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## Talks with enemies of Pakistan out of question: PM Shahbaz

ISLAMABAD (Online): Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif has said talks with the enemies of Pakistan stand out of question.

development projects in the province.

He held the announcement of global rating agency Moody's about Pakistan economic outlook reflects that

'The youths of Balochistan are being lured through a narrative. Jawans of Pakistan army are chasing terrorists day in day out, he said this while addressing meeting of federal cabinet here Friday.

I reviewed law and order situation during my visit to Quetta. I met the family members of Shuhada. The family members of Shuhada were in great courage. Corps commander Quetta gave detailed briefing on situation in the province. What happened in Balochistan it was ex-treme of terrorism. Khwarij and terrorists are sowing seeds of hatred in Balochistan and are being funded from abroad. But those sowing seeds of hatred will find no

He expressed the resolve that enemies of Pakistan will be crushed through collective efforts of the nation.

armed forces and the law enforcement agencies. He said the Chief Minister launched a number of

KARACHI: A view of sea waves seen from a residential apartment, following

reports from the Pakistan Meteorological Department of a potential cyclonic

storm that could develop over the Arabian Sea, at Clifton Beach, in the city.

12 more terrorists killed in

Tirah Valley IBOs: ISPR

Separately, 5 terrorists killed during separate IBOs in Balochistan's Kech, Panjgur and Zhob districts, says ISPR

RAWALPINDI (INP): Se- media wing said while re- during separate IBOs in

The statement further

said that these operations

have resulted in a major set-

back to the TTP and its af-

filiates, adding that so far,

7 terrorists have been

"sent to hell", while 14 oth-

ers have suffered serious in-

its commitment to restor-

ing peace, saying that the

IBOs will continue till

peace is restored in the

area and terrorists are

eliminated, as the security

forces are determined to

wipe out the menace of ter-

rorism from the country.

Balochistan IBOs Earlier today, at least

five terrorists were killed

The military reaffirmed

militants.

the country's economy is moving towards upwards trajectory. He assured that the federal government would extend support for capacity building of the Levies force.

He said the Federal government will implement the proposals put forward by the provincial political lead-

The Prime Minister said the government is also taking effective measures for development of youth. He said ten percent additional quota has been allocated for Balochistan in the schemes like laptops and agricultural training in China. He said the federal government will spend fifty-five billion rupees to convert agricultural tube wells on solar energy in Balochistan.

The Prime Minister said the Federal government will soon unveil its five-year home-grown economic revival plan to boosting exports, agriculture, industry, uplift of youth, and to impart skill and vocational training.



(F) Maulana Fazal ur Rehman, in the Federal Capital.

#### Pakistan, Bangladesh agree to work closely for South Asia's progress

ISLAMABAD (APP): Yunus on assuming the office Sharif on Friday held a telephone conversation with Adviser of

Bangladesh government Professor Muhammad Yunus wherein two leaders agreed that there was a need to work closely for the progress and prosperity of the people of both coun-

During the conversa-tion, both leaders also agreed that greater regional cooperation could play a vital role in uplifting the lives of the people of South Asia, a PM Office press release said. Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif congratulated Professor Muhammad

Prime Minister Shehbaz of Chief Adviser and lauded his contribution to the socioeconomic development of Bangladesh.

He expressed sympathies over the devastation caused by the recent floods in Bangladesh. The prime minister un-

derscored the importance of revitalizing bilateral relations through enhanced cooperation in different do-

Noting the historical, religious and cultural bonds between Pakistan and Bangladesh, he expressed a keen desire to boost commercial relations, cultural exchanges and people-to-people contacts.

#### Federal cabinet green lights talks on ML-1 financial agreement

curity forces have ferring to the Tehreek-eneutralised at least 12 terrorists during the intelligence of the control of the tehreek-eneutralised at least 12 terrorists during the intelligence of the control of the tehreek-eneutralised at least 12 terrorists during separate IBOS III Balochistan's Kech, The Federal cabinet on Friedral Cabinet on day approved starting negotiations on the Financial Commitment Agreement between China and Pakistan Railways for the up gradation of the ML-1 project, a crucial component of the

According to military's media wing, the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). operations are being con-The cabinet meeting, ducted in the backdrop of chaired by Prime Minister cowardly terrorist activities Shehbaz Sharif, instructed that targeted innocent civilians across Balochistan on that the final agreement (on ML-1) be brought back to

A statement issued by

the ISPR said the security

forces are conducting exten-

sive IBOs to hunt down the

jured during the intense

fire exchange," said the

PM meets

Maulana Fazal

to discuss political

situation of country

ISLAMABAD (APP)

political situation of the

Zardari expresses

sorrow over Dir

Bala landslide

Muhammad

perpetrators of

Balochistan incident.

August 26. the cabinet for approval. 'On night August 29-The prime minister 30, in three separate IBOs briefed the cabinet on his in District Kech, Panjgur and Zhob, five terrorists recent visit to Quetta, highwere sent to hell by the lighting ongoing efforts to strengthen the capacity of security forces, while three terrorists got inlaw enforcement agencies.

stated that the entire nation was committed to eliminate terrorism and setting an example by dealing firmly with terrorists.

Balochistan provincial government for its commendable efforts to integrate Baloch youth into the national mainstream, aiming for their development and prosperity. The prime minister stated that the federal government will fully support the Balochistan government in offering worldclass education and equal development opportunities

The prime minister

He also praised the

#### to Baloch youth. **Decision makers not worried** for country: Imran Khan

making these decisions

they have no worry

about country. What

RAWALPINDI (Online): PTI founder Imran Khan has said decision makers have no worries about the country while the secret agencies have been as-

Minister signed to eliminate PTI. Shehbaz He said this in an in-Sharif on Friday visited the formal talk with the jourresidence of President of nalists after hearing of 190 Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (F) million pounds reference Maulana Fazal ur Rehman. against him and Bushra Maulana Fazal ur Bibi in Adiala jail Rehman warmly welcomed

Rawalpindi. the prime minister. The prime minister ex-He cautioned there is mammoth threat of propressed best wishes for Maulana Fazal ur Rehman. vincialism. Protest was During the meeting, the got staged in Punjab two sides discussed overall against terrorism in

Balochistan. Political parties can unite people and not the army. PTI is the only party in the country which is existing in all the four provinces. We can unit the people.

largest challenge I am seeing in the country is Earlier I had heard the lowest investment came in the country in 50 years. Now I have come

to know that the lowest

investment of the history

has come in the country

this year. Debt is swelling. The country is heading towards destruction. On the other side terrorism is rising. What situation prevails in Balochistan at present we should take along people

We are facing political instability due to fraud election. Those who left the party in trymg time have He held those who are no room in the party.

Balochsitan.

#### 13 of family die as landslide fall on house at Dir Upper

least 13 persons of a family died after a huge land-slide fell on their house at Patrak village in Dir Upper district.

According to police and Rescue 1122, the families of Naushad Khan

along with his two brothers were fast asleep last night when a huge ava-lanche fell on them at Patrak village in the mountainous region.

wife, daughters Samina,

Similarly wife of Wali Rehman, his sister Dua and son Nasir and a small baby has also lost battle

**Interior Minister says** 

### Balochistan attacks aimed at sabotaging upcoming SCO summit

Says no operation underway in Balochistan; Vows stringent actions against those who did not accept state

ISLAMABAD (Agencies): action would be taken Mohsin Naqvi on Friday said that the horrific attacks in Balochistan, wherein dozens including security personnel lost their lives, was a "plot to subvert" upcoming Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit to be hosted by Pakistan next month. "A lot of people are in anguish as they don't want Pakistan to host the [SCO] meeting," he said, adding that the August 26 incident was a "conspiracy to sabotage the summit"

Naqvi further said that no operation was being launched in Balochistan while "stringent action would be taken against those who did not accept the state and took up arms'

Friday said that no opera- who respect the Constitution was going on in tion of Pakistan and salute Balochistan and stringent the national flag.

Minister for Interior against those who did not accept the State and took up Speaking at the 342nd

Senate session after Senators Jan Muhammad, Dr Zarqa Taimur, Bilal Ahmed Khan and opposition leader Shibli Faraz's different opinions over the Baluchistan issue, he said that the Apex Committee reviewed the decisions of the National Action Plan (NAP) resolutions and coordinated with the federal and provincial institutions, adding "Parliament is supreme and will remain supreme". Giving details of the last day's meeting of the National Action Plan's Apex Committee chaired by Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharifin Quetta, he was a conspiracy to sub-

He said the meeting decided to provide Rs 5 billion to the Counter Terrorism Department to enhance capacity against terrorism while Rs 8 billion including Rs 1 billion would be given to each division of the province for the development which would be spent with their local Parliamentarians recommendations.

