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Demands action against Modi over HRs' violations

President rejects IIOJK elections amid human rights concerns

Asif Zardari says such elections unacceptable to Kashmiris, calls for plebiscite in line with UN resolutions

President Asif Ali Zardari on Wednesday categorically rejected the elections ritory for the Legislative Assembly of Indian Illegally Oc-cupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK), asserting that the polls were no substitute for the Kashmiri rity Council resolutions. people's right to self-de-

termination. President Zardari, talking to a delegation of 1989 led by Uzair Ahmed Ghazali at the Aiwan-e-Sadr, emphasised that such elections were unacceptable to the people of ther legitimize India's oc-Kashmir and called upon the international community to hold the Modi gov- Kashmiri people.

ernment accountable for ongoing human rights violations in the occupied ter-

need to take concrete steps toward conducting a plebiscite in line with relevant the United Nations Secu-

Welcoming the delegation, the president condemned the Legislative Assembly elections in the migrants from the IIOJK IIOJK, terming them part residing in Pakistan since of India's broader strategy to consolidate its illegal occupation of the region.

He highlighted that such measures could neicupation nor suppress the mination. freedom struggle of the

was trying to alter the demographic structure of the ory. IIOJK by turning the He further urged the Kashmiri Muslims into a minority and transforming them into a disempowered community in their own land.President Zardari said that Pakistan greatly valued the sacrifices made

by the Kashmiri people for their rights and would continue to stand in solidarity with them. He reiterated Pakistan's commitment to provide moral, political and diplomatic support to the Kashmiri people till the realization of their right to self-deter-

The delegation apprised the president about

constitutional

package underway:

Info Minister

SLAMABAD (APP):

Federal Minister for Infor-

mation, Broadcasting, National Heritage and Culture Attaullah Tarar on Wednes-

day said that extensive con-

sultations with all political parties on the proposed

constitutional package were

said that all the political

parties tried to reach a con-

sensus on the draft bill both

nside and outside the Par-

The parties on both

ides of the aisle in the

Parliament had thorough

discussions on the con-

stitutional amendments,

he added. Tarar said the

role of the Law Minis-

ter in the drafting of con-

stitutional amendments

and engaging all political forces was highly com-

He cited that many

ountries, including Italy,

Germany and Spain, had

supreme courts and con-

stitutional courts side by

ters go to constitutional

courts so that common

citizens do not face any

obstacles in the way of

justice and their cases

reach logical conclusion

COPHC chairman

meets Jam Kamal

to discuss Gwadar

Port development

ISLAMABAD (APP): The China Overseas Port

Holding Company (COPHC) Chairman, Yu

Bo, on Wednesday met

with Federal Minister for

Commerce Jam Kamal

Khan to discuss proposals

for the activation and en-

hancement of trade activi-

Bo presented suggestions to

boost operations at the

port and sought the government's support to

increase trade through

Gwadar, said a press release

Kamal Khan assured full

government backing, reaf-

firming Pakistan's commit-

ment to enhancing Gwadar's

trade capacity, in line with

Prime Minister Shehbaz

Sharif's priorities for the

In response, Jam

issued here.

During the meeting, Yu

ties at Gwadar Port.

Company

well in time."

"Constitutional mat-

Talking to the media, he

underway.

He stated that India the atrocities being com- ernment would be asked to mitted by the Modi regime in the IIOJK. It was highlighted that the entire Kashmiri leadership had been imprisoned to suppress the voice of the

Kashmiri people.

The delegation also apprised the president about the issues of the refugees in Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK). The president underscored that a protest should be lodged over the illegal steps and atrocities being committed by the Indian occupation forces in the IIOJK. He said that Pakistan was committed to the socio-economic uplift of refugees and resolving their issues. He assured the delegation that the AJK Gov-

enhance subsistence allowance as well as provide other relief measures to the Kashmiri refugees.

He further assured that Pakistan's social safety net would be extended to include 8,000 migrant families under the Benazir Income Support Programme.

The delegation thanked the president for Pakistan's continued moral, political and diplomatic support for the Kashmiri people. They also commended the efforts and role of Pakistan Peoples Party Chairman Bilawal Bhutto, who strongly advocated the cause of the people of IIOJK at various fora during his tenure as the Foreign Minister of Pakistan.

through dialogue, cooperation

press stakeout at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Islamabad

DPM Ishaq Dar says Pakistan views Russia as key player in regional cooperation; Calls for enhanced energy, trade cooperation with Russia; Pakistan, Russia sign MoU to boost economic, trade cooperation

Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar

alongwith Deputy Prime Minister of Russia Alexei Overchuk addresses a joint

Pakistan, Russia to cement ties

ISLAMABAD (APP): Deputy Prime Minister and Minister Foreign Muhammad Ishaq Dar on Wednesday underscored the considerable potential in Pak-Russia relations, emphasizing the importance of boosting economic ties and increasing cultural and educational exchanges, as well as enhancing coopera-

regional connectivity. Addressing a joint press briefing with Russian Deputy Prime Minister Alexei Overchuck, Ishaq Dar welcomed the Russian delegation and noted last year's record high in bilat-

tion in energy, trade, and

eral trade.

Islamabad High Court

Impression of

kidnapping citizens

by intelligence

agencies is threat to

national security

ISLAMABAD (Online):

Justice Babar Sattar of

Islamabad High Court

(IHC) has directed to make

all intelligence and investi-

gation agencies of

Islamabad, director gener-

als of IB, F IA, ISI, MI

director generals of air and

Naval intelligence agencies

and CTD Punjab respon-

dents on the petition seek-

ing recovery of missing

person Faizan Usman from

Íslamabad and initiation of

marked chief commissioner

be also made party and he

should file affidavit that as

to why enforced disappear-

ances are taking place per-

sistently in his power of

file amended memo of re-

spondents and notices be

ssued to new respondents.

intelligence agencies and in-

vestigation agencies should give

report that have they informa-

tion how enforced disappear-

ance of Faizan took place.

The applicant should

The court inquired the

jurisdiction.

Justice Babar Sattar re-

action against them.

logistical challenges in future meetings, including the Pak-Russian intergovernmental commission and Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) discussions, which are crucial for enhancing cooperation on Afghanistan, energy security, and food security.

Ishaq Dar stated that the visit of the Russian Deputy Prime Minister and his delegation reflects the growing depth and scope of economic cooperation, highlighting a clear mutual desire to strengthen Pak-Russia relations.

Strengthening bilateral cooperation with the Russian Federation remains a and people-to-people

Ishaq Dar noted that Pak-Russia relations have advanced significantly, with a strong desire to forge cooperation between the two countries. A step-bystep approach based on trust and mutual respect has placed the relationship on a positive trajectory. Both delegations engaged in in-depth discussions focused on bilateral relations, identifying potential areas for economic expansion. Specific areas of mutual interest were outlined, including trade, economic collabora-

tion, cultural relations,

foreign policy.



QUETTA: Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti presiding over meeting regarding establishment of Private Special Economic Zone Turbat

King Charles phones PM Shehbaz; invites to attend CHOGM in October

ISLAMABAD (APP): King Charles III of the United Kingdom on Wednesday telephoned Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and formally invited him to attend the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in Samoa in October.

Accepting the invitation, the prime minister said that the CHOGM in Samoa would be a significant moment in the history of the Commonwealth, being the first summit to be chaired by the King since becoming Head of the Commonwealth, according to a PM Office press release.

