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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 part of the Anti-Terrorist (ATF) personnel deployed to protect the polio work-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, Force tasked with protecting polio teams in the area. The number of ATF personnel martyred in the Zhob attack has now risen to

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

nairman of the National Assembly Standing Committee on Information and Broadcasting Pullain Baloch Sunday reiterated the government's resolve to uplift women and propel Balochistan, narrowing the

developmental divide with other provinces. In an exclusive talk

with PTV news channel, Chairman has made a comto 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.

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 Hydait 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 Lehri, in all 5,806 candidates had registered them for the

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 **MDCAT** BUITEMS. However, over 50 students were caught on charges of cheating in the MDCAT, Professor Dr. Lehri informed

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



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 the masses. Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Sunday said that the public had rejected the politics of chaos and instead prioritized the need for sound economic dress inflation and improve the living standard of the

"The people want a reduction in inflation, solutions to their problems, and economic betterment," the prime minister said in a statement issued by the

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 immedi-ISLAMABAD (APP): emphasized the importance ate need was to improve

the economic condition of PM strongly condemns firing incident in Zhob

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

"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."

Diplomats unhurt in blast near Mallam Jabba: FO

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

In a press release, the spokesperson said that a police convoy escorting a group of diplomats near Malam Jabba, Swat, was hit by an improvised explosive device (IED) today, resulting in the martyrdom of one policeman and injuries to three others. The group of diplomats was traveling to Islamabad after their trip to Malam Jabba and Swat "Our sympathies are with the families of the Shaheed policeman and three injured in the incident," the spokes-

person said.

"We will hold rallies in

2028; but right now, it is time to work hard to fulfill the pledges made to the 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.

political stability will prove

Pakistan's bright economic that inflation had returned future and relief from inflation," he remarked. To address

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

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 "National unity for front, the prime minister was optimistic about the to be the guarantee of country's progress, noting public's problems

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 sta-

bility of the rupee, increas-

ing remittances, and declin-

ing 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

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

a true success'



nior Police Officers offering funeral prayers of ATF official martyred during attack on ATF vehicle at Zhob area.

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

Independent Report QUETTA: The Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz Bugti has stated that Balochistan is a bouquet of people belonging to dif-ferent

nations and tribes. The unique culture, traditions and civilization of the liv¬ing in people 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

He said that the Pashtoon poets, writers, historians and writers have made rep-

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.

resentation 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, verac-ity, and hospitality as a hall-mark 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 dif-ferent nations and tribes.

The CM noted that living and conscious nations protect their cultural

tradi-tional values and historical heritage. He, however, underlined need

under-standing the learning points of celebrat-ing any event as saying "the purpose of celebrating culture day is to understand all positive traditions and principles bet-ter and to keep them alive forever". Giv-ing due credits to Pashtoon poets, writners, historians, and authors, he said they have done the cultural, historical and traditional interpretation of the prov-ince in an effective way. In their script, couplets, we get the lesson of hospital-ity, harmony, national unity, bravery,

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

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 witnessed the MOU signing ceremony at Xian in received here. Shaanxi province of China during the ongoing 8th Silk Road International Expo for

OGDCL, Chinese

CCDC sign MoU

for shale, tight

investment and trade forum. The MOU underscores commitment of both the brotherly countries for the development of Shale and tight gas potential of

Pakistan's Oil and Gas De-

velopment Company has

gas exploration ISLAMABAD (INP): Pakistan with an aim to alleviate energy needs of the country through indigenous resources. Federal Minister for Petroleum, Dr. Musadik Malik, in Xi'an, Shaanxi Province, China, witnessed the MoU signing ceremony during the ongoing 8th Silk Road International Expo for Investment and Trade, according to a news release

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.



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

Political, military leadership to resist conspiracies: Ahsan

velopment Ahsan Iqbal says political and military leadership will resist any conspiracy to destabilize the country

Speaking at a cer-emony in Zafarwal today, he said enemies of Pakistan country politically, economically and socially.

He raised concerns tional media campaign sup-

NAROWAL (APP): Min-ister for Planning and De-lem Post, has published the lem Post, has published the third article favoring PTI founder. He said this series of articles was part of a larger campaign orchestrated by pro-Israel and Zionist lobbies to promote PTI founder.

