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OGDCL, Chinese CCDC sign MoU for shale, tight gas exploration

ISLAMABAD (INP): Pakistan with an aim to alleviate energy needs of the country through indigenous resources. Federal Minister for Petroleum, Dr. Musadik Malik, in Xi'an, Shaanxi Province, China, witnessed the MoU signing ceremony during the ongoing 8th Silk Road International Expo for Investment and Trade, according to a news release received here. The MoU highlights the commitment of both countries to developing Pakistan's shale and tight gas potential, aiming to address the country's energy needs through indigenous resources.



XIAN: Federal Minister for Petroleum Dr Musadik witnessed the MOU signing ceremony between OGDCL and Chinese company CCDC in Xian, China.

Three ATF cops martyred in terror attack at Zhob

Governor, PM express sorrow on martyrdom, injuries of police in Zhob firing incident

ZHOB (INP): A tragic terrorist attack on the Zhob-DI Khan National Highway has claimed the lives of three Anti-Terrorist Force (ATF) personnel deployed to protect the police workers. The incident occurred when terrorists opened fire on police vaccination security teams. According to police officials, Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI) Gohar Khan was martyred on the spot due to the gunfire. Two other police personnel, Amir Muhammad and Muhammad Shafiq, were critically injured and immediately shifted to the Combined Military Hospital (CMH). Sadly, both succumbed to their injuries during treatment.

All three officers—ASI Gohar Khan, Amir Muhammad, and Muhammad Shafiq—were part of the Anti-Terrorist Force tasked with protecting police teams in the area. The number of ATF personnel martyred in the Zhob attack has now risen to three. Authorities are continuing their investigation into the incident, and security forces have launched a search operation in the area to apprehend the attackers. Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi has strongly condemned the recent attack on an Anti-Terrorist Force (ATF) vehicle on the Zhob National Highway, which resulted in the martyrdom of three police officers. Naqvi paid tribute to the fallen officers, honoring their bravery and sacrifice while on duty.

The minister extended his deepest sympathies and condolences to the families of the martyred personnel, emphasizing that their eternal sacrifices are a source of national pride. Naqvi also prayed for the swift recovery of the injured officer involved in the incident.

"The officers who achieved the highest rank of martyrdom in the line of duty are our true heroes," Naqvi said, adding that he stands in solidarity with the grieving families during this difficult time.

The Interior Minister reiterated his unwavering support for the families of the martyrs, assuring them that the nation shares their sorrow and will not forget the sacrifices made by these brave officers.

Balochistan Governor Jaffar Khan Mandukhail on Sunday expressed deep sorrow over the martyrdom and injuries of ASI and other personnel in firing incident on Police Anti Terrorist Force (ATF) in Zhob the other day.

In one of his condemnation statements, he said that the blood of the martyrs would never go in vain.

He directed the law enforcement agencies to use all available resources to arrest those elements involved in the terrorist incident as soon as possible.



QUETTA: JI's MNA Maulan Hydat ur Rehman leading the rally of the relatives of missing persons outside Quetta Press Club.

PM strongly condemns firing incident in Zhob

LONDON (APP): Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Sunday strongly condemned the firing on Anti-Terrorism Force personnel in Zhob. The prime minister, offering his heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families, prayed for the elevation of ranks of the martyred in Jannah.

5 injured in Kharan hand grenade blast

QUETTA (APP): A devastating hand grenade blast rocked the Kharan district in Balochistan on Sunday afternoon, injuring at least five people and sending shockwaves through the community. According to Police sources, the explosive device was detonated remotely which caused significant damage to surrounding structures and injured five persons, a private news channel reported. Law enforcement personnel rushed to the site and launched efforts to trace the suspects out.

Chairman Pullain Baloch vows to end backwardness of Balochistan

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chairman of the National Assembly Standing Committee on Information and Broadcasting Pullain Baloch Sunday reiterated the government's resolve to uplift women and propel development in Balochistan, narrowing the developmental divide with other provinces.

In an exclusive talk with PTV news channel, Chairman has made a commitment to tackle Balochistan's longstanding development challenges and promote women's empowerment in the region, adding, it will not be neglected under any circumstances.

He expressed deep regret over the historical neglect of Balochistan, emphasizing the urgent need to prioritize development programs and improve the province's condition. Chairman has also emphasized the importance of empowering women in Balochistan to utilize their capabilities for the development of the province and the country.

Baloch has reaffirmed the importance of gender equality in Balochistan, emphasizing that women in the province are not lagging and are equally capable as their male counterparts. He highlighted the significant progress made in women's education, underscoring that women are actively pursuing educational opportunities and excelling in various fields. Responding to a query about standing committee scheduled meetings and progress, Chairman Pullain Baloch has announced plans to hold meetings in all four provinces to prioritize and resolve issues faced by employees in the information and broadcasting sector. Pullain Baloch has committed to enhance transparency and accountability within the information and broadcasting sector, adding, this move aims to promote good governance and empower organizations such as APP, Radio Pakistan and PTV with cutting-edge technologies to enhance their services.

Public rejects politics of chaos, endorses government's sound economic policies: PM Sharif

Shehbaz reaches UK, set to address UNGA on Sept 27

LONDON (APP): Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Sunday said that the public had rejected the politics of chaos and instead prioritized the need for sound economic policies that directly address inflation and improve the living standard of the people. "The people want a reduction in inflation, solutions to their problems, and economic betterment," the prime minister said in a statement issued by the PM Office. The prime minister, stressing the urgency of addressing the public's economic concerns, called for a shift in political priorities, arguing that instead of focusing on rallies and political gatherings, the immediate need was to improve the economic condition of the masses.

"We will hold rallies in 2028; but right now, it is time to work hard to fulfill the pledges made to the people." He linked the success of the country's economic recovery directly to political stability, warning that political chaos would disrupt efforts to provide relief to the public. "Economic recovery is tied to political stability; political chaos means affecting the process of providing relief to the people," he said.

To address the country's ongoing economic and security challenges, the prime minister called for collaboration between political parties, institutions, and provinces. "To tackle economic challenges and terrorism, the nation, political parties, institutions, and provinces must work together," he urged. Recalling the past political instability, PM Shehbaz Sharif lamented that a lot of time had been wasted in political chaos therefore wasting more time was not in the interest of the country and the nation.

On the economic front, the prime minister was optimistic about the country's progress, noting that inflation had returned to single digits and that Pakistan's overall economic situation was improving.



QUETTA: DIG Police ATF Balochistan Sarfraz Ahmed Falki and other Senior Police Officers offering funeral prayers of ATF official martyred during attack on ATF vehicle at Zhob area.