Prime Minister Sharif reiterated Pakistan's commitment to the Commonwealth and the values enshrined in the Common-

He said that the successful CHOGM in Samoa would treatment.

powering Commonwealth Noting the King's longstanding interest in environmental issues and various initiatives for climate sustainability, the prime minister said that he particularly looked forward to

provide a forum to discuss

opportunities for enhancing

intra-Commonwealth coop-

eration on a number of im-

portant issues, such as fos-

tering sustainable develop-

ment, strengthening demo-

cratic institutions, and em-

highly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change. The prime minister also inquired after the King's health and conveyed

engaging with Common-

wealth leaders on climate

change, as Pakistan was

his best wishes for The Princess of Wales, who had successfully completed her

Despite fierce coalition govt wooing,

Fazal completely rejects constitutional package **Monitoring Desk**

ISLAMABAD: Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam Fazl (JUI-F) Chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman, who took the centre stage as both the government and the opposition sought his support, has completely rejected the draft of the "controver-

sial" constitutional package, aimed at making changes to Pakistan's judicial and parliamentary systems. "The draft we were given was reviewed, and it was in no way acceptable," the veteran politician said while talk-

ing to journalists after attending a luncheon at Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leader Asad Qaiser's residence on



GADDANI: Team of IMO visiting Gaddani Ship

We can resolve issues of people at local level by strengthening democratic system: Governor

Independent Report

QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Jaffar Khan Mandokhail has stated that democracy is the most accepted and prioritized system at the international level despite the geographic and national limitations.

He said that concept of democracy is deep rooted in implementation of the rights and authorities.

In a statement issued here on Wednesday, the Governor said that there is priority of effective participation of all citizens, protection of basic rights, freedom of expression and following the social justice in democracy.

Therefore it is necessary to know that we can resolve the issues of people at local level by strengthening democratic system and promoting participation of great majority of the society.

He said that it has been observed that democracy is comparatively considered to be better system for ensuring equal opportunities and facilities because of its distinctive qualities in the multinational states and societies. The Governor made it

clear that it is essential to honour the differences of opinion, adopt democratic behaviors and action for strengthening democracy just because it is basis of the healthy and civilized society to make our words and action democratic. By doing so, we make it sure that everyone must be heard and provide iustice to our subordinates besides seeking justice from

Chief Minister says

Private Special Economic Zone to be encouraged to boost economic activities Bugti said that the economic

Independent Report QUETTA: The Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti has stated Balochistan is the suitable region for making investment. He said that private Economic Zone would also be encouraged besides formulation of the special economic zone at the government level.

The Chief Minister was presiding over the meeting about formulation of the private special Economic Zone here on Wednesday.

The meeting discussed in detail the matters about formulation of the private special Economic Zone in the province.

In addition to this, the meeting also discussed potential of the province for investment in different sec-

The Chief Minister was briefed about the proposed project of the private

Economic Zone in Turbat. Emphasizing upon the formulation of the Ecothe government would encourage the viable projects for formulation of the private Economic Zone in the province. He said that the private

activities would be boosted

with the project in

the occasion assured that

The Chief Minister on

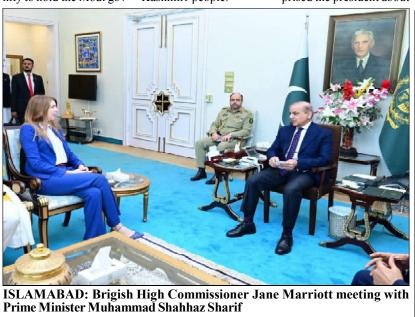
Balochistan

sector would be provided facilities for promotion of the investment under onewindow operation. The private investors would also be extended every possible assistance, adding he as-

The Provincial Minister Planning and Develop-ment, Mir Zahoor Buledi, Chief Secretary, Shakeel Qadir Khan, Additional Chief Secretary Development, Hafiz Abdul Basit, Principal Secretary, Imran Zarkoon, Secretary Finance, Babar Khan, Secretary Industries, Durra Baloch, Chief Executive Officer of the Nida Private Limited, Muhammad Imran nomic Zone, Mir Sarfraz Ikram and Ayesha Rasheed.



OUETTA: MPA Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani, Parliamentary Secretary Haji Barkat Ali, Senator Abdul Qadir and Sardarzada Aurangzeb Khetran meeting with Governor Balochistan Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail



Consultations on **COAS** reiterates desire to

foster defence ties with Russia RAWALPINDI (APP): Chief of Army Staff Syed Asim



traditional defence ties with Russia.

He was talking to Russian Deputy Prime Minister Alexei Overchuk, who paid a courtesy call on him at the General Headquarters in Rawalpindi today.

Both the sides reaffirmed their resolve to strengthen security and defence cooperation in multiple domains. During the meeting, they engaged in productive dis-

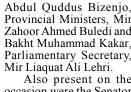
cussions on matters of mutual interest, regional security dynamics, and bilateral cooperation across various sectors. The visiting dignitary praised pivotal role played by Pakistan Armed Forces' in combating terrorism, and their tireless efforts to promote peace and stability in the

CM visits Lehri, condoles death of Sardar Sarfraz Chakar Domki; pays rich tributes on services

Independent Report QUETTA: The Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz Bugti visited Lehri House in Lehri Tehsil of Sibi

district on Wednesday. During the visit, he expressed condolence the death of late Provincial Minister and Lehri tribal chieftain, Sardar Sarfraz Chakar Khan Domki with his son, Kohyar Khan Domki, brother Mir Hairbiyar Khan Domki and other bereaved family members and offered fateha for the departed

Also accompanied him were the Speaker Provincial Assembly, Captain (Retd) Abdul Khaliq Khan Achakzai, former Chief Minister and Senator Mir



occasion were the Senator Dostain Khan Domki Senator Dhanesh Kumar former caretaker Chief Minister, Mir Ali Mardan Domki, other political and tribal personalities and people belonging to different walks of the life from all over the

Expressing grief and sympathy over death of Sardar Sarfraz Chakar Domki with his family, the Chief Minister paid rich tributes to him on the invaluable services



Bugti offering Dua after condoling death of Provincial Minister Sardar Safaraz Chakar Khan Domki with his relatives in Lehri.

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Parliament's place

With the storm around the government's planned amendments to the Constitution now behind it, will parliament turn its attention once again to protecting its privileges and reasserting the stature it has been granted within the configuration of the state?

The issue, it may be recalled, had been taken up last week after masked individuals entered the National Assembly's premises to arrest several lawmakers associated with the PTI — a serious infraction of House privileges that had triggered an uproar on both the treasury and opposition benches.

In the aftermath, a special 16-member committee was set up through a unanimous motion moved by the Lower House, which has been followed by the formation of a similar 13-member committee in the Senate as well. The committees are tasked with discussing, analysing and making recommendations regarding issues related to parliament, rules and procedure, and conduct of business.

While the committees get to work on their mandates, it is pertinent to examine the scope of the crisis parliament faces today. Over the years, a series of poor precedents have been set under successive governments that have greatly undermined its prestige and power. For example, it would be a big step towards restoring the prestige of parliament if our elected representatives agreed to stop constantly painting each other as the vilest villains to roam the earth. The executive and judiciary have remained shielded from the kind of continuous controversy that afflicts the legislature mainly because they do not air their members' dirty

This, of course, should not be taken to mean less transparency and accountability; however, there is an urgent need to set some basic rules of engagement between political rivals.

Relatedly, there is a need to realise that parliament and its members must be respected regardless of who controls the government and who sits on the opposition benches. For example, parliament injures itself when it blacks out the speeches of some of its lawmakers. If parliamentary privileges protect all lawmakers' speeches on the floor of the House, then no power should be able to dictate which speeches can be heard by the public, and which cannot. It should be left to parliamentarians to bear responsibility for their words.

Secondly, those who champion parliamentary politics must also respect its procedures. Attempts to bulldoze major legislation through backdoor deals, with votes coerced out of unwilling lawmakers, undermines everything parliament stands for. Legislative activities must be open to scrutiny and debate — it is this transparency from which parliament derives its legitimacy and, ultimately, its power. Lastly, the effort to restore parliament's sanctity must not be predicated on the actions or words of any individual. It must rise above all political differences, no matter how serious, if it is to achieve its intended results.

One ummah

Qasim A. Moini In the Holy Quran, in the

Thursday September 19, 2024

Almighty's final message, as relayed to His beloved final Messenger, Prophet Holy (PBUH), the Creator classifies believers as members of one ummah (community) as mentioned in Surah Muminun.

Of course, the Quran classifies mankind using different terms. For example, elsewhere (Surah Nisa), it is stated that humanity has been "created from one soul", highlighting the common origins of the human race.