Mohsin said that to overcome the shortage of federal government employees as many as 30 to 40 officials would be deputed in the province within two days.

He said that the August 26 horrible incident was a planned attack of various terrorist organizations to destabilize Pakistan and APP adds: Minister for said that dialogues could vert the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation's Coun cil meeting scheduled to be held in October 2024 in



only be made with those

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif chairs a meet ing of the Federal Cabinet.

#### Small cut in petrol prices on the cards

ISLAMABAD (INP): The federal government is likely to announce a decrease in fuel prices for the third consecutive fortnight, effective Septem-

Sources indicate a potential reduction of Rs3.1 per liter for petrol and Rs2.5 per liter for high-speed diesel (HSD). This decision is pri-

marily driven by the falling prices of international petroleum prod-The government is in

the process of finalizing the precise figures, considering the current petroleum levy and general sales tax rates. The altered prices

could be as follows:
Petrol: Decrease Rs3.1 per liter, from Rs260.96 to Rs257.86. **High-Speed Diesel** (HSD): Decrease Rs2.50 per liter, from Rs 266.07

to Rs 263.57 Kerosene Oil: Decrease Rs1.39 per liter, from Rs171.77 to

Light Diesel Oil (LDO): Decrease Rs1.96 per liter, from Rs157.02 to Rs155.06.

These anticipated price reductions are directly linked to the recent decline in global oil prices. Over the last two weeks, crude oil prices have dropped by about \$2 to \$2.30 per bar-

#### No NRO to be given to PTI founding Chairman, says Ahsan Iqbal

Minister for Planning and Development Ahsan Iqbal on Friday reiterated that no National Reconciliation Ordinance (NRO) would be given to the founding Chairman of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Imran Khan and he had to prove his innocence in the courts

ISLAMABAD (APP):

Responding to various points raised by Leader of Opposition Omar Ayub Khan in the National Assembly, the minister said almost all PML-N senior party leaders remained in jails and proved their innocence before the courts. PTI leadership during their rule always asked for receipts from PTI founding chairman PML-N leaders but now in the jail.

of law.

they were not providing their receipts to the courts in corruption cases like 190 million pounds.
"PTI leaders should

follow those principles and scales which they set for the then opposition members (PML-N) during their tenure," he

He went on to say that PTI leadership was now seeking NRO but it would not be given to them rather they should clear themselves from the courts.

Regarding provision of facilities to Imran Khan at Adiyala Jail, Ahsan Iqbal said the best possible facili-ties like 5 stars hotel were available to the



ISLAMABAD: Deputy Chairman Senate Syedaal Khan in a meeting with Inspector General National Highways & Motorway Police (NHMP) Salman Chaudhry at Parliament House.



sent to hell," the military's and three others injured

rorists during the intelli-

gence-based operation

Pakhtunkhwa's Tirah Val-

ley, the Inter-Services Pub-

lic Relations (ISPR) said on

2024, security forces are

conducting extensive intel-

ligence-based operations

(IBOs) in Tiraĥ Valley,

Khyber District, on the re-

ported presence of

military's media affairs

troops effectively engaged

the terrorists' locations

where after intense fire ex-

change, 12 militants of

"Fitna-Al-Khwarij were

On August 28 and 29,

wing in a statement.

said

the

"Since 20 August

Khyber

in

ISLAMABAD: Speaker National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq in a meeting with chairman special committee on Kashmir Rana Muhammad Qasim Noon, at Parliament House, in the Federal Capital.

Tarar says:

#### Thalian interchange developed in PTI's regime providing partial relief to commuters

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister for Law and Justice, Human Rights, and Parliamentary Affairs, Senator Azam Nazeer Tarar, on Friday addressed a calling attention notice about the Thalian Interchange, which is situated between the Chakri and Islamabad Toll Plaza. He noted that this interchange, developed during the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) administration, offers partial relief to commuters traveling to Islamabad International Airport.

Senator Tarar's comments were in response to concerns raised by Senator Mohsin Aziz. Aziz had highlighted the lack of a dedicated route from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) to Islamabad Airport, a route currently only

Punjab. This issue was raised during a Senate session point of order, approved by the Presiding Officer.

Senator Tarar explained that the Thalian Interchange, located between Chakri and Islamabad Toll Plaza, provides reasonable access to the airport and nearby villages, including Thalian.

He dismissed allegations of provincial discrimination, emphasizing that the federal government aims to facilitate all travelers without political motives. He assured that the matter would be addressed with the Minister for Communications.

The Presiding Officer referred the issue to the Standing Committee on Communications

available to traffic from

tragedy ISLAMABAD (APP) President Asif Ali Zardari on Friday expressed deep regret and sorrow over the loss of lives caused by landslides in the Dir Bala disakhtunkhwa.

According to a press elease from the President's House, the president extended his condolences to the families of the deceased The president ex-

ressed his sympathies to

he families of the deceased during this difficult time. The president prayed for the deceased's forgiveness and beseeched the Almighty to grant the bereaved families the strength to endure their loss with

# DIR UPPER (APP): At Tayyab and Umar have

As a result. Naushad's and Yamin and sons died. Four family members of Khan Badashah, the brother of Naushad Khan including his wife, daughter Taqwa, sons Saeed and Rohan also expired.

for life. Three rooms were destroved The Rescue operation

has been completed and debris removed after retrieving the bodies

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## Credit rating upgrade

The decision by Moody's to upgrade Pakistan's long-term sovereign credit rating from Caa3 to Caa2 could not have come at a better time. The agency has also revised its outlook for the country's beleaguered economy from stable to positive. The rating upgrade, which comes after a similar announcement by Fitch, is inspired by Pakistan's improving macroeconomic conditions, especially liquidity and its external position, which have improved from very weak levels amidst a staff-level agreement with the IMF for a fresh \$7bn bailout. Despite the upgrade, the new rating still remains within the agency's "speculative grade' band and continues to reflect the nation's "very weak debt affordability that drives high debt sustainability risk". Yet the agency has noted that Pakistan's default risk has reduced even though the nation's interest payments would continue absorbing about half of government revenues over the (next) two to three years. The improvement in the country's investment risk profile, as reflected by the rating upgrades by two major agencies within a month, must help reduce Pakistan's country risk premium and elevate investor confidence. The stock market perked up on Thursday as Moody's elevated confidence in this economy substantially wiped clean uncertainty around the IMF loan approval delays.

More importantly, this should go a long way in facilitating the government's return to the global bond markets and commercial banks for fresh funds it aims to raise by the next fiscal year for budgetary support and covering the gross external financing hole, one of the reasons for the delayed IMF approval. With a better rating, the government would be able to negotiate less harsh terms and lower interest rates with the foreign commercial banks it is in talks with for raising \$4bn. That said, Moody's, like Fitch, has warned that uncertainty persists regarding the government's ability to maintain and implement reforms sustainably. It suspects that the coalition government led by the PML-N formed after the February elections may not have a sufficiently strong electoral mandate to continually implement revenue-raising measures without stoking social tensions. "... (The potential) slippages in reform implementation could lead to delays in or withdrawal of financing support from (multilateral and bilateral) official partners," it added. "(This could elevate investment risks) since Pakistan continued to rely on timely and sufficient disbursement of financing from official partners to fully meet its external debt obligations," it observed.

In other words, the government can ill-afford any digression from the IMF reforms, including revenue-raising measures, if it wants to ensure timely reviews of the Fund programme, continually unlock financing from official partners to meet its external debt obligations, and support further build-up of its forex reserves. Pakistan's economy has come a long way from where it was a year ago. But it still isn't in a position to hold its own without multilateral and bilateral help.

## Islamic environmentalism

Nasr's work — has ex-

basis of six fundamental

principles: 1) Tawhid,

that Allah is the Creator

of all and hence all the

created are intercon-

nected. 2) Stewardship,

that man, as the khalifa,

must adopt a responsible

attitude towards manag-

ing natural resources. 3)

Balance that the natural

balance or meezan of

Earth shall not be inter-

fered with. 4) Avoiding

waste, that Islam advo-

cates the idea of modera-

tion, especially in rela-

tion to consumption; the

Quran commands,"O

Children of Adam! ... Eat

and drink, but do not

waste. Surely, He does

not like the wasteful"

(7:31). 5) Justice, that cli-

mate change hurts the

poor the most even

though they may have

contributed the least. 6)

Hima, that natural re-

sources and biodiversity

the globe, Islamic envi-

ronmentalism is being

used for community en-

gagement to deal with

climate-related issues. In

Zanzibar, for years fish-

ermen used to dynamite

coral reefs to catch fish.

