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EC denotifies **Home Minister** Mir Ziaullah Lango

Dismisses the petition filed against the competence of Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti

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petition filed by Mir Saeed

Langau while Salim Lashari

advocate appeared on be-

APP adds: The Elec-

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Tribunal

Balochistan on Wednesday

dismissed the petition filed

against the competence of

Balochistan Chief Minister

consisting of Justice Rozi

Khan had reserved the de-

cision on the completion of

ernment, Advocate General

Balochistan Asif Ali pur-

sued the case in the Elec-

The Election Tribunal

On behalf of the gov-

Mir Sarfraz Bugti.

the hearing last day.

tion Tribunal.

half of Mir Žia Langau.

QUETTA (Online): Elec- had persuaded the election tion Tribunal has denotified home minister Balochistan Mir Ziaullah Langau besides ordering re-election in 7 disputed polling stations of PP-36 Balochistan Assembly (BA).

The EC has declared portfolio held by home minister Balochistan null and void.

Abdullah Justice Baloch of Election Tribunal Balochistan High Court during the hearing of the petition nullified the portfolio of home minister held by him

JUI-F candidate Mir Saeed Langau rival candidate of Mir Zia Ullah Langau in PP-36 Balochistan Assembly had filed election petition in election tribunal

Akram Shah advocate Ghoram Bugti



ISLAMABAD: Chief of Army Staff General Asim Munir presenting gift to a child during national youth convention at Pak china friendship centre, in the Federal Capital.

Miangul Hassan Aurangzeb 35 Pakistani pilgrims killed and Justice Babar Sattar Wednesday. Suleman Safdar counsel after bus overturns in Iran for PTI founder appeared

TEHRAN (Online): At to Pakistan and provide in the court.



Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif and Chief of Army Staff General Syed Asim Munir distributing laptops among the high achievers during National Youth Convention held in Islamabad.

New Toshakhana case **IHC dismisses** petition filed by PTI founder,

Bushra against their arrest

Balochistan Chief Min-ISLAMABAD (Online) ister Sarfraz Bugti's eligibility for PB-10 was chalslamabad High Cour lenged by Nawabzada (IHC) has dismissed the petition filed by PTI founder Imran Khan and

> Bushra Bibi against their arrest in new Toshakhana ISLAMABAD (APP): Chief of Army Staff (COAS), General Syed case declaring it infructuous. Asim Munir on Wednesday The court has advised said the youth of the counto adopt legal way of filing try was the biggest and bail after arrest petition in most valuable capital that Accountability Court would not be allowed to (AC).

waste under any circum-The petition filed by stances Imran Khan and Bushra Addressing the Youth Convention here, the Chief Bibi against their arrest in of Army Staff said that new Toshakhana case came knowledge distinguished a up for hearing before IHC person from others, bench comprising Justice whereas seeing the sparkle in the eyes of young people made one believe that the future of Pakistan was in

safe hands.

The Army Chief said it was the responsibility of the state to keep the masses at bay from the malicious implications of social media-induced confusion and sedition

A strong relationship between the people, the government and the army was the guarantee of Pakistan's security and de-velopment, he said, adding, "Those who were creating the narrative of Pakistan's default, where are they today "If you want to know

the importance of a free state, ask the people of

Libya, Syria, Kashmir, and Gaza. As Muslims we are forbidden from despair,³ the COAS said.

The Chief of Army Staff told the youth that life was a test, and read the Qur'anic verse, "Do people think that they will be left alone for saying, 'We be-lieve,' and they will not be tested

At the end of the speech, the Army Chief re-cited this poem of Allama lqbal addressing the youth: "The destiny of nations is in the hands of individu-

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PM calls for collective efforts to achieve development goals

Govt to dole out maximum funds for youth empowerment; Calls 1973 Constitution a binding force for the nation

ISLAMABAD (APP): Higher Education Commis-Prime Minister Shehbaz sion, teachers, vice-chancel-Sharif on Wednesday said that youth empowerment and the united efforts by the politicians and the national institutions, were inevitable to put the country

on the course to progress. "If we resolve to change them to change the country's fate and bring Pakistan, it will not be too far when the country will emerge as a great nation. Today's Pakistan and its prevailing circumstances necessitate politicians and national institutions to serve the country unitedly while observing their constitutional limits. If we do ships so, history will remember us forever otherwise the future generations will never forgive us," he said addressing the National when the country carried

Youth Convention. out the nuclear tests in 1998 The Convention was to make its defence impregattended by federal minisnable, setting aside the seters, Chief of the Army Staff General Syed Asim rious challenges

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lors and students from

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ity to equip the youth with

modern education, technol-

ogy and skills to enable

about a 'revolution' of

youth had immense poten-

tial as for the last three

vears, Pakistani students

were among the top achiev-

ers of the foreign scholar-

Calling the 1973 Con-stitution a binding force for

the nation, he said Pakistani

nation also showed unity

He said the country'

progress and prosperity.

across the country.



ISLAMABAD: President Elect of Oxford Union, Israr Khan Kakar, calls on President Asif Ali Zardari, at Aiwan-e-Sadr.

Youth empowerment, key to Pakistan's bright

to win war against terrorism Says a strong bond between people, govt, and military is guarantee of Pakistan's security and development; People who had built narrative of Pakistan's default are found nowhere today; Youth most expensive asset of Pakistan, no one to be allowed to waste it; State's responsible

Army chief reiterates resolve

to protect nation from social media's adverse effects

least thirty-five Pakistani pilgrims have been killed and fifteen others critically injured in a bus accident in Iranian city of Yazd.

According to initial reports, the accident occurred due to failure of brakes.

Injured have been shifted to near-by hospi-

Most of the passengers belong to Larkana, Ghotki and other cities of Sindh. city of Iran.

President Asif Ali Zardari and Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif have expressed deep grief and sorrow over loss of precious lives in the tragic bus accident of Pakistani Zaireen in Iran. statement.

The President and the Prime Minister commiserated with the bereaved families and prayed for the departed souls.

The President directed the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to bring the bodies

the injured.

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Planning **Development, and Special Initiatives, Prof. Ahsan** Iabal addressing a conference on "Empowering a Digital Pakistan" organizing by Institute of Regional Studies & COPAIR.

On directives of Chairman PPP Bilawal Bhutto : Balochistan & Sindh agree to adopt same stance on water distribution formula at IRSA platform

from Quetta and Provincial

Minister for Irrigation Sindh, Jam Khan Shoro

Both the ministers in-

from Karachi.

Independent Report QUETTA: The provinces of Balochistan and Sindh have been agreed on adopting same stance on the formula of distribution of water at the platform of IRSA.

The Balochistan province would endorse every stance of Sindh under the IRSA formula.

This was decided in a meeting the Chairman Pakistan Peoples Party, Bilawal Bhutto Zardari presided over through video ink on Wednesday.

The meeting was at-tended by the Provincial Minister for Irrigation, Balochistan, Mir Muhammad Sadiq Umrani Balochistan

timely aid to the injured President Asif Ali Zardari on Wednesday expressed his deep grief over the death of Pakistani pilgrims in a bus accident that took place in Iran.

Prime

zayreen in coach Minister accident in Iran Shehbaz Sharif on Wednes-**Independent Report** day expressed his deep QUETTA : The Governor grief over the loss of lives Balochistan, Sheikh Jaffar in a bus accident carrying Khan Mandokhail and Pakistani pilgrims in Yazd Chief Minister, Mir Sarfraz

Bugti have expressed deep "Deeply saddened by grief and sorrow over loss the loss of lives at a bus accident of Pakistani of lives of zavreen in a bus accident occurred in Iran. Zaireen near Yazd in Iran.

grieved over

In their separate condo-My thoughts are with the lence statements issued bereaved families. May here on Wednesday, the Governor and Chief Minthe injured recover at the earliest," he said in a ister expressed empathy with the bereaved families The prime minister of those died in the fatal directed Pakistan's emaccident of bus in Taftan

bassy in Tehran to extend check point. The Governor all possible assistance to said that we share the grief the affected families and of bereaved families of all ensure medical treatment of those died and injured in the accident.

He prayed for early recovery of the injured persons. He also prayed that may Allah Almighty give enough strength and patience to the bereaved families to bear the tragic loss of death of their dear ones. In his message, the

Chief Minister said that the bus accident is sorrowful and he is grieved over loss of precious lives in it.

He said that we equally share the grief of death of people with their families. He also praved that may Allah Almighty grant the bereaved family enough patience to bear the loss of

their lives. EC accepts intra party election of PML-N, JI

ISLAMABAD (Online): Election Commission (EC) has issued new list of registered political parties and intra party election of JI and PML-N have been accepted.

formed the meeting about According to list issued performance of their reon EC website 66 political spective departments.

parties are registered. It may be mentioned The name of heads of here that that the meeting these political parties have

was aimed at agreeing to been included in the list. one same stance about the formula of distribution of As per list the intra party presidential election of PML-N and intra party water at the platform of IRSA. Thus, they adopted election of JI have been ac the same stance on directives of the Chairman PPP. cepted

Name of PTI chairman The Chairman PPP sought the details of losses has not been updated on website being the matter of caused due to the flash floods in Sindh and PTI intra party election pending hearing in EC

Governor, CM loss of lives of

> QUETTA: Different delegations meeting with Governor Balochistan Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail

Imran demands open trial of Gen (Retd) Faiz Hameed

RAWALPINDI (Online): PTI founder Imran Khan while demanding open trial of Gen (Retd) Faiz Hameed has said his and Gen (Retd) Faiz Hameed matter is not internal affair of army.

" the facts will come before the world due to open trial, he said this in an informal talks with the journalists in Adiala jail Wednesday.

Terming Gen (Retd) Faiz zero from hero after retirement he said Gen (Retd) Faiz Hameed issue is no't issue of national security. It is local issue. I demand army chief to conduct open trial of Gen (Retd) Faiz because facts will come before the world due to open trial. But I know they will conduct closed doors trial instead of open trial.

All the cases against me have collapsed. Neither any contact nor any link remained between him and Gen (Retd) Faiz after his retirement. When some one retires he becomes free.

May 9 conspiracy started with my arrest. Ascertain it who gave orders of my arrest. I know who issued my arrest orders. No 1 Badshah who controls Rangers is super king. However he avoided to mention name.

Gen (Retd) Faez could give me what benefit after his retirement. They are fools who say that Gen (Retd) Faiz has given me any benefit.

I am former civilian prime minister. Pakistan image will be tarnished if they take me to military court, he remarked.



QUETTA: The Government of Balochistan has announced to introduce the biometric attendance and face recognition system for the attendance of government employees in the offices. In first phase, the modern system of attendance would be enforced in

PTI founder had made mul-This was announced in tiple attempts to make the an official handout issued matter related to Faiz here on Wednesday. Need-Hameed controversial. less to mention here that the very initiative has been ments in defense of Faiz taken on directives of the Hameed, the PTI founder Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz should better made his po-Bugti and Chief Secretary sition clear in the 190 mil-Shakeel Qadir Khan for enlion pounds case, Tarar said, suring timely attendance of adding his controversial the government employees in the government offices

future : President Zardari

ISLAMABAD (APP): resident of Balochistan President Asif Ali Zardari province, had attained a significant honor through on Wednesday said that the youth had significant pohis election and that his tential and could greatly el- achievement would inspire evate country's reputation other young people. if given appropriate op-

Asrar Khan Kakar, the newly elected President of the Oxford Union Society, the president extended his congratulations on his election to the coveted position.

lighted that Asrar Kakar, a Union.

The minister, in a news

Attaullah Tarar says PTI founder meddles in military affairs with demand for Faiz Hameed's open trial

ISLAMABAD (APP): anxiety and uncertainty" The minister said the Minister for Information, PTI founder was reluctant Broadcasting, Culture and to accept that the issue of National Heritage Attaullah Tarar on Wednesday said Faiz Hameed was internal PTI founder had meddled matter of the Army, which in the affairs of Pakistan proved that the ex-spy Army by demanding an chief was his "asset" He said it seemed that open trial for ex-Spy Chief.

the PTI chief was in mental statement, regretted that the disarray as sometime he called Faiz Hameed an "asset or a hero", while on some occasion took completely an otherwise stance.

Instead of giving state-In the Faiz Hameed case, he said it appeared that the PTI founder had no qualms about using people for his own personal interests. The minister said the PTI founder was expert in statements showed that he ditching his own well wishwas suffering from "serious ers

introduce biometric **Independent Report**

Govt advertisement rates to be increased soon: Info Secy

ISLAMABAD (PR): The Federal Secretary Information, Ambreen Jan assured the APNS Executive Committee that the long pending Govt advertisement rates will be increased as soon

Ms Ambreen Jan Secretary Information and PIO, Mr. Mobasher Hasan attended the meeting of Executive Committee of the APNS held at Islamabad presided over by its President Ms. Nazafreen Saigol Lakhani. APNS Secretary General Sarmad Ali apprised the Secretary Information about the problems being faced by the newspaper industry due to non implementation of the de-



cision of the Prime Minister, Mian Shahbaz Sharif announced at the end of his first tenure to increase govt advertisement rates. He highlighted the issues faced by the print media related to the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting including constant decline in the quantum of government

Information Ministry for payment to newspapers on behalf of sponsoring departments. The members of the executive committee apprised the Secretary Information about the problems faced by them including non implementation of the issue of non payment regional quota, problems in of current dues, a revolving transfer of declarations affund be established at the

ter demise of the publisher and establishment of PID regional office Bahawalpur.

The Secretary Information assured the Executive Committee that the Ministry of Information has moved a summary for rate increase to the Finance Continued on page 2

advertisements, non payment of current and old outstanding dues, streamlining of ABC, renewal of newspapers' registration and functioning of the Press Registrar office. The APNS suggested that to resolve

the Civil Secretariat.

portunities.

He expressed the optimism that Israr Khan In a conversation with would continue to bring honor to the country with his future achievements.

The president recalled that former Prime Minister Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto Shaheed was the first Asian woman to serve The president high- as President of the Oxford

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PM Shehbaz Sharif to address UNGA on Sept. 26, according to UN's provisional schedule

UNITED NATIONS (APP): Prime Minister Shehbaz global development framework which both protects the Sharif is set to address the United Nations General Assembly's annual General Debate on September 26, according to a provisional list of speakers released by the U.N. on Tuesday.

The high-level debate of the 193-member's Assembly's 79th session will take place from September 24 to 30.

It will be the second time Prime Minister Sharif will deliver a speech to the General Assembly-the UN's main policy-making organ-he last addressed it in 2022.

More than 130 world leaders have so far confirmed their participation the debate, according to Monica Greylay, the spokesperson for the UN General Assem-

bly. They will be addressing international peace and security issues.

The provisional list of speakers issued by the UN is not final; the UN regularly updates it in the weeks leading up to the session to account for any changes in attendance, schedules, and speaking slots of leaders, ministers and ambassadors.

The Assembly's 79th session, which actually opens on September 10, will be meeting amid heightening tensions in the world with several active conflicts, including in Palestine, Ukraine and the Sudan. But the Assembly's heavy agenda also aims to set the stage for building a new



BHITSHAH: Chairman Senate Syed Yusuf Raza Gilani addressing to media persons after laying wreath on the grave of Hazrat Shah Abdul Latif Bhitai on the occasion of his 281st Urs celebration.

Pakistani peacekeeper deployed with UN Force in Cyprus wins award for gender advocacy

in place.

NATIONS vance the WPS' agenda in UNITED (APP): Pakistan Army's Major Sania Safdar, who is serving with the United Nations Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP), became its first peacekeeper to receive the 2023 'Certificate of Recognition' for advocating gender equality, according to the mission.

The award, issued by the New York-based U.N. Department for Peace Operations, was presented to her by the Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General in Cyprus, Colin Stewart. "Receiving this certificate as the first peacekeeper from UNFICYP is deeply meaningful to me and significant for our mission

ponents of the Mission's in Cyprus," Maj. Sania Safdar said. "It serves as a testament As the Mission's Force to our commitment to gender Signal Officer serving in the equality. Created in 2016, the United Nations "Military Gender Advocate of the Year Award" recognizes the dedication and efforts of an individual military peacekeeper in promoting the principles of UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security in peacekeeping missions brings diverse perspectives (WPS). In addition to the and skills that enhance opaward, the Department for Peace Operations also recerational effectiveness and ognizes military personnel from other UN Missions foster inclusive approaches to conflict resolution, acfoster inclusive approaches who are contributing to adcording to the mission.

planet and promotes equity, justice and prosperity for all people.

