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PM hails major achievement

Pakistan's annual inflation slows to 9.6%, first single-digit stat in nearly 3 years

August annual CPI figures down from 27.4% this time last year and 11.1% in July; Govt's prudent policies steering country's economy towards stability, says PM

ISLAMABAD (APP): The core inflation measured by Consumer Price Index (CPI) decelerated further to 9.6 percent during August 2024 as compared to 11.1 percent recorded during July 2024, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) reported Mon-

According to PBS data, the CPI based inflation during the same month of last year (August 2023) was recorded at 27.4%.

On month-on-month basis, it increased to 0.4% in August 2024 as compared to an increase of 2.1% in the previous month and an increase of 1.7% in

inflation Urban increased to ous month and an increase 11.7% on year-on-year basis in August 2024 as compared to an increase of 13.2% in the previous month and 25.0% in August 2023. On month-on-month basis, it increased to 0.3% in August 2024 as compared to an increase of 2.0% in the previous month and an increase of 1.6% in August

CPI inflation Rural, increased to 6.7% on year-onyear (YoY) basis in August 2024 as compared to an increase of 8.1% in the previous month and 30.9% in August 2023. On monthon-month (MoM) basis, it increased to 0.6% in August August 2023. On MoM 2024 as compared to an increase of 2.2% in the previ-

The Sensitive Price In-

dicator (SPI) inflation on YoY increased to 10.8% in August 2024 as compared to an increase of 15.7% a month earlier and 27.9% in August 2023. On MoM basis, it decreased to 0.3% in August 2024 as compared to an increase of .0% a month earlier and an increase of 4.1% in August 2023. The Wholesale Price Index (WPI) inflation on YoY basis increased to 6.3% in August 2024 as compared to an increase of 10.4% a month earlier and

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tographed with Chairman PPP Bilawal Bhutto Zardari.

Treasury and Opposition benches join hands against terrorism:

Joint resolution condemning terrorism acts of August 25 & 26 tabled in BA

House pays homage to personnels of security forces and law enforcement agencies on martyrdom; expresses heartfelt empathy with bereaved families; demands of federal and provincial governments to take speedy practical measures for bringing anti-state elements and terrorists to court of justice

Independent Report

QUETTA: The joint condemnation resolution was tabled in Balochistan Assembly condemning the terrorists' attacks made in different areas of the province in the midnight of August 25 and 26, 2024.

The Provincial Minister for Agriculture, Mir Ali Madad Jatak tabled the joint condemnation resolution on behalf of the provincial Minister and parliamentary secretaries Wali Muhammad Noorzai, Mir Muhammad Asghar Rind, Barkat Ali Rind, Sanjay Kumar and Ms. Mina Majeed Baloch.

The Deputy Speaker Balochistan Assembly, Ms. Ghazala Gola was in the

According to the content of the resolution, the cowardly and barbaric attackers were made in different areas by the anti-rity forces and law enforcestate terrorists in between ment agencies on martyr- 25 and 26.

the nights of August 25 and

These incidents included the gory incident of Musa khail which took place at Rad sham area in which 23 innocent and armless citizens were mercilessly martyred after offloading them from the passenger buses and trucks. Some 35 vehicles were also set ablaze by the terrorists.

In the resolution it was stated that these gory incidents are being condemned worldwide.

resolution The strongly condemned the cowardly, terrorism and barbaric acts of the terrorist organization and the Baloch Yakjehti Committee which blocked the roads in the whole province causing agony to the people of ar-

dom and expressed heartfelt empathy with bereaved families

The resolution demanded of the federal and provincial governments to take speedy practical mea-sures for bringing anti-state elements and terrorists to court of justice.

Meanwhile, the chair mentioned that a similar condemnation resolution has also been tabled by the Opposition, so both the resolutions are being merged.

Speaking on the condemnation resolution, the Provincial Minister for Planning and Development, Mir Zahoor Buledi said that the Deputy Commissioner Panjgur, Zakir Ali was martyred by the terrorists in night of August 12 near Khad Kocha.

He said that there was age to personnels of secu- highways of the province in the midnight of Augu

CM calls on Chairman PPP, briefs about recent wave of terrorism, flood situation in Balochistan

Independent Report QUETTA: The Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir steps being taken to over-Sarfraz Bugti called on the come the same in the prov-Chairman Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP), Bilawal Bhutto Zardari in Zardari House, Islamabad on Monday. During the course of meeting, there was discussion about the political situation of Balochistan between the Chief Minister and Chairman PPP.

man PPP about the recent wave of terrorism and the

Mir Sarfraz Bugti also informed Bilawal Bhutto Zardari about the flashflood situation after the recent rains in the province.

He also briefed the Chairman PPP about the measures taken to tackle the situation emerged following Besides, the Chief the recent rains and Minister briefed the Chair-flashflood in the province.

Baseless litigation causes increase in number of pending cases: CJP

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Qazi Faez Isa on Monday remarked that the baseless litigation used to waste the courts' time and lead to an increase in the number of pending cases.

He gave these remarks during a hearing of a case regarding the distribution of property. The CJP noted that litigations was done on a property dispute after the

hy a 75-year-old man would gift his land to people other than his two sons. Unfortunately, such baseless and fabricated cases are wasting courts' time and causing an increase in the number of pending

The court dismissed an appeal regarding the dis-



QUETTA: Principal Secretary to Chief Minister Imran The House paid homextreme of barbarism on
Zarkoon presenting appreciation certificate to MD Trauma Center Dr. Kamran Kasi on behalf of Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti

CM awards certificate of appreciation to **MD** Trauma Center

Independent Report. QUETTA: Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfaraz

Ahmed Bugti has awarded a certificate of appreciation to Managing Director Trauma Center Dr. Arbab Kamran Kasi for his outstanding performance. The certificate was re-

ceived by Dr. Arbab Kamran Kasi from the Chief Minister's Personal Secretary, Mr. Imran Zarkoon. This move by the

ment in the Trauma Emergency Services.

Secretary Health Mr. Saleh Muhammad Baloch congratulated Dr. Arbab Kamran Kasi on receiving the certificate of appreciation from the Chief Minister and said that Dr. Kasi deserves the certificate for his excellent emergency services.

Managing Director Trauma Dr. Arbab Kamran Kasi dedicated the certifi-Chief Minister is expected to bring further improve-entire Trauma team.

Jatak describes publicising all completed projects in newspapers as big achievement of government

Independent Report QUETTA: The Provincial Minister for Agriculture, Mir Ali Madad Jatak has stated that publicising all development projects completed during the financial year 2023-24 in the newspapers is a big achievement of the incumbent government. The credit of this goes to the Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti, maintained by the Provincial Minister while speaking to different delegations who called on him here on Monday.

Jatak said that there's no such example in the history of the province even Pakistan that all the projects were publicised in the newspapers. The Minister said that this would not only help aware the general public about the projects, but it would also update them about the incomplete and substandard projects.

The people may register their complaints about the projects at the complaint cells of the Chief Minister secretariat and of the Commissioners of the concerned divisions.

Azam Nazeer Tarar says

Chief Justice Qazi Faez Isa not interested in extension

SLAMABAD (INP): Federal Minister for Law Azam Nazeer Tarar says Chief Justice of Pakistan ested in extension of his

Islamabad, Tarar clarified

that during a recent meeting with Chief Justice Isa and the Attorney General, the chief justice made it Qazi Faez Isa is not inter- clear that he had no interest in having an extension. Tarar emphasised that Speaking to media in such discussions should



QUETTA: Provincial Ministers. Parliamentary Secretaries and MPAs expressing their views on condemnation resolutions presented in Balochistan Assembly

Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif. PM seeks enhanced collaboration with China in key sectors

We will go for talks with

those who have decision

power: Imran Khan

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Monday said that Pakistan aims to enhance its collaboration with China in areas such as information technology, artificial intelligence, modern agriculture, and other sectors.

In a conversation with Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan Jiang Zaidong, the prime minister remarked that the friendship between Pakistan and China has endured and remained strong throughout the years.

friendship between Paki- global peace and developstan and China has with- ment.

RAWALPINDI (Online):

PTI founder Imran Khan

has said he is already for

talks and has never refused

who have decision power.

if I am appointed chancel-

lor of Oxford University

then it will be matter of

honor for Pakistan, he said

this in an informal talk with

the journalists in Adiala jail

We have given mandate

here Monday.

"We will talk to them

stood the test of time, with China providing unwavering support to Pakistan during every challenging

ISLAMABAD: Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan H.E. Jiang Zaidong calls on

The prime minister ised the Chinese praised leadership's vision to consistently enhance Pakistan-China strategic relations and collaborate on upgrading the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

He emphasized that the friendship between Pakistan and China is essential not only for both nations He stated that the but also for regional and

we talk to them it means we

have accepted fraud elec-

to talk. What talk we can

go for with them who fear

if election is opened then

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Nawaz Sharif sought sup-

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He held "they say us

Ahsan reviews ongoing PSDP projects in Balochistan

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Professor Ahsan Iqbal, also Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission, on Monday presided over a meeting to review ongoing projects un-der the Public Sector De-Program velopment

(PSDP) in Balochistan. During the briefing, the meeting was informed about the progress of PSDP projects in the province, a news release said.

The minister said allout efforts were being made to ensure the provision of funds for Balochistan's

He also stressed the need for measures to address the security situation in the province, suggesting that Frontier Corps (FC) services be entrusted to local people with necessary

training.

The minister asked provinces to prepare action plans for PSDP projects according to their priorities, adding that projects with 70 percent completion would be prioritized for timely completion.

Fateha offered for those martyred in various terrorism incidents

Independent Report QUETTA: Fateha was offered for the departed souls of those martyred in different incidents of terrorism occurred in different parts of Balochistan, here at the provincial assembly.

The Deputy Speaker, Ms. Ghazala Gola was in the chair.

The entire House of the rovincial assembly offered fateha for the departed soul of Deputy Commissioner Panjgur, Zakir Ali and all others martyred in the recent incidents of terrorism in different parts of the province Musakhail including

Sector Development Programme (PSDP) projects in Balochistan. Approval accorded to set up new National Cyber Crime **Investigation Agency: NA told**

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister for Information and Broadcasting Attaullah Tarar apprised the National Assembly that approval has been given to set up new National Cyber Crime Investigation Agency in the country as FIA lacked cyber-crimes investigation

Responding to supplementary questions during the Question Hour, the minister said that handholding would continue till fully operationalization of new cyber crime investigation agency. It would also be examined which employees of FIA would be merged in the new cyber-crime investigation agency, he added

He said that cyber crimes cases already with FIA would not be ended rather these would be transferred to the new agency.

The minister said that employees of abolished ministries would either be retained or be given golden handshake. After dissolu-

tion of Public Works Department (PWD), some of its employees would be retained while others would be given golden handshake, he added.

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Planning Development & Special Initia-

tives Prof. Ahsan Iqbal chairing a meeting to review the progress of Public

To a separate question, the minister said that the government has taken some new initiatives for skills development of youth in the country. National Vocational and Technical Training Commission (NAVTC) was being revamped, he added

Attaullah Tarar said local manpower would be trained as per market demand of other countries. The IT exports witnessed increased and was recorded as \$ 3.1 billion, he added.

To another question, he said that proper survey was being carried out before construction of any road adding that it was need of the hour to construct 10th Avenue. After traffic count, it was decided whether the road would be constructed or not, he added.

Election Tribunal dismisses petition against winning candidate in PB-34 **Independent Report** QUETTA: The Election

Tribunal 1, comprising Justice Abdullah Baloch of the Balochistan High Court, has dismissed the election petition filed by Muhammad Rahim Mengal of the Balochistan National Party (Mengal) against the winning candidate, Mir Ghulam Dastagir Badini of Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam, in the PB-34 constituency of Nushki The tribunal, after ex-

amining the evidence and records, found that the petition filed by Muhammad Rahim Mengal was not maintainable under Section 144(4) of the Election Act, 2017, and was dismissed due to various legal flaws. Rahim Mengal was rep-

resented by his counsel, Jameel Ahmed Babai, Advocate, while Mir Ghulam Dastagir Badini was represented by Kamran Murtaza, Adnan Ejaz, and Khalil-ur-Rehman, Advocates. The Government of Balochistan was represented by Nusrat Baloch, Assistant Advocate General.

then he lost the election. Mehmood Khan Achakzai and if he brings Nawaz Sharif kept on saysome offer from them then the talks will go ahead. If and half years. some offer from them then

QUETTA: Acting President Balochistan National Party Sajid Tareen Advocate addressing a public gathering on eve of 3rd death anniversary of founder of BNP Sardar Attaullah Mengal

Bill seeking increase in number of SC judges lands in Senate

ISLAMABAD (Agencies): Seeking an amendment to the Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Act, 1997, a bill was tabled in the Senate on Monday to increase the number of judges in the Supreme Court to 20 — other than the chief justice — to "address the rising

number of pending cases".

