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Conference.

PM stresses redoubled efforts for economic stability as inflation down to single-digit ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday said that after bringing the inflation rate down to the single digit of 9.6%, more efforts were required to bring in economic growth and stability be-

required to bring in economic growth and stability besides addressing the challenges of circular debt and tax

"Alhamdulillah, the burden of inflation is reducing gradually. A single-digit inflation rate of 9.6% was reported in August this year which was 27% this month of last year. But we have to keep up our efforts to achieve economic growth and stability, create productive employment, reduce expenditures by rightsizing and downsizing, shrink circular debt, curb evasion of receipts and eliminate smuggling," the prime minister said addressing the meeting of the federal cabinet chaired by him.

He congratulated the finance minister, State Bank governor and other economic team members for the achievement and said that serious and tireless efforts were underway to achieve the challenging task

"This gradual improvement. We have to take it forward swiftly... The task is cumbersome but we will reach our destination if we remain focused on targets," he remarked. He said sincere efforts always led nations to excel and Pakistan too could achieve the same as the country had immense resources including competent minds, natural resources and youth

Prime Minister Shehbaz told the cabinet members that the prerequisites of IMF program were under supervision and all-out measures were being taken to fulfill the conditionalities.

Earlier, in the day, the prime minister wrote on his X time that the reduction in Pakistan's annual inflation rate to 9.6% was not an accident but an outcome of the government's efforts.

'Pakistan's annual inflation rate has dropped to 9.6% in August, first single-digit figure in nearly 3 years according to the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics. This is not an accident! These are results," the prime minister said.

Pay tribute to counter-terrorism sacrifices

Army top brass vows not to let hard-earned gains against terrorism be reversed

Military commanders deliberate on measures to neutralize threats posed by Pakistan's external and internal adversaries; Underscores critical need to safeguard national cyber space through stringent measures

RAWALPINDI (APP): The Agencies, and citizens who neutralize these threats. Pakistan Army's Corps Commanders' Conference (CCC) held here at GHQ on Tuesday underscored the critical need to safeguard national cyber space stringent cybersecurity measures.

Chief of Army Staff (COAS), General Syed Asim Munir presided over the Corps Commanders' Conference, an Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) news release said.

At the commencement of the conference, the participants offered Fateha and paid profound tribute to the ultimate sacrifices made by the Shuhada of the Armed

have laid down their lives in Balochistan and Khyber that the Pakistan Army, Pakhtunkhwa in pursuit of peace and stability of Paki-

The forum was briefed on the prevailing geo-strategic environment, national security challenges, and strategic and operational responses to emerging threats.

In assessing the inimical forces, malicious actors, subversive proxies, and the facilitators of Pakistan's external and internal adverThe forum reaffirmed

with the unwavering support of the people, will not allow the hard-earned successes against terrorism to be reversed.

The forum emphasized that the Army is a disciplined institution, upholding the highest standards of professionalism, integrity, and loyalty to the state and institution.

The institution's wellestablished and rigorous system of accountability saries, particularly those ensures that these values active in Balochistan and are preserved with unwa-Khyber Pakhtunkhwa vering commitment, allow-(KP), the forum deliberated ing no room for exceptions Forces, Law Enforcement on a range of measures to or partiality. This strict ad-

fortifies the Army's integrity, ensuring that no individual is above the law or

exempt from scrutiny.

Recognizing the urgency and significance of a robust and effective legal system, COAS emphasized that the Pakistan Army would continue to extend comprehensive support to the government, administrative apparatus, and Law Enforcement Agencies in taking swift and lawful action against terrorists, anarchists, and criminal

The forum also expressed satisfaction over ongoing efforts against illegal spectrum operating in sional excellence.

ISLAMABAD (APP):

Chief Justice of Pakistan

Qazi Faez Isa on Tuesday

remarked that the top court

has issued judgment for re-

moval of restaurants from

Margalla Hills National

Park to protect the natural

verdict on the review peti-

tion against the verdict for

removal of restaurants in-

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A three-member bench

headed by Chief Justice of

Pakistan Qazi Faez Isa

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a ban on the dual national-

ity of judges and bureau-

crats has been laid in the

National Assembly on

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by the Jamiat Ulema-e-Is-

lam-Fazl group (JUI-F)

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tional park.

SC issued judgment for

removal of restaurants to

protect environment: CJP

Bill moved in NA seeking

ban on dual nationality

of judges, bureaucrats

ISLAMABAD (INP): An Supreme Court and High

According to media re- tarian highlighted that a

herence to accountability collusion with terrorist net-

In a show of solidarity with the people of Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu & Kashmir, who continue to suffer gross human rights violations, the forum honored the martyrs of the Freedom Movement. The blatant continued violence and genocide of Palestinians by Israel were also condemned in the strongest

The forum expressed confidence in the operational preparedness and readiness of the Pakistan Army and vowed to continue to uphold the standards in pursuit of profes-

heard the review petition

against the verdict for re-

moval of restaurants. Law-

yer Naeem Bukhari ap-

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goal here is to just make

money. If permission was

given to build a small hut,

rants are built everywhere

in the National Park area,

then Islamabad may be af-

Court, as well as for bureau-

crats, should be terminated

to uphold the integrity and

impartiality of these key

similar ban is already in

place for the President,

Prime Minister, and mem-

bers of Parliament. The bill

has been referred to the

Standing Committee by the

Chair, where it will undergo

The JUI-F parliamen-

public service roles.

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He said that if restau-

big palaces were built.

The CJP remarked that

behalf of the petitioner.



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif chairs a meeting of the Federal Cabinet.

Deputy PM, **USAmbassador** discuss bilateral ties

ISLAMABAD (Online): US Ambassador Donald Blome called on Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar in Islamabad Tuesday.

The discussion covered various aspects of Pakistan-US bilateral relations including avenues for enhanced cooperation in diverse fields.

They also discussed matters relating to the up-coming session of the UN General Assembly.

Judicial reforms Govt's top priority: Tarar

ISLAMABAD (INP) Minister for Law and Justice Azam Nazeer Tarar has said that judicial reforms are the top priority of the present government.

Speaking in the National Assembly on Tuesday, he said the government is actively working on it over the last five months.

Eight bills were laid before the house on Tuesday. These included:

The Constitution Amendment Bill, 2024, (Article 184); The Criminal Laws Amendment Bill. 2024 the Constitution Amendment Bill, 2024 (Amendment in Article 51 59 and 106); The Constitu tion Amendment Bill, 2024 (Article 177, 193 and 208) The Contempt of Court (Repeal) bill, 2024; The Constitution Amendment Bill, 2024 (Article 198); The Civil Servants Amendment Bill, 2024 and the Allocation of Special Seats for Deserving Persons in Uni-

versities Bill, 2024. The chair referred the bills to the standing committees concerned.

SSGC MD Imran Maniar steps down

ISLAMABAD (INP): The Managing Director (MD) of Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC) Imran Maniar has resigned from his position to 'pursue other opportunities' Imran Manir was al-

ready working on a sixmonth contract extension going to be ended on September 13. Imran Maniar excused

from taking another exten-

sion as Managing Director SSGC and maintained that he would not be available after September 13. Imran Maniar was ap-

pointed as managing director of SSGC in February

Meanwhile, the SSGC informed the Stock Exchange about the resignation of the development through a notice

Ayaz Sadiq says: Parliament committed to building

consensus for tackling collective challenges like energy crisis ISLAMABAD (APP): skyrocketed even in de-

Speaker National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq Tuesday said that Parliament is the right platform ted to rationalizing the ento deliberate upon and find workable solutions to com- added. mon problems.

ence "Parliamentary Conson for the right job, he said sultation on Strategic Op- that soon after taking oath tions for Electricity Distribution Systems in Pakistan he said that the energy sector in Pakistan has been grappling with challenges for decades.