Brazil, which traditionally opens the debate, will commence the high-level session on September 24.

This will be followed by the United States, the host country, with President Joe Biden delivering his final address of his presidency to global leaders from the iconic UN General Assembly hall.

Ahead of the session, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres will present his report on the Work of the Organization covering the events in the preceding vear.

Guterres is also convening the ambitious Summit of the Future at UN Headquarters during the high-level week The summit is scheduled for September 22-23.

It is expected to adopt the Pact for the Future, which will include a Global Digital Compact and a Declaration on Future Generations as annexes. The UN described the Summit as a high-level event aimed at forging a new international consensus on delivering a better present and safeguarding the future

"Effective global cooperation is increasingly critical to our survival but difficult to achieve in an atmosphere of mistrust, using outdated structures that no longer reflect today's political and economic realities," according to the UN.

Pakistani female peacekeeper wins award for gender

advocacv ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan Army's Major Sania Safdar has become first UN peacekeeper in Cyprus to receive the 2023 'Certificate of Recognition' for advocating gender equality.

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In a statement, Major (Thursday). Sania Safdar said receiving this certificate as the first peacekeeper from session, JNFICYP is deeply meaningful to her and significant for Pakistan Army Mission in Cyprus. Major Safdar is cur-

focal points. Her primary rently serving as the Mission's Force Signal Oftasks involve overseeing communication systems and ficer and one of the promoting gender equality UNFICYP's military genwithin military component. der focal points. Her pri-Since her deployment mary tasks involve overseelast year, she proactively ing communication systems took charge of several iniand promoting gender tiatives to contribute to equality within military achieve this recognition by component. Since her defocusing on integrating the ployment to the Mission Women, Peace, and Security last year, she proactively Agenda into military comtook charge of several initiatives to contribute to

focusing on integrating the

Women, Peace, and Security

work, the mission said. chieve this recognition by

nk Alfalah RAWALPINDI: Bangladesh players celebrates after taking the wicket of Pakistani batsman Abdullah Shafique during the first day of the 1st Test cricket match between Pakistan and Bangladesh teams at the Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium.

Pak-Bangladesh 1st Test: Saim, Saud shine on shortened opening day

ond catch of the innings. RAWALPINDI (INP): In first test match played be-Following the three tween Pakistan and early blows, Saim and Saud Bangladesh at Rawalpindi came together to take Paki-Cricket Stadium on stan out of trouble with a Wednesday, Saim Ayub and 98-run fourth-wicket part-Saud Shakeel shined on a nership. The rescue act beshortened opening day by tween the two southpaws hitting gritty half-centuries was spread on either side of the tea interval as they batted together for 22.5 which helped Pakistan finish 158 for four in 41 overs. The play started with deovers. lay in the second session

Over the course of the partnership, Saim (56, 98b, Saud Shakeel (57 not 4x4s, 1x6) brought up his out, 92b, 5x4s) and maiden Test half-century before Hasan induced an not out, 31b, 2x4s) will be edge off his bat in the 32nd at the crease for Pakistan at over which was safely pouched by Mehidy Hasan the beginning of day two Miraz in the slip cordon. Saud contributed 42

Earlier, after opting to bowl first in the afternoon runs in the stand with Saim before stitching an un-Bangladesh bowlers reduced Pakistan to beaten 44-run partnership 16-3 in 8.2 overs. Abdullah with Mohammad Rizwan Shafique was the first to till the close of play. For Bangladesh, Shoriful and depart as he was caught at gully against Hasan Hasan bagged two wickets Mahmud in the fourth over. each. Skipper Shan Masood

The second day's play hit one boundary during his is expected to begin at 11-ball stay before falling 9.45am. prey to Shoriful Islam for Scores in brief:

Pakistan 158-4, 41 six runs in the seventh over. overs (Saud Shakeel 57 not Babar Azam was dismissed in the ninth over falling for out, Saim Ayub 56, Mohammad Rizwan 24 not a two-ball duck off the bowling of Shoriful with out; Shoriful Islam 2-30, Litton Das taking his sec- Hasan Mahmud 2-33)

Ahsan for catching up with pace of digital revolution for national dev.

tion," he said

ISLAMABAD (APP): ment. The future of a na-Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Professor Ahsan Iqbal on Wednesday stressed the urgent need to

for success belongs solely to the individual or nation that made those choices, he added. ing our development in the that Pakistanis were once context of our 100 years of known globally for their independence," he stated hardworking and intelligent while addressing the openreputation. However, this ing session of the conferimage was tarnished by the ence titled "Empowering a previous government of Digital Pakistan.' Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf

Citing historical ex-(PTI), which labeled its amples, the minister noted opponents as "thieves and that nations embracing glodacoits bal changes achieved progress and prosperity, bassadors from major countries, including the United States, Britain while those that ignored these changes faced failure.

He highlighted that the and European states, were world was now undergoing actively seeking investment a digital revolution after the opportunities in China-Paindustrial revolution. "In kistan Economic Corridor the industrial era, the big (CPEC) projects. "For the used to eat the small; in the first time, Pakistan was the darling of international indigital world, the fast eats the slow, regardless of vestors, eager to be part of size," he remarked. CPEC, but we squandered

"Today, Pakistan this opportunity by en-stands at a defining mo- trusting power to the PTI,"

he said. tion or an individual hinges He recalled that the PML-N government had on the choices made. These choices determine the desintroduced Vision 2010 in tiny of that person or na-1998 and Vision 2025 in 2013 but was later disrupted by the so-called Ahsan Iqbal explained change in 2018. that if the choices were

wrong, one could not blame Subsequently, the minothers for their circumister said, the governance stances. Conversely, if the was handed over to somechoices are right, the credit one with no experience even at the union council level, severely damaging the national economy. "The negative impact of this de-He also pointed out cision is still being felt."

Emphasizing the importance of adapting to modern trends and maintaining agility, he reminded that no country has achieved development without consistent policies over at least 10-15 years.

To achieve developmental goals, Ahsan Iqbal reiterated that Pakistan needed peace, stability, consistent policies and continuous reforms

The nation now needs a healing touch. We must come together, set aside smaller identities, and embrace a larger identity as Pakistan," he remarked quoting "Coming together is a beginning; staying together is progress and working together is success.





HYDERABAD: Jamat-e-Islami (JI) Chief, Hafiz Naeem-ur-Rehman addresses to workers during workers session held in Hyderabad.

Nazafreen Saigol

Sarmad Ali (Secretary Gen-

eral), S.M. Munir Jillani

(Joint Secretary), Shahab

Zubeir (Finance Secretary).

Mohsin Seyal (Daily

Aftab), Mohsin Bilal

(Daily Ausaf) Waseem

Ouetta), Humayun Tariq

(Daily Business Report),

Ansar Mahmood Bhatti

(Monthly Centerline), Javed Mehr Shamsi (Daily

Wahdat)

Govt advertisement rates to be

Continued from page 1 Ministry which would be Lakhani (President). processed shortly. She stated that a meeting of APNS PID joint committee will be called soon to sort out issues relating to ABC, renewal of registration and related issues.

Ahmed (Daily Awam Earlier the Executive Committee of APNS in its meeting approved reports of Regional Press Committee, Federal Capital Committee and Metro B publi-Kaleem), Syed Ayaz Badshah (Daily Mashriq cations Committee. The members approved provisional accreditation to M/s Vibrant Communication, Islamabad and M/s Resonance Digital (Pvt.) Lt, Karachi.

Later the Executive Committee hosted a dinner to welcome Ms. Ambreen Jan as new secretary information and to bid farewell Pakistan Observer) to Ms Shahera Shahid, outgoing Secretary information. The dinner was attended by dignitaries including former PIO Rao Tehseen Ali Khan, former Information Secretaries Mr. Ashfaq Gondal and Mr. Shafqat Jalil and members of the Executive Commit-

Following attended the meeting:

Field Technology Section, Agenda into military comshe was also involved in ponents of the Mission's strengthening the effectivework. ness of joint patrols by incorporating communication tools to enhance military operations on the ground while, promoting gender representation in military

different countries where

peacekeeping operations are

Safdar is currently serving

as the Mission's Force Sig-

nal Officer and one of the

UNFICYP's military gender

In Cyprus, Major Sana

Pakistan's Haider Ali alone to represent nation at Paris Participation of women

Paralympics ISLAMABAD (INP): Pa-

kistan will be represented by a single athlete at the 17th Paralympic Games in Paris, with Haider Ali set to compete in the discus throw event. The Games,

taking place from August 28 to Sept. 8, will see Ali accompanied by a coach and a chef.

At 40 years old, Haider Ali is a seasoned athlete with a remarkable track record, including five gold, two silver, and three bronze medals from international competitions for disabled athletes. Notably, he secured Pakistan's first gold medal at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics with a discus

Pakistan, he added.

throw of 55.26 meters. The national team is scheduled to depart for member Paris on August 26. Haider Ali, who hails from Gujranwala and suffers from cerebral palsy, made history by winning Pakistan's first medal in the

long jump at the Beijing Paralympics in 2008. The Paris Paralympics will feature 549 events across 22 sports, with athletes housed in the Olympic Village, which can accommodate 17,000 people.

Army chief... forward," he remarked. Continued from page 1

als Every individual is the star of the destiny of the nation.

Peshawar), Shakir Ali (Daily Mashriq Quetta), Zahida Abbasi (Daily Nau During the question Sijj), Bilal Mahmood (Daily period after the speech, the Nawa-i-Waqt), Sardar Khan Chief of Army Staff ex-Niazi (Monthly Naya plained the position of the Rukh), Muhammad Farooq Pakistan Army on various (Daily Pakistan Lahore), issues. In response to a Faisal Zahid Malik (Daily question on the riots in Parachinar, the Army Chief Humayun Gulzar (Daily said that the tribes should Sayadat), Imran Athar sit together and help end (Daily Tijarat) and Syed Haroon Shah (Daily the land and sub-district disputes.

"The people of Khyber Following attended the Pakhtunkhwa have stood meeting as special observer: like a leaden wall against ter-Mumtaz Ali Phulpoto rorism along with the Paki-(Daily Awami Parchar), stan Army for 22 years. I Rao Noman Ahmed (Daily believe that Allah Almighty Ebadat), Zahore Dhareia will grant us victory against (Daily Jhok), and Tariq terrorism, "the Army Chief Javed (Daily Karnama) said

NAB for filing unnecessary application against Pervaiz

LHC imposes fine on

LAHORE (Online): Lahore High Court (LHC) has imposed fine amounting to Rs 2 lac on NAB for filing unnecessary application against former Chief Minister (CM) Punjab in the court.

A two members bench of LHC presided over by Justice Tariq Salim Sheikh took up for hearing the petition related to provision of NAB inquiry record to Pervaiz Elahi Wednesday.

The court slapped fine amounting to Rs. 2 lac on NAB for filing unnecessary application against Pervaiz Elahi.

Court dismissed NAB application declaring it unnecessary. The court remarked NAB application is tantamount to waste the time of court.

PM calls for collective...

Continued from page 1 He told the gathering

that Pakistan had sacrificed thousands of lives in its fight against terrorism besides suffering an economic loss of \$150 billion. Not just Pakistan, the whole world has benefited from the ment elimination of terrorism by

into the SME sector, he said He said that besides the common citizens, the security forces played their fullest role in purging the country of terrorism, which the the SME sector. nation would always re-

Referring to current of economic challenges, the prime minister said the government was compelled to privatize the PIA which once used to be a model for movement met his fate. other airlines in the region. Prime

Similarly, South Korea rep-Shehbaz said that the fedlicated Pakistan's five-year eral government had andevelopment plan and nounced Rs 50 billion relief boosted its economy while package for electricity con-Pakistan still lagged behind. sumers using up to 200 We have to decide units for a three-month pewhether the business will riod. He said the Punjab go as usual or we will move government has also announced a Rs 45 billion

He assured that despite package to give Rs 14 per the challenges of electricity, unit subsidy to the consumrevenue receipts and exers using 200-500 units ports, the government which should also be repliwould dole out maximum cated by other provinces, funds for youth empowerinstead of politicking on the ment and recalled the PMLissue



KARACHI: Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (JUI-F) Secretary General Sindh, Allama Rashid Méhmood Soomro exchanging views with Dr. Naji Zaheer, Hamas Leader during meeting held in Karachi.

government's pro-youth steps in the past including the merit-based distribution of laptops, establishment of Punjab Education Endowment Fund to distribute scholarships worth Rs22 billion, and numerous schemes for skill develop-Urging the youth to go

the State Bank of Pakistan has been asked to instruct the commercial banks to allocate 40% of their loans for About Bangladesh, he referred to the demolition

Sheikh Mujeebur ute to improving the Rehman's statue during the economy. recent political unrest and She made these resaid the one who spearmarks while speaking to the headed an anti-Pakistan media after a meeting at the Benazir Income Support Minister

Program (BISP) Provincial headquarters

> ISLAMABAD (APP): our brave security and law Pakistan on Wednesday paid tribute to the victims

> > In a statement, the foreign office said that on the International Day of Remembrance for Victims of Terrorism, Pakistan honors those who have lost their lives due to terrorist acts.

We honour the memothirty years had resulted in ries of our martyrs and surthe deaths of thousands of vivors which include thou-Kashmiris. The people of sands of women and chil-Pakistan will always stand dren. We pay homage to with the victims of state

KARACHI (APP): BISP officers to collaborate with ince. She said that governrenowned institutions pro-Chairperson Rubina Khalid announced on Wednesday viding training in handicraft the resumption of the skill design to ensure participants receive certifications development program focused on human resource meeting modern global standevelopment under BISP. dards. This, she said, would She stated that this initiafacilitate employment optive would not only help portunities abroad and boost foreign exchange earnings. The Chairperson praised the performance of BISP staff, noting their dedication despite limited re-

ment hospitals were ignored while private hospitals benefited from the Sehat Card scheme. She also noted the provincial government's failure to maintain peace in the region, reversing progress achieved through significant sacrifices.

Earlier, BISP Director General Sindh, Usman Azam, briefed the Chairperson on BISP's perforsources. In response to a ques-tion, Khalid criticized the attended by BISP Director General Headquarters ernment for neglecting the Islamabad Naveed Akbar



In 2018, he noted, am-

KARACHI: Senator Rubina Khalid, Chairperson of the Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) chairing a meeting at the office of BISP Director General Sindh.

Skill development program to help people become financially self-reliant: Rubina Khalid

people become financially self-reliant but also contribsources. Rubina Khalid urged health sector in the prov- and other officials. Pakistan reaffirms support for

and Kashmir (IIOJK), who

had endured decades of

state-terrorism inflicted by

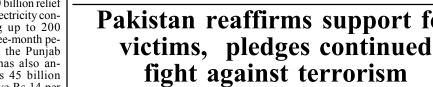
Indian occupation forces.

terrorism in IIOJK and continue to provide politienforcement personnel, cal. diplomatic, and moral who sacrificed their presupport to the people of Jammu and Kashmir in their quest for the right to self-determination. The international community On this day, a special must also stand in solidar-

ity with victims of state terrorism in IIOJK. As the victims of terrorism were commemorated, the foreign office reaffirmed its commitment to upholding the rights and

The unending reign of terdignity of all individuals. ror in IIOJK over the past There was also a renewed dedication to fostering dialogue, cooperation, and a culture of peace, tolerance, and understanding.

of terrorism on the Intercious lives in fighting ternational Day of Rememrorism. Their sacrifices will brance and stood in solidarnever be forgotten," said ity with their families, rethe foreign office. affirming its commitment to fighting terrorism in all tribute was paid to the oppressed people of Indian its forms. Illegally Occupied Jammu



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Pakistan committed to further strengthen ties with Belarus: Ayaz Sadiq

speaker

ISLAMABAD (APP): National Assembly Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq Wednes-day said that Pakistan is committed to further strengthening bilateral ties with Belarus, particularly through enhanced parliamentary engagement.

