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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 Asim Munir presided over Armed Forces, Law En-curity challenges, and strate-Pakistan Army's Corps Commanders' Conference (CCC) held here at GHQ on Tuesday underscored the critical need to safecybersecurity measures.

stringent

the Corps Commanders' Conference, an Inter Ser- citizens who have laid vices Public Relations (ISPR) news release said.

At the commenceguard national cyber space ment of the conference, the participants offered Fateha and paid profound tribute Chief of Army Staff to the ultimate sacrifices on the prevailing geo-strate-(COAS), General Syed made by the Shuhada of the gic environment, national se-

forcement Agencies, and down their lives in Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in pursuit of

peace and stability of Pa-The forum was briefed

gic 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).





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

Use of social media without permission by govt employees banned

ISLAMABAD (Online): duct) rules 1964. Federal government has imposed ban on government memorandum government employees for using social

media without permission. circular issued by establish- mission. Government emment division that govern- ployee cannot share document employees cannot use ments or information with social media platform with- irrelevant persons. The out 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 (con-

It has been said in the employee cannot express views or give statement on It has been said in a social media without pergovernment employees

> 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.

cannot give any opinion or

Due to the efforts of the Sindh Govt, business activities have been restored in the province: Jam Ikramullah Dharejo

Independent Report KARACHI: Provincial Minister for Industries and Commerce Jam Ikramullah Dhareio has said that there was a time when it was dif-

of the Sindh government of People's Party, it has become easier for industrialists and other business



occasion of his arrival at Karachi Expo Center, Inaugurating Pak-Industrial, Gateway to Industrial Future and Expo Conference. People belonging to different industrial sectors are participating in this expo.

He said this today on the communities to do business across the province including Karachi and the government of Sindh is providing several incentives to domestic and international investors to invest in Sindh province. New industrial cipating in this expo. Zones are also being established in the province.

Ban on coverage of PTI, PTI founder case: SHC suspends **PEMRA** notification

KARACHI (Online): Sindh High Court (SHC) has suspended PEMRA notification in the case pertaining to ban on coverage of PT and PTI founder.

A division bench of SHC comprising Justice Muhammad Shafi Siddigui and Justice Jawad Akbar dismissed the appeal filed by PEMRA PEMRA had filed ap-

peal against the decision in SHC which was heard on Tuesday. Counsel from PTI

barrister Ali Tahir presented arguments.

Barrister Ali Tahir told the court following the suspension of May 31 notification PEMRA had issued the same notification on November 11, 2023 again. The court suspended

both of the notifications of Barrister Ali Tahir said there is no restriction on coverage of PTI and PTI founder at present. The ban

imposed by PEMRA was against PEMRA law and constitution. PTI is the largest party of the country. Ban on coverage is against constitution.

Division bench issued order for giving final decision by single bench within

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.

tion, 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 oress release.

Deputy PM, **US Ambassador** discuss bilateral ties

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

The discussion covered various aspects of Patistan-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.

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

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

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

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

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 Tues-

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

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 coun-

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 The tax recovery tar-

get of FBR will be met through digitalization and enforcement.

No proposal for enhancing withholding tax is where , he said adding every thing should have a present.

Commissioner reviews operations taken against illegal profiteers

missioner 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 Ghazanfar Ali Shah, Assistant Commissioner Headquarters Rabia Syed and Assistant Commissioner General Hazim Bangwar.

The deputy commissioners briefed about the efforts made to control prices

KARACHI (APP): Com- 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 Commis-

sioner 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 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

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

The Mayor Karachi further informed her

KARACHI (APP): Mayor about the performance of municipal institutions during the recent rains in

> 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.3

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



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

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.

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 produce expenditures by achieve the same as the rightsizing and downsizing,

dressing 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 "Alhamdulillah, the the challenging task. "This gradual im-

provement. 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

ductive employment, re- and Pakistan too could

country had immense re-

ISLAMABAD (APP): eliminate smuggling," the sources and youth. Prime prime minister said ad- 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,' 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 shrink circular debt, curb sources including compe- an accident but an outcome



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 under-

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. DÎG 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

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 with the education MQM Pakistan. The Sindh's children.

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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 ap-

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

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.

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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.