He also said that although Pakistan has become successful in tackling the issue of load shedding, however, rationalizing the energy sector is pivotal for tackling the high cost of electricity in Pakistan.

Ayaz Sadiq said that energy cost is a global chal-

veloped countries, as has happened in Pakistan. The government is commitergy cost for end users, he

While highlighting the Addressing the confer- importance of the right peras Speaker of the National Assembly, he conducted interviews of all officials and officers of the National Assembly Secretariat to depute the right person for the right job.

He emphasized the need to rationalize the human resource for their growth and evolution. He said that Pakistan's parliament became the first parliament to be a "green Parliament "in the region. He also emphasized utilizing



ISLAMABAD: Speaker of National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq addressing the participants of the Seminar on "Parliamentary consultation on strategic options for electricity distribution system in Pakistan.

IMF rejects Punjab's electricity bill subsidy, warns of loan program risk

ISLAMABAD (INP): The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has rejected the proposal to provide subsidies on electricity bills, warning that such measures could jeopardize Pakistan's ongoing loan program.

According to sources, the IMF has taken a firm stance, asserting that neither the central nor provincial governments are authorized to offer subsidies on electricity bills. The IMF specifically raised concerns over the Punjab government's recent subsidy initiative, which provided a significant relief of PKR 14 per unit for consumers using between 200 to 500 units of electricity.

The IMF has emphasized that subsidies in the energy sector, including electricity and gas, are not permissible under the current agreement with Pakistan. The financial institution has demanded that all such subsidies be withdrawn by September.

Use of social media without permission by govt employees banned

ISLAMABAD (Online): documents from becoming Federal government has imposed ban on government employees for using social media without permission.

It has been said in a circular issued by establishment division that government employees cannot use social media platform without permission.

According to memorandum this decision has official information and sons

It has been said in the memorandum government employee cannot express views or give statement on social media without permission. Government

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employees therein have

been directed to uphold

government servants (con-

duct) rules 1964.

employee cannot share documents or informabeen taken for preventing tion with irrelevant per-



8 development projects worth of Rs. 144.3 billion during its meeting chaired by Minister PDSI & Deputy Chairman Planning Commission Ahsan Igbal.

CDWP okays eight development projects worth Rs144.3 bln

ISLAMABAD (APP): lion have been approved by Commission, JCE (Ops) Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives (PDSI) & Deputy Chairman Planning Commission Ahsan Igbal on Tuesday chaired a meeting of the Central Development Working Party (CDWP) that approved eight development projects worth of Rs144.3 billion.

"Out of these, five projects worth Rs15.35 bil-

ISLAMABAD (Online):

Chief of Balochistan Na-

tional Party (BNP) Sardar

Akhtar Mengal has an-

nounced to resign from Na-

tional Assembly (NA)

with Mehmood Khan

Achakzai after NA session

he said whosoever he is

Pushto speaking, Balochi

speaking, Urdu speaking

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cians who used politics for

business. There was a

He went on to say the

Talking to media men

Akhtar Mengal resigns from

NA over Balochistan crises

the CDWP forum, while it recommended projects of Rs129 billion to the Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (ECNEC) for its consideration," a news release said. The meeting was attended among others by by Secretary Planning Awais Manzur Sumra, Ad-

meeting in PM House on July 23, 2023 wherein I

said if you don't need my

politics then I abandon

politics. No one will be

responsible for my work-

ers who go where and join

of pikoras than this politics, he held. Who has ad-

vised me has passed away

and I have come here leav-

It is better to run shop

I came here to talk but

was not heard. Today l

announce to resign from

assembly. If this assem-

bly does not hear our voice

then there is no use of sit-

ting in this assembly.

what party.

ing his burial.

JCE (Ep), as well as respective federal secretaries. heads of provincial departments and representatives from federal ministries and provincial governments.

During the meeting, Ahsan Iqbal expressed his prime minister for entrustof Deputy Chairman for

heartfelt gratitude to the ing him with the position the fourth time.

IHC summons party leaders for non-compliance with 5%

women's quota **Independent Report**

SLAMABAD: According sources from the Islamabad High Court and the Election Commission of Pakistan, the court has summoned the leaders of several political parties, including Jamaat-e-Islami (JI) Ameer Hafiz Naeemur Rehman, Awami National Party (ANP) Chief Asfandyar Wali Khan, and others, for non-compliance with the 5% women's quota in the allocation of party

tickets. The Election Commission has issued notices to 10 political parties, including JI, ANP, Balochistan National Party (BNP), and Tehreek-e-Labbaik Pakistan (TLP), for failing to allocate % of their party tickets to women.

This is a legal requirement, and parties that fail to comply cannot be allocated an election symbol and cannot contest the election as a political party. The notices summon

the party leaders to appear

before the ECP on Septem-

Hamza bowled Hasan with a delivery that moved away. Fellow pace bowler Khurram Shahzad got in on the act when Shadman Islam miscued a drive, chipping to Shan at mid-off.

History made as Bangladesh whitewash Pakistan in Test series

RAWALPINDI (INP): Bangladesh beat Pakistan by six wickets in the second test to complete a 2-0 series sweep in Rawalpindi on Tuesday.

Zakir Hasan (40), Najmul Hossain Shanto (38) and Mominul Haq (34) chipped in with useful cameos as Bangladesh chased down the 185-run victory target with more than a session left in the game.

At the start of play on the fifth and final day of the match, Bangladesh resumed their innings at 42-0 in pursuit of their 185-run target. Pakistan got the first



breakthrough after 16 runs were added when Mir

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The way out

Our politicians seem to have no appetite for politics: they would all rather ride to power in a jeep than on the shoulders of the masses they claim to represent. Despite the wanton destruction wrought on the structural framework of Pakistani democracy over the last two years, neither its victims nor its beneficiaries seem to have had enough.

Instead of reverting to the constitutional order, they want things to continue hurtling towards more instability and disorder. Politicians repeatedly reject the most sensible paths forward, thereby ensuring that any salvation for the country keeps being put off. This is an immense disservice to the people of Pakistan. Politics and leadership are not a zero-sum game, yet they are now regarded as The legendary public insuch. Perhaps this is an inevitable outcome of the militarisation of politics, but the notion needs to be consciously rejected for the country to move forward.

The PTI has once again ruled out the possibility of talks with the government. The snub came in response to a proposal made by PML-N chief Nawaz Sharif for an allparties effort to pull the country out of its crises. The PTI's position is that it does not see the PML-N or its allies in the coalition government as legitimate counterparties because it believes they won through a rigged election. Instead, the has defined India's recent the security establishment, which, paradoxically, it also Modi's seeking a second term for Donald Trump in 2020 was of a piece with his articles.

Modi's seeking a second term for Donald Trump in 2020 was of a piece with his articles.

Modi's seeking a second future ties with Pakistan. S. Jaishankar said India would respond in kind to portedly. Ergo: India can PTI only wishes to speak to policy preferences. repeatedly condemns as the lim politics. India's re-kistan. The threat has been main force behind its ongoing cently unveiled citizenship laws came from this government. Many Indivictimisation.

But if the PTI is willing to let bygones be bygones when it comes to the armed forces, why can it not extend the same courtesy to its rival parties, which, for all their flaws, represent the people of Pakistan? For this, it has no reasonable answer.

Meanwhile, the PML-N and its allies continue to dig deeper change on our children's health, safety, and educainto the hole. Once seen as tion. According to the the protectors of Pakistan's Asian Development Bank, heatwave days in democratic order, they have Pakistan increased by 31 lately defaulted to using days annually between 1980 and 2007, with scorched-earth tactics in their desperation to keep the PTI out of power. In April 2022, when they ousted the PTI government over its oppressive new reality. Despite this, policies, few would have expected they would midwife ingly inactive. With cli-Pakistan's rapid slide towards mate risks now the norm, the education ministries totalitarianism.