In a meeting with Igor Sergeyenko, Speaker of the House of Representatives of the National Assembly of the Republic of Belarus in Minsk, Ayaz said "This visit marks an important step forward in our bilateral relations. We deeply appreciate your hospitality and are eager to build on the foundations laid over the past 30 years of diplomatic relations'

sized the need to deepen

parliamentary relations be- various organizations tween Pakistan and where Pakistan is a mem-Belarus, focusing on exber. "We believe that our collaboration can be mutupanding the legal framework for cooperation, said a ally beneficial, and we are news release received here. ready to offer our support wherever possible," he em-"We are committed to

revisiting and updating exphasized Mr. Igor Sergeyenko, peaker of the House of isting agreements to ensure they are more effective. Our Parliament will actively Representatives of Belarus, work on these frameworks expressed his gratitude for to facilitate closer interac-Pakistan's consistent suption," Ayaz Sadiq said. port at international fo-On the subject of birums

lateral cooperation, the He welcomed the visit of the Pakistani parliamenreiterated Pakistan's support for Belarus in international plattary delegation comprising Members National Assemforms, including its bid to bly M.Asalm Ghumman, join the Shanghai Coopera-Sved Tarig Hussain, and tion Organization (SCO). Sved Hafeezuddin noting it He also affirmed as a significant milestone in

The speaker empha- Pakistan's willingness to strengthening the ties besupport Belarus in joining tween the two countries.

ISLAMABAD: Coordinator to Prime Minister on Health Dr Mukhtar Bharath

chairs meeting regarding M pox.

ADPC National Workshop on iCARE Innovations Fund concludes successfully

sions on the progress and

potential of innovative

projects funded by the iCARE Innovations Fund,

a crucial component of the

hancing climate resilience

During the event, three

CARE project aimed at en-

across South Asia.

ISLAMABAD (APP): tions, civil society, and aca- management, and climate The Asian Disaster Pre-paredness Center (ADPC), in collaboration with the World Bank, successfully held a National Workshop on the iCARE Innovations Fund in Islamabad.

The event marked a significant milestone in advancing climate adaptation and resilience efforts in Pakistan under the Climate Adaptation and Resilience Technologies Pvt. Ltd., (CARE) for South Asia Asian Institute of Technolproject, a news release said.

workshop The

demic institutions. Particiinformation analytics. Lt. Gen ® Nadeem pants engaged in discus-

Ahmed, Advisor of the CARE project, emphasized the importance of knowledge exchange during his opening remarks. He high-lighted the role of the iCARE Innovations Fund in fostering innovative solutions to address Pakistan's pressing climate key innovators—Inara challenges.

The workshop feaogy (AIT), and University tured two panel discusof Agriculture Faisalabad— sions on the sustainability and scalability of climate

APITAL NEWS

Senator Sherry Rehman, Chairperson Senate Standing Committee on Climate Change & Environmental Coordination presiding over a meeting of the Committee at Parliament House Islamabad.

Naqvi pays homage to Martyrs **Intl Day of Remembrance** and Tribute to the Victims of terrorism

country

terrorism

He emphasized that

Naqvi

there's no parallel of

Pakistan's unwavering sac-

rifices in the war against

pointed out that Pakistan

is the country most affected

Mohsin

ISLAMABAD (APP): ing them the benefactors of Federal Minister for Intethe nation. He noted that every rior Mohsin Naqvi has paid tribute to all the martyrs segment of Pakistani sociwho sacrificed their today has made sacrifices in

for ours peaceful tomorrow this war in connection with the ob-He said that the Pakistan Army, police, and law servance of International Day of Remembrance and enforcement agencies have given their blood for the es-Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism. tablishment of peace in the

In a message issued here, he said the nation cannot repay the great sacrifices of the martyrs who laid their lives in the war against terrorism, but we will try to repay the debt by eliminating all of the terrorists

Interior Minister by terrorism, with thoupraised the martyrs who sands of people martyred sacrificed their lives in the and injured in the war war against terrorism, call- against terrorism.

Chief Commissioner suspends PTI's NOC for public gathering

The chief commissioner on Wednesday suspended the NOC issued to Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) for holding a public gathering in the capital due to the security concerns following recommendations from Federal law enforcement

agencies. The notification issued here stated that a highlevel meeting was held to review the security situation chaired by the Chief Commissioner and was attended by the Inspector General of Police (IGP) Islamabad and the Deputy Commissioner (DC)

Supreme Court on August 22, and security was deployed for the Bangladesh cricket team currently in Islamabad Additionally, the IG emphasized the security of foreign embassies in the

ECP reminds political parties to submit consolidated statements of accounts for FY 2023-24 ISLAMABAD (APP): mission, within sixty days

The Consolidated

No funds were

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The information

The Election Commission from the close of a financial of Pakistan (ECP) has reyear, a consolidated stateminded all the heads of poment of its accounts aulitical parties to submit condited by a Chartered Accountant on Form-D consolidated statements of accounts (Form-D) for Finan-cial Year 2023-24 on or betaining: annual income and expenses, sources of its funds; and assets and liabili-

fore August 29. In terms of section 210 of the Elections Act, 2017 read with section Statement of Accounts to be submitted to the Elec-204 of the Act ibid and rule 159 & 160 of the Election Commission complete in all respect and shall action Rules, 2017, thereof, that the political parties company by report of a are required to file with Chartered Accountant with Election Commission regard to the audit of actheir Consolidated Statecounts of a political party ment of Accounts on and a certificate signed by (Form-D) for financial an office-bearer authorized by the party Head stating year, 2023-24 ended on 30th June, 2024 on or bethat: fore 29th August, 2024, received by the party from said a press release issued any source prohibited un-

here on Wednesday. It may be recalled that der the Elections Act, 2017. Section 210 of the Elections Act, 2017 provides that a accounts contains an accu-Political Party shall, in such rate picture of the financial a manner as may be preposition of the party. scribed, submit to the Com-

Session judge injured in

gun attack ISLAMABAD (APP): A session judge of Kohistan, Farid Khan, sustained bullet injuries after being shot by unknown assailants over personal enmity, police re-

ported on Wednesday. protest in front of the According to a private news channel, the incident occurred outside a mosque in his ancestral village, Chhoher Sharif, where he was targeted and shot twice

in the legs. He was immediately shifted to a nearby hospital for treatment.

Syedaal grieves

over sad demise

of Raza's sister

ISLAMABAD (APP)

In a message, he said,

Mian Raza Rabbani and is

an irreparable loss for the

The Deputy Chair-man prayed to Allah Al-

mighty to grant the de-

ceased high ranks in Jannah

and to bestow patience

upon the bereaved family

to bear this irreparable loss.

SC serves

notice in

accused

bail case

ISLAMABAD (APP):

family

given above is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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iv. The above statement is audited by the Chartered Accountant and detailed report thereof is annexed

The statement of ac counts is to be submitted on Form-D as provided in the Elections Act, 2017 Printed Forms are available, free of cost, in the Election Commission Secretariat Islamabad and in the offices of the Provincial Election Commissioners, Punjab, Sindh. Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan. Form-D/Proforma for source of funds are also available on ECP's Website.

Overwriting should be avoided. The attested copy of Membership / Certificate issued by ICÂP in respect of Auditor engaged shall be annexed to the Form-D alongwith last valid renewal certificate



ISLAMABAD: A view of heavy shipping containers place at Srinagar Highway chowk for road block due to TLP protest on Thursday, in the Federal Capital.

SC rejects PML-N candidate appeal for recounting in NA-97

ISLAMABAD (APP): Islamabad. During the meeting, the NOC issued by the DC on July 31st was reviewed. The IG Islamabad raised security concerns due to various upcoming events in the city. The notification highlighted that a religious group called for a

brought together over 80 representatives from vari- work. These projects focus ous government depart- on critical areas such as climents, development part- mate-smart agriculture, inners, international organiza- tegrated water resources

presented their pioneering innovations and to explore the role of multi-partner collaboration in promoting climate resilience.

CDA, Islamic Relief **AIOU** announces results for autumn Pakistan collaborate to 2023 semester tackle climate change

ronment.

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to collaborate with CDA's

Chairman Capital Development Authority (CDA), Muhammad Ali Randhawa, on Wednesday met with Country Director Islamic Relief Pakistan, Asif Shirazi, to discuss joint efforts in addressing climate change and developing needs. Islamabad

Randhawa praised Islamic Relief's contributions to Pakistan's development since 1992, particularly in environmental initiatives.

development partners, in-cluding the World Bank and He highlighted CDA's efforts in plantation drives, International Development especially in Margalla Hills, Bank.

ISLAMABAD (APP) Allama Iqbal Open Univer-ISLAMABAD (APP): and the establishment of the sity (AIOU) has announced Climate Change Fund to protect Islamabad's envithe results for the Associate Degree Programs (General, Commerce, Education,

Mass Communication, Li-The meeting focused brary Science, and Dars-eon tackling climate change, Nizami) and the BA (Old) with discussions on Program offered in the Aumeet tumn 2023 semester. Islamabad's growing water According to the Con-

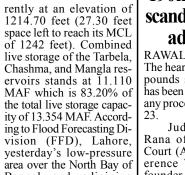
troller of Examinations, CDA offered technical Mian Muhammad Riaz, the support to address the waresults have been uploaded ter problem, while Islamic to the students' portals. Relief expressed readiness

The students who have completed their programs will soon have their provisional certificates available on their portals, enabling them to enroll in the next academic phase.

River Indus still flow in medium, low flood: FFC

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Federal Flood Commission (FFC) has said that at present, the River Indus is experiencing "Medium Flood" in Guddu-Sukkur reach and "Low Flood" in Tarbela-Taunsa reach and at Kotri Barrage. According to the daily FFC report on Wednesday, rest of the major Rivers i.e. Jhelum, Chenab, Ravi & Sutlej are discharging normal flows.

The Maximum Conservation Level (MCL) of 1550 feet in Tarbela Dam has been maintained since August 19, 2024, whereas Mangla Reservoir is cur- adjoining Pakistan.



Bengal and adjoining Bangladesh remained station ary. Trough of Westerly Wave persists over Northeastern Afghanistan and court.

Hearing of **190mln pounds** scandal reference

adjourned Nawaz Memon urged the RAWALPINDI (Online): residents to report such The hearing of 190 million agencies and avoid buying pounds scandal reference petrol from them, said the spokesman of ICT adminhas been adjourned without any proceedings till August istration.

Judge Nasir Javed Rana of Accountability Court (AC) heard the reference Wednesday. PTI founder and Bushra Bibi were presented in the court Wednesday. The counsels for PTI founder and Bushra Bibi could not appear in the

capital.

ISLAMABAD: Federal Secretary Health Nadeem Mahbub visits Peshawar International Airport to review M-pox arrangements.

Crackdown on illegal petrol agencies in ICT; 2 arrested, 9 sealed

The Islamabad Capital Ter-

ritory (ICT) administration

has launched a crackdown

on illegal petrol agencies operating in residential ar-

eas in the Federal Capital

and sealed nine agencies

besides arresting two ac-

cused

Deputy Chairman Senate ISLAMABAD (APP): zone Maheen Hassan, took Sardar Syedaal Khan Nasar, action against illegal petrol on Wednesday, expressed deep grief over the sad deagencies operating in sectors G-13 and G-14 areas. mise of the sister of former Nine illegal agencies were Chairman Senate, Mian Raza Rabbani. sealed, and two individuals were arrested for running The sudden death of the unauthorized petrol distrideceased is a great shock to bution operations. Former Chairman Senate

The Deputy Commis-sioner (DC) of Islamabad Deputy Commis-sioner (DC) Islamabad Irfan has emphasized the need to take firm action against these illegal agencies to ensure public safety.

The DC also urged citizens to report any such agencies operating in their In a recent crackdown, residential areas and to rethe Islamabad administrafrain from purchasing tion, led by Assistant Com- petrol from unregistered

Court dismisses bail pleas of accused in **APPC's corruption scam**

special court on Wednesday dismissed the bail petitions of three accused involved in a multimillion rupees corruption scam of Associated Press of Pakistan Corporation (APPC), the state run news agency. Special Judge Central

missioner (AC) Saddar sources.

heard the post-arrest bail petitions of three accused including Project Director Muhammad Ghawas Khan, former Deputy Director Musawar Imran and Ex-Chief Computer Engineer Saad Mudassar.

During the hearing, APP's Legal Advisor Sardar corruption, he maintained. Yaqoob Mastoi argued that

ISLAMABAD (APP): A all the accused were members of the procurement committee and they submitted 60 cheques to Accountant General Pakistan Revenues (AGPR) through forged signatures. The lawyer said that 124 million rupees of the tax-payers were looted by the accused through corrupt practices in

government institution. The advocate argued that the lower court had terminated the bails of the accused but they managed to escape. The three accused have caused millions of rupees in losses to the national news organization through

served notices in a bail petition of an accused in Jinnah House Lahore attack Justice Mansoor Ali Shah, hearing the case ques-

tioned that what the allegation was on accuse Hammad Nazeer and If he was present on crime scene and

whether any CCTV footage were produced in this regard. The petitioner's lawyer argued that his client was accused of injuring a police personnel with the hit of a stick. However, the medical report said that the said personnel get injuries with the hit of a stone

ISLAMABAD (Online): The lawyers of the re-Supreme Court (SC) while spondents appeared in the court.

rejecting the appeal plea of PML-N candidate Ali Gohar Baloch on the matter of recounting in NA-97 Faisalabad has maintained the National Assembly membership of Saad Ullah Baloch of PTI.

Justice Naeem Akhtar Khan Afghan has remarked SC set two principles in the decision that whenever any petition for recounting comes in time then RO cannot refuse recounting. SC described the differences in votes between both of the candidates. It is not being proved from anywhere in record that the petition for

recounting of votes had come on February 9. A two members bench comprising Justice Amin ud Din Khan and Justice Naeem Akhtar Afghan heard the petition Wednes-

Justice Naeem Akhtar Afghan raised the question during the hearing " prove it from the record the petition for recounting was filed timely with Returning Officer (RO). You are depending on the recent decision of SC. Two principles were set by SC in the decision, SC said when the application for recounting comes in time then RO cannot

The SC also described the difference of votes between both of the candidates for recounting. It is not being proved any where from the record that application for recounting had come on February 09. Date is not mentioned in the paper on which you are relying. Has the RO admitted on any forum that application for recanting had come.



ISLAMABAD: Workers of Capital Development Authority (CDA) planting dates tree outside Jinnah Convention Center in the Federal Capital.

ISSI, NIMA sign MoU for closer collaboration

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Institute of Strategic Studies Islamabad (ISŠI) amid further enhancing its institutional collaboration has signed a Memorandum The Supreme Court of Pa-kistan on Wednesday of Understanding (MoU) with the National Institute

(NIMA).

He lauded NIMA's of Maritime Affairs contributions to Pakistan's maritime and security The signing ceremony, policies and expressed held at ISSI, marked the confidence that the MoU commencement of a new would pave the way for chapter in academic and enhanced mutual collaboresearch cooperation beration, including impactful tween the two Institutes. research, conferences, and Director General ISSI capacity-building initia-Ambassador Sohail tives. Mahmood and President Ambassador NIMA Vice Admiral Mahmood concluded by (Retd) Ahmad Saeed, reaffirming the commitment signed the MoU on behalf of both institutions to leof their respective

verage their combined exinstitutions. The event pertise and resources for was moderated by Malik the advancement of Qasim Mustafa, Director Pakistan's interests in the ACDC, a news release said. maritime and related do-Speaking on the occamains

sion, Ambassador Sohail

Mahmood warmly wel-

comed the NIMA delega-

tion, highlighting the impor-

tance of formalizing the re-

lationship between the two

think-tanks.

ISLAMABAD: Labourers are busy in construction work of a bridge at Islamabad highway during development work, in the Federal Capital.

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OPINION

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Troubled tribunals It is unlikely that the public will

get timely closure on the many controversies raging over the Feb 8 general election. The tribunals appointed under the Elections Act of 2017 to settle election-related disputes will not be able to meet their 180day deadline, it has emerged in Olympic gold medal. a report released by the Free and Fair Election Network.