Yet the ummah is a specific classification, bringing together all those who testify that there is no god but Allah, Hazrat that Muhammad Mustafa is His last and final Messenger. In essence, while humanity is one tribe, the ummah is a smaller subgroup consisting of close 'relatives'. Therefore, part of the ummah are in distress, it should con- sault. cern all other members of this 'family'.

Critics can question why such focus on members of the ummah, when Islam claims to be a universal religion, more so when the Holy Prophet, whose birth we are celebrating today, is described in the Quran as a 'Mercy to the worlds". Indeed, we should be concerned when any part of humanity is suffering. But going back to the tribe/ family analogy, while one would be concerned about troubles confronting those in one's neighbourhood or city, one would be most concerned when members of one's immediate

family are in anguish. Quran, the need for believers to come to the aid of other believers is clearly mentioned in ways, including the boyhadith literature. For ex- cott of brands seen as children of Gaza will have ample, in Biharul Anwar, supportive of Israel, it is stated that "if any along with taking part in Allah and His Prophet. believer comes to the aid demonstrations to de- - Courtesy Dawn

of one who is oppressed, nounce the butchery in that would be better than Gaza. And while large fasting for a whole month and performing i'tikaf in the Sacred Mosque". Similarly, in Sahih Bukhari, it is stated that "a Muslim is a brother of another Muslim, so he non-Muslim states. should not oppress him, nor should he hand him over to an oppressor".

Where the suffering

of Muslims is concerned, there are many vulnerable populations worldwide. For example, there has been no satisfactory resolution of the Rohingya's plight, as this stateless population continues to live in squalid refugee camps. Elsewhere, the people of Kashmir endure a brutal Indian occupation, while a vicious civil war in Sudan has disrupted life for millions. But perhaps no other Muslim population is enduring the hellish circumstances that the people of Gaza have been going through for when members of one the last year, due to Israel's genocidal as-

> Unfortunately, most members of the ummah living in comfort seem oblivious to Gaza's suffering. The terrified screams of its children do not move them; the numb bodies of its adults do not affect them. Surely, this lack of empathy for fellow believers in distress is diametrically opposed to the message of the Quran, and the teachings of the Holy Prophet.

While some Muslim governments have tried to raise the issue internationally and ostracise Israel for its vile behaviour, most rulers of Muslimmajority states seem unconcerned about Gaza's plight, other than issuing statements of condemna-Apart from the tion. The 'Muslim street' ordinary believers on the other hand, is reacting in a variety of

protests have been held in Muslim cities Amman, Baghdad, etc — amongst the largest pro-Palestine rallies have taken place in

Ironically, as much of the ummah sleeps, many non-Muslims with a conscience are awake to their responsibility as human beings to raise a defenceless people.

To reiterate their belief in the concept of the ummah, and the teachings of the Noble Prophet (PBUH), leaderships of Muslim states must do much more to de--fend Gaza. This should include eco-nomic bans ta--rgeting Israel and all those states that are helping power Tel Aviv's war machine. Moreover, Muslim states need to team up with non-Muslim supporters of Palestine, such as South Africa and Brazil, at multilateral for such as the UN, ICJ etc, to help end the genocidal violence.

It is unconscionable that as Muslims in 'safer' locations continue to live life as usual, the people of Gaza are being subjected to a slaughter perhaps unparalleled in modern times. This lack of concern is an affront to the concept of Islamic brotherhood and community, while it betrays the human values of empathy and compassion as

As per Islamic belief, this life is transitory, while the next life is eternal. Therefore, those subjecting Palestine's people to such monstrous violence must remember that they will one day face Divine justice. And those powerful members of the ummah that are doing nothing for Palestine must remember that on the Day of Judgment, the every right to complain to

Perverse third way

Dr Niaz Murtaza

Capitalism and socialism are the great global ideologies of our age. The the core logic running a talism, the interests of private capital do so and subjugate all societal concerns. Private capital,

wrongly seen as actually existed forever. But as American sociminds us, capitalism emerged in the 17th century when capital's interests became dominant societally. Since then, it has given us efficiency also huge inequity, ecological damage and con-

Under socialism (a

response to capital's ugly hold), common social interests rightly serve as the dominant concern. Communist states, though, wrongly equating capitalism's core with private capital, wage labour, etc, eradicate them, with poor results. Scandinavian states, seeing the sway of capitalist interests as the real problem, make social concerns paramount, but allow private capital to operate under them, with better results.

However, a few states (Pakistan, Thailand, Myanmar, Sudan, Egypt, etc.) follow a perverse third way where military interests subjugate both capital and social interests in six key spheres. Their specific patterns vary much across such states. First, big states to ensure their own survival, while oth- the ers, such as Sudan and Myanmar, have tense ties with the West. Some, like Pakistan, oscillate between the two extremes. and rebellions and even But normal ties away from the two extremes are usually absent. Neither

extreme delivers good also manipulate social outcomes. Clientage re- narratives to fan extremsults in a dependent, ism in the service of serent-seeking economy with little innovation and word before 'ism' reflects productivity. Tensions with the West results in system. So, under capi- isolation and the blockage of investment and technology flows.

Second, economy suffers from profits, wage labour, etc other ills too. Security concerns often impede capitalism's core — have dynamic economic sectors, such as IT and social media. Some armies, ologist Karl Polyani re- as in Pakistan and Myanmar, control large parts of the economy surveilla-n--ce and conand curtail the growth of the private sector there. Military businesses oft-en thrive on state and productivity, but support that gives them monopoly or preferential access, thus distorting market processes. Resultantly, most such states have stagnant

> economies. Third, security concerns dominate, and many states, like Pakistan, Myanmar and Sudan, have conflicts state resources, diverting the states from development aims and iso-Some, for example, Sudan and Pakistan, also employed non-state actors to pursue their security goals, which boomeranged as terrorism in above and more. Pakistan and state collapse in Sudan.

autocratic in such states. Militaries often rule directly or via thinly veiled hybrid regimes and undermine fairly elected set-ups. State institutions and entities, such armies control ties with as parliament, the judikey states. Some, like ciary and bureaucracy, Egypt, become clients of are deliberately weakened and forced to toe it must avoid a transition security establishment's line. In

ethnically diverse states, the lack of democracy leads to ethnic tensions state break-up, as in Sudan and Pakistan. Fifth, some states

curity aims. This unleashes huge social problems, such as poor status of women and religious minorities, regressive attitudes towards science, vaccines and population control, and knee-jerk xenopho-

Sixth, while raw military powers underpin such a system, the state is run via a powerful intellige-nce apparatus trol. Hu--m-an rights abuses by spy agencies still abound. Almost all such

states do poorly. But Sudan is currently worst off, as ferocious battles between its army and a non-state ex-ally, involving tanks and planes, rage in the capital and countryside, something not seen even during decades of war against South Sudan and the Darfur with their neighbours. rebels. Myanmar stands This consumes huge isolated and war-ravaged too. But beyond violence, the state that has been damaged lating them regionally. most, going by the wide nature of damage inflicted, may be Pakistan. It may be the only one in the category to have suffered all the ills listed

Even worse, there is no sign of a transition Fourth, politics is to a better system, and the establishment's control appears to be have been increasing rapidly since 2017. But given its diversity and huge challenges in every realm, Pakistan direly needs to change course quickly to avoid Sudan's fate. However, to neoliberal capitalism, where corporate hegemony replaces the military but follows similar policies. Only a model where common social interests dominate can save us from doom. --Courtesy Dawn

Commerce News

Govt considers proposal to establish a new steel mill with Russian cooperation

ISLAMABAD (APP): establish a new steel mill in Karachi with Russian cooperation and the both countries agreed to form billion of iron and steel. working groups to negotiate the project's

In this regard, Deputy Minister of Industry and Trade Russian Federation Alexey Gruzdev met with Minister for Industries, Production and National Food Security Rana Tanveer Hussain, said a news release here on Wednesday. The minister informed that the medium and long term. government earmarked 700 acres land of Pakistan Steel Mills (PSM) for establishing a

He said despite being technology. (estimated reserves of 1887 million tons), Pakistan is reduces importing around \$2.7

There is perpetual year, the gap is estimated at 3.1 million tons, he between the two nations.