Ahsan Iqbal said PTI want to destabilize the had previously staged a sitin to sabotage visit of the Chinese President to Pakistan and now PTI is orgaabout an ongoing interna- nizing protests again forthcoming Shanghai Cooperaporting PTI founder. The tion Organization confer-Minister said a prominent ence.

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

President, PM strongly condemn blast near police van in Swat

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

ISLAMABAD (APP): Constable Burhan lost his life in the attack, while Sub-Inspector Sar Zameen, Constable Amanullah, and Constable Habib Gul were among the injured. The area surrounding

the explosion has been secured, with police initiating a search operation to locate potential suspects. Emergency services

swiftly arrived at the scene, where rescue operations were launched to assist the channel. He confirmed that injured and secure the area.

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

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 Is-

According to the article, Imran Khan would play a crucial role in buildcould change public opin- stan and Israel afresh.

TEL AVIV (INP): Israel's ion 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 "likeminded 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 ing ties with Israel as he the relations between Pakielectricity, roads and

hospitals to the people

of Balochistan, leading

to more employment

opportunities, im-

proved living condi-

tions, and a promising

future. Take Gwadar

modern three-dimen-

work by sea, land and

East Bay Expressway.

The construction of

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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 Port as an example, the Pakistani side. As driven by the construca significant livelihood tion of CPEC, the port project under the has developed into a framework of the multi-purpose terminal China-Pakistan Eco- with three multi-pur-Corridor pose berths, capable of nomic tal, with 150 beds, fea-same time. A regular tures an intensive care container shipping sernatal intensive care launched. The Chinaunit£"NICU£©, and assisted Gwadar East four fully equipped op- Bay Expressway was

people. Muhammad, the Paki- city of Karachi, enstani project director of the hospital, stated that there is no second and the economic cooking oil to fisherhospital in the entire heartland of Pakistan. province of The new Gwadar In-Balochistan that meets ternational Airport

erating rooms. It officially opened in

serves over 900 pa- June 2022, creating a

will benefit the people year, and when comof Balochistan as a pleted, it will form a

"To get rich, we sional transport netmust first build roads". for a country or region to achieve sustained development and im- these new port, road, upgrading infrastruc- formed the Gwadar Gwadar is a clear ex- gistics hub and indusample of how the contrial base. The number struction of CPEC has of local shops, com-development

boosted the improve- munication base sta- women and children. sources or animal newly built and renoment of infrastructure tions, cold storage fa- The 2013, the CPEC has of tourists has also Balochistan brought water and doubled, leading to a significant increase in ing tide lifts all boats". the traction effect of infrastructure development on improving will be substantial and continuous to be released.

construction of the CPEC, China focuses (CPEC), this modern docking two 50,000- on large-scale infracomprehensive hospiton cargo ships at the structure projects that support the long-term development unit£"ICU£©, a neo- vice has also been Balochistan while also projects:

tients daily and em- transportation link be- to providing timely asmen in Gwadar, effeclike this one, which flights in June of this nese Embassy in Pakistan promptly distrib-3,000 affected households in the Bugti tribal area, helping them to Balochistan, allowing China's over 40 years air together with the get through the diffiof reform and opening maritime route of cult times. When of a bountiful harvest up have revealed that Gwadar Port and the Balochistan was hit by with "Chinese seeds". floods again this year, the Chinese govern- University of Forestry ment quickly provided and Technology in gency cash assistance ture is essential. The region from a remote and 10,000 solar-pow-China-Pakistan Friend- fishing village into an ered lighting equipship Hospital in important regional lo-ment, endeavouring to alleviate difficulties.