Despite successive at-

tempts, the World Wild-

life Fund was unable to

persuade them otherwise.

Khaled, founder of the Is-

lamic Foundation for

Ecology and Environ-

(IFEES), was brought in.

Khaled dealt with dyna-

mite fishing by engag-

ing local fishermen,

imams, and political

Fazlun

Sciences

dustry to compete globally Islamabad.

the first month of the cur-

rent financial year, key mac-

roeconomic indicators dem-

onstrated resilience, with

consumer-based inflation

decreasing, the current ac-

count balance improving,

and revenue collection sur-

'Monthly Economic Up-date and Outlook August

2024', issued by the Min-

istry of Finance on Friday,

the agricultural credit dis-

bursement recorded an in-

crease of 24.8 percent dur-

According to the

passing targets.

Eventually,

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In countries across

shall be conserved.

#### **Muhammad Hayat** Lak | Muhammad Mohad Zulfigar

Saturday August 31, 2024

It is no secret that Pakistan faces an existential climate change crisis. Currently ranked fifth in the Global Climate Risk Index, we are at severe risk of exposure to extreme temperatures and climate-related disasters. The destructive floods of 2022 — which affected 33 million people and caused economic losses amounting to more than \$15 billion serve as a warning of what the future might hold.

In such a state of affairs, how can one persuade the people of Pakistan to mitigate environmental degradation? Interestingly, one plausible answer lies in religion, particularly Islam. This, in simple terms, would mean proliferating a scheme of ideas based on the Quran and Sunnah aimed at the conservation of the environment. Often dubbed as Is-

lamic environmentalism, this idea can be traced back to a series of lectures delivered by the Iranian philosopher Seyyed Hossein Nasr in 1968 at the University of Chicago. Nasr employed the Sufi concept of unity of the universe to argue that all created beings interconnected, therefore humans owe a duty to the environment, as much as they do to their fellow men. If humans do not live up to this duty, then society will face moral degradation and crises as a direct corollary of our actions. As the Quran states, "Corruption has appeared throughout the land and sea by [reason of] what the hands of people have earned so He may let them taste part of [the consequence of] what they have done that perhaps they will return [to righteousness]" (30:41).

Recently, through Nasr — that all of creits judgment in Amer ation is connected, Ishaq and others v. Prov- therefore harm incurred ince of KPK, pertaining to one part of it necesto air pollution caused sarily effects the others. by stone crushers in This proved to be a Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, hugely successful exerthe Supreme Court has cise, and the use of dyplaced special emphasis namite fishing plumon Islamic environmenmeted. talism. The court — while Similarly, the Afrireferring to Hossein

can Muslim Environment Network is playing plored the idea on the an active role in dealing with the perils of climate change. It utilises zakat and other charities' money to spread envir-o-nmental educ--ation fin-a-nce sustainable

ventures. Mal-aysia

also provides a practical

example of Islamic environmentalism, where more than 400 mosques have joined hands to counter poaching and promote the conservation of turtles. In 2015, the IFEES launched the Islamic Declaration on Global Climate Change, aimed at educating Muslims across the world about the harmful impacts of climate change. The declaration stressed the moral and religious duty of all Muslims to adopt sustainable practices to

counter climate change. In order to mitigate damage and promote sustainability, the government must draw from these examples and employ Islam as the basis for wider community engagement on the environment. As a deeply religious country, the people of Pakistan will be more receptive to the idea of environmental conservation as a reli-

gious duty Stakeholders from across the board - academic experts, religious scholars, and socio-political leaders — must come together to form a consensus against environmental degradation. As one fisherman from Zanzibar put it: we leaders in community can break the laws of workshops. Khaled government, but not of emphasised — much like God. -- Courtesy Dawn

## The Baloch question

It is not as if we have not before. here been Balochistan has bled for so long that the mainstream Pakistani consciousness has tuned it into the background. Yet every so often, the Baloch national question is thrust into the spotlight and everyone suddenly becomes an expert on everything Balochistan.

What has transpired after the gruesome killing of civilians in Musakhel most of them reportedly of Seraiki and Punjabi backgrounds — is a microcosm of everything that is wrong about the way most Pakistanis, particularly in the core regions of our highly fragmented country, conceive of the Baloch question.

First came the frenzied demands for retribution. Expressing outrage at the killings is one thing, but giving the state license to crush 'terrorism' is another thing altogether. The current insurgency in Balochistan has raged for almost two decades, and was originally triggered by the dictatorial regime of General Pervez Musharraf, who, some readers will remember, publicly announced 'they won't know what hit

Ever since, Baloch youth have been criminalised to no end, thus providing further fuel to the insurgency. Even staunch Pakistani nationalists have, on occasion, acknowledged that insurgencies, past and present, represent a failure of state policy. Militarisation of the Baloch question has not worked before, and will not work now.

Second was the lack of knowledge about Balochistan on display. Among other things, the term 'Balochi' was bandied about in reference to the people, whereas the correct term is 'Baloch'. Then there was almost

others also call Balochistan their home. They do not all hold the dents from Punjab. same political opinions just because of their ethnic backgrounds. Indeed, the Baloch people are ex-Makran belt in the south, for instance, comprises a distinct social formation to the northeastern parts of the province, including the Bugti, Mengal and Marri heartlands as well as Balochistan's 'green belt'

on the Sindh border. Finally, there was the reduction of the entirely organic Baloch national question to great games and international conspiracies. It is certainly not implausible that there are ists. regional and global players active in Balochistan, but the concerns that many Baloch have vis-avis the grand 'developmental' claims of projects like CPEC are long-stand-

ing and undeniable. Gwadar's historic example, have seen their the wider population has been ravaged by state and private profiteers, who have made a killing through bogus real estate schemes.

Yet all of this seems to matter little in a social media universe where nuance, history and facts count for little. It is certainly true that social mesuch as the Baloch recent days confirm how the Facebook and Twitter statist trolls and bots enintellectualisation of political debate.

It is also telling how supposedly broadaround matters like enforced disappearances that Pash-tuns, Hazaras, displaying outright rac- Courtesy Dawn

Aasim Sajjad Akhtar Punjabis, Seraikis and ism by calling for a boycott of Quetta cafes and banishing Baloch stu-

The obvious tensions which do exist between ethnic-nations in Pakistan should, in fact, tremely diverse — the make clear that the Pakistani state continues to fail spectacularly in addressing the Baloch and other national questions.

weaponisation of religion continues to be the calling card of choice, which is why the militants of the TLP and TTP thrive while even entirely peaceful Baloch youth who are demanding accountability of the state are called terror-

Thirty years ago, Eqbal Ahmad delivered a lecture entitled 'Terrorism: Theirs & Ours' which many 'experts' should listen to. In it, he meticulously outlined the manner in which the term 'terrorism' was infishing communities, for strumentally used by states to pursue their livelihoods destroyed by narrow, cynical intercorporate trawlers, while ests. Of all the forms of political violence that can viably be called 'terrorism', it is the modern state, in fact, that has perpetrated the most terror.

There is little evidence that the master strategists who run this country are interested in genuinely resolving the eight-decade-old dia has provided impetus Baloch question. Those to peaceful movements who claim to be on the side of the people, par-Yakjehti Committee, but ticularly those in the core regions of the country, must not do algorithm as well as the their bidding, and at the very least use critical de- analytical lenses to make sense of what is going on in Balochistan.

Working people Punjab from consensuses Balochistan are not perpetrators of hate. They can, however, beand ethnic profiling dissipate rapidly, and so for the politics of hate. many people outside the It is this which must be total neglect of the fact ethnic peripheries start resisted at all costs. --

# Commerce News

## Zimbabwean ambassador set a target for increasing bilateral up to \$100 million

ISLAMABAD (APP): Ambassador of Zimbabwe to Pakistan, Titus M.J. Abu Basutu on Friday said that the existing bilateral trade between Pakistan and Zimbabwe stands at \$ 30 million in FY 2023 less than its potential, which needs to be increased to \$100 million in the coming three years.