(600 small units) and based old inefficient

The government is blessed with considerable considering a proposal to reserves of iron ore located at Karachi and in closed to Port Qasim that transportation of raw materials.

Pakistan's industrial gap between domestic and agricultural experts are production and demand of set to visit Russia, marking iron and steel. For the last a significant step in strengthening bilateral ties

During the meeting. Pakistan's per capita they emphasized on steel consumption level is balance trade between both below even those of countries. Rana Tanveer developing countries stressed the need for indicating significant modern agricultural growth potential over machinery to boost crop yields and enhance He said efficiency of agricultural productivity. Pakistan's steel industry is He said the government limited as it segmented will provides all the facilities to the Russian investor in the country.

ADB delegation

discusses Metro

Bus Service

AISALABAD (APP): A

delegation of Asian Development Bank

Pak, Turkmenistan agrees for strengthening bilateral economic, trade ties ISLAMABAD (APP): the Commerce Minister's

Security Rana Tanveer Hussain in Islamabad.

Pakistan and Turkmenistan on Wednesday agreed for strengthening bilateral economic and trade relations in potential

The Ambassador of robust Turkmenistan, Mr. Atadjan Movlamov, called on Federal Minister for Commerce Jam Kamal Khan to discuss the enhancement of bilateral trade and explore avenues for increased cooperation between the two nations, said a press release issued here.

finalizing key agreements and exploring new sectors for future collaboration. Minister Jam Kamal

The Deputy Minister of Industry and Trade of Russian Federation Aleksei

Gruzdev meets with Minister for Industries, Production and National Food

emphasized the need for business-tobusiness (B2B) engagement to boost trade volumes between Pakistan and Turkmenistan. He highlighted the

untapped potential in various sectors including energy, fertilizers, pharmaceuticals, agriculture, The meeting, held at construction materials.

office, focused on brotherly ties, trade between the two countries remains meager, and steps very essential to increase it.

A key focus of the conversation remained the expedited finalization of Turkmenistan-Pakistan Transit Trade Agreement, which is expected to significantly enhance the movement of goods between the two nations.

This agreement will also improve cooperation in banking, customs, and trade transit operations.

Govt committed to resolve industry's issues; Rana

Chairman of the Prime Minister Youth Programme (PMYP) Rana Mashhood Ahmed Khan has said that the economic indicators show positive results and the country is moving in the right direction. Addressing the Oath-

taking ceremony of the All Pakistan Marble Industries Association here on Wednesday, he said that foreign investments remarkable showed confidence in the country's economy due to the tireless Sharif and 2025 will be the

Rana said that the government was committed to resolving the industry's issues and was taking effective measures to address the industry's challenges, adding the transformation of the

industry to technology-

driven initiatives would

positively impact the growth of the economy. He said that Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif had set up a Gems and Stone Committee which would form a growthwork of Prime Minister oriented policy with the Mian Muhammad Shehbaz consultation of all



FAISALABAD: Voters casting their votes during the Elections of Chamber of Commerce in the city.

Cotton production drops by over 63pc

MULTAN Country's production has dropped by 63.55 per cent this year, says the latest report by the Pakistan Cotton Ginners Association (PCGA), here Wednesday.

By September 15, 2024, only 1.43 million bales have been produced which is a remarkable drop from 3.93 million bales rainfall have devastated during the same period last crops in key growing year. Punjab, the country's regions. This year, largest cotton-producing province, has seen a severe 65.13pc decline, with only 538,686 bales produced. In comparison, 1.54 million bales were produced by this time in 2023. The Sindh province has also 62.5pc, producing just shortages and price.

895,342 bales this year compared to 2.38 million bales last Balochistan, contributing the least, has managed to produce only 34,900 bales so far. According to cotton experts, the steep decline is being largely attributed climate-related

challenges. breaking heat, pest infestations, and erratic heatwaves of up to 48°C scorched cotton fields across Punjab and Sindh and it led to lower yields.

Similarly, continuous rains over the past two weeks in Sindh have further delayed cotton picking and faced a sharp reduction of it resulted in labour

Provincial Capital. **RDA** inflows rise to **\$8.581** bn in August

LAHORE: A vendor displaying and selling the used

toys on their handcart at Landa Bazar in the

ISLAMABAD (APP): The inflow of remittances under Roshan Digital Account (RDA) has risen to US \$8.581 billion by the end of August 2024 as compared to US \$8.416 Card (POC) holders, billion by July (2024) end. The data showed that the inflows of remittances during August were Pakistan. recorded at US\$165 million as compared to US\$ 161 million in July and US\$ 200 million in June 2024, according to the latest data released by the State Bank

of Pakistan (SBP).

solutions to millions of Non-Resident Pakistanis (NRPs), including Non-Resident Pakistan Origin seeking to undertake banking, payment, and investment activities in

The number of accounts registered FDA Mehr Ayub and under the programme also rose by 11,515 to 735,113 in August 2024 from 723,598 accounts

These provide innovative banking

in July 2024.

(ADB) called on Deputy Commissioner Capt (retd) Nadeem Nasir ĥere on Wednesday and discussed the 'Faisalabad Quality Public Transport Network Report' Members of the

Daha, an expert in an urban transport system, Ashar Lodhi and Muhammad Mubashar Moeen. A spokesman said all stakeholders are being taken on board to give practical shape to the project.

delegation were Huma

instructions of the Punjab government, paperwork on the Metro Bus Service project under BRT (Bus Rapid Transit) underway, added the spokesman.

General Muhammad Asif Chaudhry, Chief Engineer others were present. The DG FDA briefed the delegation about the study report and a proposed plan for metro bus service

Business activities soar at Sust Dry Port, boosting employment opportunities

Dry Port at Pak-China activities at Sust. border in Gilgit-Baltistan has witnessed a significant surge in business activities recently, with customs authorities collecting over 1.17 billion rupees in duty for the national treasury in just two weeks.

This increase in commercial activities has led to an uptick in employment opportunities in various sectors.

The Import-Export Association GB and Dry Fruit Association GB have

expressed satisfaction with

GIIGIT (APP): The Sust the boost in business Chairman import and

export Association GB Haji Liaquat Ali and other business leaders while talking to media here stated that thousands of people are employed in the Pakistan-China border trade and currently business activities at Sust Port are at an all-time high. They expressed that this has resulted in increased employment opportunities for traders, transporters, laborers, and

other sectors.

Rupee gains 08 paisa against dollar ISLAMABAD (APP):

Pakistani rupee on Wednesday appreciated by 08 paisa against the US dollar in the interbank trading and closed at Rs 278.04 against the previous day's closing of Rs 278.12. However, according

to the Forex Association of Pakistan (FAP), the buying and selling rates of the dollar in the open market stood at Rs 279.20 and Rs

280.70 respectively.

The price of Euro increased by 18 paisa to close at Rs 309.47 against the last day's closing of Rs 309.29, according to the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP).

CM KP launches "Ikhtiyar || Awam Ka" portal

PESHAWAR (APP): The monitoring of public Khyber Pakhtunkhwa complaints regarding government has launched an innovative portal "Ikhtiyar Awam Ka[°] as an important initiative towards promoting good governance and addressing public issues in the public issues in the public issues in the protection on this portal. province.

Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Ali Amin Khan Gandapur has formally launched this newly developed portal at a ceremony held here at Civil Secretariat Peshawar on Wednesday.

The "Ikhtiyar Awam Ka" portal is a robust and users-friendly digital platform that is now open for citizens to file complaints regarding their ensuring issues and grievances. This 24/7 portal will ensure a real time-tracking and

General of Police (IGP)

Punjab Dr. Usman Anwar

has said the mission to

strengthen provincial border

checkpoints is progressing

towards completion.