Fafen has highlighted that, so far, only 7pc of the 377 petitions have been resolved, with Balochistan's tribunals alone in achieving a double-digit disposal rate of 17pc. Sindh, KP and Punjab lag far behind with disposal rates of 7pc, 4pc and 0.5pc, respectively, while the tribunal appointed for Islamabad's seats has yet to dispose of a single case. Punjab, where the most challenges have been filed, still has only two tribunals functioning out of the eight sanctioned, mainly because of the Election Commission of Pakistan's refusal to honour the Lahore High Court's decisions about who should head them.

The nation saw the postpolls fiascos play out on their television screens and has awaited answers about what exactly went wrong. It may be recalled that, in a replay of the ECP's results transmission system's failure in 2018, this time, too, a new and improved he retired almost two years results consolidation system had failed to function, and the announcement of the results was put off without any explanation from the Commission.

and their supporters saw their defeats and vice versa. Complaints flooded in from across the country of results being finalised behind closed doors after kicking out those who had contested the elections. Many credibility of these elections further doubt. From supposedly 'final' results being retracted, revised, and then reissued, to recounts being done without candidates being informed, to glaring discrepancies in the results issued to candidates and the results endorsed by the authorities so much was so obviously wrong that it defied understanding how these gross irregularities would be upheld. This is where the election tribunals, acting as third-party arbiters between the disputing candidates, were supposed to provide closure. They should have done so within the manself-correct as soon as possible. Alas, it seems that these disputes will continue to linger for the foreseeable future, weakening an already struggling democracy. The delay will only mean that the legitimacy of the coalition lın. government will continue to remain in doubt, which will undermine its authority and allow political instability to continue to fester. Tragically, the systems that were meant to act as a check and balance on our institutions and ensure compliance with the constitutional order keep failing us constantly.

Rafia Zakaria about how such a brutal The incident occurred on crime could have taken Aug 9, 2024, hours after place in a fully staffed hoscrowds in India and Pakipital

stan cheered on their re-According to news spective contenders for reports, the second-year resident was completing a the javelin gold in Paris. Just like in most places in 36-hour shift at the hospithe subcontinent, on the tal and was attacked while night of Aug 8, on-duty she was apparently restdoctors at the R.G. Kar ing in a seminar room. The Hospital in Kolkata in Indoctor's parents were not dia were also watching called until much later. Arshad Nadeem and Niraj They were first informed in Chopra compete against a telephone call that their each other. À lot was at daughter was very sick. stake and India was the They were later told that favourite. We all know their daughter had died by what happened in the suicide. When the shocked and panicked competition, as Pakistan won its first individual parents arrived at the hospital, they were prevented from seeing their daughter's body for four However, nobody, it seems, knows what happened at the R.G. Kar Hoshours.

When finally they pital. It has been two weeks since the news were allowed to see their broke that a trainee doctor child's body, they saw that who was on duty that she had been beaten and night was brutally raped badly bruised. The glass and killed in the early hours from her spectacles had of Aug 9. Ever since then, been smashed on her face Kolkata and many other and even her eyes were Indian cities have been in bleeding from the shards. a state of turmoil. OPD ser-The postmortem report, vices have been susthat hinted at gang-rape, was horrifying, and said doctor is left to face a that the victim had been crowd of angry family pended in several hospitals in the country and

questions are being raised strangled to death. Suspecting a move to destroy evidence, the father of the rape victim questioned the haste with which the body

of his child was cremated. The incident is brutal and horrifying and it brings to the fore a safety problem that has also been faced by working women in Pakistan. Doctors, including women doctors, work long hours in very difficult circumstances whether they are at the understaffed wards at government hospitals in the cities or in far-flung areas where amenities are few and living conditions diffi-Doctors, including

those with labour-room retheir sponsibilities, have to work at all hours of the day and night and may be singlehandedly responsible for dozens of patients at the same time. The situation is made more complicated by the fact that patients are often accompanied by entire crews of family members. If something goes awry or the patient passes away, one

Night duty members. While such a situation can be faced by both male and female doctors, the latter category is more vulnerable in a patriarchal society, where misogyny and gender discrimination are par for the course

> Medical premises in Pakistan are often not equipped with safe and adequate facilities for female doctors whether these are bathrooms or rooms where female medical staff working long hours can rest safely. This means that women doctors, who are already a target of aggression in the wards, are unable to feel safe even outside them

In the Kolkata case, the person who has been arrested was a civilian police volunteer, who appears to have had easy access to all parts of the hospital. The same conditions apply to many hospitals in Pakistan where people have easy access to all parts of medical premises, thus posing a potential threat to women doctors and nurses.

why the medical commu-

nity in India is on the ries for a variety of flawed reasons, including the bestreets protesting against the rape and the condilief that allowing them intions that led to it. dependence would compromise their safety vis-à-Unsurprisingly, as time passes, the matter is being vis men with uncontrolgiven a political colour belable bestial instincts. cause the ruling Modi administration — which has done nothing to make working conditions safe for women in the country — wants to undermine the

and forgotten in all of

South Asia. Men commit

know that most of the time

in fact, there will be no con-

sequences whatsoever.

South Asia are to be safe, this kind of thinking needs to go. The root of the problem — men with depraved thoughts and capable of expressing these in the state government in West Bengal whose capital most horrific way — has Kolkata is. However, the to be addressed. The young doctor in Kolkata issue is not one of politics or the government's ineptiwas saving lives in an untude but rather a wider culder-resourced environture of patriarchal violence ment and at an hour where in the entire subcontinent. only medics can save you. The fact is that women are For this, she suffered in routinely targeted, raped the most despicable way.

The brutality and the horror reveal just how inhuman South Asia has bethese crimes because they come, with men who comthey will get away with it; mit such crimes and men who ignore their occurrence in the workplace and their homes

If women anywhere ir

One ridiculous solution that someone offered If there is any hope, it is in the women who are in the Kolkata case is that marching to demand their women doctors should not be permitted to do night very basic right of being duty at all. This solution able to do their job withseeks to further punish out facing threats of rape, women who have already violence and death. been held back for centu-Courtesv Dawn

It is understandable

The saga of Gen Bajwa

Zahid Hussain

There have been few instances in Pakistan's history where an army chief has bowed out without generating controversy. This might not be surprising in a country where the military has for the most part been deeply involved in political power games. Retired Gen Oamar Javed

Bajwa may have been among the most controversial army chiefs, but whatever is happening now is no less scandalous.

Gen Bajwa has been held responsible by both sides of the political divide for the fall of their respective governments. Both accuse him of deceit. While ago after serving two terms as army chief, the controversy surrounding his contentious tenure refuses to die down. The recent arrest of his protégé and former ISI chief, retired Lt-Gen Faiz Hameed, who is now

While these delays were facing field court martial, happening, many candidates has put Gen Bajwa back in the spotlight. New revelations have victories magically turn into relations have emerged about his alleged political manoeuvring that saw the fall of two prime ship that led to the collapse ministers and regime of the three-and-a-halfchange. While former prime year-long hybrid arrange-Poking the bear **Mahir Ali** though the flashpoint might be in a different part new controversies emerged Twenty-Four years ago, of the world, but it is not post-Feb 9 that threw both the just months into his first term as Russia's second post-Soviet president, Vladimir Putin was picand the ECP's impartiality into Viadimir Puttin was pic-tured partying at a dacha in Sochi while his nation coped with the loss of a nuclear-powered submarine during naval exercises; all of its 118 personnel perished in the disaster. The vessel was called Kursk. Back in 2000, the Russian media had few qualms about calling out official incompetence and presidential indifference. Fast forward to 2024, and none of the officially tolerated press or TV outlets can be expected to seriously fault the authorities for this month's swift forav into Russian territory by Ukrainian troops. The barely resisted incursion occurred in the Kursk oblast The region's name should also resonate with anyone familiar with the key events of World War II. The most formidable dated six-month period, which clash of tanks in history would have helped the system entailed a monumental loss of life — upwards of a million, by some accounts - but the Battle of Kursk is mainly remembered as a turning point when, following a hard-won triumph in the Battle of Stalingrad, the Soviet Red Army turned the tide against the Nazi invaders. Less than two years later, it was at the gates of Ber-More than 80 years later, both sides in the unnecessary conflict try to tar each other with the Nazi tag; both rely to some extent on far-right forces within their military structures. But whatever the follies and fallacies of Moscow and Kviv. this is not World War II, and it's crucial to all humanity that it does not turn into World War III. That threat still cannot be discounted, al-

cused him and his now disgraced ISI chief of plotting his removal from office in 2017 and his subsequent conviction in a litany of criminal cases, his nemesis Imran Khan, too, blames the general for his government's downfall.

Interestingly, it was Gen Bajwa who has been credited for installing the former cricket captain in power through an engineered election in 2018. He was also seen as the architect of the hybrid dispensation that propped up the fledgling political set-up before the Khan-Bajwa partnership fell apart. clearing the way for the return of the PML-N-led government. A dejected Khan shouted betraval as the establishment pulled the rug from under his feet. In a series of inter-

views on private TV channels. Defence Minister Khawaja Asif has made some startling revelations about the behind-thescenes manoeuvring that led to changing political al-

minister Nawaz Sharif acment: in fact, there was active engagement between the then opposition and the establishment, as revealed by Khawaja Asif, that changed the game.

But most interesting is the story of how Gen Baiwa was chosen for the coveted post by the then prime minister Nawaz Sharif, despite being much lower on the seniority list. It was on the assurance of retired Maj-Gen Ijaz Amjad, his father-in-law, that Gen Bajwa was appointed. It was apparent that

merit and seniority did not matter in the appointment of the army chief. Sharif was already embroiled in the Panama case and his ties with the then military leadership had soured. He needed a trusted person in a critical position. Gen Bajwa was indeed a political choice But as a retired general said, once in this powerful position an army chief is not expected to be loyal to anyone but his own

ing of the security establishment. I remember a of the security establishpress briefing by Gen Bajwa months after his takarrogance of power.

It didn't take much time for the new incumbent to show that he was in charge. Gen Baiwa was fond of holding forth for hours on end on national and international issues though he had no clear understating of any of the complex challenges the country faced Then came the 2018 elections. The security institution had already decided that Nawaz Sharif would not be allowed to return to power.

Gen Bajwa later told

that had the total backing ment. But there were some inherent contradictions in the system that started emerging, with the new prime minister trying to assert his position and taking some decisions which came into conflict with the establishment's views. A long meeting with Gen Bajwa in October 2021 gave me some insight

into the widening cleavage between the establishment and the PTI government. The change in the ISI command had certainly widened the trust gap though there was no sign of a complete rupture then.

He told me that the prime minister had become completely dependent on Faiz Hameed. But it was the appointment of Usman Buzdar as Punjab chief minister and Khan's blind confidence in him that remained the main sticking point. The general was also unhappy with Khan general's grand ambiover what he described as tions but these were

that the general had already opened a channel with the PML-N leadership, as also confirmed by Khawaja Asif. He told me about his frequent meetings with Shehbaz Sharif for whom he had developed a strong liking. However, at the same time, the general would appear highly contemptuous while talking about his meeting with him and other opposition leaders. He told me that when he asked Shehbaz Sharif about the money-laundering case against him and members of his family, the latter replied that his children had made a 'mistake'

He also narrated a story about his meeting with Maulana Fazlur Rehman. According to the general the only request made by the IUI-F chief was that he remove the Khan government There was no doubt about the his lacklustre approach never fulfilled. The gen-to foreign policy issues. eral may have exited the

ing charge. The apex court was expected to deliver its ruling on the Sharif case and it seemed certain that he would be convicted. A journalist asked the general what he thought would happen if the prime minister was removed. "Nothing will happen," he responded curtly. "Nothing happened even when we hanged Bhutto." One could see the

institution. And that is exactly what happened.

Sharif was ousted via the Supreme Court. There was little doubt that the action against the three-time prime minister had the full back-

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the institution that Imran Khan should be supported. A new hybrid system came into being after the 2018 elections with the forma-tion of the PTI government

He seemed upset with scene but the involve-Khan's reluctance to visit ment of the establishthe UK and some other ment in political power countries important to Pakistan's interests. By then, it seemed change of command.

games has continued. There has only been a

'Doing okay

Arooj Waheed Dar

Persistently high inflation in Pakistan is eroding the purchasing power of the poorest, limiting access to basic facilities. The World Bank estimates that poverty will remain around 40 per cent, with 10 million people at risk of falling below the poverty line due to potential economic shocks. Despite this, social protection programmes receive minimal attention, with Pakistan allocating less than one per cent of GDP to social assistance, thus of-

poor. With the government's limited fiscal space and competing priorities, it is clear that investment in social sectors is likely to remain low. Therefore, the government must focus on creating a conducive environment for social delivery organisations (SDOs) to

US sources suggest that Kyiv's Kursk initiative derailed talks in Qatar towards an agreement on not targeting energy facilities: chiefly power plants in Ukraine and oil refineries in Russia, but including nuclear facilities. That information adds to the absurdity of Zelensky's apparent assumption that the Kursk advance would sufficiently rattle Putin into making concessions. The Russian president, evidently intending to deny all responsibility (as usual) if what comes next does not fit his narrative, flew off to Azerbaijan on fication represents a dea scheduled visit. Échoes cline from its 'doing betof the submarine incident. ter' status in 2020. What might come next in this sordid conflict

The report highlights a drastic increase in the remains to be seen. But regulatory burden for anyone who expects Putin SDOs between 2020 and to come to his senses in 2024. This period cointhe face of territorial cides with severe impacts blackmail is living in a on marginalised communifool's paradise. -- Courties in Pakistan due to

Covid-19, shocks, and the Russia-Ukraine war. Instead of easing the regulatory burden for SDOs during this critical period, further hurdles were put up with primary focus on heightened scrutiny of political funding and rigorous monitoring of financial flows to NGOs under the pretext of preventing money laundering and terrorism fi-

nancing The report shows that in Pakistan, the process for obtaining clearances and registering an SDO takes an average of 360 days, significantly longer than the Asian average of 123 days. Once registered, additional Pak-istan's efforts to complex laws hinder the smooth functioning of SDOs, creating disincentives for philanthropic In terms of finances, SDOs are facing growing

difficulties in transferring and receiving foreign funds. This issue is compounded by a decline in local funding due to reduced purchasing power, which limits individuals' capacity to donate. Consequently, SDOs are struggling to meet their financial needs and to expand their coverage. The absence of incentives and hurdles in claiming tax incentives for corporate donors exacerbates the situation

work

Furthermore, the procedures for accessing government procurements are reported to be highly complex. Non-transparency remains a significant concern.

The proportion of SDOs receiving government contracts has noticeably declined between 2020 and 2024, alongside a sharp decrease in the perceived transparency of the procurement process. During 2020 to 2024, the percentage of SDOs that viewed the procurement process as transparent dropped from 48pc to

climatic 10pc. Additionally, the percentage of SDOs that found it easy to win government contracts fell from 30pc to 6pc, and those finding it easy to access procurement information decreased from 64pc to 11pc.

Unfortunately, it is not the first time in Pakistan that political agendas have taken precedence over social welfare and public well-being. As with many other decisions, the move to increase regulatory burdens on SDOs appears largely driven by the desire to undermine a particular political party. The PTI foreign funding case, coupled with comply with FATF requirements, led to tighter controls on foreign funding, not just for political parties but also for NGOs. Along with decreased funding for NGOs, this has created rent-seeking opportunities, as most government contracts are awarded to well-connected SDOs.

According to the report, the majority of SDOs believe that the removal of this undue regulatory burden can significantly enhance their performance, allowing them to better cater to the needs of an increasingly deprived population. Moreover, a single oversight department should be established to streamline the process and reduce procedural delays and red tape.

While philanthropy is ubiquitous in Pakistan, much of it is informal and unrecorded. Regulating these activities is crucial to ensure comprehensive coverage and to prevent duplication.

