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IMF board approves \$7 billion Extended Fund Facility for Pakistan

PM Shehbaz Sharif expresses satisfaction at programme' s approval, hopes this will be Pakistan's last programme

International Monetary Fund (IMF) on Wednesday approved a \$7 billion new restructuring of the exter-bailout package after Paki- nal and domestic debt that stan promised to overhaul its agriculture income tax, transfer some fiscal responsibilities to provinces and had to take the most expensive loan in the nation's his-

tory. The Executive Board of nances, rebuild foreign exthe IMF approved the 37-month Extended Fund Facility totaling \$7 billion. It enterprises, and improving also authorised to immediately release the first loan tranche of nearly \$1.1 billion. It is the 25th IMF programme that Pakistan has obtained since 1958 and 6th EFF

approved the programme prices up to 51% and com-

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ISLAMABAD (INP): The without addressing one of International Monetary Fund (IMF) on Wednesday these loans -the need for Sovereign Wealth Fund. APP adds: Prime Minconsumed 81% of Sharif on Wednesday ex-Pakistan's tax revenues in pressed satisfaction over the last fiscal year. the approval of the Inter-

the private sector.

The new bailout packnational Monetary Fund's (IMF) package of US\$7 age targets achieving the macroeconomic stability billion for Pakistan. by consolidating public fi-The prime minister, in a statement issued by the change reserves, reduce fis-PM Office, said that the

cal risks from state-owned process for economic reforms was underway and the business environment after attaining economic to encourage growth led by stability, efforts would continue to achieve the goals To qualify for the of economic growth and

programme, the government development. imposed Rs1.4 trillion to He said the boom in in-Rs1.8 trillion in additional vestment and business ac-The IMF board has taxes, increased electricity tivities, which was the result of hard work by the

lomatic accomplishments, ister Muhammad Shehbaz another significant achievement has been the surge in foreign remittances sent by Pakistani expatriates," the

prime minister remarked. He believed that it could be the last programme with IMF if such progress continued.

The prime Minister thanked the friendly coun-tries, especially Saudi Arabia, China and the United Arab Emirates for extending support concern-ing the IMF package.

He also extended gratitude to IMF Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva and her entire team.

Dar; Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb; Army Chief General Syed Asim Munir; Minister of State for Finance Ali Pervaiz Malik; Pakistan's Ambassador in China Khalil Hashmi; the ambassadors of China, UAE, and Saudi Arabia in Pakistan; and Secretary Finance for their efforts and hard work to get the programme

approved. The prime minister thanked all the provincial Sarfaraz Bugti

The PM also thanked Votes are primary evidence of election

Chief Justice of Pakistan Qazi Faez Isa has observed in a judgment that casted votes are the primary evidence of the election results and what is recorded by a Presiding Officer or a Returning Officer in the

The top court issued a four page written judgment regarding dismissal of an appeal against election results in PB-14 Nasirabad Balochistan. The verdict is lant and correctly conauthored by the chief jus- cluded that his allegations tice of Pakistan.

Officer of each polling stawere fair.

United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres and called on him to use his good offices for the implementation of the relevant UN Security Council resolutions on Jammu and Kashmir, and ensuring the right to self-determination of the Kashmiris. The prime minister, in

the meeting held on the sidelines of the 79th Seslates the votes and issues The order said, "The learned Judge of the Trision of the UN General Assembly, briefed the UN secretary-general on the situation in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashbunal independently examined the case from all angles and attended to the allegamir (ÎIOJK). tions levelled by the appel-

Нe were not established, and

underscored Pakistan's serious concerns over India's egregious ac-

(APP):Prime Minister resolve the dispute to en-Muhammad Shehbaz sure lasting peace and sta-Sharif on Wednesday met bility in South Asia. Prime Minister sure lasting peace and sta-bility in South Asia. . Prime

Kashmir resolutions

NEW YORK: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif meets with Secre-

tary General of the United Nations Antonio Guetrres on the sidelines of 79th

session of United Nations General Assembly.

Shehbaz welcomed the initiative by the Secretary General Guterres to organize the "Summit of the Future", and expressed his hope that its outcome would help the developing countries in bridging the financial gap for implemen-

tation of SDGs and climate goals He condemned Israel's genocidal campaign against the Palestinians, and called for an immediate and unconditional ceasefire.

The prime minister also urged the international community to hold Israel accountable and reaffirmed tions in the IIOJK and Pakistan's support for the peacekeeping force.

NATIONS stressed upon the need to establishment of a viable

Minister Shehbaz also underscored the need for stemming the rising tide of Islamophobia, and discrimination against Muslims worldwide.

reaffirmed He Pakistan's commitment to actively contribute towards international peace and security as a non-permanent member of the UN Security Council for the year 2025-

Secretary General Guterres thanked the prime minister for Pakistan's active engagement at the United Nations as well as for its role towards international peace and security in the form of its UN's

results: CJP ISLAMABAD (APP): tion after the closer of elections counts the votes and is then required to prepare Form-45. The Returning Officer after receipt of all the Form-45s from the Presiding Officers calcu-Form-47.

requisite forms is not final.

It said, "The Presiding that the election results

PM urges UN Chief for implementation of UNSC governments, especially Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz, Sindh CM Syed Murad Ali Shah and Balochistan CM UNITED

ISLAMABAD (APP): President Asif Ali Zardari on Wednesday reiterated Pakistan's commitment to promoting the development of a safe, sustainable, efficient and environment-friendly transportation system in the country.

The president, addressing the Global Sustainable Transport Forum-2024, through a video message, being held in Beijing from September 25-26, 2024, said that Pakistan would work closely with China to achieve the goals of sustainable development to usher in an era of peace tion. and prosperity.

world needed resilient infrastructure for efficient, environment-friendly and

Improved rural accessibillow-carbon transport solutions to fulfill the needs of ity could potentially conthe people. tribute to promoting sus-He appreciated China's tainable development as lead role in promoting and well as providing essential

ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari addressing the Global Sustainable

Pakistan committed to promoting

sustainable, environment-friendly

transportation system: President

Transport Forum-2024, through a video message, in Beijing China.

advancing the United Naservices to the rural poputions' Sustainable Develop-ment Goals (SDGs), parlation, he added. The president apprised ticularly recognizing the the participants that Pakicritical importance of the stan was facing the chaltransport sector. lenges of sustainable main-

Highlighting the initiatenance of its infrastructure tives taken by the governand the effects of climate ment, President Zardari change He highlighted that over apprised the Forum that

Pakistan had introduced the last five years, devaspink buses specifically for tating floods, heavy rainfall women to provide a safe, and extreme weather concomfortable and accessible ditions had severely dammode of public transportaaged Pakistan's transport infrastructure including roads, rails, bridges and

He underlined that ru-He emphasized that the ral accessibility to allother critical transport networks that isolated millions weather roads in Pakistan witnessed significant imof people, particularly in provement, reaching 92%. rural areas.

Terrorists exploiting Baloch women for committing terrorism in Balochistan: Adeela Baloch

Enforcement Agencies (LEAs), in a successful bid, arrested Adeela Baloch who was being trained to become a suicide bomber from Turbat city of Kech district who revealed that the terrorists were blackmailing Baloch women to trap them for committing

terrorism in the province. Addressing a press conference along with her parents here on Wednesday Adeela Baloch said that she was a nurse by profession and her job was to help people and save precious lives but she was brainwashed by terrorists to commit the opposite of

that and become a murderer. Adeela said she was not the only one who had been led astray by these

QUETTA (APP): The Law was brainwashed in such a way that she got ready to become a suicide bomber and didn't even think how many innocent people would lose their lives because of her suicide attack.