Addressing a video-link

meeting at the Central Police

Office on Wednesday, he

emphasised that Punjab

Police's border and riverine

checkpoints were the first

line of defence against

checkpoints play a crucial

role in combating smuggling

and illegal activities," he said

Fortifying provincial

border checkpoints nearing

completion: IGP

LAHORE (APP): Inspector Taunsa Ghazi Ghat and

complaints regarding services delivery in public sector entities allowing for swift redressal and resolution. Overseas

platform featuring simplified complaint submission mechanism, multi-channel interaction, data security and privacy, citizen feedback loop, and AI-powered analytics and reporting, is available on problems. mobile app, WhatsApp, email, telephone and written application, offering dashboards for all departments and officers, seamless coordination and swift implementation government decisions.

Mithanwala bridge must be

ensured, with timely and

effective countermeasures

based on ground realities and

intelligence reports. He

added that the riverine

checkpoints were being

further strengthened with

modern resources and

infrastructure development.

Personnel at these

checkpoints have been

equipped with bulletproof

vests, helmets, modern

vehicles, and logistics. Dr.

Usman Anwar also directed

all DPOs to regularly

pioneering initiative, fostering effective communication between the government and citizens, will also facilitate Pakistanis can also register to increase transparency, accountability, and public confidence inclusive government.

Chief Minister Ali Amin Khan Gandapur emphasized the portal's significance, stating, "The purpose of this portal is to immediate provide solutions to people's problems. We are empowering the people, because solving their problems is our priority. He assured that complaints will not be closed until the complainant is satisfied. reiterating the government's commitment to citizencentric governance.

Name of **KP** speaker removed from PNIL; PHC disposes of writ petition

ESHAWÂR (APP): two-member bench of Peshawar High Court (PHC) on Wednesday disposed of a writ on completion of Speaker Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Assembly Babar Saleem regarding inclusion of his name in Pakistan National Identity List (PNIL). During the hearing on the petition, the bench comprising Chief Justice Ishtiaq Ibrahim and Justice Wagar Ahmed was informed by the petitioner's counsel that the name of



LAHORE: Punjab Health Minister Khawaja Salman Rafique chairs the 15th syndicate meeting of Nishtar Medical University, held at the Department of Specialised Healthcare and Medical Education.



LAHORE: Provincial Minister for Industries and Commerce Chaudhry Shafay Hussain laying the foundation stone of the project to build 19 centres of excellence in Government College of Technology here at Allama Iqbal Town.

27-km two-way road connecting Pakpattan to Sahiwal completed: Malik

LAHORE (APP): Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif has delivered development, linking on yet another promise under the 'Punjab Khushhal' project, with the completion of a 27kilometer two-way road connecting Pakpattan to

This was stated by Punjab Minister for Communication and Works (C&W) Malik Sohaib Ahmed Bharth while talking to the media, here on Wednesday. He said the road was completed with Rs. 2.7 billion and was expected to serve between 20,000 to 25,000 vehicles

infrastructure development, linking important locations including Malka Hans, Noorpur, Baba Farid's shrine, the GT Road, and the Motorway, thereby facilitating smoother travel and boosting local and boosting connectivity.

During a briefing with the Secretary of the C&W Department and other officials, it was disclosed that an additional 13kilometre section is being constructed to further connect Sahiwal to nearby areas, with a budget of Rs.

Governor Kundi pays tribute to Shaheed Mir Murtaza Bhutto

PESHAWAR Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi on Wednesday issued a heartfelt message commemorating the anniversary of Shaheed Mir Murtaza Bhutto.

Bhutto's contributions democracy unforgettable highlighted his pivotal role in the struggle against authoritarianism.

In his statement, Governor Kundi remarked, "Mir Murtaza Pakistan.

Bhutto was a guiding light the democracy.

unwavering commitment to democratic ideals continues to inspire us today.

He further said that democratic acknowledge and honor the sacrifices made by Murtaza Bhutto in the pursuit of a just society. Kundi's

reflects the ongoing recognition of Bhutto's legacy among those who champion democracy in

ATC grants bail to TLP leader in

two cases LAHORE (APP): An antiterrorism court (ATC) on Wednesday granted bail to Maulana Muhammad Tahir Saifi, a leader of Tehreek-e-Labbaik Pakistan (TLP), in two cases registered under terrorism charges for creating disturbances and damaging state property.

The court ordered the TLP leader to furnish surety bonds of Rs 100,000 in each case.

ATC Judge Arshad Javed heard the post-arrest bail applications of the leader.The petitioner's counsel argued that Muridke police had registered two cases against his client in 2021, but he was arrested in the cases after a lapse of many years.

Eve-teaser arrested on **CPO** orders

FAISALABAD (APP) Rail Bazaar police have arrested an accused after CPO orders on charge of eve-teasing. spokesman said here on Wednesday that City Police Officer (CPO) Kamran Adil had received complaints that a youth Majid was involved in habit of eve-teasing in the area of Rail Bazaar police station. Therefore, taking serious notice, the CPO directed the police to ensure immediate arrest of the accused and take him.

Chaudhry Shafay lays foundation stone of 19 centres of excellence

Provincial Minister for Industries and Commerce laid the foundation stone of the project to build 19 centres of excellence in Government College of Technology here at Allama Iqbal Town on Wednesday.

Under the project, Centres of Excellence will be established in 16 institutions of TEVTA and 3 institutions of Punjab Vocational and Training Council. With the support of Asian Development Bank, 19 centres of excellence will be built and the project will cost Rs. 5

Hussain said that the plan to establish centres of Chaudhry Shafay Hussain excellence in Punjab is a milestone in preparation of skilled manpower. Completion of the project will increase the efficiency and professional technical skills of these institutions. CBTA based courses will be conducted on modern lines in all these centres of excellence. Chaudhry Shafay Hussain apprised that under this project, access to technical and vocational education will be easy. The youth will get decent employment opportunities.



LAHORE: Deputy Chairman NAB Sohail Nasir meeting with Punjab Governor Sardar Saleem Haider Khan at Governor House.

Salman emphasises quality research in medical institutions

LAHORE (APP): Punjab Health Minister Khawaja reiterated the government's commitment to promoting quality research across medical institutions in the province. He was speaking at the 15th syndicate meeting of Nishtar Medical University, which was held at the Department of Specialised Healthcare and Medical Education on Wednesday.

During the meeting, the minister stressed the importance of completing the ongoing revamping project at Nishtar Hospital in Multan, instructing that it be finished on a priority

Monitoring Desk

Tayyip Erdogan said on Wednesday that Turkey

would not stop deepening

ties with the East, including

the BRICS group of nations

and the Shanghai Coopera-

tion Organisation (SCO),

even as it continued to face

West. Turkey, a NATO

member, has in recent

NKARA:

President

basis. Earlier, the Nishtar Medical Salman Rafique has registrar presented the meeting agenda, and the syndicate approved the creation of new faculty positions for professors and associate professors in the pharmacy college. Key officials, including Special Secretary Development Syed Wajid Ali Shah, Additional Secretary Finance Sidra Salim, and Deputy Secretary Hamad Al-Rab, joined via video conference. Punjab Assembly Member Fizza Maimunah, Vice Chancellor of Nishtar

Medical University Prof.

bates over an "axis shift" were unfounded, but that

Turkey had to adapt to new

"centres of power" form-

ing in the fields of economy,

production, and technol-

ogy, while keeping itself

open to opportunities with

every structure and actor.

that lies behind our

country's will to expand the

'That is the approach

Mahnaz Khakwani.

Erdogan says Turkey

will deepen ties with East

while still facing West

International News

Blinken warns against further Middle East escalation after Lebanon blasts

Monitoring Desk

CAIRO: U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken on Wednesday warned against the risk of escalation in the Middle East after the detonation of thousands of Hezbollah pagers threat-ened to derail his latest regional diplomacy push.