Yet here we are, with each day bringing with it a new scheme to thwart the Supreme Court or subvert the consti- ing crisis. tutional order. Due to their clumsy wielding of power, they have made it progressively more difficult for all stakeholders to retreat from their positions. For instance, negotiation and dialogue would have seemed much more plausible inadequate infrastructure, had the government kept its with many schools lackdistance from the persecution of political opponents and refused to upend democratic sluggish, relying on temprinciples in exchange for retaining power.

There are now only difficult ways out of this mess. Politics requires compromise. Till the civilian leadership accepts this, nothing can be expected to change.

The arrested professor

Arifa Noor

Delulu is the solulu Origin: Gen Z fans Meaning: The latest version of 'fake it till you make it' or being delusional is the solution

Current location: In the minds of the boomers and Gen X ruling the roost in the land of the pure

Over the weekend, a university professor in Karachi was picked up for some hours after he tweeted about the pressure on the university syndicate which was faced with a case about a student's

It may seem like a small, local issue, but it was not. Students, degrees and university administrations are hardly out of the routine. But as the professor spent hours at one police station and then another while his wife, colleagues and others tweeted up a storm of protest, those of us who were following it on X just couldn't look

judge of the high court; the cancelled! same high court, by the way, the judges of which had complained in a letter about being harassed.

And since then, it seems there is no end to the skeletons in their closet so much so that cases about their 'misconduct' have reached the Supreme Judicial Council (SJC). One of them had a fake degree and another dual nationality. And while the SJC slept on, the university where he studied was alerted to his 'fake' degree, after decades of his

practice as a lawyer and years of 'judgery' But to return to the professor.

He spent hours at two police stations, was then released after which he proceeded to speak publicly about the matter before the university syndicate. And how his 'arrest' (or was it a detention?) meant he was unable to voice his views during the syndicate meeting. And he And not just because of the professor's incarafter his quick 'arrest' and

tweeted about was. A judge" has had his degree allowed to leave.

In some of the reports, the judge remained nameless while in others the cancellation was reported without any official confirmation. The ever-reliable zarai or 'sources' come to the rescue of those who matter. That the degree was revoked without the 'student' having been given the opportunity to defend himself is perhaps a minor issue. Very minor.

To some extent, none of this was surprising. The manipulation by those in power is now about as subtle as Mr Bean's expressions or Joan Rivers' cosmetic procedures.

And yet, some think they can explain it away.

So the next day, the police in Karachi put out a tweet (remember the app is banned) to 'explain' the 'incident'. Apparently, the police were informed about a 'wanted' (ishtehaari) and this is why the professor was brought in for questioning. But once he explained why the case had been registered against

Indeed! In a country where militants carry out attacks on a regular basis, mullahs and others on the Fourth Schedule even leave the country for travel before returning and cases against politicians open and shut with surprising ease, the police in one thana became an efficient machine for a few hours and were not willing to relent till they had reached the truth in the case of one

As Gen Z says, delulu is the solulu. And so the powers that be are convinced they will continue to fake it, till they make it because the rest of us have been lobotomised.

In Islamabad, parliamentary sessions are called abruptly, with much speculation over the agenda. As the government looks away, lone rangers in parliament, many of them newbies who are quick to please, present complicated legislative bills, as private members' bills. The government ministers bat their eyelashes ceration but because of return, the newspapers the who the 'student' he next day reported that "a ted by the courts, he was cesses while the

backbenchers on the treasury benches along with allies all decide to vote for bills. Because the legislation put together by individuals was so brilliant, it was backed by all other individuals who just happen to be entire parties in the legislatures.

If these bills happen to deal with difficult decisions or judges who are causing a few headaches to some people somewhere on elections, and related matters, what a coincidence. Just like a meetwhich will lead to happily ever after and a couple of hours of oblivion for the viewers. No one is there to look for loopholes.

So if the judiciary wanted to give the independent members in parliament to be given the chance to join PTI, the new laws passed by our legislators say members can't make this choice after three days. Another new eager beaver has presented a bill, which as law, will give the government power to move judges from one high watch on, knowing no the court to another. If these

judges happen to include the one with the "fake degree" or "dual nationality" it will be another

coincidence. And why shouldn't the people believe it? After all, there was no ban on X for the longest; there was no firewall or 'fibre wall' slowing down the internet, till one day a web management system was being upgraded which then gave way to bad, bad VPNs slowing down the internet. But then it turned out the cute sets up for a rom-com cables had been damaged. The issue will be fixed in October, though this remains subject to further updates.

And on the other side of the aisle, the PTI tells us it believes in democracy and the rule of law and will hence hold tablishment within the confines of the Constitu-

The boomers and Gen X have gone delulu, make it eventually by faking it. The rest of us

Stop fearing ordinary people

Jawed Naqvi

tellectual and political analyst Abdul Ghafoor Noorani, who passed away at 93 in Mumbai last week, had believed that Narendra Modi's foreign policy flowed from his ideological prejudice policy. cradled in Hindutva. How does the South

was threefold: making India umbilically inseparable from the West given Hindutva's visceral hatred of communism from its inception. It is another matter that the Cold War is over and the hatred of communism has outlived its utility. The US is courting communist Vietnam without giving up entirely on communist China. Second — even though it required a marked paring down of Hindutva's love of Hitler - a fawning relationship with Islamophobic Israel

in the Modi foreign policy, according to Noorani sahib, was the lure of acceptance with the Indian diaspora, chiefly the type managed and plied by Hindutva's overseas infrastructures. The Howdy Modi element has thus remained a mainstay of the

What that entailed Asia neighbourhood appear in this preordained

ideological posture? The era of uninterrupted dialogue is over," says India's foreign minister although the claim is problematic on two grounds. First, there's scant evidence of any uninterrupted dialogue happening ever with Pakistan. Two, who will talk to Pakistan about issues raised by India on the political violence in Kashmir if not India? The foreign

minister's remarks, reportedly made at a private event last week, were said to re-frame the country's prejudice. A third constant ans, including a former Russia.

governor of Jammu and Kashmir, once closely allied with PM Modi, have learnt to take such claims with a pinch of salt. S. Jaishankar also said India would yield to positive gestures from across the

border. That's a relief. Given that the current ruling dispensation in Pakistan is also known to take its cue from Washington, there should be room for some kind of rapprochement between the leaders who belong to the same international corner. Except that with his vague remarks, the foreign minister has added needless mystery to the suspense about whether Modi would attend the Shanghai club's summit in Islamabad in October or skip it as he did with the one in July in Kazakhstan.

Now, Kazakhstan has had no axe to grind with New Delhi over Kashmir or any other dispute that Pakistan obviously does. Yet Modi didn't go to son to skip an international gathering, particularly if led by China or

One can't be faulted for concluding that India thinks hard about being on a diplomatic circuit if it has the potential to rile its Western minders. It has been argued that India kept the Russian oil imports going, which deserved to be hailed as a brave and defiant stand. A closer scrutiny reveals that the embargoed trade suited the West in a duplicitous way given that substantial quantities of refined petroleum from Russian oil treated in Indian refineries were destined for European markets. The BBC did once report that the UK government was looking into the "loophole" about its

We have been waiting for a follow-up on the story by the outlet ever since. The Modi government's unusual business interests had somehow eluded policy towards the un-

indirect imports of Rus-

sian oil refined in India

power deal with Dhaka was struck with the Adani group whereby electricity produced allegedly with imported dirty coal in Jharkhand would be sold to Bangladesh.