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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

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

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

gree, after decades of his

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 incar-

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 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

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

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

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

indirect imports of Rus-

sian oil refined in India

We have been waiting for

a follow-up on the story

One can't be faulted

by the outlet ever since. The Modi government's unusual business interests had somehow eluded policy towards the unpower 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 versial coal-fired thermal come together to deal with separate from each other.

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

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

implement a uniform is a cost-effective way for 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 Cli-

mate Change Policy adopted in 2021 overlooks the impact of climate 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 ar-

eas lower temperatures,

creating cooler, more

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 aban-

doned 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

OMMERCENEWS

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

Punjab and Sindh have consist of 176 km long transferred land. However, Cholistan Canal and 120 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

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. Mujtaba, Kazim

President

Consumer

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.

PSX gains

ISLAMABAD (APP)

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.

Assistant Director-Business Sector at SCCI; Fatema Khalifa Al

Abdulaziz Al Shamsi.

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 General Communication 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

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 countries increased by 12.84 per cent in the first month, from US \$ 2.118 billion to US \$ 2.390 billion, the SBP data revealed. On the other hand, the imports from US into the country during the month under review was recorded at US \$ 185.055 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).

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

Amidst the ongoing struggle to combat poverty in rural Pakistan, the story of Fawad Khan from 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 out as a beacon of hope and resilience for many unemployed youth.
At just 28-year-old,

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 that has since proven to be the night. His dedication life-changing. "Initially, I struggled

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 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

played key role in 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

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.

The meeting was also 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

officers concerned to put

in place more effective

measures to prevent

corruption in the net

metering process, adding

that zero tolerance policy

should be adopted to

prevent corruption so as to

provide complete facilities

to customers regarding net

Engineers (SEs), Executive

Superintending

The CEO directed the

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

BEIJING 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.

Engineers (E-Xns) and Owais Mir, Chairman SDOs (Sub-Division 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 road in Hyderabad.

Gilani emphasizes concerted, 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

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 circum-

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 seeking opportunities and support to not only uplift their lot but also fuel national progress". the Chairman Senate remarked in his address.

He observed that in-

clusive development is not just a moral imperative but it is essential for the progress and prosperity of the country. "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 championed this

He lauded PHF for playing a crucial role in building a more inclusive



RAWALPINDI: Chief Guest Chaudhary Nadeem Ijaz, CEO Blue World City awards winning trophy to Bangladesh cricket team captain Najmul Hossain Shanto after won the Test series against Pakistan at Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium.

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

ISLAMABAD (INP): The sumers using between 200 to 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 ernments, advising them to Punjab government's recent subsidy initiative which provided a significant relief of PKR 14 per unit for conloan agreement.

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.

In response, the Ministry of Finance has issued directives to provincial govrefrain from offering untargeted subsidies the

Two days health, wellness expo on Sept 4

KARACHI (APP): A two-day Health and Wellness day, September 4 and 5. Dr. Expo is going to start from September 4 to September 5 at a local hotel.

The expo includes participation from government health and rescue agencies, Bagai University, Indus Hospital, and several other hospitals, companies, and associations, said a communique.

The chairman of the Health Expo, Dr. Junaid Shah, along with Dr. Farhan Essa, Zafar M. Dar, S.M. Sajjad, and Nusrat Faheem, held a press conference in this regard at Karachi Press Club. The expo is scheduled to take place at a local hotel

day, September 4 and 5. Dr. Project Expo Director S.M. Sajjad, and Expo Secretary Nusrat Faheem.

ics sectors



HYDERABAD: The roof of the old fish market near the clock tower is damaged and requires the atten-

Karachi weather alert: Rain, thunder

KARACHI (INP): Karachi rain with thunder for tomor-

Currently basking under clear and bright sunshine, the city is expected shift in conditions as mon-

could bring much-needed relief from the heat. Chief Meteorologist Sardar Sarfraz says the sixth spell of monsoon will enter Sindh from today, which is likely to bring heavy rain in the province. There is no possibility of torrential rain in

In addition to the about air quality in Karachi continue to rise. The city has been ranked 14th among the most polluted cities in the world according to the Air Quality Index (AQI).