With negligible public spending in social sectors, it is essential for the government to set political agendas aside and create a conducive environment for SDOs to address these deficiencies. Courtesy Dawn

liances. It was not merely the declaration of neutrality by the military leader-

imminent. However, the consequences of the Ukrainian advance into Russian territory remain unclear, and the messaging from Kyiv about its motivation has been somewhat muddled. It serves as temporary morale

booster for Ukrainians, no doubt, as well as a slap in the face for Putin's pretensions as Mr Security someone who would keep Russians safe from all foes. He has failed several times in that respect over the years, but it is not clear whether the present embarrassment will suffice as a potential tipping point. The Ukrainian presi-

dent has said that the successful attack on Russian soil was intended as a negotiating tactic — pre-sumably to persuade Putin that the border is vulnerable in both directions, so his insistence on retaining large chunks of Ukraine as part of any peace deal is untenable. However, Volodymyr Zelensky and his aides have also talked about creating a buffer zone, and expressed the hope that some of the Russian troops on the front line in eastern Ukraine might be withdrawn to Kursk, which was poorly defended by inexperienced young conscripts, hundreds of whom are now in Ukrainian custody, possibly intended to serve as bargaining chips in future PoW exchanges.

Might that work, or will Putin's instinct be to exact revenge, for which Ukrainian civilians may pay the biggest price? Putin's tendency is to prefer revanchism over compromise. Russia's apparent inability thus far to meaningfully resist the Ukrainian military in Kursk — the first time in 80 years that foreign forces have advanced so far into its territory

Yevgeny Prigozhin's revolt last year that Putin's republic does not measure up to its projected illusions. There is good reason, no doubt, to resent the Nato encirclement of Russia, which has been proceeding for decades, but that hardly justifies the decision to invade Ukraine, let alone pretend that the coveted territory ought never to have been

separated from the 'moth-Without delving into history, suffice it to say fering little relief to the that Putin's ill-considered gambit returned to bite him on the backside, whereas it remains to be seen whether Zelensky's gamble will pay any dividends. The conflict needs to end, but neither Ukraine

and its Western allies nor cilitate such an outcome step in and address these gaps

The Doing Good Index of the Centre for Asian Philanthropy and Society examines the regulatory and societal environment in which private capital is directed towards philanthropy. It ranks countries in four categories based on its findings: 'doing well', 'doing better', 'doing okay', and 'not doing enough' (from best to worst). According to the DGI 2024 report, which surveyed 122 SDOs in Pakistan through the SDPI, the country is classified as 'doing okay', indicating an unfavourable regulatory environment. This classi-

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CM Maryam opens model house of 'Apni Chhat, Apna Ghar' program

LAHORE (APP): Punjab inspected various stalls by Secretary Housing Chief Minister Maryam related to construction. She Asadullah Khan about the Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif inaugurated a model house of 'Apni Chhat, Apna Ghar' [Own Roof, Own House] programme and launched online portal (acag.punjab.gov.pk), where citizens could apply for the programme.

Helpline number for the program is 0800-

thoroughly inspected its Agency). every part. She also The

observed 3D printer at details of Low Cost Infrastructure Housing project. He also Development Authority, screened a documentary Punjab (IDAP) stall. She on low cost pausing was briefed about Smart program for common man Rock to test the strength of concrete.

She was apprised Minister about eco-friendly brick Aurangze type "Core Eco Block."

09100, where citizens e-Quaid, she appreciated Assembly and Special could call to seek the efforts of Secretary Housing Asadullah Khan attended the ceremony. information. Housing Asadullah Khan attended the ceremony. The CM visited the and Director General Chief Secretary, model house on PHATA (Punjab Housing Secretary Housing, DG Wednesday, and and Town Planning PHATA, and other thoroughly inspected its Agency).

in Punjab. Senior Provincial

Marriyum Aurangzeb, Provincial Ministers Sohaib Ahmad Addressing the Malik, Zeeshan Rafique, ceremony, held at Ashiana- Members of Punjab Malik, Zeeshan Rafique,

The CM was briefed also present.

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LAHORE: Punjab Minister for Health and Chairman Cabinet Committee for Law and Order Khawaja Salman Rafique presides over the 11th meeting at Home Department.

Governor KP contacts Pak envoy in Iran; expresses grief over tragic bus accident

PESHAWAR Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi on Wednesday expressed grief and sorrow over the traffic incident at Yazd city in Iran which claimed the lives of 28 Pakistani zaireen and injured 23 persons.

The Governor Faisal Karim Kundi has contacted Pakistani Ambassador Muhammad Mudassar Tipu in Iran regarding the tragic bus accident in Yazd.

Governor The emphasized the need for providing all possible assistance to the victims.

Ambassador Tipu assured that every effort would be made to support the affected individuals, despite the accident site response to the accident.

(APP): pilgrims in Yazd. He said that President Asif Ali Zardari has also conveyed profound grief over the incident and Advocate on Wednesday instructed the Sindh government to immediately contact the families of the victims

The affected individuals are from and Larkana, the government will ensure full support for their relatives, he said. He said that special directives have been issued by President Zardari and Chairman

Bilawal Bhutto Zardari for the repatriation of the deceased bodies. Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari has promptly contacted Iranian authorities in

Kunai

inspects development work at Kohat PESHAWAR (APP): Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Minister for Law and Parliamentary Affairs Aftab Alam Afridi

Minister

inspected the ongoing scheme after completing the asphalt work on Shekhan Road in Kohat. The Minister directed the timely completion of work of shoulders of the said road without compromising on the quality and quantity of

work He also asked the party leadership and the general people to keep a vigil eye on the quality of the ongoing development works in their respective

seen, so that action is taken

against such elements and



BHITSHAH: Chairman Senate Syed Yusuf Raza Gilani laying wreath on the grave of Hazrat Shah Abdul Latif Bhitai on the occasion of the 281st Urs celebration.

Thar coal producing cheapest power in country: Murad

KARACHI (INP): Murad plants," he said Ali Shah on Wednesday He said Thar coal said that the Sindh power plants generating government had 10 years over 3,000 megawatts of the electricity. ago called for investment in

"This electricity supplied to the national the wind and solar energy, now entire country wants grid and later Faisalabad, Talking to Lahore's he pointed out. "Thar's media persons here, electricity not supplied to Sindh's Chief Minister said Sindh," he said.

Thar coal could that electricity has become cheaper a very serious issue. "The generate cheapest electricity being electricity for Pakistan," he generated in the country said. "We can create jobs with Thar coal power and increase exports with

industries running on That coal," CM Shah suggested Murad Ali Shah said

that cyber knife machine's facility has not been available in any hospital of Pakistan.

"Sindh's Jinnah Hospital providing free treatment with cyber knife," chief minister said. "This cyber knife treatment requires US\$ 70,000 to 1,50,000 expenses in the world," he added

Two killed, 7 injured in roof collapse in Bannu

BANNU (APP): Two women were killed and seven others sustained injuries while buried under the debris due to roof collapse in Khorgai Musakhel, area of Domel, Bannu.According to a private news channel, the incident took place when a roof of the house collapsed due to a lightning strike.

The rescue team reached the spot spot immediately after the incident was reported.

The injured were shifted to Khalifa Gul Nawaz Hospital, Bannu.

Killer of minor

Chairperson BISP discusses Nashonuma program with Sindh Health Minster

KARACHI Chairperson Benazir Income Support (BÎŜP), Programme Senator Rubina Khalid, Wednesday, emphasized the role of the Benazir Nashonuma Programme in addressing health and nutrition challenges among poor and deserving women and children in Pakistan.

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The BISP Chairperson, in a meeting with Sindh Minister for Health and Population Welfare, Dr. Azra Fazal Pechuho here, had a detailed discussion on the Nashonuma BISP Programme and collaboration of BISP and provincial health departments to further enhance the outreach of the program. Rubina Senator

Khalid highlighted that the program was aimed at improving the nutritional status of pregnant women and children under two years of age. The initiative was designed to prevent effectiveness.

(APP): stunting, improve weight gain during pregnancy, reduce anemia and micronutrient deficiencies, and raise awareness about maternal and early child health, she added.

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Senator Khalid also discussed the program's pilot targeting adolescent girls aged 15 to 19 in ambar Shahdadkot and the integration of immunization facilities through collaboration with the health department.

Dr. Azra Fazal Pechuho commended the BISP, efforts of particularly Nashonuma Programme, briefed and Chairperson BISP about initiatives of the Sindh government in the health sector. The Sindh minister expressed her support for future collaborations between BISP and the People's Primary Healthcare Initiative (PPHI) to further enhance the program's reach and



PESHAWAR: Renowned Social Activist Ashraf Khan meeting with Khyber Pakhtunkhawa Governor Faisal Karim Kundi.

Gilani visits Bhit Shah, urges masses to spread message of mystics

HYDERABAD (APP): Chairman Senate Syed Yusuf Raza Gilani on Wednesday arrived at Bhit Shah on the second day of the 281st Urs of Hazrat Shah Abdul Latif Bhittai, Provincial Minister of Culture Syed Zulfiqar Ali Shah accompanied him on the occasion.He placed a flower wreath over the shrine of Shah Abdul Latif Bhittai and recited surah Fatiha. Gilani along with provincial culture minister Syed Zulfiqar Ali Shah

Later, he attended the Latif Literary Conference at HT Surley Hall as a special guest. Addressing the conference, Gilani emphasized Shah Abdul Latif Bhittai's message of standing firm against oppression and advocating for women's rights.

During the Latif Literary Conference, scholars including Madad Ali Sindhi, Taj Joyo, Dr. Sher Mehrani, Aziz Kangrani, Shaukat Ujjan, Adal Soomro, Mukhtiar Malik, A.D. Lashari and



investment in it.

KARACHI: Mayor Karachi Murtaza Wahab addressing during polio campaign ceremony, in the Provincial Capital.

SHC summons all accused in Murtaza murder case on Oct 01

areas and report immediately where any defect or corruption is KARACHI (Online): attendance. The court Sindh High Court (SHC) has summoned on October day each to Shoaib Saddal

being 700 kilometers away from the consulate, said Governor Kundi.

He said that the injured and expressed Pakistani Ambassador is personally overseeing the bereaved families. relief operations.

Governor over the deaths of Pakistani maximum support.

Wahab has said that work

on the construction of the

connects Korangi and

Ibrahim Hyderi with other

project is expected to be

completed by January 31,

remarks while reviewing

the construction work of

the Korangi Causeway

would relieve citizens from

the inconvenience of

Korangi Road being closed

Landhi, and the surrounding

areas, as well as those

working in the industrial

here on Wednesday.

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Kundi Iranian expressed deep sorrow commitment to providing

Mayor Karachi says:

Causeway likely to be

completed by Jan 31

authorities

continue, he added.

The

Governor

extended prayers for the

swift recovery of the

stop the waste of money. Aftab Alam declared solidarity with the that the national exchequer is the sacred trust of the He also welcomed the people and it will be spent

purely on the betterment of masses. injured in

Punjab road accidents LAHORE (APP): Five people were killed and 1,233 others injured in

1,165 road accidents in Punjab during the last 24

KARACHI (APP): Mayor work. The development Karachi Barrister Murtaza journey of Karachi will hours Mayor Korangi Causeway is instructed the officials to underway and the bridge ensure high quality in construction projects and to adopt a strategy that areas of the city and the accelerates progress and provides quick benefits to teams.

the citizens, while keeping The data analysis 5. all aspects of the He made these development plan in mind. showed that 721 drivers, 47 He mentioned that pedestrians and previously, the Korangi Causeway used to get submerged during rains, The statistics showed that He said that the rendering it unusable for several days. This caused 246 accidents were reported in Lahore, which significant difficulties for affected 278 people, the people of Korangi placing the provincial Ibrahim Hyderi, Landhi, capital at top of the list followed by Multan with during rainfall. The and especially for construction of the industrialists, laborers, and causeway will benefit students. Although residents of Korangi, temporary road repairs 7 accidents and 76 victims, and at third Faisalabad with 69 accidents and 72 victims. were made in the past, the problem persisted. However, to address this According to the

and 90 other types.

zone. In response to issue with a sustainable criticism, the mayor said solution, the construction they will focus on of a 1.4-kilometer-long delivering results through overhead bridge

5 dead, 1,233 **Construction of Korangi**

exemption

case.

court.

As many as 502 people with serious injuries were shifted to different hospitals, while 731 with minor injuries were treated at the incident site by rescue medical

underage drivers, 124 393 passengers were among the victims of road crashes.

data, 1,080 motorbikes, 75 auto-rickshaws, 111 motorcars, 17 vans, 14 passenger buses, 19 truck

HYDERABAD: Residents of Saharash Nagar flooded, near the Indus River, as river waters overflow into homes, causing significant damage and widespread inundation.

01 all the accused in Mir and Wajid Durrani. Ibrahim Saif ud Din Murtaza Bhutto murder

advocate counsel for the petitioner while opposing According to report the appeal filed by Noor applications said this case Muhammad domestic is pending hearing since servant of Mir Murtaza long which may be completed soon. Bhutto and government

challenging the acquittal of The court has the accused persons came ordered all the accused to appear before it on October 1. up for hearing before the

It was said in the It may be mentioned petition that former police Murtaza Bhutto was killed officer Wajid Durrani is in alleged police encounter indisposed and he cannot appear in the court. Counsel for Shoaib

child arrested FAISALABAD (APP): Nishatabad police claimed to have arrested an accused involved in murder case of

mysterious circumstances

team under supervision

on September 20, 1996. Two cases were registered with reference to this

Talish Abbas Jutt said here on Wednesday that a citizen Asif made a call on Rescue 15 on Tuesday night that his 8-year-old son Tayyab was missing from the evening under

R e c e i v i n g information, City Police

Saddal requested for incident. Trial court from acquitted the accused.

a minor child within hours. Police spokesman

Officer (CPO) Kamran Adil constituted a special

LAHORE: Punjab Women Protection Authority (PWPA) Chairperson Hina Parvez Butt and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) 'I Am The Code', Lady Marieme in a group photo during a seminar organised at Punjab University (PU) to spread awareness regarding Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz's Parvez Butt and Chief vision to empower women.

Kp govt committed to revitalize Higher Education Sector: Secretary HED

PESHAWAR (APP): Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government is fully committed to address the challenges faced by the higher education sector, particularly within the province's universities. This was said by

Capt ® Kamran Afridi, Secretary of the Higher Education Department, Govt. of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa during a special meeting held here at Khyber Medical University (KMU).

Secretary HED, Kamran Afridi highlighted that the government is September.³ actively working on short, mid and long-term strategies to uplift the sector.

He praised the efforts of the Higher Education accomplices managed to escape from the scene after Task Force, led by Prof. Dr. Zia Ul Haq vice a police encounter in the area of Balochni police station. A spokesman said chancellor KMU, which is here on Wednesday the operating on an emergency basis to address these police signalled four suspects riding on motorcycles near Chak

challenges. "The progress made by the Task Force so far is commendable," said Secretary HED Kamran Takiyan Wali Saim, but they opened fire on the police party. The police returned the fire, and Afridi. during the encounter, two "It is expected that

the Task Force

the Task Force will finalize its recommendations by outlaws were killed, whereas their two accomplices managed to the end of this month, escape from the scene. which will be presented to the Chief Minister KP in

The killed criminals were identified as Atif alias the first week of Atti and Shoaib alias Shobi, The special meeting who were wanted to the police in 28 and 14 cases was attended by several of dacoity, robbery, etc. distinguished members of respectively.

istened to Shah jo raag in the premises of Dargah and also recorded his comments in the guests' books

others presented their research papers on Shah Latif's art, thought and philosophy.



KARACHI: Senator Rubina Khalid, Chairperson of the Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) call on Minister of Health Sindh Azra Fazal Pechuho at Sindh Secretariat Karachi.

PWPA seminar highlights CM's vision to empower women

LAHORE (APP): The Am The Code Pakistan' Punjab Women Protection chapter was officially (PWPA) Authority organised a seminar at Punjab University (PU) on Wednesday to spread awareness regarding Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz's vision to empower women.

Prominent

participants included

PWPA Chairperson Hina

Marieme were present at

launched at the university's Social Work Department, marking the formal beginning of the initiative in Pakistan.