The Adani group has been in the crosshairs of Indian opposition parties for its unhealthy proximity to the prime minister. His deal doesn't seem to have found favour with the drastically changed circumstances in Dhaka and is cited as one of the lapses by the ousted regime in dealing with India. In an interview with Karan Thapar, a Bangladeshi editor regrettably noted that there was palpable antipathy in his country towards India.

One had asked a similar question of former military ruler Gen H.M. Ershad in 1997. Ershad was the host of the first Saarc summit in Dhaka in 1985. I asked him the reason for hosting the dispare ever so movingly that they Noorani's radar in assess- ate group and then setting prayed for Arshad Nadeem ing Indian foreign policy.
One such interest reportup a formal club. His comments were recorded in a TV
equal love and faith. edly underpinned the documentary on Saarc sponsored by the Indian popular and autocratic Ministry of External Af- the missing antidote to the Hasina Wajed government fairs. "We were all allergic narrowness with which in Bangladesh. A contro- to India. So, we decided to South Asians are kept

our common challenge.'

Looking back at the 1985 meeting, it comprised leaders who didn't see eve to eye with India. Junius Jayewardene from Sri Lanka, Gen Ziaul Haq from Pakistan, King Birendra from Nepal all had a Cold War mistrust of Delhi. I was difficult to understand Bangladesh's grouse with Rajiv Gandhi though. "India helped you win independence, so why this bristling?" Ershad's reply could at least partly explain the journalist's complaint to Thapar the other day. "First you sent the army to help us. Then you sent the baniya to subjugate us.

The remedy? Try removing our governments from the frame in dealing with each other in Sout Asia. What you would find are ordinary people from a different stratosphere. Like the one shared by the javelin heroes of the two countries whose mothers told us

As Noorani sahib would say, the bonding was versial coal-fired thermal come together to deal with separate from each other.

Schools and climate

Dure Sameen Akhund

As a mother of two school-going children, the record-breaking heatwave experienced in Karachi this year has heightened my concern about the growing impact of climate coastal temperatures rising by one degree Celsius. Pakistan's temperature rise is set to exceed the global average, making this relentless heat our educational institutions have remained disturband schools must step up, take decisive action, and ensure our children have a safe and supportive learning environment in the face of this escalat-

Schools, as microcosms of society, are on the front line of this crisis. The intense heat is more than uncomfortable — it's harmful, impacting students' health and learning. Reports of dehydration and heat-related illnesses highlight our education system's ing proper ventilation and shade. The response from institutions policymakers has been porary fixes like adjusted timings. It's time for meaningful, structural

changes.
The 2022 floods destroved over 30,000 schools, underscoring the vulnerability of our educational infrastructure. This crisis is an opportunity to rebuild climate-resilient schools. We must building code that prioritises climate adaptation — improving ventilation, installing reflective roofs, and creating shaded areas. Schools should lead sustainability by adopting solar panels, which

reduce energy costs, cut reliance on non-renewable sources, and ensure power during outages, providing a more comfortable learning environment for our children. The National Climate Change Policy adopted in 2021 overlooks the impact of cli-

mate change on educational institutions, leaving them without clear guidelines for adapting to rising temperatures and extreme weather. This gap highlights the urgent need for the climate change and education ministries to collaborate on long-term strategies that go beyond short-term solutions like reduced school hours or rainy season closures, which disrupt education. Private schools should engage consultants to develop sustainable plans that address climate risks and protect the education and well-being of our future generations.

All education ministries must revise the academic calendar to align with new climate realities. Adjusting summer and winter vacations to account for delayed winters and earlier peak summers will better protect students' health and ensure effective learning, rather than relying on temporary schedule changes. Schools also play a crucial role by making small but impactful adjustments, such as planting trees and creating green spaces all around school Research premises. shows that vegetated areas lower temperatures,

creating cooler, more

implement a uniform is a cost-effective way for schools to enhance the learning environment, while fostering ecological awareness among stu-

The standard school

uniform needs a redesign to suit the hotter climate. Lightweight, breathable fabrics and mandatory caps during peak summers should become standard to enhance student comfort and safety. Schools must ensure that uniform vendors meet quality standards to protect all students adequately. Schedu-ling school activities also requires immediate revision. Out-do--or sports and other activities should be held during cooler parts of the day to minimise heat-rel-a-ted illnesses. Scho-ols can enhance outdoor areas by pla---nting trees and ins-talling canopies to provide ample sha-de, ensuring a safer environ-

ment for students. Curriculum reforms are crucial for shaping how students understand and respond to climate change. By integrating comprehensive environmental education, students will not only learn about climate impacts but also develop the skills to take sustainable actions. Practical experiences, like gardening and recycling, foster environmental stewardship and a deep

connection with nature. Schools can lead by example, demonstrating sustainable operations and green infrastructure as realworld applications of classroom lessons. This approach ensures students practice sustainability daily, embedding these critical values in their lives. By embracing these changes, Pakistan's schools will not only become safer and more conducive to learning but will also prepare students to lead sustainable lives in a comfortable spaces. This climate-challenged world.

Dr Niaz Murtaza

More than six months after one of our most blatantly rigged elections, we have barely inched forward on resolving election disputes. A recent Fafen report shows that 23 election tribunals have so far decided only 25 petitions, on average one each, with 16 rejected and nine abandoned by petitioners.

Balochistan tribunals alone have decided 14 of them. But tribunals in Islamabad and Punjab the sites of the most serious rigging charges and handling nearly 50 per cent of the 377 national and provincial petitions against 36pc of all assembly seats — have decided only one case. They have been largely inoperative due to disputes between the executive, ECP and courts over their formation. Common sense and justice say that since the executive and ECP stand accused of rigging, high courts must decide this matter. Yet, the matters drag on in the SC and IHC strangely even after months.

Thus, the deadline for petitions' disposal will be violated in most cases. Such delays are routine in Pakistan. However, delays this time are more iffy as in many cases, the rigging charges centre simply on the ECP having doctored the consolidation in Form 47 to change the Form 45 results issued by each polling station for a seat. Such a simple matter should have taken two to three weeks to resolve for all cases. That it remains in limbo even after months suggests foul play and foot dragging by the ECP, executive, the invisibly omnipresent establishment and even parts of the judiciary.

This is unsurprising as their quick disposal may cause a political

candidates have filed the to political stability, semost petitions: 188 or nearly 50pc of all petitions, including 76 for national and 72 for Punjab assemblies. Smaller progressive parties have petitions too. There are also the contested reserved seats that rightfully are PTI's. If all these issues are justly resolved, the rigged centre and Punjab set-ups led by the uncleniece Sharifs may quickly fold. The key person for resolving matters is the Supreme Court chief justice. That is why we see the tornado of gossip engulfing Islamabad about the PML-N's devious plans to retain the current CJP to protect its interests. The new CJP may not nix the 2024 polls directly, as some fear, but by acting quickly on the tribunals and reserved seats issues, he may open the floodgates that quickly drown the sorrylooking PML-N setup.

This would not just be a blow for the PML-N but also for the establishment. The fundamental logic governing Pakistan is not its Constitution but the unwritten law that every institution and law, including Constitution, courts, ECP, executive, parliament, bureaucracy, media and civil society can be manipulated or damaged to give even tactical gains to the establishment. If the new CJP takes over and acts freely, one may see a ferocious reaction. Thus, the coming months may see much mayhem.

These are not the first elections to be rigged. The 2018 ones were rigged too, though not as badly as 2024. But the 2018 rigging had its came after two relatively fair polls (2008 and 2013). That had given hope to diehard democrats that we are finally seeing the political le-

Election imbroglio earthquake. PTI-backed gitimacy that may lead curity and economic progress. Yet, that was not to be and now we are so far from all those outcomes that it is hard to even see a U-turn back to them in the foreseeable future. And then there are numerous earlier polls rigged by the powers that be against only one rigged by civilians (1977). The victim parties in one election have often been aggressors/victors in others, like PTI and PML-N, with establ-ishment always being the real covert

> Neutral caretakers was our way to stop rigg-ing. They do have their value aga-i-nst rigging by ci--vilians as Ba--ng-l-adesh's case shows. It had three fair polls under them and three rigged polls after nixing them. But even they fail when the elephant in the room tramples over electoral integrity. Constitutional tools won't stop it; only mobilisation will.