News of the blasts broke as the top U.S. diplomat traveled to Cairo to meet senior Egyptian officials hoping to advance efforts to secure a ceasefire in Gaza and improve ties

with Egypt. Militant Militant group Hezbollah promised to retaliate against Israel, accusing it of detonating pagers across Lebanon on Tuesday killing at least 12 people, including two children, and wounding nearly 3,000. Israel has declined to respond

United States was still gath- had been agreed by all ering facts but it was in no sides one's interest for conflict to

"It's imperative that all parties refrain from any actions that could escalate the conflict," Blinken said at a news conference alongside his Egyptian counter-He did not say who

the U.S. believes was behind the blasts.

Item 1 of 6 U.S. Sec-Blinken attends a U.S.-Egypt strategic dialogue with Egypt's Foreign Minister Badr Abdelatty in Tahrir Palace in Cairo,

blasts, Blinken said the 18 paragraphs of a deal the talks.

Making progress involved long waits for messages to be passed between the parties that left time for incidents to disrupt the talks, Blinken said. 'We've seen that in

the intervening time, you might have an event, an incident - something that makes the process more difficult, that threatens to slow it, stop it, derail it retary of State Antony and anything of that nature by definition, is probably not good in terms of achieving the result that we want, which is the ceasefire,' Blinken said.

He cited Hamas' ex-Blinken said he was ecution of six Israeli hosfocused on securing a tages last month. He did not ceasefire deal that name Israel, which is bewould bring calm, in- lieved to have targeted cluding to Israel's north- members of groups aligned to questions about the ex- ern border with Leba- against it in Lebanon, Syria plosions. Asked about the non, and that 15 out of and Iran that have set back

with Egypt's Foreign Minister Badr Abdelatty in Tahrir Palace in Cairo, Egypt.

Hundreds wounded as Hezbollah hand-held radios detonate across Lebanon in new explosions

ness said.

blasts took place near a

exploded across the

Wednesday it had attacked Israeli artillery positions with rockets in the first strike at its arch-foe since pager blasts wounded thousands of its members in Lebanon and raised the prospect of a wider Middle East conflict.

The hand-held radios purchased by Hezbollah five months ago, around the same time that the pagers were bought,

US companies selling arms to self-ruled Taiwan **Monitoring Desk**

Wednesday announced sanctions on American companies selling arms to the self-ruled island of Taiwan, which Beijing claims as its own territory and threatens to annex by

made the announcement. citing the Foreign Ministry, but gave no details on the companies involved. Taiwan is awaiting deliveries of F-16 fighter jets.

North Korea

day) in a northeast direction and flew about 400 km.

China announces sanctions on litical orientation, despite repeated denials from Ankara. Speaking at an event

BEIJING: China on

Chinese state media

fires short-range ballistic missiles for second time in a week

Monitoring Desk SEOUL: North Korea fired multiple short-range ballistic missiles on Wednesday toward its east coast, South Korea and Japan said, days after Pyongyang unveiled a uranium enrichment facility and vowed to beef up its nuclear arsenal. The missiles lifted off from Kaechon, north of the capital Pyongyang, at around 6:50 am (2150 GMT Tues-

basis of dialogue with all of months voiced interest in them, from the Shanghai joining the BRICS and SCO Cooperation Organisation groups, both of which into BRICS and ASEAN, clude China and Russia. This Erdogan said. "Of course, has stirred U.S. and Euroour face is turned to the pean fears that Turkey may West, but this certainly be pivoting away from its traditionally Western geopodoes not mean that we will

turn our backs on the East, that we will ignore the East, or not improve our ties in Ankara, Erdogan said de- with the East," he added.

Finland's president wants end of single state veto at **UN Security Council**

Monitoring Desk HELSINKI: Finland's President Alexander Stubb has called for expansion of

the U.N. Security Council, abolition of its single state veto power, and suspension of any member engaging in an "illegal war" such as Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Stubb, who leads the Nordic nation's foreign policy, said he would add his voice to reform calls at next week's UN General Assembly in New York which is to discuss composition of the global body's Security Council.

Consisting of five permanent and 10 rotating member states, the council's brief is to keep global peace, but geopolitical rivalries have deadlocked it on issues from Ukraine to Gaza. Stubb said in an interview on Tuesday he would propose the number of permanent members be expanded from five to 10, with one more from Latin America, two from Africa and two from Asia.

'No single state should have veto power in the UN Security Council," he told Reuters

veto-wielding nations with Russia, China, France and Britain, has also backed two permanent seats for Africa. Stubb said any mem-

ber engaging an illegal war, "such as Russia is in right now in Ukraine", should be kicked off. Moscow has justified its invasion of Ukraine by

saying it is creating a buffer against Western aggression and taking territory that is historically Russia's. Stubb said he knew

his Security Council proposals were "beyond what is usually said from small member states", but added that the big nations would otherwise not propose weakening their own influ-"So they talk the talk,

but don't walk the walk," he said, adding he hoped others would help take the plan forward by the UN's 80th birthday next year.

Any changes to Security Council membership need approval by two thirds of the General Assembly, including the five veto powers.

Ukrainian drones strike a large military depot in a Russian town northwest of Moscow

Monitoring Desk KYIV: Ukrainian drones struck a large military depot in a town deep inside Russia overnight, causing a huge blaze and prompting the evacuation of some local residents, a Ukrainian official and Russian news reports said Wednesday.

Meanwhile, a senior U.S. diplomat said that Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's recently announced — but still confidential — plan for winning the war "can work" and help end the conflict that is now in its third year. Ukraine claimed the strike destroyed Russian

380 kilometers (240 miles) northwest of Moscow and about 500 kilometers (300 miles) from the border with

The attack was carried

military warehouses in

Toropets, a town in

Russia's Tver region about

out by Ukraine's Security Service, along with Ukraine's Intelligence and Special Operations Forces, a Kyiv security official told The Associated Press, speaking on condition of anonymity to discuss the operation.

According to the official, the depot housed Iskander and Tochka-U missiles, as well as glide bombs and artillery shells. He said the facility caught fire in the strike and was burning across an area 6 kilometers (4 miles) wide.

Russian state news agency RIA Novosti quoted regional authorities as saying air defense systems were working to repel a "massive drone attack" on Toropets, which has a population of around 11,000. The agency also reported a fire and the evacuation of some local residents

Trump slams India as 'very big abuser' on trade but calls Modi 'fantastic' **Monitoring Desk** WASHINGTON: Former

US president Donald Trump on Tuesday said that he plans to meet with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi next week during the latter's visit of the United States for several official events. During a campaign event in Michigan, Trump slammed India as a "very big

abuser" on trade, but said

Modi was "fantastic." "He happens to be coming to meet me next week," Trump told the crowd without providing further details. Modi will be traveling this weekend to Wilmington, Delaware — President Joe Biden's hometown — as part of the "Quad Leaders" summit alongside Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and Japanese Prime Minister Kishida Fumio

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken attends a U.S.-Egypt strategic dialogue

Monitoring Desk BEIRUT: Hand-held radios used by Lebanon's armed group Hezbollah detonated late on Wednesday afternoon across the country's south and in the southern suburbs of the capital Beirut, injuring hundreds, a security source and a wit-

At least one of the

funeral organised by Hezbollah for those killed the previous day when thousands of pagers used by the group said a security source. Egypt won't accept security

changes on Gaza border, foreign minister says **Monitoring Desk** CAIRO: Egypt will not accept any changes to the security arrangements that

said on Wednesday. Security on the border, and whether Israel will maintain a troop presence along a 14-km (9-mile) buffer zone known as the Philadelphi Corridor, have become a focal point of months-long talks aimed at securing a ceasefire and the

with Gaza before war broke

out between Israel and

Hamas last October, the

Egyptian foreign minister

release of hostages in Gaza. Israeli troops entered the buffer zone in May as were in place on its border

they pursued an offensive around Rafah. Egypt, which is a mediator in ceasefire talks, says Israel must withdraw and that a Palestinian presence needs to be restored at the Rafah crossing between Egypt's Sinai Peninsula and Gaza. "Egypt reiterates its

position, it rejects any military presence along the opposite side of the border crossing and the a f o r e m e n t i o n e d (Philadelphi) corridor."



