guideines for the enforcement of Halal standards

Officials from the maining sanctioned posts is eral Zawar Hussain ap-Ministry of Science and underway. The committee Technology (MoST) inrecommended that relevant formed the committee that experience, along with a dithe proposed amendments ploma in Halal certification, should be required for the are part of the Pakistan Halal Authority (PHA) posts of inspectors. PHA Act. During the meeting, has registered 16 local Halal Senator Kamil Ali Agha incertification bodies, one foreign certification body, quired about the current staffing and recruitment criand several slaughterhouses, primarily in Punjab. teria at PHA. Officials revealed that a total of 100 The committee was posts are sanctioned, but also briefed on the role and PHA is currently operating performance of the Nawith only 38 officials, intional Institute of Electron-

cluding six inspectors. The process of filling the re-Acting Director Gen-

prised the committee that NIE's major role is in design and development, including the preparation of prototypes in vital areas of electronics.

NIE has developed several prototypes, including processor chips, an electric vehicle kit for small cars, and various other devices. NIE offers testing, capacity evaluation, and calibration services for electronic devices to both government and private institutions at minimal cost.

ISLAMABAD: PM's Coordinator on Climate Change & Environmental Coordination, Romina Khursheed Alam holds meeting with UNDP delegation to discuss ongoing projects.

Youth's role vital for addressing climate challenge: Mashhood

SLAMABAD (APP): Chairman of the Prime Minister's Youth Programme(PMYP) Rana Mashhood Ahmed Khan has said that young people can play a vital role in addressing the global challenge of climate change.

Talking to the media, he said that innovative ideas and unique perspectives that the youth bring to the table were crucial components in the development of effective and inclusive climate policies.

'Supporting young people and ensuring their inclusion in the policymaking process to combat

matter of importance; it is an absolute necessity." The Chairman PMYP ISLAMABAD (APP): The government has anadded that the government nounced the establishment was educating the youth to create awareness in their localities and advocate for it,

of over 250 E-Rozgar centers across the country in collaboration with provinadding the Green Youth cial governments and pri-Movement (GYM) an inivate institutions. tiative of the Prime These centers aim to Youth provide essential facilities Programme was creating

to hardworking and skilled awareness and sensitizing youth in smaller cities, help-Youth about the effects of ing them access digital opportunities, according to an "By harnessing the official from the Ministry creativity, energy, and commitment of the youth, we

The E-Rozgar centers will be established in every

widely regarded as a pio-

neer of local cinema, having

produced some of the earli-

est super hits in the sub-

continental region. Shaukat

Hussain Rizvi was born in

Azamgarh, British India. in

1914. He was widely re-

garded as a pioneer of local cinema, he produced some

of the earliest super hits in the sub-continental region.

super-hit at the time.

He directed his first

to empower youth district of the country. The distribution of these centers is based on the population of each province, as well as data from 1.2 million freelancers registered with Ignite

250 E-Rozgar centers to

be established nationwide

Punjab leads the initiative with 149 centers, followed by Sindh with 51, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa with 28, and significant representation in other regions, including the federal capital Islamabad with 11 centers, Balochistan with 6, Azad Kashmir with 3, and

Gilgit-Baltistan with 2.

Originally launched by Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif in Punjab, the E-Rozgar centers have proven to be highly valuable, benefiting millions of young people

These centers are particularly designed for those who cannot afford expensive office spaces, offering them a chance to leverage IT skills and enter the digital workforce.

The initiative is expected to enable even more young people to benefit from the growing IT sector.



ISLAMABAD: During the expansion work of Club Road, heavy machinery is being utilized to carry out the construction and development tasks.

KP, GB & AJK vulnerable to landsliding, flash flooding risk amid GLOF events: NDMA

film, Khandan, in 1942. which went on to become a The National Emergencies Mansehra, and Abbottabad Operations Center (NEOC) Districts of Khyber of the National Disaster Pakhunkhwa while Gilgit, Management Authority Diamir, Nagar and Hunza (NDMA) on Monday anticipated landsliding and flash flooding risk amid active glacial lake outburst Highway along Hunza, and flood (GLOF) in parts of the Gilgit Baltistan (GB), Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) and Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK). The NEOC anticipated heavy rainfall in GB and AJK from August 19 to 24 whereas river discharge was expected to increase due to rise in temperature, increased snow mobilize resources to enmelt and heavy rains, a news release said.

ISLAMABAD (APP): Malakand, Hazara, Mirpur



ISLAMABAD: Activists of Aalmi Majlis Tahaffuz Khatm-e-Nubuwwat hold a protest in favor of their demands in front of Parliament house.

Bilawal highlights enduring relevance of Hazrat Shah Latif Bhittai's teachings

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chairman of Pakistan People's Party (PPP), Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, on Monday, emphasized the enduring relevance of Hazrat Shah Abdul Latif Bhittai's teachings.

He said that the great Bhittai's teachings stand as Sufi saint and poet's message of love, harmony, and universal brotherhood transcends time and continues to inspire the quest for a just and peaceful society.

In a statement released by the Media Cell Bilawal House on the occasion of the annual Urs of Shah teachings of Shah Abdul

guiding light, steering socitolerance, inclusivity, and compassion. He noted that a timeless reminder of the need to resist oppression, champion social justice, and foster unity across all communities.

Bilawal Bhutto Zardari said, "On this revered occasion, I encourage everyone to delve into the Bhittai, Chairman PPP high- Latif Bhittai and aspire to

lighted that Bhittai's poetry embody the principles of not only captures the spiri- love, humility, and selflesstual and cultural essence of ness that he so profoundly Sindh but also serves as a articulated. Together, let us strive to cultivate a society ety toward the values of that embodies the ideals Shah Latif upheld-one where every individual, regardless of their background, is honored and valued." The chairman PPP extended his heartiest greetings to the people of Sindh and all those who revere Bhittai's teachings, empha-

sizing the importance of collective effort in building a society grounded in the values that Shah Latif cherished.



climate change is not just a generations, "he added. **Building plans** approval to go online

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Capital Development Authority (CDA) will start approving building plans through online system by September this year to the convenience of the visitors.

It was decided in a meeting, chaired by CDA Chairman Muhammad Ali Randhawa on Monday to streamline the approval process for residential and commercial building plans. The online platform

will enable citizens to submit and track their building plans from anywhere in the

Hussain Rizvi was rememupdates on the status of bered on his death anniversary on Monday. Born in India in 1914, Rizvi is

world, receiving real-time

can drive meaningful change and create a legacy of sustainability for future Filmmaker Shaukat Rizvi remembered ISLAMABAD (APP): Legendary producer, direc-tor and actor Shaukat

their applications.

Minister's

climate change.

Architects will also be registered on the system, ensuring a seamless and efficient process. To ensure a smooth rollout, Chairman Randhawa directed that

CDA officers and staff undergo necessary training and be equipped with required IT equipment. This initia-tive is part of CDA's efforts to provide citizens with accessible services at their

doorstep. The authority is also launching a super app, offering over 150 services to the residents of Islamabad.

by September 2024

at airport

ICT admin intensifies

monkeypox screening

response to the growing threat of monkeypox, the Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) Administration has intensified its efforts to ensure the safety of citizens.

Deputy Commis-sioner (DC) Islamabad, Irfan Nawaz Memon recently inspected the screening measures at the Islamabad Airport to prevent the spread of the virus, said the spokesman of the ICT administration.

The DC arrived at Islamabad Airport to review the current screening PIMS Hospital for further procedures for passengers

care

ISLAMABAD: A vendor is displaying decorative sculptures and fancy plant pots attraction for customers at his local nursery along a road in the Federal Capital.

MAF

11.037 MAF, which is

82.65% of the total live storage capacity of 13.354

According to Flood Forecasting Division

(FFD), Lahore, yesterday's

Well Marked Low Pressure

Area over North Bay of

Bengal and adjoining

Bangladesh remained sta-

tionary there whereas the

Low Pressure system has

persists over Northwestern

Balochistan while strong

Westerly Wave trough that

was previously over

Northern Afghanistan has

shifted to Northeastern Af-

ghanistan and adjoining ar-

eas of Pakistan. Light to

moderate moist currents

from Arabian Sea were

penetrating into most

Further, Seasonal Low

weakened into trough.

FFC says: **Rivers Indus, Kabul** continue to run in medium, low flood

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Federal Flood Commission (FFC) has said that River Indus continues to experience "Medium Flood" in Taunsa-Sukkur reach and in "Low Flood" in Tarbela-Chashma reach while River Kabul at Nowshera is flow-

ing in "Low Flood" According to daily FFC report on Monday, other major rivers in the Indus River System i.e. Jhelum, Chenab, Ravi and Sutlej are discharging normal flows.

Tarbela Dam has reached its Maximum Conservation Level of 1550 feet on Monday. This significant achievement in water storage is poised to greatly benefit the country's agriculture during the next cropping season.

As of today, the total parts of Pakistan up to 3000 feet at reporting time storage in the country's major reservoirs stands at today.

ISLAMABAD (APP): In arriving from abroad. After the inspection, the DC directed health officials to speed up the screening proritory (ICT) administration cess, ensuring that no pashas started a firm campaign

senger goes unchecked. against the use of plastic On the occasion, the bags in local markets of the DC expressed his satisfac-Federal Capital, with a tion with health department clear message: violations staff who were actively will not be tolerated. screening every passenger coming from foreign coun-

the H-9 Sunday bazaar, Assistant Commissioner I-He directed that if any 9 enforced the district's symptoms of monkeypox strict ban on plastic bags were detected, the patient said the spokesman of the would be immediately iso-CT administration. lated and transferred to During the market

visit, the AČ accompanied by district administration teams confiscated plastic bags and the imposition of Rs 20,000 fine on those found using them.

During a recent visit to

AIOU launches tree plantation

campaign SLAMABAD (APP) the Islamabad Capital Ter-Allama Iqbal Open Univerritory (ICT) Police's Indussity (AIOU) has initiated a major tree plantation camtrial Area team arrested two members of a notorious car paign to address climate theft gang. The suspects, identified as Roman and change. Vice Chancellor rofessor Dr. Nasin Ikramullah, were appre-Mahmood inaugurated the hended following a targeted campaign by planting a operation that resulted in Moringa tree, emphasizing the recovery of valuable the university's commit-

laptops and cash. ment to environmental A Public Relations sustainability. Dr. Nasin Officer from the ICT Po-Mahmood stated, "AIOU lice talking to this scribe on is dedicated to the national Monday said, under the tree plantation effort, with plans to plant trees across specific instructions of all the 54 campuses and en-Deputy Inspector General (DÎG) Syed Ali Raza, a gage our students in this crucial cause." Deans, Profescrackdown on criminal elements has been launched to sors, and other officials joined in. Earlier, during a protect citizens' lives and briefing on the monsoon tree property. Acting on these plantation, Wajih ul Hassan, directives, the Industrial the Horticulture Officer from the Department of Agricultural Sciences, informed the Vice Chancellor that the uni-

ICT police nab car theft duo in major crackdown; stolen laptops, cash recovered ISLAMABAD (APP): In a als have confessed to a se-significant breakthrough, ries of thefts involving Blue Area, Sector G-9, and Faisal Masjid. Malik Zahoor, the owner of

the result.

Counsel Hassan Raza said RO did not do recounting of votes

The NEOC anticipated heavy rainfall in ing to these areas during Chitral, Dir, Charbagh, forecast season. **USAID** celebrates Int'l Youth Day 2024 with launch

of 'Dil Dil Mein Pak' song ISLAMABAD (APP): Composer Ali Ashraf, and The United States Agency the six talented young singfor International Development (USAID) on Monday announced the launch of song 'Dil Dil Mein Pakistan' in celebration of International Youth Day

2024. This song is the culmination of a youth talent hunt 'Voices of Pakistan' a campaign dedicated to empowering and celebrating the vibrant youth of Pakistan

The song launch ceremony, held at the Pakistan National Council of the Arts (PNCA), was attended by USAID/Pakistan Mission Director Kate cultural heritage. By show-Somvongsiri, Director General Ayoub Jamali, Music verse cultures.

ers who emerged as winners from the five provinces, Azad Kashmir Islamabad. Congratulating the

singers, Mission Director Somvongsiri said, "USAID believes in fostering opportunities for all, especially the youth. By engaging with young people, we hope to promote a message of growth, cooperation, and inclusivity.