"Anti-state elements are misguiding the youth and lured them into joining terrorist groups under false promises. They showed me false hopes of a new and happy life," she

explained, adding that once she joined them, she realised that the life in the mountains was nothing but hardship. Adeela said she went

to the mountains to join the terrorists' groups without telling her family. Adeela further revealed that she wasn't the only one who was misled by the terror-

Two police cops among 12 injured in Eastern bypass explosion

QUETTA: As many as 12 rescue teams rushed to the persons including two pospot, and shifted all the inlice personnels got injured jured to Sandeman Provinin an explosion took place cial Headquarter Hospital. in Eastern bypass area on

The injured were re-Wednesday morning. moved to the Trauma Cen-According to the poter after preliminary treatlice, the explosion was ocment at the casualty ward of Sandeman Hospital. Meanwhile the Gov-

ernment of Balochistan has issued orders for investigation into the terrorists' attack on the police mobile in Quetta. According to the spokesman of provincial government, the police mobile was targeted in the ter-

rorism attack in eastern bypass area of Quetta.



OUETTA: A view of destroy vehicle seen on blast site. Twelve people were injured in a blast that targeted a police van near Eastern Bypass in Quetta, hospital and government officials said.

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Planning, Development, and Special Initiatives, Ahsan Iqbal chaired the inaugural meeting of the Education Task Force.

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Wednesday chaired the in-

augural meeting of the Edu-

Among others, the

UNICEF, UNDP, FCDO,

Bank, ADB, Malala Fund,

Tahafuz Tehreek Aayeen-e-

Pakistan and Chairman

Pashtoonkhaw Milli Awami Party (PkMAP)

Mehmood Khan Achakzai

to the problems being faced

elections, so all political parties should set prin-

to elect the public represen-

tatives should be with the

He said that the solu-

ciples in this regard.

Ahsan Iqbal chairs

maiden meeting of

CM condemns terror attack at **police mobile Education Task Force Independent Report**

QUETTA: The Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz Bugti has strongly condemned the terrorists attack at the Police mobile in Eastern bypass area of Quetta.

In a condemnation statecation Task Force and exment issued here on pressed serious concerns Wednesday, the Chief Minover the current state of ister said that the terrorists' education in the country. attack on the police mobile is condemnable. He asserted meeting was attended by that the terrorists would be Minister for Information taken to task anyway. Technology and Telecommunications Shaza Fatima

He said that terrorists are coward, who remain in search of the soft target. The Chief Minister also asserted that action would remain continued against the terrorists.Mir Sarfraz Bugti prayed for early recovery of those injured in the terrorists attack and said that the terrorists would not be spared at all. He directed to the concerned high ups to provide best possible medical treatment to those injured in the attack.

FO issues travel

advisory for Lebanon

ISLAMÅBAD (APP) The Foreign Office on Wednesday advised the Pakistani nationals to exercise extreme caution and avoid has stated that the solution traveling to Lebanon in the wake of Israeli attacks. by the country lies in fresh

Similarly, the Pakistanis presently residing in Lebanon are advised to travel out through commercial flights which are still available," the FO Spokesperson said in a statement.

people. Those Pakistanis, who could not leave Lebanon tion to the issues is posowing to some specific reasible through supremacy of sons, should exercise exconstitution, strengthening of democracy and rule of treme caution and relocate to safe areas, he added.

ITA and Ghulam Ishaq ISLAMABAD (APP): Khan Institute, a news re-Minister for Planning, Delease said. velopment and Special Ini-

Citing alarming data from the Education Index, the minister stressed the need for urgent and immediate actions in the education sector.

He highlighted that approximately 25 million children in Pakistan were currently out of school, and the literacy rate stood at a mere 60%, which is a matter of grave concern.

Khawaja, Chief Secretaries The minister emphafrom all provinces, and sized that the government's representatives from the aim was not just to enroll Ministry of Education, children in schools but to provide them with quality UNESCO, the World education.

Constitutional amendments should be made with consensus: Solution of county's problems lies in fresh general elections, insists Chairman PkMAP

Independent Report QUETTA: The Head of

Milli

The Chairman of PkMAP was speaking to the media persons here on Wednesday.

To a question, Mehmood Khan Achakzai said that the constitutional amendments are not made through conspiracies and that behind the closed doors

He said that the constitution is not mere a piece He said that the right of paper rather it is a sacred document.

He stressed that the amendments in constitution should be made with consensus according to the requirements of the country and people.

ensure proper sharing of **BRCS**, says Governor **Independent Report** Crescent Society at the Governor's House on QUETTA: The Governor Jaffar Khan Mandokhail Wednesday.

Concrete steps to be taken to

has stated that concrete steps would be taken to ensure proper sharing of Balochistan Red Crescent Society (BRCS) in the province.

However, he stressed that it is necessary to take the Red Crescent into confidence regarding disaster management and relief activities about the province at the national level.

He said that it is responsibility of the Red Crescent to highlight the collective sense of relief activities and volunteer services in the natural disasters, viral diseases and other emergent circumstances.

The Governor was presiding over the annual meeting of Balachistan Red decades

Muhammad Hashim Khan Ghilzai, Chairman of Red Crescent Society, Abdul Wali Khan Ghaibzai, besides other concerned mem-

He

Also present on the occasion were the Principal Secretary to Governor,

tice soon.

He asserted that he may visit the Society anytime so the comprehensive strategy should be prepared to improve its performance, ensure attendance of the

staff, speed up the local activities and activate the volunteers and impart first medical aid training at union council level.

said that Balochistan has faced big challenges during last three want their own judges.

appointment curred along the road near a police mobile in Eastern of next CJ bypass near Barakzai town RAWALPINDI (INP): Paon Monday morning. As a result of the exkistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Founder Imran Khan plosion, 12 persons got inhas asked the government jured some of them serito announce the appoint-ment of the next Chief Jusously. They were included

two police personnels. Apparently, the police During an informal mobile was attacked in the subversive act, the police

conversation with journal-ists at Adiala Jail, Imran Khan stated that he fully supports Justice Mansoon Ali Shah, the most senior judge of the Supreme Court. The PTI founder said

stitutional court is to diminish the power of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, and the government is bent on destroying the

PTI Founder

asks govt to

announce

that the purpose of the con-

entire judiciary Imran Khan further commented that to cover up election fraud, they



OUETTA: Governor Balochistan Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail presiding over annual meeting of Pakistan Red Crescent Society Balochistan

informed. The police and Independent Report



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Independent

Point of no return?

Is this the end? The state, as envisioned in the

Constitution, is being dismantled in real-time.

The government has made it clear it will not ac-

cept or implement a ruling issued by the full

which its creation was achieved, and which con-

tinue to be done to ensure its continuity and

sustenance, have left little room for it to be seen

in a favourable light. Additionally, its legislative

agenda has laid bare the interests it truly serves.

by allowing itself to be used to uproot the es-

tablished division of power. Lawmakers continue

to remind us that 'parliament is supreme', as if

merely repeating the phrase ad nauseam will

confer supremacy upon it. The truth is that they

are almost ready to serve the country on a plat

ter to forces that have no patience for democ-

remains so obsessed with its leadership's

troubles that it has found little time to connect

with ordinary citizens, many of whom have been

looked to the Supreme Court to act as a final

arbiter in one of the key politico-legal disputes

of our time. A full court was called to hear the

matter, and it eventually issued a ruling. Most

of the judges agreed that a wrong had been done

and justice must be delivered; they only dis-

agreed on how. Regardless, it was always the

on the matter, it is the chief justice's responsi-

bility to ensure his institution and its edicts' re-

spect. He should be wary that his public dis-

agreements with other judges are being used as

ammunition by the government, and should know

he is being expected to take a stand for his fel-

low judges, many of whom once took a stand for

was simultaneously burdened with an immense

responsibility. He must demonstrate he is wor-

When he was appointed chief justice, he

Now, no matter where he personally stood

majority's verdict that was to prevail.

looking to it to give voice to their struggles.

To top it all off, the main opposition party

It is within this context that the public had

racy or parliamentary niceties and procedure.

Meanwhile, parliament has demeaned itself

bench of the Supreme Court.

be no turning back.