The bill titled "Supreme Court (Number of Judges) (Amendment) Act", 2024, was presented by an independent senator from Balochistan, Mohammad Abdul Qadir.

He sought the increase in the number of top court judges from 17 to 21 as "more than 53,000 cases" pending in the apex court.

In contrast, the secu-

rity situation improved in

the erstwhile FATA (tribal

districts of Khyber

Pakhtunkhwa), where vio-

lent incidents dropped by

25 percent, and civilian ca-

sualties decreased by 43

percent. However, militant

casualties increased by 98

percent, with 65 militants

killed in August compared

to 20 in July. Security forces' losses in this region

August compared to 13 in July 2024.

showed a positive trend.

with 24 violent incidents

reported in August, down

from 42 in July. Fatali-

ties decreased from 78 in

July to 24 in August, and injuries dropped from 30

Pakhtunkhwa

Mainland Khyber

August marks deadliest month of 2024 amid rising violence in Balochistan: PICSS

ISLAMABAD (Online): viduals, including a serving Anti-State violence in Pakistan witnessed a complex trend in August, with an alarming rise in violence in Balochistan, while most other provinces showed signs of improvement. According to the Pakistan Institute for Conflict and Security Studies (PICSS), August 2024 was the deadliest month of the year, with 254 people killed, including 92 civilians, 54 security personnel, and 108 militants. Additionally, 150 individuals were injured, including 88 civilians, 35 security personnel, and 27

militants. PICSS reported that the majority of these casualties resulted from 83 militant attacks, which claimed 175 lives, including 92 civilians, 47 security personnel, and 36 militants, and left 123 people injured—88 civilians and 35 security personnel. Security operations during the month led to 79 fatalities, including 72 militants and seven security personnel, and 27 militants were injured. Furthermore, security forces arrested 12 suspected militants, while militants kidnapped at least nine indi-

basis, it increased by 0.3%

in August 2024 as com-

pared to an increase of

2.3% in the previous month

and an increase of 4.2% in

corresponding month of

last year i.e. August 2023.

measured by non-food,

non-energy for Urban in-

creased to 10.2% on (YoY)

basis in August 2024 as

compared to an increase of

11.7% in the previous

month and 18.4% in August

2023. On (MoM) basis, it

increased by 0.4% in Au-

gust 2024 as compared to

an increase of 0.7% in the

previous month and an in-

crease of 1.8% in corre-

sponding month of last year

sured by non-food, non-

14.4% on (YoY) basis in

August 2024 as compared to an increase of 16.9% in

the previous month and

(MoM) basis, it increased

by 0.6% in August 2024 as

compared to an increase of

1.1% in the previous month

and an increase of 2.8% in

the corresponding month of

ister Muhammad Shehbaz

Sharif on Monday ex-

pressed satisfaction over

the single-digit inflation

rate of 9.6 percent in Au-

gust 2024, as reported by

the Pakistan Bureau of Sta-

tistics (PBS), attributing

this achievement to the

APP adds: Prime Min-

last year i.e. August 2023.

The core inflation mea-

energy Rural increased to anti-people policies.

i.e. August, 2023.

The core inflation,

Pakistan's annual inflation slows... Continued from page 1 inflation is a reflection of

Lt. Colonel of the Pakistan Army and an Assistant Commissioner.

According to PICSS Militancy Database August 2024 saw the highest number of deaths in militant attacks since July 2018. With 175 fatalities from militant attacks, this was the deadliest month in six years. Meanwhile, militants faced the highest fatalities at the hands of security forces in any single month since also rose by 54 percent, with 20 personnel killed in February 2017, highlighting the intensity of the ongoing conflict.

Balochistan experienced the most significant surge in violence, topping the list with the highest number of attacks and fatalities. The province recorded 125 deaths, including 80 civilians, 22 security personnel, and 23 militants, due to militant attacks. The rise in anti-State violence in Balochistan was stark, with a 277 percent increase in violent incidents, a 938 percent surge in deaths, and a 208 percent rise in injuries compared to July 2024. The province saw 49 violent incidents in August, up from just 13 in July.

the government's effective

measures to improve the

economy. He credited the

economic team for achiev-

ing the lowest inflation rate

in the last three years, said

a press release issued by

Outlook Report, the infla-

tion rate was predicted to

be between 9.5 percent and

10.5 percent in August

2024. Economic experts

also forecast a further de-

crease in inflation in Sep-

tember, which the prime

minister hailed as good

rate was also brought down

sequent years saw a record

increase in inflation due to

criminal negligence and

emphasized that his govern-

ment has saved the coun-

try from economic bank-

ruptey and put it on the

path to stability and

mitment to fulfilling his

promise to the people to

knowledged Allah's bless-

ings in achieving this mile-

stone and noted that the

positive results of govern-

ment economic reforms are

now reaching the people,

improving their lives and

contributing to Pakistan's

Achieving Pakistan's

alleviate their sufferings.

He reiterated his com-

The prime minister ac-

growth.

The prime minister

to a single digit, but the sub-

In 2018, the inflation

news for the nation.

According to the Ministry of Finance's Economic

Prime Minister's Office.

True peace in South Asia only possible through settlement of Kashmir dispute: FO

ISLAMABAD (Online): Pakistan has unequivocally rejected any narrative which suggests that the Jammu and Kashmir dispute has been or can be settled unilaterally.

Responding to media queries regarding the recent statement made on Jammu and Kashmir by India's Minister for External Affairs, Spokesperson Ministry of Foreign Affairs Mumtaz Zahra Baloch said such claims are not only misleading but also dangerously delusional, as they blatantly disregard the on-ground realities.
She said Jammu and

Kashmir dispute is an internationally recognized dispute that must be resolved in accordance with the United Nations Security Council resolutions and wishes of Kashmiri people. Mumtaz Zahra Baloch

solved conflict is pivotal to peace and stability in South Asia. The Spokesperson further said India's unilateral actions in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir cannot and will not change this reality.

She said while Pakistan remains committed to diplomacy and dialogue, it will respond with unyielding resolve to any hostile actions. The FO spokesperson said true peace and stability in South Asia can only be achieved through a settlement in accordance with UNSC resolutions and inalienable rights of the Kashmiri people. The spokesperson said Pakistan calls on India to abandon its provocative rhetoric and baseless assertions about Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir, and instead engage in a meaningful dialogue for a just, peaceful, and lasting resolution.



RAWALPINDI: Bangladeshi fielder taking catch of Pakistani batsman Abrar Ahmad during the fourth day of 2nd test match between Pakistan and Bangladesh at Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium.

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The Executive Engineer. Patfeeder Canal Division Dera Murad Jamali Invites Sealed Tender Form F-I (as per schedule A/B) based on prevailing market Rates, Government of Balochistan amended up to date from interested contractors/firms for the work listed below :- Tender Fee Rs.1500/- Deposited on Head of Account C-03434 for each work.

S.N	No. Name of work	E/Cost	Bid Security 2%
	Protection Works for Magsi Shakh to Qabola and Main Patfee	eder	
	Canal from RD.486 to RD.490(Left Side) District Naseerabad.	•	
	(PSDP 2889 #Z. 2024.1132).		
1	Construction of Flood Protection Bund Magsi Shakh to	49,171,953	983439
	Qaboola (Package No.01) TSE#242508533273		
2	Construction of Flood Protection Bund Niaz Ali Umrani	22,454,279	449086
	(Package No.02) TSE-242508533303		
3	Construction of Flood Protection Bund Sultan Kot.	23,519,891	470398
	(Package No.03) TSE-242508533343		
4	Construction of Flood Protection Bund Village Abdul	39,912,655	798253
	Hameed (Package No.04) TSE-242508533403	5 a 6 a 2a a 2a a	
5	Protection Works of Main Patfeeder Canal from RD.486 to	44,941,223	898824
	RD.490(Left Side) (Package No.05) TSE-242508533463		
6	FLOOD PROTECTION WALLS AT DIFFERENT VILLAGES	20,000,000	400000
	OF BABA KOT AND D.M.JAMALI. NASEERABAD.		
	(PSDP#2869 Z.2024.1019). TSE-242508532403		
	Improvement of Channel Murad Shakh, Muheem		
	Distributary, and Wazir Minor District Naseerabad.		
_	(PSDP NO 2843 Z.2024,1133).		
7	Improvement of Murad Shakh,(Package No.1)	49,500,000	990000
_	TSE-242508532933		
8	Improvement of Muheem Distributary (Package No.2)	49,500,000	990000
_	TSE-242508533023		
9	Improvement of WAZEER MINOR(Package No.3)	49,500,000	990000

Procurements shall be carried out in accordance Balochistan Public Procurement Regulatory Authority Rules 2014.ELIGIBILITY (a) The Contractor must have Valid Registration with Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC) for the year 2022-2023-24 in relevant Category, with specialization relevant Codes of CE05/6 (Irrigation only) (b) Registration with relevant tax departments i.e (NTN, Sales tax and BRA) where applicable and Active upto date. (c) Presence on FBR Active Taxpayer List. (d) The Firm/ Contractor never been blacklisted, from any procuring agency of Pakistan. (e) The bidder must have completed at least 2 assignment similar nature of work last 3 years. (f) Turnover of at least S.No.1.34,420,367PKR S.No.2.15,717,995PKR S.No.3.16,463,923PKR S.No.4.27,938,858PKR S.No.5.31,458,856PKR S.No.6.14,000,000 PKR S.No. 7 34,650,000 PKR S.No. 8. 34,650,000 PKR S.No. 9. 34,650,000 PKR Amount in 3 Subsequent Previous Years showing finical capacity of the Bidder/Firm. (e) Authorized Representative of Company will only be allowed, having a specific Authorization letter for the schemes mentioned above (The Authorization letter/ deed must be provided on Non-Judicial Stamp Paper Valuing Rs;100, duly attested by First Class Magistrate. Method of Procurement: Single Stage- Two Envelope Procedure will be adopted. Issuance of Tender Documents: The bidders can be obtained the bidding documents from the address mentioned below on production of Green challan (as bidding documents fee mentioned above) to be deposited in the head of account C-03434 in the National Bank of Pakistan (The NIT & Bidding Document can also be downloaded from www.bppra.org.pk. **Deadline Submission of Bidding/ Tender documents:** The last date and time of submission of bidding/ tender documents will be 20th September 2024 at 12:00 PM. Technical and Financial Proposals from intending Contractors sealed in two separate envelopes clearly marked with work title and type of proposal **Opening**: The Technical Bid will be opened on 20th **September 2024 at** 1:00 **PM**, before Procurement Committee in the presence of contractors or their authorized representative/ agents and their Financial Bid will be retained and only successful bidders will be called/ invited through courier for opening of Financial Bid. The Financial Bid of disqualified bidders will be unopened. Bid Security: The Bid Security 2% of estimated cost in the shape of Call Deposit from any schedule Bank as mentioned against the contract shall be enclosed with the bid (Technical Proposal)

Bids Validity: Ninety Days (90) days. Address: Executive Engineer, Patfeeder Canal Division Dera

Murad Jamali Phone-0838-710533, Email: engribrahimmengal940@gmail.com.