> Our four partly fair polls ('71, '88, '08 and 13) were all held after each of the three eras of open establishment rule for around a decade each that hugely damaged us and there was immense foreign, domestic and even pressure within the ranks for it to quit poli-

> It has ruled covertly since 2018 but has caused huge problems to Pakistan in every field.

Thus, the time is ripe for civil society actors to organise themselves to put pressure on the three major and own significance as it other parties to stop being pawns and sign charters of democracy and governance to keep the establishment out and deliver civilian sway and

Plan devised to bring barren land for cultivation under **Green Pakistan Initiative**

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister for Water Resources Dr Musadik Masood Malik on Tuesday informed the National Assembly that under Green Pakistan Initiative, a plan has been devised to bring barren land in the country under cultivation and enhanced productivity through employing various modern

Responding to a calling attention notice raised by Syed Naveed Qamar and others regarding the news in the media of 4.8 million acres of land being given for corporate farming resulting in diversion of water, he said 812,000 acres of land has been acquired so far to bring barren land under

He said it would a

Baltistan have not yet added. transferred land.

The minister said a initiatives. Under the plan, 40 per cent revenue each would be given to the respective province and investors while remaining 20 per cent revenue would be purely specified for research and development (R&D) in this sector.

He said required scheme would be provided from share of the respective province. Around 400,000 acres command area would come under the Cholistan scheme in Punjab, he said.

He said the project would cost Rs 211 billion joint venture and so far constructed. It would amendment.

Punjab and Sindh have consist of 176 km long transferred land. However, Cholistan Canal and 120 other provinces and Gilgit- km Marur Canal, he

He categorically said that water distribution in company has also been the said canals would be registered under green purely met through the share of respective provinces and Indus River System Authority (IRSA) would issue proper certificate in this regard.

The Cholistan Canal would get water for four months from share of Punjab province while for 2 months it would feed irrigation water for the through flood water, he

Responding to a point raised by Syed Naveed Qamar, the minister said the federal government could not ask from the provinces about their water share distribution in under which 296 kilometer their respective provinces long canal would be after the 18th constitutional



ISLAMABAD: Minister of State for IT and Telecommunication Ms. Shaza Fatima Khawaja chairs the 50th Universal Service Fund (USF) Policy

Jazz, Mobilink bank forge strategic alliance to strengthen digital financial inclusion

ISLAMABAD (APP): ensure smooth access to Jazz, Pakistan's leading digital operator, and Mobilink Microfinance Bank Limited (MMBL), the country's leading digital microfinance bank, have combined their strengths to advance MMBL messages to financial inclusion and customers during their empowerment throughout calls, thereby fostering

This partnership marks a significant while serving as a tool for milestone in the digital transformation of the nation's financial services, with the dual objectives of substantially enhancing customer engagement, and expanding digital literacy and inclusion, said a news

By synergizing their unique capabilities, this partnership will spearhead entrepreneurship initiative

dedicated to empowering solutions. By drawing on female customers by providing them with essential digital assets. As part of this enhance initiative, female lenders

will be provided with advance c o m p l i m e n t a r y smartphones equipped with Jazz SIMs, which will come with 12 months of free data and preloaded applications to improve data accessibility and

essential financial services. In addition, the collaboration introduces an

innovative RRBT (Reverse Ring Back Tone) loan recovery campaign, which will deliver personalized more effective engagement.

payment reminders, also presents an opportunity to showcase MMBL's new products and services, cultivating a more informed and engaged customer base.

Kazim

Mujtaba,

Consumer President Jazz, "This Division at commented, partnership with Mobilink Bank underscores our women's commitment to innovation and customer-centric each other's strengths, we are leveraging digital technology to not only customei communication but also empowerment through digital inclusion and entrepreneurship. This

initiative aligns with our new

ServiceCo model and our

broader vision of a digitally



QUETTA: WAPDA Hydro Union Central Joint President and Provincial Chairman, Muhammad Ramzan Achakzai, along with others addresses to media persons during press conference held at Quetta press club.

ISLAMABAD (APP)

PSX gains 73 points

The 100-Index of the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) gained 73.02 points on Tuesday, showing a positive change of 0.09 percent, closing at 8,356.32 points against 78,283.30 points on the last working day. A total of 436,672,976 shares were traded during the day as compared to 457,280,204 shares the previous day.

Hussain Muhammad, Consul General Pakistan along with key members of the Chamber's Board of Directors.

General Communication

Abdulaziz Al Shamsi,

Assistant Director-

PBC launched in Sharjah to

enhance Pak-UAE economic,

investment cooperation

ISLAMABAD (APP):

(SCCI) has officially

launched the Pakistan

Business Council in Sharjah, aimed at expanding

economic cooperation

between the business communities of in the Emirates and Pakistan.

boost trade and investment

exchanges, capitalize on

available opportunities for

mutual benefit, and

contribute to the growth of

the private sector while

enhancing its role in

comprehensive economic

development, according to

a press release received

inauguration ceremony was

attended by Abdallah

Sultan Al Owais, Chairman

of the Sharjah Chamber of

Commerce, and Industry;

Faisal Niaz Tirmizi, Ambassador of Pakistan in the UAE, and Waleed Abdul Rahman Bukhatir,

Second Vice Chairman of the Sharjah Chamber,

here Tuesday. Held at

headquarters,

This initiative aims to

The Sharjah Chamber of Commerce and Industry Business Sector at SCCI; Fatema Khalifa Al Muqarrab, Director of International Relations Department at SCCI, and Syed Muhammad Tahir, Chairman of the Founding Committee of Pakistan Business Council, as well as representatives of the Pakistani business community in Sharjah.

In his remarks, Abdallah Sultan Al Owais affirmed that launching the Pakistan Business Council in Sharjah marked a significant new addition to the network of business councils operating under the umbrella of the Sharjah Chamber.

These councils offer ideal platforms for companies to connect, collaborate, and form winwin partnerships that benefit everyone involved, he added.

He further noted that the new council was a key part of SCCI's strategy to expand the number of business councils and capitalize on their role in enhancing economic collaboration, fostering Also present were cross-border partnerships Mohammad Ahmed Amin among entrepreneurs and Al Awadi, Director- investors,



PESHAWAR: A representative delegation of Clearing Agent Association led bt Ziaulla Afridi called on Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi at Governor House.

Shipping activity at **Port Qasim**

KARACHI (APP): Shipping activity was KARACHI report at the port where two ships, Meratus Jayawijaya and DSI Pyxis carrying Container and Coal, berthed at Qasim International Container Terminal and Pakistan International Terminal respectively on

Monday. Meanwhile four more ships, Ph Minh Giang, CP Shenzhen, New Levant and Clipper Kythira scheduled to load/offload River Sand, Cement, Peas and Coal are arrived at outer anchorage port during last 24 hours.

A total of nine ships were engaged at PQA berths during the last 24 hours, out of them three ships, Lusail.

Pak-US trade witnesses over 9% surplus in July

ISLAMABAD (APP): 5.16 per cent. Pakistan's goods and services trade with the United States (US) witnessed a surplus of 9.62 per cent during the first month of the current fiscal year (2024-25) compared to the corresponding revealed.
month of last year.

Over

the month under review was recorded at \$290.962 million against \$265.411 million last year showing 9.62 per cent growth, the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) reported.