The 'Dil Dil Mein Pakistan' campaign highlights the incredible potential of Pakistan's youth while preserving the nation's rich casing local talent and di-

NBF publishes book on 'Data Analysis in Pakistan'

ISLAMABAD (APP): The National Book Foundation (NBF) has published a unique book on the topic of data analysis in Pakistan titled "Making Sense of Statistical Analysis: A Researcher's Handbook for Data Analysis using IBM SPSS.'

This comprehensive work is a joint effort by renowned educational experts, Professor Dr. Nasir Mahmood and Dr. Muhammad Yousuf, and it thoroughly explores both the theoretical and practical aspects of SPSS, according to a news release.

Comprising ten sec-

tions and twenty-eight chapters, this book is being regarded as a significant advancement in the field of research.

It is the first book of its kind written by local authors in Pakistan, incorporating local examples to make data analysis more accessible and understandable

The book covers a wide range of topics, from selecting research designs, choosing appropriate scales, preparing code books, data entry, data editing, data screening, and evaluating scales' reliability and validity.

ISLAMABAD: Senator Kamil Ali Agha, Chairman Senate Standing Committee on Science and Technology presiding over a meeting of the committee at Parliament Lodges.

Area Police utilized both parked vehicles, citing his technical and human resources to successfully own experience where thieves capture the accused stole equipment worth The arrested individuaround 1.1 million versity is planting 300 trees



adjourns hearing laptops, cash, and mobile phones, committed by breaking vehicle windows. Their criminal activities spanned various locations, including Shifa Parking,

97 Faisalabad on request for adjournment by Latif Khosa counsel for PTI candidate Saad Ullah Baloch The case related to re

counting of votes in NA 97 Faisalabad came up for hearing in SC Monday.

Rajgan Motors and a vehicle dealer, praised the police for their recent success in ap-

prehending the duo of car lifters who have been causing significant distress in the community. "This success-

ful operation marks a notable step forward in com-

bating vehicle theft and restor-

ournment.

Latif Khosa counsel for PTI candidate Saad

ing a sense of security among

NA-97 during February 8

residents" he remarked. However, a citizen Akram Ali also highlighted the ongoing issue of high-value thefts from

elections. Application was given to Returning Officer (RO) for recounting votes before finalizing

Ullah Baloch sought ad-Counsel Ali Goha Baloch said over 9000 votes were rejected in

till Aug 27 ISLAMABAD (Online): Supreme Court (SC) has adjourned till August 21 hearing of the petition for re-accounting votes in NA-

Petition for

recounting votes

in NA-97, SC

districts of Gilgit Baltistan Rains may trigger localized landslides at Karakuram at risk areas of Nagar Gilgit, Diamir, Lower and Upper Kohistan.

The NDMA urges all relevant authorities and the public to take necessary precautions to mitigate the potential impacts of flooding and landslides. NDMA issued instructions to all relevant departments and sure a swift response to any arising situation. Tourists are advised to avoid travel-

Rs 20,000

SLAMABAD (APP): The Islamabad Capital Ter-

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Reluctant austerity

The time for tokenism has long gone. Unless the current government gets serious about introducing and implementing public interests sto- the country, he said, a long-term sustainability plan, the financial pain the nation is being made to suffer now will yield few positive outcomes for Daily. the future.

Under pressure to curtail its expenditures, the government is reportedly mulling various measures to 'right-size' its footprint. The proposals currently under consideration include merging some ministries, and either collapsing, shutting tice to your stories, he remarked. down, or transferring a total of 28 departments under five identified ministries to the private sector.

Another proposal seeks to consolidate 12 institutions running under these five ministries, while yet another suggestion is to abolish the around 150,000 positions currently lying vacant in the federal government and gradually phase a book that examines the out various posts in grades 1 to 16. Meanwhile, the prime minister is also said to be insisting on shutting down or privatising any state institution "which has not shown adequate this year, examines the conperformance".

But the question is, will these measures make any real difference? It may be recalled that PM Shehbaz Sharif has previously announced not one, but two government austerity drives at different points during the last two-odd years. Both failed and have since been quietly shelved.

Meanwhile, the federal ent in the region such as to the military-security vient to the West. The con- were obviously executed at government's total expendi- ancient hatreds, tribalism sector." Washington's aim and chronic violence, to build a "new informal tures have more than doubled which many Western empire" thwarted the evosince the ouster of the PTI government in April 2022. Within the consequence of strong economies indepenthe same period, the combined America's disastrous for-eign policy decisions durbudget for the National Assembly and the Senate has been increased by more than 100pc; from Rs9.9bn in fiscal 2022-23 to a total of Rs19.98bn for this As the climate crisis confiscal year. Furthermore, government salaries have been increased by 25pc this year, while Increase. It is often said that climate change is try of Climate Change and additional financial resources of multi-sectoral therefore Environmental Coordinaaround Rs40bn have been allocated for civil servants in the the 18th Amendment. form of loans and advances. At mention is made of how a time when ordinary citizens to bridge the gap between have been forced to tighten policy and implementa-tion, affix responsibility, their belts in extremely painful ways, this profligacy cuts in make systemic functions ro-bust and accountable. inexpressible ways. There is no question that the practice to identify prob-lems and attribute inaction size of the government needs to lack of finance, capacto be reduced post-haste. However, these efforts need to go sues responsible for slow beyond mere sound bites. Pakistanis have paid dearly for implementable. their government's inability to run the country within its have a policy that serves means. Public debt, which has as the guiding document for coping with emerging continued to accumulate at an threats. The National Cliaccelerated rate over the past Mational Water Policy 2021, National Water Policy few years, has seemed not to 2018, National Food Sebe as much of a problem for the Risk Reduction Policy those responsible for its accumulation than for ordinary citizens, who have paid for it in the form of runaway inflation works provide targets and and higher taxes. The only way to demonstrate sharing means of imple-mentation or any mechaa commitment to righting this nism for monitoring, rewrong is by the government cutting its expenditures in rangement in climate govmeaningful and painful ways. It must take back all unnecessary perks and privileges given tal question of responsi-bility stands diluted. Evto certain categories of public servants, such as free fuel, ery province has devel-oped its own climate change policy with placeelectricity and air tickets. Austerity should begin at the top. Otherwise, it will be little more feed into the National Clithan just for show.

Muhammad Umer ism Network (GIJN) tions that "If you don't have in the list of top invescourage to go against tigative stories of the promise their indeall odds, stay home, year 2023. The story pendence and integleave journalism and features "Private rity. Pressures from mised journalism that in terms of free jour-leadership of CM do some other work Jails of the influential various sources, ofof less risk. Yes, Jour- leaders nalists in Balochistan Balochistan'

face numerous chal-Despite numerlenges including life ous challenges in the rare often risk their threats while doing volatile province of lives to report on senries," said the young "I have been lucky human rights abuses, journalist Notezai enough that I did not political unrest, and working for leading receive any life the scourge of cornational English threat as received to ruption. many my other col-Fear of being the leagues, next soft target of the

elements, you are go- and unique geoing against always re- graphical position of with inadequate pro- the ills, than it is the important issues de- sources can further unmains. However, un- Balochistan province tection measures, society that suffers, spite the risks in- demine their ability to less you don't cross have made it battle the red line and push field making no room difficulties they en- President the boundaries you for the journalists to counter in fulfilling Balochistan Union of ment Shahid Rind light at the end of the are not audacious cover the issues their duties. enough to make jus- freely.

Somehow com-

in ten lead to biased reporting.

In such situation, sitive issues such as

Journalists in Balochistan face numerous challenges

Additionally, lim-

M o h a m m a d Ahmed said, referred

vestigative Journal- viduals or organiza- sensitive issues, was Balochistan and no- wider audiences and yet displeased with body now dares to amplify their voices. the trend of Journal- put his life at risk, he ism

man but also caused loss of the journalist deplored.

prestige, journalists working have to face pressure Balochistan. These and abhorrence from include the resilience further compound the he further deplored. volved," Spokesman report freely and objecof Journalists, Khalil said.

forward to an era of eco-

nomic and political free-

dom and prosperity. But

soon, US policies meant

Challenges the Kazim Mengal, the to reporting in the vancements in techjournalists face in- representative of the province as so-called nology have enabled Balochistan continue to Akbar Notezai is clude fear from mis- BBC, who has journalism. As many journalists to dissemi- work tirelessly to uphold one of the journalists creants, self-censor- penned hundreds of as 41 journalists lost nate information the principles of journalwhose story has been ship, and pressure stories on number of their lives in line with more effectively, al- ism and bring important

The provincial

stressed. The government, Mr "It is the compro- Balochistan province, Shahid said under the we are doing. The nalism, is the worst Balochisan Sarfaraz unreal journalism has one in the region as Bugti is committed to not only increased the there is zero tolerance ensure journalists are plight of an ordinary on certain issues of free to report. public interests.

However "Despite the stressed the need for prestige," Mr Kazim challenges, there are highlighting the issome positive indica- sues faced by an or-With loss of their tors for journalists dinary man and in marginalized segment of the society. Undoubtedly, the ited access to re- the society. When and dedication of few lack of adequate pro-The dynamics sources and infra- you can not report the local journalists who tection for journalists structure, coupled reality, don't highlight continue to report on and limited access to re-

Balochistan govern- tively. However, the tunnel is that despite Furthermore, ad- these challenges, many journalists in

intensification of sectarian rivalries. US decisions to ally with Islamist groups against secular-oriented nationalists proved just as

Washington mimicked Eufateful In the chapter subropean imperialists by titled 'What could have seeking to build an 'informal empire' — a term that been', the author discusses at peace with itself and resonates in the book --the two events he sees as whose results were virtutransformational and conally the same as colonial sequential to the region's rule. He cites political scisubsequent trajectory entist Atul Kohli, who deouster of Mossadegh in 1953 and American moves fined informal empire as predicated on "an alliance against Nasser that led to modernising his country in which elites in the imthe Suez crisis of 1956. perial country allow elites These triggered a chain of on the global periphery to reactions and counterreactions that were share in economic growth in exchange for establishing stable but ultimately East's complexion. They subservient governments also seriously undermined there". Gerges details how US relations with people in the Arab and Muslim the US "exploited pliant local regimes, established world. Popular, progressive nationalist leaders like extensive military bases, penetrated national econo-Mossadegh and Nasser mies, staged military interwere branded as 'disguised ventions and imposed communists' because of Lost in the process was punishing multilateral their assertions of inde- balance and equilibrium in sanctions". These policies

ening of political Islam and that Islam and Arab culture were incompatible with democracy.

In answering the 'what if' question had the US not overthrown Mossadegh, the author posits that a democratic Iran would have evolved. serving as an example to its neighbours. In Egypt, US hostility towards Nasser, although no democrat but a secular nationalist leader intent on and pursuing an independent path, also had damaging consequences. It changed regional dynamto change the Middle ics and shaped issues of war and peace. Gerges recalls that Nasser retaliated by turning to Moscow for arms and opposing Arab monarchs and leaders who joined the US military alliance, which in turn led to the Arab Cold War. pendence and pursuit of the Arab state system modernisation. with geopolitical rivalries

Maleeha Lodhi interventions that have left With the Middle East in such a lasting legacy. turmoil and Israel's geno-Gerges shows convincingly that the Cold War cidal war on Gaza having entered its eleventh month, confrontation between the US and Soviet Union turned the Middle East into region's political experience in the postwar period a battleground for proxy makes for insightful readconflicts, marking a conting. What Really Went nuity with the legacy of 'dysfunction' left by Eu-Wrong: The West and the Failure of Democracy in ropean colonialism.