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Note: In All Procurements of GOB Whether Through Electronic or Manual Bid Submission, It is Mandatory For All Bidders to Get Registered At Electronic Public Procurement System of BPPRA GOB. The Chief Officer Ziarat invites bids from eligible Bidders for supply of following items

said resolution of this unre-

TENDER NOTICE

S No	Tender Name	Last Date and Time of Bid Submission	Tender Opening	T/Fee	Bid Security
1	PURCHASING OF TRACTOR 385 HP 4 * 4 ALONGWITH FRONT BLADE FOR MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE ZIARAT (Total Item(s) Count: 1) TSE: 242508535331	16 September, 2024 12:00 PM	01:00 PM	2,000 PKR	5 %
2	PURCHASING OF DUMPER TRUCK (4*2) 03 TON PAYLOAD 2800CC FOR MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE ZIARAT (Total Item(s) Count: 1) TSE- 242508535301	16 September, 2024 12:00 PM	01:00 PM	2,000 PKR	5 %
3	PURCHASING OF AERIAL PLATEFORM 2800CC 14 FEET DECK LENGTH 35 FEET BOOM SIZE FOR MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE ZIARA (Total Item(s) Count: 1) TSE-242508533371	16 September, 2024 12:00 PM	01:00 PM	2,000 PKR	5 %
4	SUPPLY OF HOME SOLAR PLATE AT AT SHALIMAR/RESIDENCY MUHALLAH MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE ZIARAT TSE-242508535383	16 September, 2024 12:00 PM	01:00 PM	1,000 PKR	2%

Bidders: Eligibility Criteria for bidders may be seen in the Bidding Documents Bidding Procedure: Single Stage Two Envelope Bidding Procedure (TSE-242508535331, TSE- 242508535301. TSE-242508533371, TSE-242508535383) Tender Documents: The Bidding document can be downloaded from www.bppra.gob.pk (free of cost) and the same can also be obtained from the office of the undersigned upon payment of prescribed tender fee. Address: Chief Officer MC Ziarat Phone no: 3458370050 Email: arifkhilji0050@gmail.com

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Only electronic bid will be submitted, No physical bid is required. Note: In All Procurements of GOB Whether Through Electronic or Manual Bid Submission, It is Mandatory For All Bidders to Get Registered At Electronic Public Procurement System of BPPRA GOB. The EXECUTIVE ENGINEER(BUILDING), CW, PP&H DEPARTMENT DISTRICT DERA BUGTI invites bids from Eligible Bidders for execution of following works for the Year 2024 based on Composite schedule rates 2023 or

Percentage Rates Tender Fee Rs.2000/- and Bid Security 2% Name of Work/s 1 Construction of Building for RHC Shaheed Wadera Fazal Khan Shambani Beeh District 57,346,392

Dera Bugti under PSDP No.2422 (Z2024.0836) Health Sector (TSE-242509536923) Procurements shall be made under the Balochistan Public Procurement Rules - 2014. Eligibility of Bidders: Presence in Active Tax Payer List The bidding firm must not be blacklisted by any procuring agency of Pakistan Balochistan Revenue Authority Registration is required The bidder must have completed 1 Assignment of similar nature of work . Registaration with Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC) C-5 and above (65 million in relevant Category and Specialized Code is CE10(i) (General Civil Engineering Works). Turn over of at least 33,932,962 PKR Amount in4 subsequent previous years showing financial capacity of the firm Procedure Of Procurement: Single Stage One Envelope Bidding Procedure Bid Security: The bids must accompany Bid Security in the form of Bank Gurantee, Deposit at Call of 2% specified above in the name of the under-signed from a scheduled bank. Tender Documents: The NIT & Bidding Document can be obtained electronically from www.bppra.gob.pk Issuance of tender Documents: Complete Bidding Document can be viewed at www.bppra.gob.pk Last Date of bid submission: Bid can only be submitted electronically latest by 17 September, 2024 till 12:00 P.M through supplier dashboard. Tender opening: All tenders will be opened on same day at 1:00 PM on EPPS System Address: Mian Road, Dera Bugti Phone no: 0835410162 Fax no: 0835410562 Email: Aijazhussainxenbuilding@gmail.com

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the lives of ordinary people The prime minister and ensuring economic noted that this decrease in prosperity, PM concluded. **CORRIGENDUM**

development.

It has come to our attention that the stamp published in the advertisement titled "EXECUTIVE ENGINEER BUILDINGS CWPP&H DEPARTMENT DISTRICT LORALAI" under PRQ No782/30-08-2024 dated 30-08-2024 in the daily newspapers Quetta Newspaper is incorrect due to typing mistake. The stamp should correctly read as " EXECUTIVE ENGINEER ROADS

hard work of the development goals is unat-

government's economic tainable without improving

PRQ No.812/02-09-2024

C&W PP&H Department Loralai



CWPP&H DEPARTMENT DISTRICT LORALAI".

The SP/ ADMN: CCPO- QUETTA invites bids from eligible Bidders for supply of following items. TSE-242508536371 Note: In All Procurements of GOB Whether Through Electronic or Manual Bid Submission, It is Mandatory For All Bidders to Get Registered At Electronic Public Procurement System of BPPRA Tender Fee Rs.1000/-

1 Stationary (Total Item(s) Count: 51) Procurements shall be made under the Balochistan Public Procurement Rules - 2014. Eligibility of Bidders: 3 Assignments of Similar Nature and Complexity 3,000,000 in Previous 3 Years Turn over of at least 2,500,000 PKR in 3 Subsequent Previous Years Presence in Active Tax Payer List Sales Tax Certificate The bidding firm must not be currently blacklisted by any procuring agency of Pakistan JV is not permissible Submission of the required Bid Security In case Bid Security is not found as required during financial evaluation the bidding firm shall be declared as in-eligible and nonresponsive Submission of the required Bidding document Fee Frame work Agreement with rates Procedure Of Procurement: Single Stage Two Envelope Bidding Procedure Bid Security: The bids must accompany Bid Security in the form of Deposit at Call of 2 % specified above in the name of the under-signed from a scheduled bank. Tender Documents: The bidding documents can be obtained from the office of the under-signed 1,000 PKR Issuance of tender **Documents:** From the date of publication of NIT to 17 September 2024during office hours on working days Last Date of bid submission: The Tenders must be submitted latest by 17 September, 2024till 11:45 AM. Tender opening: All tenders will be opened on same day at the office of the under-signed at 12:45 PM Address: Deputy Inspector General of Police Office, Zarghoor Road Quetta Phone no: 0819201264Fax no: 0819202142

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Email: mehatableashfaq19122000@gmail.com

SSP/ ADMN: for Dy: Inspector General of Police Quetta

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The Executive Engineer, Communication Department (Roads) Pishin invites sealed bids from eligible bidders who can prove their eligibility and qualification as mention in the bidding documents for the work mentioned below based on Composite Schedule of Rates 2023, Government of Balochistan amended upto-date from interested contractors / firms for the work listed below under BPPRARules.

	Earnest Money 3% in Shape of Call Deposit, Tender Fee Rs.1500/- for each	work.
S#	Name of Work	E/Cost
1	CONTS: BOX CULVERTAND PROTECTION WALL SAIMZAI TO MALIZAI LINK ROAD TEHSIL HURAMAI DISTRIC PISHIN. PSDP# 1482 Z2024.0274	9.938 M
	TSE-242508533793	
2	CONST OF BT ROAD AIDIYATO MARSENATOBAKAKARI 3.5 KM PISHIN.	34.666 M

PSDP#1499 Z2024.0106 TSE-242508533803 CONST OF BT ROAD GHARESAK TO TOKHAI KARAMZAI 4KM PISHIN. 47.562 M PSDP#1566 Z2024.0096 **TSE-242508533813** CONST OF BT ROAD OLGAITO ULMATOBA KAKARI BARSHORE 3KM 29.717 M CONST OF BTROAD SAGAI MEDANGAI 2.5 KM TOBA KAKARI BARSHORE 29.727 M CONST OF BT ROAD KAZA VIALATO POTI ZAKARYAZAI 4.5 KM PISHIN. 44.576 M CONST: OF BLACK TOP ROAD AT KILLI KARBALAADDA TAHSIL PISHIN DISTRIC 29.716 M PISHIN. PSDP#1619 Z2024.0262 TSE-242508533863

CONST OF BT ROAD AT KILLI MANZARAI TO KILLI TANGA AKHOZAI BADEZAI 49.554 M DISTRICT PISHIN. PSDP#1683 Z2024.0454 TSE-242508533893 The procurement shall be carried out in accordance with Balochistan Public Procurement Regulatory, Rules 2014 and Pakistan Engineering Council By-Laws BASIC ELIGIBILITY: The Contractor must have valid registration i.e 2024-25 with Pakistan Engineering Council in relevant Category & relevant discipline and fresh registration with tax authority's i.e (NTN, sales tax Department and BRA) where applicable. The bidder must have completed at least 03 similar nature assignment mention in the biding documents. As per BPPRA rule #25 (3) only one Bid can be submitted against one NTN. METHOD OF PROCUREMENT: (Single Stage –Two Énvelop) bidding Procedure will be adopted Call Deposit and Challan should be attached with Technical proposal. Which will be verified accordingly. BIDDING / TENDER DOCUMENTS: The bidders can obtain the bidding document from the address mention below on production of green Challan form for an amount of Rs. mentioned above (Non-refundable) for each work deposited in the head of account C-02716 Civil works through Govt: Treasury/National Bank of Pakistan or can be downloaded from the website of BPPRA (wwe.bppra.gob.pk), from the date of publication of this invitation in newspapers till the last date of submission. The contractors/Forms who obtain bidding documents by downloading them from BPPRA website will also be required to provide deposited green Challan from of above mentioned Fee. The bids must be accompanied with bid security "in Technical Bid" for each work in the form of call deposit of amount specified above in the office name of the undersigned from a scheduled bank. No any Bank Drafts & Banker Check will be acceptable. DEADLINE OF SUBMISSION: Technical and financial proposals from intending contractors/firms sealed in two separate envelopes clearly marked with Work title & type of proposal must be deliveredby hand or through registered mail to the address mentioned below on or before 18th September, 2024. at 12:00 PM OPENING: The envelope containing "Technical Bids" will be opened on the same day 18th September, 2024. at 1:00 PM before procurement committee in the presence of bidders or their authorized representatives who choose to attend with authority letter. Second envelope containing financial bids of technically qualified bidders will be opened later, the date of which will be communicated after evaluation of the technical bids. BIDS VALIDITY: Ninety (90) days PLACE: The place of issuance, submission, inquiries and opening will be the Office of the Executive Engineer (Roads), CWPP&H Department District Pishin. Telephone No. 0826920562. E-mail Address: <u>EElProvincialBandRDisttPishin@yahoo.com</u> The Technical Qualification Criteria is incorporated in the detailed bidding documents uploaded on BPPRA website. The firms providing unsubstantiated and / or incorrect information are liable to disqualification and / or legal action. The undersigned reserves the right to reject all bids as per the BPPRA rules. Any person appearing

submitting bids other than the owner of the firm will need an Authority letter on stamp paper of Rs. 100 duly

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attested by a first class magistrate.