The target is to take the volume of bilateral trade up to 100 million in the next three years till FY 2026, the role of the private sector and chambers of commerce and Industries is significant and the Zimbabwean embassy in Islamabad will provide full

Zimbabwe to Pakistan. Titus M.J. Abu Basutu told APP here

The Ambassador said that Pakistan's current export volume to Zimbabwe Zimbabwe are \$10 million, which is less than the bilateral economic and trade potential, which can be increased over time to strengthen economic ties.

He said that Zimbabwe imports from Pakistan mainly agricultural goods including rice, tractors and other sectors like light engineering, electronics, medisupport to the exporters and traders and businessman's in this regard, Ambassador of cal equipment, safety tools and machinery.

billion, a staggering 788%

increase compared to first

half of 2023 Rs 0.3 billion

and equity touching Rs 10

billion, solidifying its posi-

tion as a pioneering force in

While Pakistan imports from Zimbabwe including chemicals, tanning dying tobacco and cotton from Zimbabwe. The Ambassador said that at this time Zimbais \$20 million and bwe prioritized promoting Pakistan's imports from economic and trade relations with Pakistan and increased bilateral trade volume on priority, for which, "We encourage the business communities of both sides to exchange mutual business delegations." The ambassador said that Zimbabwe is have ing a 'Trade Expo' in April 2025, where industrialists and traders from all over the world will participate and he invites the Pakistani

#### participate in it. **SBP** injects Rs9.2trln into market

KARACHI (APP): The State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) injected Rs9,218 billion in the market on Friday through reverse repo purchase and Shariah Compliant Mudarabah based Open Market Operation (OMO). According to OMO results issued here, the SBP conducted Open Market Operation, Reverse Repo Purchase (Injection) on August 30, 2024 for 7 day and 28-day tenors and accepted 32 bids cumulatively amounting to Rs9,103 billion. The central bank received 31 bids for 7-day tenor cumulatively offering an amount of Rs9,287.3 billion.

## business community to ISLAMABAD (APP): In the last year.



The weekly inflation, measured by the Sensitive Price Indicator (SPI), witnessed further decrease of 0.62 percent for the combined consumption groups during the week ended on August 29, the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) reported

on Friday According to the PBS data, the SPI for the week under review in the abovementioned group was recorded at 319.73 points as compared to 321.72 points during the past week. As compared to the

ISLAMABAD (APP): corresponding week of last The weekly inflation, mea-year, the SPI for the combined consumption group in the week under review witnessed an increase of

Federal Minister for Commerce Jam Kamal Khan holding a virtual meeting

with the Sectoral Council for Engineering, highlighting the need for strate-

gic reforms and government support to elevate Pakistan's engineering in-

**Macroeconomic indicators** 

show resilience: Report

import of agriculture ma-

chinery and implements by

122.8 percent to \$ 91.3 mil-

lion during the period un-

der review indicates a con-

tinued boost in investment

in farming technology, pav-

ing the way for enhanced

productivity and effi-

ciency in the agriculture

The Large Scale Manufacturing Sector reg-

istered positive growth of

0.9 percent in fiscal year

A significant rise in the

15.34 per cent. The weekly SPI with the base year 2015-16=100covers 17 urban centres and 51 essential items for all expenditure groups

Likewise, SPI for the lowest consumption group of up to Rs 17,732, however witnessed an increase of 0.24 per cent and went up to 310.80 points from last week's 310.29 points.

#### 11.1 percent on Year-on-Year basis in July 2024 as compared to 12.6 percent in previous month, and 28.3 percent in July 2023.

On a month-on-month (M-o-M) basis, it increased by 2.1 percent in July 2024 compared to an increase of 0.5 percent in the previous The government man-

aged to reduce the fiscal deficit to 6.8% of GDP in FY2024, down from 7.8% last year. The primary balance showed a surplus of 0.9% of GDP, in contrast to a deficit of 1.0% of GDP in FY2023.

#### PSX gains 138 more points

ISLAMABĀD (APP): The 100-Index of the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) continued with Bullish trend on Friday, gaining 138.55 more points, showing a positive change of 0.18 percent, closing at 78,488.22 points against 78,349.66 points on the last working day.

A total of 680,810,524 shares were traded during the day as compared to 599,820,775 shares the previous day, whereas the price of shares stood at Rs 21.186 billion against Rs 20.409 billion on the last trading day.

## LCCI, PSQCA step into partnership by signing MOU

Lahore Chamber of Commerce & Industry and Pakistan Standards and Quality Control Authority (PSQCA) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). This strategic partnership is poised to provide comprehensive support and resources to the businesses for enhancing their ability to compete on a global scale. The MOU was signed

by LCCI President Kashif Anwar and Director General PSOCA Taufique Ali Abbasi. This agreement marks the beginning of a collaborative effort to streamline access to standardization and conformity assessment services for LCCI members.

A cornerstone of this partnership is the establishment of a dedicated PSQCA Information Desk at LCCI. This desk will serve as a one-stop resource center where businesses, entrepreneurs and traders can seek guidance on standards, regulations and best practices. The Information Desk wil be staffed by nominated officials from PSQCA to provide expert advice and assistance.

Kashif Anwar highlighted the importance of this initiative stating that this MoU is more than just a formal agreement; it is a strategic alliance aimed at empowering our members with the knowledge and resources they need to meet global standards.



FAISALABAD: Daily wages laborers unload sacks of potatoes from a delivery truck at a bustling veg-

## **FPCCI, SECP organize** seminar on new portal

LAHORE (APP): The Federation of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) and Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) organised an awareness seminar regarding SECP's new portal 'eZfile', 'Companies Regulations 2024' and Company Regularization Scheme (CRS) at FPCCI Regional Office, here on Friday.

Vice President and Regional Chairman FPCCI Zaki Aijaz highlighted that the objective of the session is to educate private lim-

ited, listed and non-listed companies about the new rules and regulations of the SECP, so that the participating companies could better fulfill their legal requirements. Vice President Zaki Aijaz said that FPCCI aims to provide a vibrant platform for its member companies and business community to enhance their knowledge and also to aware them with contemporary business techniques. He emphasised that the SECP plays a crucial role in the economic development of Pakistan.

#### TBM achieves Rs 2.6 bln profit before tax in first-half of 2024 ISLAMABAD (APP): profit before tax of Rs 2.6

Telenor Microfinance Bank (TMB) during the first-half of the year 2024 has achieved Rs 2.6 billion profit before tax, which was up by 788 percent as compared to the corresponding period of the last year.

The Board of Bank (TMB) in its meeting approved the bank's financial results for the half year ended June 30, 2024, said a press release issued here

ported exceptional financial performance for the first



half of 2024, achieving a

Pakistan's fintech land-Customer deposits and advances have demonstrated

remarkable growth, with deposits reaching Rs 67.0 billion up by 21% in comparison with first half of 2023 Rs 55.3 billion and advances climbing to Rs 22.9 billion, growing by 59%, Rs



Team ONIC comes together for a group photo to mark the First anniversary of digital Telco.

### CM leading a revolution to modernize entire health system in Punjab: Marriyum

LAHORE (APP): Chief Minister Punjab Maryam Nawaz Sharif is leading a revolution to modernize entire health system in Punjab, said Punjab's Senior Minister Marriyum Aurangzeb while inaugurating, on Chief Minister Punjab Maryam Nawaz Sharif's direction, a newlyconstructed block at Mayo Hospital Lahore, equipped with modern facilities for the treatment of children.

She visited various sections of the newly-constructed block and reviewed various medical facilities available there for the pa-

the Provincial Capital.

PESHAWAR (APP): Ex-

perts at a roundtable dis-

cussion in Peshawar have

hailed the China-Pakistan

Economic Corridor (CPEC)

as a game-changer for

Pakistan's development,

despite attempts by hostile

Experts at

roundtable discussion titled

"CPEC: Opportunities and

Challenges," organized by

the Institute of Regional

Studies (IRS), Peshawar, in

collaboration with the In-

stitute of Policy Studies

(IPS), Islamabad, high-

lighted that CPEC is a

project of construction and

development for Pakistan.

They revealed that

forces to undermine it.

LAHORE: Employees of a local hotel rescue cus-

tomer during fire in hotel at Australia Chowk in

**Experts urge focus on** 

economic objectives

for CPEC success

seven terrorist corridors are

actively working to sabo-

tage CPEC, but emphasized

that China's investments in

Pakistan demonstrate its

commitment to the

country's growth. The ex-

perts praised China's

friendship, citing the

20,000 Pakistani students

studying in China. They

suggested focusing on eco-

nomic and trade objectives.

rather than security and

geopolitics, and opening

natural east-west corridors

chaired by Professor Dr.