Chinese feed, in Balochistan and ben- cilities, and restaurants government's project boosting local people's primary and secondefited local people. has doubled in recent to donate 20,000 economic income. ary school buildings Since its launch in years, and the number women's health kits to The Chinese Consulate and regularly assisted was launched in July, aiming to improve the airports, schools and local people's eco-quality of life and nomic income as the health awareness of losaying goes that "a ris-cal women. The Chinese-aided Gwadar by Gwadar fishermen tinuous maintenance This demonstrates that Faquer School was ex- at night. panded from a primary school to a primary and middle school with rable from the efforts Winder and conpeople's livelihoods modern teaching facili- of numerous Chinese structed a causeway, ties, including multi- enterprises. While pro- completely solving the purpose classrooms, moting industrial de- problem of poor and the original enrol-In promoting the ment of 150 students ing a large number of the rainy season in the has increased to more employment opportu- Kanraj area, effecthan 1,000, which is nities in Balochistan, tively ensuring the known as "the school they have also taken transportation lifeline that grows up" by the on the role of fulfill- in surrounding comlocal people. The Pak-China Technical and Social Responsibility Vocational Institute at with heart and soul, that matter, people's carrying out numerous Gwadar focuses on and have sincerely livelihood comes "small yet smart" live- short-term profes- solved practical diffi- first". In the new era lihood assistance sional training for local culties for the people of socialism with Chiworkers, with 366 of of Balochistan nese characteristics, We are committed trainees already com-through pleted and 145 curploys nearly 300 local tween Gwadar Port sistance. During the rently enrolled. Stu- ing roads, bridges, the Fahad and the southern key pandemic, the Chinese dents from Gwadar wells, hospitals, government's govergovernment provided can attend for free and schools, and donating nance is to further hancing connectivity essential supplies such have the opportunity materials. The Hub safeguard, improve, between Gwadar Port as rice, flour, and to study in China in Coal Power Project, and develop people's the future.

> disasters them to enjoy the joy The Central South plants such as date palms, figs, and Sesbania

"Lighting up Gwadar" solar street lights to il-

ing their Corporate munities smooth.

school. The Saindak Copper Gold Project built ing more local people, the only high school in and fully demonstratthe area, Saindak High ing the universally School, providing beneficial and incluprove people's lives, and airport has trans- \$100,000 in emer- China has cultivated free education to sive nature of Chinamore than 600 stu- Pakistan friendly codents, and its project operation. in hospital serves over Balochistan, not only 4,000 villagers. Since Mr. Zhang Hao is the increasing local veg- its operation, the acting CG of People's We care about the etation coverage but Duddar Lead-zinc Republic of China in of also providing food Mine Project has Karachi.

effectively vated six surrounding General in Karachi about 300 students in implemented the surrounding community schools with project, installing 73 study and living supplies. The project has luminate roads used also funded the conof roads and bridges The construction within 100 kilometers of the CPEC is insepa- from Duddar to velopment and provid- transportation during

"Of all the things various the most important means such as build- value orientation of

not only created nearly livelihood, striving to We provide assis- 10,000 jobs in realize the people's tively alleviating their tance tailored to local Balochistan during its aspirations for a betdifficulties. After the conditions. The Chi- construction but also ter life. The second international standards completed its test floods in 2022, the Chinese government or-continued to carry out phase of the CPEC ganized enterprises to desert tree planting will continue to uphold donate high-yield hy- and coastal cleaning this development conuted relief supplies to brid rice seeds to activities for many cept, making greater farmers affected by years, and helped contributions to the in build a fishing pier and economic developpublic welfare ment and livelihood improvement Balochistan, benefit-

About the author.

Commerce News

UK Trade Commissioner Oliver Christian begins key visit to Pakistan

UK Trade Commissioner for Middle East and Pakistan Oliver Christian has landed in Islamabad on his first visit to Pakistan, kicking off a three-day effort to strengthen the UK's economic, trade and education links with Pakistan. During his visit, Christian will announce significant new partnerships, including a strategic Transnational Education agreement between Beaconhouse International College and and collaboration between Hospital in Islamabad, said

a press release. education and healthcare sectors. The University of Essex partnership aims to provide Pakistani students with access to world-class education, while the Oliver facilities and services in the Karachi Sarah Mooney the University of Essex; said: "As Pakistan's thirdlargest trade partner, the Imperial Healthcare NHS UK is committed to driving

addressing challenges that hold back growth. This These initiatives are visit reinforces our set to deepen the UK's commitment to working investment in Pakistan's together to unlock opportunities to benefit

both countries. His Majesty's Trade Commissioner for the Middle East and Pakistan, Christian Novacare project will set a said:"British firms are not new standard in healthcare just operating in Pakistan, they are market leaders in region. British Deputy their respective fields, High Commissioner, trusted by millions of consumers as household names and making a significant contribution to the economy.