Conscious nations protect cultural, values, historical heritag: Chief Minister terms bravery, veracity and hospitality as hallmarks of Pashtoon tribes

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QUETTA: The Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz Bugti has stated that Balochistan is a bouquet of people belonging to different nations and tribes. "The unique culture, traditions and civilization of the people living in Balochistan are the hallmarks of this part of the country."

culture and unique living style and keep them alive.

He said that the Pashtoon poets, writers, historians and writers have made representation of culture, civilization, history and traditions in literary history of the province. He said that all poets and writers have given lesson of positive and constructive thinking of national harmony, bravery, unity and consensus remaining above every kind of prejudices.

lowed since their origin," he said.

The CM said that Balochistan is a cluster of people belonging to different nations and tribes.

The CM noted that living and conscious nations protect their cultural and traditional values and historical heritage. He, however, underlined the need for understanding the learning points of celebrating any event as saying "the purpose of celebrating culture day is to understand all positive traditions and principles better and to keep them alive forever". Giving due credits to Pashtoon poets, writers, historians, and authors, he said they have

This, he stated in a message issued on the Pashtoon Culture Day being observed today (Monday).

The Chief Minister said that the objective behind observance of the Pashtoon Culture Day is to make an attempt to better understand all traditions,

He termed the bravery, veracity, and hospitality as a hallmark of the Pashtoon tribes. "Culture day of any tribe and nation teaches us to fully follow all positive principles that particular nation has fol-

Diplomats unhurt in blast near Mallam Jabba: FO

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Foreign Office Spokesperson on Sunday confirmed that the diplomats traveling with the convoy that was hit by an improvised explosive device (IED) near Mallam Jabba, Swat remained unhurt and have safely returned to Islamabad.



QUETTA: Director BECT Muhammad Nawaz Soomro presenting Research Report to Provincial Education Minister Raheela Hameed Khan Durrani.

Over 5,500 students appear in MDCAT for four Medical Colleges of Balochistan

Independent Report QUETTA: Over 5,500 male and female students appeared in the Medical and Dental College Admission Test (MDCAT) 2024 conducted at the Balochistan University of Information Technology, Engineering and Management Sciences (BUITEMS) here on Sunday.

The MDCAT, it may be mentioned here, was conducted by the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council (PDMA). According to the Vice Chancellor of Bolan University of Medical and Health Sciences (BUMHS), Professor Dr. Shabbir Lehri, in all 5,806 candidates had registered them for the MDCAT.

four medical colleges of the province including Bolan Medical College, Loralai Medical College, Loralai, Jhalawan Medical College, Khuzdar and Makran Medical College Turbat.

Special arrangements were made for conducting the MDCAT at BUITEMS. However, over 50 students were caught on charges of cheating in the MDCAT, Professor Dr. Lehri informed.

Different devices and gadgets were recovered from the students, which they were using for cheating in the entry test, he added. Necessary action is being taken against the students who were caught while cheating in the medical entry test, the Vice Chancellor of BUMHS informed.



NAROWAL: Federal Minister for Planning and Development Ahsan Iqbal talking to media persons.

Political, military leadership to resist conspiracies: Ahsan

NAROWAL (APP): Minister for Planning and Development Ahsan Iqbal says political and military leadership will resist any conspiracy to destabilize the country. Speaking at a ceremony in Zafarwal today, he said enemies of Pakistan want to destabilize the country politically, economically and socially.

He raised concerns about an ongoing international media campaign supporting PTI founder. The Minister said a prominent Israeli journal, the Jerusalem Post, has published the third article favoring PTI founder. He said this series of articles was part of a larger campaign orchestrated by pro-Israel and Zionist lobbies to promote PTI founder. Ahsan Iqbal said PTI had previously staged a sit-in to sabotage visit of the Chinese President to Pakistan and now PTI is organizing protests again forthcoming Shanghai Cooperation Organization conference.

One Police officer martyred, 3 injured in blast targets police vehicle in Swat

President, PM strongly condemn blast near police van in Swat

ISLAMABAD (APP): Constable Burhan lost his life in the attack, while Sub-Inspector Sar Zameen, Constable Amanullah, and Constable Habib Gul were among the injured. The area surrounding the explosion has been secured, with police initiating a search operation to locate potential suspects. Emergency services swiftly arrived at the scene, where rescue operations were underway, reported a private news channel. He confirmed that

The Jerusalem Post declares Imran Khan an advocate of Pak-Israel relations

TEL AVIV (INP): Israel's newspaper, The Jerusalem Post, has claimed that despite the fact the former prime minister and Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) founder Imran Khan has denounced Israel in public, the truth is that he is in favour of the normalization of relations with the Jewish state. The newspaper has backed claims made by the Times of Israel stating that Imran Khan despite his public anti-Israel stance has internally expressed a desire to normalize relations between Pakistan and Israel.

According to the article, Imran Khan would play a crucial role in building ties with Israel as he could change public opin-



CHAMAN: Chairman Pakistan Railways and Federal Secretary Syed Mazhar Ali Shah inspecting the construction work of Khojak Tunnel and Railway track affected due to heavy rain and flood.

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TTP's reach

Though the banned TTP is principally a threat to Pakistan's security, the terrorist group's wider ambitions should not be ignored by the world. In this regard, Pakistan's ambassador to the UN, Munir Akram, recently told the Security Council that the TTP is an "umbrella organisation" for militant actors, with the potential to destabilise the region. Moreover, indicating the state's dissatisfaction with the Afghan Taliban regime, he added that the TTP operates with "full support ... of the Afghan interim government".

There are, of course, justified reasons for the state's frustration with the Afghan Taliban's inability to crack down on cross-border terrorism. In attacks on Thursday and Friday, several security men were martyred, mostly in areas close to the Afghan border. In one incident, terrorists were prevented from crossing into Pakistan, while in another, Pakistani forces traded fire with Afghan security men.

Expanding on the TTP's potential to cause havoc beyond Pakistan, Mr Akram cited the terrorist group's ties with Al Qaeda, saying that the TTP — by joining forces with the multinational terror franchise — could become a "spearhead" for regional and global terrorist goals. The TTP is already on the UN's radar, as the multilateral body has affirmed that the outfit is currently the largest terror group in Afghanistan, enjoying close bonds with the Afghan rulers. While there are strong ideological and doctrinal links between the Afghan Taliban and the TTP, the former are satisfied with implementing their rigid system internally, while the latter group has a wider 'vision', working as it does with transnational terror concerns. Therefore, as this paper has mentioned before, there is a need to pursue the anti-TTP campaign on two fronts: the domestic and the foreign.