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

CDWP okays eight development projects worth Rs144.3 bln

Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives (PDSI) & Deputy Chairman Planning Commission Ahsan Iqbal 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 billion have been approved by the CDWP forum, while it recommended three 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

SHC slams

NADRA over

blocked ID

card of retired

employee

KARACHI (INP): The

Sindh High Court (SHC)

expressed strong displea-sure with NADRA officials

over the blocking of a re-

tired employee's national

identity card, highlighting

the agency's mishandling of

tice Amjad Ali Sahito criticized

NADRA's performance, stat-

ing that citizens are suffering

due to the authority's errors.

selves tamper with people's

records," he remarked. Justice

Salahuddin Panhwar added

that millions are affected by

NADRA's mistakes, ques-

tioning the integrity of the

organization's processes.

Justice Sahito further com-

mented on the hardship

faced by citizens, noting,

"People are being forced to

run from court to court.

Twelve lakh passports have

been returned from Saudi

Arabia-who is responsible

drug smuggling

bid

KARACHI (INP): The

Customs foiled a bid to

smuggle drug at Karachi

the customs officials on an

intelligence tip-off searched

parcel sent from Bangkok

through international mail

gram drug Cannabis (Mari-

was confiscated in parcel of

The recovered drug

the parcel.

Gulistan-e-Johar.

arrest the culprits.

Jacobabad

stolen car

Independent Report

JACOBABAD: On the day

of Chelum, robbers from

the notorious Marfani gang

stole a car from Jahangir

Banglani and fled. Follow-

ing this, the police launched

a crackdown and traced the

culprits, recovering the sto-

len car in a police encoun-

ter in the Moladad area.

The culprits were attempt-

ing to transport the car to

tributed sweets to cel-

ebrate the success.

According to details,

Airport on Tuesday.

NADRA officials them-

During the hearing, Jus-

citizens' records.

mission, JCE (Ops), 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 heartfelt gratitude to the prime minister for entrust-

the fourth time.

He highlighted the sig-nificance of the forum in relation to developmental projects, emphasizing that approval for development projects by CDWP exceed-

ing him with the position

of Deputy Chairman for

Secretary Planning Awais Manzur Sumra, Additional

Secretary Planning, Mem-

bers of the Planning Com-

ing one billion rupees was granted. He pointed out that in 2018, the PML-N government left Pakistan's development budget at 1,000 billion rupees.

However, six years

later, the challenge remained to even maintain this figure due to the country's economic crises and the 2018-2022 era's mismanagement. He stressed that the

shrinking development budget demanded a focus on sustainable growth, currency stabilization, and economic stability through resource mobilization.

The deputy chairman also noted that a more than 50 percent of the total expenditure was consumed by debt servicing

He emphasized the need to expand the tax net and promote exports.

Despite these challenges, he expressed opti mism, acknowledging the government's efforts to reduce the inflation rate from per cent to 9.5 percent. Ahsan Iqbal further

stated that as 100 percent of federal government's net resources were consumed by debt servicing and development budget was based on borrowing essential to ensure value for money through due dili-

He called on all provinces and ministries to exercise the utmost caution and responsibility when planning new projects.

SSGC MD Imran Maniar steps down

ISLAMABAD (INP): The Managing Director (MD) of Sui Southern Gas Com-pany (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 extension as Managing Director SSGC and maintained that he would not be available after September 13. Imran Maniar was an-

pointed as managing director of SSGC in February Meanwhile, the SSGC

nformed the Stock E change about the resignation of the development through a notice.

Body found from apartment, robber killed in police encounter

KARACHI (INP): Hanged body of a man was recovered from an apartment while a robber was killed and another injured in police encounter in different localities of the metropolis on Tuesday.

According to details, hanged body of Talha was found from an apartment in Garden area of Karachi. The deceased was husband of three wives due to which domestic quarrels emerged and he was living alone and his parents were settled in US. The body was shifted

to hospital for postmortem. Ån encounter took place near Bilal Masjid Orangi Town No 1 when three robbers came across police. One robber was killed, another injured and held while their third cohort managed to escape. The police recovered arms and motorcycle from pos session of the killed and injured robber. The body and injured were moved to hospital.