82pc BISP beneficiaries get quarterly tranche

LODHRAN About 82 percent beneficiaries of Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) got quarterly tranche of Rs 0,500 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 Kahror Pacca, three in Dunyapur and

Lodhran. Irfan Malik stated that Rs 10,500 each were disbursed among 131,000 beneficiaries

three in three in Tehsil

through 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 deserving beneficiaries in a



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

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

global branding.

This was approved during the 85th meeting of the Export Development Pakistan exports by international arena

the chairmanship of Minister for Commerce Jam Kamal Khan, said a news release here on Sunday. The Board approved 20 out of the 29 participating in Expo 2025 in Osaka Japan.

minister highlighted the potential

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.

ISLAMABAD (APP): In Fund (EDF) Board under channelizing the money exporters and creating facilitative mode at the national level for value addition, research & financial proposals by development, increasing compliance as per global requirement, upgradation infrastructure

available in the reformed EDF for boosting the country's potential in the

Shocking revelations about IPPs came to light

generating without electricity due to wrong contracts. Sources revealed that these IPPs are reluctant to undergo a forensic audit despite the immense insistence Government of Pakistan.

These IPPS have received billions of rupees from the government of Pakistan for 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

RAWALPINDI (Online): It view that these IPPs have has been revealed that some earned hundreds of times of the IPPs (Independent their profit, so the Power Producers), private contracts should be power companies in reviewed. According to the Pakistan have received sources, IPPs installed billions of rupees from the wind plants of the same government of Pakistan 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 government.



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

Research on new seeds imperative to enhance agriculture productivity Chancellor (VC) UAF. "We first in Pakistan and would FAISALABAD (APP): In country was only 15 number of seed varieties

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.

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 Immediately after task of seed research and independence, per acre development and our scientists developed a large yield of wheat in the

maunds which pressured 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 Igrar Ahmad Khan,

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 like input-responsiveness, early maturing (suitable for plantation even after wheat in the months of April and May), top borer-resistance, herbicide-

of tillers." "These varieties are second in the world and

tolerance and high-number

have produced 50 new help boost up sugarcane productivity manifold," he added.

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

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

Pakistan Railways' CEO Aamir Ali Baloch Sunday experience for passengers taking significant steps to make Pakistan Railways a more attractive option for fares and introducing stateof-the-art air-conditioned trains for affordability to commuters. Talking to PTV

to transform Pakistan

Railways into a world-

Pakistan's rail network.

ISLAMABAD (APP):

Bazzar at Joint road.

announced exciting plans to all passenger trains, enhance the travel including air-conditioned where the government is fare cut will be effective travelers by decreasing Pakistan Railways is operations, efficiency, and optimize news channel, the CEO has resource management, he unveiled an ambitious plan

QUETTA: A vendor displaying stuffed toys to

attract the customers at roadside near Sunday

Pak Railways introduces

affordable AC travel, cuts

fares across board: Amir

He said Pakistan Railways has announced a 10% reduction in fares for and economy classes. The from 23 September and applies to both express and mail trains, he mentioned. undergoing significant changes to streamline

boost said, adding that this transformation is part of a larger strategy to modernize class transportation the railway system, making reviving it more reliable and transparent manner. comfortable for passengers.

Governor KP stresses for free judiciary, strengthening democracy

Khyber Governor Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi on Sunday stressed on the rule of law and the protection of constitution

meeting with a delegation led by Qazi Muhammad law and the protection of significant legal document Bashir, President of the

Division President Syed Arshad Hussain Naqvi, Information Secretary Dar Information Secretary Dar of the party's founder, the party has consistently Shah, General Secretary Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali fought for judicial

ISLAMABAD (APP): Ijaz Sumro, and members Bhutto, in establishing the independence and the Tariq Khattak and Karachi Bar Association President the Amir Nawaz Warraich.