Domestically, the state must ensure that TTP fighters and allied groups are not able to hold any territory or freely cross the Afghan frontier. Our demands for international action will lack conviction if we are not able to keep our own soil free of terrorist groups. Secondly, as the ambassador pointed out, the TTP — particularly its activities inside Afghanistan — should be a matter of global concern, specifically for regional states.

The TTP is not the only violent outfit operating within Afghanistan; Al Qaeda, IS-K, Central Asian fighters, as well as Uighur militants are also believed to have a presence in that country. Some have cordial relations with the Afghan Taliban, while others, for example IS-K, have adversarial ties with Kabul's rulers. Therefore, Pakistan, along with Iran, the Central Asian states, Russia and China, should evolve a joint strategy to address the militancy problem in Afghanistan.

Pakistan's warning about the threat the TTP poses should be heeded by the international community, as Afghanistan has remained a hotbed of extremist groups in the past. The same mistake should not be repeated.

China-Pakistan Economic Corridor Benefits People of Balochistan



By Zhang Hao

In June of this year, the China-Pakistan Friendship Hospital (CPFH) in Gwadar, Balochistan, was officially handed over to the Pakistani side. As a significant livelihood project under the framework of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), this modern comprehensive hospital, with 150 beds, features an intensive care unit (ICU), a neonatal intensive care unit (NICU), and four fully equipped operating rooms. It serves over 900 patients daily and employs nearly 300 local people.

Fahad Muhammad, the Pakistani project director of the hospital, stated that there is no second hospital in the entire province of Balochistan that meets international standards like this one, which will benefit the people of Balochistan as a whole.

"To get rich, we must first build roads". China's over 40 years of reform and opening up have revealed that for a country or region to achieve sustained development and improve people's lives, upgrading infrastructure is essential. The China-Pakistan Friendship Hospital in Gwadar is a clear example of how the construction of CPEC has

boosted the improvement of infrastructure in Balochistan and benefited local people. Since its launch in 2013, the CPEC has brought water and electricity, roads and airports, schools and hospitals to the people of Balochistan, leading to more employment opportunities, improved living conditions, and a promising future. Take Gwadar Port as an example, driven by the construction of CPEC, the port has developed into a multi-purpose terminal with three multi-purpose berths, capable of docking two 50,000-ton cargo ships at the same time. A regular container shipping service has also been launched. The China-assisted Gwadar East Bay Expressway was officially opened in June 2022, creating a transportation link between Gwadar Port and the southern key city of Karachi, enhancing connectivity between Gwadar Port and the economic heartland of Pakistan. The new Gwadar International Airport completed its test flights in June of this year, and when completed, it will form a modern three-dimensional transport network by sea, land and air together with the maritime route of Gwadar Port and the East Bay Expressway. The construction of these new port, road, and airport has transformed the Gwadar region from a remote fishing village into an important regional logistics hub and industrial base. The number of local shops, com-

munication base stations, cold storage facilities, and restaurants has doubled in recent years, and the number of tourists has also doubled, leading to a significant increase in local people's economic income as the saying goes that "a rising tide lifts all boats". This demonstrates that the traction effect of infrastructure development on improving people's livelihoods will be substantial and continuous to be released.

In promoting the construction of the CPEC, China focuses on large-scale infrastructure projects that support the long-term development of Balochistan while also carrying out numerous "small yet smart" livelihood assistance projects:

We are committed to providing timely assistance. During the pandemic, the Chinese government provided essential supplies such as rice, flour, and cooking oil to fishermen in Gwadar, effectively alleviating their difficulties. After the floods in 2022, the Chinese Embassy in Pakistan promptly distributed relief supplies to 3,000 affected households in the Bugti tribal area, helping them to get through the difficult times. When Balochistan was hit by floods again this year, the Chinese government quickly provided \$100,000 in emergency cash assistance and 10,000 solar-powered lighting equipment, endeavouring to alleviate difficulties.

We care about the development of

women and children. The Chinese government's project to donate 20,000 women's health kits to Balochistan was launched in July, aiming to improve the quality of life and health awareness of local women. The Chinese-aided Gwadar Faqeer School was expanded from a primary school to a primary and middle school with modern teaching facilities, including multi-purpose classrooms, and the original enrolment of 150 students has increased to more than 1,000, which is known as "the school that grows up" by the local people. The Pak-China Technical and Vocational Institute at Gwadar focuses on short-term professional training for local workers, with 366 trainees already completed and 145 currently enrolled. Students from Gwadar can attend for free and have the opportunity to study in China in the future.

We provide assistance tailored to local conditions. The Chinese government organized enterprises to donate high-yield hybrid rice seeds to farmers affected by disasters in Balochistan, allowing them to enjoy the joy of a bountiful harvest with "Chinese seeds". The Central South University of Forestry and Technology in China has cultivated plants such as date palms, figs, and Sesbania in Balochistan, not only increasing local vegetation coverage but also providing food

sources or animal feed, effectively boosting local people's economic income. The Chinese Consulate General in Karachi implemented the "Lighting up Gwadar" project, installing 73 solar street lights to illuminate roads used by Gwadar fishermen at night.

The construction of the CPEC is inseparable from the efforts of numerous Chinese enterprises. While promoting industrial development and providing a large number of employment opportunities in Balochistan, they have also taken on the role of fulfilling their Corporate Social Responsibility with heart and soul, and have sincerely solved practical difficulties for the people of Balochistan through various means such as building roads, bridges, wells, hospitals, schools, and donating materials. The Hub Coal Power Project, not only created nearly 10,000 jobs in Balochistan during its construction but also continued to carry out desert tree planting and coastal cleaning activities for many years, and helped build a fishing pier and a public welfare school.

The Saindak Copper Gold Project built the only high school in the area, Saindak High School, providing free education to more than 600 students, and its project hospital serves over 4,000 villagers. Since its operation, the Duddar Lead-zinc Mine Project has

newly built and renovated six surrounding primary and secondary school buildings and regularly assisted about 300 students in surrounding community schools with study and living supplies. The project has also funded the continuous maintenance of roads and bridges within 100 kilometers from Duddar to Winder and constructed a causeway, completely solving the problem of poor transportation during the rainy season in the Kanraj area, effectively ensuring the transportation lifeline in surrounding communities smooth.

"Of all the things that matter, people's livelihood comes first". In the new era of socialism with Chinese characteristics, the most important value orientation of the Chinese government's governance is to further safeguard, improve, and develop people's livelihood, striving to realize the people's aspirations for a better life. The second phase of the CPEC will continue to uphold this development concept, making greater contributions to the economic development and livelihood improvement of Balochistan, benefiting more local people, and fully demonstrating the universally beneficial and inclusive nature of China-Pakistan friendly cooperation.