Thursday September 26, 2024

OPINION

Constitutional breakdown

Rida Hosain It was in 19th-century Britconstitutional ain that A.V. Dicey wrote amendm-e--nt, and held: that the British parliament lutely clear that they did is sovereign, and no person or body has the right not want their representato override legislation of tives to dilute their fundamental rights". As regards parliament. Since then, even the courts in England judicial independence and have watered down the separation of powers, he absolute and extreme

terms of the theory and Social media and television channels have called it 'out of place' in begun broadcasting open attacks on the judimodern times. ciary, without any worry for the consequences. While our constitu- tution, he held that unlike They are being shielded by the government's tional dispensation is the ones before it, the own adversarial stance on the matter. Meanwholly distinct, the Constitution endures: while, the Supreme Court judges have once again present government is gone public with their disagreements, openly adopting Diceyan concriticising and challenging each other through cepts of sovereignty. The letters and observations. As things unravel, the 1973 Constitution was adopted by the people of the people of Pakistan so judiciary has, for all practical purposes, been rendered defunct. If the bastion falls, there will Pakistan, and provides at the outset 'we the people' The government seems not to care that it give to ourselves this and the judiciary by Gen Cons--titution. It is the has very little legitimacy in the eyes of the public. The engineering and machinations through people's document that

reigns supreme. The Constitution creates and establishes a balance between the role of the judiciary, executive, and legislature. The govately to upset this balance by undermining judicial independence, and demanding judicial obedience

The unique part of our Constitution is the status afforded to fundamental rights and judicial independence. Any law inconsistent with fundamental rights shall be void. Democracy, fundamental rights, parliamentary form of government, and an independent judiciary have also been decl-ared as salient features of the Consti-tution. Per past precedent, even constitutional any amendment to the extent that it violates such salient

features shall be struck Fundamental rights and an independent judiciary work together, a judiciary that is not indeand enforce fundamental

rights

In 2015, the Constitution was amended to allow the trial of civilians by tions. military co--urts. Justice

Qazi Faez Isa (as he was rushed ordinance which then) struck down the was approved by the cabinet, the Supreme Court (Practice and Pro-"the people made it absocedure) Act, 2023, has been amended. The most striking part of the amendment is that bench constitution power now vests with the chief justice of Pakistan, the next found that judicial po--w-er can only be exersenior most judge, and a CJP nominee During hearings re-

On the 1973 Constigarding the validity of the law, Just-i--ce Munib Akhtar said the effect would be to make "the 1973 Constitution parliam-ent 'master of the has grown in stature and roster'. The court had has found acceptance in surrendered its indepenthe hearts and minds of dence and autonomy in so far as its internal promuch so that even the oncedure was concerned. slaughts on democracy By su-c--ceeding in their endeavour to exclude Ziaul Haq and Gen Pervez Justice Akhtar from the bench-making process, the government has completely vindicated his dissent.

Finally, the proposed constitutional amendments have been partly defended by the law minister. It was Justice Munir who borrowed Hans Kelsen's view that a successful coup d'état "was an internationally recognised method of changing a constitution".

thus the doctrine of necessity was given birth in our jurisprudence, and devastating years followed The idea of one centralised constitutional court is also a Kelsenian one, and he championed a single exclusive institution to deal with all constitutional questions (a concept the government is trying to transplant into

our common law jurisdiction). The legislature, in the words of Quaid-i-Azam, has the "gravest responsibility" as to how it takes decisions. Instead, attempts are being made to engineer a two-thirds majority; to make independent judges powerless; and to create an institution that would make the Supreme Court redundant. This should unite us

Then, through a all. -- Courtesy Dawn

Daily **Independent**

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Mahir Ali

Over the past week, the Netanyahu regime may have succeeded in its endeavours to provoke a wider war. It isn't difficult to imagine what the Western reaction would have been to, say, Iran, Russia or China booby-trapping an adversary's communication devices. In the case of Israel, shock is superseded by awe.

Yet even admiration for the technical ingenuity of Mossad has not Ariel Sharon, who was ofprevented some commentators from acknowledging the terrorist aspects of a tactical success that qualifies as a war crime under international protocols to which Israel is a signatory. That masscasualty attack has been supplemented with conventional air strikes that have already claimed hundreds of lives. Hezbollah will almost certainly feel obliged to respond, despite being massively outgunned. The big question is whether Iran will stay aloof.

The US State Department notoriously are keen on the IDF stepmaintains a list of 'state sponsors of terrorism' that currently features Cuba, North Korea, Iran and Syria. Israel has obviously never been included. Nor has Pakistan - although it was previously seen as one of several 'safe havens' for militants. But its backing for the Afghan mujahideen in the 1970s-80s, co-sponsored by CIA and the Saudis, was never an issue. Nor its initial nurturing of the Taliban.

Israeli have rarely elicited any objection from Washington, never mind the terrorist antecedents of at least two of its prime ministers, Menachem Begin and Yitzhak Shamir, and the indulgent attitude of all other leaders towards international and 'domes- of international disputes tic' operations by its agencies that qualify as tion in fact qualifies as the it pursues its misanthropic

sponsors in the occupied and into the 21^{st} . Palestinian territories, the Israeli military and its offshoots have also created or encouraged terrorist movements or actions across neighbourhood. Sabra and Shatila massacre in 1982 by Lebanese Falangist militiamen supervised by IDF general

ficially reprimanded, but his bloodlust did not pre-PNBack then, far-right halt the 'holocaust' in Beirut. The Israeli PM bristled, but obeyed, perhaps influenced by the fact that many Israelis in Lebanon. This year's demonstrators are understandably keen to bring home the hostages Israeli armed forces failed to protect on Oct 7 last year.

but all too many of them ping up its genocide in Gaza, and, perhaps, con-Bank, even southern Lebanon. No one bothers to deny that the formidable Israeli war machine has been sponsored by the US for the past half-century or more. A year before his assassination in 1968, Martin Luther King declared "my own government" to be "the greatest purveyor of violence in the world today".

excesses That accusation remains valid, but the transcontinental bloodshed conducted by the US has frequently been supplemented by the violence mercenaries. and a key to their resolu-

able definition. Quite perpetrator and sponsor apart from the terror it rou-tinely perpetrates or much of the 20th century,

It is not alone but its record - from the Philippines to Italy, Iran, Guatemala, Con-go, Cuba and Indonesia as well as Timor, Vietnam, Chile, Cambodia, Afghanistan The most egregious instance and Iraq — is unmatched of this tendency was the in modern history. Hubris and hypocrisy are the key defining features of the American empire, which encompasses au-xiliaries such as the UK, Canada and Aus-tralia, alongside key European nations vent him from becoming and a bunch of hangerson in the Global South.

It's favourite US president Ronald adop-ted child, though, Reagan ordered Begin to may occasionally be subject to mild, mostly meaningless admonitions, but is always welcome to supplies of the latest lethal weaponry, took a stand against their and liable to be excused nation's horrific conduct whenever it oversteps the mark, which is quite routine

Unlike almost all of his predecessors, Benjamin Netanyahu does not have a storied military past; his terrorist tendencies have surfaced largely during his extended prime ministerial tinuing it in the West tenure. His primary motivation at the moment is to stay in power, not least to stave off legal challenges to his record of corruption which barely intrudes into his moral turpitude as a politician

It remains to be seen whether Hezbollah or Iran will wisely continue to ignore Israel's repeated provocations or disastrously trigger some kind of mutual assured destruction. But all bets are off as long as Israel proceeds with the Gaza genocide and the creeping annexation of the West of its local auxiliaries or Bank. The US won't be able to evade culpability The very nation that unless it conjures up the purports to be an arbiter courage to halt arms shipments to its primary Middle Eastern proxy as terrorism by any reason- world's most formidable aims. -- Courtesy Dawn

ment with the singular purpose of undoing the reserved seats verdict. The ruling alliance wants to impose on the people an unrepresentative legislature In granting PTI reserved seats, the court interpreted constitutional provisions. This cannot be undone through ordinary legislation. Bizarrely, the amendments have been given retrospective pendent cannot protect effect. A political party cannot be asked to com-

Musharraf could not dislodge it. At that time, Justice Isa was not swayed by the fact that two-thirds of both Houses had passed

cised by the judiciary.

the amendments. The ernment seeks desper- government of today tries to apply faulty principles of sovereignty to justify

its attempted destruction of judicial independence, and continued wreckage

of democracy and fundamental rights.