During the meeting, He said this during they engaged in detailed and public rights, making ting with a delegation discussions on the rule of the 1973 Constitution a discussions on the rule of Peoples Lawyers Forum (PLF) Sindh. role of the Pakistan commended the PPP

from the Pakistan Peoples 1973 Constitution, which Party including advocate provided a unified constitutional framework for the country.

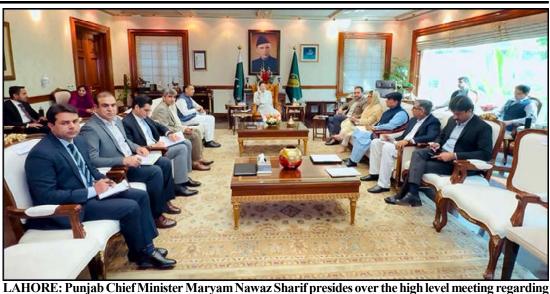
He emphasized that Bhutto prioritized justice constitution, still in effect today.

The delegation Peoples Party in these leadership and lawyers' included PLF Karachi matters. leadership and lawyers' organizations for their role organizations for their role Governor Kundi in the judicial restoration praised the contributions movement, asserting that

promotion of democracy. He reaffirmed the PPP's commitment to continue advocating for democracy, constitution, and the rule

of law, saying that the legal community alongside the party in this mission. The lawyers expressed appreciation for Governor

Kundi's leadership, saying that the central leadership of the party has entrusted an excellent individual with Governor's



transforming Agriculture in Punjab.

Marriyum Aurangzeb says: Crackdown on illegal wildlife trade geared up

LAHORE (APP): Senior valued at over \$36,000 was Marriyum Aurangzeb has affirmed that the Punjab government's crackdown on the illegal trade and smuggling of rare wildlife and birds is

gearing up. Following a tip-off, the Wildlife Department, in collaboration with police, conducted a successful operation in Taunsa, resulting in the arrest of a

recovered, and the bird was found to be in good physical condition.

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

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

World Rose Day CM Maryma pledges quality treatment for cancer patients

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

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

every cancer patient. She also announced the step in providing essential treatment and care for

emphasized The chief minister every patient will receive cancer patients.

prayed to Allah Almighty free and quality treatment. for the complete healing of She expressed her determination to eliminate barriers to accessing establishment of the first necessary medical care and Nawaz Sharif Cancer announced plans to Hospital in Lahore, which establish specialized represents a significant cancer treatment centers in every district of Punjab, ensuring that all patients cancer patients. have access to quality healthcare services close to the their homes. The chief government's commitment minister reaffirmed the to supporting cancer government's dedication to patients, affirming that improving the welfare of government's dedication to

Up-gradation of inside city hospitals begins

LAHORE (APP): On the that each hospital would be direction of Chief Minister thoroughly assessed, and Punjab Maryam Nawaz any missing or inadequate Sharif, the up-gradation of facilities would be all hospitals inside the city has commenced. This was disclosed by Punjab Minister for Primary and Secondary Healthcare hepatitis and Non-Khawaja Imran Nazir Communicable Diseases during the inauguration of (NCD) under the chief a new nursery and blood bank at the Govt Maternity Hospital New minister's directive, further enhancing the healthcare system in the city. Karol on Sunday.

Kohati Gate in Peshawar

addition of these facilities blood bank at New Karol was a part of larger upgradation process aimed at significantly improve the improving the hospital's quality of care for local services. He emphasized patients.

provided on a priority basis. Khawaja Imran Nazir announced the opening of clinics for

PESHAWAR: A special ceremony was organized in connection of 11 years of

two suicide bombings in the year 2013 at the famous All Saints Church

The newly The minister said the inaugurated nursery and Hospital were expected to

Two killed in Motorcycle, trawler collision in Kashmore

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

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

Unhealthy junk food harming youth health Excessive use of unhealthy food by bulk of teenagers and youngsters across the country had negative effects on their health exposing them to fatal cure the ailment.