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S.No	TSE Number	Name of Work's	Last Dateand Timeof Bid Submission	Tender Opening	E/Cost
1	TSE- 242508533733	TUFF TILES & SEWERAGE FAIZABAD, WALI JET, KECHI BAIG, KAMALO PSDP NO 4203	16 September, 2024 12:00 PM	01:00 PM	47,547,339
2	TSE- 242508533393	CONSTRUCTION OF BT ROADAND SIDE DRAINS AT KURDSTREE PSDP NO 3987	16 September, 2024 12:00 PM	01:00 PM	34,665,494
3	TSE- 242508533003	BTROAD & SEVERAGE SYSTEMKILLIGOGRAI PSDP NO 4160	16 September, 2024 12:00 PM	01:00 PM	11,888,172
4	TSE- 242508532573	REHABILITATION OF DRAIN & SEWERAGE MUDARSA ROAD AND LINKS STREETS CANTONMENT QUETTA PSDP NO 4030	16 September, 2024 12:00 PM	01:00 PM	11,905,743
5	TSE- 242508532523	REHABILITATION OF DRAIN & SEWERAGE SOLAR STREET LIGHTS IN TAIL GUDAM/ TOGHI ROAD AND LINK STREETS. PSDP NO 4099	16 September, 2024 12:00 PM	01:00 PM	9,913,081
6	TSE- 242508533763	CONST OF BT ROAD AND DRAIN / SEWERAGE OF KASHMIR COLONY NAWAKILI QUETTA PSDP NO 4143	16 September, 2024 10:00 AM	11:00 AM	148,571,98
7	TSE- 242508532343	REHABILITATION DRAIN & SEWERAGESOLAR STREET LIGHTS IN ADALAT ROAD & TEXI STAND AND LINKS STREETS PSDP NO 4027	16 September, 2024 12:00 PM	01:00 PM	9,907,284
8	TSE- 242508532273	REHABILITATION OF DRAIN & SEWERAGE SOLAR STREET LIGHTS QUARRY ROAD AND LINKS STREETS PSDP NO 3801	16 September, 2024 12:00 PM	01:00 PM	9,907,284
9	TSE- 242508531463	BT ROAD & SEVERAGE SYSTEMKALWAT POLL KHALIFA GALI PSDP NO 3797	16 September, 2024 12:00 PM	01:00 PM	21,789,695
1	TSE- 242508531323	PROVIDING & FIXING OF STREETLIGHTS AT WARD 1 TO 5 & 13,14,15,16,17,24 & 25 DISTRICT QUETTA PSDP NO 3771	16 September, 2024 12:00 PM	01:00 PM	49,543,000
1	TSE- 242508530523	CONST: OF PCC STRET & DRAIN, CANTT AREA ROADS NIAZAI COLONY, CANT BRD, TOGHI RD, CHAMB & QANDHAR LANE, CHILTAN & RBT MKT, SARWER IN UC 13 TO 17, 24 & 25 PSDP NO 3789	16 September, 2024 12:00 PM	01:00 PM	49,506,737
1 2	TSE- 242508530393	CONST: REHAB: OF BT RD MILLING CUTTING DRAIN & SEWERAGE SYSTEM AT CANT, NASRAAN, KILLISSHABAK, SHERIN, IBRAHIM SHAH KHAIL, SARA KHULA & WARD 2 TO 4 PSDP NO 3678	16 September, 2024 12:00 PM	01:00 PM	49,505,123
1	TSE- 242508533683	INSTALLATION OF STREET SOLAR LIGHT WITH POLES AND LAYING OFTUFF TILES IN OAMBRANI ROAD, KASHMIRABAD AND KILLI GISHGORI. PSDP NO 4042	16 September, 2024 11:00 AM	12:00 PM	19,816,552
1 4	TSE- 242508533583 urements shall	PROVISION OF SOLAR LIGHTSAND LAYING OF TUFF TILES ATMIAN GUNDI PSDP NO 3899	16 September, 2024 12:00 PM	01:00 PM	29,717,542

Bidders: Eligibility Criteria for bidders may be seen in the Bidding Documents Bidding Procedure: Single Stage Two Envelope Bidding Procedure (TSE-242508534923, TSE- 242508533763, TSE-242508533733, TSE-242508533683, TSE- 242508533583, TSE-242508533393, TSE-242508533323, TSE- 242508533313, TSE-242508533253, TSE-242508533243, TSE- 242508533183, TSE-242508533003, TSE-242508532573, TSE-242508532523, TSE-242508532343, TSE-242508532273, TSE- 242508531463, TSE-242508531323, TSE-242508530523, TSE-242508530393) Tender Documents: The Bidding document can be downloaded from www.bppra.gob.pk (free of cost) and the same can also be obtained from the office of the under-signed upon payment of prescribed tender fee. Address: Assistany Director, Local Govt & Development Deppt Quetta

Phone no: 0081920209 Email: sadlgrdquetta@gmail.com PRQ No.833/02-09-2024

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On the occasion

Muhammad Yahya briefed

the Finance Minister on the

work of UN and its agen-

cies undertaking develop-

sistance projects in Paki-

He also shared the success of UNESCAP and its work on debt consolida-

tion in middle income coun-

tries. He noted that energy

transition was an important

area for possible coopera-

The meeting concluded with both sides expressing their resolve to continue working closely to

address Pakistan's develop-

ment challenges and to

implement sustainable so-

lutions that benefit all seg-

Senior police officers

issued instructions to the

officers posted on duty and

said that the protection of

all public and private of-

fices and embassies located

in the high security zone is

of utmost importance

Islamabad Police is

using all resources to main-

tain the law and order situ-

ation in the Federal Capital

Islamabad. Citizens are re-

quested to call "Pucar-15"

or report via the "ICT-15

App" regarding any suspi-

Protection of life and

cious person or activity.

tion with Pakistan.

Finance Minister

lauds UN cooperation

tions (UN) and its agencies ment and humanitarian as-

in this regard.

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue, Sena-

tor Muhammad Aurangzeb

here on Monday appreci-

ated the cooperation provided by the United Na-

in sustainable development

During a meeting with United Nations Resident and Humanitarian Coordi-

nator for Pakistan,

Muhammad Yahya, who

called on him here, the min-

ister shared the commit-

ment of the government to-

wards policy reforms and

sustainable economic devel-

mate finance and energy

transition were essential

areas for improving energy

sector viability in the coun-

Independent Report ISLAMABAD: The

Islamabad Police is con-

stantly engaged to ensure

effective security arrangements and deal with any

untoward incidents in the

According to the de-

High Security Zone

He reiterated that cli-

try and welcomed the co- ments of society.

Foolproof security

arrangements being ensured

in the high-security zone

of Pakistan.

DPM Dar highlights role of education in shaping country's future

ISLAMABAD (APP): Deputy Prime Minister and Minister Mohammad Ishaq Dar on Monday highlighted the significance of education in a prosperous society and stressed upon making of strenuous efforts and investments in this sector for the bright future of coming

Addressing a certificates awarding ceremony of Pakistan Foreign Office Women's Association (PFOWA), the deputy prime minister said that the incumbent government was making substantial efforts in this regard and in the current fiscal budget, it had made significant allocation for the education sector because education would provide future dividends in the

emphasis laid down by Is- and said that it was not

lam over the importance of only a kind gesture but also gaining education.

The deputy prime minister and foreign minister further underlined that other organizations and institutions devoted to humanitarian assistance and support should also focus on the financial, health and education issues faced by the people, adding that they were required to follow the precedents set by

organizations like PFOWA. Dar also commended PFOWA's contributions for the public welfare and said that he was pleased to learn that the Association had been serving as platform to support the needy and de-

It had been support-Masters degrees and PhDs besides, providing them He also referred to the scholarships, he mentioned

a real service to humanity with immense rewards in the world hereafter.

Expressing his satisfaction, he said that it pleased him immensely that such a thinking existed in the ministry which was like

PFOWA had provided children with stationary and school bags, besides a number of scholarships and other financial support to the widows and minorities. It had also made contributions for the natural calamities hit areas. The deputy prime

minister informed that during 2020, he had founded two organizations for the support of orphans where ing students to pursue their about 100 children were getting education while the other entity was providing assistance in education and



SLAMABAD: Senator Rubina Khalid, Chairperson of the Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP), met with a delegation from JazzCash led by Ibrar Khan, Vice President Corporate Affairs and Ali Naseer, Chief Strategic Officer at BISP Headquarters.

BISP, JazzCash team up for digital empowerment of its beneficiaries

Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) will collaborate with JazzCash for digital empowerment of its beneficiaries.

A meeting to discuss modalities of this joint venture was held between the Chairperson of the Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP), Senator Rubina Khalid and a delegation from JazzCash, led by Ibrar Khan, Vice President Corporate Affairs, and Ali Naseer, Chief Strategic Of-

Sustainable relief

ISLAMABAD (APP):

Coordinator to Prime Min-

ister of Commerce and In-

dustries Rana Ihsan Afzal

Khan on Monday said that

the government was mak-

to the people in the energy

news channel he said that a

High Profile Committee

Federal Capital.

an era where policymaking

is often swayed by opin-

ions and political agendas,

the International Labour

Organization (ILO) has

taken a crucial step to pro-

mote informed decision-

a five-day training program

here on Monday aimed at

equipping policymakers with the skills to base their

decisions on solid evidence,

ensuring effective and just

policies for the workforce.

informed policy decisions

is becoming increasingly

essential as misinformation

and political biases perme-

ate the decision-making

national Labour Organiza-

tion (ILO) has launched a

five-day training program in

Islamabad, focusing on evi-

dence-based policymaking.

In response, the Inter-

The ability to make

The ILO has initiated

Talking to a private

tackle the issues of Indepenersts.

provision to commoners

is top priority. Ihsan

strengthen evidence-based

policymaking

ISLAMABAD (APP): In The training, running from

September 2-6, 2024, is

designed to help key stake-

holders in Pakistan develop

the skills necessary to criti

cally assess and utilize evi

dence when creating poli-

cies that promote decent

"National Training on Evi-

dence-Based Policymaking

for Decent Work and Social

Justice," brings together

government officials, trade

union representatives, and

employer associations. The

goal is to foster a more in-

formed, transparent, and ef-

fective policymaking pro-

cess in Pakistan, focusing on

priority areas identified in the

Decent Work Country Programme (DWCP) IV,

which was agreed upon by

tripartite constituents in May

2023. The training is a col-

laboration between the ILO's

Research Department and its

Country Office in Pakistan.

This initiative, titled

work and social justice.

on enhancing the financial abling them to be fully and digital inclusion of aware of their rights and BISP's women beneficiaries by providing them with

Ŝenator Rubina Khalid emphasized the directive from both the President and Prime Minister of Pakistan to ensure that BISP beneficiaries receive their payments with complete transparency and respect.

She highlighted that through smartphones is vital in bridging the communication gap between BISP and its beneficiaries, en-

reducing the risk of fraud. The chairperson also stressed BISP's commit-

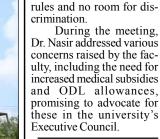
ment to improving the lives of its beneficiaries by offering market-driven skill training that aligns with employment opportunities. During the meeting,

the JazzCash team presented potential initiatives for collaboration. Senator digital empowerment Rubina Khalid urged the team to develop a detailed implementation plan for the digital empowerment of BISP beneficiaries.

AIOU reaffirms commitment to transparency & merit

ISLAMABAD (APP): dent Power Producers The Academic Staff Asso-(IPPs). Rana said that ciation (ASA) General whether it was the matter Body Meeting was held at of debt profiling of Chinese Allama Iqbal Open Univer-IPPs or the audit of other sity (AIÔU), where Vice IPPs, the committee was Chancellor Professor Dr. ing efforts to provide relief looking into it profoundly. Nasir Mahmood reiterated He said that Pakistan the university's strong Tehreek-e-Insaaf (PTI) commitment to transparcontinued to sabotage the

ency and merit-based pracreputation of the country by doing international lob-He assured the faculty was formulated to better bying for personal interthat all appointments and promotions would be conducted fairly, with strict adherence to established



ISLAMABAD: A CDA (Capital Development Au-3 passengers thority) worker is busy installing umbrellas on a killed in road tree at the Kashmir Chowk for beautification of accident **ILO** launches training to

ISLAMABAD (APP) Three passengers were killed on Sunday when a car was overturned after hitting a trawler on CPEC Road in Isakhel.

According to a private

news channel, after the accident, the car was set on fire, as a result, the ill-fated passengers were killed. According to the police, the passengers were

traveling to DI Khan. Their bodies were shifted to the hospital.

IRSA releases 275,500 cusecs water

SLAMABAD (APP): Indus River System Authority (IRSA) on Monday released 275.500 cusecs water from various rim stations with inflow of 320,600 cusecs.

According to the data released by IRSA, water level in River Indus at Tarbela Dam was 1550.00 feet (maximum conservation level) and was 152.00 feet higher than its dead level of 1,398 feet.



tor for Pakistan called on Federal Minister of Finance and Revenue Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb at Finance Division.