Despite express and specific directions, implementation of the reserved seats order is being obstructed. Amendments to the election laws were bulldozed through parlia-

ply with requirements which, put simply, did not exist at the time of elec-

Commerce News

16 sectoral council to be reactivated for industrial promotion: Jam Kamal

ISLAMABAD (APP): Jam Kamal Khan, here on Wednesday, said that the determine ways and means Ministry of Commerce is and take measures to reactivating 16 sectoral enhance trade and councils to prepare comprehensive plans and policies for industrial promotion in the country. Addressing the 7th

thy of bearing it.

Pharma Export Summit and the Award 2024, the minister industry plays a pivotal mentioned that the role in the country's suggestions from the economic growth and sectoral councils would be development, and the presented to the export government is fully development board, headed committed to supporting by the Prime Minister, for the sector's development, their swift implementation. adding that sufficient

He added that each resources were available Minister for Commerce sectoral council would for economic progress and have its own secretariat to industrial activities in the country, noting that such initiatives would also help development and trade promote the local private partnerships are pharmaceutical sector. He emphasized that pharmaceutical industry

pharmaceutical

social prosperity in the country. The government is formulating comprehensive policies to address the issues faced by the local pharmaceutical sector. He highlighted that publicvital for making the local more competitive in the international market.

He noted that local pharmaceutical exports registered about 13 percent growth during the last financial year, underscoring the industry's critical role.

Bank Alfalah

gets global

Atif Ikram says: Govt action against non-filers recognition with is right decision, burden on 2 GIFA awards taxpayers should be reduced

Independent Report ISLAMABAD: President Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industries Atif Ikram Sheikh has said that the government's decision to take action against nonfilers is correct while tax burden should be reduced on tax payers. Action against non-payers of taxable income should have been decided earlier. Action should be taken against taxpayers and facilitating officers involved in tax evasion, he expressed these views while talking to

Chairman Capital Office Karim Aziz Malik, Vice President Tariq Jadoon, Chairman Coordination Malik Sohail and others.

President Federation Atif Ikram said that tax banking sector. collection must be increased to improve the economy of Pakistan, to increase the tax revenue it is necessary to increase the number of taxpayers, tax net does not increase by imposing more taxes on taxpayers rather people start evading taxes, so instead of increasing the

release.

ISLAMABAD (APP): Bank Alfalah has earned international acclaim by winning two awards at the 2024 Global Islamic Finance Awards (GIFA), highlighting its position as a leader in the Islamic

The Bank received accolades for its contributions to Islamic banking, including the Islamic Banker of the Year 2024 award and the Best Islamic Banking Window Operations Award 2024 under the GIFA Market Leadership Awards category, said a press



tax rate

ISLAMABAD: Managing Director, PTDC Aftab ur Rehman Rana addressing a meeting regarding celebration of "World Tourism Day" organized by FPCCI Central Standing Committee on "Tourism Economy" at FPCCI office.



ISLAMABAD: The delegation of Belarus called on Federal Minister for National Food Security and Research, Rana Tanveer Hussain.

Dar reviews progress on transfer of OGDCL shares to Sovereign Wealth Fund

ISLAMABAD (APP): operationalization of the Deputy Prime Minister Fund.

and Foreign Minister Mohammad Ishaq Dar on Wednesday chaired the meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Transfer of OGDCL Shares with the Privatization Commission. committee

discussed the transfer of Oil & Gas Development Company Ltd (OGDCL) shares to the Sovereign Wealth Fund and measures for early

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Transmission

The Deputy PM emphasized that the Advisory Committee envisaged under the Pakistan Sovereign Wealth Fund Act 2023, would

consist of leading experts in finance, economics or other relevant fields to achieve the objectives under the Act. Minister for

Economic Affairs Division (EAD).

NTDC successfully launches SAP **Finance Module**

National and Despatch Company (NTDC) has achieved a said a press release. significant milestone in its

digital transformation with the successful implementation of the SAP Finance Module, a key component of its Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system.

A ceremony marking his achievement was held at NTDC's office in development Shaheen Complex, where Information Technology department team initiated the Go-Live

ISLAMABAD (APP): for the Finance Module, signaling a major step towards modernizing the company's operations,

Deputy Managing Directors Engr. Qaiser Khan (P&E) and Engr. Rasheed A. Bhutto (AD&M) congratulated the teams of Information Technology and Finance Directorates on this success.

They directed the of comprehensive training programs, including videos and manuals, for NTDC employees nationwide.

PSX turns around to bullish trend, gains 764 points

ISLAMABAD (APP) The 100-Index of the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) turned around to Wednesday, gaining 764.28 points, a positive change of 0.94 percent, closing at 82,247.92 country to uplift the local points against 81,483.64 points on the last enhance productivity.

working day. A total of 422,163,158 shares were traded during the day as compared to 369,620,812 shares the previous trading day, whereas the price of shares stood at Rs 18.380 billion against Rs. 17.062 billion on the last trading day.

> Shipping activity at **Port Qasim**

Scarabe

Pakistan's export of goods KARACHI (APP): Four and services to the United ships, MSC Maeva, States (US) witnessed an Bentley-I, Al-Deebal and increase of 1.62 percent during the first two months carrying Container, Palm oil, LNG of the current fiscal year and Coal, berthed at Qasim (2024-25) as compared International Container to the exports of the Terminal, Liquid Cargo corresponding months Terminal, Engro Elengy of last year, State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) Terminal and Pakistan International reported. Bulk The overall exports to Terminal respectively on Thursday. Meanwhile two

extensively

venture (JVs) to establish

a meeting between Minister

for National Food Security

ISLAMABAD (APP):

US \$949.855 million during more ships, Clipper Trent and Hafnia Express July-August (2024-25) scheduled to load/offload against exports of US \$934.666 billion during Rice and Gas oil.

Pakistan, Belarus discusses JVs to set up tractor plant in country

ISLAMABAD (APP): Vadim Shagoiko, said a Pakistan and Belarus agreed on Wednesday to to be a subset of the set discuss Deputy Minister of different options for a joint Industry Andrei Kuznetsov, Secretary of a joint tractor plant in the Food Security Ali Tahir, and Secretary of Industries Saif agriculture sector and Anjum.

Both sides agreed to Consensus on this collaborate on a foot-andinitiative was reached during mouth disease (FMD) project to protect cattle, as well as on the capacity Rana Tanveer Hussain and building of agricultural Belarusian Deputy Minister engineers in machinery of Agriculture and Food design.

Pakistan's exports to US increase by 1.62% in 2 months

> July-August (2023-24), SBP data revealed.

On a year-to-year basis, the exports to the US decreased to \$473.838 million in August 2024 against the export of \$494.774 million in August 2023.

Meanwhile, on a month-on-month basis, the exports to the US witnessed a nominal decrease of 0.45 percent the US were recorded at during August 2024 as compared to the exports of \$476.017 million in July 2024, the SBP data revealed.

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IGP approves

promotion of

54 cops from

Multan region

Inspector General of Police

(IGP) Punjab Dr. Usman

Anwar has approved

promotion of 54 policemen

spokesperson, 18 assistant

sub-inspectors (ASIs) will

be elevated as sub-

inspector, 18 head

constables as ASIs, and 18

constables as head

held shortly to present the

new ranks to the promoted

officers. The IGP said that

Two persons

killed in

separate firing

incidents in Tank

DERA ISMAIL KHAN

(APP): Two persons were

killed in separate firing

incidents in Tank, police

and Rescue 1122 officials

said that unknown armed

persons entered into the

house of Hidayat Ullah

Khan, brother of Shaheed

Mureed Akbar (SMA)

police station SHO Sami

Ullah Khan Barakzai in

Barakhel village within the

limits of SMA police

station and opened

indiscriminate fire.

A police spokesman

said on Wednesday.

A ceremony will be

According to a police

from the Multan region.

(APP)

LAHORE

constables.

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the enthusiasm and

potential of young athletes

the region's progress

toward a brighter future and

the transformative impact

of land registration

Addressing

initiatives ..