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Commerce News

UK Trade Commissioner Oliver Christian begins key visit to Pakistan

ISLAMABAD (APP): Trust at the Novacare Hospital in Islamabad, said a press release. These initiatives are set to deepen the UK's investment in Pakistan's education and healthcare sectors. The University of Essex partnership aims to provide Pakistani students with access to world-class education, while the Novacare project will set a new standard in healthcare facilities and services in the region. British Deputy High Commissioner, Karachi Sarah Mooney said: "As Pakistan's third-largest trade partner, the UK is committed to driving

economic development and addressing challenges that hold back growth. This visit reinforces our commitment to working together to unlock opportunities to benefit both countries."

His Majesty's Trade Commissioner for the Middle East and Pakistan, Oliver Christian said: "British firms are not just operating in Pakistan, they are market leaders in their respective fields, trusted by millions of consumers as household names and making a significant contribution to the economy."



QUETTA: A vendor displaying stuffed toys to attract the customers at roadside near Sunday Bazaar at Joint road.

Pak Railways introduces affordable AC travel, cuts fares across board: Amir

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan Railways' CEO Aamir Ali Baloch Sunday announced exciting plans to enhance the travel experience for passengers where the government is taking significant steps to make Pakistan Railways a more attractive option for travelers by decreasing fares and introducing state-of-the-art air-conditioned trains for affordability to commuters. Talking to PTV news channel, the CEO has unveiled an ambitious plan to transform Pakistan Railways into a world-class transportation system, reviving Pakistan's rail network.

He said Pakistan Railways has announced a 10% reduction in fares for all passenger trains, including air-conditioned and economy classes. The fare cut will be effective from 23 September and applies to both express and mail trains, he mentioned. Pakistan Railways is undergoing significant changes to streamline operations, boost efficiency, and optimize resource management, he said, adding that this transformation is part of a larger strategy to modernize the railway system, making it more reliable and comfortable for passengers.

82pc BISP beneficiaries get quarterly tranche

LODHRAN (APP): About 82 percent beneficiaries of Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) got quarterly tranche of Rs 10,500 each in the district. Talking to APP here on Sunday, BISP Lodhran District Director Irfan Malik, informed that ten camp sites were set up across the district in collaboration with the district administration for the disbursement of quarterly financial assistance. Four camp sites have been set up in Tehsil Kahrour Pacca, three in Duniyapur and three in three in Tehsil Lodhran.

Irfan Malik stated that Rs 10,500 each were disbursed among 131,000 beneficiaries through 120 retailers registered with the BISP across the district. He added that strict monitoring of disbursement of quarterly tranche was being ensured to provide full payment to the deserving beneficiaries in a transparent manner.



ISLAMABAD: Commerce Minister Jam Kamal Khan chairs the 85th EDF Board meeting, approving Rs. 8.5 billion for initiatives aimed at boosting Pakistan's textile, agriculture and global branding efforts.

EDF Board approves 20 proposals of worth Rs 8.5 bn for textile, Agri, global branding

ISLAMABAD (APP): In a significant move to bolster Pakistan's export sector, the Export Development Fund (EDF) has approved 20 proposals of worth Rs 8.5 billion for initiatives targeting textiles, agriculture, gems and jewelry, defense, and global branding.

This was approved during the 85th meeting of the Export Development

Fund (EDF) Board under the chairmanship of Minister for Commerce Jam Kamal Khan, said a news release here on Sunday. The Board approved 20 out of the 29 financial proposals by participating in Expo 2025 in Osaka Japan.

The minister highlighted the potential available in the reformed EDF for boosting the Pakistan exports by

channelizing the money into various activities as per needs of the exporters and creating facilitative mode at the national level for value addition, research & development, increasing compliance as per global requirement, upgradation of the export infrastructure and marketing/branding of the country's potential in the international arena.

country was only 15 maunds which pressured the government as well as scientists' to research and develop high-yielding and disease-resistant varieties to ensure adequate supply of wheat and make the country self-reliant in this basic staple food.

MaxiPak was the first seed to revolutionize wheat production and Nuclear Institute for Agriculture & Biology (NIAB) developed cotton variety NIAB-78 that ruled around two decades giving maximum yield of 14 billion bales.

Similarly, University of Agriculture Faisalabad (UAF) recently developed soybean seed that is suitable for local farming and would help Pakistan to curtail import of soybean and locally meet soybean needs.

"Only the UAF soybean variety can help country save \$1.5 billion spent on import of edible oil," said Prof Dr Iqbal Ahmad Khan, Vice

Shocking revelations about IPPs came to light

RAWALPINDI (Online): It has been revealed that some of the IPPs (Independent Power Producers), private power companies in Pakistan have received billions of rupees from the government of Pakistan without generating electricity due to wrong contracts. Sources revealed that these IPPs are reluctant to undergo a forensic audit despite the immense insistence of the Government of Pakistan.

These IPPs have received billions of rupees from the government of Pakistan for the maintenance of the plants, government is also bearing their insurance, but despite the payment of billions, the government can never become the owner of these plants.

Experts were of the

view that these IPPs have earned hundreds of times their profit, so the contracts should be reviewed. According to the sources, IPPs installed wind plants of the same capacity in Pakistan four times more expensive than in Bangladesh and Vietnam, and committed an over invoicing.

Despite coal reserves in Pakistan, IPPs are dependent on imported fuels such as high-speed diesel and imported coal for power generation.

Costly electricity is being generated due to these initiatives of IPPs.

According to sources, IPPs did not generate as much electricity as they imported fuel and also received billions of rupees subsidy from the government.



MULTAN: Labourer is busy spreading raw rice for drying in the field.

Research on new seeds imperative to enhance agriculture productivity

FAISALABAD (APP): In a rapidly changing world and mounting population pressure, countries like Pakistan shall have to embark on strategies aiming at generating new seed varieties for enhanced productivity and compatibility to climate change effects.

Although research and development of seeds is a continuous ongoing and tough process, yet it is imperative to enhance agriculture produce to cater to food requirements of burgeoning population and achieve the goals of food security and national progress and prosperity.

Immediately after independence, per acre yield of wheat in the

number of seed varieties for different climatic zones. Very recently, the Cotton Research Institute Sakrand has developed three new cotton varieties including one non-BT (CRIS 644) and two BT varieties (CRIS 674 and CRIS 682).

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"Only the UAF soybean variety can help country save \$1.5 billion spent on import of edible oil," said Prof Dr Iqbal Ahmad Khan, Vice

Chancellor (VC) UAF. "We have produced 50 new high-yielding varieties of different crops, fruits and vegetables during last three years."