Ministry chalked-out advisory regarding M.pox virus: Mukhtar Ahmed

Coordinator to the Prime Minister on National Health Services, Regulations, and Coordination, Dr. Malik Mukhtar Ahmed on Monday said that an advisory will be issued soon to prevent the monkeypox vi-

Talking to a private news channel, he said that the Ministry of Health chalked out a complete plan of action to prevent M.pox. The advisory will be issued with the support and coordination of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) been screened by Border Health Services at various

ISLAMABAD (APP):

Chief Commissioner and

Chairman of the Capital

Development Authority

(CDA), Muhammad Ali

Randhawa, led an aware-

ness walk on Monday to

educate citizens on the pre-

nized in collaboration with

the Mumkin Foundation

and the District Health Of-

fice, with participants from

civil society and various

emphasized the importance

of collective efforts in pre-

venting dengue, stating,

"All resources have been

utilized to prevent dengue

Chairman Randhawa

The event was orga-

vention of dengue fever.

and the Ministry of Religious Affairs, he added. Through these ministries, overseas Pakistanis and pilgrims will be in-

formed about the complete guidelines of this virus, he further added. He said that there is no evidence of local transmission of monkeypox. He said that the Ministry of Health had a complete

ports for this deadly virus. Approximately 10 thousand passengers have

fever in Islamabad, and it is

only possible to solve this

issue by working together

with civil society, youth, students, and different sec-

need for preventive mea-

sures, including, installing

screens on doors and win-

dows, and maintaining

cleanliness in homes and

stressed for ensuring effec-

tive communication between

institutions to prevent the

aimed to educate citizens

on the simple yet effective

steps they can take against

The awareness walk

spread of dengue fever.

neighbourhoods.

He highlighted the

CDA chairman leads

awareness walk to combat

dengue fever in Islamabad

tracking arrangement on air-

days, he said adding that these screenings, 14 suspects of the M.pox virus have been identified.

He said that nine of

from Gulf countries, while the rest have come from other countries. Out of all these suspected travellers, four cases have tested positive, and

these suspects travelled

He said that the Ministry of Health is diligently taking measures to limit the spread of this virus.

treatment is underway, he

Funeral prayer of Constable **Umar Daraz** offered

Constable Umar Daraz was Headquarters Islamabad Senior police officers and a large number of police officers offered the funeral prayer. According to the details, the funeral prayer of Islamabad Police Constable Umar Daraz was offered at Police Lines Headquarters. A smartly turned-out contingent of the police personnel presented a guard of honour. Police officers shouldered the coffins and later the bodies were sent

Independent Report ISLAMABAD: According to the details, the funeral prayer of Islamabad Police offered at Police Lines

to his respective native

tails, the Islamabad Police is constantly engaged to maintain the law and order situation in the federal capital, ensuring the safety of lives and property of the citizens.

In this regard, the officers of the Islamabad Police are performing their duties effectively to ensure security arrangements and deal with any untoward incidents in the high security

1 rotection of file and property of citizens is among the top priorities of the Islamabad Police.



occupied Jammu and Kashmir are nothing but a facade, aimed at projecting a false sense of normalcy in the According to a report

with around one million occupation troops present and a ban on Hurriyat organizations, whose leadership, including All Parties Hurriyat Conference Chairman Masarrat Aalam Butt and other top leaders, are in New Delhi's Tihar jail, and Mirwaiz Umar Farooq is under house detention, it is questionable how these elections can be considered a true representation of people's aspirations and a lutions.

India's sole intention is to to give legitimacy to its August 2019 illegal actions and fortify its illegal occupation by holding election dramas, misleading the world about the territory's real situation.

The report maintains that election candidates fail to reflect the true desires of the Kashmiri people, instead furthering Indian

In contrast, the All Parties Hurriyat Conference embodies the aspirations of the Kashmiri people, leading the effort to resolve the Kashmir dispute in line with UN reso-

OPF set up **PGFRC** to assist returned **Overseas Pakistanis**

ISLAMABAD (APP): with Deutsche Gesellschaft Ministry of Overseas Pa-kistanis and Human Resource Development has set up a Pakistani-German Facilitation & Reintegration Centre (PGFRC) in Lahore with an advisory desk at Overseas Pakistani Foundation (OPF) here at the head office. An official source told APP that the objective was to facilitate the return of overseas Pakistanis in terms of their skill development in Pakistan's social and economic fabric for gainful employment

It is being implemented in collaboration

Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH and supported by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)

GmbH and Overseas Pakistani Foundation, Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis & Human Resource Development on technical assistance to the facilitation & reintegration centre for Pakistani workers has been signed.

ISLAMABAD: Employees of PWD burning their professional degrees during a sit-in protest (Dharna) in favor of their demands at Srinagar Highway in the Federal Capital.

ISLAMABAD: Chairman Prime Minister's Youth Programme Rana Mashhood Ahmed Khan in a video call with Bahrain's Minister of Youth Affairs. DC calls for peaceful resolution to IIUI protests

ISLAMABAD (APP): Deputy Commissioner (DC) Islamabad, Irfan Nawaz Memon on Monday held a meeting with the Acting President of the International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI) to discuss the ongoing student protests in the campus.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Inspec-tor General (DIG) Mustafa Tanveer, Additional Deputy Commissioner General, and concerned Assistant Commissioners.

Amid growing student unrest at the university, top officials convened to ad-

dress the situation and explore possible resolutions. The primary focus of the discussion was the impact of the student protests on the university's administration and the overall campus environment. Concerns were raised about the challenges, the university's administration is facing due to the ongoing unrest, which has disrupted the normal functioning of the university. During the meeting, the officials were briefed on the university's new hostel policy, which has been a

point of contention among the protesting students.

Education Information Fair kicks off in FDE educational institutions

significant effort to bridge the gap between aspiring students and prestigious higher education institutions, a groundbreaking **Education Information Fair** is being held from 2nd to 14th September for intermediate students of public sector educational institu-

According to the Education Ministry, this event has been envisaged by Mr. Mohyuddin Ahmad Wani, Secretary MoFEPT has brought together Pakistan's most esteemed universities, and intermediate students from government colleges across the Islamabad Capi-

ISLAMABAD (APP): In a tal Territory (ICT) to provide vital guidance on university admissions eligibility criteria, scholarship opportunities, and tips on test preparation.

> Ministry of Federal Education and has been designed to offer students firsthand insights into the application processes, admission requirements, and unique opportunities available at toptier universities. Participating institutions included NUST, FAST, IBA, NUST, FAST, IBA, ICMA, KIPS, GIKI, NCA, Pakistan Institute of Fashion Design (PIFD, LUMS, SZABIST

The fair, organized by Comsat,

CDA P3A to collaborate for sustainable projects in

meeting chaired by Chairman CDA Muhammad Ali Randhawa, here to discuss ongoing and upcoming projects in the federal capital. The meeting focused on various initiatives, including the Jinnah Medical Complex and its commercial zone, as well as other commercial projects in the city. The P3A offered to assist CDA in preparing and feasibility proposals for various projects.

Islamabad

ISLAMABAD (APP): Capital Development Authority (CDA) and Public Private Partnership Authority (P3A) on Monday agreed to engage transactional advisors for ongoing projects in Islamabad. It was decided in a

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Bad air

A recent report by the Air Quality Life Index delivers a sobering message for South Asia on its air pollution outlook.

Though the report highlights an 18pc decline in air pollution in 2022, attributed largely to above-normal rainfall, it also underscores the grim reality that air pollution remains the most significant external threat to public health in the region — including Pakistan. It highlights that South Asia continues to grapple with dangerously high levels of air pollution and that, despite the recent decline, the region still accounts for a staggering 45pc of total life years lost due to pollution.

It paints a worrying picture: World the Health Organisation's air quality guidelines were met, the average person in South Asia would gain 3.5 years in life expectancy.

In Pakistan, the situation is equally alarming. While the report notes a 10pc decline in particulate matter levels in 2022, the average resident's life expectancy is still reduced by 3.3 years due to air pollution. In cities like Peshawar and Lahore, where pollution levels are even higher, life expectancy is shortened by over five years.

One of the most striking aspects of the AQLI report is its focus on inequality. It reveals that people living in the most polluted areas breathe air that is six times more polluted than those in the least polluted areas. Consequently, their life expectancy is reduced by an average of 2.7 years. This inequality in pollution exposure many years to frame longreflects broader socioeconomic term policy objectives has disparities and underscores often led to muddled goals reflecting tactical, shortthe need for targeted interventions in the most affected regions.

This report should ring alarm bells for our leaders, but instead this subject is largely met with indifference. The increase in the number of vehicles and the reliance on fossil fuels for electricity generation have been major contributors to the country's pollution crisis. Since the early 2000s, the number of vehicles has has three brothers Ali quadrupled, while electricity generation from fossil fuels in Pakistan and neighbouring countries has tripled from 1998 to 2017. Without significant policy changes, the demand for energy and the corresponding pollution levels are likely to rise further, exacerbating the public health crisis. In the past, citizens' attempts to report high pollution with independent monitors have been met with pions who played in top professional criticism and denial.

The government must take stock of this report and make long-term policy decisions to protect the future of its citizens. In the landmark Shehla Zia case, the Supreme Court declared the right to a healthy environment to be part of the fundamental constitutional rights of all citizens.

While the state has taken initiatives like installing more pollution monitors and shutting down factories during high-pollution periods, they need to be part of a broader, more comprehensive strategy that includes promoting electric vehicles, transitioning to cleaner technologies in industries and enforcing stricter emissions standards.

Sporting futures

Umair Javed Pakistan is a one-sport na-

tion, and has been for the better part of five decades. Given its sheer population, underachievement across all other sports is extremely stark. Hockey languishes outside of the

The men's national team, with a decorated legacy, is currently ranked 16th in the world. Arshad Nadeem's monumental achievement aside, track and field probably had its last competitive moment in the mid-1960s. Boxing and weightlifting are frequent ictims organisational politics. Sports journalists

point out a number of factors for this multi-decade trough. Highest on the list is the shambolic use of sporting associations and federations as a source of patronage and graft. The bo---dies mandated to promote and preserve their sport remain at the mercv of political and military appointments, with sanctity of tenure entirely un--related to actual achievement. Exemplar cases in--clude political appointments at the football the three-starred gentleman who sat at the helm of the country's national Oly-mpic Association for two full decades and oversaw four Olympics with a return of precisely zero medals

But outside of the

world of institutional atrophy and decay, something interesting is happening. Societal interest in sports outside of cricket appears to be growing rapidly. Much of this appearance is gleaned from anecdotes. For example, there are YouTube and Facebook channels solely dedicated to broadcasting live volleyball matches — with considerable crowd turnouts — in rural areas in Pakistan. There are others that show football being played in Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The most popular ones get views and

thousands. A few weeks ago, Arshad Nadeem's remarkable success at the Paris Olympics set off a wave of national jubilation. And almost immediately in its aftermath, it triggered an outpouring of social media videos of young men and

engagements well into their

federation, and of course, women throwing a vast array of pointy, stick-shaped objects. It felt like the natural response after watching a rare moment of possibility: a moment when a truly world-class athlete achieves a world-beating feat, despite the burdens this country afflicts on the average

household. Here's a slightly more concrete measure of growing interest: June 6 is not a date one would willingly step out for outdoor activity in most parts of the country. Yet, on that date this year, 20,124 supporters of the Pakistan football team showed up to watch their match in Islamabad against Saudi Arabia. In November last year, in admittedly milder conditions, a similar number turned out to watch the hosts take on Tajikistan.

