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## Pay tribute to counter-terrorism sacrifices Military's top brass vows not to let hard-earned successes be reversed

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

RAWALPINDI (APP): The Pakistan Army's Corps Commanders' Conference (CCC) held here at GHQ on Tuesday underscored the critical need to safeguard national cyber space through stringent cybersecurity measures.

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 Forces, Law Enforcement Agencies, and citizens who have laid down their lives in Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in pursuit of peace and stability of Pakistan.

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 adversaries, particularly those active in Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP).



RAWALPINDI: Chief of the Army Staff General Syed Asim Munir presiding over Corps Commanders' Conference.



ISLAMABAD: A delegation of MQM (P) call on Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif.

## Use of social media without permission by govt employees banned

ISLAMABAD (Online): 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 been taken for preventing official information and documents from becoming leaked.

The government employees therein have been directed to uphold government servants (conduct) rules 1964.

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

Government employee cannot share documents or information with irrelevant persons.

The government employees cannot give any opinion or state the facts which affects government prestige.

According to circular government employees are not allowed to give statement against government policies, decisions, national sovereignty and dignity.

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

ISLAMABAD (APP): A delegation of the Muttahida Qaumi Movement (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-digit.

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 Farooq Sattar, Mustafa Kamal and Syed Aminul Haq, also lauded the prime minister's business-friendly policies and measures to boost country's exports, according to a PM Office press release.

## Deputy PM, US Ambassador 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 upcoming session of the UN General Assembly.

## Bill moved in NA seeking ban on dual nationality of judges, bureaucrats

ISLAMABAD (INP): An amendment bill to impose a ban on the dual nationality of judges and bureaucrats has been laid in the National Assembly on Tuesday.

According to media reports, the bill was moved by the Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam-Fazl group (JUI-F) parliamentarian Noor Alam Khan in the assembly.

Noor Alam Khan argued in the house that dual citizenship for judges of the Supreme Court and High Court, as well as for bureaucrats, should be terminated to uphold the integrity and impartiality of these key public service roles.

The JUI-F parliamentarian highlighted that a similar ban is already in place for the President, Prime Minister, and members of Parliament.

## Country cannot run on charity: FM

ISLAMABAD (Online): Finance Minister (FM) Muhammad Aurangzeb has said country cannot run on charity.

"Country cannot run on charity. Tax will have to be paid at every cost. By the end of this month Staff level agreement will be approved by IMF executive board. Talks will be held on climate financing after approval of this agreement. During annual meeting in October talks will be held with IMF and world bank on climate financing, he said this while addressing a press conference here Tuesday.

Pakistan falls in the list of countries affected by climate change. Pakistan will have to evolve steps for protecting itself from the impacts of climate change and population control.

Bureaucracy is every where, he said adding every thing should have a

framework.

We will have to take forward private sector. Country does not run on charity, he said. Every one will have to play one's role for betterment of country.

We cannot give tax exemption to traders, he held. IMF has no objection over targeted subsidy. Subsidy can be given to deserving community. Talks will be held with chief ministers on this issue this week.

He pointed out the talks are in final phase for roll over of loan. This is running in positive manner. Agreement is must now in connection with commercial loan.

The tax recovery target of FBR will be met through digitalization and enforcement.

No proposal for enhancing withholding tax is under consideration at present.

## Commissioner reviews operations taken against illegal profiteers

KARACHI (APP): Commissioner Karachi, Syed Hassan Naqvi on Tuesday reviewed the efforts being made by the District Administrations to control the government fixed prices of essential commodities and the actions taken against profiteers.

The Commissioner Karachi reviewed the operation against illegal profiteering in a meeting chaired by him here, said a statement.

The meeting was attended by the Deputy Commissioners, Additional Commissioner-I Ghulam Mehdi Shah, Additional Commissioner-II Ghaznafar Ali Shah, Assistant Commissioner Headquarters Rabia Syed and Assistant Commissioner General Hazim Bangwar.

The deputy commissioners briefed about the efforts made to control prices

and prevent adulteration in milk, meat, and other food items in their respective districts.

DC Malir Irfan Salam informed the commissioner about the crackdown on factories producing oil from dead animals and chemical mixed milk, carried out in collaboration with the Food department.

He reported that approximately 700 liters of oil were confiscated by the food department, and the factories were sealed, and two individuals, including the owner, were arrested.

The Deputy Commissioner Malir further stated that, along with the Food Department team, Assistant Commissioner Ibrahim Hyderi took action against a factory mixing chemicals in milk in Lal Muhammad Kharal Bara Bhens Colony.