Washington's obsesthe Middle East by Fawaz Gerges, published earlier sive concern with countering Russian communism, tribution of Western, espeefforts to establish a Pax cially US foreign policy to Americana and secure acthe chaos and instability cess to cheap oil drove it found in the region today. to ally with repressive au-Gerges, who teaches at the tocrats. These regimes London School of Ecowere assured American patronage so long as they submitted to US hegenomics, offers sharp analysis in his book on the evolution of the Middle monic aims and ensured an East in the postcolonial era uninterrupted supply of and seeks to explain what oil. This denuded the rehas led to present-day turgion of any postcolonial peace dividend and under-The main thesis of mined these countries' inthe book is that the dependence. "Resources Middle East's instability is that should have gone to not rooted in factors inher- development were directed

Lasting legacy ing the Cold War and its chance of achieving a the shackles of European peaceful future. colonialism, people looked

In relating the story of lost opportunities and dashed hopes, Gerges focuses on key flashpoints that "sowed the seeds of discontent, hubris and subsequent conflict". They in-clude the 1953 CIA-sponsored coup against prime minister Mohammad sions'

Mossadegh in Iran and confrontation with Egyptian president Gamal Abdel Nasser in the mid-1950s. The author uses these 'ruptures' to reinterpret the history of the region and challenge the narrative popularised by Western scholars. He sees ruptures in Iran and Egypt leading to the defeat of "secularleaning nationalist vi-This in turn enabled "puritanical religious narratives" and movements to gain ascendancy in the 1950s and 1960s across the region and beyond. Popular leaders were replaced by those subsersequences of these events,

included by Global In- from powerful indi- public interest and their duties in lowing them to reach stories to light.

scholars and policymakers have assumed. It is mostly tic political systems and America's disastrous for- dent of the West. This di-

writes Gerges, still haunt the region. He argues that before

these two pivotal events, the US was viewed positively and with optimism in the region. Freed from

COP in Pakistan

Aisha Khan

bulence and tensions.

tion from the provinces. tinues to escalate, the The Pakistan Climate pressure to implement Act, 2017, was designed sectoral policies will also to strengthen the techniincrease. It is often said cal capacity of the Minismaking it difficult to tion, build capacity of provincial stakeholders and provide a forum for However, beyond that no discussion between the centre and the provinces for coordinated action. After a delay of seven years, the notification for monitor progress and operationalising the Climake systemic functions mate Authority was done at the behest of the Su-It has become common preme Court but questions about procedural due diligence still remain.

capital and short-changing the system in procurement are two big hurdles. Recruitment routinely ignores merit. This has

caused a steady decline in All the major sectors functions and now reached affected by climate change a point where we are confronted with a critical capacity crisis. In climate governance, the world has moved into a domain where technical qualification, subject specific knowledge and quality research is needed to address challenges. This was are comprehensive docuthe fundamental objective ments that outline the of creating a provision for challenges and provide a setting up a 'Climate Auroadmap for action. The thority' under the Climate Act. However, if roles are not assigned on merit, it timelines but fall short of will become another white elephant providing people with high salaries for low

performance. porting and verification. The institutional arcoordination, build conernance after the 18th Amen-dment raises many questions. The fundamenbased and people-centred priorities. While ostensibly sub-national policies mate Change Policy, there is no mechanism under book can serve as the

which the centre can de- toolkit for steering the mand timely implementaprocess. The modalities and

responsibilities of the parties can be developed once the concept is actualised and representative bodies identified. Hosting an annual COP in Pakistan will allow for a systemic review of policies and compliance with 'Pro-vincially Deter-mi-ned Contributions' that feeds into the Nationally Deter-m-ined Contributions. The issues of mitigation, adaptation, finance and means of implementation can also be discus-sed at this annual convening, making the process both tra-nsparent The lack of human

and acco-untable with 'Com-mon but Differen-t-iated Re--spon-sibili-ties and R e s p e c t i v e Capabi-li-t-i--es' for developing an equitable and in--clu--sive roadmap that leaves no one behind In 2016, Pakistan had

also signed the Open Government Partnership at the Paris Summit but that agreement, too, fell by the wayside. The OGP offered the perfect tool for strengthening good governance by co-creating policies with agreement on priority actions between civil society and sectorspecific government agencies. This participatory approach to

development would have made it possible to create collective ownership and a transparent mechanism In order to improve for monitoring progress. with However,

mounting threats, the cousensus, and enhance transparency and accountabilntry can no longer afford ity, developing a customised model of the inaction on climate. The judiciary in Pa-

United Nations Framekistan has always taken a work Convention on Cliproactive stance on climate Change would be mate justice, upholding useful. An annual COP in human rights. The best the country will bring all way forward is to enhance parliamentary oversight stakeholders together to discuss country climate and increase judicial vigiissues and how best to lance to ensure that the agree on an agenda of sosystem is not derailed by vested interest groups. lutions. The Paris rule Courtesv Dawr

The government installs a web management system'. Unidentified men whisk away a YouTuber who posts satirical content. A fashion designer threatens legal action against the director and cast of a TV serial. A legislator objects to a female professional's outfit and calls for SOPs for women's attire. These may seem like disconnected matters. But they are signs that a surveillance society is becoming entrenched in Pakistan, an outcome we must resist.

Anxieties about surveillance have been mounting globally and are largely linked to 'surveillance capitalism', ie, the commodification of personal data, particularly by Big Tech. There is a growing focus on the extent to which individuals are aware of what personal data they are surrendering, to whom, and why.

Concerns about surveillance capitalism mounted when it became clear that customer data collection was enabling not only targeted advertising and improved user experience but also behavioural manipulation, for example, by skewing voting preferences. The regulation of Big Tech and its use of personal data will soon be a key human rights battle.

In this context, oldfashioned state surveillance — in the sense of the state collecting information about its citizens seems passé. But it continues to be a major concern globally, and certainly in Pakistan

In an article for Constitutional Political Economy, Alshamy et al argue that state surveillance can either be protective-productive or predatory. In the former case, the state collects personal information to support

the cost of people and Washington's preference dashing hopes of unity countries. They hobbled was to back 'authoritar- and regional economic inian strongmen' on the tegration. According to grounds of 'stability' — Gerges, "America's impechange and, instead, a policy Gerges argues rial overreach and Cold pushed the region on the persists till today. Ac- War crusade ignited and path of militarism, companying this was the escalated geostrategic ri-authoritarianism, strength- expedient Western view valries in the region."

> citizens and improve wel-Pakistan has already fare service delivery. In the seen the toxic effect of this kind of social surveillance latter, state data collection through the misuse of the 'reduces citizen welfare by violating the rights of blasphemy laws — the citizens or by extracting fear that someone may resources from citizens to perceive something you benefit a small group of say, do, or absentmindedly forward to be profane, and politically connected elites. This harms indiwield that ultimate power vidual agency, freedom of an accusation, resulting in conviction or lynching. and self-governing democ-

> But we are now on The authors note the precipice where social that predatory data collec- control and abuse previously linked to state monition is non-transparent, poorly legislated and regutoring of 'antilated, and often in the serestablishm-ent' activities is be--coming more pervavice of nebulous national sive. We are moving from security considerations that can be interpreted the realm of state and capitalist surveillance to variously by whichever stakeholder has most one of social surveilla-n--ce, one in power. In this scenario, which citizens, taking a the courts become helpless to challenge surveillance, cue from the state itself, as they too become subare willing to police each other's clothing, artistic sumed by the state narraoutput and sense of tive. The plight of missing persons in Pakistan is humour the perfect illustration of

> The powers that be may be pleased by this a predatory surveillance ripple effect. But they Increasing attention should tread with caution is paid to the links beas no good comes of surveillance states. The most tween capitalist and state obvious toll is economic. surveillance, in the sense of public understanding We have heard all week about the millions lost to internet disruptions while the state installs its 'web management system', but media platforms, are required to surrender custhat may not be the extent tomer data when the state of it. Academic research on the Stasi in East Germany (admittedly an extreme exsidered is the impact of ample) has documented surveillance becoming economic losses from lack normalised — the de facto of innovation, less selfemployment, widespread approach to political and unemployment and brain social interaction. When drain. More material is the mous with the ability to social toll of less inclusive, more predatory societies. surveil the activities of In our highly weaponised and already conflict-prone port them, and so ulticontext this would manithen it will contaminate fest as surveillance as a trigger for violence. The society. Those who seek ultimate problem with status and control will increasingly use surveillance surveillance is that its parameters are necessarily as a tool to shape public behaviour to their own non-transparent and evershifting, meaning everyone is vulnerable. Who knows who already has eyes on your data? --Courtesy Dawn

Predatory instincts

racy.

state in action.

comes calling.

that private sector play-

ers, such as internet ser-

vice providers or social

But what is less con-

power becomes synony-

others — shame them, re-

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censorship, the survival

tactic of Pakistani media,

will become the default

mode of all citizens.

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Governor KP acknowledges tribal people services to nation

PESHAWAR (APP): Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Faisal Karim Kundi, on Monday acknowledged the valuable services of the tribal people to the nation and measures will be taken to redress undertaken their problems and grievances.

The expressed these views government has not shown during a meeting with a representative delegation of the Koki Khel tribes from the merged district of Khyber at the Governor House in Peshawar.

The delegation unimplemented. included Pakistan Peoples The de Party (PPP) candidate Malik Naheed Shah, Khan Muhammad, and Sanaullah, among other tribal elders. They informed the Governor about the difficulties faced by the Koki Khel tribes' displaced persons.

The delegation federal government to highlighted that they have address the issues faced by been living as temporary both the province and the displaced persons (TDPs) merged districts. He since 2012. Although committed to continuing to approximately 60 percent advocate for the resolution of the area has been cleared of these problems at all since 2017, they are still relevant forums. forced to live as TDPs.

He assured They also mentioned delegation that he would Governor that the provincial work towards resolving the issues of the Koki Khel serious commitment to tribes at every possible resolving their issues, platform, including including the engaging with the President compensation for and Prime Minister. completely destroyed homes, which remains The Governor also

promised to obtain information from the The delegation Peshawar Di requested the Governor to Commissioner Division expedite the resolution of raise their issues before the

federal government and the issues faced by the seek cooperation for Koki Khel tribes. resolving their problems. delegation The Governor Kundi expressed their gratitude to assured the delegation that, the Governor for his since taking office, he has interest in resolving their been engaging with the issues.



KARACHI: Peoples Party (PPP) Chairman, Bilawal Bhutto Zardari inaugurates new facilities during inauguration ceremony held at Jinnah Hospital in Karachi. Sindh Chief Minister Murad Ali Shah is also present.

Punjab leads in modern technology usage: Marriyum

LAHORE (APP): Senior deployment of thermal drone technology. She said that with the Provincial Minister

Marriyum Aurangzeb expertise of modern specialists, the Punjab Wildlife Department has announced that under the visionary leadership of Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif, the province has taken the lead in utilising cutting-edge technology across Pakistan. Punjab has embraced

new era of modern technology to safeguard wildlife and protect endangered species, she added

In a groundbreaking initiative, Punjab has begun using advanced thermal technology to detect blackbucks and houbara bustards, both of which are

successfully implemented the technology, which identifies animals by detecting the heat they emit. The Punjab Wildlife and Parks Department has already captured initial

images using the technology, and early trials with Artificial Intelligence (AI) have yielded clear visuals of blackbucks.

Marriyum Aurangzeb added that the integration of thermal technology with facing threats to their AI will significantly survival. Following the enhance the protection of guidance of CM, the senior endangered wildlife minister spearheaded the species.

PPP asks KP CM to tender resignation

resignation or he has resigned by himself. (APP): However, he went to say that two more ministers are also due to become victims of the corruption soon and they are also involved in monetary disputes. The PPP leader alleged that all important decisions are being taken in a bungalow, situated on Shami Road and very soon two more ministers will emerge in the

Minister Ramesh Arora extends greetings to Hindu community

LAHORE (APP): Provincial Minister for Minority Affairs Ramesh Minister Singh Arora has extended heartfelt greetings to the religious and cultural Hindu community in minorities in Pakistan have Pakistan on the occasion of complete freedom to Raksha Bandhan.