The overall exports to US were recorded at US \$476.017 million during July (2024-25) against exports of US \$439.892 July (2024-25) against exports of US \$439.892 million during July (2023-24), showing an increase of 2018 million against US 174.481 million last year, showing growth of 6.06 per cent in July (2024-25).

Meanwhile, on a month-on-month basis, the exports to US rose by 7.26 per cent during July 2024 compared to the exports of \$443.789 million in June 2024, the SBP data

th of last year.

Overall Pakistan's
Trade surplus during exports to all other officers concerned to put in place more effective countries increased by measures to prevent 12.84 per cent in the first corruption in the net month, from US \$ 2.118 metering process, adding billion to US \$ 2.390 billion, the SBP data revealed. On the other that zero tolerance policy should be adopted to prevent corruption so as to hand, the imports from US provide complete facilities into the country during the to customers regarding net month under review was recorded at US \$ 185.055 Engineers (SEs), Executive Engineers (E-Xns) and SDOs (Sub-Division

Milk Business: A key to alleviating poverty in rural areas of Pakistan played key role in

Amidst the ongoing struggle to combat poverty in rural Pakistan, the story of Fawad Khan from out as a beacon of hope and resilience for many

Fawad's journey from unemployment becoming a successful milk seller highlights how a simple business could transform the lives of youth of Pakistan. After completing matriculation, Fawad faced the harsh reality of unemployment, a challenge that many in rural areas of Pakistan are grappling

PESHAWAR (APP): family, he ventured into the is then sold throughout the milk business, a decision life-changing. "Initially, I struggled

Nowshera district stands unemployment after reasonable income. out as a beacon of hope and completion of my Describing the resilience for many matriculation," Fawad business as unemployed youth.
At just 28-year-old,
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At just 28-year-old, recounted in an interview the milk business was a turning point for me. It allowed me to earn a decent livelihood and support my family besides fulfilling the education and other essential expenses of my relatives.

> travels to various villages, including Mohib Banda, Amankot, and Dheri Mian

day, often extending into that has since proven to be the night. His dedication and hard work have paid with off, allowing him to earn a

Describing the milk business as highly profitable, Fawad said that he collects about 20 kilograms of milk daily, purchasing it at Rs200 per kilogram and selling it for Rs240 per kilogram meaning by earning Rs40 per kilogram. The success of his

venture has not only Fawad's daily routine improved his financial begins before dawn as he situation but has also enabled him to secure a visa for his brother, Akhtar Ali, to work in Dubai. Ishaq for collection of milk Encouraged by his Determined to from local livestock achievements, Fawad is provide a better life for his owners. The collected milk now planning to further

expand his business. He intends to open a new shop in the main bazaar of Pabbi, which he hopes will boost his income and create additional opportunities.

Fawad Khan's story exemplifies how smallscale businesses like milk selling can play a crucial role in alleviating poverty in rural regions. His success underscores the potential of local enterprises to drive economic development and improve the quality of life in underserved areas.

To promote livestock and dairy development in KP, the then Govt had launched three mega projects worth Rs3,214 million under 'National Agriculture Development Program' worth over Rs309.7 billion, which

alleviation of poverty, increase meat and milk production in the province.

These gigantic projects include 'Poverty Alleviation Through Development of Rural Poultry' amounting to Rs.834 million, Save the Calf worth Rs1,554 million and Feedlot Fattening Programme of Rs826 million, which provided much-needed relief to price-hike stricken people, women, persons with disabilities and underprivileged segments of

society. Gul Bibi, a poor housewife and mother of nine children at village Chamkani, Peshawar is among thousands of poor people and women.

Finance Minister discusses investment opportunities with FLSmidth's Global CEO

Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue, Muhammad Aurangzeb here on Tuesday held a meeting with Mikko Keto, Global Chief Executive Officer (ECO) of FLSmidth, a leading global provider of engineering and equipment for the mining and cement The meeting was also

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue, Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb held a meeting today with Mikko

Keto, the Global CEO of FLSmidth, a leading global provider of engineering and equipment for the mining and cement industries.

attended by Ambassador of Denmark, Jakob Linulf, senior officials from FLSmidth and the Finance Division, according to press release issued by

The Finance Minister

Rs 23 bln USF,

Rs 3.960 bln

Ignite budgets

approved

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Universal Service

Committee approved a budget of Rs. 23 billion for

the financial year 2024-25

during its 50th policy

chaired by Minister of

State for IT and

Telecommunication, Shaza

Fatima Khawaja, with

Secretary IT Azfar Manzoor also in

attendance, said a news

approved the release of the first quarter's budget for

the current financial year,

amounting to Rs. 5.5 billion, to the USF. USF

Chief Executive Officer Chaudhary Mudassar Naveed briefed the meeting

on ongoing and future

Khawaja also presided over

the 44th Ignite Policy

Committee meeting, where

a budget of Rs. 3.960 billion for FY 2024-25 was

LESCO chief

holds meeting

on net metering

LAHORE (APP): Lahore

Electric Supply Company

(LESCO) Chief Executive

Officer (CEO) Engineer

Shahid Haider chaired a

meeting to make the net

metering process more

transparent and easy here at LESCO Head Office on

The CEO directed the

Superintending

road in Hyderabad.

Tuesday.

approved for Ignite.

Shaza

The committee also

The meeting was

meeting on Tuesday.

(USF) Policy

ISLAMABAD (APP): emphasized Pakistan's state focusing on creating strategic shift towards an export-led growth model aimed at ensuring sustainable economic development various sectors.

He also highlighted the government's ongoing efforts in the form of comprehensive reforms in the energy and power sectors, privatization of state-owned enterprises, and restructuring of the tax system and public expenditure.

underscored government's commitment sector-led growth, with the

'We are determined to pursue our change agenda despite resistance from those favoring the status quo. The private sector must lead the way, and our role is to ensure maximum facilitation," he added. The minister assured the delegation of Pakistan's dedication to providing a favorable and conducive investment climate for foreign investors. On the occasion, Mikko Keto expressed his appreciation for the to facilitating private support provided by the government of Pakistan



SHARJAH: Hussain Muhammad, Consul General of Pakistan meets Abdallah Sultan Al Owais, Chairman of the Sharjah Chamber of Commerce, and Industry speaking at the official launch of Pakistan Business Council in Sharjah by the Sharjah Chamber of Commerce and **Industry (SCCI).**

KP govt to implement 10-year new agri policy to ensure food security

PESHAWAR (APP): Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Minister for Agriculture Sajjad Barkwal has said that the provincial government would soon

Presiding over a review meeting of the Joint Coordination Committee Department here, he said that under the new policy, the barren land would be made cultivable while additional suitable land would be selected for the

(APP): Saffron and other crops and increase the production.

He directed that a committee should be formed to ensure the use of the funds allocated by approve a 10-year new the government for various agriculture policy to ensure food security in the region. agricultural projects promptly and in the best interest of the landowners.

The meeting attended by Secretary Agriculture of the Agriculture Atta-ul-Rehman, DGs of all wings, and other relevant officials gave a detailed briefing to the provincial minister and told that agricultural projects in the province successful cultivation of include 21 ADP schemes.

Pakistan's meat exports to China surpass \$2.6 mln

Pakistan's meat exports to China have surpassed the US\$2.6 million mark from January to July 2024, according to data released by the General Administration of Customs of China (GACC). This notable achievement underscores the growing demand for Pakistani meat products in the Chinese market, further solidifying Pakistan's position as a key exporter of quality meat. Owais Mir, Chairman

BEIJING

of the DEA Group and a Officers), Director (HR) leading meat exporter, Zameer Hussain Kolachi.

