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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 polio workers.

The incident occurred when terrorists opened fire on polio 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 polio 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.



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

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.



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

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 Lehari, in all 5,806 candidates had registered them for the MDCAT.

The MDCAT was conducted for admission in 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. Lehari 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.



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

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.

He praised the people for their role in supporting economic growth by promoting political stability and emphasized that national unity was crucial for sustaining this progress.

"National unity for political stability will prove to be the guarantee of

Pakistan's bright economic future and relief from inflation," he remarked.

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. "Thank God, inflation has returned to single digits, and the economic situation is improving," he said, highlighting key indicators such as rising exports, the stability of the rupee, increasing remittances, and declining interest rates.

Looking forward, the prime minister underscored that the current International Monetary Fund (IMF) program should be the last one for Pakistan, saying "if it is so, it will be a true success".

He warned that abusive language, violence, and chaos would not lead to progress, urging every province and institution to play its role in solving the public's problems.

PM strongly condemns firing incident in Zhob

LONDON (APP): Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Sunday strongly condemned the firing on Anti-Terrorist 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.

"The entire nation salutes the martyrs who sacrificed their lives in the fight against terrorism," the prime minister said.

"We are determined to eradicate the menace of terrorism from its roots."



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 heritage: Chief Minister terms bravery, veracity and hospitality as hallmarks of Pashtoon tribes

Independent Report 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."

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, 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.

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 followed since their origin," he said.

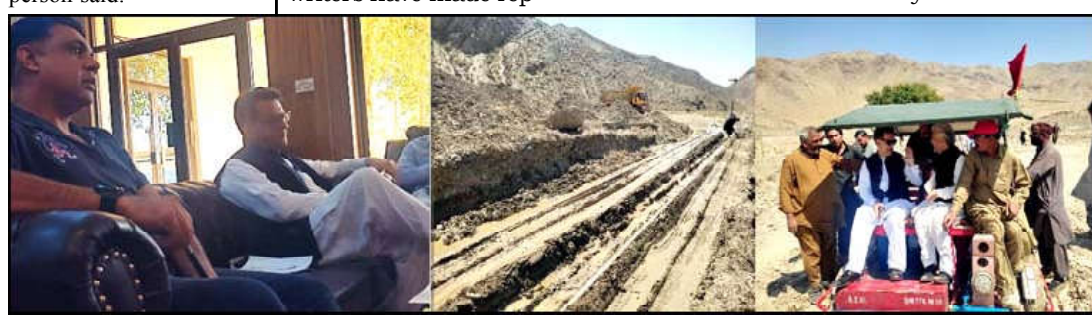
The CM said that Balochistan is a cluster of people belonging to different nations and tribes.

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 done the cultural, historical and traditional interpretation of the province in an effective way. In their script, couplets, we get the lesson of hospitality, harmony, national unity, bravery, and brotherhood.

He said that the traditional dishes and hospitality of Pashtoons would always be remembered in golden words in the history.

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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.

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

ISLAMABAD (INP): Pakistan's Oil and Gas Development Company has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Chinese company CCDC for exploration of shale and tight gas potential in Pakistan. 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.

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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

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): One police officer was martyred and three others injured on Sunday due to an explosion on Malam Jabba Road, in Swat district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

Deputy Inspector General of Swat, Muhammad Ali Khan, said that a substantial police presence was dispatched to the scene, and rescue operations were underway, reported a private news channel. He confirmed that

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 launched to assist the injured and secure the area.

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 opinion and military policy on this matter.

The paper is of the view that Imran's and Israel's viewpoints are identical. The Jerusalem Post has proved the claims of the Times of Israel right.

The report labeled Imran Khan as a "like-minded politician" for Israel and suggested that his political success in recent elections offers an opportunity to re-evaluate Pakistan-Israel relations.

Furthermore, the paper writes that the former prime minister's party, PTI's reasonably good performance in the February 8 general elections provides an opportunity to review the relations between Pakistan and Israel afresh.

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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 Bugri 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 Pakistan 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. About the author. Mr. Zhang Hao is the acting CG of People's Republic of China in Karachi.