The event highlighted

It's about fostering a

the

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from the Merged Areas.

Biggest internship program launched for agriculture graduates: CM Maryam

Chief Minister Punjab Maryam Nawaz has said that Pakistan is an agrarian country and the PML-N has the credit to launch the internship biggest programme to utilise the untapped potential of agriculture graduates by offering them about 1000 internships, and enabling them to use their knowledge and skills to put the country on the road to expeditious progress and

prosperity. Addressing the



FAISALABAD: Governor Punjab Sardar Saleem Haidar Khan addresses during annual prize distribution ceremony of Aziz Fatima Medical & Dental College at a local hotel.

Women's role imperative for national progress, for the recovery of a mobile phone and money prosperity: Governor from him.

FAISALABAD (APP): concentrating for women Governor Punjab Sardar empowerment. In this Saleem Haider Khan on connection, various programs Wednesday said that were chalked out to facilitate women were sharing 52 this community in all sectors percent population and including business, he added their proactive role was He said that women were imperative to materialize bestowed with tremendous the dream of national abilities and capabilities. progress and prosperity. Hence, they should come

Talking to media persons during inaugural ceremony of a display & facilitation center for business women at Faisalabad Women Chamber of Commerce & Industry (FWCCI) here, he said that Pakistan was passing through a crucial stage. He totally eroded the very spirit said the government was of the 18th Amendment.

FAISALABAD (APP): agriculture graduates progress and prosperity. internship programme at the University of Agriculture Faisalabad (UAF) here on Wednesday, she said that the PML-N was a pro-people political party, which had always preferred public welfare and presented a betterment agenda instead of taking biggest personal gains.

elements defamed politics through their negative 60,000 per internee. These deeds, but the PML-N promoted positive politics in the country, which was inaugural ceremony of the imperative for national

She said that the previous rulers abused the young generation for their ulterior motives. They raised hollow slogans but

never provided employment opportunities to the youth on merit. She said, "We have planned the internship programme for the agriculture graduates with

She said that some a monthly stipend of Rs. graduates were appointed purely on merit and their stipend would be enhanced gradually."

PESHAWAR Shahid murder case: Governor Court remands co-accused in police custody AHORE (APP): A local court on Wednesday handed over a co-accused, days ago involved in the murder of

Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leader and businessman Dr. Shahid Siddique, to the police on a 5-day physical remand. Earlier, the police produced the co-accused,

Akbar, before a judicial magistrate in the Model Town courts. The investigation officer requested the court to grant a 10-day physical mourning remand of the co-accused

16 dead, 1403 injured

in Punjab road accidents LAHORE (APP): At least sixteen people were killed while 1403 injured in 1330 road accidents in all 37 districts of Punjab during

in national development, he the last 24 hours. added. Responding to a Out of them, 578 question, he said that another people with serious injuries were shifted to constitutional amendment had become imperative to different hospitals, while remove the ills prevailed 825 victims with minor because of the 19th injuries were treated on Amendment which had the spot by Rescue Medical Teams.

Addressing students,

US

English

leadership skills.

which will offer the youth

an opportunity to enhance

entrepreneurial, and

Lahore Kristin Hawkins

also accompanied the

ambassador in Sialkot.

US Consul General to

language,

International News

convoy of foreign dignitaries (APP): actively investigating the Khyber circumstances surrounding Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim the attack and will work Kundi has written tirelessly to bring those condemnation letters to responsible to justice. We ambassadors of 12 understand the importance countries regarding attack on convoy of foreign dignitaries in Swat KP few of safeguarding foreign visitors and are reinforcing our security measures to prevent such incidents in

PESHAWAR: Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi called on

by MPA Sardar Ehsan Ullah Khan Mainkhel at Governor House.

Governor KP writes letters to

ambassadors, flays attack on

According to letters, issued here on Wednesday, the future.' Governor "As Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, I "I hope this message finds vou well. I am writing to want to convey my profound relief that, as address the recent tragic incident in Swat involving state guests, you are safe a convoy carrying foreign dignitaries. The attack, during this onslaught. Your protection and which resulted in injuries

this year, over 2,000 safety are our top priority, promotions would be awarded across various and loss of life, has left our and we are committed to nunity in shock and ensuring a secure ning." environment for you and "The government is all foreign visitors." community in shock and ranks, including 600 sub inspectors, 700 ASIs.

Ambassador Blome attends EnglishWorks ceremony, meets alumni

LAHORE (APP): United "These skills will help States (US) Ambassador to young Pakistanis become Pakistan Donald Blome community leaders who contribute to a prosperous, attended the orientation ceremony and welcomed proud, and peaceful future 150 new students to the for Pakistan," Ambassador EnglishWorks Blome said. programme in Sialkot,

said the He EnglishWorks programme symbolises the enduring partnership between the US and Pakistan. He said since 2015, more than 6,000 Pakistani students have graduated from the programme, adding that the US looks forward to

As a result, Farman Ullah son of Hidayat Ullah expanding its educational Ambassador Blome said: initiatives across Pakistan. was killed on the spot.

US, KP govts celebrate youth empowerment and land reforms

PESHAWAR (APP): U.S. participants to showcase Consul General Shante Moore celebrated the successful partnership between the United States and the Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) at a closing ceremony of a Sports Gala, highlighting the transformative impact of

gathering, U.S. Consul General Shante Moore the Land Registration in Merged Areas activity, said a press release issued here emphasized the crucial role on Wednesday. of youth in shaping the The Sports Gala region's future. '

organized under the United Sports Gala isn't just about States Agency for competition. International Development (USAID)-supported Land sense of belonging, unity, Registration in Merged and hope. Areas (LRMA) Activity, brought together local community leaders, members, and youth

For the people of the Merged Areas, especially the youth, hope is what drives progress



LAHORE: Coordinator to the Prime Minister on Climate Change, Romina Khurshid Alam, distributing certificates to students at the COP29 Simulation Program held at Aiwan-e-Iqbal.

CM KP wants rapid development of tribal districts: Law Minister

Pakhtunkhwa Minister for Law and Parliamentary Affairs Aftab Alam Afridi Advocate has said that the Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Ali Amin Khan Gundapur wanted rapid development of the entire province, especially the merged tribal districts and other merged areas. That was why, he said a

particular program "Grand Tribal Jirga" for the rapid development of the merged tribal districts and other merged areas has been merged districts.

KOHAT (APP): Khyber initiated. This he said while addressing the Awami Jirga of Dara Adamkhel as a chief guest, which was organized by Deputy Commissioner Kohat Abdul Akram. Deputy Commissioner Kohat while highlighting the aims and objectives of the Jirga, said that the purpose of holding the "Awami Jirga" is to get the opinion and proposals of the elected representatives of Darra Adamkhel Tehsil, tribal leaders, elders and common man on this program for the rapid development of the

Israel has landed heavy blows on Hezbollah

forward and prove their mettle

Monitoring Desk NEW YORK: It has been a devastating week for Hezbollah and the people of Lebanon.

Bombs hidden in the necessary" group's pagers and walkietalkies killed dozens of people and wounded thousands — many of them Hezbollah members. Israeli strikes on Beirut killed two of Hezbollah's top com-manders. And Israel has bombed what it said were 1,600 militant sites across large parts of Lebanon, killing hundreds of people and displacing thousands.

Israel says its objective is to secure its northern border so that tens of thousands of people who fled under Hezbollah fire nearly a year ago can return to their homes. But it's far from clear that its recent operations — as tactically successful as they were - will bring that about.