(APP): has been the primary export item driving this growth. "The surge in popularity of Pakistani boiled beef among Chinese consumers is due to its exceptional quality and competitive pricing, making it an attractive option for importers in China," he said. Mir emphasized that this development reflected the concerted efforts by both Pakistan and China to further strengthen their economic ties. growth in meat trade is a

collaborative initiatives



HYDERABAD: Members of All Pakistan Marble Association block road as they are holding protest demonstration against prolong electricity load shedding and change the electric transformer in their area, at Maki Shah

PMYP provides platform to empower Youth: Rana

Chairman of the Prime Minister Youth Program (PMYP) Rana Mashhood Ahmed Khan on Tuesday said that PMYP was taking various initiatives to highlight the potential and provide more employment opportunities, resources and support to the youth.

Addressing the awards ceremony of the "China Scholarship for Youth Skill Development" held in collaboration with China TANG International and the National Vocational and Technical Training Commission (NAVTTC), he said that youth is the future of Pakistan and equipping young individuals with both high-tech and conventional skills was the priority of the government.

The Chairman PMYP congratulated the selected students on merit for the Chinese Scholarship programme and said that Pakistan has a talented youth and has a central role visit to China while during ment.

ISLAMABAD (APP): in progressing the country Chairman of the Prime towards fast-paced develNawaz Sharif in 2013-18 opment.

"Our goal is to ensure that every young Pakistani has the skills necessary to succeed in today's competitive landscape. By focusing on both high-tech and traditional skill development, we aim to enhance employment prospects and foster economic growth", he remarked.

work hard honestly and glorify the name of Paki-

edged the strong bond between Pakistan and China and gratitude for China's support in poverty alleviation, youth employment empower youth. and development.

He informed that China had offered to provide training to around cultivating a skilled 200,000 youngsters in vari-workforce, he emphasized ous fields during Prime the pivotal role of skill edu-Minister Shehbaz Sharif's cation in national develop-

ISLAMABAD: Chairman National Disaster Management Authority Lieu-

tenant General Inam Haider Malik presenting souvenirs to Chief Minister

Gilgit-Baltistan Haji Gulbar Khan during his visit to NDMA Headquarters.

ernment, with support

from the World Health Or-

ganization (WHO), is work-

ing to solve this problem

orming Initiative (PDI) is

led by the Ministries of

Planning, Education, and

found that around 17 mil-

lion school-aged children in

47 districts of Pakistan are

at risk of intestinal worm

infections and need annual

treatment, he further in-

The Pakistan Dew-

across the country.

PDI takes serious steps

to curtail intestinal worms

in children: Zoraiz Riaz

Talking to a private Health in collaboration

news channel, he described with provincial health and

that the worms are para- education departments, he

IG Islamabad chaired

important meetings

Independent Report

ISLAMABAD: According to the details, Inspector Gen-

eral of Police (IGP) Islamabad Syed Ali Nasir Rizvi chaired

important meetings at the Central Police Office (CPO)

and Safe City Islamabad, a public relations officer said

He said that during these meetings, DIG Security

IG Islamabad reviewed the recruitment process of

Jawad Tariq, DIG Law and Order Shakir Hussain Dawar

AIG Establishment Abdul Haq Imrani, SSP Safe City

Shoaib Khan, along with the Director of IT, Director

Islamabad Police. He issued orders to recruit officers on

merit while maintaining transparency in the recruitment

process. He emphasized that all police officers should

work to integrate educated youth into the police force,

Islamabad, where he reviewed the performance of the

Safe City departments, assessed the execution of tasks

the Director IT at the CPO Islamabad. During the meet-

ing, IG Islamabad received a comprehensive briefing on

the performance of all software used by Islamabad Police.

assigned to officers and issued further directives.

IG Islamabad also chaired a meeting at Safe City

IGP Islamabad Syed Ali Nasir Rizvi also met with

Technical and other police officers were present.

ensuring that merit remains a priority.

ISLAMABAD (APP):

Asst. Chief Health Minis-

try of Planning & Develop-ment, Zoraiz Riaz, said on

Tuesday that the children

in Pakistan are suffering

from intestinal worms due

sites, which live in human added.

He said that the gov- cluded.

to poor sanitation and hy-

intestines for food and sur-

ents meant for the human

body and cause blood loss,

poor nutrition, and stunted

growth, he added.

They consume nutri-

students were sent to China on scholarships. He added that as many as 7000 to 10,000 students were getting an education in Chinese universities and making their future prosperous.

On the occasion, he also asked the management of NAVTTC to increase the number of females in the fields of technical education Calling Youth the "Ambassadors of Pakistan," he urged them to of its GDP increased up to 2 to 3 per cent after the inclusion of skilled women.

The chairman said that Rana also acknowl- Chief Minister Punjab Maryam Nawaz Sharif and Punjab Education Minister Rana Sikandar were also launching new initiatives to

PAL bids

farewell

to retired

colleagues

SLAMABAD (APP): Pa-

kistan Academy of Letters

(PAL) on Tuesday orga-

nized a ceremony to honour

its retired colleagues who

tended by President PAL

Dr Najeeba Arif, Director

General Sultan Nasir and

the retirees for their dedi-

cation and hard work, say-

best years of your life to the Academy." She empha-

sized the importance of in-

stitutions over individuals,

stating, "Our aim should be

the empowerment of insti-

tutions for social and na-

ute to the outgoing officials, especially Malik Mehr Ali,

Rashidi visits

National Book

Foundation

ISLAMABAD (APP): Member National Assem-

bly (MNA) Mehtab Akbar

Rashidi visited the National

Ahmed.

Sultan Nasir paid trib-

tional purposes.3

for their services.

other colleagues.

The ceremony was at-

Dr. Najiba Arif praised

"You have given the

completed their tenure.

C o m m e n d i n g NAVTTC's, TEVTA and TANG's ongoing efforts in



ISLAMABAD: Chairperson Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP), Senator Rubina Khalid chairs a meeting with delegation from the Pakistan People's Party Minority Wing, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, at BISP headquarters.

MQM delegation meets PM; lauds pro-business, export growth policies

ment (MQM) Pakistan on Tuesday called on Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and appreciated his economic policies which led to the reduction in the inflation rate to a single-

The MQM delegation, which was headed by party chairman and Minister for Science and Technology, Federal Education and Professional Training Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui and comprised MNAs Dr Kamal and Syed Aminul

delegation of the minister's business-Muttahida Qaumi Move- friendly policies and measures to boost country's exports, according to a PM Office press release. The delegation mem-

> posals for economic development and uplift of the people of the country's economic hubs, particularly those of Karachi. Calling the MQM a

> bers put forward their pro-

key coalition partner, the prime minister said that the work on national development initiatives was at a swift pace in coordi-Farooq Sattar, Mustafa nation with the coalition

Pakistan Navy to observe two newly built warships induction in national fleet on Defence Day

(APP): The Pakistan Navy is going to observe induction of two newly built warships in the national fleet amid a massive increase in naval defense capabilities; on the occasion

of Defence Day.
Pakistan Navy Ship
(PNS) Babar and PNS
Hunain will join the fleet of Pakistan Navy simulta-neously, an Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) news release said.

PNS Babur, the first Miljum/Babar class ship being built in Turkiye, will officially become part of the Pakistan Navy.

PNS Hunain, the third offshore patrol vessel built in Romania, will also join the Pakistan Navy fleet.