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In his message, he stated that Raksha Bandhan is a symbol of love, protection, and brotherhood, reminding us of the values of sacrifice and safeguarding one another. He highlighted that

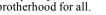
Raksha Bandhan reflects the eternal bond between brothers and sisters, where a sister prays for her brother's long life and prosperity, and in return, the brother vows to protect and ensure his contribution. He prayed sister's happiness. This festival promotes love and unity within families, prosperity, which is the foundation of brotherhood for all.

any strong society. The Prov Provincial further emphasized that all

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celebrate their customs and traditions. The Government of Punjab is committed to protecting the rights of minorities and is taking all possible measures for their welfare, he added. Ramesh Singh Arora also acknowledged the significant role played by members of the Hindu community in the development and prosperity of Pakistan, stating that the country's progress would be unimaginable without their that this Raksha Bandhan brings a message of peace,





MULTAN: Chairman Senate Syed Yusuf Raza Gilani offering fateha on the death of Makhdoom Syed Hamad Raza with his brothers and other relatives.

Health minister chairs provincial outbreak committee meeting

Independent Report Response Teams and is PESHÂWAR: Health setting up isolation wards Minister Syed Qasim Ali across districts. The Shah presided over a crucial current patient, who meeting of the Provincial Outbreak Committee in arrived in Pakistan on August 10, has been Peshawar, emphasizing the isolated at the Hayatabad importance of public Medical Complex. Genetic precautions and social sequencing revealed that distancing to prevent the spread of diseases. He urged the media to

collaborate with the Health Department in raising awareness about monkeypox virus, vaccination and other vital health measures.

the patient had contracted the virus, prevalent in West Africa. A Provincial Control Room has been established at the Directorate General of Health Services, with additional district-level control rooms in the works. .On the day of In response to All healthcare staff in the potential outbreaks, the province have received Health Department has guidelines and case established Rapid management instructions.

with Khyber Pakhtunkhawa Governor Faisal Karim Kundi. Minister for public-private partnership to improve education's quality

province

presented.

areas.

PESHAWAR: A delegation of District Bar Association Peshawar meeting

directorate level have also

been established to

standards. The minister

emphasized that through

across the province would

Public-Private

Independent Report PESHAWAR: Provincial Minister for Education Faisal Khan Tarakai on Monday directed the management of eight possible under the PPP to selected schools under the provide quality and Public-Private Partnership for the current academic year to improve the quality of education in the province.

He was chairing a meeting regarding Public-schools through Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Private Partnership, and

Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) while conducting 11

was also operations across the country managed to recover 85 kg drugs worth It was decided to make these schools Rs 25 million and arrested 11 accused, said an ANF functional as soon as Headquarters spokesman here on Monday. modern education to

He informed that 1 kg children in underprivileged ice was recovered from a parcel sent to Qatar at a He said that modern office courier teaching techniques would Rawalpindi.

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ANF recovers 85 kg drugs in **11 operations** RAWALPINDI (APP) PESHAWAR

and

Secretary Information PPP Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Amjad Khan Afridi has termed the accusations of corruption leveled by the former KP Minister Shakeel Ahmad Khan, a charge sheet against the provincial government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and asked the Chief Minister Ali Amin Khan Gandapur in to tender resignation.

Addressing a press conference here at chief minister. He said that Peshawar Press Club situation in the province is

Hindus celebrate **'Raksha**

Bandhan' in Sukkur SUKKUR (APP): The Hindu community of

Sukkur observed their brotherhood festival commonly known as 'Raksha Bandhan' at the main Sadhu Bela Temple here on Monday.

Wearing colorful clothes, the participants observed their religious festival by tying the knot protection and of distributed sweets. They said that they used to observe the festival every year in this month, adding that Hindus celebrated the festival on sighting full moon in the lunar calendar' Savan or Sravana month during which Hindu women used to tie a thread of Rakhi around their

brothers' wrist and pray for their safety. In return, the brothers bless their sisters, promise

to protect them and also give a gift as a token of their love and affection.

Man gunned down by rivals SARGODHĂ (APP): A

man was gunned down by his rivals over old enmity here at Kacha Tarri Khail area on Monday.

Rescue 1122 sources told that Nusrullah Khan (45) r/o Tarri Khail had an old enmity over domestic issues with Hameed-ullah and Muhammad Nawaz

3 children die

of measles in

Ahmadpur East

According to the report

issued from the Chief

Executive Officer of

where significant measures to enhance the quality of education in the province were discussed.

The meeting was attended by Additional Secretary Reforms Jahangir Azam, Additional Director Dr. Iqbal, and the Public-Private Partnership team.

The provincial minister further directed improve educational that a case be prepared for management of eight more the Partnership, children schools in the next phase-

During the meeting, a gain access to quality list of over 100 newly education, leading to established primary improved educational schools for boys and girls standards and an increase in various districts of the in literacy rates.



HYDERABAD: Members of HDA Labour Union are holding protest demonstration against nonpayment of their salaries, at Tulsi Das Pumping Station in Hyderabad.

Detention of deputy supdt Adiala jail Court resents over report of jail administration, summons them in person on petition

Jail administration

presented report in the

court with reference to

nothing is known about

also not registered case.

station Baironi for

registration of case.

The court directed

The court has sought

Memona Riaz wife of

Akram

Muhammad Akram.

RAWALPINDI (Online): Justice Muhammad Raza Qureshi of Lahore High Court (LHC) Rawalpindi bench while expressing resentment over the report filed by jail authorities in regard to petition filed against the detention of deputy superintendent Adiala jail has directed the jail administration to appear in person.

The court has sought affidavit from intelligence bureau and CPO Rawalpindi on next hearing.

The court directed the petitioner to file application in police station Sadar Baironi for registration of case.

bureau and CPO Rawalpindi on next hearing. Further hearing of the case will take place on Wednesday. Muhammad

The petitioner deputy superintendent appeared in the court with Adiala jail had filed petition her counsel Imaan Mazari in the court making home Monday. secretary Punjab.

quality education would be going to Bahrain at provided free of charge, Faisalabad Airport. which would also help In third operation, 189 grams ice was reduce the education department's budget.

recovered from a passenger He further added that going to Bahrain from a PPP unit at the secretariat Lahore Airport. level and a PPP cell at the

40 kg hashish and 14.4 kg ice were recovered from a vehicle intercepted near RCD Road Lasbela and an accused was arrested during the operation.

Rangers, **Police arrest**

two notorious criminals

KARACHI (APP): In a operation conducted by Pakistan Rangers Sindh and the City District Police in Lyari area, two suspects involved in robbery and street crimes were arrested.

According to a Rangers spokesperson on Monday, the operation related to May 9. was carried out based on intelligence reports. Cheema appeared in Anti Terrorism Court (ATC)

suspects, The identified as Syed Jawad Sardar Shah and Muhammad. were apprehended.

Law enforcement agencies recovered arms and ammunition from their possession.

later Musarrat Jamshed Cheema said " I refute it During the investigation, Syed Jawad strongly what allegation Shah confessed to his has been leveled by a journalist. I swear that PTI involvement in multiple robbery incidents across founder has never asked me the city. to contact General (Retd) Notably, he, along Faiz Hameed.

with his accomplices. What has been said

arguments.

LAHORE (Online): Bail of about using name of Azam Swati as code word for making contact with Faiz Hameed or Atta Bandial is only presumption.

was arrested he did not ask me to contact Faiz Hameed at all. She indicated the journalist presumption that PTI founder Îmran Khan made me call and asked me to

Talking to media men code word Azam Swati meant Justice (Retd) Bandial or Gen (Retd) Faiz Hameed

have contacted any one with whom Imran Khan asked me to contact because that was most

trying time.



along with lawyers team of

bail of Musarrat Jamshed

Cheema after lawyers

The court confirmed

Insaf Lawyers Forum.

KARACHI: Sindh Minister for Excise and Taxation, Transport, and Mass Transit, Sharjeel Inam Memon presided over the meeting regarding order an operation against items used for smoking or inhaling drugs to Excise, Taxation, Narcotics Control Department, held in Karachi.

ening fire at him. (PPC) on Monday, he said not good. Militants are The body was shifted that it is not clear that either the former minister was asked to submit his 34 universities. to hospital whereas Musa Khail police.

LAHORE: Punjab Minister for Communication and Works Malik Sohaib Ahmed addressing the ceremony organized in the honour of officers of Excise Department those who made best recovery.

Bail of Cheema confirmed in 12 May 9 related cases BAHAWALPUR (APP):

PTI leader Musarrat Jamshed Cheema has been confirmed in 12 cases Musarrat Jamshed

evolved contact Azam Swati. In

passed away on August 3 and August 5, respectively

On August 9, the parents admitted the third child to Bahawal Victoria Hospital in critical condition. This child, who remained ill with measles,

> Accused in police custody injured during police encounter LODHRAN (APP): An accused in police custody was injured by the firing of his accomplices during a police encounter. According to a spokesperson for the police, Sadar police Kahror Pacca was bringing an accused named Ali Sher for recovery last night. Suddenly the three unknown armed outlaws started firing on the police

passed away on August 17

Mashal Yousafzai party to release their also lauded the performance of these

KP Govt making efforts to address industries' energy problem: SACM

Special Assistant to KP CM on Industries, Commerce and Technical Education, Abdul Karim company were also given Tordher has said that the provincial government is making efforts to utilize 180 megawatt electricity of its own resources to address the energy problem of the local industries.

He expressed these views while addressing an annual prize distribution function of Interlink Limited, a mobile phone accessories manufacturing

PESHAWAR (APP): unit here on Monday. The best performing sales officers and other employees of the awards.

Besides, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Interlink Communications, Ayaz Ali, Country Manager, Shoaibuddin, General Manager (Sales) Saifullah and Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Mohammad Saddique, Communication Private sales officers and other concerned staffers also attended the ceremony.



KARACHI: Hindu woman ties "Rakhi" on wrist of his brother as they celebrate "Raksha Bandhan" (in which Hindu Girls tied a piece of thread on the wrist of their brothers) during a special ceremony held at Native Jetty Temple in Karachi.

Solid steps being taken for welfare of special persons: Minister

PESHAWAR (APP): institutions, saying that its Advisor to the chief students have achieved minister on Zakat, Ushr, outstanding results in this Social Welfare, and year's matriculation exams. She added that if

special persons were given proper attention and educational opportunities, they could not only improve their own lives but also contribute significantly to the development of their families and the country.It is pertinent to mention that the social welfare department has announced that admissions for the 11th grade have begun at the Special Education Complex.

that the provincial government is making every possible effort for the development and welfare of special persons. In a statement, she urged parents to enroll their special children in educational institutions managed by the social welfare department.

Women's Development,

Mashal Yousafzai has said

accomplice from police custody

mysterious illness. Medical reports indicated that the three children of Mahboob Ahmed, a resident of Rajroho, were afflicted with measles. Their parents opted for home treatment, but two of the children

On that day I would

Bahawalpur, the deaths of three children from a single The day Imran Khan household in the neighboring union council of Rajroho, Ahmadpur East were not due to any

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Govt taking measures to facilitate investments into country: FM

ISLAMABAD (APP): Bank, Ahmed Abdelaal, significant potential of Reiterating government's who virtually called on him Pakistan's IT and commitment to provide a to discuss the economic stable and conducive business environment, investment opportunities Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Muhammad Senator Aurangzeb said here Monday that all necessary measures were being taken to facilitate investments.

The minister was talking to President and Group Chief Executive release added. The Finance Officer (GCEO) Mashreq Minister underscored the

Agriculture sectors, calling outlook and explore for increased investment from both local and in Pakistan, according to press release issued by international stakeholders to drive economic growth. He expressed appreciation for Mashreq finance ministry. The meeting was also attended by Minister of State, Ali Parvez Malik, and senior officers from the Finance

Bank's interest in Pakistan's financial landscape and expressed Division and State Bank of keen interest of the Pakistan (SBP) the press government to re-engage with Mashreq Bank. The Minister

provided an overview of the economic outlook of the country and mentioned the recent improvements in the macroeconomic indicators and stability of the currency and financial markets.He also mentioned the economic policies and initiatives of the government, emphasizing the ongoing efforts to stabilize macroeconomic

environment and enhance investor's confidence.