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UNITED NATIONS: Iran

is ready to end its nuclear

standoff with the West,

Iranian President Masoud

Pezeshkian told the

United Nations General

Assembly on Tuesday,

while calling for an end to

Iran's clerical estab-

We are ready to en-

If the deal's commit-

Then-President

Russia's war in Ukraine

lishment hopes to see an easing of US sanctions

that have crippled the

gage with participants of

ments are implemented

fully and in good faith,

dialogue on other issues can follow," Pezeshkian

Donald Trump abandoned

the 2015 nuclear pact be-

tween Tehran and six world powers in 2018 and

reimposed tough sanc-tions on Iran. Efforts to

said.

through dialogue.

country's economy.

the 2015 nuclear deal.

days of Israeli airstrikes targeting Hezbollah militants to 558 Israel's military says it will do "whatever is to push Hezbollah away from Lebanon's border with Israel. "No one either in or out of the defense establishment has any clue as to how to translate these brilliant northern Israel — including operational achievements into political benefit, into a real victory that will stop

in Israel's Yediot Ahronot newspaper. As long as Hezbollah retains any firepower, the northern border will not be able to return to normal." Eyal said.

Hezbollah began firing into Israel the day after Hamas' Oct. 7 attack triggered the war in Gaza. Its stated aim was to pin down Israeli forces in the north

Lebanese health au-thorities on Tuesday raised which—like Hezbollah—

far exceeded.

istic for now.

to produce weapons.

purposes only

the death toll from two is backed by Iran. The Lebanese militant group has said it would halt the attacks if there is a cease-fire in Gaza, which appears increasingly unlikely

Hezbollah's response to the past week's escalation has seemed meager. The hundreds of rockets and drones it has fired into areas much farther from the border than it hit previously have caused few casualthe war in the north." colties and only scattered damumnist Nadav Eyal wrote age. Early Wednesday, Hezbollah fired a longerrange missile that targeted Tel Aviv for the first time. marking a clear escalation.

The Israeli military said in intercepted the projectile, and there were no reports of casualties or damage. Experts sav Hezbollah is holding more

such weapons in reserve. Monday's footage of Israeli strikes sending up

plumes of dust and smoke

seemed grimly familiar. Iran's Pezeshkian says Tehran Trudeau set to survive vote of ready to work with world powers confidence to resolve nuclear standoff

OTTAWA: Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau looks set to survive a vote of confidence on Wednesday after his main political rival appeared to fail to muster enough support to end nine years of

Liberal Party rule. Legislators in the House of Commons are due to vote at about 3.30 pm ET (1930 GMT) on a motion by the official opposition Conservative party declaring a lack of confidence in Trudeau's minority Liberal government.

The United States, its European allies and Israel accuse Tehran of usamid unhappiness over rising prices and a housing criing its nuclear programme as a veil for efforts to try sis, became more politically to develop the capability vulnerable this month when the smaller New Democratic Party tore up a 2022 Iran says its nuclear deal to keep him in power programme is for peaceful until the 2025 election.

mously approving addi-tional funding for the Secret Monitoring Desk Service, noting that he is now surrounded by more men, guns, and weapons than ever before.

Trump's comments came after gunshots were heard near his location in Florida on September 15, though officials later confirmed he was safe. The September 15 in-

cident, which authorities have said is being treated as an apparent assassination

Afghanistan wants to join BRICS, says **Taliban** govt

Russia, India, and China," said Hamdullah Fitrat, a Monitoring Desk KABUL: Afghanistan's Taliban government is keen government deputy to join the BRICS ecospokesman.

'Currently, we have nomic forum, a spokesman good economic ties and said on Tuesday ahead of the group's summit in commercial exchanges with Russia. The summit of them. We are keen to exemerging economies that pand our relations and participate in the economic forums of the BRICS," he includes Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa will meet on October said The Taliban authori-

22-24 in the southwestern ties have not been officially Russian city of Kazan. "Countries with marecognised by any country but have growing relations with founding BRICS najor resources and the world's biggest economies tions, including China and are associated with the BRICS forum, especially Russia

million in Sudan aid **Monitoring Desk** UNITED NATIONS: The United States will give a

further \$424 million in humanitarian help to the people of Sudan, US Ambassador to the United Nations Linda Thomas-Greenfield announced on Wednesday.

War erupted in mid-April last year from a power struggle between the Sudanese army (SAF) and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces ahead of a planned transition to civilian rule.

drums. China's PLA conducts rare publicized test launch of intercontinental ballistic missile **Monitoring Desk**

BEIJING: China said on Wednesday it had successfully conducted a rare launch of an intercontinental ballistic missile into the Pacific Ocean, a move likely to raise international concerns about the country's nuclear buildup. The ICBM, carrying a dummy warhead, was launched by the People's Liberation Army Rocket Force at 8:44 am Beijing time (0044 GMT) on Wednesday and

Ukraine's Zelenskiy tells UN Russia must be forced into peace erence to proposals that

Monitoring Desk NITED NATIONS: NITED Jkrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy told the United Nations Security Council on Tuesday that the war between Russia and Ukraine cannot be calmed by talks alone, but that Moscow must be

forced into peace. Zelenskiy has sought the support of Western leaders for what he calls a "victory plan" to end the war that began when Russia launched a full-scale invasion of his country in February 2022. Zelenskiy said the

war would end one day but

not because "someone got

tired of the war" or through

a trade with Russian Presi-

the conflict. "This war can't be calmed by talks. Action is needed," Zelenskiy said, thanking nations who have provided Ukraine support. 'Putin has broken so many international norms and rules that he won't stop

Ukraine cede some territory

seized by Russia to settle

on his own, Russia can only be forced into peace, and that is exactly what's needed, forcing Russia into peace, as the sole aggressor in this war, the sole violator of the U.N. Charter," Zelenskiy said. Zelenskiy took aim at North Korea and Iran for providing arms to Russia for the war, calling them "de facto accomdent Vladimir Putin, a ref- plices" of Moscow.

Sri Lanka's new leader must balance ties between regional powerhouses India and China world's busiest shipping

Monitoring Desk routes, Sri Lanka has long COLOMBO: The Marxist been eyed by the two relawmaker who won Sri Lanka's presidency faces a gional rivals. Sri Lanka governments have swung bekey challenge in how to tween the two camps, and balance ties with his New Delhi and Beijing have country's two most crucial intensely jockeyed for inpartners, India and China, as he seeks to draw foreign fluence in the island nation of 22 million. investment and pull the "Dissanayake will try economy out of the dol-

to keep both India and China at an equal distance' Anura Kumara Dissanayake, 55, won the but his ability to balance them is likely to be tested weekend election in an exin the coming weeks, said V e e r a g a t h y Thanabalasingham, a Cotraordinary political upset against an old political guard that voters blame for tipping the country into its lombo-based political anaworst economic crisis two lyst "It's going to be a tightrope walk," he added. Indian Prime Minister years ago. Dissanayake must now deliver on promises to improve Sri Lankans' lives, clean up government

Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping both and ease austerity measures congratulated Dissanayake imposed by international soon after he won. But looking beyond

The victory was by the National People's Sri Lanka's borders, he Power coalition led by Dissanayake's People's powerhouses India, the Liberation Front — also known as Janatha Vimukthi country's next-door Peramuna, or JVP --- which considers itself Marxist. which Dissanayake's party traditionally has though it now expresses support for a free market economy.

leaned toward. Located on one of the "fell into expected sea areas."

also must navigate the ri-

valry between regional

neighbor, and China,

lenders.

revive the pact have failed. parliament The 2015 deal, which **Monitoring Desk** then-President Donald Trump abandoned in 2018, had capped Iran's uranium enrichment at 3.67% purity and its stockpile of this material at 202.8 kg (447 pounds) - limits Tehran has since

For Britain, France and Germany, who remain party to the nuclear deal, there is a sense that Tehran's leadership will not change course and that a broader accord encompassing the nuclear programme and Iran's geopolitical role is unreal-

Trudeau, whose popularity has slumped

in Canadian

said on Truth Social. He also said the entire US military

will try again," the Republican presidential nominee

is "watching and waiting" Trump thanked the US Congress for unani- attempt.

GEORGIA: Former US president Donald Trump said on Wednesday that he has received threats to his life from Iran. Big threats on my life by Iran. Moves were already made by Iran that didn't work out, but they



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NEW YORK: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif meet with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on the sidelines of the 79th United Nations General Assembly Session.