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

ailments like obesity, piles,

clinics and hospitals. Faraz Khan (24), a outh of Wapda Town few days back he felt to unhealthy junk foods overweighting, piles and said referring to a WHO controlled.

due to irritable bowel syndrome and piles and was rushed to Government hospital Pabbi where doctors operated him to

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

Faraz was not alone but thousands other students of colleges and being sold openly outside the educational institutions in towns and cities adversely affecting their health. There is an abundance of such shops and foods stalls at Qissa Khwani bazaar, Namak Mandai, Karimpura, Charsadda Road, Faqirabad, Tehkal, Board bazaar, Lateeef Abad, Hayatabad, Warsak Road, Dalazak Road, Chamkani, GT Road and other localities, mostly seen selling unsafe cuisines

Professor Dr Ata Muhammad at Lady Hospitaľ, Reading Peshawar said that like many other countries Nowshera was a recent schools across Khyber Pakistan is also instance of this dilemma as Pakhtunkhwa were exposed confronting challenge of an

and expired food.

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

besides noncommunicable diseases across the world including Pakistan. "The number of

children and youth aged five to 19 with obesity had in 1975 to 124 million in 2016 globally due to open

obesity mostly among report. Terming obesity a college and schools salient killer, he said salient killer, he said around 30 percent of the world population was overweight that becomes the cause of making 44% to suffer from diabetes, 23% from heart diseases and seven to 41% from cancers. "Pakistan ranks 10th among 188 countries with about 50 percent of its population being overweight or obese," Dr Ata said and mentioned to World Obesity Foundation report revealing that around 5.4 million school increased from 11 million children in our country would be obese by 2030 if excessive consumption manufacturing of unsafe unhealthy junk food," he food is not properly

International News

Israeli strike on school housing refugees kills 21

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

ship from a local aid group. "Civil defence crews recovered (the bodies of) 21 people, including 13 children and six women," one of whom was pregnant, said

Bassal. The health ministry in the Hamas-run Gaza Strip gave the same death toll for what the Israeli military said was a precise strike on fighters who were operating inside a Hamas command-and-control centre... embedded inside an adjacent school. AFPTV footage showed the ground floor intelligence".

of the school-turned-shelter covered with concrete rubble and mangled chairs and tables, and a gaping hole in the ceiling of what appeared to be a classroom.

Thousands of Palestinians displaced by the war had sought shelter there, Bassal said. There were "around 30 injured, including nine

children (needing) limb amputations, as a result of an Israeli bombing on Al-Zeitun School C" in Gaza City, he said. Israel's military said its target was in Al-Falah School, adjacent to the Al-

Zeitun School buildings. An AFP reporter at the scene confirmed that Al-Zeitun School C had been hit. The military, without mentioning the casualties reported by Gaza's civil defence and health ministry,

said it had taken steps "to mitigate the risk of harming civilians, including the use of precise munitions, aerial surveillance and additional

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

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

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

exchange heavy fire after deadly Israeli strike **Monitoring Desk** BEIRUT: Israel and Hezbollah exchanged heavy fire into Sunday, with Israeli warplanes carrying out the

gee camp in Gaza City.

most intense bombardment in almost a year of conflict across Lebanon's south and Hezbollah firing rockets deep into northern Israel.

The Israeli military said it struck around 290 targets on Saturday, including thousands of Hezbollah rocket launcher barrels, and said it would continue to hit and restricted gatherings in many northern areas and ordered hospitals there to transfer their operations to facilities with extra protection from rocket and missile fire. There were no government directives from Lebanon on Sunday morning. The conflict - which sharply escalated over the past week has raged since Hezbollah opened a second front against Israel after Israel went to war with Hamas in the Palestin-

Sri Lanka picks Marxistleaning Dissanayake as president to fix economy

Hezbollah, Israel

Monitoring Desk COLOMBO: Šri Lanka elected Marxist-leaning

Kumara Anura Dissanayake as its new president on Sunday, putting faith in the 55-yearold's pledge to fight corruption and bolster a fragile economic recovery following its worst financial crisis in decades.

Dissanayake, who does not possess political lineage like some of his rivals in the presidential election, led from start to finish during the counting of ballots, knocking out incumbent President Ranil Wickremesinghe and opposition leader Sajith Premadasa to become Sri Lanka's 10th president.