Zahid Anwar, former Pro-

Vice Chancellor, Dean of

The discussion was

for trade purposes.

Social Sciences.

The Senior Provincial Minister said, "Established in 1871, Pakistan's oldest and largest Mayo Hospital has been serving the public for 153 years. This 300-bed hospital at the time of establishment of Pakistan has become a 2399-bed hospital today.'

Marriyum Aurangzeb said the health of women and children is the top priority of Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif. She added, Madam Chief Minister's vision is to make Punjab an exemplary province in terms of education, health, public service, infrastructure, environment and

that Nawaz Sharif and Shehbaz Sharif, as the chief ministers of Punjab, had always set new examples of service in the province. Health Minister Khawaja Salman Rafique said on the occasion that Paeds Surgi cal Block also has a CSSD. central oxygen supply, a small operation theater, day care centre and pathology lab. He added the wards are named after legendary professors. He highlighted that the number of beds in the oncology, dengue and medical wards of the Paeds Medicine Unit has been increased from 25 to 48.

#### Sonia Ashir meets Minister

LAHORE (APP): Chief Minister Punjab, Maryam Nawaz Sharif, has approved the appointment of parliamentary secretaries, assigning Sonia Ashir as the Parliamentary Secretary for Human Rights and Minority Affairs

In this regard, Sonia Ashir met with the Provincial Minister for Minority Affairs, Ramesh Singh Arora at his camp office on

Friday.

During the meeting, Ramesh Singh Arora congratulated Sonia Ashir on her appointment and extended his best wishes for her future endeavours.

#### 5 killed, 987 injured in 962 RTCs in Punjab

**Independent Report** AHORE: Five person were killed and 987 injured in 962 Road Traffic Crashes (RTCs) in all 37 districts of Punjab during the last 24

Out of these, 407 people with serious injuries were shifted to different hospitals, while 580 victims with minor injuries were treated at the incident site by Rescue Medical Teams thus reducing the burden of



#### Salman reaffirms commitment to quality, transparency in hospitals revamping project

LAHORE (APP): Punjab Health Minister Khawaja Salman Rafique has emphasized that there will be no compromise on quality and transparency in the ongoing hospitals revamping project across the province.

He made these remarks while chairing a meeting at the Department of Specialized Healthcare and Medical Education on Friday.

During the meeting, the Minister highlighted the recent progress at Jinnah Hospital Lahore, where several key units, including the Peads Emergency, Surgical Unit Two, ICU First Floor, Medical Unit Two, Eye ongoing projects.

Ward, CCU Second Floor, and Gynecology Ward. among others, have undergone significant revamping. reiterated government's commitment

to prioritizing the completion of these projects to enhance the convenience and care for patients at government hospitals. To expedite the completion of the re-

vamping at Jinnah Hospital Lahore, the minister directed contractors to increase their work pace by operating in two shifts. He also instructed the concerned officers to maintain strict and

#### Punjab govt intensifies wildlife protection on CM direction

LAHORE (APP): The government's zero-toler-Wildlife Department on Friday successfully recovered a rare snow leopard skin during a rigorous operation to protect endangered wildlife and arrested the suspect involved in this criminal activity. The snow leopard skin is valued at \$20,000, approximately Rs 5.6 million

Senior Provincial Minister Marriyum Aurangzeb appreciated the Wildlife Department and police teams for their swift action reiterated

ance policy on wildlife law violations. She stressed the importance of wildlife and forest conservation in combating climate change

The arrested individual was involved in the illegal trade of endangered animal skins on social media. Punjab is now enforcing strict wildlife protection laws and has initiated digital mapping of forests and wildlife under CM Maryam Nawaz Sharif's directive and dynamic leadthe ership.

#### IG Punjab meets police officials skilled in fine arts

LAHORE (APP): Inspector General of Police Punjab, Dr. Usman Anwar. met with talented police officers skilled in fine arts at the Central Police Office here on Friday.

Traffic Warden Imtiaz and Dolphin Officer Gul Zain presented their artwork to the IG.

Dr. Usman Anwar congratulated them on the outstanding reception of their artwork received at the National College of Arts (NCA) exhibition. He also announced commendation certificates for both officers.

#### PHC grants transit bail to Sanam Javed for 10 days

PESHAWAR (Online) Peshawar High Court committed to good ties (PHC) has granted transit bail for 10 days to PTI leader Sanam Javed.

Justice Dr Khurshid Iqbal heard the transit bail applications of Sanam Javed Friday. The court granted 10 days transit bail to Sanam Javed. Ali Zaman advocate counsel for Sanam Javed said two FIRs are registered against Sanam Javed high-ranking officials. one in Lahore and one in Mianwali. Justice Khurshid Iqbal inquired from the counsel her residence is in Lahore and what is she doing in Peshawar.

#### Governor Kundi grieved over demise of 12 of family members at Dir Upper PESHAWAR (APP): Gov- fast asleep last night when

Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi on Friday expressed grief and sorrow over the As result, Naushad's demise of 12 persons of a family who died after a huge landslide hit their house at Patrak village in Dir Upper

In a condolence message, the governor prayed to Allah Almighty to rest the departed souls in eternal peace and grant courage to bereaved family members to bear this irriparible lose with fortitude.

According to police and Rescue 1122, the families of Naushad Khan along with his two brothers were ing the bodies.

Khyber a huge avalanche fell on sal Karim them at Patrak village in the

wife, daughters Samina, Yamin, sons Tayyab and Umar have died.

Four family members of Khan Badashah, the brother of Naushad Khan including his wife, daughter Taqwa, sons Saeed and Rohan were also expired. Similarly wife of Wali

Rehman, his sister Dua and son Nasir have also lost battle for life.

The Rescue operation has been completed and de-bris removed after retriev-



LAHORE: An artist painting a motivational wall mural on the Government Kinnaird High School wall to capturing the students' attention.

#### Xi says China committed to good ties with US

**Monitoring Desk** BEIJING: Chinese President Xi Jinping told top White House aide Jake Sullivan on Thursday that Beijing remained

with the United States, despite "great changes". Sullivan, the first US national security adviser to visit China since 2016, met Xi as he wrapped up three days of talks in the Chinese capital which also saw him meet Foreign Minister Wang Yi and other

Sullivan's visit comes as China is embroiled in security rows with US allies Japan and the Philippines.

But state broadcaster CCTV said Xi told Sullivan that in spite of "great cha-nges", China and the US could still enjoy good ties.

"China's commitment to the goal of stable, healthy, and sustainable development of China-US relations hasn't changed," Xi said. "We hope that the US will work with China to meet each other half-way," he added, accord-ing to CCTV.

Sullivan said US President Joe Biden is looking forward to talks with Xi Jinping in the coming weeks'

Sullivan told Xi that Biden "looks forward to engaging with you again in the coming weeks" "President Biden is committed to responsibly managing this consequential relationship to ensure that competition does not veer into conflict or confrontation, and to work together where our interests align," he said.

#### Israel kills 16 Palestinians in West Bank attacks

Monitoring Desk

TULKAREM: Israel on Thursday pressed a largescale military operation in the occupied West Bank, leaving at least 16 Palestinians dead in two days despite UN concerns it was fuelling an already explosive situation". The "counter-terrorism" operation underway across the northern West Bank since

early Wednesday has killed 16 Palestinians, the Israeli military said. The Palestinian health ministry gave the same figure, after both revised earlier tolls. The raids on several towns and refugee camps were launched as violence raged on in the

The army said it killed war-battered Gaza Strip, the besieged Palestinian territory separated from the West Bank by Israel.

In the West Bank, columns of Israeli armoured vehicles backed by troops and aircraft were sent in before soldiers encircled refugee camps in Tubas and Tulkarem, as well as Jenin, and exchanged fire with Palestinian fighters.

seven on Thursday, including five fighters in the Tulkarem refugee camp.

A military statement said one of the five was Muhammad Jaber, also known as Abu Shujaa, who Palestinian group Islamic Jihad said was its commander in the nearby Nur Shams refugee camp.