Recently, he informed that UAF developed two high-yielding sugarcane varieties including Insect-resistant transgenic sugarcane (CABB-IRS) and Herbicide-tolerant transgenic sugarcane (CABB-HTS). "These varieties carry superior traits and would help Pakistan to curtail import of soybean and locally meet soybean needs."

"These varieties are second in the world and

first in Pakistan and would help boost up sugarcane productivity manifold," he added.

Similarly, Ayub Agricultural Research Institute (AARI) scientists have so far developed more than 700 seed varieties of different crops including 103 varieties of wheat and barley, 75 of cotton, 35 of rice, 29 of sugarcane, 48 of maize and millets, 51 of pulses, 57 of oilseeds, 47 of fodder, 83 of vegetables and 159 varieties of fruits.

"Now, AARI scientists are striving hard to surpass the yield barriers and their efforts are to move from green revolution to the gene revolution."

Governor KP stresses for free judiciary, strengthening democracy

ISLAMABAD (APP): Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi on Sunday stressed on the rule of law and the protection of the constitution. He said this during meeting with a delegation led by Qazi Muhammad Bashir, President of Peoples Lawyers Forum (PLF) Sindh. The delegation included PLF Karachi Division President Syed Arshad Hussain Naqvi, Information Secretary Dar Shah, General Secretary

Ijaz Sumro, and members from the Pakistan Peoples Party including advocate Tariq Khattak and Karachi Bar Association President Amir Nawaz Warraich. During the meeting, they engaged in detailed discussions on the rule of law and the protection of the constitution, highlighting the historic role of the Pakistan Peoples Party in these matters.

Governor Kundi praised the contributions of the party's founder, Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali

Bhutto, in establishing the 1973 Constitution, which provided a unified constitutional framework for the country.

He emphasized that Bhutto prioritized justice and public rights, making the 1973 Constitution a significant legal document still in effect today.

Kundi also commended the PPP leadership and lawyers' organizations for their role in the judicial restoration movement, asserting that the party has consistently fought for judicial

independence and the promotion of democracy.

He reaffirmed the PPP's commitment to continue advocating for democracy, the constitution, and the rule of law, saying that the legal community stands alongside the party in this mission. The lawyers expressed their appreciation for Governor Kundi's leadership, saying that the central leadership of the party has entrusted an excellent individual with the Governor's responsibilities.



LAHORE: Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif presides over the high level meeting regarding transforming Agriculture in Punjab.



PESHAWAR: A special ceremony was organized in connection of 11 years of two suicide bombings in the year 2013 at the famous All Saints Church Kohati Gate in Peshawar

Up-gradation of inside city hospitals begins

LAHORE (APP): On the direction of Chief Minister Punjab Maryam Nawaz Sharif, the up-gradation of all hospitals inside the city has commenced. This was disclosed by Punjab Minister for Primary and Secondary Healthcare Khawaja Imran Nazir during the inauguration of a new nursery and blood bank at the Govt Maternity Hospital New Karol on Sunday.

that each hospital would be thoroughly assessed, and any missing or inadequate facilities would be provided on a priority basis. Khawaja Imran Nazir announced the opening of clinics for hepatitis and Non-Communicable Diseases (NCD) under the chief minister's directive, further enhancing the healthcare system in the city.

The newly inaugurated nursery and blood bank at New Karol Hospital were expected to significantly improve the quality of care for local patients.

Two killed in Motorcycle, trawler collision in Kashmir

DERA MOR (APP): At least two motorcyclists died on the spot while one other person was critically injured after the motorcycle they were riding was hit and crushed by a trawler in Dera Mor, Kashmir on early Sunday.

According to details, Rescue 1122 both motorcyclists died after a trawler hit their motorcycle, on which they were riding, while another person received critical injuries during the accident, a private news channel.

Mariyum Aurangzeb says: Crackdown on illegal wildlife trade geared up

LAHORE (APP): Senior Provincial Minister Mariyum Aurangzeb has affirmed that the Punjab government's crackdown on the illegal trade and smuggling of rare wildlife and birds is gearing up.

Following a tip-off, the Wildlife Department, in collaboration with police, conducted a successful operation in Taunsa, resulting in the arrest of a suspect. During the operation, a rare eagle

valued at over \$36,000 was recovered, and the bird was found to be in good physical condition.

The arrested individual is believed to be involved in the smuggling of rare birds abroad.

Senior Minister Mariyum Aurangzeb praised the Wildlife Department on behalf of the Chief Minister Punjab, stating that the recovered eagle will be fitted with a tracker before being released back into the wild.

World Rose Day CM Maryam pledges quality treatment for cancer patients

LAHORE (APP): Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif extended her heartfelt wishes to cancer patients, acknowledging their strength and resilience.

In her message on World Rose Day, a day dedicated to hope and awareness for cancer patients, she stated, "Cancer patients are truly courageous individuals," and expressed her prayers for their swift recovery.

The chief minister prayed to Allah Almighty for the complete healing of every cancer patient. She also announced the establishment of the first Nawaz Sharif Cancer Hospital in Lahore, which represents a significant step in providing essential treatment and care for cancer patients.

CM Maryam Nawaz emphasized the government's commitment to supporting cancer patients, affirming that every patient will receive

free and quality treatment. She expressed her determination to eliminate barriers to accessing necessary medical care and announced plans to establish specialized cancer treatment centers in every district of Punjab, ensuring that all patients have access to quality healthcare services close to their homes. The chief minister reaffirmed the government's dedication to improving the welfare of cancer patients.

Unhealthy junk food harming youth health

PESHAWAR (APP): Excessive use of unhealthy food by bulk of teenagers and youngsters across the country had negative effects on their health exposing them to fatal ailments like obesity, piles, allergies and stomach disorders.

Like other parts of the country, unhindered use of junk and expired food like burger, shawarma, chicken rolls, chips, snacks, burgers etc in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa also often land its victims to doctors clinics and hospitals.

Faraz Khan (24), a youth of Wapda Town Nowshera was a recent instance of this dilemma as few days back he felt

severe pain in his stomach due to irritable bowel syndrome and piles and was rushed to Government hospital Pabbi where doctors operated him to cure the ailment.

The doctors diagnosed that overeating of an expired chicken, mostly used in shawarma, chicken rolls, chips, snacks, burgers besides low fat yogurt and cheese, high carbohydrate fatty food and beverages were the major causes of ailment in patients like Faraz.

Faraz was not alone but thousands of other students of colleges and schools across Khyber Pakhtunkhwa were exposed to unhealthy junk foods

being sold openly outside the educational institutions in towns and cities adversely affecting their health. There is an abundance of such shops and food stalls at Qissa Khwani bazaar, Namak Mandai, Karimpura, Charsadda Road, Faqirabad, Tehkal, Board bazaar, Lateef Abad, Hayatabad, Warsak Road, Dalazak Road, Chamkani, GT Road and other localities, mostly seen selling unsafe cuisines and expired food.