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif chairs a meeting regarding the review of ongoing projects of Information Technology, digitization and steps to increase IT exports.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue, Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb in a virtual meeting with Mr. Ahmed Abdelaal, President / GCEO of Mashreq Bank to discuss the economic outlook and explore investment opportunities in Pakistan.

Slow internet threat to IT industry, online business, also hurting masses: Mian

(INP):

KARACHI Chairman of the FPCCI Advisory Board and National Business Group Pakistan, the President of Pakistan Businessmen and Intellectuals Forum and All Karachi Industrial Alliance and former provincial minister Mian Zahid Hussain has termed the slow internet a serious threat to the IT industry and online businesses besides hurting the masses.

The IT industry's and online businesses' future was at stake due to the government's efforts to control the internet, according to the general perception.

În a statement issued here on Monday, Mian Zahid Hussain said that many businesses were Pakistani companies were

remarked. The business leader said that companies doing business online were fleeing the country in large 2024 numbers, and Pakistan' reputation was also at stake

He said that many other countries have also controlled the internet, but in Pakistan, those who do so were incompetent and sink the economy

Mian Zahid Hussain said that after the shocking revelation that Pakistanis invested eleven billion dollars in Dubai's property market, the Dubai Chamber of Commerce has said that 3968 Pakistani companies have registered in Dubai in

the last six months. 8036 In 2023, affected and freelancers registered in Dubai, which were losing their source of was 71.2% more than in 2020 thick means that

Maritime Minister for getting ICT exports remittances benefit from potential of ports to stabilize economy

Ahmed Sheikh on Monday stressed the need for getting benefit from the effective use and potential of ports of the country.

While addressing a one-day Conference titled 'COLMAB 24' on Logistics, Maritime Affairs and Blue Economy at a local hotel, he said we need to make effective and efficient use of the ports to stabilize the economy of Chem Expo to the country in addition to increasing the exports.

Khawaja in Islamabad.

was feasible. Later, talking to media

KARACHI (APP): was a lot of potential in that the government was Federal Minister for Karachi Port Trust (KPT) providing opportunities Maritime Affairs Qaiser and Port Qasim (PQ). He for investment and for investment and investors should take said that they were trying to have the facility of advantage from it. He said dredging to increase the that the government was depth of the ports. This making all-out efforts to would not only save our provide opportunities to foreign exchange but also the investors.

Replying to a question, Sheikh said that all ports of Pakistan were help earn dollars through dredging in other countries. The minister said that the proposal to do all the operational and no port cargo handling at KPT and was being closed.

Replying to another question, he said that then to send the cargo to Gwadar and Port Qasim in everyone had to pay tax that would help stabilize small vessels from there the economy and develop the country.

SNGPL cuts off another 34 meters on gas theft

LAHORE (APP): Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL) cut off another 34 connections, during its ongoing crackdown against gas pilferers in Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Islamabad, imposing Rs 0.6 million fines.

According to a spokesman for the SNGPL, in Lahore and Gujranwala, the regional teams severed connections of gas pilferers while 18 connections were disconnected Bahawalpur and Multan.

In Sheikhupran and Faisalabad, 2

ISLAMABAD (APP): Facilitation Council ICT exports remittances (SIFC), Ministry of IT and reached US\$286 million in Telecommunication, and the first month of Financial Year 2024-25 Pakistan Software Export Board (PSEB) are taking steps to increase country's (July).

surges to US\$286 mln

in July: Shaza

exports.

Trade surplus of US\$

252 million, highest in all

Services (88% of total ICT

export remittances) has

been realized by the IT &

ITeS Industry during July

trade surplus of US\$ 190

million during July 2023

Whereas, the Services

sector has overall recorded

trade deficit of US\$ 159

ICT exports increased 33.64% over the US\$214 million remitted during corresponding period last year FY2023-24 (July), said Minister of State for IT and Telecommunication Shaza Fatima Khawaja.

2024, an increase of 32.63% as compared to She in a statement said that the present government is committed for increase in IT exports. Minister of State for said that the Prime million during the month of July FY2024. ICT sector Minister of Pakistan is fully focused upon uplift of the IT sector.

exports of US\$286 million She said that on the are the highest among all directives of the Prime Services (46% of total Minister of Pakistan and export of services) with the full support of the 'Other Business Services' Special Investment trailing at US\$ 128 million.

Advisor to CM for immediate steps to protect livestock

KARACHI (APP): Advisor to Sindh Chief Minister on Livestock and Fisheries, Syed Najmi Alam on Monday, directed to take immediate measures in rain affected areas for protection of livestock for getting complete data from disease and mosquitoes.

prevent diseases and eliminate mosquitoes, said a statement issued here.

Sved Najmi Alam also directed officers concerned to immediately contact the Divisional Commissioners of the relief camps and move their staff there to The advisor to CM, take practical measures for while presiding over a protecting the displaced meeting, instructed to start families as well as their vaccination programs to animals from various

open on 24th Sheikh said that there persons, the minister said (APP) Pakistan's leading and dedicated exhibition for dyes, chemicals, and allied sectors, the 9th Colour & Chem Expo is being organized from 24th August at Lahore International Expo Centre. The event will host more than 300 exhibitors representing the forefront

of innovation in Dves Chemicals, and allied industries. Companies and their representatives from China, Malaysia, Turkey and Iran are also

9th Colour &

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participating in the expo. Exhibition is being organized by the Event and Conference International, Rainbow Group and Punjab Dyes & Chemicals Merchants Association. The Colour & Chem Expo has earned a reputation as a leading platform for the

British High Commissioner to Pakistan Ms. Jane Marriott called on Minister of State for IT and Telecommunication Ms. Shaza Fatima

SECP roundtable on 'Insured Pak through promoting Takaful'

ISLAMABAD (APP): priority in the 5-year plan The SECP organized a for the insurance sector. He roundtable discussion to assured the takaful sector support its 'Insured of SECP's support to work Pakistan 5-year strategic together for the sector's

income. 2022, which means that capital is rapidly fleeing the

He said that controlling the digital that terrorist group's misuse of social media was very important as the gang's activities were creating uncertainty and ruining the companies. gang was wrong, he contracts were enforced.

country. Mian Zahid Hussain said that Dubai was the favourite destination of Pakistani software There. economy. However, the policy of playing with electricity was cheap, the business environment was millions of people's favourable, the payment businesses to control the system was better and

President,

Pakistan's earns \$297m from IT services' export during July 2024

ISLAMABAD (APP): \$0.677 million. Pakistan earned US \$297 The export million by providing and different Information services Technology (IT) services in decreased by 6.06 per various countries during the cent from US \$0.033 first month of the current million to US \$0.031 fixed war 2024 25

of 32.46 per cent as compared with the US \$ 224.950 million earned through the provision of services during the corresponding month of the last fiscal year 2023-24, the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) reported.

During the month under review, the computer services grew by 23.09 per cent as it surged from US \$187.470 million last year to US \$230.750 million during July 2024.

Among the computer services, the exports of software consultancy services witnessed an increase of 24.53 per cent, from US \$62.780 million to US \$77.262 million this \$0.103 million whereas the year while the export of exports hardware consultancy services also surged by 189.32 per cent, from US \$0.067 million to US \$0.097 million.

The export of repair

maintenance however last working day. fiscal year 2024-25. million whereas the export This shows a growth and imports of computer software services also dipped by 13.36 per cent, from \$57.982 million to

\$50.234 million. In addition, the exports of other computer services witnessed a growth of 52.65 per cent from US \$67.178 million to US \$102.546 million.

the Meanwhile, export of information services during the month under review decreased by 80.39 per cent declining from US \$1.020 million to US \$0.200 million.

Among the information services, the exports of news agency services decreased by 89.03 per cent, from US \$0.939 million to US of other information services rose

Chughtai told media here Monday. He said that Federal Minister for Industries will inaugurate the event. Other guests include Altaf

operations of all insurance companies. The session A. Ghaffar, Senior Vice titled "Takaful: Unlocking Karachi the Growth Potential" was Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI), Muhammad Salahuddin, a half day event, held at Karachi. Secretary General.

exploring avenues for the **PSX** loses growth and development of 214 points the takaful sector in Pakistan in the Journey ISLAMABAD (APP): The 100-Index of the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) shed 214.97 points towards an insured Pakistan, said a press release issued here Monday. on Monday, showing a negative change of 0.28

Akif Saeed in his welcome percent, closing at 77,830.34 points against address highlighted Takaful's acceptability 78,045.31 points on the among masses, and that SECP placed specific focus on takaful as a strategic

A total of 471,749,071 shares were traded during the day as compared to 600,719,724 shares the previous day, whereas the price of shares stood at Rs 16.915 billion against Rs 21.071 billion on the last trading day. As many as 441

companies transacted their shares in the stock market 115 of them recorded gains and 275 sustained losses. whereas the share price of 51 companies remained

unchanged. The three top trading companies were trading companies were Kohinoor Spinning with 134,856,426 shares at Rs 9.27 per share, Yousuf Weaving with 43,550,458 shares at Rs.5.89 per share and Flying Cement with 15,135,807 shares at Rs 10.96 per share. Hoechst Pakistan Limited witnessed a maximum

witnessed a maximum increase of Rs.101.77 per share price, closing at Rs by 19.75 per cent, from US 1,762.06, whereas the \$0.081 million to US runner-up was Ismail Industries Limited

plan' by promoting the advancement. development of the takaful

Chairperson of SECP Shariah Board, Mufti sector in Pakistan with the CEOs and heads of takaful Irshad Ahmad Ijaz, as a key note speaker appreciated the efforts of the SECP in taking the initiative of promoting the takaful

The aim of the with the rapid expansion of roundtable was aimed at Islamic finance on a has advancement.

SECP Chairman, Mr. latest takaful sector

HYDERABAD: Factory workers inspect freshly printed fabric, ensuring quality at the local textile factory in the city.

JazzCash transforms 350,000 businesses' smartphones into POS machines

these features will help establish has launched its latest an end-to-end contactless feature, 'Tap-Pay for payment ecosystem in Businesses', enabling over Pakistan.

350,000 businesses across President of JazzCash, the country to accept payments through their said, "Our goal is to empower both customers This cutting-edge and businesses. With Tapfeature allows businesses Pay, we aim to enhance to seamlessly receive Pakistan's payment payments from any ecosystem with innovative contactless debit or credit solutions that are not only

card or another smartphone with a simple tap on the businesses' NFC-enabled device, said a news release. The launch closely redefine how small

follows JazzCash's recent businesses introduction of the 'Tap-Pay' feature for customers, transactions.3 which allows customers to

Android smartphones.

Murtaza Ali.

relevant but also accessible to all. This is a significant milestone as we continue to lead the way in digital financial inclusion and

manage As of Q3 of FY 2023-

make payments directly 24, over 47 million.

connections were protect animals from diseases. The Advisor removed and 5 in various diseases on stressing on immediate Mardan on account of government as well as results sought performance direct use of gas and private farms immediately illegal use of gas with and fumigation spray imposing heavy fines.

report on daily basis from the Deputy Directors of all the districts



KARACHI: Federal Minister for Maritime Affairs Oaiser Ahmed Sheikh unveiling the plaque during the one-day conference titled 'COLMAB 24' on Logistics, Maritime Affairs and Blue Economy.

Internet disruption Shipping activity at adversely affecting the **Port Qasim** business activities: CAP KARACHI (APP): Shipping activity remained active at the port where

four ships namely One Reliability, Suzy, Ullswater and Marangas Kalymnos scheduled to load/offload Containers, Iron ore, LPG and LNG, berthed at Container Terminal, Multi-Purpose Terminal, Engro Terminal and Gasport Terminal respectively on Sunday.