Former chief commercial officer of **HESCO** dies in accident

HYDERABAD (APP): A former officer of Hyderabad Electric Supply Company (HESCO) Syed Khursheed Shah was killed in a road accident on M9 Motorway in Jamshoro district on Tuesday, in an accident between a car and a truck. According

Jamshoro police, the accident of former chief commercial officer happened near Nooriabad

Three of his family members, Ameer Bux, Mehreen and Ruskhsana, were injured in the accident. They all were shifted

to Liaquat University Hospital. The spokesman of HESCO informed that Namaz-e-Janaza of Shah was offered in Latifabad unit number 6 on Tuesday evening

Ayaz Sadiq says: Parliament committed to building consensus for tackling collective challenges like energy crisis

Speaker National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq Tuesday said that Parliament is the right platform to deliberate upon and find workable solutions to common problems. Addressing the confer-

ence "Parliamentary Consultation on Strategic Options 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 al-

though 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 challenge. Energy costs have skyrocketed even in developed countries, as has happened in Pakistan. The government is committed to rationalizing the energy cost for end users, he added.

ISLAMABAD (APP): importance of the right person for the right job, he said that soon after taking oath as 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

> 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 renewable energy sources.

MNA Dr Nafeesa Shah said that cheap and affordable energy is an urgent need. She also expressed gratitude to the Speaker of the National Assembly, Sardar Ayaz Sadiq attending the event. She raised issues attached to energy, being faced by the people. 'The energy crisis is one of the major bottlenecks which is hindering economic growth and progress



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.

Aurangzeb vows to continue with tax reforms, rightsizing for macroeconomic stability

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue, Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb here on Tuesday reaffirmed the government's resolve to carry forward the reforms agenda, aiming at broadening of the tax base and rightsizing of the federal government to achieve macroeconomic stability what he called 'basic hygiene' for sustainable growth.

In a televised message, the minister said 43 percent of sectors in the economy were paying less than percent tax, curtailing the tax to GDP ratio to as low as 8.8 percent adding that this ratio needed to be lifted up to over 13 percent.

The minister requested all the potential taxpayers to come forward and contribute in country's economy. He particularly requested wholesalers, retailers and distributors to contribute in the economic uplift of the country, adding the government would try its best to bring simplicity in tax system and accommodate their recommendations. However, the minister stated in clear terms that government was not going

it would be counterproductive and create difficulties for other sectors. "One thing I want to be very clear, this is not going to be taken back, because if we do this, the other sectors, who are annoyed, would go in further difficulties." The minister, who is also Chairman of High-Powered Committee on Rightsizing of the Federal Government, also expressed resolve to right-size different ministries and autonomous bodies to bring down the size of federal government. He said six ministries have been given two weeks to prepare implementation plan rightsizing, keeping in view their employees, resources, properties and litigation matters. programme is executed, other ministries would be taken for the same process.

He said, ministries and autonomous bodies were given opportunity to share their performance and justify what they have contributed in national economy. He said the government would need to bring legislative changes in Civil Servant Act 1973 with the help of coalition partners to carry forward the to take back its decision as rightsizing process smoothly.



ing their water bottles from filter plant after inauguration ceremony R.O Water Filtration Plant organized by Al-Khidmat Foundation, held at Civil Hospital premises in Hyderabad.

DC Jamshoro review arrangements of Eid Milad-un-Nabi (PBUH) celebrations

HYDERABAD (APP): Deputy Commissioner Wassan on Tuesday announced that Eid Milad-un-Nabi (PBUH) will be celebrated with great enthusiasm during the month of Rabi' al-Awwal. He stated this during

a meeting held at Darbar Hall, Jamshoro, and re- HESCO authorities to enviewed the arrangements made in this regard. The deputy commis-

sioner stressed the importance of educating the young generation about the life and teachings of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) through these

The DC directed the police officials to develop an effective security plan to ensure the safety of Eid

processions. Additionally, he instructed relevant offic-Jamshoro Riaz Hussain ers to enhance the cleanliness system across the district and asked all Assistant Commissioners to hold meetings to review the preparations for the celebrations in their respective

> He also instructed the sure an uninterrupted power supply on the 11th and 12th of Rabi' al-Awwal.