The chairperson, speaking at the event, said its was a significant step towards promoting digital literacy and gender equality in Pakistan. "The initiative Executive Officer (CEO) 'I aims to empower women Am The Code', Lady and girls by providing and girls by providing them with digital literacy event. During the event, 'I added.

the event.

Minister reviews registration process for Himat Card

RAWALPINDI (APP): Provincial Minister for Social Welfare and Baitul-Mal, Sohail Shaukat Butt visited various parts of Rawalpindi Division to review registration of CM

Punjab Himat Card package persons with disabilities (PWDs).

According to the details, the minister accompanied by MPAs Malik Iftikhar Ahmed, Imran Ilyas, Mansoor Afsar and Zaib-un- Nisa Awan visited registration points established in Sir Syed Chowk (Rawalpindi),

Taxila and Murree.

Syed Chowk, the minister directed the concerned teams to encourage the PWDs for maximizing registration for the Himat reviewed He

thoroughly the process of registration and verification. He said that the beneficiaries of the facility must be registered and verified by the Social Welfare's mobile

Talking to the media on the occasion, he highlighted that CM Maryam Nawaz was la and Murree. actively working for the During his visit to Sir welfare of PWDs.

Card. application.



2 dacoits

killed in police

encounter

FAISALABAD (APP):

Two alleged dacoits were

killed while their two

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Minister expresses gratitude for € 91.1 million Ğerman support for Pakistan

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister for Economic Affairs, Ahad Khan Cheema on Wednesday, expressed his gratitude for the € 91.1 million German support for Pakistan's post-flood, climateresilient reconstruction.

He also appreciated long-standing partnership between the two countries since 1961 encompassing total development assistance of € 4 billion from the Federal Republic of Germany, said a press release issued here.

The meeting between of Minister for Economic Parliamentarians, German Affairs, Ahad Khan Ambassador to Pakistan, Cheema and German and other senior officials. Federal Minister for Ahad Khan Cheema Economic Cooperation and Development Mrs. Svenja welcomed the Federal Minister for Economic Schulze. Cooperation

Ms. Svenja Schulze, Development Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and members of her delegation on their visit to Pakistan. Development (BMZ), Government of Federal He appreciated the Government of Federal Republic of Germany Republic of Germany for called on the Minister for being a valuable Economic Affairs, Ahad development partner and Khan Cheema along with specifically highlighted its the delegation comprising bilateral

German assistance and support extended to Pakistan for attaining the GSP+ status.

Minister The highlighted revenue generation, export-led growth, increased agriculture modality, and information technology, and and human resource development as key priority areas for driving the economic agenda of the Government. He further emphasized that the reforms are being undertaken within the framework agreed with economic the IMF.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Privatisation, Board of Investment & Communications Abdul Aleem Khan presided 222nd meeting of Privatisation Commission Board.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Economic Affairs, Ahad Khan Cheema exchanging views with Svenja Schulze, German Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development during meeting held in Islamabad.

NA Committee calls of urgent need for efficient natural gas distribution

ISLAMABAD (APP): country. The National Assembly Standing Committee on informed the committee Energy Division) on Wednesday have been steadily called for the urgent need for efficient natural gas discoveries made by distribution and the exploration and production reduction of line losses companies in recent years, through stringent

monitoring The meeting, chaired Member of the National Assembly Syed Mustafa Mehmood, was attended by the Federal Minister for Energy (Petroleum Division).

Ministry provided a and gas companies. comprehensive briefing on

CARACHI Shipping activity was report at the port where four ships, MSC Positano, Agios Dimitrios, Horizon-I and Madison Eagle The Ministry carrying Container, LPG and Coal, berthed at (Petroleum that domestic gas supplies declining, with no major Container Terminals, Engro Terminal and Bulk Terminal respectively on Tuesday. Meanwhile three

leading to a sharp reduction more ships, Gaschem Mosel, Epic Burano and in indigenous gas availability. New Apex are also arrived The committee at outer-anchorage of the decided to hold its next Port Qasim on today meeting to discuss the morning Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives undertaken by Officials from the both public and private oil

were engaged at PQA berths during the last 24 hours, out of them a petroleum product carrier The meeting was ship'Two million Ways' left the port on today

SAB recommends 100,000MT of sugar exporting

ISLAMABAD (APP): Commerce Jam Kamal Minister for Industries and Production Rana Tanveer Hussain on Wednesday chaired a meeting of the Sugar Advisory Board (SĂB) which recommended exporting 100,000 metric tons of

sugar In this regard the final approval for sugar export will be given by the Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the Cabinet, said a news release

Shipping

activity at

Port Qasim

A total of ten ships

sail on today.

(APP)

for the cabinet. Minister

Khan also attended the meeting During the meeting, They reviewed the

availability of sugar stocks and prices in the country. The minister highlighted that there is surplus sugar in the country adding that there will be no hike in the ex-

mill price of sugar. Rana Tanveer said that sugar exports will be carried out following the terms and conditions set by

Pakistan to introduce new currency notes

ISLAMABAD (INP): contrary to rumors, the Rs The State Bank of Pakistan 5,000 note will not be (SBP) decided to replace phased out, but replaced with a new design. currency notes with

denominations ranging from Rs 10 to Rs 5,000. The SBP governor said that besides paper According to details, currency note, plastic SBP Governor Jameel notes made from polymeric Ahmed told the Senate material will also be issued. Standing Committee on "Plastic currency will be Finance that the central used in the future if it bank will soon permission proves to be more durable from the federal cabinet to than paper currency," the Jameel Ahmed added. introduce the new currency

During the meeting, Senator Mohsin Aziz note. He said that new note denominations of Rs 10, Rs 20, Rs 50, Rs 100, Rs 500, Rs 1000, and Rs 5000 proposed to phase out Rs 5000 note to curb smuggling, however his having all new features will suggestion was rejected by

Jam, German Minister Svenja Schulze forge stronger economic ties

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Commerce Jam Kamal Khan on Wednesday met with Germany's Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and

Development, Svenja Schulze, in Islamabad to bolster economic and trade relations between the two nations.

collaboration, with a particular emphasis on technical assistance to emphasized the importance sustainable business help Pakistani SMEs of women's empowerment practices and labor comply with these new across all sectors, a priority standards, said a press regulations. release issued here. Minis

Gold rates up by **Rs.300** per tola to **Rs.261,000**

ISLAMABAD (APP) The per tola price of 24 karat gold increased by Rs.300 and was sold at Rs.261,000 on Wednesday compared to its sale at Rs. 260,700 on last trading day. The price of 10 grams of 24 karat gold also increased by Rs.257 to Rs. 223,765 from Rs. 223,508 whereas the prices of 10 gram 22 karat gold went up

to Rs.205,118 from

Rs.204,882, the All Sindh

Jewellers

Sarafa

lauded Germany's leadership in promoting sustainability through initiatives like the German Supply Chain Due Diligence Act. He highlighted

Pakistan's ongoing efforts to improve labor standards environmental and sustainability in its textile The meeting focused industry, and he sought on advancing economic German support for capacity-building and

Minister Jam Kamal responded by highlighting the long-standing historical relationship between Germany and Pakistan, which has spanned many decades.

She noted that many German companies are operating successfully in Pakistan, particularly in the textile sector, and praised the robust business ties between the two countries

Minister Schulze also she shared with Minister



ISLAMABAD: As a gesture of goodwill, Federal Minister for Commerce Jam Kamal presenting a traditional "Shaal" to Germany's Minister Svenja Schulze, who reciprocated with a German souvenir.

OICCI highlights private sector's role in mitigating climate change

responsibilities of its various departments, highlighting the importance providing an uninterrupted and environmentally sustainable energy supply. They also outlined the challenges in gas transmission and distribution across the

Naveed Qamar, Muhammad Nawaz Khan Mujahid Ali, Anwar-ul-Haq Chaudhary, Dr Shezra Mansab Ali Khan Kharal Gul Asghar Khan Junejo, Salahuddin Muhammad Moin Aamer Pirzada, Asad Alam Niazi, Mian Khan Bugti, and senior officials

hours and Maersk Cairo scheduled to load/offload

Bitumen, Palm oil, ULSD, LPG, LNG and Container **BAHAWALPUR: A family picks out a colorful** are expected to take berths at MW-2, LCT. hat for their child to protect form heatwave at roadside stall.

SMBR chairs meeting on slum ownership rights

Member Board Revenue have already paid all (SMBR) Punjab Nabeel government dues and Javed chaired an important meeting to discuss the provision of ownership rights to residents of slum

areas across Punjab. The meeting included a briefing by Director General of Slums, Muhammad Shahid, on the current status of slum settlements in the province

During the briefing, it was revealed that Punjab is home to a total of 4,300 notified slums, spread across the province's nine divisions including Lahore, Faisalabad, Bahawalpur, Sahiwal, Sargodha, and D.G. Khan. Of these, approximately 3,200 are located in rural areas, while 999 slums are situated in urban regions.

further was reported that 49 percent of

LAHORE (APP): Senior the urban slum residents obtained ownership rights. Additionally, over a thousand residents of rural slums have also been granted ownership rights

of Rs 278.34. However, according to the Forex Association of Pakistan (FAP), the buying Nabeel Javed instructed the Director and selling rates of the General to scrutinize the dollar in the open market rural slums based on merit stood at Rs 279.60 and Rs 280.30 respectively. The price of Euro increased by Rs1.21 to and submit a report within the next few days. He also emphasized the need to verify the data related to

close at Rs 309.59 against urban slums and ensure the the last day's closing of Rs provision of basic amenities to all residents. 308.38, according to the State Bank of Pakistan The senior official (SBP) assured that the granting of The Japanese yen ownership rights will be went up by 01 paisa and done swiftly and fairly, without any negligence or

closed at Rs1.90, whereas an increase of 76 paisa was bias. The meeting also witnessed in the exchange considered a proposal to rate of the British Pound. construct multi-storey which traded at Rs 362.59 as compared to the last

Rupee sheds

18 paisa

against dollar

SLAMABAD (APP)

Pakistani rupee on Wednesday witnessed a

devaluation of 18 paisa

against the US dollar in the

interbank trading and closed at Rs 278.52 against

the previous day's closing

be issued by December 2024. The Senate Standing "The Rs 5,000 note morning while four more Committee on Finance chaired by Senator Farooq H Naik was also briefed by considered." The SBP ships, Navig-8 Gallantry, Suzy, Agios Dimitrios and Horizon-I are expected to the SBP governor that governor said.

currency

Association reported. The price of per tola and ten gram silver remained unchanged at Rs.2,950.



Federal Minister for Industries and Production, Rana Tanveer Hussain chaired a meeting of the Sugar Advisory Board (SAB) in Islamabad.

SMEDA starts program to make SMEs bankable as per govt vision

LAHORE (APP): The Small and Medium Services, Ms. Farah Yasir, DGM-B&SD, Sheharyar Enterprises Development Tahir, DGM-External Authority (SMEDA), as Relations and Usman, per direction of Federal Minister Industries Rana Assistant Financial Services from Tanveer Hussain and SMEDA. Whereas, from Federal Minister Finance Askari Bank, the Country Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb, has launched a Head SME Division was accompanied by Syed move to make the SMEs Nauman Sajid, Regional bankable for easy and Head SME Central and increased access to Awais Tahir, Senior Credit Head SME.

As a first step in this regard, SMEDA inked a CEO SMEDA Socrat Aman Rana said that the Government of Pakistan, memorandum of understanding (MoU) with top from Prime Minister Askari Bank Limited at to all economy related ministers, especially the Minister of Industries SMEDA Head Office on Wednesday. The MoU was signed by Socrat Aman Rana Tanveer Hussain and Rana, Chief Executive Minister Finance Senator Officer of SMEDA and Muhammad Aurangzeb were committed to make Hussain Ali Haider, Head-SMÉ SMEs bankable for Division Askari Bank enhancing SME access to Limited on behalf of their government financing respective sides. The schemes and specialized financial products. He said signing ceremony was also by Ashfaq creation.

ISLAMABAD (APP): The 100-Index of the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) on Wednesday turned around to bullish trend, gaining 515.34, showing a positive change Manager of 0.66 percent, closing at 78,260.86 points against 77,745.52 points on the

last working day. A total of 552,564,507 shares were traded during the day as compared to 380,717,441 shares the previous day, whereas the price of shares stood at Rs 14.590 billion against Rs 11.237 billion on the last trading day.

PSX turns

bullish, gains

515 points

As many as 453 companies transacted their shares in the stock market, 289 of them recorded gains and 119 sustained losses whereas the share price of 45 companies remained unchanged. The three top trading companies were Kohinoor Spinning with 62,921,008 shares at Rs 11.23 per share, Power Cement with 41,961,669 shares at Rs.5.79 per share 37,366,130.

that despite higher significance of SMEs to job attended buildings for urban slum Ahmad, GM Business and residents, ensuring access and Yousuf Weaving with day's closing of Rs 361.83. Sector Development

Senator Saleem Mandviwala, Chairman Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Revenue presiding over a meeting of the Committee at Parliament House Islamabad.

ISLAMABAD (APP): underscores key elements The Overseas Investors Chamber of Commerce and Industry (OICCI) has launched an insightful report titled "Pakistan's Climate Crossroads: Private Sector Solutions to Climate Pakistan's Challenges'

Commenting on the report, OICCI President Rehan Shaikh stated, "Given the climate vulnerabilities threatening Pakistan, business growth can no longer come at the cost of the environment. We need to link returns on private sector investments with sustainability and consider the green transition as a pathway to creating new jobs and livelihoods.

The

of Pakistan's climate strategy, including climate action plans, needs assessment, vulnerability analysis, resilience, and climate mitigation and adaptation strategies. The private sector is identified as crucial in advancing

climate solutions. During the report's Sustainable launch. Development Policy Institute (SDPI) Executive Director and International Advisory Committee Member of COP29, Dr. Abid Suleri, remarked, "Addressing Pakistan's climate challenges requireds urgent and collective action.

He emphasized the need to shift perceptions about the private sector.



LAHORE: Members of Jamat-e-Islami (JI) Kissan Board are holding protest demonstration against high inflated electricity bills, in Lahore.

'UAE investors seek joint ventures with PFC'

LAHORE (APP): The with modern production UAE investors have techniques shown keen interest in international forming joint ventures with the Pakistan Furniture Council (PFC) to tap into the global market by meeting international

standards. According to a message received here Wednesday from the UAE, a delegation led by CEO PFC Mian Kashif Ashfaq was visiting gulf states and holding meetings with their counterparts.

He said the collaboration between the the UAE investors and the PFC was seen as a strategic move to capitalize on the growing demand for highquality furniture worldwide, particularly in export markets. Pakistan's furniture industry, known for its craftsmanship and traditional designs, has significant potential to expand globally if aligned

and quality standards. He said the proposed

joint ventures aimed to enhance Pakistan's furniture manufacturing capabilities incorporating advanced technology, improving design innovation, and increasing production efficiency. The UAE investors, with their extensive networks and access to international markets. offered significant advantages in terms of capital, marketing expertise, and market reach. Through these partnerships, the Pakistan Furniture Council sought to upgrade its production facilities and elevate its products to meet global consumer expectations, he added. Mian Kashif hoped it would be an opportunity for both countries.



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devastating,

Wateridge said from the

Nuseirat area of central

Gaza-a regular target of

out in October, Israeli

forces have pounded the

besieged territory from the

air, land and sea, reducing

month, the war has created

an acute humanitarian cri-

sis, with hundreds of thou-

much of it to rubble.

Since fighting broke

Now in its eleventh

Israel's aerial assaults.

12 killed in fresh Israeli strike on school shelter

centres, which the Palestin-

Monitoring Desk GAZA STRIP: Gaza's civil defence agency said an Israeli strike on a schoolturned-shelter killed at least 12 people on Tuesday, while the Israeli military said it struck a Hamas command centre.

"Our crews retrieved 12 martyrs from the Mustafa Hafiz school, which was bombed by the Israeli occupation west of Gaza City," agency spokes-man Mahmud Bassal told AFP.

Thousands of displaced Palestinians had sought refuge in the school, he said, amid the ongoing war in the Gaza Strip.

The Israeli military said the school was targeted because it housed a command-and-control centre.