Meanwhile three more ships,Agios Dimtrios, Two million Ways and Fairchem Mako carryingContainers, Mogas and Palm oilalso arrived at Outer Anchorage of Port Qasim during the last 24 Asfandvar hours

Atotal of eight ships disruptions, stressing the were engaged at PQA urgent need for permanent berths during the last 24 resolution. They were of the view that Pakistani businesses were already hours, out of them two ships, Wisteria and One Reliability left the port on grappling with multiple Monday morning and two challenges, including high more ships Saga and taxes, soaring electricity Ullswater are expected to costs, and increasing liquidity challenges. Amidst these difficulties, sail on today afternoon.

Cargo throughput during last 24 hours stood inconsistent and unreliable 90,706comprising at internet services were 70,811tonnes imports creating additional hurdles, cargo and 19,895tonnes severely affecting revenue export cargo including streams and service containerized cargo carried auality. in 1,090 Containers (440

TEUs imports and 650TEUs export) was handled at the Port.

LAHORE (INP): The impact large-scale Chainstore Association of businesses but also Pakistan (CAP) has individuals running small expresses serious concerns enterprises who rely on over the recent internet stable connections to disruptions, primarily affecting mobile internet and Whatsapp, warning of significant impact to export-oriented and sustain their livelihoods. When the internet slows down. businesses experience major disruptions in daily operations. Key functions domestic commercial activity across the country. such as communication, Chairman CAP Mr order processing, inventory Tariq Mehboob, along with CAP Co-Founder and management, and customer service are all hindered. National E-Commerce Small businesses, in particular, are vulnerable as Council Member Mr Farrukh, they often depend entirely highlighted the far-reaching on mobile internet and Whatsapp to attract and serve customers. Although consequences of these the situation appears to have improved after several days of disruptions, repetitive outages can lead to diminished credibility and lost customers,

directly hitting revenue." Co-Founder of CAP and a member of the National E-Commerce Council, Mr. Asfandyar Farrukh echoed these concerns, underscoring the economic impact. He said. "It has been reported that there has been much higher Chairman CAP Mr usage of VPNs by Tariq Mehboob said, individuals and businesses "These internet due to which internet disruptions not only slowdowns are occurring.



Federal Minister for Power, Sardar Awais Ahmed Khan Leghari chairing a meeting on formation of standards for Electric Vehicles in Islamabad.

ISLAMABAD (APP): from their phones. JazzCash, Pakistan's Together, leading fintech platform

sector in Pakistan. He emphasized that regional and global level, the significance of takaful

also increased exponentially, necessitating focused efforts for its International expert

from Maldives also shared insights and discussed developments including the role of regulator in her respective jurisdiction related to

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International News

Yemen flood

toll climbs to 60

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DUBAI: Flooding caused

by torrential rainfall in war-

torn Yemen has led to at least

60 deaths since July, with

13 others still missing and

a total of 268,000 people

affected, the United Na-

pling with an almost de-

cade-long war, suffers from

severe floods on a near-an-

nual basis that are triggered

by torrential rainfall, while

climate change is increasing

the frequency and intensity

Zalizne in

Ukraine's east,

defence ministry says

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MOSCOW: Russia's De-

fence Ministry said on

Monday that its forces had

captured the town of

Zalizne in eastern Ukraine's

Donetsk region, as its of-

fensive against the nearby

city of Toretsk gains steam.

calls by its Soviet-era name

of Artyomovo, adjoins

Toretsk, a mining town and

longtime bastion of Ukrai-

Experts say famine

is looming in 4

Yemeni districts

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All 117 districts in

Zalizne, which Russia

Since July, flash floods

Yemen, already grap-

tions said Monday.

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Blinken, in Israel, says now is 'maybe the last' chance for a Gaza cease-fire deal

Monitoring Desk TEL AVIV: U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken said Monday the time is now to conclude a Gaza cease-fire agreement that would return hostages held by Hamas and bring relief to Palestinian suffering after 10 months of devastating fighting in Gaza.

Blinken's ninth urgent mission to the Middle East since the conflict began came days after mediators, including the United States, expressed renewed optimism a deal was near. But Hamas has expressed deep dissatisfaction with the latest proposal and Israel has said there were areas it was unwilling to compromise.

The trip, days ahead of new talks expected this week in Egypt, comes amid fears the conflict could widen into a deeper regional war following the killings of top militant commanders in Lebanon that Iran blamed administration's support on Israel

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maybe the last, opportu-

nity to get the hostages

home, to get a cease-fire and

to put everyone on a better

path to enduring peace and

that there are no provoca-

greater intensity.

Tel Aviv

for Israel and lamented a "This is a decisive spate of recent attacks against Israelis in the past 24 hours This is the way we are living these days,'

Herzog said. "We are surrounded by terrorism from security," Blinken said as he all four corners of the earth opened talks with Israeli and we are fighting back as President Isaac Herzog in a resilient and strong nation.

"It's also time to make sure that no one takes any meet again this week in steps that could derail this Cairo to try to cement a process," he said in a veiled cease-fire. Blinken will reference to Iran. "And so travel to Egypt on Tueswe're working to make sure day after he wraps up his Israel stop in meetings that there is no escalation, with Prime Minister Bentions, that there are no acjamin Netanyahu and Defense Minister Yoav Galtions that in any way move lant later Monday. us away from getting this

deal over the line, or for that matter, escalating the conwhen Hamas-led militants broke into Israel, killing flict to other places and to some 1,200 people, mostly thanked civilians, and abducting

Blinken for the Biden around 250.

Chinese President Xi Jinping walks next to Vietnam's President To Lam as Mediators are to they pass by the honour guard during a welcome ceremony at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, China.

The war began Oct. 7

Herzog



Monitoring Desk tics hub of Pokrovsk. KYIV: Ukraine said on Sunday it had struck a second key bridge in the

Kursk region, seeking to disrupt Moscow's supply routes as Kyiv's unprecedented incursion Russian soil stretched through its second week.

Russia meanwhile ramped up pressure in east Ukraine, claiming to

Bangladesh leader Yunus reassures on Rohingya refugees, garment exports

Monitoring Desk DHAKA: Bangladesh will

on

maintain support both for its immense Rohingya refugee population and its vital U.S. Secretary of State Blinken meets with Israel's President Isaac Herzog, garment trade, Nobel laureate and new leader Muhammad Yunus said on Sunday in his first major

refuse to end protests over doctor's rape

of Indian junior doctors on Monday refused to end protests over the rape and murder of a fellow medic,

"Minus one more bridge," Ukrainian Air Commander Force Mykola Oleshchuk said on Tele-gram, publishing an aerial video of a blast

tearing through a bridge near the Russian town of Zvannoye. "The Air Force aviation continues to deprive the enemy of logistical

of precipitation. capture another village capabilities with precihave caused 36 deaths in just a few kilometres from sion air strikes," he said. Hodeida province, nine in Ibb, eight in Marib, and seven in Taiz. **Russian** forces capture town of

country days earlier by helicopter after 15 years of iron-fisted rule. Setting out his priorities in front of diplomats and UN representatives, Yunus vowed continuity on two of the biggest policy challenges of his caretaker administration. "Our government will continue to support the

million-plus Rohingya people sheltered in Bangladesh," Yunus said. We need the sustained efforts of the international community for Rohingya humanitarian operations



China and Vietnam's top leaders meet in Beijing

Monitoring Desk nese Premier Li Qiang and BEIJING: China's Presi-dent Xi Jinping held talks other Chinese top officials. While in Guangzhou, he visited some Chinese loon Monday with Vietnam's new leader To Lam in

cations where former Presi-Beijing on his first state visit dent Ho Chi Minh conducted revolutionary activities. Last December, China nese official media Xinhua and Vietnam signed more said. The meeting signals than a dozen agreements the close ties between the when Xi visited Vietnam.

The agreements, specifics of which were not anwell-developed economic and trade relations despite nounced, covered strengthening railway cooperation the occasional boundary and development, investclashes in the energy-rich ments in various fields and establishing communication to handle unexpected incidents in the South China Sea. ing China for his first offi-In a lengthy joint declaration, both countries said they would work on cross-border railway connectivity, naming three rail projects tween both parties and that included one connectcountries". Lam arrived in ing through mountainous China's southern province Lao Cai in the Vietnam's Guangzhou on Sunday for northwest to the port city a three-day visit that would Haiphong. include meetings with Chi-

The two leaders are

Putin will also lay a

Earlier, the Kremlin

Azerbaijan recon-

tling (the conflict) between

Putin arrives in Azerbaijan for state visit

Novosti.

Monitoring Desk MOSCOW: Russian Presidining Sunday evening at the Azerbaijani president's dent Vladimir Putin arrived official residence. local ofin Azerbaijan's capital ficial news agency Asertac Baku on Sunday for a twoday state visit, Russian said

since he took office, Chi-

neighbours, which have

China, displaying exu-

berance over Lam's choos-

cial trip, said last week it

"fully reflects the great im-

portance he attaches to the

development of ties be-

South China Sea.

communist-run

two

s agencies reported. Russian television and Putin will sign joint news agencies reported. documents and make statebroadcast images of the ments to the press, said Russian agency Ria Russian president's plane as it arrived in Baku in the evening. His visit to the

Caucasus country, a close partner of both Moscow wreath on the tomb of Heydar Aliyev, father of the current leader, who was president from 1993 to and Turkey but also a major energy supplier to Western countries, comes against the backdrop of an said they would also disunprecedented Ukrainian cuss "the question of setmilitary offensive on Russian soil.

Azerbaijan and Armenia". Putin is due to hold talks with his Azerbaijani quered the mountainous counterpart Ilham Aliyev on enclave in September 2023 bilateral relations and "infrom the Armenian separatternational and regional ists who had held it for three problems", the Kremlin decades. said.

Thousands of activists expected in Chicago for Democratic convention to call for Gaza cease-fire

Monitoring Desk one point, anti-abortion ac-CHICAGO: Thousands of tivists staged a small activists are expected to counter-protest. converge on Chicago this

Police did not immediweek for the Democratic ately respond to an email asking if there had been ar-

policy address.

by institutional decay. His predecessor Sheikh Hasina,

Indian medics Yunus, 84, returned from Europe this month after a student-led revolution to take up the monumental task of steering democratic reforms in a country riven

and murder **Monitoring Desk** EW DELHI: Thousands

disrupting hospital services nearly a week since

damage to both PCG (Philease tensions and manage disagreements at sea.

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BEIJING: The Philippines

and China accused each

other on Monday of ram-

ming vessels and perform-

ing dangerous manoeuvres

in the South China Sea, the

latest flare-up after the two

in Tel Aviv, Israel.

Philippines, China trade

blame after vessels collide

in the South China Sea

nations had agreed to try to lisions, causing structural

Emergency measures

activated to ease English

prisons' overcrowding

overcrowding.

prison capacity.

it operating

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China's Coast Guard said in a statement a Philippine vessel which had ignored its repeated warnings "deliberately collided" with a Chinese vessel in an "unprofessional and dangerous" manner in the disputed waterway early on Monday.

The Philippines disputed Beijing's ac-count, saying two of its coast guard vessels "encountered unlawful and aggressive manoeuvres"

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LONDON: The UK gov-

ernment activated emer-

gency measures on Monday

to ease overcrowding in

prisons in northern En-

gland, as growing numbers

of people are convicted for

involvement in the riots

voke "Operation Early

Dawn", which allows de-

fendants to be held in po-

lice cells and not summoned

to court until space in

prison becomes available,

victions for participating in

a capacity crisis within the

prison system in England

and Wales, with the new

Labour government warn-

brink of "collapse" due to

That has exacerbated

the disorder.

follows hundreds of con-

The decision to in-

seen earlier this month.

ippine Coast Guard) vessels," said Jonathan Malaya, a spokesperson for the criminal action. national security council and Manila's South China Sea task force.

from Chinese vessels

near Sabina Shoal while

on their way to supply

Filipino personnel sta-

tioned in two occupied

manoeuvres resulted in col-

"These dangerous

Manila said coast guard vessels Cape Engano and Bagacay were on their way to resupply personnel stationed in Flat Island which Manila calls Patag and Lawak Island and which China calls Nanshan, when the at-sea

medic, who police say was raped and murdered at a hospital in the eastern city of Kolkata where she was a trainee. confrontation happened near Sabina Shoal.