The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner-I Noor ud din Hingorjo, DHO Jamshoro Dr. Imam Din Khoso, Assistant Commissioners, officers from relevant departments and representatives from religious or-

for this? Directors and As-Shah was accompanied by sistant Directors at the Chairman of the Expo's NADRA are involved in Scientific Committee, Protampering with records. fessor Dr. Farhan Essa, Vice Chairman Zafar M. Dar. **Customs foil**

> During the press briefing, Dr. Junaid Ali Shah and other officials informed the media that the two-day health and wellness expo marks a significant step in Pakistan's history. The expo will feature numerous stalls from representatives

of the medicine, pharmacy, private hospitals, and clin-

tion of the concerned authorities.

expected tomorrow

is gearing up for a possible change in weather as the Met Department predicts

to experience a significant soon winds are likely to enter eastern Sindh today.

According to the Meteorological Department, today's maximum temperature in Karachi is forecasted to reach 34 degrees Celsius, while the current temperature stands at 27 degrees Celsius. Despite the sunny weather, residents are advised to prepare for the possibility of rainfall, which Karachi though, he adds.

there is a high chance of rain in the suburbs, while there may be moderate to light rain in some areas of the city. weather forecast, concerns

Balochistan near Kasho Wahi Begari when the police intercepted them, lead-Sarfraz further says ing to a successful recovery of the stolen vehicle. The police had earlier issued a red alert in the district of Shikarpur to apprehend the culprits and recover the stolen car. Jahangir Khan Banglani and other dignitaries of the city expressed gratitude to SSP uh and the police team for their efforts and dis-

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protect environment: CJP behalf of the petitioner. The CJP remarked ISLAMABAD (APP): that the country was de-Oazi Faez Isa on Tuesday stroyed by climate change, but the goal here is to just

SC issued judgment for

removal of restaurants to

Chief Justice of Pakistan remarked that the top court has issued judgment for removal of restaurants from Margalla Hills National Park to protect the natural environment. The court reserved its

verdict on the review petition against the verdict for removal of restaurants including Monal from national park. headed by Chief Justice of

against the verdict for re-

moval of restaurants. Law-

A three-member bench Pakistan Oazi Faez Isa

in the National Park area, then Islamabad may be afheard the review petition

fected by landslides. Chief Justice Qazi Faez Isa questioned, "What is the FIA's business with this matter, because many times people get cases filed

make money. If permission

was given to build a small

hut, big palaces were built.

rants are built everywhere

He said that if restau-

against themselves. He remarked that this is a matter of fundamental yer Naeem Bukhari ap- rights, the rights of animals



LARKANA: Flood affected people of Ali Nawaz Siyal village taluka Gambat passing through flood water to safer place in flood hit area of Indus River near Larkana-Khairpur Road.

GRSC-IoBM hosts seminar on future of Pakistan-**Bangladesh relations**

KARACHI (APP): The the panelists. Global and Regional Stud-During search, 500 ies Center - the Institute of juana) was recovered from Business Management (IoBM) hosted a seminar "Understanding Political Developments in fresh ginger and it was booked for an address in Bangladesh and the Future of Pakistan-Bangladesh

Relations" here on Tuesday. According to customs The event brought toofficials, the recovered drug gether national experts in valued Rs2.205 million and international relations who efforts were underway to shared in-depth discussions on Bangladesh's evolving political landscape and its impact on relations with police recovers

Pakistan, said a statement. Chairperson, Pakistan Institute of International Affairs Dr. Masuma Hasan, Executive Director, Center for International Strategic Studies Qazi Khalilullah, Dean, Faculty of Architecture and Sciences at NED University Professor Noman Ahmed, Advisor to the Sindh Ombudsman Rafiuzzaman Siddiqui, and Head of the International Relations Department at Karachi University Dr. In his address, Presi-

dent IoBM, Talib Karim emphasized the importance of Pakistan repairing its relationships with regional neighbors. He commended G. R. Baluch for choosing a timely and relevant topic, noting that it provided valuable lessons for the participants. Dr. Masuma noted that the future of Pakistan-Bangladesh relations will hinge on Bangladesh's ability to achieve political stability.

During his speech, Qazi Khalilullah reviewed the evolution of India-Bangladesh relations, highlighting key agreements, and their role in strengthening economic collaboration and regional stability, with a focus on the future of SAARC. The seminar concluded with an engaging question and answer session, providing participants with an opportunity to interact further with the panelists and explore the topics discussed



KARACHI: Vehicles stuck in the worst traffic jam during the development work on SM Taufiq Road, in the Provincial Capital.