Bassal had earlier given a toll of seven dead and 15 wounded in the strike, which he said had hit the second floor of the school building. The school was reduced to rubble, with scores of Palestinian men and women, many holding

children, fleeing the site af- the bodies of six prisoners ter the strike. In recent weeks, the

ian group denies.

died.

from a tunnel in Gaza's southern area of Khan Israeli military has struck Yunis after a battle with several schools across Palestinian fighters. Gaza, primarily in Gaza

The prisoners were City, accusing them of Yagev Buchshtab, Alexander Dancyg, Yoram housing Hamas command Metzger, Nadav Popplewell, Chaim Perry, previously announced dead, Earlier this month, the military had struck the Aland Avraham Munder. Tabieen School in Gaza whose kibbutz of Nir Oz City, which according to the near Gaza announced his

civil defence agency killed death earlier in the day. 93 Palestinians, while the military said 31 fighters been informed following intelligence analysis, the Tens of thousands of military said in a statement displaced people have later adding that the bodies were found on Monday taken refuge in schools since the war broke out on night in a tunnel.

October 7 after Hamas at-"During the operation, the forces located a tunnel tacked southern Israel. shaft about 10 metres Israel's retaliatory military offensive has killed at least (yards) deep leading to an underground tunnel route 40,173 people in Gaza, according to the territory's where the bodies were found," the military said. health ministry. Most of the dead in Gaza are The rescue was carried out women and children, acafter prolonged combat in a cording to the UN human built-up area and in multirights office. story buildings" against The Israeli military fighters, some of whom said on Tuesday it retrieved were killed, it added.

Their families had Palestinians carry their children as they flee after an Israeli strike on a school housing displaced people, in the Rimal neighbourhood of central Gaza City. Blinken ends latest Mideast visit without a cease-fire, warning 'time is of the essence'

through for a cease-fire deal, warning on Tuesday that

main



simple. It's clear and it's "time is of the essence" urgent," he told reporters even as Hamas and Israel before leaving Qatar. "We signaled that challenges reneed to get a cease-fire and hostage agreement over the

After meetings in felfinish line, and we need to low mediating countries Egypt and Qatar, Blinken do it now. Time is of the said that because Israel has essence.

Moscow sees one of Ukraine's largest drone attacks as fighting rages in Kursk and eastern Ukraine

Monitoring Desk MOSCOW: Moscow came under one of the largest attacks yet by Ukrainian drones since the start of fighting in 2022, Russian authorities reported Wednesday, saying they destroyed all of those headed toward Afghan Taliban the capital. The drone attacks come as Ukrainian forces are continuing to push

into Russia's western Kursk region 'This was one of the biggest attempts of all time security forces to attack Moscow using drones," Moscow Mayor Sergey Sobyanin said on his

including 11 over the Mos-



Death 'the only certainty' for Gazans, says UN official

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Monitoring Desk JERUSALEM: In war-ravaged Gaza, death appears to be the "only certainty" for 2.4 million Palestinians with no way to escape Israel's relentless bombardment, a UN official said Tuesday, recounting the growing desperation across the territory. 'It does feel like people are waiting for death. Death seems to be the only certainty in this situation,"

Louise Wateridge, a spokes-woman for the UN agency sands of people, most of whom have been displaced for Palestinian refugees, also known as UNRWA, told several times, running out of basic food and clean AFP from Gaza. For the past two weeks, Wateridge has been

day that Israeli strikes in the

country's east killed one per-

son and wounded 20 others

hours after it said four people

were killed in the south. The

strikes came more than 24

hours after Israel carried out

similar raids deep inside east

Lebanon and as tensions

mounted in the wake of the

Israeli killing of a top

on the Bekaa" valley killed

one person "and wounded

20 others", the health min-

istry said in an updated toll.

person was in critical con-

dition while "eight children

and a pregnant woman were

moderately wounded". A

Hezbollah source, request-

ing anonymity, said several

strikes hit east Lebanon near

the city of Baalbek, includ-

"Israeli enemy strikes

The statement said one

Hezbollah commander.

drinking water. "We are facing unin the Gaza Strip, witnessprecedented challenges hen it comes to the spread ing the humanitarian crisis, of disease, when it comes fear of death and spread of disease as the war rages on. "Nowhere in the Gaza

to hygiene. Part of this is because of the Israeli im-Strip is safe, absolutely posed siege on the Gaza nowhere is safe. It's abso-Strip," Wateridge said.

Lebanon says five killed in fresh Israel strikes Monitoring Desk

ing the village of Nabi Sheet, without specifying what BEIRUT: Lebanon's health ministry said early Wedneswas targeted.

A source from a local hospital told AFP that five children no older than 10, all from the same family, were among the wounded

The strikes around midnight came after similar raids in the Bekaa region on Monday evening that Israel said targeted "Hezbollah weapons storage facilities" They also came as

Hezbollah said four of its fighters had been killed, after the health ministry said Tuesday that four people died in Israeli strikes in the southern border village of Dhayra.

The Iran-backed Hezbollah, an ally of Palestinian armed group Hamas, has traded near daily cross-border fire with Israeli forces since the Gaza war began in October.

Pro-Palestine protesters breach Democratic convention fence in Chicago

Monitoring Desk CHICAGO: Thousanus of many. mostly peaceful pro-Pales- many. Chanting intensified CHICAGO: Thousands of made but did not say how Chicago on the opening day ahead of the fence breach, of the Democratic National as protesters reached a Convention on Monday, in neighborhood park on a show of anger against the Chicago's West Side and Biden administration's paused to amplify their support for Israel in the calls for a ceasefire. Amid the noise, the Gaza conflict. crowd turned its frustration After hours of peaceful demonstrations, several toward Vice President Kaprotesters broke through mala Harris, referring to the part of the perimeter secu-Democratic candidate as "Killer Kamala". Still, the umbrella rity fence, drawing riot police to the site, a witness group "March on the DNC" drew fewer supsaid. Police in blue helmets with shields and carrying porters than expected to a black batons prevented park outside the convention them from getting to the arena, hours before Presiinner cordon. dent Joe Biden was to ad-Biden did not directly dress the gathering. They started a oneaddress the security lapse mile march near where in his hour-long speech, but Democratic delegates will he said "Those protesters nominate Harris as their out in the street, they have a point. A lot of innocent candidate to face Republipeople are being killed, on can Donald Trump in both sides" of the Israel-November's presidential Hamas conflict. election. Several Muslim delto death in Witnesses saw four egates and their allies, an-gry at US support for people detained and placed in handcuffs. Chicago po-Israel's offensive in Gaza. **Monitoring Desk** lice confirmed at a press

conference that arrests were

India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi attends a wreath laying ceremony at the Monument to the Good Maharaja, Maharaja Jam Sahib of Nawanagar, in Warsaw, Poland.

Indian PM Modi kicks off landmark **Poland**, Ukraine visit

Monitoring Desk NEW DELHI: Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched on Wednesday his historic trip to Poland and Ukraine, where the premier maharaja who sheltered Polhas pledged to campaign for a peaceful resolution of War II, before laying flow-Russia's invasion of ers at a war memorial and Ukraine. Modi will be the delivering a speech to the

efit the people of our na-tions," Modi said on X upon landing in Warsaw.

Monitoring Desk KABUL: The Taliban's On Wednesday, Modi morality ministry has diswill commemorate an Indian missed more than 280 members of the security ish children during World force for failure to grow a beard and have detained more than 13,000 people in Afghanistan for "immora acts" in the past year, offi-Indian community in Po-

cials said on Tuesday.

The Ministry for the

Prevention of Vice and

dismiss 280

men without

beards from

strong defenses around the capital made it possible to shoot down all the drones before they hit their intended targets.

Russia downed 45



launched a major manhunt Ukrainian drones overnight, on Tuesday after a man they claim has confessed to

"mass" attack on his region mutilated bodies in a garbut said that all 23 drones

Reuters was unable to independently verify that. Serial killer escapes from police custody

Kyiv says its

forces under

heavy Russian

attack in east

Ukraine

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KYIV: Ukraine's military

said its forces had come

under multiple Russian at-

tacks over the course of

Tuesday on the Toretsk and

Pokrovsk fronts in eastern

Ukraine. In a statement, the

military said Russian forces

attacked Ukrainian posi-

tions around Toretsk, in-

cluding the settlement of

Niu-York, but did not say

what the outcome of that

fight was. Earlier, Russia

said its forces had taken

control of Niu-York, but

in Kenya

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AIROBI: Kenyan police

first Indian prime minister to make a Ukraine trip and first in 45 years to travel to Poland, Kyiv's staunch ally that is a key transit for foreign leaders heading to its war-torn neighbour.

He is expected to meet with Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk and President Andrzej Duda on Thursday, as well as with Indian nationals living in the central European country.

'This visit will add momentum to the India- tions as a bulwark against Poland friendship and ben- regional rival China.

Taliban bar UN human rights special rapporteur from Afghanistan ment. The

said.

cal customs.

Monitoring Desk

KABUL: The Taliban have barred United Nations-appointed special rapporteur Richard Bennett from entering Afghanistan, the administration's spokesperson told local broadcaster Tolo, accusing the human rights watchdog of 'spreading propaganda''

Bennett was ap-pointed by the United Nations Human Rights Council in 2022 to monitor anecdotes detrimental to Afghanistan's human rights interests of Afghanistan and situation after the Taliban took over the previous year.

Bennett, who has previously said the Taliban's treatment of women and girls could amount to a crime against humanity, is based outside Afghanistan but has visited several times to research the situa-tion. The UN Human Rights Council did not immediately respond to request for comment. Bennett could not immediately be reached for com- ficial

land. Poland "needs a lasting partnership with India,³ Deputy Polish Prime Minister Wladyslaw Kosiniak-Kamysz told reporters before Modi's visit, adding that economic ties would also be on the agenda. Modi has trodden a delicate balance between maintaining India's historically warm ties with Russia while courting closer security partnerships with Western na-

administration's foreign

Propagation of Virtue said in its annual operations update that around half of those detained had been let go after 24 hours. It did not break down the type of the alleged offences or gender the detainees. Mohibullah Mokhlis, Director of Planning and Legislation at the minis-

Taliban

try, told a press conference officials had destroyed 21,328 musical instruments in the past year.

Democrats, protesters gather in Chicago to cheer, challenge Harris and Biden

Monitoring Desk CHICAGO: Democrats

ministry spokesperson Abdul Qahar Balkhi told gathered in Chicago on Monday to celebrate Vice Reuters that Bennett "had been unable to acquire a travel visa to Afghanistan" President Kamala Harris' campaign for the White "Even after repeatedly requesting Mr Bennett to House against Republican Donald Trump and to honor adhere to professionalism during work [...] it was de-cided that [...] his reports President Joe Biden, whose exit from the race turned his party's fortunes around. are based on prejudices and Monday's kickoff of the four-day Democratic National Convention is exthe Afghan people," Balkhi pected also to draw tens of Taliban administration thousands of protesters, many of them opposed to spokesperson Zabihullah the Biden administration's

Mujahid has previously said the Taliban respect women's rights in accordance with its interpretation of Islamic law and lo-He told Tolo that Bennett would not be allowed to come to Afghani-

under pressure from top stan, a rare public barring Democrats worried that he was too old to win or govof an individual foreign of ern for another four years.

Monitoring Desk NEW DELHI: Saving lives One man has been dewas the childhood dream for 28-year-old Indian docmedical strikes.

tal where Radhika works in Hospital. the eastern city of Kolkata, the battered and bloodied

ing whenever, wherever we can".

Argentina quarantines grains ship over suspected mpox case

Fe province.

Monitoring Desk the second time in two years BUENOS AIRES: Argenas a new variant of the virus spread rapidly in Africa. A tine authorities have quarday later, a case of the clade antined a cargo ship in the Parana River over a sus-1b variant was confirmed in pected case of mpox onboard, the government said on Tuesday, as global public health authorities remain on alert for a new faster-spreading variant of the virus quarantined The

Liberian-flagged ship was sailing from Santos, Brazil also a major commodities hub - to pick up soy cargo, according to the health ministry and industry body the Argentine Naval League. World Health The Organisation (WHO) last week declared mpox a global public health emergency for

tained, but the attack has focused anger on the lack of measures for female doctors to work without fear, and triggered protests and "I was on night duty

> several species of crocodiles that regularly attack and kill humans What she did is 54, was swimming in a river

in Wali village on the Maluku islands after spending Tuesday morning looking for clams when the

reptile struck. Rahakbauw neighbour, Rustam Ilyas, said relatives and friends started a search when she failed to return home.

After spotting a sandal and a body part in the river, villagers reported the incident to police who killed the reptile.

Indonesia

Indonesia is home to

Halima Rahakbauw

"The villagers had to Sweden, the first sign of its cut open the crocodile's spread outside Africa. The belly to remove some of the ship near Argentina's inland victim's body parts," a lograins port of Rosario alerted cal police officer, who reauthorities that "one of its quested anonymity as he crew members of Indian nawas not authorised to tionality showed cyst-like speak on the matter, told skin lesions predominantly AFP Wednesday. on the chest and face," the

'The crocodile was quite big, around four metres (12 feet) long," ministry said in a statement, adding the person had been isolated from the rest of the neighbour Ilyas told AFP. crew. The ministry said Neither the police nor

public health emergency villagers could identify the protocol was then activated species. and the ship, which had On Sunday, a 63-yearold tin miner was killed by

been bound for the San Lorenzo port in the Santa a crocodile near a river on Bangka island in Sumatra.

Monitoring Desk

PHOENIX: Voters in Ari-

able to decide in November

whether they want to pro-

in their state constitutions.

Court ruled Tuesday that a

200-word summary that

abortion advocates used to

collect signatures for a bal-

lot measure is valid, clear-

ing the way for the issue to

State Christi Jacobsen on

Tuesday certified Montana's

constitutional initiative for

the November ballot. Under

both measures, abortions

would be allowed until fetal

viability — the point at

which a fetus could survive

outside the womb, typically

some exceptions for post-

viability abortions to save

the mother's life or to pro-

tect her physical or mental

health. Montana's measure

allows later abortions if

needed to protect the

mother's life or health. Montana's initiative would

enshrine in the constitution

a 1999 state Supreme Court

ruling that found the consti-

tutional right to privacy in-

cludes the right of a patient

In Arizona, there are

around 24 weeks.

Montana Secretary of

appear on the ballot.

The Arizona Supreme

Voters in Arizona and Montana can decide on constitutional right to abortion

to receive an abortion from a provider of their choice. zona and Montana will be Supporters sought to protect the right as Republican lawmakers passed bills to tect the right to an abortion restrict abortion rights.

Voters in more than a half-dozen states will be deciding abortion measures this fall. The U.S. Supreme Court removed the nationwide right to abortion with a 2022 ruling, which sparked a national push to have voters decide.

"Since Roe was overturned, extreme anti-abortion politicians have used every trick in the book to take away our freedoms and ban abortion completely, Martha Fuller, president and CEO of Planned Parenthood of Montana, said in a statement. "During that time, we have been working together to put this issue before voters." Recent decisions from the Arizona Supreme Court come ahead of a Thursday ballot printing deadline. Montana's ballot must be certified by Thursday. Arizona's justices sided with Republican lawmakers in a separate case concerning the abortion ballot measure last week to allow a voter information pamphlet to refer to an embryo or fetus as an "unborn human being.'

Security forces detain a demonstrator during a rally on the sidelines of the

Democratic National Convention (DNC) in Chicago.

body of a 31-year-old woman doctor was found, support for Israel's Gaza sparking outrage. offensive, who will march on a mile-long route through the

city outside the security perimeter. Biden, 81, who reluctantly ended his reelection campaign a month ago

the government-run hospi-

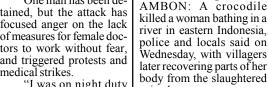
tor Radhika, but after the brutal rape and murder of a colleague her own safety has increasingly become a top concern. Earlier this month, at

of a doctor in India's West Bengal state.

'Abuse every day': Indian female

medics speak out after rape and

murder of 31-year-old doctor



animal. just two days before this incident," Radhika said at Kolkata's R.G. Kar Medical College and

what any of us do - rest-





Daily **Independent**, Quetta

nal stages.