## Mayor Karachi briefs MNA Faryal Talpur on development projects in Karachi

KARACHI (APP): Mayor Karachi Barrister Murtaza Wahab on Tuesday informed Pakistan Peoples Party's Women Wing President and Member of the Provincial Assembly Faryal Talpur about the ongoing development projects in Karachi.

Murtaza also congratulated MNA Faryal Talpur on performing Umrah and presented her with flowers.

The Mayor Karachi further informed her

about the performance of municipal institutions during the recent rains in Karachi.

He mentioned that the PPP was committed to the development and progress of Karachi and assured that "we will live up to the expectations of the people of Karachi, with visible progress being made."

Barrister Murtaza Wahab also had a detailed discussion with Faryal Talpur about various issues regarding Karachi.



KARACHI: Karachi Mayor, Barrister Murtaza Wahab meets President PPP Women Wing, MPA Faryal Talpur.

## PM stresses redoubled efforts for economic stability as inflation down to single-digit

Federal Cabinet endorses Trade Framework Agreement between Pakistan, Southern Common Market

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 besides addressing the challenges of circular debt and tax evasion.

"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 re-

sources 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.

"Insha Allah, we will fulfill all the IMF conditionalities timely which will follow the consideration and approval by the IMF Board. This will start a new journey. But we should keep in mind that this should be the last IMF program in Pakistan's history," he remarked.

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.



ISLAMABAD: The Central Development Working Party (CDWP) has approved 8 development projects worth of Rs. 144.3 billion during its meeting chaired by Minister PDSI & Deputy Chairman Planning Commission Ahsan Iqbal.

## Ex-Sindh Governor Mohammad Zubair opens up on joining PTI

ISLAMABAD (INP): Former Sindh Governor Mohammad Zubair opened up on joining the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), stating that discussions are still underway on his potential move to join Imran Khan's party. Speaking to a private TV channel, Mohammad Zubair said that no final decision has been made; however, he admitted that the discussions are underway.

When asked if he would join the PTI once Imran Khan is released, Mohammad Zubair responded, "I think we should just wait and see". He said that the PTI is currently facing difficulties due to their founder being in jail.

## Lady Constable suspended over TikTok video

KARACHI (INP): A lady constable has been suspended from service over making TikTok video in a police uniform in Karachi.

According to details, a TikTok video of constable Maria Gill went viral on social media after which DIG South Syed Asad Raza took notice of the videotape and ordered suspension. Maria, a female constable, is deputed at Gizri police station in Karachi. DIG South said the police is a professional institution and personnel cannot be allowed for such "irresponsible" behaviour. She demanded of the authorities to review the decision and provide her justice.

## Syed Sardar Ali Shah says: Sindh government and opposition unite to keep education free from negative politics

Independent Report KARACHI: In a landmark decision aimed at fostering educational reform, members of both the government and opposition in Sindh have agreed to set aside their political differences and avoid any negative politics related to education. The consensus was reached during a meeting between Sindh's Minister of Education and Mineral Development, Syed Sardar Ali Shah, and the Leader of the Opposition in the Sindh Assembly, Ali Khurshidi, who was joined by a delegation from MQM Pakistan. The

meeting, held in the Minister's chamber, included key assembly members such as Adil Askari, Najam Mirza, Rashid Khan, and others. Discussions centered on the development of education in Sindh, with both sides committing to a collaborative and constructive approach.

Minister Sardar Ali Shah welcomed the opposition's proposals regarding education, stressing that no negative politics should interfere with the education of Sindh's children.

## Akhtar Mengal resigns from NA over Balochistan crises

Says the lack of genuine representation in NA for people of Balochistan has left voices like his "unable to bring meaningful change".

ISLAMABAD (Online): Chief of Balochistan National Party (BNP) Sardar Akhtar Mengal has announced to resign from National Assembly (NA) seat.

Talking to media men with Mehmood Khan Achakzai after NA session he said whosoever he is Pushto speaking, Balochi speaking, Urdu speaking or any one else has been killed, the courts are killers of them which don't administer justice. He went on to say the key murderers are politicians who used politics for business. There was

a 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 workers who go where and join what party.

It is better to run shop of pikoras than this politics, he held. Who has advised me has passed away and I have come here leaving his burial. I came here to talk but I was not heard. Today I announce to resign from assembly. If this assembly does not hear our voice then there is no use of sitting in this assembly.