Professor Dr Ata Muhammad at Lady Reading Hospital, Peshawar said that like many other countries Pakistan is also confronting challenge of an overweighting, piles and

obesity mostly among college and schools students who excessively consume unhygienic and substandard food. Declaring these ailments mostly as the fifth leading cause of global death, Dr Ata Muhammad said that obesity contributes to about 60-70% death.

s besides non-communicable diseases across the world including Pakistan.

"The number of children and youth aged five to 19 with obesity had increased from 11 million in 1975 to 124 million in 2016 globally due to excessive consumption of unhealthy junk food," he said referring to a WHO

report. Terming obesity a salient killer, he said around 30 percent of the world population was overweight that becomes the cause of making 44% to suffer from diabetes, 23% from heart diseases and seven to 41% from cancers. "Pakistan ranks 10th among 188 countries with about 50 percent of its population being overweight or obese," Dr Ata said and mentioned to World Obesity Foundation report revealing that around 5.4 million school children in our country would be obese by 2030 if open sale and manufacturing of unsafe food is not properly controlled.

International News

Israeli strike on school housing refugees kills 21

Monitoring Desk
GAZA STRIP: Gaza's civil defence agency reported 21 people were killed in an Israeli strike on Saturday, the latest attack on a school sheltering displaced Palestinians. A spokesman for the civil defence agency, Mahmud Bassal, said more than half the dead at the Gaza City school were children. According to witnesses, a group of orphans had earlier gathered at the building to receive sponsorship from a local aid group.

of the school-turned-shelter covered with concrete rubble and mangled chairs and tables, and a gaping hole in the ceiling of what appeared to be a classroom. Thousands of Palestinians displaced by the war had sought shelter there, Bassal said.

There were "around 30 injured, including nine children (needing) limb amputations, as a result of an Israeli bombing on Al-Zeitun School C in Gaza City, he said.

Israel's military said its target was in Al-Falah School, adjacent to the Al-Zeitun School buildings. An AFP reporter at the scene confirmed that Al-Zeitun School C had been hit.

The military, without mentioning the casualties reported by Gaza's civil defence and health ministry, said it had taken steps "to mitigate the risk of harming civilians, including the use of precise munitions, aerial surveillance and additional intelligence".

Displaced Gazan Randa al-Nadim told AFP she saw a pregnant woman killed in the strike. "Here a woman was martyred, and this is her blood on the stairs... we found her belly open and the fetus on the stairs," she said. "Did the fetus fight Israel?"

A strike on the United Nations-run Al-Jawani School in central Gaza on September 11 drew international outcry after the UN agency for Palestinian refugees, UNRWA, said six of its staffers were among the 18 reported fatalities.

The Israeli military accuses Hamas of hiding in school buildings where many thousands of Gazans have sought shelter — a charge denied by the Palestinian group. Hamas on Saturday condemned the strike on Al-Zeitun School C, describing it in a statement as "a war crime under American cover", a reference to Washington being Israel's most important military backer.



Palestinians inspect the damage to a school sheltering displaced people after it was hit by an Israeli strike, amid the Israel-Hamas conflict, at Beach refugee camp in Gaza City.

Hezbollah, Israel exchange heavy fire after deadly Israeli strike

Monitoring Desk
BEIRUT: Israel and Hezbollah exchanged heavy fire into Sunday, with Israeli warplanes carrying out the most intense bombardment in almost a year of conflict across Lebanon's south and Hezbollah firing rockets deep into northern Israel.

The Israeli military said it struck around 290 targets on Saturday, including thousands of Hezbollah rocket launcher barrels, and said it would continue to hit more targets.

Israel closed schools and restricted gatherings in many northern areas and ordered hospitals there to transfer their operations to facilities with extra protection from rocket and missile fire. There were no government directives from Lebanon on Sunday morning. The conflict — which sharply escalated over the past week — has raged since Hezbollah opened a second front against Israel after Israel went to war with Hamas in the Palestinian enclave of Gaza.

Israeli forces raid Al Jazeera bureau in West Bank with closure order

Monitoring Desk
CAIRO: Qatari Al Jazeera TV said on Sunday morning that Israeli forces stormed its bureau in the West Bank's Ramallah city with a military order to close it for 45 days. The Qatar-based channel aired live footage of the Israeli troops storming the channel's office and handing over a military closure order to one of the Al Jazeera TV staff before the broadcast was disrupted. In a statement, the Palestinian Journalists' Syndicate condemned the Israeli move, saying "this arbitrary military decision is considered a new violation against journalistic and media works."

Biden and Japan's Kishida discuss shared concerns over South China Sea

Monitoring Desk
WASHINGTON: US President Joe Biden and Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida discussed diplomacy with China and their shared concerns over "coercive and destabilizing activities" in the South China Sea during a meeting on Saturday at the Quad Leaders Summit in Wilmington, the White House said.

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Monitoring Desk
TEHRAN: Iran's Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, said on Saturday that Israel is committing "shameless crimes" against children, not combatants.

His comments came a day after an Israeli airstrike on the Lebanese capital, Beirut, killed at least 31 people, including three children and seven women, according to the Lebanese health ministry. Friday's strike, which according to a source targeted a building next to a nursery, was the deadliest in a year of conflict between Israel and the Iranian-backed Lebanese Hezbollah militia.

It followed two days of attacks in which paggers and walkie-talkies used by Hezbollah members exploded. Lebanon blamed the attacks on Israel, which has neither confirmed nor denied its involvement. Khamenei said Israel

was not even hiding its different forms of "shameless crimes" in Gaza, the West Bank, Lebanon and Syria.

It is not combating "fighting men, but ordinary people," Khamenei told a group of envoys from Muslim countries in Tehran in remarks broadcast on state TV.

"Unable to hurt the real fighters in Palestine, they are venting their malicious anger on small children, on hospital patients, and on schools filled with young children."

Also on Saturday, in a show of strength, Iran unveiled its "Jihad" single-stage liquid-fuel ballistic missile with a high-explosive detachable warhead and a range of 1,000 km, according to state TV. The missiles were displayed, along with other military hardware, during a parade marking the anniversary of the start of the 1980-88 war with Iraq.

Russian strike on apartment block in Kharkiv injures 12

Monitoring Desk
KYIV: Russian forces struck a multi-storey apartment building in Ukraine's second-largest city, Kharkiv, on Saturday evening, injuring at least 12 people and prompting an evacuation of some of its residents, Mayor Ihor Terekhov said.