Those involved in smuggling will not be allowed to cause harm to national economy: PM

ISLAMABAD (Online): Prime Minister (PM) Shehbaz Sharif while directing to make more effective and speed up the steps against smuggling has said those involved in smuggling will not be allowed at all to cause harm to national economy

"use of modern technology to stem smuggling be ensured. The vehicles of transporters used in smuggling be confiscated and legal proceedings initiated against them beside facilitators and elements involved therein, he said this while chairing review meeting for prevention of smuggling in the country Wednesday.

It is good omen that smuggling has gone down due to effective actions by the respective institutions.

FBR, interior ministry and other institutions should forge more better cooperation among them. . ,

A comprehensive strategy be worked out and presented for better opportunities of jobs to the been identified and banned.

people living in border ar-eas, he stressed. Bank guarantee has been made compulsory instead made compulsory instead All the institutions of only insurance guarantee

for the Afghan Transit should accelerate their efforts for complete elimina-Trade. tion of smuggling, he added.

The meeting was prised that besides an overbriefed that a comprehenall significant decline in the sive campaign is underway smuggling of essential under the Ministry of Integoods, smuggling of petrorior to check smuggling of petroleum products, cigarettes, mobile phones, gold, tea, clothes, commodities, vehicle tires and spare parts. It was informed that a web portal has been

launched for prevention of Sugar and Urea, while stands at Rs 106 billion. preparation of a mechanism ing has also declined due to anti smuggling campaign in for identification of noncustom paid vehicles and the country.

their mapping is also in fi-The meeting was ap-prised that fifty-four joint check posts have been established under the directives of the Prime Minister to curb smuggling. Similarly, 212 vehicles

of Afghan Transit Trade fleet, which were feared to be used in smuggling, have

leum products has been curtailed to fifty percent while Sugar 80 percent. It was said in the briefing the cost of the smuggled goods confiscated during the financial year 2023-24 The trend for hoard-

The participants were also informed about the action taken against the officers found involved in conniving in smuggling. The process of identification of elements involved in smugling, transporters and their facilitators is underway

speedily. Help is being taken from data base of NADRA, Excise and other institutions in this regard



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif chairs a review meeting regarding country wide anti smuggling drive.

FAO workshop highlights key steps in Balochistan's Water Management overhaul

QUETTA (APP): The to disseminate information United Nations Food and about these new initiatives, Agriculture Organization which could significantly (FAO) hosted a workshop reshape how water rein Quetta to discuss new sources are managed in the policies and legislation province. Developed with aimed at revolutionizing FAO's technical assistance water management in and funded by the World Balochistan. FÃO gathered Bank under the Balochistan around 80 stakeholders in Integrated Water Resources Quetta to discuss the Inte-Management and Developgrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) Policy and the Water Bill ment Project (BIWRMDP), the IWRM Policy and Water Bill seek for Balochistan including to modernize water goverfrom nance in the region. The ini-Balochistan's irrigation, agtiatives are designed to crericulture, forestry, and liveate a legal framework that stock departments, as well ensures the sustainable and as media professionals and fair distribution of water members of both local and resources. This framework international NGOs, said in a press release issued by sive water management

The workshop aimed practices, and establish ef-

Asghar appeals to all political parties to support genuine demands of Chaman parlat

Independent Report QUETTA: The Provincial President of Awami Na-tional Party (ANP) Asghar Khan Achakzai has appealed to all political parties to support the genuine demands of Chaman parlat (protest sit-in). He said that Chaman

representatives

Preparedness & Response drills parlat is not desire of any individual or any party. Rather it is question of the livelihood of thousands of

people. We make the pledge not to speak against any political leader, religious and tribal personalities from the Chaman protest.

He urged the parlat

committee to forge unity among their ranks because the opponents are very pretentious, cunning and promise breakers.

Therefore, all the political and democratic forces have to decide joint course of action together with traders Laghri Ittehad. These views were ex-

pressed by the ANP Provincial President of ANP while addressing the par-ticipants of Parlat in Chaman just adjacent to the Pak-Afghan border on Wednesday. Asghar Khan Achakzai appreciated the participants of Chaman parlat

> ency Health Services will be merged with the Na-

tional Health Institute and

the Sheikh Zayed Hospital

in Lahore will be handed

PTA blames

submarine

cable fault for

recent internet

disruptions

ISLAMABAD (INP): The

Pakistan Telecommunica

tion Authority (PTA) has claimed that a fault in a sub-

marine cable is the primary reason behind the recent

internet disruptions expe-

rienced across the country. In a briefing to the

over to the Punjab govern

ment, sources added.

Gross human rights violation in IIOJK, Palestine trial of conscience of modern world: Ayaz Sadiq

Speaker NA Sardar Ayaz gross human rights violations in Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK)) and Palestine is the trial of the conscience of the modern world. "Severe Human Rights violations in IIOJK and Pales-

tine warrant immediate at-

Minsk, Belarus today.

received here.

the Kashmir issue as per

He said that Pakistan

He added, "The issue

is the least contributor to

climate change but the most

severely affected Nation

due to the devastating im-

pact of climate change.

Thursday August 22, 2024

ISLAMABAD (APP): quires global efforts.' While highlighting the Sadiq Wednesday said that friendly ties between both nations, he said that Pakistan and Belarus enjoy cordial ties based on shared interests.

He expressed his resolve to strengthen relations between both nations further. The Speaker added, 'Pakistan is blessed with tention of the civilized vast potential in energy and world" he expressed these trade

Ayaz Sadiq also said that Pakistan-Belarus Bilatviews during his meeting with the President of the Republic of Belarus eral Relations are character-Alexander Lukashenko in ized by mutual respect. He further underscored that He said that resolving Pakistan-Belarus ties would expand through colresolutions of the United laboration in economic, in-Nations Security Council is dustrial, and agriculture pivotal for regional peace sectors. During the meeting, matters related to enhancand stability, and an immeing bilateral relations, indiate ceasefire in Gaza is also essential for ending the cluding trade and parliamen-Palestinian Genocide, actary relations, were delibcording to a news release erated in detail.

Both sides also expressed determination to further strengthen bilateral relations. The President of Belarus, Aleksandr Lukashenko remarked that Belarus attached great importance to its close ties with Pakistan.



QUETTA: Provincial Minister for Irrigation Mir Muhammad Sadiq Umrani presenting a shield to Chairman Draft Committee and Chief Engineer **Canals Nasir Majeed at conclusion of National** Water Resource Management Policy and Water

Shoaib Nausherwani maintains: Govt. determined to remove backwardness of Balochistan, resolve issues of people

Independent Report QUETTA : The Provincial Minister for Finance, Mir at their doorstep.

that it is aim of his life to resolve the issues of people Shoaib Nausherwani has

He said that removing stated that the provincial backwardness of the provgovernment is determined to ince and resolving issues of remove backwardness of people is included in top

The National Disaster timely preparedness efforts and foster collaboration be-(NDMA) successfully tween government entities conducted the first of its and industrial partners. Parkind two-day National In- ticipants included Provindustrial Disaster Pre- cial Disaster Management Industries & Production, paredness & Response Authorities (PDMAs), res- and Ministry of Defence Exercise at NDMA head- cue agencies, and key play- Production also attended quarters. Chairman ers from the chemical and the two-day exercise, high-NDMA Lt General Inam petroleum, oil& gas indus- lighting the event's signifi-

ISLAMABAD: NDMA conducted the first National Industrial Disaster Pre-

NDMA conducts first

National Industrial Disaster

paredness & Response Exercise at NDMA HQs.

ISLAMABAD (APP): mechanism to ensure Company Limited and Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Company Limited.

Senior representatives from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of fective monitoring and evaluation systems. During the workshop

Provincial Minister for Irrigation, Mir Muhammad Sadiq Umrani, underscored the importance of these measures. He described the IWRM Policy and Water Bill as a crucial step towards sustainable and equitable water management in Balochistan. Waleed Mahdi, FAO's International Program Coordinator and Head of Office in Balochistan, highlighted the collaborative effort behind these initiatives. He stressed that the partnership between the Government of Balochistan, FAO, and the World Bank is vital for pro-

also aims to strengthen institutions, promote inclu-

moting inclusive water governance in the province.

Govt decides not to abolish **National Health** Ministry

ISLAMABAD (INP): The government has decided not to abolish the Ministry o National Health Services Regulation and Coordination, sources said o Wednesday.

According to sources some departments under the ministry will be merged instead and the ministry will be right-sized.

Sources revealed that the ministry will coordinate with international organizations and provinces to improve healthcare services. The government is also considering transferring employees of merged departments to other departments

The National Emer-

Bill Workshop

Haider Malik inaugurated the Exercises.

Management Authority

The prime objective of National SimEx on Industrial Hazards was to highlight the importance of effective management through proactive decisionmaking and timely implementation of on-ground measures to minimize the impact of industrial incidents, a news release said. The exercise under-

scored the need for a strengthened coordination

ited, Sui Southern Gas

Refinery

QUETTA: Commissioner Quetta Division Hamza Shafqaat presenting traditional stick to Abdul **Rasheed Kakar for getting Pride of Performance** in the field of education

Saleh directs to take steps for provision of healthcare facilities in all Govt's hospitals

the rules and regulations

and that under the budget

allocated for the financial

year. He said that all avail-

able resources are being mo-

Independent Report QUETTA : The Secretary Health, Saleh Muhammad Baloch has underlined the need to take steps for provision of all possible healthcare facilities in the hospitals at the earliest.

He also directed to take steps to remove shortage of the medicines in the hospitals.

The Secretary said that it is our top priority to provide medical facilities to the people and for this, we have to work as team,

He also directed to

tries including Lucky Core cance and the collective Industries Limited, Sitara commitment to enhancing Chemical Industries Limindustrial disaster preited, Ittehad Chemicals paredness and response ca-Limited, NIMIR Industrial pabilities. Chemicals Limited, Fauji

Participants lauded the efforts of NDMA and Fertilizer Company Limited, Fatima Fertilizer remarked this SimEx as a Company Limited, Engro significant step towards Fertilizer Company Lim- building a resilient frameited, Pak-Arab Refinery work for industrial disaster Company Limited, Attock management in Pakistan, Refinery Limited, Pakistan ensuring that all stakehold-Limited, ers are well-prepared to Cynergyico Pakistan Limhandle potential emergencies effectively.

DCHubreviews preparations of anti-polio drive to be started on Sept 9

QUETTA (ÅPP): Deputy Commissioner (DC) Hub Ruhana Gul Kakar on Wednesday chaired a meeting to review preparations regarding anti-polio campaign to be stared on September 9.

In the meeting, the performance of the polio workers was reviewed and the issues related to the training session of the officers and workers of the line department were also discussed

WHO Surveillance Officer Dr. Dawood, National Staff Officer Polio District Hub Dr. Nazir Ahmed Ronja gave a briefing to the participants of the meeting about the preparations for the fiveday polio campaign starting from September 9.

bilized for the health sector In the briefing, it was told that 90,800 children of according to the directives of Chief Minister Min 22 union councils of Hub Sarfraz Bugti and the Prodistrict will be administered vincial Minister for Health. the vaccine of anti-polio. The Secretary was presid-The meeting was briefed ing over the meeting about that the government's comprocurement of the medimitment was to secure the cines in hospitals here on future of every child by Wednesday. Those who vaccinating them for a powere present in the meetlio-free Pakistan, in this reing were included Director gard, the polio campaign would be launched under a



LAHORE: Water and Power Development Authority (WAPDA) Chairman, Lt. Gen. (Retd) Sajjad Ghani presenting a five million rupees cheque to Arshad Nadeem, Javelin Throw Olympian Gold Medalist during ceremony held at Wapda House in Lahore.

Irrigation Dept. initiates legal action against canal water pilfering in Naseerabad Div.

Independent Report QUETTA : The Irrigation Department, Balochistan Naseerabad division.

canals in Sohbatpur district.

The FIR has been Standing Committee on Inlodged against Sanaullah. formation Technology, Yasir Khan, Samiullah. PTA Chairman Hafiz Muhammad Hamza and Rahman explained that a fault in one of the seven fiothers by the Sub-Engineer, ber optic cables bringing Irrigation (Drainage), Zafar Ali

ment has warned that no one would be allowed to pilfer canal water. Besides. no one would be allowed to make breach in the canal or stop the flow of water in

Governor, Justice Jamal, Jan Jamali, others condole death of Younas Mandokhail

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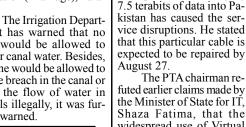
QUETTA : The Governor Balochistan, Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail, senior judge of Supreme Court, Justice Jamal Mr. Mandokhail, former Speaker and Governor, Mir Jan Muhammad Jamali and a large number of other personalities visited the residence of former Chief Secretary, Muhammad Younas Mandokhail and expressed condolence with his family over his death, here on Wednesday.

canals illegally, it was fur-ther warned.

The Governor and others also offered fateha for the departed soul of Younas Mandokhail. Those visited the resi-

dence of Younas Mandokhail for condolence and fateha were included from different walks of life including parliamentarians, lawyers, civil servants, doctors and others. Younas Mandokhail

died after protracted illness in Quetta. Later, he was laid to rest in his ancestral graveyard in Zhob.



Shaza Fatima, that the widespread use of Virtual Private Networks (VPNs) was to blame for the internet issues.

Flood-damaged roads in Bela Tehsil restored HUB (APP): The communication roads cut off due to heavy rains and floods in Bela Tehsil of Balochistan were restored

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A detailed report of

It was also decided in

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signed to make the upcom-

ing anti-polio campaign

on Wednesday. successful and to adminis-According to DC Oftrator the polio vaccine fice, the restoration work drops to all children under began immediately after the five years of age. communication link was disrupted last night under Commissioners City, the direction of Secretary Sariab, Sadar, Kuchlak, Communications and Con-DHO, DDHO, District struction Balochistan Lal EPI Officer, Divisional Jan Jafar. The district ad-EPI Officer, Union Counministration of Lasbela and cil Coordinators were parengineers from the Departticipated. ment of Communications and Construction worked tirethe previous campaign was lessly to restore the roads. reviewed in the meeting, in particularly in Goth Ismailani which effective measures which was heavily affected were taken to remove the by the floods. Deputy Comdeficiencies. missioner Lasbela Humira Baloch stated that all staff of

the meeting that police the Department of Commulady constables will also nication and Construction perform duty along with are on alert. the teams during the anti-

the province and resolve priorities of the government issues of the people under so as to put the province leadership of Chief Minister, Mir Sarfraz Bugti.

called on him in his office here on Wednesday.

people. The Minister Finance heard the issues as raised by the members of delegation and assured to address The Minister Finance

of the issues being faced by the people of province and his constituency. He said

them



OUETTA: Provincial Minister Finance Mir Shoaib Nauusherwani in a meeting with Additional Chief Secretary P&D Hafiz Abdul Basit

Comprehensive plan devised for success of Quetta anti-polio drive

QUETTA (APP): Deputy polio campaign starting Commissioner Quetta Lieufrom September 10 in tenant ® Saad bin Asad pre-Quetta. It is decided that the sided over a meeting of DPEC, reviewed the moni-

parent or family who retoring, training, security and fuses to administer the poother arrangements of the lio vaccine drops will be anti-polio campaign to be arrested start from September 10,

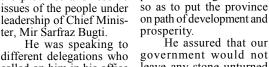
In the meeting, a report was also presented about the sensitive areas. During the campaign, announce-ment would be done from all mosques regarding the administration of immunization drops.

Addressing the meeting, Deputy Commissioner Quetta said that no negligence will be tolerated during the anti-polio campaign. He said that parents have a responsibility to cooperate with the administration in vaccinating their children against polio.

Saad added that teachers and religious scholars should educate people about the harmful effects of the paralytic polio and adopt the preventive measures to become polio-free. He urged that society members to play their role for the complete eradication of polio



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government would not leave any stone unturned to resolve issues of the

He said that he is a public representative and as such he would not disappoint the people at all. He also said that he believes in said that he is fully aware provision of facilities to the people and would always available to the people for the purpose.