BRI, CPECP projects to benefit China and Pakistan equally: Aleem Khan

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister for Communications, Privatization and Board of Investment Abdul Aleem Khan Wednesday said that projects initiated under the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and China-Pakistan Economic Corridor Project (CPECP) will benefit both Pakistan and China, equally.

Addressing the opening session of the Global Sustainable Transport Forum 2024, which was held in Beijing China, the minister observed that trade corridors of CPEC with the support of China are the guarantor of our strong infrastructure and better transport system.

He further said that our safe future lies in green energy and clean technology and we have to integrate our ports and highways keeping in mind the future requirements

Aleem Khan, in his address at the two-day Global Sustainable Transport Forum clarified that the improvement of the communication system not only

promotes the economy but also the culture and society while the economic improvement of transportation, employment provision and national development agenda are the impe-

He said that Pakistan is a supporter of the promotion of Public-Private Partnership and green tech-

nology through bilateral cooperation with China. Aleem Khan pointed out that after the Corona epidemic 2019, along with other changes global logistics have also been modified which took new dimension and integrated improvements in transport sectors through E-Commerce and digital methods.

He said that there is no doubt that Pakistan is facing major challenges of urban population growth and environmental degradation and we need to increase our resources.

The safety of the citizens must also be taken into consideration for the improvement of transportation system, he added

He specially thanked China's Transport Minister Li Xiaopeng and appreciated the holding of this Forum which will provide the delegates of the participating countries with opportunities to benefit from each other's experiences and

to collaborate in future. cially the ongoing genocide and the dire humanitarian Deputy Prime Ministers of Nepal and Thailand situation in Gaza. They called for an immediate hualso participated and addressed the Forum. This manitarian ceasefire in Gaza two-day Forum is hosted and end of hostilities.

by the Minister of Trans-Shehbaz port of China, Li Xiaopeng Turkive's firm and consiswho in his address expressed special thanks to tent support for the opakistan and assured further increase in the development of mutual cooperation and bilateral relations

in all fields. Meanwhile, addressing the Global Governance Session in Beijing, Federal Minister Abdul Aleem Khan said that Pakistan is on the threshold of the second phase of CPEC as well as speedy work on the 5 "Es" of Economic Zones,

Export, Energy, Equity and Environment has also been launched.

BEIJING: Federal Minister for Communications, Abdul Aleem Khan addressing during the opening session of Global Transport Forum 2024, in Beijing, Ahsan Iqbal vows to eliminate terrorism

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Professor Ahsan Iqbal on Wednesday demonstrated great commitment to purging the country of extremist and terrorist elements, as the PML-N government had successfully done in the

The policy [during

the PTI tenure] adopted of

"As a result of a lack ister said the fight against of continuity in policies, terrorism was far from over, we saw the reemergence of as several key challenges these networks [of terror- continued to impede the

stability.

rations for the upcoming 7th session of Pakistanpassionate address to the Turkiye High-Level Strate-79th session of the UN General Assembly that gic Cooperation Council (HLSCC) to be held in centred on the Palestinian crisis. "The way the Turk-Islamabad in the near fuish president highlighted ture. The two leaders also discussed regional and glothe issue touched the hearts bal developments, espeof all those listening to him

PM Shehbaz felicitates Erdogan on fiery Palestine-focused UNGA speech; IMF deal in final stages

President Erdogan ex-

pressed his admiration for

Prime Minister Shehbaz's

economic policies, which

had played a crucial role in

stabilizing Pakistan's

economy and commended

his leadership and commit-

(IIOJK)

NEW YORK (APP): Prime

Minister Shehbaz Sharif on

Wednesday met Turkish

In the meeting held on the sidelines of the 79th

Session of the United Na-

tions General Assembly

here, the two leaders dis-

cussed bilateral matters, re-

gional and global develop-

ments, according to a PM

They assessed prepa-

Minister

appreciated

Office press release

Prime

mains

in the Assembly hall," he told reporters after the meeting. In his emotional address, Erdogan said that the values of the United Nations' system and the Western world were dying in Gaza as the conflict continued there, calling for an "alliance of humanity" to stop

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Shehbaz congratulated President Erdogan on his

fend are dying, the hopes ment to economic reforms. Furthermore, he also of humanity to live in a fairer world are dying one extended his heartfelt birthday wishes to the prime minister who celebrated his

by one," Erdogan added. Commenting on the 73rd Birthday this week. Prime Minister country's economic situation, Prime Minister Shehbaz told the media that

agreement with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) was in the final stages of approval as Paki-

stan had accepted all its conditions - some of them quite tough. In this regard, he pro-fusely thanked China, Saudi Arabia and the UAE, saying without their support this would not have been possible. The premier said

his government had accepted the economic challenge to the country and now, with collective efforts of the government and all institutions.

economic, security cooperation women from property

in the Gaza Strip and on the

Western countries for thei

in Gaza, the United Nations

system is also dying, the

truth is dying, the values

that the West claims to de-

'Along with children

support to Israel.



the case of transfer of in-

herited property in the Su-

dered the widow Shamim

herited property immedi-

perjury and bogus litigation,

which has to be paid within

stan Qazi Faez Isa said that

if the fine is not paid, the

revenue department will

recover the amount from

Chief Justice of Paki-

erty dispute.

ately

three months.

has been made complicated. the culture of depriving women of inheritance should come to an end. He said that action

should be taken against the During the hearing of parties for giving bogus and fake testimonies. The CJP noted that the trial has been preme Court, the court orgoing on for 26 years.

The CJP said that he Akhtar to transfer the inwants the parties not to commit any more sin by depriving the widow from her right. Whoever wants The SC also imposed a fine worth Rs500,000 on suppress the property, he the opposing parties for said

The CJP said that lawvers should also not take such false cases.

It should be noted that Shamim Akhtar's husband Mehrban died in 1998 Mehrban's second wife Aksar Jan's nephews claimed that the property had been gifted



NEW YORK: Chief Advisor (Head of Government) of the Interim Government of Bangladesh Dr. Muhammad Yunus receives Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif at the reception to commemorate 50th Anniversary of Bangladesh's membership in the United Nations.

Syedaal discusses power projects in Balochistan with secretary Power Division

ISLAMABAD (APP): some of the region's exist-Deputy Chairman of the ing challenges. Deputy Chairman Senate, Syedaal Khan, met with Power Division Sec-Syedaal Khan emphasized the importance of agriculretary Fakhar Alam Irfan on

ture in Balochistan and Wednesday to discuss the commended Prime Minisongoing power projects in Balochistan. During the ter Shehbaz Sharif's solar meeting, Fakhar Alam scheme, which is specifibriefed the Deputy Chaircally designed to support the province's farmers man on the measures being taken to ensure a stable elecin

He also noted the Prime Minister's strong commitment to the development and prosperity of Balochistan, highlighting that, under the guidance of former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, electricity areas of the province, in line tariffs have been reduced to with the Prime Minister's ease the burden on the



SOHBATPUR: Provincial Minister for Communication and Works Mir Saleem Ahmed Khosa inspecting under construction road from Sohbatpur to Kashmore

Chairman PYP calls on Governor: Nawaz likely PM taking special interest in to visit France development of Balochistan. next month

as PML-N did in past Independent Report session of a daylong inter-QUETTA: The Provincial

national conference on 'Countering Terrorism in Pakistan: Progress and the Path Forward,' organized by Bahria University in collaboration with the Pakistan Institute for Conflict and Security Studies

longer confined to insurgen-

cies or large militant groups.

The rise of lone wolf at-

tacks, along with cyber

radicalization and the use of

social media for extremist

recruitment, have trans-

formed the landscape," he

sued here on Wednesday (PICSS) here. the Minister Health ex-Addressing the conferpressed grief and sorrow ence participants, the minover the incident and injuries caused to the people in it

Bakht Muhammad

Àinister Health, Bakht

Muhammad Kakar has

strongly condemned the at-

tack on police mobile in the

Eastern bypass area of

In a condemnation is-

Health Minister condemns attack on police mobile

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maintains Jaffar Mandokhail

Independent Report QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Jaffar Khan Mandokhail has stated that the Prime Minister Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif has been taking special interest in development of the province from the day one.