The election was also referendum on Wickremesinghe, who led the heavily indebted nation's fragile economic recovery from a meltdown in 2022 but the austerity measures that were key to this recovery hindered his bid to return to office. He finished third with 17 per

Palestinians inspect the damage to a school sheltering displaced people after it was hit by an Israeli strike, amid the Israel-Hamas conflict, at Beach refu-Israeli forces raid Al Jazeera bureau in West

Bank with closure order **Monitoring Desk** CAIRO: Qatari Al Jazeera

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

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

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

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Monitoring Desk

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

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Iran's Supreme Leader says Israel is committing 'shameless crimes' against children

Monitoring Desk TEHRAN: Iran's Su-

preme Leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, said on Saturday that Israel is committing "shameless crimes" against children, not combatants. His comments came

a day after an Israeli airstrike on the Lebanese capital, Beirut, killed at least 31 people, including three children and seven women, according to the Lebanese health ministry. strike,

Friday's which according to a source targeted a building next to a nursery, was the deadliest in a year of conflict between Israel and the Iranian-backed Lebanese Hezbollah mili-

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

Khamenei said Israel

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

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

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

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

Russian strike on apartment block in Kharkiv injures 12

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

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

broadcaster Suspilne said the bomb landed in a tree outside one of the building's entrances and a number of cars had exploded or were set ablaze.

Oleh Syniehubov said a child was among those injured. He said there had been two attacks on the city and a strike near the city of Izium, southeast of Kharkiv, which had set two private homes on fire.

forces launched three strikes on Kharkiv, injuring 15 people. Further south, a Russian drone attack killed two people on Saturday in the town of Nikopol, the regional governor said. In Kurakhove, one of the focal points of Russia's slow advance through Donetsk region, one person was killed in a Russian artillery strike.

of Bengal

Regional Governor

On Friday, Russian

military backer. 9 Indian fishermen feared dead after trawler capsizes in Bay

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

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



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

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

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

that we can build a more

OUETTA: CEO BEEF Muhammad Zakriya Khan

Noorzai briefing under training 4th batch MCMC

Sardar Buland says:

PPP striving to

strengthen for

facilitating to masses

Rahmatullah Kadezai

Naeem Baloch, Jabbar Khan

Khilji, Nadeem Ahmad

Khan, City General Secre-

tary Lala Nimat Khan,

Salman Khosa and others

while addressing the birth-

day celebration of party

chairman Bilawal Bhutto

Zardari at Quetta Press Club

under the auspices of PPP

Balochistan Information

Department. While con-

gratulating 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 mis-

sion of his grandfather Shaheed Democracy

Zulfikar Ali Bhutto and

Ms. Shaheed Bibi Benazir

Bhutto, he said. They said

that he is currently trying

every society has its own

boiling point and it seems

that the days of ruling elites

in Pakistan are numbered.

Unlike Bangladesh, the rul-

ing elite in Pakistan might

not be offered the airlift

mestic scenario, he said that

30 million Pakistani chil-

dren are out of schools be-

cause either they don't have

the opportunity or they have to earn livelihood for

government has allocated

Rs454 billion for the edu-

cation sector and overall a

budget to the tune of

15,000 billion have been earmarked by all provinces.

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.

Similarly, he also shed light on the health sector. A

He said that the Sindh

their families.

Talking about the do-

opportunity, he said.

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 citi-

though the party has not taken any ministries in the

federal government, it is

fully supporting the gov-

ernment of Pakistan Mus-

lim League-Nawaz (PML-

N) in the interest of the

country and Chairman

Bilawal Bhutto Zardari

congratulated on his 36th

pressed on Sunday by Sec-

retary Information of the

PPP Balochistan Sardar

Sarbuland Jogezai, former

General Secretary Syedaqbal

Shah, Malik Žeeshan

Independent Report

KARACHI: Jamaat-e-

Islami (JI) Pakistan Ameer

Engr Hafiz Naeemur

Rehman has shed light on

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 safe-

expressed these views while addressing a session

at the Karachi Expo Cen-

ter, here on Sunday, while he was delivering a lecture

at the two-day biannual

countrywide central con-

vention held by the Paki-

stan Islamic Medical Asso-

elite was a class that doesn't

believe in cast, creed or color but their mutual in-

Speaking on the occasion, he said that the ruling

He further said that

ciation (PIMA).