Pakistan lost both of these matches, but in the larger scheme of things, the result was less important. The team played in the preliminary group stages of World Cup qualification for the first time. The experience of playing against much better resourced onposition — including a country that had beaten Cup — was likely valuable. Even more revelatory was the demonstration of crowd interest in the face of unkind weather conditions, midweek timings, and a half-completed stadium. People genuinely wanted the collective experience of watching their team live

This interest owes at least some of its growth to the abject conditions of cricket over the last few years. It was only a matter of time that the institutional decay induced by the Pakistani state's anti-Midas touch would reach PCB as well. Whatever protection was historically offered by outsized fan interest, of being a one-sport nation, and loads of commercial investment by sponsors, is wearing off

Politicisation cricket's apex appointments and a rank culture of internal nepotism has hollowed out the sport from within. The pipeline for locating, cultivating, and managing talent looks irreparably broken. As a result, this is probably the only team in the world where players hit their playing peak when

internal palace intrigue, slipping athletic standards and mediocre performances. No amount of sponsored social media content can paper

This story of generational disillusionment with cricket isn't particularly new. Match-fixing scandals, erratic performances, and inexplicable losses contributed to interest attrition and cynicism since the 1990s. But the current wave of fan apathy and exasperation seems qualitatively different. As with the state and the economy, people are just fed up. This current moment,

amidst Arshad's achievement and cricket's decay, can act as an inflection point for other sports. Some of the ingredients for such a takeoff are already present. There is growing mass interest, with young people starved of viable cultural entertainment. People want to be involved in something that's bigger than them, and their usual repository for national validation — cricket — is no longer fit for the purpose. Similarly, social media growth is operating as another catalyst. It offers a country that had beaten Argentina in the last World After that, it's mostly just may be interested in and

opens up a door for communities of shared interests to emerge. Like those YouTube channels mentioned earlier, this connectivity enables cultivation of such interests, often with critical insight. Sitting in Lahore, I now know there is a volleyball star by the name of Aneel Chand who draws in hundreds of people to his matches in Bhakkar. There is much that a

state can do to enable this provide funding, better management and more public spaces for men and women, and build basic infrastructure. State-led programmes for sporting progress have been quite successful in other parts of the world. However, the chances of any of this happening here are extremely low. The Pakistani state is neither accountable nor ideologically invested enough in channelling its energy towards sporting achievement. In its current incarnation, it will only hamper progress. The best it can do is simply offer some space and move out of the way; the people will find a way to make their energies and their interests count. -- Courtesy Dawn

Foreign policy adrift

Maleeha Lodhi

Characterised by drift, Pakistan's foreign policy appears to be rudderless. It has neither clarity nor coherence to meet complex regional and international challenges or respond to fast-moving global develop-

Lacking any vision or strategic direction, the country's foreign policy consists of sporadic, ad hoc and reactive endeavours. Compounding the incoherence is the tendency to deal with individual issue areas in silos, overlooking their link with other areas, rather than evolve an integrated policy keeping in view the overall external environ-

This is mainly the consequence of the absence of an overarching policy framework with clearly spelt-out and prioritised goals. Rhetoric has often substituted for policy, while goals have goals outmatched diplomatic resources. The inability for term considerations.

with outdated paradigms about goals and strategy and

and mental maps of the encourage a proactive appast. They have not been replaced by a framework that is predicated on the country's present domestic strength and international relevance, while adapting that to new global realities. True, efforts at policy reorientation have been stymied by domestic political instability and economic difficulties. But they have also been impeded by other factors, including lack of

focus and imagination.

A new government is expected to take stock of the country's foreign relations, offer a foreign policy vision and spell out future priorities. Five months on. Shehbaz Sharif's government has done none of the above. A broad foreign policy review is essential. given the geopolitical changes sweeping the world. With power shifts and realignments taking place in an unsettled, multipolar world marked by mounting geopolitical tensions, this big picture has cede more space on foreign to be carefully assessed. This would help to adjust policy to these changes and reshape the country's strategy to more effectively pursue goals. A review Policymakers work would inject clarity both

proach that leverages opportunities

Despite these obvious benefits, the Sharif government has shown no interest in such a review. The prime minister and even foreign minister have given episodic attention to foreign policy, mistaking obligatory overseas visits for policy. No political direction has been provided to a ministry that today is institutionally at its weakand most

demoralised - as a cumulative result of years of neglect and lack of resources. Moreover, having a foreign minister with additional responsibilities as deputy prime minister and chair of dozens of economic committees means his attention is divided, leaving the for-eign ministry with a parttime head Above all, the govern-

ment has decided, in the hybrid governing arrangement that prevails today, to policy to the military establishment, judging this as a 'safe' course to follow.

This has resulted in fragmentation of the decision-making process, confusion about who is responsible for what, exclusion of the foreign ministry from key policy areas (including Afghanistan) and weak implementation of policy goals. The military has always had a key role in foreign policy, which has long been security-oriented This is not unusual. But today, that role has become far more extensive.

Against this backdrop, what is the state of Pakistan's two key bilateral relationships? Relations with strate-

gic ally China are facing challenges. Several issues have emerged that require deft handling to keep ties on a positive trajectory and prevent backsliding. The most important is allaying Beijing's security concerns about Chinese personnel working in Pakistan. A spate of attacks and killings of Chinese workers this ear have prompted China. Pakistan's biggest investor, to publicly urge Islamabad to guarantee the safety of thousands of its workers. During the visit of a senior Chinese official to Islamabad in June, Beijing's message was delivered publicly in an unusually sharp manner. He warned that security issues could threaten relations with its closest CPEC's future and said the ally. deteriorating security situ-

ation was "shaking the confidence of Chinese investors". Privately, he politely reiterated Beijing's concern about the country's instability driven by unceasing political squabbles. Adding to challenges

is the high-profile manner in which the government recently asked China for loan rollovers and rescheduling of debt to independent power producers. Publicly making these requests put China in an awkward position, because this has implications for its lending to other countries. The prime minister himself went public saying he had written to the Chinese leadership re-

questing "debt reprofiling". Moreover, public controversy, reflected in the media on the IPP issue, further disconcerted China, already frustrated over the non-repatriation of IPP dividends Inconclusive discussions on IPP debt relief indicate the Chinese want to know what Pakistan's long-term plan is, for which they still await a response. The government has also failed to see that its constant requests for financing/ rollovers are overburdening

Pakistan's other criti- neighbours.

cal bilateral relationship, with the US, has been at an inflection point since the American military withdrawal from Afghanistan in 2021. This diminished Pakistan's importance and geopolitical relevance for Washington, while Islamabad's strategic ties with China placed obvious limits. The changed context needs an imaginaapproach Islamabad to engage Washington to reset ties, which currently have little substantive content. Any reset has to now wait for the outcome of the American presidential election. It is vet to be determined whether a government with no foreign policy vision will be able to find space between the Pakistan-China strategic relationship and US-India partnership to rebuild ties ith Washington.

In the immediate neighbourhood, the foreign policy drift is reflected in the fact that Pakistan has troubled relations in varying degrees with all three neighbours. For decades, Pakistan's security and foreign policy aimed to prevent a two-front scenario of hot borders with

Shahid Zaman Khan-promising squash player from Quetta-Pakistan all set to coach young lot in Boston

By Manzoor Magsi

Shahid Zaman Khan son of legendary SQUASH coach Gul Bahadur Khan was born in Quetta Pakistan in 1982

Shahid zaman Khan Jan, Abdul wahid, and Zahid Gul, they all great squash players now Zahid Gul work with Hamza Khan who won the World Jr squash championships Melbourne Australia 2023 hamza Khan won the championship after 7 year long wait for Pakistan, Zahid Gul help him Achieve his goal and give respect to Pakistan, which they lose for many years their father produce great squash chamsquash including Zarak Jahan Khan Zubair, Jahan Khan and now I received a message from Shahid Zaman Khan telling me that he has accepted the role of Head Squash Coach at Boston University He is in fact the first "professional coach" hired by the prestigious institution. Earier this year, he was signed up by the Harvard Business

School at their Squash Instructor.

Shahid Zaman Khan working in many respectful institutions in Boston area he was head squash professional at The Tennis and Racket Club, the club is Boston oldest club and historical club Shahid Zaman Khan also work At equinox sports club Boston for two years, Shahid also work in many private schools Belmont Hill School Newton country school, Shahid Zaman Khan also help for children's and work with QUASH

Lawrence, For those who don't know him, Shahid was once the bright- est Pakistani squash player, hav- ing risen to a careerbest No.14 in the international squash rank-Shahid was Pakistan's top- ranked player in the world for quite a long time. He won several international laurels for Pakistan both at home and abroad but opportunities began to dry up and he moved to greener pastures in North America. It was in 2009 that he made the move, settling in Boston

where his first job was





squash coach at the Tennis and Racket Club, the oldest club in Boston. He stayed there for 11 years before moving to Equinox Club. Over the years he trained hundreds of players at various clubs and educational institutions before joining Business School and Boston Uni-

versity this year. The Quetta-born Shahid might not actually belong to Nawakilli the land of Pakistan's squash greats — but he has great pedigree. His father Gul Bahadur Khan was once a prominent squash coach in Quetta and trained various leading players including brothers Zarak and Zubair Jahan Khan. He is the nephew of Qamar Zaman, the former British Open champion and ex-world No.1. Qamar is regarded as one of the most skillful players ever to play the game. Shahid has inherited much of

Qamar's wizardry. recently, More Shahid's nephew Hamza Khan made headlines when he became the first Pakistan player since the

win the World Junior Squash Champi- onship title. Hamza, who has received a lot of guidance and training from Shahid, won the crown in Melbourne earlier this summer.

"I'm very happy and blessed to be where I am today, espe- cially coming from a very humble background and now that I'm working with all these prestigious schools I don't have enough words of gratitude to everyone who has helped me on this journey. I first of all thank God and say Alhamdulillah for everything I have and after this all credit goes to my family. My father, my brothers Ali Jan, Wahid Gul, and Zahid Gul, who were always behind

throughout the journey and never gave up on me," says Shahid.

"I would like to encourage all the youngsters who play squash, to keep working hard. If you work hard, you can achieve your goals in life. My heart always beats for my country, Pakistan, and I always mighty Jansher Khan to try to serve it. Re- cently,

my nephew Hamza khan, became the world champion, which makes us ends like Jahangir Khan very proud be- cause our family served the coun- made their bones as try for so many years. This is very inspiring for me and pushes me to England. If our current keep working hard knowing my hard work is paying off. The fact that I am, in a small way, helping my country's name fly higher is also a great privilege and honour,"

Despite being well-settled in the US, Shahid yearns to serve Pakistan squash. "I'm everything am because of Pakistan," he says. "It is still my greatest de- sire to serve Pakistan squash in any capacity I can." The fact that

Shahid is based in the US as a prominent and re- spectable coach potentially makes him a great asset for Pak- able to help and train istan squash. Unlike the our (Pakistani) youngpast when England was the power centre of international squash, it's the USA which is now the game's heartland. Squash has grown in help in realising that North America in re- dream then I'm always cent decades and is there.

now flour- ishing there. Back in the past our legand Jansher Khan world class players by playing and training in generation of promising players want to follow in their footsteps then they should play and train in the US. Back in the past it was Rahmat Khan who helped groom Jahangir into a world champion and Moham- mad Yasin who played almost a similar shaping role

ansher's career. Now, it is Shahid who is perfectly placed to help players like Hamza to realise their true potential and become world beaters like Jahangir and Jan-

"I am always availsters," says Shahid. is my de- sire to see Pakistani players winning world titles like Jahangir and Jansher and if I can





PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhawa Governor Faisal Karim Kundi in a meeting with the representative of delegation of International Lawyers Association at Governor House.

CM Punjab reviews green transport system project

LAHORE (APP): Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif has reviewed the Green Transport System project under which 5,000 electric buses will be run across Punjab.

In the first phase 1,000 buses would be provided to start the project in major cities of Punjab and in five years, an 'end-to-end' green transport system will be launched in major cities.

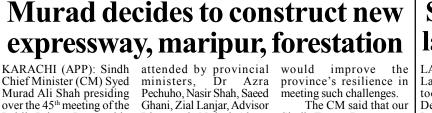
In a meeting with a of life, we are eager to Liu Junhua, Chairman of Chinese vehicle company Chongqing CRR Hang Tong, here on Monday, the CM discussed the launch of a proposed Green Transport System Project in Punjab.

The CM said, "We want a complete green transport system for the people of big cities. China is leading in every sphere pledged.

Chinese delegation led by benefit from their said Chinese transport cooperation and expertise" the CM said.

She said that traffic jam is a big problem, environmental pollution is also increasing, adding that people are increasingly being attracted towards electric vehicles. "We are eager to benefit from China's skills in the redesign the transport transport sector" she system of Punjab. We want

CM Maryam Nawaz companies will be welcomed in Lahore and will be fully supported. She added, "We want to run bullet trains, metro buses and electrified buses in every district of Punjab. Many areas of Lahore need a transport system. We want to completely transport infrastructure.



Public Private Partnership Policy (PPPP) Board decided to carry out afforestation along the River Indus in the districts of Jamshoro and Matiari, covering an area of 34,995

Additionally, reforestation activities will be undertaken over 88,022 hectares in the riverine areas of seven districts of the province through a Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode. The CM also construct an expressway starting from Karachi Port Terminal to Jam Sadiq Bridge where the Malir expressway starts.