A police volunteer has been arrested and charged with the crime.

Kamala Harris labels Donald **Trump** as cowardly in

have the highest per capita prison population in West-WASHINGTON: U.S ern Europe. The govern-Vice President and Demoment has already ancratic presidential candidate nounced plans to release Kamala Harris has labeled her Republican opponent, thousands of prisoners early in September to deal Donald Trump, as "cowwith the crisis. Operation

During a campaign speech in Pennsylvania, Harris criticised Trump, stating that the upcoming presidential election on November 5 would be a contest against a cowardly candidate whose political strategy revolved solely

system in crisis and exposed to shocks," prisons nents minister James Timpson said in a statement. "As a result, we have been forced into making difficult but ing last month it was on the necessary decisions to keep judged by their ability to bring others down.

Emergency services carry a body bag after a sailboat sank in the early hours of Monday, off the coast of Porticello, near the Sicilian city of Palermo, Italy.

Mexican judicial workers launch strike ahead of vote to overhaul courts **Monitoring Desk**

MEXICO CITY: A collection of unions representing Mexico's judicial workers launched an indefinite nationwide strike on Monday ahead of votes by lawmakers on overhauling the country's judiciary, including moving to the popular election of judges. Videos posted on so-

cial media shortly after midnight showed workers locking chains around the gates of courts and other judicial

complexes. Police plan 'ring of steel' around Democratic convention in Chicago

Monitoring Desk to downtown Chicago from CHICAGO: As Chicago welcomes Democrats for their national convention, security services are braced for an array of possible threats — from potentially Kamala Harris. violent protests to lone wolf bids to avenge the attempt on Republican can-

didate Donald Trump's America's third-largest city has been hosting political party gatherings dating back to the nomination of Abraham Lincoln in arena 1860 and law enforcement agencies have determined that its 26th national convention next week will be

among the most secure. cific concerns but warned More than 50,000 acof an "elevated threat envitivists are expected to flock ronment.

as hunger surges among children The unions criticized the reform push in a statement as rushed and a dan-CAIRO: Famine is looming ger to the "only counter-weight" to the ruling in four Yemeni districts after instances of hunger Morena party's domi-nance of both the presihave rapidly surged among children in areas controlled dency and Congress. The by the internationally recunions, who represent ognized government, a remany of Mexico's 55,000 port by international exjudicial workers, said they perts said. believed the reform would end merit-based career

government-controlled arpaths. The judicial reform eas are expected to suffer is a top priority of outgofrom "serious" levels of ing President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador. acute malnutrition. Among them, the four districts -Mawza and Mocha in Taiz province, and Hays and Khawkhah in Hodeida province — are projected to slip into famine between July and October this year, according to the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification, or IPC.

Monday for the four-day The report reflects the worsening food insecurity bonanza, set to be a festive in the poorest Arab nation celebration of the Demothat plunged into civil war cratic Party's new stan-dard-bearer, Vice President in 2014, when Yemen's Iran-backed Houthi rebels High-profile particitook control of the capital, Sanaa, and much of the pants from musicians and country's north, forcing the Hollywood stars to Presigovernment to flee to the dent Joe Biden are expected south, then to Saudi Arabia. and the Secret Service, FBI A Saudi-led coalition enand local police have spent a year planning an ironclad tered the war in March 2015, backed at the time by security cordon around the the U.S., in an effort to redowntown United Center store the internationally Lucas Rothaar, the FBI's top special agent in Chicago, told journalists at a briefing there were no spe-

recognized government to power. The war has killed more than 150,000 people including civilians and combatants, and in recent years deteriorated largely into a stalemate.

National Convention, hoping to call attention to abortion rights, economic injustice and the war in Gaza. While Vice President

Kamala Harris has energized crowds of supporters as she prepares to accept the Democratic nomination, progressive activists maintain their mission remains the same.

Activists say they learned lessons from last month's Republican National Convention in Milwaukee and are predicting bigger crowds and more robust demonstrations in Chicago, a city with deep social activism roots. Demonstrations are

expected every day of the convention and, while their agendas vary, many activists agree an immediate cease-fire in the Israel-Hamas war is the priority. Police lined the march route and there were no

rests more than three hours into the march. Organizer Linda Loew said even though Democrats have pushed to safeguard reproductive rights at home, the issue is international. They marched in solidarity with people everywhere who struggle for the right to control what happens to their bodies, as well as to protest the money the U.S. spends to back wars that could be used for healthcare, she said. 'We believe that the billions of dollars that continue to flow to the state of Israel and the flow of weapons are having an inordinate and horrific impact, but in particular on women, children and the unborn," she said. "All of these things are tied together." The largest group, the Coalition to March on the DNC, has planned demonstrations on the first and last days of signs of major conflict. At the convention.

Curfew clamped in India's Udaipur after stabbing in school

Monitoring Desk NEW DELHI: A day after took strong exception to the "bulldozer justice" meted communal tensions erupted out to the Muslim boy's family, while describing the in Rajasthan's Udaipur city, the Bharatiya Janata Party BJP government's action (BJP) government on Satof razing the house as illeurday demolished the gal, communal and discrimihouse of the minor Muslim natory. The "pick and choose" approach of the boy who had allegedly stabbed his classmate, de-State authorities was in blatant violation of fundamenclaring that it had been contal rights and the principles of natural justice, the PUCL structed illegally on the Forest Department's land, said The department is

"There are more than 200 houses constructed in said to have sent an evacuation notice to the family the locality, but only the family of the juvenile in conflict with law was tarin the morning, and the house was razed by the afternoon. Razing the homes geted by the authorities to of targeted communities satisfy the power lust of and individuals has become certain miscreants who a feature in BJP-ruled benefit from such commu-nal tensions," PUCL presi-The city was limping dent Kavita Srivastava said.

Friends and relatives were denying shelter to the dispossessed family members for fear of action by the police. The PUCL sought the urgent intervention of the Rajasthan High Court's Chief Justice in the matter through suo motu cognisance, saying the isolated offence was being given a communal colour only because the boy concerned was from the Muslim community and the vic-

when groups of people owing allegiance to Hindu rightwing outfits set fire to cars, ransacked shops and a shopping mall, pelted stones, and raised provocative slogans outside some mosques and dargahs while trying to storm into them. On Saturday, markets opened and no untoward incident was re-

ported, The Hindu said. The People's Union lim community and for Civil Liberties (PUCL) tim was a Hindu.

The Hindu reported.

back to normalcy after large-

scale violence on Friday,

states.



An anti-immigration protester is detained by police officers, in Newcastle.

campaign speech England and Wales Monitoring Desk

ardly. Early Dawn will see officials across northern England make an operational assessment each morning and throughout the day over which defendants can attend court, dependent on "We inherited a justice around undermining oppo-

Harris pointed out a troubling trend in recent years, where a leader's power and capability were

Daily **Independent**, Quetta

searchers.

country

Political stability, continuous policies must to overcome economic challenges: Ahsan

LAHORE (APP): Federal Minister for Planning and Development Ahsan Iqbal has stressed upon the need of political stability and sustainable policy framework to overcome the prevailing challenges to the economy including the food security and climate change.

He stated this while addressing the 2nd National Conference on Food Security organized under the auspices of the National School of Public Policy (NSPP) here on Monday.

The Minister termed the food security, water scarcity and unplanned population growth as the biggest problems being faced by the country. He said that the rapid increase in population was a serious threat that hinders the progress and development of the country. He added that Pakistan became the major victim of climate change in the world and the heavy floods in 2022 damaged the national economy up to billions of dollars.

He said that Pakistan was blessed with multiple

resources and there was a "we have to adopt modern dire need to utilize these technology". He informed that under the special inifectively. Referring to the tiative by the Prime Minis-China Pakistan Economic ter Muhammad Shahbaz Corridor introduced during Sharif, Pakistan will be PML-N previous tenure sending 1,000 agricultural 2013-18, he deplored the scientists to China in the neglecting of this game changer project which led coming months, who will learn modern techniques to the shifting of Chinese aimed at increasing average investment to other global yield in agriculture and livedestinations. He was of the stock productivity. He asopinion that policies must sured the government's allneed more than 10 years. out support to implement

The Minister also the recommendations of urged the provincial govthis conference. The objecernments to come forward tive of the conference was and play their due role to Food for All: Available, Accessible, Affordable, Ed-ible. The Planning Miniseliminate poverty by adopting effective policies in consultation with the reter said that incumbent government will soon un-

Ahsan Iqbal said that veiling 2024-2029 five through 5Es i.e., Exportyears plan aimed at steer-Led Growth, Environment, ing the country out of the Equity and Empowerment, economical crises. The two Energy Efficiency and days national conference Affordability, the country was also addressed by Dr could progress. He added Ejaz Muneer Rector of the that youth empowerment NSPP ,researchers and agri and the role of women in experts. The scholars presented their research papers the national economy were vital for the progress of the and suggested possible solution to the issues of food

Ahsan Iqbal said that security.



QUETTA: Director General Public Relations Balochistan Muhammad Noor Khetran, Commissioner Quetta Division Hamza Shafqaat and Focal Person Chief Minister Media Cell Matloob Tahir Raja visiting Information Cell

BAEF approves 377 cases in its 21st board meeting

OUETTA (APP): The get them treated in the best liamentary Secretary Haji Board of Balochistan Awami Endowment Fund (BAEF) has approved 377 cases to provide financial assistance and medical facilities to poor patients suf-

taken in 21st board meet- tor Samina Rind, Deputy initiative, financial assis-

public and private sector Wali Muhammad Noorzai hospitals across the counsaid that all the cases were try. In the meeting Secrefully investigated and the tary Social Welfare and Spe-cial Education Abdul documents were inspected in detail to ensure transpar-Rahman Buzdar, Director ency. He said that the best fering from various chronic General Social Welfare medical facilities and treatdiseases from across the province. The decision was ment Fund Program Direc-hospitals. Under the BAEF

Director Admin Social Weltants has been providing to



LAHORE: Federal Minister for Planning and Development Ahsan Iqbal addressing the conference on food security SPP (National School of Public Policy) during the opening ceremony.

Ziaullah Langove exhorts youth to make pen strength instead of carrying weapons

Provincial Minister for Home says those advise youth to carry weapons instead of pen are actually responsible for backwardness of Balochistan

Independent Report QUETTA: The Provincial Minister for Home and Tribal Affairs, Mir Ziaullah Langove has stated that those advise the youth to carry weapons instead of pen are actually responsible for backwardness of the province.

He said that the talented youth are the precious asset of the country and nation, as such he exhorted them to make pen their strength instead of carrying weapons

In an official statement issued here on Monday, the Provincial Minister for Home, Mir Ziaullah Langove, who also happens to be the senior Vice Presi-under leadership of Chief

Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti dent of Balochistan Awami Party (BAP), maintained are bearing positive results. that the youth should take Balochistan is just like bouresponsibility of the development and prosperity of quet of different nationaliprovince in a democratic ties and we have to promote manner by rejecting the harmony, brotherhood and peace among ourselves. Mir Ziaullah Langove politics of violence, confrontation and hatred.

He said that the elefurther said that youth would reign the country in ments who make politics of coming time, and surely the dream of educated Balochistan would be ma-terialized with their coopfalseness and hatred would have to suffer disgrace. The Minister Home also said that the top priority of provincial governeration He once against urged

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that

ment is to promote education, provide healthcare fathe youth not to pay heed cilities and healthy activitowards the negative proties to the youth. paganda, as the enemy ele-He said that the revo-

Gilani expresses grief over losses due to rains, floods

ISLAMABAD (APP): difficult time. Chairman Senate Syed Gilani offered prayers

Yousuf Raza Gilani Monfor the swift recovery of day expressed deep sorrow those injured and urged the over the loss of lives and relevant authorities to exproperty caused by heavy pedite their relief efforts. rains and floods in various He emphasized that natuparts of the country, parral disasters are a global chalticularly in Balochistan and lenge, and their negative impacts Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. can only be mitigated through In a message, he excollective efforts. Highlighting the challenges Pakistan faces

tended his heartfelt condodue to climate change, he adlences to the families of the victims, stating that he vised people to take precaushares their grief during this tionary measures.