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.



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): A significant move to bolster Pakistan's export sector, 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.

Experts were of the

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.



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.

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

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. Thereafter, a number of research institutes were established with dedicated task of seed research and development and our scientists developed a large

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). 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 Iqar Ahmad Khan, Vice



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

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

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, 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.



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

Rich Pashtoons values, philosophy need to be highlighted thru Culture Day activities, stresses Governor

Mandokhail greets Pashtoon nation on Culture Day; says nation has maintained its national identity and recognition with its dignified values, traditions, civilization and history like the lively nations of world

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.

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.

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.



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.

Rahmatullah Kadezai, Naeem 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.

Hafiz Naeem warns Unlike Bangladesh, Pakistani rulers might not be offered the airlift opportunity

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).

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 of 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 further said that

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 Nesaee, "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," Nesaee said, according to state outlet IRNA.

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

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

World leaders set to discuss raging conflicts, Global South's concerns over poverty, inflation & debt

UNITED NATIONS (APP): Pakistan's Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif will join world leaders at the United Nations next week to deliberate on key international issues, as wars in the Middle East and Europe threaten to spread with no end in sight and to address Global South's concerns over increasing poverty, inflation and debt burden, while impacts of climate change worsen. More than 130 heads of state/government will attend the high-level segment of the UN General Assembly's 79th session beginning on Tuesday, Sept 24.

now that Israel has turned its guns towards its northern border with Lebanon in pursuit of its object to destroy Hezbollah. Earlier this week, Israel's detonations of hand-held devices by Hezbollah members left 37 dead and a hundred more injured that outraged most of the world. 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.

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.

The Assistant Commissioner and other concerned officers gave patient hearing to the issues of general public and assured to address them. The Assistant Commissioner assured that the issues being confronted by the people would be resolved at the earliest.

The PHE officials on the occasion assured that the issue of drinking water would be resolved within a week. Similarly, the issue of roads would also be resolved as the officials of concerned department are working on it. Moreover, the Health department representative assured that the issue of shortage of doctors and other medical staff would be resolved.



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

Hassan Zehri strongly denies baseless, false allegations leveled against him

Says I personally warn Bhutani to stop making accusations against honorable President Zardari otherwise legal action will be taken

Independent Report 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. In his statement of condemnation, he said that baseless accusations against high-ranking personalities have been the way of Aslam Bhutani.

Before the election, Aslam Bhutani was ready to pick up the shoes of President Asif Ali Zardari and hold his feet, while looking at his negative thinking and previous record, Pakistan Peoples Party Co-Chairman Asif Ali Zardari did not lift him, so they started and came down baseless and false accusations. There is no truth in Aslam Bhutani's accusations and the accusations he has made against our leader Mr. Asif Ali Zardari. As the spokesperson of President Asif Ali Zardari strongly deny these baseless and false allegations and warn that they should stop making accusations against honorable President Asif Ali Zardari, otherwise a lawsuit will be filed against him and a defamation case of 10 billion rupees will be filed on baseless accusations.



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

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 the leader of Pakistan Peoples Party, Agha Shakeel Ahmed Durrani, Senator Agha Shahzaib Durrani, late Agha Shahab 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 we 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.

UoT affiliation committee focuses on improving academic standards

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.

In his welcome note, Dr. Abdul Saboor emphasized the importance of conducting meetings of the Affiliation Committee at regular intervals to strengthen the coordination between UoT and its affiliated colleges to move forward. He reiterated the university's commitment to maintaining strong coordination with the Education Department, Government of Balochistan, and affiliated colleges for the transition from the annual to the semester system, the need to address shortages of facilities and update SOPs in laboratories. He also informed the committee that a letter had already been sent to the Education Department regarding these matters. The meeting discussed and resolved several matters, including the programs offered in affiliated colleges, affiliation fees, the availability of qualified faculty for various programs, accreditation criteria and procedures for affiliated programs, curriculum development, regular visits to affiliated colleges, the use of proper communication channels with affiliated colleges, adherence to prescribed standards for launching new programs.

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