Kharkiv, 30 km (18 miles) from the Russian border, has been a frequent target of Moscow's attacks since the Kremlin's troops launched their February 2022 invasion of its smaller neighbour. Terekhov, writing on the Telegram messaging app, said the Russians had deployed a guided bomb, and that rescue operations were under way at the site. He said many windows had been shattered and 60 residents had been evacuated from the building. Public

9 Indian fishermen feared dead after trawler capsizes in Bay of Bengal

Monitoring Desk
NEW DELHI: Nine Indian fishermen are feared dead after their trawler capsized in the Bay of Bengal during a storm, an official told AFP on Sunday. The trawler had left from the Sundarbans in West Bengal on Wednesday with 17 men on board, said Surajit Bag, assistant director of fishing in the state government.

Eight were on the deck while nine others were asleep in the cabin below when the storm struck early Saturday near Bagher Char island he told AFP. "The trawler was overwhelmed by high waves and it capsized" he said. Another trawler rescued the eight on deck after they were thrown overboard, he said.

51 killed in Iran coal mine gas explosion

TEHRAN (Online): In Iran, fifty-one people have been killed and several others injured in a gas explosion in coal mine in southern Khorasan province.

There were about sixty-nine workers in the mine at the time of explosion.

Iranian state media on Sunday said an incident at a coal mine in eastern Iran killed at least 51 people and left 20 others injured.

The deaths were at a coal mine in Tabas, some 540 kilometers (335 miles) southeast of the capital, Tehran.

State media had earlier said about 24 people remained trapped below ground. The explosion occurred on Saturday at about 9 p.m. (1730 GMT/UTC).

Emergency personnel were responding to the incident at the mine in South Khorasan province.

The accident was reportedly caused by a methane gas explosion in two blocks of the mine run by the Madanjoo company.

The total number of workers in both blocks

when the blast happened was 69, state media said. Footage was broadcast in Iran of dead people in their work uniforms being pulled out of the mine.

Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian expressed his condolences to the victims in remarks that were broadcast on state television.

"Unfortunately, we learned that an accident occurred in one of the coal mines in Tabas and a number of our compatriots lost their lives. I offer my condolences to their respected families," Pezeshkian said.

The Iranian president has ordered all measures to be taken to rescue the victims and also stated that an investigation has been opened into the disaster.

According to local prosecutor Ali Nesaei, "gas accumulation in the mine" has complicated search and rescue efforts.

"Currently, the priority is to provide aid to the injured and pull people from the rubble," Nesaei said, according to state outlet IRNA.



QUETTA: CEO BEEF Muhammad Zakriya Khan Noorzai briefing under training 4th batch MCMC officers of Balochistan Civil Service Academy.

Sardar Buland says: PPP striving to strengthen for facilitating to masses

QUETTA (APP): Leaders of Pakistan People's Party (PPP) Balochistan said that Pakistan People's Party is striving to strengthen the country in order to provide all basic facilities to masses in the areas where all citizens have equal rights.

They said that even though the party has not taken any ministries in the federal government, it is fully supporting the government of Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) in the interest of the country and Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari congratulated on his 36th birthday.

These views were expressed on Sunday by Secretary Information of the PPP Balochistan Sardar Sarbuland Jogezi, former General Secretary Syedaqbal Shah, Malik Zeeshan Hussain, President of Sports and Culture Wing Prince Shahzad Kakar,

Rahmatullah Kadezai, Naem Baloch, Jabbar Khan Khilji, Nadeem Ahmad Khan, City General Secretary Lala Nimat Khan, Salman Khosa and others while addressing the birthday celebration of party chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari at Quetta Press Club under the auspices of PPP Balochistan Information Department. While congratulating Pakistan People's Party Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari on his birthday, they said that people across the country are proud of Bilawal Bhutto Zardari's leadership. Bilawal Bhutto Zardari is carrying forward the mission of his grandfather Shaheed Democracy Zulfikar Ali Bhutto and Ms. Shaheed Bibi Benazir Bhutto, he said. They said that he is currently trying for the stability of Pakistan and the betterment of the people.



SARAJEVO: Director Foreign Affairs Asif Luqman Qazi during a meeting with Dr. Husein ef Kavazovic, Rais- ul-Ulema of Bosnia.

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Independent Report

QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail has stated that Pashtoon nation is custodian of strong traditions, splendid values of the hospitality and human friendliness as well as Jirga system, attractive dresses, cultural dance, and delicious traditional dishes even today, as such there is a dire need to highlight these values and traditions through the celebrations of Pashtoon culture Day.

The Governor also stressed the need to promote harmony among the neighbouring nations, diverse languages and cultures in the today's global village. Undoubtedly, he said that we can build a more

progressive and compatible society by adopting whole-hearted cultural heritage and excellent values.

These and similar other views were expressed by the Governor Balochistan in a message issued on eve of the Pashtoon Culture Day being observed today (Monday).

While greeting the whole Pashtoon nation on their Culture Day, the Governor said that Pashtoonwali is actually the name of the specific lifestyle of Pashtoons, which promotes the collectiveness, self-respect, courageous leadership, social justice and hospitality.

He said that the social life of Pashtoons is also the name of collective colorfulness and beauty of its ge-

ography.

In this context, culture is actually a discipline of the historic continuity and leading life, through which our past and present is connected and on the basis of which we determined new direction of future, he maintained.

He noted with contentment that Pashtoon nation has maintained its national identity and recognition with its dignified values, traditions, civilization and history like the lively nations of the world.

He said that the mother language is the heartbeat of the national culture, so there is a need to benefit from the translations of modern researches and international languages.

Bugti grieved over death of mother of Agha Shakeel

Independent Report

QUETTA: The Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz Bugti has expressed grief and sorrow over the death of mother of the leader of Pakistan Peoples Party, Agha Shakeel Ahmed Durrani, Senator Agha Shahzaib Durrani, late Agha Shahbaz Durrani and Captain (Retd) Agha Shehryar Durrani.

In a condolence statement issued here on Sunday, the Chief Minister said that he is grieved over death of mother of Agha Shakeel Ahmed Durrani. Mir Sarfraz Bugti said that he share the grief of her death with the bereaved family members. The Chief Minister also prayed that may Allah Almighty rest the departed soul into its eternal peace and give enough strength and patience to the bereaved family to bear the tragic loss of her death.

Pakistan says its embassy in touch with family of deceased student in China

Independent Report

ISLAMABAD (INP): Pakistan on Sunday said its embassy in Beijing was in touch with the family of the deceased female Pakistani student in China. In her statement on a delay in the return of the corpse of the student to Pakistan, Foreign Office (FO) spokesperson Mumtaz Zahra Baloch said some legal procedures had

to be followed for the return of bodies from China.