#### In Court of Abdul Baseer Judge Banking **Court Hazara Division Abbottabad**

ABL Main Bazar Ghazi Branch Haripur (Plaintiff)

(1) M/S Afaq Electronics through its sole proprietor Muhammad Naeem S/o Abdul Razzaq Rehman Plaza Tarbella Road Main Bazar Ghazi Tehsil Ghazi District Haripur (2) Muhammad Naeem S/o Abdul Razzag Proprietor M/S Afaq Electronics R/o Post Office Khaas Qazipur Hassanpur Tehsil Ghazi District Haripur (Defendants)

Whereas the ABL Main Bazar Ghazi Branch Haripur has instituted a suit for the recovery of Rs. 2499797/- etc due against you under Section-9 of Financial institutions (recovery of Finances) Ordinances, 2001 and dated (15-08-2024). You are hereby summoned to obtain leave to defend the suit within 30 days of the publication of this proclamation. In default where of the plaintiff will be entitled to a degree for the said sum and cost of suit cost to funds etc from the date of institution of suit till realization of entire

Next date of hearing is 23-09-2024.



JUDGF Banking Court Hazara Division, Abbottabad.

In Court of Abdul Baseer Judge Banking Court Hazara Division Abbottabad

NBP Main Branch Haripur

(Plaintiff)

(1) Muhammad Shafqat S/o Muhammad Zareen R/o Serian Post Office Sarai Naimat Khan Tehsil & District Haripur. (2) Sajid Khan S/o Muhammad Hafeez R/o Mohra Serian Post Office Sarai Naimat Khan Tehsil & District Haripur (3) Ishtiaq Farid S/o Farid R/o Mohra Post Office Sarai Naimat Khan Tehsil & District Haripur (Defendants)

Whereas the NBP Main Branch Haripur has instituted a suit for the recovery of Rs. 738639/- etc due against you under Section-9 of Financial institutions (recovery of Finances) Ordinances, 2001 and dated 22-08-2024). You are hereby summoned to obtain leave to defend the suit within 30 days of the publication of this proclamation. In default where of the plaintiff will be entitled to a degree for the said sum and cost of suit cost to funds etc from the date of institution of suit till realization of entire amount.

Next date of hearing is 30-09-2024.



**JUDGE** Banking Court Hazara Division, Abbottabad

#### In Court of Abdul Baseer Judge Banking Court Hazara Division Abbottabad

Dr. Mushtaq Ahmed S/o Dr. Kala Khan

(Plaintiff)

(1) UBL Pine View Branch Abbottabad through Manager UBL Pine View Branch Abbottabad (2) Abdul Razzag S/o Hassan Din R/o Ismail Street Sharagpur Sharif Ferozwala Sheikhpura (3) Shahbaz Malik S/o Ghulam Sarwar R/o House No. 100 Street No. 22 Abubakar Road Ali Farooq Park Badami Bagh Lahore (4) Choudhary Shahid Riaz S/o Haji Mian Khan R/o Khata Bhand Tehsil Kharian District Gujjrat

(Defendants)

Whereas the Dr. Mushtaq Ahmed S/o Dr. Kala Khan has instituted a suit for Declaration against you under Section-9 of Financial institutions (recovery of Finances) Ordinances, 2001 and dated (13-08-2024). You are hereby summoned to obtain leave to defend the suit within 30 days of the publication of this proclamation. In default where of the plaintiff will be entitled to a degree for the said sum and cost of suit cost to funds etc from the date of institution of suit till realization of entire amount.

Next date of hearing is 02-09-2024.



Banking Court Hazara Division,

Abbottabad.

#### In Court of Abdul Baseer Judge Banking Court Hazara Division Abbottabad

(1) Muhammad Rafique S/o Sakhi Muhammad (2) Mst Shakeela Bibi W/o Muhammad Arshad (3) Muhammad Rizwan S/o Sher Ahmed (4) Ishtiaq Ahmed S/o Muhammad Ishfaq (5) Muhammad Ishaq S/o Sakhi Muhammad Residents of Kamal Pur Tehsil Khanpur District Haripur (6) Aqib Javed S/o Javed Iqbal R/o Mohallah Zargaran Khanpur through Special Attorney Anees ur Rehman S/o Muhammad Rafique R/o Kamal Pur Tehsil Khanpur District Haripur

(Plaintiffs)

(1) HBL through Manager KTS Branch Haripur (2) Muhammad Asghar Hayat Regional Recovery Manager Consumer Agriculture & SME Banking Department RHQ Fareed Town Sahiwal presently HBL Main Branch Sheranwala Gate Saddar Bazar Haripur (3) Irfan Ali Arian Recovery Officer HBL Head Office Karachi presently HB L Main Branch Sheranwala Gate Saddar Bazar Haripur (4) Muhammad Ashraf Loan Operation Manager HBL Main Branch Haripur (5) President HBL Head Office HBL Plaza II Chundrigar Road Karachi (Defendants)

Whereas the Muhammad Raffique S/o Sakhi Muhammad etc has instituted a suit for Declaration against you under Section-9 of Financial institutions recovery of Finances) Ordinances, 2001 and dated 20-08-2024). You are hereby summoned to obtain leave o defend the suit within 30 days of the publication of this proclamation. In default where of the plaintiff will be entitled to a degree for the said sum and cost of suit cost to funds etc from the date of institution of suit till realization of entire amount.

Next date of hearing is 18-09-2024.



Banking Court Hazara Division, Abbottabad.

#### raeli strikes in eastern Deir Al Balah, central Gaza Strip. **PPP leadership stresses** consensus in selection of new party officials

LAHORE (APP): Pakistan People's Party (PPP) Central Punjab President Raja Pervaiz Ashraf emphasized the importance of consensus and consideration of party interests in the selection of new party officials.

He made these remarks during a meeting focused on the reorganization of the PPP's Faisalabad Division and district chapters. The meeting, which was conducted via video link from the PPP Secretariat in Lahore on Friday, was presided over by PPP Central Punjab General Secretary Syed Hassan In his address, General

Secretary Syed Hassan Murtaza underscored the need for party unity and collaboration. He stressed that candidates proposed for new party positions should be capable of working harmoniously towards

Palestinians carry their belongings salvaged from the debris following Is-

the party's goals. He also highlighted the importance of involving youth in the party's new organizational structure, calling for committed young individuals to be given key

Participants from the Jhang, Chiniot, and Toba Tek Singh districts presented proposals and highlighted ongoing organiza-

#### tional activities Germany deports first Afghan nationals since Taliban govt took control

**Monitoring Desk** BERLIN: Germany said it carried out on Friday the first deportation of Afghans back to their home country since Taliban authorities took power in August 2021, as Berlin faces pressure to

crack down on migration. "These were Afghan nationals, all of whom were convicted offenders who had no right to stay in Germany and against whom deportation orders had been government spokesman Steffen Hebestreit said in a state-

A chartered Qatar more details.

Airways flight bound for Kabul took off from Leipzig airport just before 0500 GMT with 28 Afghans on board, Der Spiegel magazine said, citing security sources.

The operation was the result of two months of 'secret negotiations" in which Qatar acted as the gobetween between Berlin and the Taliban authorities. Spiegel reported.

Hebestreit said Germany had "asked key regional partners for support in order to facilitate the deportations", without giving

#### In Court of Abdul Baseer Judge Banking Court Hazara Division Abbottabad

MCB Abbottabad Branch

(1) Amjad Ali S/o Muhammad Parvez R/o Chochi Kalan P/o Sherwan Tehsil & District Abbottbad

Whereas the MCB Abbottabad Branch has instituted a suit for the recovery of Rs. 494389/- etc due against you under Section-9 of Financial institutions (recovery of Finances) Ordinances, 2001 and dated (13-08-2024). You are hereby summoned to obtain leave to defend the suit within 30 days of the publication of this proclamation. In default where of the plaintiff will be entitled to a degree for the said sum and cost of suit cost to funds etc from the date of institution of suit till realization of entire amount.

Next date of hearing is 23-09-2024.

sd/ **JUDGE** 

Banking Court Hazara Division, In Court of Abdul Baseer Judge Banking

Court Hazara Division Abbottabad

Askari Bank

(Plaintiff)

(1) Kamran Aurangzeb S/o Aurangzeb R/o Rehmat Manzil Street No. 2 Mohallah Diggi Tehsil & District Abbottabad

(Defendant)

Whereas the Askari Bank has instituted a suit for the recovery of Rs. 131913/- etc due against you under Section-9 of Financial institutions (recovery of Finances) Ordinances, 2001 and dated (12-08-2024). You are hereby summoned to obtain leave to defend the suit within 30 days of the publication of this proclamation. In default where of the plaintiff will be entitled to a degree for the said sum and cost of suit cost to funds etc from the date of institution of suit till realization of entire amount.

Next date of hearing is 17-09-2024.



Banking Court Hazara Division, Abbottabad.