A delegation of migrants from the Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir, led by Mr Uzair Ahmed Ghazali, called on President Asif Ali Zardari, at

UNGA adopts resolution demanding Israel end occupation of Palestinian territories in 12 months

Resolution receives 124 votes in favour, 43 abstain and Israel, the US, 12 others vote no; Saudi crown prince says kingdom will not recognise Israel without Palestinian state.

(Agencies): The United Nations General Assembly on Wednesday adopted a Palestinian-drafted resolution that demands Israel end 'its unlawful presence in the Occupied Palestinian within 12

months.

The resolution received 124 votes in favor, while 43 countries abstained and Israel, the United States and 12 others voted no.

The action isolates Israel days before world leaders travel to New York for their annual UN gathering. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is due to address the 193-member General Assembly on Sept. 26, the same day as Palestinian President Mahmoud

The resolution welcomes a July advisory opinion by the International

NATIONS Court of Justice that said Israel's occupation of Palestinian territories and settlements is illegal and should be withdrawn.

The advisory opinion - by the highest United Nations court, also known as the World Court - said this should be done "as rapidly as possible," although the General Assembly resolution imposes a 12-month

The General Assembly resolution also calls on states to "take steps towards ceasing the importation of any products originating in the Israeli settlements, as well as the provision or transfer of arms, munitions and related equipment to Israel where there are reasonable grounds to suspect that they may be used in the Occupied Palestinian Ter-

first to be formally put forward by the Palestinian Authority since it gained additional rights and privileges this month including a seat among UN members in the assembly hall and the right

to propose draft resolu-

US Ambassador to the UN Linda Thomas-Greenfield urged countries to vote no on Wednesday. Washington - an arms supplier to and ally of Israel . has long opposed unilateral measures that undermine the prospect of a two-state solution.

The ICJ advisory opinion is not binding but carries weight under international law and may weaken support for Israe A General Assembly resolution also is not binding, but carries political weight. There is no veto power in the assembly.

Pashtoon political

leaders laud

Chaman parlat

committee,

labourers

Independent Report

QUETTA: The Pashtoon

nationalist political leaders

have praised the Chaman

parlat committee and

labourers for waging struggle for their rights in Chaman.

They said that the ongoing

protest sit-in for last one

year proved the apathy and

indifference of the rulers

and they have nothing to do

with issues of common men

and labourers shouldn't

consider them alone in their

struggle, rather voice is be-

ing raised for their rights

everywhere in Pashtoon

land. These views were ex-

pressed by the central

Chairman Pashtoon khaw

National Awami Party,

Khushhal Khan Kakar, Pro-

vincial President of Awami

National Party, Asghar Khan

Achakzai, provincial coordi-

nator of Pashtoon Tahafuz

Movement, Noor Bacha, pro-

vincial president of National

cial President of PKNAP.

Nasarullah Zairay, spokes-man of Tajir Laghri Ittehad,

Sadiq Achakzai, Ghousall

and others while address-

ing the participants of pro-

test dharna in Chaman on

Wednesday.

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Democratic Movement.

They said that people

and labourers.

The resolution is the



QUETTA: Inspector General of Police Balochistan Moazzam Jah Ansari meeting with Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti

IHC stops trial court from announcing final decision in 190 million pounds reference

ISLAMABAD (Online): IHC comprising Chief Jus-Islamabad High Court (IHC) has stopped trial court from announcing final decision in 190 million

pounds case. its decision trial court should complete its trial but it should not give final de-

The court issued no-Imran Khan and Bushra

The court while removing objections on both the applications directed registrar office to fix the case for hearing again on

September 26. Acquittal pleas of Imran Khan and Bushra Bibi came up for hearing with objections in the court

Wednesday A division bench of lenged in IHC.

tice (CJ) Aamir Farooq and Miangul Hassan Aurangzeb heard the petition.

It has been requested in the petition the trial The court has said in court be stopped from proceeding with the case ahead as long as it is in high court.

The IHC while accepting the plea stopped tice on the acquittal plea of trial court from giving final decision in 190 million pounds case. Trial court should complete trial but should not give final deci-

> Imran Khan and Bushra Bibi had resorted to IHC for their acquittal in 190 million pounds NAB

Accountability court had rejected acquittal plea and its decision was chal-

PM urges nation to shun hatred, extremism and culture of abuses AHORE (INP): Prime his care for orphans and the tive attitudes.

Minister Shehbaz Sharif has said that division is the agenda of anti-state elements therefore entire nations has to join hands against negative elements and it was need of the hour to reject the culture of hatred, extremism and abuses in the country. Speaking at a ceremony here to mark Eid Milad-un-Nabi on Tuesday, PM Shehbaz expressed concern over the growing use of abusive language and rising societal divisions. "We must live our lives by the teachings of the Prophet (PBUH), whose ethical treatment of even his enemies stands as a moral guide for us today," said Sharif. He described the birth of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) as a pivotal moment that changed the course of human history, calling it a "mercy for all of humanity."

The premier reiterated that the Prophet's (PBUH) moral values, particularly

University Finance Commission

Independent Report

QUETTA: The Chief Min-

ister Balochistan, Mir

Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti has

categorically stated that the

government employees are

public servants and they are

responsible for resolving

cided that the public issues

would have to be resolved

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officers and other employ-

ees creating hurdles in re-

solving the genuine public

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He said that common

government institutions.

He said that it is de-

He warned that the

their issues.

elderly, are enshrined in the Ouran. Highlighting the ongoing struggles of Palestinians and the people of Occupied Kashmir, PM Sharif expressed hope for their eventual liberation. "The day will come when the people of Palestine and Occupied Kashmir will breathe in the air of free-

dom," he said.

PM Shehbaz Sharif stressed the need for unity in society highlighting the importance of protecting minority rights in line with the teachings of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH). He called for an end to divisive and extremist behaviours, urging the nation to adopt ethical conduct inspired by the life of the Holy Prophet (PBUH).
He added that the true

propagation of Islam comes through actions aligned with the Prophet's (PBUH) teachings, calling on the nation to pledge to follow his

example in eradicating nega-

QUETTA: Provincial Finance Minister Mir Shoaib Nausherwani and Educa-

tion Minister Raheela Hameed Khan Durrani presiding over joint meeting of

Doors of Chief Minister's Secretariat opened for general public:

Govt.'s employees are public servants,

responsible for resolving problems: CM

ernment employees have to

play their active role for re-

solving the public issues at

the lower level while sup-

porting the government

with sincerity and honesty.

was speaking to the public

delegations who visited the

Chief Minister's Secretariat

and met him on Wednes-

longing to different walks

of life visited the Chief

Minister's Secretariat for

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of the province met the

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The Chief Minister

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The common people

In this regard, the gov-

Minister Shehbaz Sharif has said that

in today's turbulent era, mere reading about the life of Holy Prophet (Peace Be Upon Him) life is not enough rather "we must follow his teachings in letter and spirit" The solutions to the current era challenges was

only in completely following the Holy Prophet's (PBUH) vision and principles, he said in his message on 12th Rabiul Awwal, 1446. The prime minister extended greetings to the entire Muslim Ummah, especially the people of Paistan, on the occasion of Eid Milad-un-Nabi (SAW the birth anniversary of Holy Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him). He urged the nation to

follow the teachings of Holy Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), emphasizing support for the vulnerable, pri oritizing those struggling with poverty and hunger.

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Bugti said that sustainable

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they are facing different is-

said that if the institutions

established for the public

interests may play effec

tive role as pertheir mandate,

then 90 percent of the issues

can be resolved at the local level.

bereaved family

Independent Report

QUETTA: The Governor

Balochistan, Sheikh Jaffar

Khan Mandokhail condoled

the death of the Lehri tribal

chief and Provincial Minis-

ter for Local Government

The former Chairman

nied the Governor during visit to Lehri House for con-

others condoled the death

cation and as such is taking

concrete steps for it's pro-

motion. He said that no

conscious person can deny

the importance of science

and information technology

ters and other participants

stressed the need to im-

prove performance of the

universities further.