The meeting was held at CM House and was

Livestock Najmi Alam, Chief Secretary Asif Hyder Shah, Advocate General Hassan Akbar, PSCM Agha Wasif, VC NED Dr Sarosh Lodhi, Asif Brohi, provincial secretaries and

other concerned. the World Wildlife Fund reported in 2017 that Pakistan was a forest-poor country, with less than six per cent (6pc) of its total area as opposed to a due to climate change. "The floods in 2022 are an example of the risks which

it faces", he said, adding

that enhancing forest cover

Sindh Forest Department (SFD) has successfully undertaken Delta Blue Carbon projects, it improved mangrove cover and also brought in revenues through a carbon credit mechanism. He At the outset of the directed the forest dept to meeting, the CM said that undertake ARR activities over 100,000 acres of identified forest land.

Department has informed the Chief Minister that it has identified 34,995 approved a proposal to minimum of 25pc. He hectares in the Riverine added that we were facing area of Matiari and severe climatic conditions Jamshoro districts for various purposes. This includes reforestation on 2,674 hectares, an access road area of 694.63

CM takes

notice of

acid throwing

incident

MUZAFFARGARH

(APP): Chief Minister

Punjab Maryam Nawaz

sought a report from

Inspector General Police

Punjab about acid throwing

incident in Rohealiawali,

district Muzaffargarh.

According to police, Bashir

Ahmed, resident of Basti

Mullana Banda Ishaaq

along with his two sons

Imran, Irfan and another

companion Khadim Hussain allegedly threw

acid on three women

identified as Kalsoom Bibi

(50), Sawaira Bibi (20) and

the victims to Rural Health

Centre Rohealianwali.

Rescue 1122 shifted

On information, the

Salman Rafique chairs law and order meeting

PTI chief begging

for talks with Nawaz

Sharif: Azma

added.

In her remarks in prosperity of Pakistan. She

response to Barrister Saif's criticized those who fail to

statement, she said Imran understand the politics of

Khan is an ungrateful, Nawaz Sharif and Shehbaz

opportunistic and no one is willing to sit with him. She also accused Murad Saeed of sitting

She said that Imran Khan abroad and making

is desperately seeking government decisions, such

and Sharif.

LAHORE (APP): Punjab creating

appropriate to mention the PTI chief's name.

Information Minister

Azma Bokhari has said

stated that Imran Khan has

been begging for negotiations with Nawaz

Sharif for the past one and

a half years but he does not

backstabbing

consider

Law and Order meeting took place in the Home Department, chaired by Provincial Health Minister and Chairman of the Cabinet Committee for law and Order Khawaja Salman

Rafique, here on Monday. Provincial Minister Bilal Akbar Khan also attended as a committee member. The meeting involved a comprehensive review of the law and order situation across the province, with Punjab Home Secretary Noorul Amin Mengal and other relevant officers providing

Khawaja Salman Rafique emphasized that foolproof security will be measures implemented for the byelections scheduled for September 12 in Rahim Yar Khan. "Approval has been

and Rangers in the area. Additionally, extraordinary security preparations are in place for the cricket series with Bangladesh. Efforts will be relentless in maintaining peace and order Punjab. Those disrupting public order will be dealt with firmly, and operations will persist until the last terrorist in the Kacha area is eliminated. The law and order situation is directly linked to Pakistan's economic stability, and no leniency will be shown to terrorists threatening peace", he

The meeting was attended by Secretary Home Punjab Noorul Amin Mengal, Special Secretary Interior Fazalur Rehman, Additional Secretary Internal Security Usman Khalid, Additional IG granted to deploy three Chaudhry Sultan.

scenarios on their own.

One who refers their

benefactors as Mir Jafar cannot be trusted," she

emphasized that Nawaz

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meeting of Public Private Partnership Policy Board, at CM House in Karachi.

Punjab government launches innovative 'Smart Classroom' project with Huawei

LAHORE (APP): Punjab cameras that record of the project, stating, Chief Minister Maryam lectures, allowing students "Incorporating Huawei's Sharif has unveiled the Smart Classroom Project at the government Kinnaird Girls High School, Empress

This cutting-edge initiative, developed in collaboration with Huawei, represents a major leap forward in transforming education in Punjab by integrating advanced technology into the classroom said a news release issued by Huawei on Monday.

The Smart Classroom Project is a key component of the "Back to School" enrollment campaign. It introduces state-of-the-art technology, including highlighted the significance through technology.

traveling from Rawalpindi to Gilgit was hit by a rockfall in the Kohistan

area, as a result, three

passengers were died and

by Northern Areas Transport Corporation

company which offers

daily services from Gilgit to Rawalpindi, Chilas, and

Karachi. The deceased were

from Gilgit, Ghizer, and Rawalpindi and the injured

passenger is also a resident

Police and Rescue officials have confirmed

three deaths and one injury as a result of the tragic

FIA put on

notice on bail

plea of Oriya

Maqbool Jan

LAHORE (Online): Sessions court Lahore has

issued notice to FIA on the

bail plea of writer and

Maqbool Jan.Additional

Sessions judge of Sessions

court Lahore took up the

bail plea for hearing

Monday.
The petitioner took

the plea FIA arrested him

on baseless grounds. FIA

registered case on the basis

anchorperson

The bus was operated

Express

one injured.

(NATCO)

of Rawalpindi.

accident.

to review and engage with lessons outside of class time. This initiative aims to enhance educational quality and make learning more interactive and accessible.

Huawei's support is remarkable for this project, highlighting its strong commitment to advancing By integrating
Huawei's advant educational innovation. technology, Punjab sets a

new benchmark for educational excellence and technological integration in schools. Chief

technology into our classrooms is a testament to our commitment to providing high-quality education to every student in Punjab. Our goal is to elevate every government school to the standards of best institutions.

The initiative is also a part of Punjab's broader strategy to boost its IT industry and establish itself as a hub for technological innovation.

The Smart Classroom Project aligns with the government's vision of Minister nurturing talent and Punjab Maryam Nawaz driving economic growth

Federal Interior Minister, Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan and other high ups are also present. Pb. Govt starts sewage projects in 200 cities: I.C. Minister

LAHORE: Punjab Governor, Sardar Saleem Haider

Khan offering funeral prayers of mother in the

law in his native village Malal, Fateh Jang. Former

LAHORE (APP): Punjab Government Minister Zeeshan Rafiq said on Monday that water supply and sewage projects had been started in 200 cities of 35 districts of

A meeting was held at the office of Punjab Municipal Development Fund Company (PMDFC) with Local Government Minister Zeeshan Rafiq in the chair. The ongoing and new projects for providing municipal services at small and big cities across the province were reviewed. Secretary Local Shakeel Government Mian and Ahmad Managing Director Punjab Municipal Development Fund Company Syed Zahid Aziz and other

officials attended the meeting.

The Minister said: "PMU has created a complete database of 100 cities while maps of 75 cities are also ready. The master plan of 41 cities has also been completed under the project too". He further said that out of order water tube-wells, filtration plants and sewerage lines were being renovated in 80 cities. Local Government Minister Zeeshan Rafiq expressed

determination that the project of providing unavailable facilities in cities and towns would be completed by next year. The World Bank would also be requested to extend the project to benefit more population, he added.



LAHORE: Provincial Health Minister and Chairman of the Cabinet Committee for law and Order Khawaja Salman Rafique chairs 12th Law and Order meeting at Home Department.

ANF recovers 456 kg drugs in eight perations

RAWALPINDI (APP): Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) while conducting eight operations across the country managed to recover 456 kg drugs worth Rs 120 million and arrested nine accused, said an ANF Headquarters spokesman here on Monday.

He informed that in two operations conducted near a university in Peshawar, 1.6 kg hashish was recovered from two suspects. 500 grams opium was recovered from an accused rounded up near a university in Islamabad.

The spokesman said that ANF was conducting operations near educational institutions to protect students from becoming victims of drug traffickers.

KP govt starts 2nd phase of enrollment drive, sets 0.3mln children's enrollment in schools

Elementary and Secondary
Education Khyber
Pakhtunkhwa on Monday formally launched the second phase of the school admission campaign 2024 across the province to enroll as many as 0.3 million out-of-school

and would continue till September 30.

The admission campaign was initially launched in government schools across

children were enrolled while a target of 0.3 million children's enrollment had been set for the second

be enrolled in the government schools.

The Minister informed that currently 4.5 million children were out of schools in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and all the District Education Officers in the province had been directed to pursue the enrollment the vigorously.

Three died, 1 Floods damage various injured due crops, cause Rs86.86bn to rockfall loss to Sindh: Bux Mahar in Kohistan GIIGIT (APP): A bus

Sindh government's Agriculture Department has released an initial report detailing the damage caused to crops by the recent heavy monsoon rains. The Agriculture Minister Muhammad Bux Mahar announced that the floods have devastated various crops across Sindh, resulting in an estimated loss of Rs86.86 billion to farmers, according to a

communique on Monday. The Minister Mahar provided a breakdown of the damages, stating that 541,351 acres of crops

KARACHI (APP): The destroyed. Specifically 293,580 acres of cotton crops have been affected. According to Mehar,

rice crops have been fully destroyed on 35,271 acres and partially damaged on 269,016 acres. Similarly, date palms have suffered complete loss on 53,195 acres and partial loss on 32,849 acres. The minister further

noted that sugarcane crops have been fully destroyed on 26,382 acres and partially damaged on 69,689 acres. The unprecedented rains have led to a 21% loss in cotton and a 41% loss in date



LAHORE: Professors and lecturers are protesting for their demands at Mall Road in the provincial

Workshop held to discuss EPA role to protect environment

Project Management Unit Pakhtunkhwa Integrated Tourism Development Project (KITE) arranged a one-day training workshop Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) role to develop and enforces environmental regulations and to protect environment, EPA guidelines, WB safeguard documents compliance and KITE-GRM in Peshawar.

The workshop began with a warm welcome from Project Director KITE DoT Touseef Khalid, he explained the aim of today workshop is orienting development authorities and DoAM staff on the **Environmental Protection**

PESHAWAR (APP): Agency's (EPA) role and requirements. Dr. Habib Jan Deputy Director of EPA delivered an in-depth and comprehensive session, shedding light on the EPA's guidelines and the significance of the EPA Act

> Consultant Dr. Irfan elaborated on safeguarding documents, discussing PCRMP and ESMP, while Shafqat Ali Khan explained the KITE-Grievance Redress Mechanism.

of 2014.

Attended participants from Tourism department and its allied authorities including Galiyat Development Authority, Development Authority, Upper Swat Development.

at Lahore press club. **ACS** for expansion of "Zero Out of School Children" across Layyah

LAHORE: Members of Punjabi Parchar

Organization are holding protest demonstration

against target killing of Punjabis in Balochistan,

Additional Chief Secretary South Punjab Fuad Hashim data on out-of-school Rabbani directed the children and nearby Education Department to proceed with the second phase of "Zero Out of School

Children" project. The decision follows the successful completion of the project's pilot phase and aims to expand the initiative across all union councils of District Layyah. During a recent meeting with the CEO Education Layyah, Rabbani stressed the importance of the initiative. The project ensured that every child in the region had access to education.

(APP): Layyah was also instructed to collect comprehensive schools to facilitate the project's implementation.

Secretary Services South Punjab Engineer Amjad Shoaib Khan Tareen also attended the meeting, where it was highlighted that newly enrolled students under the campaign would receive free uniforms, shoes, stationery, and school

This support will be provided with the help of local philanthropists. Rabbani further announced plans to invite Chief Minister Punjab Maryam The CEO Education Nawaz Sharif to Layyah.

Two killed over property issue in Nowshera

PESHAWAR (APP): At least two people were killed and as many injured during cross fire between the two groups over a property dispute in Nowshera district, police informed on Monday.

Police said the incident took place in Misri Banda of Akora Khattak tehsil in Nowshera district where two groups resorted to indiscriminate firing at each other over a property dispute.

As a result of firing two persons identified as Shah Wali (23) and Gohar Ali (45) were killed.

PESHAWAR (APP): The Elementary and Secondary Education Khyber Education E

children. According to Minister for Education Faisal Tarakai, the campaign had been started simultaneously in all districts of the province

He said that under the campaign an accumulative 1.5 million children would

HYDERABAD: Flood affected people of Golarchi area are living under the open sky at roadside makeshift houses as they are waiting for government relief after destruction due to flash flooded caused by recent heavy downpour of monsoon season, near Hyderabad.