Court seeks detailed report

from AG in recovery of

## **Opposition members** protest over empty row of ministers in Senate session

The members of the Opposition Benches on Friday rendered a heated protest over empty row of ministers in the Senate session calling it a disregard to the Upper House of the Parlia-

The second meeting of the 342nd Senate session started 18 minutes late under the chairmanship of Presiding Officer, Senator Irfan Ahmed Siddiqui who initiated the proceedings with the question hour and the debate on the August 26th Balochistan carnage.

However, the question hour was later keeping in view the sense of the House was suspended and the other agenda was taken

Speaking on the occasion, Presiding Officer of the Session, Senator Irfan Siddiqui apprised the House that an emergency cabinet meeting was called at the PM Office, whereas the ministers would be available in the House after the meeting.

He endorsed the point of view of the Opposition Leader and Senator Saifullah Abro and said, "If the first row of the House's treasury benches is empty then it

House. Senator Abro rightly pointed out that the Ministers are the members don't contribute to the committee proceedings and give an ear to the recommendations of the Senators."

While acknowledging concerns and observations of the Senators from the Opposition, he urged them to avoid exchanging harsh words against the members of the treasury benches who were not present in the House.

"We should take up the Balochistan debate and then should proceed to regular agenda and meanwhile the Ministers would join the session," he said.

At the commencement, Senator Palwasha Mohammad Zai Khan of Pakistan Peoples Party Parliamentarians (PPPP) raised the matter of irregularities in billing and complaint redressal procedures of the Lahore Electricity Power Supply Company

She cited the example of her maternal home in Lahore, where the LESCO meter reader allegedly made overbilling by erroneously noting the meter reading as

ing of 900 units whereas on complaint to the relevant authority the issues was of the committees but they taken up but the official concerned demanded Rs70,000 bribe to resolve the matter. She protested that there was no minister present in the House to take up the matter. However, her matter was referred to committee concerned by the chair. "This is how the common masses are being treated after overbilling of the power supply companies who consider themselves above the law. It must be taken up seri-

> Opposition Leader in the Senate, Shibli Faraz said that the front row was empty and no minister was available, then the question hour session was being done in vain. He endorsed the concerns raised by Senator Palwasha Khan.

ously," Senator Palwasha

Responding to the chair's suggestion to continue the debate on Balochistan, he said, "The matter is not of catharsis on Balcohistan but seriousness of the treasury benches as this House is run under rules and regulations that need to be followed by all.



Faisal Karim Kundi, Ambassador of Turkey to Pakistan Dr Mehmet Paçaci, Defence Attache, Brig. Gen. Umut ONOL and others cutting the cake on the occasion of Victory Day ceremony, at a local hotel in the Federal Capital.

## International day of enforced or involuntary disappearances

face of government indiffer-

The pain and suffer-

The Sub Committee

During the visit, the

The findings of this

aimed to ensure quality

education with equity, and

this visit was a crucial step

in identifying areas that re-

Sub Committee Members

engaged with educators.

students, and stakeholders

to gain a comprehensive understanding of the edu-

visit will inform the Sub

Committee's recommenda-

tions for policy reforms

cation landscape in ICT.

quire attention.

this International Day of Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, we stand in solidarity with the families and loved ones of the thousands of individuals who have been subjected to enforced disappearances in Indian-Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IOJK).

This day serves as a poignant reminder of the ongoing plight faced by parents and relatives of victims, who continue to live in anguish and uncertainty, yearning for truth and jus-

This was stated by

ISLAMABAD (APP):

Prof Engr Abdul Aleem Khanzada, MNA and

Convenor of the Sub Com-

mittee of the National As-

sembly Standing Commit-tee on Federal Education &

Professional Training, along

with other sub-committee

members recently visited

the schools and colleges in

rural and urban areas of the

Islamabad Capital Territory

The purpose of the visit was to assess the chal-

lenges in the education sec-

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NA sub-committee on

education visits ICT

schools, colleges

needed.

ISLAMABAD (APP): On Kashmiri human rights ac- ing experienced by these tivist and Chairman Kashfamilies cannot be overmir Institute of Internastated; their cries for justional Relations in a statetice echo in the silence of ment issued here on Friunmarked mass graves that remain uninvestigated.

Wani said the issue of Among the most affected are the women who enforced disappearances in IOJK is a grave violation of have taken on the heartwrenching titles of "Half-Widows" and "Half-Wives." These women, ofhuman rights, with over 10,000 individuals reported missing while in custody of ten left in a state of per-Indian forces since 1989. These disappearances have petual mourning, are denied left families shattered, with the closure that comes with many parents and relatives knowing the fate of their enduring years of trauma, loved ones. searching for answers in the

They navigate a life filled with uncertainty, carrying the dual burden of loss and social stigma.

#### Review petition filed Monal restaurant fixed for

ISLAMABAD (Online): Supreme Court (SC) has fixed for hearing review petition filed by Monal Res-

A 3-member bench of

Petitions pertaining to La Montana Restaurant and fixed for hearing on Septem

# hearing

SC presided over by Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Qazi Faez Isa will hear the review petition on Septem-

Justice Mandokhel and Justice Naeem Akhtar Afghan will be part of the bench.

Sunshine heights have been



ISLAMABAD: Chairman Prime Minister Youth Programme Rana Mashhood

# Ahmed Khan addresses a ceremony to honor Pakistan Street Football team. NAB taking strick action against

The National Accountability Bureau (NAB) is contributing significantly to the national economy by taking strict legal action against persons involved in financial corruption and recovering huge amounts from them in different

In this regard, NAB has achieved a significant success. NAB deposited/ distributed an amount of Rs. 7,089,998,035/- to federal and provincial govern-

affectees during the short period of January-July 2024 after completing various investigations/through plea bargains, etc., said a press release.

Out of this total amount, NAB deposited/ disbursed 2,130,341,048/- to the Federal Government; Rs. 259,851,692/- to the Government of Sindh; Rs. 136,611,951/- to the Government of Punjab; Rs. 13,427,572/- to the Gov-

persons involved in corruption ISLAMABAD (APP): cial institutions, and 500,000/- to the Government of Baluchistan; and Rs. 43,597,325/- to financial institutions/departments. Whereas Rs. 4,505,668,447/- disbursed to 21760 affectees in 34 cases of cheating public at large. Moreover, NAB is strictly engaged in the in-

vestigation process of major corruption cases with a view to bringing the financial culprits before law, recovering the looted funds, and returning the same to the rightful beneficiaries

#### **Crackdown in ICT:** 340 vehicles fined for token tax evasion

ISLAMABAD (APP) The Excise and Taxation Department Islamabad has intensified its efforts to enforce vehicle regulations across Federal Capital.

According to the spokesman of Excise department, daily operations target fancy nember plates, black-tinted windows, unauthorized police lights and vehicles evading token tax.

In a widespread crackdown, the Excise officers are actively conducting operations on highways, in busy markets and at key locations throughout Islamabad. These operations aim to ensure compliance with excise laws and to hold violators accountable.

On Friday, officers targeted 88 vehicles using black-tinted windows, taking swift action to enforce the law. Additionally, 138 vehicles without proper also penalized

#### two missing brothers case (AG) appeared in the court. AG said both missing ISLAMABAD (Online): Islamabad High Court (IHC) sought detailed repersons are not in the custody of any institution. The port from Attorney General (AG) on the petition filed matter has been put up before the higher authorities. in connection with recov-

Babar Awan should share information with me. We ers of PTI leader Azhar will see it further.
The CJ IHC inquired Mashwani till next week. The court has remarked efforts be continued they went missing from for recovery of missing where. Babar Awan said wife of Azhar Mashwani persons and it be informed was prevented from going when any information is received. During the hearabroad. It was said to Azhar Mashwani there is some ing of the case Dr Babar Awan raised the matter of material. Delete it. In future you will not tweet. Counsel dacoits of Kacha in the court Babar Awan said the Babar Awan read out docudacoits of Kacha have ments. Babar Awan said we launched U-tube channel resorted to Lahore High Court (LHC) earlier and and said "subscribe to it.

The CJ IHC remarked then we filed petition here.
The CJ IHC inquired situation in South Punjab I have asked only for this and other areas is worst. reason either it is in my We are seeing and hearing powers of jurisdiction or about dacoits of Kacha since our childhood. otherwise. AG has given CJ IHC gave these reclear reply that the abmarks during hearing of the ducted persons are not in

the custody of any institu-

petition Friday. Attorney General

ery of two missing broth-



ISLAMABAD: Relatives of Missing persons hold placards during protest in favor of their demands outside national press club, in the Federal Capital.