The JI supreme leader

guard their interests.

dissected

Hussain, President of for the stability of Paki-

Sports and Culture Wing Stan and the betterment of Prince Shahzad Kakar, the people.

Hafiz Naeem warns

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birthday.

They said that even

zens have equal rights.

officers of Balochistan Civil Service Academy.

progressive and compatible society by adopting wholehearted 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 Govsaid Pashtoonwali is actually the name of the specific lifestyle of Pashtoons, which promotes the collectiveness, self-respect,

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

courageous leadership, so-

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 main-

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.

DC Usta Muhammad for collection of govt dues from farmers

QUETTA (APP): Deputy ommissioner (DC) Usta Muhammad Jalil Áhmed chaired a meeting regarding the collection of government dues from landlords

Tehsildar Ali Gohar Magsi and officers and other employees of revenue department participated in the meeting. Addressing the meeting, Deputy Commis-Jalil Ahmed said that all the officers should perform their duties with due diligence to ensure the collec-

tion of government dues. He said that all resources should be mobilized to recover all government dues of the previous year and the current financial year saying that strict action would be taken against those who are lax in collecting government dues.

He also directed that all the concerned officers and other revenue staff should increase their efficiency exceptionally so that the government duties and the given targets could be fulfilled in a

51 killed in Iran coal mine gas explosion

TEHRAN (Online): In when the blast happened 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 explo-

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.

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 re-

ane gas explosion in two blocks of the mine run by the Madanjoo company. The total number of

portedly caused by a meth-

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 tele-'Unfortunately, we

learned that an accident oc-

curred 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 vic-

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

tims and also stated that an

investigation has been

"Currently, the priority is to provide aid to the injured and pull people from the rubble," Nesaei said, according to state outworkers in both blocks let IRNA

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

kistan 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

ISLAMABAD (INP): Pa- to be followed for the return of bodies from China.

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

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

The Assistant Commissioner and other concerned officers gave patient hearing to the issues of gen-

eral 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

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

record, Pakistan Peoples

Independent Report HUB: Senior leader of Pa-

kistan Peoples Party, Spokesman of President Asif Ali Zardari and Provincial Adviser for Industry and Crafts Mir Ali Unlike Bangladesh, Pakistani 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

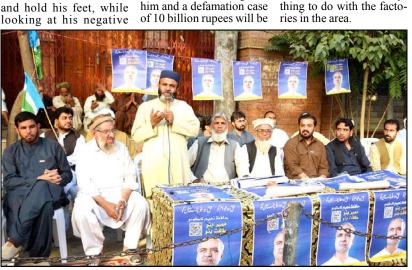
Party Co-Chairman Asif Ali Zardari did not lift him, so they started and came down baseless and false accusa-There is no truth in Aslam Bhutani's accusations and the accusations he has made against our leader

Mr. Asif Ali Zardari. As the spokesperson of President Asif Ali Zardari strongly deny these baseless and false allegations and and warn that they should stop making accusations against honorable President Asif Ali Zardari, otherwise a lawsuit will be filed against

thinking and previous filed on baseless accusa-

He said that President Asif Ali Zardari is the highest personality and authentic unit of this country. Aslam Bhutani wants to gain cheap fame by making such bogus accusations against Bhutanese dignitaries because his forty years of darkness is over and now his anti-people politics is buried forever.

He made it clear in blunt words that President Zardari has no involvement in the land disputes in Balochistan including the Winder Command Area and neither does he have any-



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

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(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, in-flation and debt burden, while impacts of climate change worsen.

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now that Israel has turned social media platform X 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

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 Septem-

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.

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

(formerly Twitter), stating that he anticipates a "busy week full of engagements'

"During our interac-tions, 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 exis-

tential 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



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

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 Shahbaz Durrani and Captain (Retd) Agha Shehryar

In a condolence statement issued here on Sun day, 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 Commit-

tee 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. Rugia 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 for-

ward. 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 Departregarding ters. 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



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