The Provincial Minis-

They asserted that no

in present era.

The Governor and

sues and hardships.



ISLAMABAD: Iranian Ambassador to Pakistan Dr. Reza Amiri Moghadam called on Federal Minister for Defence, Defence Production, and Aviation Khawaja Muhammad Asif.

Gillani urges unity to overcome challenges in Muslim world

Senate Chairman Syed Yousuf Raza Gillani on Wednesday said that the Islamic world had been facing numerous challenges, including injustices, oppression, and genocide being inflicted on the Muslims in Palestine, Kashmir, Mvanmar and other conflict-ridden areas.

Addressing a conference in connection with the Eid-e-Milad un Nabi (SAWW), he stressed the need to unite, set aside petty differences, and work together for peace and social and economic growth.

conference, themed "The Prophet (PBUH) Brings Us Together Under the Banner of Hussain," was hosted by the Embassy of Iraq. The Senate chairman

highlighted that the teachings of Holy Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) and Imam Hussain's (RA) sacrifice "call upon the Mus- values.

ISLAMABAD (APP): lims to stand united against injustice and uphold truth and justice'

He said that the theme of the conference was highly relevant, timely and resonant, "reminding us of the enduring legacy of the Holy Prophet (PBUH) and his grandson, Hazrat Imam Hussain (RA). "Together, their lives and sacrifices continue to inspire and unite the Muslim Ummah."

Gillani recounted how the Arabian Peninsula, once a backward society mired in ignorance and idolatry, was transformed by the light of Islam, which brought a message of Tauheed (Oneness of Allah), equality, and human dignity. He praised the sacrifices of Hazrat Imam Hussain (RA) and his companions in the plains of Karbala as a beacon of righteousness, standing against tyranny, oppression, and the corruption of Islamic

EC authorities tell commission If intra party election of PTI not accepted then its Org. structure will not exist

ISLAMABAD (Online): Election Commission (EC) has said if intra party election of PTI are not accepted then its organizational structure will remain no more. A 3-members commission under member Sindh of EC Nisar Durrani took up the case for hearing Wednesday. Chairman PTI Barrister Gohar appeared in the EC.

Member Balochistan inquired were the election TI held in Chamakni.

Barrister Gohar replied no Sir, elections were held in Islamabad too.

Barrister Gohar said we have to file documents. accept PTI intra party elec-Time from one week to 10 tion then we have powers days be given to us. '

The bench inquired from EC authorities if we don't accept intra party election of PTI now too then what will be future. DG political finance

told the bench no organizational structure of party will remain any more. The bench directed the authorities to provide

assistance to them at this Barrister Gohar said we too will assist you on this matter. EC had done

what it could do on not holding intra party election. Member KP inquired if even now too we don't



MUZAFFARABAD: Kashmiris shouting slogans at Azadi Chowk against the elections in Occupied Kashmir and demanding referendum.

Chief Minister gives thumbs up to administration, police, Levies as appreciation

Satisfactory arrangements on Eid Miladun Nabi (SAW)

Independent Report QUETTA: The Chief Mingiven thumb up to the district administration, Police and Levies force as appreciation on making satisfactory arrangements on occasion of the Jashne Eid Miladun Nabi (SAW) in Quetta and other parts of the province.

In a statement issued here on Tuesday, the Chief Minister said that the situation of law and order remained satisfactory on eve of Eid Miladun Nabi (SAW) in the province. He commended the

role of religious leaders saying that they extended Awwal in the province.

wholehearted cooperation to the police, levies and loister Balochistan, Mir cal administration. As a re-Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti has sult of which, all programmes came to end all over the province peacefully, he noted with contentment.

The Chief Minister thanked the religious leaders on their mutual cooperation in this regard.

It may be mentioned here that Eid Miladun Nabi (SAW) was celebrated with great religious respect and enthusiasm all over the province as elsewhere in the country. The processions were taken out and different other programmes were organized to mark the 12th Rabiul

DC Hub chairs meeting for implementation of Child **Protection Act**

Commissioner(DC), Hub Ruhana Gul Kakar chaired a meeting regarding the implementation of Child Protection act on Wednesday. The focal person of Social Welfare Child Protection Unit Noreen and other officials participated in the meeting. Issues related to strengthening the right of children to be protected from all forms of violence and exploitation through technical assistance from

QUETTA (APP): Deputy the District Administration in the Child Protection Program were discussed during the meeting. During the meeting, the focal person drew the attention of the Deputy Commissioner, said that the absence of a shelter home and a safe protection for the affected children in Hub district is also a challenge. She said that due to poverty, many parents are unable to afford their children's education

He stressed that every offiof expectations with the Chief Minister and apprised him about their iscial has to perform to serve government as such we are the general public. working with dedication to Governor condoles death of Sarfraz Domki with

OUETTA: Provincial Minister Sardar Faisal

Jamali and Parliamentary Secretary Sanjay Kumar meeting with Parliamentary Secretary S&GAD Mir Liaquat Ali Lehri

Education Dept. initiates action against absentee teachers in Balochistan

Independent Report QUETTA: The Education Department, Government of Balochistan has initiated action against the absentee government teachers in the province. According to the sources of Provincial Education Department, the departmental action has been initiated against as many as

2021 absentee teachers. The sources informed

effect. Moreover, show cause notices have been issued to 998 teachers while explanation letters have been issued to 429 absentee teachers in different parts of the province. Besides, services of 78 teaches have been placed under suspension in the province, the sources of Education

Department maintained.

and Rural Development, Sardar Sarfraz Chakar Khan Domki at Lehri on Wednes-Senate, Mir Muhammad have been dismissed from Sadiq Sanjrani and Parliathe service with immediate mentary Secretary, Barkat Rind were also accompa-

of Sardar Sarfraz Chakar Domki with his bereaved family members, son brother and others. They also offered fateha for the departed soul

Universities Finance Commission unanimously approves formula of funds distribution universities

for Education, Ms. Raheela

Independent Report QUETTA: The Balochistan Universities Finance Commission has unanimously approved the formula of distribution of funds for the

also agreed on the separate DDOs for the sub campuses of universities. The Universities FiSecretary Finance. Aurangzeb Kasi and the Vice Chancellors of public sector universities of the

ter for Finance, Mir Shoaib taches top priority to edu-Nausherwani and Minister

negligence would be tolerated in the educational ac tivities of the students.



GWADAR: MPA Maulana Hidayatur Rehman inaugurating Biometric Security System of Gwadar Port. Chairman Gwadar Port Authority Passand Khan

Inter-Institutions Minister Education Throwball Tournament: Every possible steps to be taken to provide all kind of facilities to talented players: Imran Khan

Pakistan Navy ship SHAMSHEER conducted passage exercise (PASSEX) with HMS LANCASTER during Regional Maritime Security Patrol.

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QUETTA: The Secretary Information Department, Imran Khan has assured that every possible measures to be taken to promote sports and provide all kind of facilities to the talented players of the province at provincial level.

The Secretary Information was addressing the closing ceremony of All Quetta Inter-Institutions Minister Education Ms. Raheela Hameed Khan Durrani Throwball League Tournament at the Ayub Sports complex on Wednes- mobilizing all resources

The Secretary Information, who also happens to be the Chairman of Balochistan Throwball Association (BTA), said that the young players can brighten the name of province and country by taking interest in the sports.

He said that it is our earnest desire and endeavour to provide all basic facilities to the young players so that they are able to excel in sports.

He also said that the provincial government is sion.

for support of the sports and sportsmen in the In the end, the Secre-

tary Information distributed prizes among the players and officials. Earlier, the team of

Government Sabzal school defeated Killi Sheikhan school in the final and thus won the tournament. The office bearers of

the Throwball Association as well as officials of sports and education departments and participating teams were present on the occa-

Hameed Durrani in the chair here on Wednesday. The meeting was attended by the Secretary Higher Education, Hafiz Muhammad Tahir, Special universities The Commission was

nance Commission met with the Provincial Minis-

province.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister Finance said that our government at-

Buledi is also present.