The construction of PNS Babur started on 4th June 2020. PNS Babar was launched on 15th August 2021 while commissioning took place on 23rd Septem-Four Babur class ships

launching system are being inducted into Pakistan Under the Pak-Turkiye agreement, two ships are being built in Istanbul and two in

equipped with vertical

Karachi Three other Babur class ships PNS Badr, Tariq and Khyber are currently in various stages of preparation. The Babur class ship

is capable of fighting on sur-

face, underwater and air si-

multaneously

Gilani assumes responsibilities as President of PIPS Board of Governors

ISLAMABAD (APP) Chairman Senate Yousaf Raza Gilani has assumed responsibilities as the President of the Board of Governors of the Pakistan Institute for Parliamentary Services (PIPS). This appointment is in accordance with Section 6, Subsection (1)(a) of the PIPS Act of 2008, which designates the Chairman of the Senate as the President of the institution's Board of Governors, Gilani will serve a three-year term in this position, as said by

Gilani emphasizes comprehensive efforts to ensure human dev., address climate crisis

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chairman Senate Syed Yousaf Raza Gilani on Tuesday emphasized the need for concerted and comprehensive endeavors to effectively prioritize focus on human development, invest in human capital, and address the challenges of climate change.

In this regard, he called for forging robust partnerships between government institutions, UN agencies, and civil society organizations to ensure a cohesive and effective humanitarian response. The Chairman Senate was addressing the Pakistan Humanitarian Forum (PHF) annual report launch event to acknowledge INGOs' contributions to Pakistan. He acknowledged

PHF and its member organizations for consistently providing much-needed relief and assistance to the deserving and the affected during challenging circumstances over the years. He said that the true strength of a nation lies in its ability to empower marginalized and vulnerable communities. "Coming from South Punjab, I can personally relate to the struggles and aspirations of communities

He observed that inclusive development is not just a moral imperative but it is

seeking opportunities and

support to not only uplift

their lot but also fuel na-

tional progress", the Chair-

man Senate remarked in his

and prosperity of the coun-

'This belief is deeply rooted in the political ideology that has guided me throughout my career. An ideology that prioritized humanitarian values and betterment of deprived communities", he said, adding that former Prime Minister Shaheed Zulfikar Ali Bhutto cham-pioned this ideology.

He lauded PHF for

playing a crucial role in building a more inclusive and resilient Pakistan. While referring to the report, the Chairman Senate stated that the achievements highlighted in the Annual Report 2023 are a testament to their dedication and unwavering humanitarian zeal



ISLAMABAD: Chairman Senate Syed Yousaf Raza Gilani offering Fateha on the sad demise of brother of the senior journalist Mohsin Baig at his residence in Federal Capital.

CDA chairman for strict monitoring of dengue breeding spots

ISLAMABAD (APP): there is increase in the num-Chairman Capital Development Authority (CDA) Muhammad Ali Randhawa ing of potential breeding spots for dengue.

Chairing a meeting on dengue prevention measures in the twin cities, he directed that fumigation and spraying at these identified spots must be ensured. It was highlighted in

the briefing that the total number of reported cases this year is lower as compared to the same period last year. Chairman

Muhammad Ali Randhawa directed to enhance surveillance through the entomologists in the twin cities.

The meeting also considered acquiring the services of the additional entomologists to further strengthen Islamabad's capacity for surveillance if

ber of dengue cases in the coming days.

He further stressed the

on Tuesday emphasized the importance of coordination tions of Rawalpindi and Islamabad in tackling dengue, especially in the boundary areas of the twin cities. Chairman Randhawa urged that all available resources be utilized for dengue prevention and called for a robust awareness campaign to educate the public on preventive measures. He highlighted that along with preventive actions, it is essential to maintain effective communication between the administrations of Rawalpindi and Islamabad to ensure the success of dengue control efforts.

> The meeting was attended by the senior officers from the district administrations of Islamabad and Rawalpindi.



ISLAMABAD: A view of traffic jam at Constitution Avenue due to VVIP movement in the Federal Capital.

Senate Committee body on Parliamentary

Book Foundation (NBF) on She was received by **Independent Report** Murad Ali Mohmand, Managing Director of the NBF, along with other officials including Naeem Khan, Nazia Rehman, Asad Rasool Nagra, and Aftab During her visit, Ali Mohmand briefed Rashidi

on the aims and objectives of the NBF, highlighting the institution's academic and literary activities, including textbook development and publication. MNA Rashidi appreciated the efforts to promote book culture and praised the work done by the NBF.

She also toured the National Book Museum, Wall of Honors, Indonesian Corner, and Bookshop, and recorded her comments in the visitor's book at the Book Museum.



Muhammad Ali Randhwa presiding over the meeting regarding measures taken for the prevention of Dengue.

Affairs convenes stating, "This is our insult.

ISLAMABAD: The Senate Standing Committee on Parliamentary Affairs convened today under the chairmanship of Senator Dr. Mohammad Humayun Mohmand. The meeting primarily focused on reviewing the total expenses incurred by the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) for the financial year 2024-25, including salaries and other expenditures.

During the proceedings, Senator Ali Zafar expressed strong concerns, their expenditures.'

The Election Commission did not come here. The Chief Election Commissioner and the members are under parliamentary supervision. If we cannot ask them questions, then which committee is responsible?" Senator Humayun Mohmand voiced his frustration, noting, "The Election Commission has already informed the committees. We allocate 50 billion rupees to the ECP, and yet we are un-

able to question them about

Interactive sessions held on 2nd day of Education **Information Fair** ISLAMABAD (APP):

session with the students the Education Information

These sessions covered a range of topics, including the application process, admission criteria, scholarships financial aid. The event was met with enthusiastic participation from students who had the opportunity to interact directly with university representatives, ask questions and gain valuable ad-

Many students expressed their gratitude for the comprehensive support and clarity provided during

In a significant effort The representatives from to bridge the gap between the renowned universities aspiring students and presconducted an interactive tigious higher education institutions, a groundbreaking during the second day of Education Information Fair is being held from 2nd to 14th September for intermediate students of public sector educational institu-

This event has been envisaged by the MoFEPT and has brought together Pakistan's most esteemed universities and intermediate students from government colleges across the Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) to provide vital guidance on university admissions eligibility criteria, scholarship opportunities and tips on test preparation.

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Motorway

Police hands

over lost money

to truck driver

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The National Highway and

Motorway Police (NHMP) officials found

and handed over a lost

amount of Rs 50,000 to a

truck driver. According to

details, a truck driver approached NHMP and said

that while changing the truck

tyre near Colonel Sher

Khan's interchange, he left

the site and after some while

realized that an amount of

Rs 50,000 had dropped

from him during his stay.

ISLAMABAD: A two-day Research for Social Transformation and Advancement (RASTA) conference, organized by the Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE) started here on Tuesday to showcase pivotal research findings in critical sectors like education, healthcare, exports and investment. Attended

policymakers, academics, and industry leaders, the conference underscored the importance of researchdriven strategies in shaping Pakistan's future.

Project Director Dr Faheem Jehangir presented a detailed RASTA Progress Report, highlighting that the conference would feature five technical sessions and two showcase sessions, covering topics such tion.

as food and agriculture, fiscal management, and more. These brought together 17 re-

PIDE's 4th RASTA conference

search teams to present their findings, fostering an extensive knowledge network and promoting highquality, evidence-based policy research. Dr Nadeem Ul Haque, Chairman of RASTA and Vice-Chancellor of PIDE, emphasized the essential role Pakistan's largest and of research in policy development. He noted that the conference featured presentations of cuttingedge research, including studies on the mental health and well-being of healthcare professionals, the potential of Pakistan's IT industry for software cation and Healthcare," feaexport growth, and the impact of government policies on olive produc-

technical sessions, the sessions conference included showcase sessions highlighting significant projects, such as improvements in Pakistan's electricity billing system and findings from the 2024 round of the Pakistan Panel Household Survey (PPHS). Dr Haque elaborated on RASTA's mission, describing it as most comprehensive social sciences research network, dedicated to bridging the gap between research and policy to enhance public policy and guide government decision-making. The first session of the conference, titled "Edutured an array of critical insights into the challenges and opportunities within phar-

ISLAMABAD: Policemen arresting protesters during PWD employees protest in favor of their demands at Srinagar Highway in the Federal Capital.