He said that the Prime Minister Youth Programme is a comprehensive platform which provides necessary opportunities to the talented youngsters who brightened the name of country at the international level besides polishing their hidden capabilities and making digital information technology compatible.

The Governor was speaking to the delegation who called on him under leadership of the Chairman Prime Minister Youth Programme, Rana Mashhud

QUETTA: MD WASA Hamid Latif Rana meeting with Provincial Minister for PHE Sardar Abdur Rehman Khetran

Israeli military aggression needs to be curbed immediately: Samina

were injured. This barbaric

action by Israel will in-

crease the already ongoing

tension in the region. With

this action of Israel, the risk

of a big war has increased

even more. We condemns in

the strongest terms. She

said this act of aggression

against Lebanon is a seri-

already volatile region. Paki-

stan reiterates its full support

Independent Report OUETTA: Chairperson Senate Standing Committee on Human Rights, Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri, has expressed her deep anger and grief over the martyr-dom of hundreds of civilians in the bombing and missile attacks by Israel on the cities of Lebanon.

In her condemnation statement, she said that in the past few days, Israel has carried out hundreds of aerial attacks on various cities including the Lebanese for Lebanon's sovereignty capital Beirut in the last two days in which hundreds of and territorial integrity and the entire Pakistani nation innocent people including stands in solidarity with the children and women were people of Lebanon. martyred while thousands

Ahmed Khan here at the Governor House on Wednesday.!

The Governor on the occasion stressed the need to learn modern skills to the youth of province in view of the economic and trade challenges in the region.

In this regard, the present government is well aware of the importance and benefits of imparting quality education and learning skills to youth of the province.

The Governor said that the skills development programme is giving equal importance to the education and modern skills by imparting professional and technical training to the

youth, he added. He said that there would be positive results of the E-commerce and digital entrepreneurship.

taking back some elements was likely to visit some Eufrom Afghanistan has again ropean countries during Ocposed a challenge, but now the PML-N government is tober. According to party sources, Nawaz Sharif was determined to fight, defeat expected to attend Europe and eliminate them like we Convention of the party to

'ARIS (INP): Pakıstan

Muslim League (PML-N)

President, Nawaz Sharif

did before," he said. be held in France next month. The minister ex-PML-N France leader, Sardar Zahoor Iqbal.

pressed these views while speaking at the inaugural

past

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QUETTA: Provincial Minister for Food Haji Noor Muhammad Dummar and Provincial Minister for Irrigation Mir Sadiq Umrani holding a meeting

Mir Ali Hassan Zehri says Abbasi says: All the politics, **Sacrifices of Pak Army** matters are for homeland are eternal

running beyond ambit of

constitution SLAMABAD (Online): ormer Prime Minister (PM) and head of Awam Pakistan Party (APP) Shahid Khaqan Ábbasi has said all the politics and matters are running beyond ambit of constitution at present.

Non contesting the election 2024 was a very difficult decision in the face of my 35 years companionship with the people of the constituency . I did not want to become part of corsaid that the Pakistan Army rupt system. My relationhas played its full role in ship with Nawaz Sharif is every difficult time,

very old which is very dear to me. There are some responsibilities in the politics which are above the per-sonal interests. Who are sitting in parliament today have no respect. Majority of them has lost the election. Consensus is the only

key to problems facing the country, he said this in an exclusive interview with Online here Wednesday. In the prevailing situation I would never have sit

ous violation of the UN on the chair of prime min-Charter and international ister the way Shehbaz Sharif is sitting, he added. laws. The Israeli action is dangerous, further jeopardiz-Every institution is ing peace and security in an

breaching the constitution today and respective limits are being transgressed, All the politics and matters are running out of parameters of constitution which is perilous for the country.

Independent Report whether it is the determi-HUB: Senior leader of Panation of the war against kistan Peoples Party, terrorism or the protec-Spokesperson of President tion of the country's borders

of the army in Pakistan has always been at the forefront. It is like a wall through which national security cannot be attacked.

armed forces are protecting the country's borders without fear or danger and Pakistan Army has only one goal and that is the security and integrity of Pakistan and for this purpose, the sacrifices of Pakistan Army

Pakistan, Turkmenistan to sign MoU for Gwadar port access under CPEC

ISLAMABAD (INP): Pa-The primary objective kistan and Turkmenistan of this accord is to establish regional and internaare set to sign a Memorandum of Understanding tional cooperation for the (MoU) that would grant movement of goods and Turkmenistan access to containers, leveraging the Gwadar Port under the potential capabilities of both nations' ports. This development aligns with China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) frameongoing collaborative projects between Pakistan work. This agreement, facilitated by the Special Investment Facilitation Counand Turkmenistan, includcil (SIFC), would make ing the TAPI pipeline, railway track, and fiber con-Turkmenistan the first Central Asian country to nectivity initiatives, aimed gain such access through CPEC. at linking South and Central Asia.

national path to peace and Kakar said that the whole nation is standing by the "Terrorism is no

Quetta.

police and other law enforcement agencies against terrorism. He paid rich tributes to the personnels of law enforcement agencies and said that the sacrifices of law enforcers would always be remembered.

Pakistan, Bangladesh agree to expand bilateral ties

NEW YORK (APP): Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif attended a ceremony to mark 50 years of Bangladesh's membership of the United Nations on the invitation of its Chief Advisor Dr Muhammad Yunus. Minister for Defence Khawaja Muhammad Asif, Minister for Information and Broadcasting Attaullah Tarar, Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training Dr Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui and Special Assistant Tariq Fatemi accompanied the prime minister.Dr Muhammad Younis warmly welcomed Prime Minister Shehbaz and members of his delegation

Mother, son shot dead in Quetta

QUETTA (INP): Armed men gunned down two people including mother and son and escaped the scene of crime here on Wednesday, police said.

According to details the incident took place in Barori Sabzal Road area of Quetta culprits shot death mother and son.

The assassins fled the scene after committing dual murder.

remarks while presiding The bodies were over the 21st meeting of the shifted to hospital where Advanced Studies & Rethey were handed over to search Board (ASRB) in the heirs after legal formalities.

directives to enhance the people. Additionally, efforts are being made to inpower supply. He further mentioned crease electricity produc-

supply

Balochistan, a province of-

ten overlooked in terms of

infrastructure development. He explained that ef-

forts are underway to pro-

vide electricity to remote

tricity

that improving transmis-sion lines will help address ding across the country.



OUETTA: Senator Shakoor Khan Achakzai meeting with acting DG NADRA Balochistan Fayyazur Rehman

Pakistan, China sign five agreements on **disaster prevention** ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan and China have signed

five agreements to strengthen cooperation in disaster prevention under the China-Pakistan Belt and Road Joint Laboratory on Smart Disaster Prevention of Major Infrastructures. The agreements were signed between Southeast University of China and five Pakistani institutions including Balochistan University of Information Technology, Engineering and Management Sciences (BUITEMS), Na tional University of Sciences and Technology (NUST), NED University of Engineering and Technology, Karachi, University of Engineering and Technology, Lahore, and Univer-sity of Engineering and Technology (UET) Peshawar.

21st ASRB meeting at **UoT focuses on evaluation** reports and PhD synopses

Independent Report TURBAT: The Vice Chan-

TURBAT: The Vice Chan-cellor of the University of MPhil and PhD programs, research propos-Turbat (UoT), Prof. Dr. Jan als, and theses should Muhammad reiterated the university's commitment meet international stanto promote a vibrant redards.

Dr. Jan Muhammad urged faculty and research scholars to conduct research on topics that contribute to the socioeconomic development and prosperity of the region and the nation



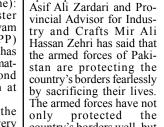
search culture in the univer-

He expressed these

sity.

QUETTA: Chairman PkMAP and Chief of Tahafuz Aain Pakistan Mehmood Khan Achakzai photographed with journalists

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only protected the country's borders well, but have given countless sacrifices while fully fighting the terrorism imposed in the country. Paying tribute, he

He said that Pakistan's

for the motherland are not hidden from anyone.

He said that the role