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AJK PM says: Govt committed to serve people indiscriminately

MIRPUR (AJK) (APP): Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) Prime Minister, Chaudhry Anwar ul Haq Monday said that the government was working with a missionary spirit to pro-vide all possible reliefs to masses without any dis-

his

Bhimbher.

people would get economic benefits soon from different mega projects, the incumbent government had launched during the past couple of years.

The AJK PM said that addressing public grievances was the government's top priority

He said that the gov-He stated this while talking to different delega- ernance system in the retions that called on him in gion had improved signifihome town of cantly.

On this occasion, the Anwar-ul-Haq said that financial assistance prime minister listening to the people's grievances, iswould be provided to the sued orders to the conpoor and needy under the cerned authorities for effec-Social Protection Program. tive redressal of their prob-



QUETTA: Home Minister Mir Ziaullah Lango talking with Secretary Health Saleh Baloch

Senate body takes notice of alleged malpractices in housing scheme

ISLAMABAD (APP): implementation of recom-The Senate Functional mendations from previous Committee on Problems of meetings, particularly fo-Less Developed Areas has cusing on actions taken ordered an inquiry into against corrupt officials of widespread power theft the Quetta Electric Supply across Pakistan and took Company (QESCO) over notice of alleged malpracthe past five years. Senator Shahzaib Durrani highlighted distice by a NESPAK consultant involved in the Park Road Housing Scheme uncrepancies in QESCO's disder the Federal Governciplinary actions, criticizing ment Employees Housing the seemingly inconsistent Authority (FGEHA). grounds for the termination

The meeting, chaired by Senator Agha Shahzaib Durrani, scrutinized both the ongoing electricity theft concerns and the alleged corruption within the housing project.

During the session, the more serious misconduct Committee reviewed the and corruption.

MQM-P urges Sindh govt to provide Punjab-like relief in electricity bills

KARACHI (INP): Senior over soaring electricity costs

f certain individuals.

some individuals were dis-

missed for not showing

enough interest in anti-theft

initiatives, others received

only minor penalties for

He pointed out that

while the Punjab govern-

ment, under the leadership

of Maryam Nawaz, has

provided a relief of Rs14 per

He noted that while

ments want to use our prioritize

Federal Minister for States and Frontier Region and Gilgit Baltistan and Kashmir Affairs Engr. Ameer Muqam on Monday urged the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) government to priori tize public service over politics after learning examples

set by other provinces. The KP government's focus on alleged corruption has hindered its ability to address the needs of its citizens, he said this while ad dressing a press conference

youth for their nefarious designs **Muqam urges** KP govt to public service

over politics

ISLAMABAD (APP)

ing of BAEF, held under the chairmanship of Parliamentary Secretary Social Wel-fare Wali Muhammad Noorzai on Monday ap-proved a total of 377 new cases suffering from various diseases across the province, said a news release.

The aid would be given to poor and needy patients suffering from difder the BAEF initiative to

Achakzai, Amrit Lal, MIS Officer Saadat Iftikhar, representatives of Bolan Medical Hospital and Cenar ferent chronic diseases un- Hospital also participated.

fare Department Amjad Lashari, Dr Sadiq Achakzai, Dr Sher Zaman Mandokhail, Dr Zahid Mahmood, Dr Hanif Mengal. Dr Ariva Masoom, Dr Abdul Haq Baloch, Dr Pervaiz On the occasion Par-



QUETTA: Sindh MPA Nawabzada Burhan Chandio meeting with Provincial Minister for Irrigation Mir Sadiq Umrani

Commissioner Quetta appreciates services of Jumma as DC Pishin

Ahmed, Assistant Com-

missioners of Quetta and

Quetta appreciated the ad-

ministrative capabilities of

Mandokhail and said that

he took wholehearted steps

for resolving the public is-

sues and implementation on

the government policies

Jumma Dad

The Commissioner

Khan

other officers

sioner Pishin.

Independent Report QUETTA: The Commissioner Quetta Division, Muhammad Hamza Shafqaat has highly appre-ciated the services of Captain (Retd) Jumma Dad Khan Mandokhail who was posted as Deputy Commissioner Pishin and now transferred transferred from there.

The Commissioner Quetta was speaking on occasion of the farewell ceremony arranged in honour of the transferred Deputy Commissioner pishin, Dad Khan Jumma Mandokhail on Monday.

Also present on the occasion were the Director of PDMA, General Jahanzaib Khan, Additional Commissioner Ouetta. Sivan Dashti, newly appointed Deputy Commissioner Pishin. Zahid



ISLAMABAD: MPA Mir Zabid Ali Reki meeting with Chairman Standing Committee Senator Sardar Muhammad Umar Gorgage

the poor patients for the treatment of "open heart surgery, Thalassemia, Cancer, liver and kidney transplants. All cases had been approved by the medical board on merit basis. As many as 123 patients would be provided treatment in Bolan Medical Complex (BMC) Hospital Quetta. 152 people would be treated in Cenar Hospital Quetta.

Girl shot dead for throwing garbage outside neighbour's

house PISHIN (INP): A bachelor girl was gunned down by neighbour over dispute of throwing garbage outside his home here on Monday. According to details, the incident took place in

Surkhab area of Pishin during a press conference in where an unmarried girl Karachi on Monday, threw garbage of her home emphasising that the prooutside house of neighbour. posed Rs14 per unit reduc-The annoyed tion for two months in neighbour Saleem Khan Punjab should be extended shot the girl dead and es-

nationwide. caped the scene of crime. Rehman criticised the The body was shifted heavy burden placed on the to hospital for postmortem public by Independent and police after registering Power Producers (IPPs), a case into the incident attributing the blame to sucstarted raids to arrest the

Monsoon Rains expected in **Balochistan**

culprit.

during the posting in Pishin. from Aug 20-22 He said that the ISLAMABAD (APP) Deputy Commissioner also The National Emergency took steps for improving Operations Center (NEOC) law and order, Tribal feuds of the National Disaster political and social prob-Management Authority lems under excellent strat-(NDMA) on Monday anegy. In the end, Commisticipated more rain-thunsioner presented gift of tradershowers with isolated ditional carpet to the transheavy falls from August 20 ferred Deputy Commistill 22 at scattered places in Northeastern districts of DG

Meanwhile, Balochistan. The vulnerable PDMA gave away comdistricts included Zhob. memorative shield to Killa Saifullah, Pishin, Jumma Dad Mandokhail.

Quetta, Ziarat, and Kalat and Eastern Parts of Balochistan Khuzdar, Dadu. Lasbela, Awaran, Jhal Magsi. Washuk, Kachhi and Jafarabad, a news release said. Rains may cause flash flows in streams of Khuzdar, Dadu, Lasbela, Awaran, Jhal Magsi, Washuk, Musakhel. Duki, Barkhan, Sibi and Kohlu. River Bridge abutments can be damaged due to erosive action.



KARACHI: Jamat-e-Islami (JI) Chief, Hafiz Naeem-ur-Rehman along with others addresses to media persons during press conference, at Idarae-Noor-ul-Haq in Karachi.

Instead of limiting relief to Punjab Hafiz urges nationwide reduction in power tariffs

KARACHI (INP): Ameer cessive governments, inof Jamaat-e-Islami Pakicluding those led by the stan, Hafiz Naeemur Pakistan Peoples Party Rehman, has called for a (PPP), Pakistan Muslim reduction in the basic elec-League-Nawaz (PML-N), tricity tariff across the en-Pakistan Muslim Leaguetire country, rather than lim-Quaid (PML-Q), and Pakiiting relief to Punjab. stan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI). He demanded this

He stated that the agreements.

government failed to honour the agreement made with JI to provide relief to the people, the party would initiate long marches to-

public could no longer bear the excessive capacity charges imposed by these He warned that if the

wards Islamabad from across the country.

He emphasized that other provinces, such as Punjab, Balochistan, and Sindh, have made significant strides in providing relief to their populations.

Arif Alvi says he is not scared of Article 6

ISLAMABAD (INP) Former president Dr Arif Alvi said on Monday the government should go ahead with its plan to impose Article 6 on him as he was not scared

"Let the government impose Article 6 on me; I am here and will go nowhere," the former president said in an interaction with journalist in the Islamabad High Court.

Answering a question, he said: "They (government) should go ahead and fulfill their wish of imposing Article 6 on me.'

The government, he said, instituted hundreds of cases and it could add to these

This would afford him an opportunity (to plead his case), he added.

unit in electricity bills to its tricity bills to consumers consumers, the Sindh govin the province. ernment has yet to take Farooq Sattar accomsimilar steps. The MQM-P leader panied by members of the National and Provincial Asexpressed concerns over

semblies held a press conthe continuous increase ference at the MQM-Pakiin electricity bills and stan House in Karachi on the persistent load shed-Monday. ding in Karachi, which he Dr Farooq Sattar highdescribed as discrimina-

lighted the growing frustration against the city's resitions of Karachi's residents dents

KARACHI: Muttahida Qaumi Movement (MQM-P) Leaders, Faroog Sattar along with others addressing to media persons during press conference held at Pakistan House in Karachi.

New Toshakhana reference **Court orders to send** Imran, Bushra Bibi in jail on judicial remand

Judge Nasir Javed Rana of Accountability Court (AC) Islamabad has ordered to send PTI founder and Bushra Bibi to jail on 14 days judicial remand in new reference of receiving invaluable jewelries of

Balghari company from Toshakhana. The court has ordered to present both of the accused before it on September 02 Both of the accused

were presented in the court Monday on completion of their 11 days physical remand Barrister Suleman

Safdar counsel for the accused and NAB Prosecutor General Sardar Muzaffar Abbasi were also present in the court

NAB did not request for further physical remand of the accused persons. fact with other journalists Former Chairman PTI was a normal thing.

RAWALPINDI (Online): and Bushra Bibi filed written reply in the court to NAB questionnaire.

Upon it the court sent both the accused to jail on judicial remand besides directing they be presented before it on September 2.

It is alleged in new toshakhana reference that PTI founder and his wife Bushra Bibi received jewelries of Balghari company from toshakhana on low price and they sold them in the market. The cost of jewelry set was Rs 7 crore 50 lac. The accused have filed bail petition in this

It is pertinent to mention here that NA had arrested both the accused on July 13 in Toshakhana reference

Court had approved first 8-day physical remand of the accused on July 14 and directed NAB to conduct investigation in jail.

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QUETTA: Secretary Local Bodies and Rural Development Abdul Rauf Baloch

Bus collides with trailer in Sukkur, killing 8 people

ing passenger bus collided with a trailer, resulting in the deaths of eight people, juries including women and chil-

dren, and leaving seven others injured. This incident took place in Sukkur Multan Motorway (M5) in the town of Ghotki.

According to the police, the ill-fated passenger bus was traveling from Mansehra to Karachi when the accident happened at a location near the village of Dring Malook in Ghotki. The bus collided with the to the tragic incident.

SUKKUR (INP): A speed- side of a trailer, leading to the loss of 8 lives and 7 in-

The deceased include women and children, and 3 of the injured are reported to be in critical condition. Upon receiving the information, the police and Rangers reached the site, rescued the injured, and transported

them to the Tehsil Hospital in Ghotki. The motorway police stated that it was raining at the time of the accident, and the wet conditions may have been a contributing factor

anything illegal, says Barrister ISLAMABAD (INP): Pakistan Tehreek Insaf (PTI) chairman Barrister Gohar Ali Khan said on Monday that PTI leader Raoof Hasan's contacts with foreign journalists were normal and legal. Speaking outside the office of the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP), the PTI chief said that Raoof Hasan was an educated person who wrote articles in different newspapers, adding that his con-

Raoof Hasan

hasn't done

leader of the Muttahida and load shedding in the Qaumi Movement-Paki- city. (MQM-P) Dr stan Farooq Sattar has called upon the Sindh government to take a cue from the Punjab government and offer relief in elec-