Responding to social media reports, she said arrangements had to be made for the preservation of the bodies brought to the country on board commercial flights. "Only when these arrangements are complete that the bodies are sent to their native countries.



QUETTA: Falahi Council Balochistan Chairman, Wadood Jamal Barraich addresses during a seminar against drugs, in Quetta.

AC Gwadar holds open katchehry in Pishukan

Independent Report

QUETTA: The Assistant Commissioner Gwadar, Mir Jawad Zehri held open katchehry in the Pishukan area on Sunday.

The district officers and public representatives participated in the open katchehry.

A large number of people approached the katchehry to get their problems resolved. They highlighted the issues of shortage of water, poor condition of roads, poor cleanliness, shortage of medical staff, etc.

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Independent Report

TURBAT: The 4th meeting of the Affiliation Committee of the University of Turbat (UoT), chaired by Prof. Dr. Abdul Saboor, Dean of the Faculty of Literature and Languages, focused on enhancing academic standards and strengthening coordination with affiliated colleges.

The meeting was attended by Dr. Mansoor Ahmed, Pro Vice-Chancellor; Mr. Gunguzar, Registrar; Dr. Adeel Ahmed, Dean, Graduate Studies; Dr. Abdul Majid Nasir, Controller of Examinations; Mr. Adil Khan, Director, Graduate Studies, and Ms. Ruqia Mirwani, Lecturer in the Education Department.

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Meanwhile, hundreds of New York Police Department (NYPD) personnel on Sunday began erecting roadblocks and checkpoints around UN Headquarters in Manhattan to turn the area into a high-security zone to protect the visiting world leaders.

PM Shehbaz Sharif is scheduled to arrive in New York tomorrow at the head of the Pakistan delegation to UNGA. He will address the Assembly on September 27.

In his address, the prime minister will highlight Pakistan's perspective on a range of international and regional issues of concern, including the Jammu and Kashmir dispute.

Before leaving Islamabad for London on his way to New York, PM Shehbaz Sharif posted on

social media platform X (formerly Twitter), stating that he anticipates a "busy week full of engagements".

"During our interactions, we will address global issues, promoting peace, development and climate action. I will represent Pakistan's perspective to the world, advocate our interests and strengthen international partnerships," he added.

On the sidelines of the UNGA session, the prime minister is scheduled to attend several high-level meetings, including

discussions on existential threats posed by sea level rise and the UN Security Council's Open Debate on Leadership for Peace.

He will also have several bilateral meetings with world leaders and a call on the UN chief.

One of his most watched bilateral meetings will be with Dr. Muhammad Yunus, head of Bangladesh's new caretaker government, amid dramatic improvement in Islamabad. Dhaka ties following the ouster of PM Sheikh Hasina that has sent shock waves across India.



KARACHI: Jamaat-e-Islami (JI) Pakistan Ameer Engr Hafiz Naeemur Rehman addressing at the two-day biannual countrywide central convention organized by the Pakistan Islamic Medical Association (PIMA) at the Karachi Expo Center.

DC Usta Muhammad for collection of govt dues from farmers

Independent Report

QUETTA (APP): Deputy Commissioner (DC) Usta Muhammad Jilil Ahmed chaired a meeting regarding the collection of government dues from landlords and farmers.

Tehsildar Ali Gohar Magi and officers and other employees of revenue department participated in the meeting. Addressing the meeting, Deputy Commissioner Usta Muhammad Jilil Ahmed said that all the officers should perform their duties with due diligence to ensure the collection of government dues.

He said that all resources should be mobilized to recover all government dues of the previous year and the current financial year saying that strict action would be taken against those who are lax in collecting government dues. He also directed that all the concerned officers and other revenue staff should increase their efficiency exceptionally so that the government duties and the given targets could be fulfilled in a proper sense.

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Independent Report

KARACHI: Jamaat-e-Islami (JI) Pakistan Ameer Engr Hafiz Naeemur Rehman has shed light on virtually dissected anatomy of the ruling elite in the country, in the most ruthless way possible and said that the rulers only believe in unity among themselves in order to safeguard their interests.

The JI supreme leader expressed these views while addressing a session at the Karachi Expo Center, here on Sunday, while he was delivering a lecture at the two-day biannual countrywide central convention held by the Pakistan Islamic Medical Association (PIMA).

Speaking on the occasion, he said that the ruling elite was a class that doesn't believe in cast, creed or color but their mutual interests.

He further said that every society has its own boiling point and it seems that the days of ruling elites

in Pakistan are numbered. Unlike Bangladesh, the ruling elite in Pakistan might not be offered the airlift opportunity, he said.

Talking about the domestic scenario, he said that 30 million Pakistani children are out of schools because either they don't have the opportunity or they have to earn livelihood for their families.

He said that the Sindh government has allocated Rs454 billion for the education sector and overall a budget to the tune of 15,000 billion have been earmarked by all provinces.

Similarly, he also shed light on the health sector. A large number of people from far flung areas visit Karachi for health services because they don't have proper health facilities in their own areas.

He explained that massive funds and minimal facilities are a result of corruption, massive corruption in the education and health sectors.

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HUB: Senior leader of Pakistan Peoples Party, Spokesman of President Asif Ali Zardari and Provincial Adviser for Industry and Crafts Mir Ali Hassan Zehri have strongly condemned and denied the baseless allegations against President Asif Ali Zardari by Aslam Bhutani.

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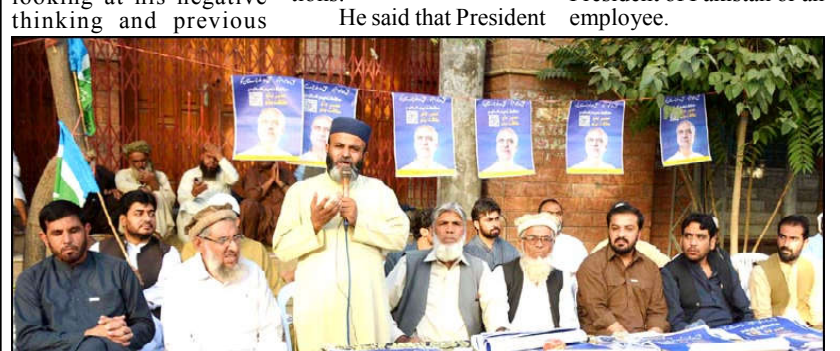
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QUETTA: JI's MNA Mulana Hadit ur Rehman addressing at the Mass Contact Drive camp outside QPC.



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