#### Role of China's cultural diplomacy in driving global ambitions

ISLAMABAD (APP): China's cultural diplomacy is more than just a strategic tool; it's a revival of its historical influence aimed at reclaiming its global stature. As China transitioned from a century of struggle to a global powerhouse, cultural diplomacy emerged as a crucial aspect of its soft

power strategy. The establishment of the People's Republic of China in 1949 marked the beginning of a focused effort on economic development and cultural outreach. Under President Xi Jinping, this strategy has been cenral to realizing the Chinese nation, leveraging cultural deeper cultural connecinitiatives to forge stronger

international ties. China's economic transformation since the cational programs, further 1970s and 1980s has been nothing short of extraordinary. The World Economic Forum reports that eco-

surged by around 3,000%, earning China's growth the label of a "miracle Abdul Salam Khan, a

professor at the Confucius İnstitute, National University of Modern Languages (NUML), Islamabad, discussing the role of China's cultural diplomacy in its drive to global ambitions with APP said, "China has adeptly used cultural diplomacy to bolster its global influence. The establishment of Confucius Institutes in over 160 countries plays a pivotal role in spreading the Chinese language and culture, facilitating smoother business in Dream of national rejuve- teractions, and fostering

Cultural exchanges, including festivals and eduenhance China's soft power, with over 400,000 international students benefiting from scholarships in nomic output per capita China by 2021."



Blue Line bus in front of PIMS hospital, in the Federal Capital.

#### IHC summons SP, SHO Recovery of Umar Sultan former security incharge of PTI founder case

(IHC) has summoned concerned SP of Islamabad police and SHO Shalimar Police today (Saturday) in the case pertaining to recovery of Umar Sultan former se-curity incharge of PTI founder. Chief Justice (CJ) IHC Aamer Farooq took counsel for the petitioner ders.

ISLAMABAD (Online): appeared in the court tak-Islamabad High Court ing the plea that Islamabad police arrested Umar Sultan from sector F-10 on August 26 without warrants. Application was filed in police station for recovery of Umar Sultan but no action was taken. The petitioner requested the court to issue order for presentup for hearing the petition ing Umar Sultan before the filed by Sultan Javed father court besides registering the of missing Umar Sultan Fri- case and directing for proday. Raja Qadeer Janjua viding details of arrest or-

#### ECO, ECI heads vow to enhance economic & cultural cooperation

ISLAMABAD (APP): cussed between the two Secretary General ECO Asad Majeed Khan and President ECI Saad S Khan on Friday vowed to jointly work for the and cultural cooperation among 10 member states of Economic Cooperation Organization

The strategies for synergizing the efforts gional bodies were dis- ure.

sides, said a press release.

Saad Khan said that the ECO Cultural Insti-tute (ECI) was the oldpromotion of economic est specialized agency of the ECO, working as the main arm for cultural activities.

The President ECI also welcomed the new Secretary General ECO and wished him all the of the two sister re- success during the ten-

Senator Rubina Khalid, Chairperson of the Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP), held a meeting with a delegation of Riphah International University at BISP headquarters Islamabad

#### Riphah collaborate BISP for public empowerment through skills development program

ISLAMABAD (APP): RIPHAH's contribution in Representatives from terms of offering growth Riphah International University held an important ing opportunities to the meeting with Senator Rubina Khalid, Chairperson of the Benazir Income establish a strong public-Support Program (BISP), private partnership bediscuss potential projects for mutual collabo- University and BISP. ration aimed at enhancing public welfare and betterment. The Riphah team, led by Mr. Muhammad Junaid Khan, included Mr. Mehr Ali and Mr. Waqar Khan, were engaged in discussions with key members of the BISP team, including Mr. Idrees Mian, Director General of Complimentary Initiatives; Mr. Irfan Üllah Khan, Director of Media;

and Ms. Maryam Sikandar, Deputy Director of Media. expressed her keen interest in the various educational initiatives of Riphah especially the recently establish RIHCA - RIPHAH Insti-



oriented and modern learnpublic. The primary objective of this meeting was to tween Riphah International Both parties explored

various avenues for collaboration, with a particular focus on skill development

programs and scholarships. These initiatives are designed to support the beneficiaries of BISP by providing them with essential skills and educational opportunities, ultimately contributing to their socioeconomic uplift. Additionally, Senator Rubina Khalid proposed engaging fresh graduates of media and mass communication for internships in BISP's media wing. She also suggested organizing a graphic design competition at the inter-university level to



ISLAMABAD: Motorcyclists taking shelter under the bridge of Faizabad Interchange during heavy rain in the Federal Capital.

#### PCP chairman reaffirms commitment to press freedom, media ethics

ISLAMABAD (APP): they face in the current Chairman of the Press media landscape. Council of Pakistan (PCP) Arshad Khan Jadoon has that the PCP is undergoing reiterated the Council's a systematic review aimed strong commitment to safe- at enhancing its role in guarding freedom of ex- combating fake news and pression and upholding resolving issues that jourmedia ethics.

In a meeting with Arshad Ansari, the Secre-gratitude for the tary-General of the Pakistan Federal Union of Journalists and President of the dedication to supporting Lahore Press Club, he highlighted the Council's ongoing efforts to support and protect journalists across the country.

"Our primary focus is to serve the journalist community and ensure their journalists face. well-being," he added.

He outlined several initiatives the PCP is unaddressing the challenges deavors.

He also highlighted nalists encounter.

He expressed his delegation's visit and reaffirmed the Council's journalistic organiza-

During the meeting, Arshad Ansari congratulated the chairman on his appointment and highlighted the challenges that

He commended the Chairman's efforts to revitalize the Press Coundertaking, including re- cil and assured the full search into legal protec- support of the journalistic tions for journalists and community in these en-

#### 276,500 cusecs water ISLAMABAD (APP)

**IRSA** releases

Indus River System Authority (IRSA) on Friday released 276,500 cusecs vater from various rim stations with inflow of 319,100 cusecs.

According to the data released by IRSA, water level in River Indus at Tarbela Dam was 1550.00 tion level) and was 152.00 feet higher than its dead level of 1,398 feet. Water inflow and outflow in the dam was recorded as 185,600 cusecs and

185,100 cusecs respectively.

The water level in Mangla River Jhelum at Mangla Dam was 1219.10 feet, which was 171.10 feet higher than its dead level of 1,050 feet. The inflow and outflow of water was recorded 50,200 cusecs and 8,000 cusecs respectively.

The release of water at Kalabagh, Taunsa, Guddu and Sukkur was recorded as 201,300, 199,300, 188,000 and 226,300 cusecs respectively. Similarly, from River Kabul, a total of 32,100 cusecs of water released at Nowshera and 22,100 cusecs released from River Chenab at Marala.

#### FCE to hold Golden Jubilee convocation on Sep 5

ISLAMABAD (APP) Federal College of Education (FCE) will celebrate its Golden Jubilee Convocation on Thursday, September 5, at the Main Auditorium of Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU), Islamabad.

According to a press release issued on Friday, the ceremony will commence at 10:00 AM.

The convocation will be graced by Mohyuddin Ahmad Wani, Federal Secretary, Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training, as the chief guest. Dr. Nasir Mehmood, Vice Chancellor of AIOU will serve as the Guest of Honor. During the convocation, degrees will be conferred upon 63 students of MA Education, 150 students of B.S. Ed. (Hons.), and six

students of B.Ed. (1.5). The top-performing students will be honored with gold, silver, and bronze medals for their outstanding academic achievements.

Director Federal College of Education, Professor Dr. Samia Rehman Dogar expressed her pride in the institution's accomplishments over the past

#### ments, departments, finan- ernment of KPK; Rs. **AIG Establishment holds** orderly room; to address concerns of officials

**Independent Report** ISLAMABAD: According to the details, following the special directions of Inspector General of Police (IGP) Syed Ali Nasir Rizvi, the Islamabad Police holds an orderly room to ensure timely and prioritized resolution of

institutional and personal matters concerning police of-



ficers. The establishment of an orderly room aims to prioritize and address issues faced by police officers on a timely basis, emphasizing their welfare and issue resolution. Following these directives, the AIG Establishment Abdul Haq Umrani holds an orderly room at Central Police Office Islamabad. Officers of Islamabad Police attended the orderly room. During the orderly room, police officers brought forth

both personal and official concerns before the AIG Establishment. Immediate directives were issued for the resolution of pressing matters, while directives were given to senior officers to address remaining issues promptly. On the occasion, the AIG Establishment highlighted various measures taken for the welfare of police officers, including

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