ISLAMABAD (APP): Kamal Khan, said a news Pakistan. Denmark on Monday release. In 2 expressed its commitment to investing in and modernizing Pakistan's mining industry during a attendance.

high-level meeting. The interest was global supplier of comprehensive services to expressed by a delegation technology and services to cement plants across the of FL Smidth headed by the CEO Mikko Keto including Chris Reinbold, in Pakistan for over three country. The company is now looking to extend its expertise to Pakistan's president of Mining decades. Products, Iqrar Hussain, The global key account project manager during a meeting with Federal Ministers Dr Malik, Muhammad Aurangzeb, Abdul Aleem Khan, Jam

Danish expanded its operations by Ambassador to Pakistan, opening an after-sales Jakob Linulf, was also in service office in Islamabad, ndance. employing a local FL Smidth, a leading workforce to provide

mining sector.
Federal Minister for The company has played a significant role in Petroleum, Dr. Musadik the development of the Malik, welcomed the country's cement industry, having supplied approximately 60-70% of the cement plants in Danish delegation and highlighted the government's focus on the mining sector. He said that

istan. the partnership with FL Smidth would go beyond financial investment, including the transfer of technology, training, capacity building, and introducing new ways of He also mentioned the

government's strategy to establish small industrial clusters to enhance competitiveness.

Jakob Linulf, the Danish Ambassador, said that Pakistan holds a significant place on the Denmark's agenda, with growing momentum for collaboration.

The Senate Standing

Committee on Water

Resources on Monday

apprised that the ministry

has undertaken initiatives

to increase the country's

water storage and the share

of hydropower generation

in the overall energy mix.

met with Shahadat Awan in

the Chair was further told

that as of now, there are six

ongoing projects being financed by the Federal

projects include Diamer

Basha Dam, Mohmand

Water Supply Scheme, Nai

Pakistan's exports to the

seven regional countries

increased 25.59 per cent in

exports to the regional

Afghanistan, China, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka,

India, Nepal, and the

Maldives account for a

small amount of \$339.880

million, which is 14.21 per

cent of Pakistan's overall

exports of \$2390.595

including

China,

last year.

countries

Government.

The committee which



ISLAMABAD: Federal Ministers Dr. Musadik Malik, Abdul Aleem Khan, Muhammad Aurangzeb, Jam Kamal held a meeting with CEO of FL Smidth Mikko Keto and Danish Ambassador H.E Jakob Linulf.

A delegation of the Utility Store Corporation meets with Federal Minister for Industries and Production, Rana Tanveer Hussain in Islamabad

Finance Minister holds review meeting with Pak, **Kuwait Investment Company**

Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue, Company (PKIC) here on Monday to discuss the strategic initiatives and

ministry, the attendees Managing Director Pak-Kuwait Investment Company, Saad ur Rehman Khan, Finance broader goals of ethical and Secretary and senior sustainable growth.

role of women in Pakistan's

development and progress,

the Rawalpindi Chamber

of Commerce and Industry

(RCCI) has organized the event titled, "Hum Se Hai

Pakistan - Celebrating Independence Day 2024"

at the chamber house.

According to the details,

Beenish Fatima, Chief

Traffic Officer of City

Traffic Police, was the

Several distinguished

personalities, including

Kanwal Cheema, Founder

chief guest on the occasion.

The finance minister an overview of PKIC's

commended Pak-Kuwait current Muhammad Investment Company for highlighting the PKIC's

> that this approach not only aligns with Pakistan's

RCCI organizes 'Hum

Se Hai Pakistan⁵

to the nation's long-term major infrastructure development. projects addressing He specifically acknowledged PKIC's needs while ensuring that venture in Pakistan. According to press release issued by finance ministry, the attention of the control of th development priorities but also highlighted PKIC's

RAWALPINDI (APP): In a spirit of national pride and recognition of the vital Association and Awais Manzoor Tarar, Additional Director General RDA also attended the event. These notable figures. along with other esteemed guests, were welcomed by RCCI President Saqib reported.

Rafiq and Group Leader Sohail Altaf. The event marked the month of independence and celebrated the invaluable contributions of women across various sectors. The core focus of the event was women's empowerment. Success stories of women who have made significant strides in their respective and CEO of My Impact fields were shared, serving

Meter, Abida Malik, as inspiration for all President of Behbud attendees. Punjab job center registers 800,000 job seekers, 86,000 employers

than 800,000 job seekers and over 86,000 employers database encompassing a have been registered under the Punjab Job Center, an initiative of the Punjab Information Technology Board (PITB) in semi-skilled, and unskilled collaboration with the individuals, creating a Labor & Human Resource Department (L&HRD), since its launch in August

progress review meeting gap presided over by PITB Chairman Faisal Yousaf here on Monday.

The online job portal,

at Governor House.

LAHORE (APP): More center.punjab.gov.pk wide range of human capital from both public and private sectors

This includes skilled, dynamic platform for potential job seekers and employers alike. The portal

This emerged during a designed to bridge the employment exchange agencies, promoters, workers, and job seekers catering to the diverse needs of the job market.

PESHAWAR: Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi is called

on by representative delegation of UK-Pakistan Trade & Investment Board

Aurangzeb held a meeting its strategic contributions initiatives in the real estate with the leadership of Pak- to Pakistan's economy, sector leveraging Islamic adership of Pak-Investment especially in sectors vital finance structures to fund attracting a broader range of investors. The discussions also resonates with the dedication to supporting small and medium enterprises (SMEs) across

Gold rates unchanged

ISLAMABAD (APP): The price of 24 karat per tola gold witnessed no change on Monday and was traded at Rs.262,500, the All Sindh Sarafa Jewellers Association

The price of 10 gram 24 karat and 10 gram 22 karat gold also remained constant at Rs. 225,051 and Rs.206,297.

The price of per tola and ten gram silver remained unchanged at Rs.2,950 and Rs.2,529.14, respectively.

The price of gold in the international market remained stagnant at \$2,503, the Association reported.

Turkish stock exchange opens week looking up

ANKARA (AA/APP): Türkiye's benchmark stock index, Borsa Istanbul's BIST 100, opened higher on Monday, showing a 0.47% increase. reaching 9,879.82 points. The index gained 46.60 points from its previous close, reflecting positive market sentiment after the long weekend.

Last Thursday, the BIST 100 saw a 0.78% rise, closing at 9,833.22 points with a total transaction volume of 86 billion Turkish liras (\$2.50 billion). Financial markets in Türkiye were closed on Friday in observance of

FAISALABAD (APP): Solid waste management system is being entrusted to the specialized firms while work to lay new sewer line would be started immediately after the approval of Rs.12 billion by P&D department under second phase of master plan prepared by JICA for 2038, said Captain (Retired) Nadeem Nasir Deputy Commissioner (DC) Faisalabad. Addressing business community in

Faisalabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry (FCCI), he said that Faisalabad is the second largest district after Lahore. Its problems are also proportionately most ticklish and complicated which need to be redressed in close collaboration between administration and private sector, he

ISLAMABAD (APP): million during July (2024-25), State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) reported. China tops the list of

Senate body told

Gaj Dam, Kachhi Canal

Project, and Dasu

capacity of Diamer Basha

Dam is 4500 MW and it

will be completed in December 2029, while the

installed capacity of

Mohmand Dam is 800

MW and it will be

completed in December

2025. Briefing the

Committee, Secretary for

the Ministry of Water Resources, Syed Ali Murtaza said that the focus

is on the development of

the country's water

were assigned to the

Dam, Greater Karachi Bulk resources and six entities

PESHAWAR: Vendor selling and displaying power

generators to attract the customers at Sadar

Pakistan's regional

exports increase 25.59%

during July

installed

Hydropower Project.

the first months of the countries in terms of current fiscal year (2024-Pakistan's exports to its 25) compared to the neighbouring, leaving corresponding month of behind other countries such as Afghanistan and Bangladesh.

Pakistan carried out its border trade with the farther neighbour Sri Lanka, India, Nepal, and Maldives. Pakistan's exports to

China witnessed an increase of 4.13 per cent to \$160.100 million in July this year from \$153.745



LARKANA: Farmers busy cleaning grain in their field in a traditional way near Larkana-Tando Masti

New sewer line to be laid after approval of Rs.12 billion: DC

the next 15 days.

He said that 25,000 tons of solid waste have

been lifted during the last ten days. "It was dumped in 190 plots in different localities where it was plaguing the environment for the last many years", he said and added that it would take another 10-15 days to declare Faisalabad waste free. He said that agreements have been inked for the collection of solid waste from all Tehsils excluding Chak Jhumra and the mobilization work would be launched within

About WASA, he said that the present trunk sewer line was laid in 1983 and it has completed its designed life span. He said that JICA has conducted a study and prepared a master plan for up to 2038.

He said that Rs.12

billion is expected to be approved by the P&D department paving way for laying new sewer lines in the city areas.

Initiatives undertaken to stable sugar prices enhance country's water storage amid surplus stock ISLAMABAD (APP): ensuring a stable market WAPDA, IRSA, Federal Federal Minister for price. Flood Commission, Industry and Production Pakistan Council of Research in Water

of the Sugary Advisory Board (SAB) that reviewed Commission for Indus the availability of the commodity stock and its Committee was also

> meeting was attended by Minister for Commerce Jam Kamal Khan, a news release said.

According to reports, Rana Tanveer Hussain on the average retail price of Monday chaired a meeting sugar has decreased by Rs 2 per kilogram, and the market price remained

Řana Tanveer Hussain said there was a surplus Among others, the stock of sugar in the country, and any price increase would be unacceptable. government's commitment The government to maintaining stable sugar reaffirmed its benchmark prices aims to protect condition for the retail price consumers' interests and of sugar for export, prevent price hikes.

Punjab internship program launched for **Agricultural graduates**

Rana Tanveer assures

SARGODHA (APP): In a Amina Ehsan Tarar on significant move to Monday. enhance the agricultural provincial government has internships to young agricultural graduates.

letters during a ceremony

and

public and goods transporters on Monday. During the meeting, it was agreed to immediately reduce fares by two

Resources (PCRWR), CEA, and Pakistan

briefed on the working

strength of the ministry. In

this regard, the Secretary

for the Ministry of Water

Resources highlighted that

the total sanctioned posts

of the ministry are around

135, which entail 38 posts

Public transport

fares reduced

by 2 percent

SARGODHA (APP): In a

move to provide relief to the public following the

government's decision to

petroleum products,the

Transport Authority (RTA), Malik Muhammad Tahir, held a meeting with

Secretary

Regional Authority

of Grade 17-22 and 97

posts of Grade 01-16.

Moreover,

Water (PCIW).

The Secretary of the RTA stated that since the government has reduced the rates of diesel and petrol,

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The Secretary of the led by Member of "This initiative will not only allow farmers to take advantage of modern technology but will also recovered by the reduced by Member of This initiative will not only allow farmers to take advantage of modern technology but will also recovered by the reduced reduce their fares accordingly.

The ceremony was

reduce the prices of sector in Punjab, the attended by Agriculture department officials, initiated an Agriculture including Director of Transformation Program Agriculture Shahid Hussain aimed at providing and Deputy Director Masood Saqib.
The PML-N MPA

As many as 41 Rana Manawar Ghous selected candidates from congratulated the selected the district received their agricultural graduates while one-year internship offer emphasizing the dual benefits of the program.

transporters should also | Munawar Ghous Khan provide students with Assistant practical knowledge and Commissioner Sargodha experience," he stated.



Muhammad Aurangzeb held a review meeting with Pak-Kuwait Investment

SNGPL cuts off 51 more connections for gas pilferage

AHORE (APP): Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL) cut off another 51 connections, during its on going crackdown against gas pilferers in Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Islamabad and imposed Rs 0.7 million fine. According to SNGPL spokesman, in Sheikhupura, Rawalpindi and Faisalabad, the regional teams severed 7 connections of gas pilferers while 20 connections were disconnected

Bahawalpur and Multan. In Lahore and Sahiwal, 20 connections were disconnected and 4 in Karak and Peshawar on the charge of direct use of gas and illegal use of gas with imposing heavy fines.

Kissan cards distribution centre set up in city

SIALKOT (APP): A center for the distribution of Punjab Kissan Card has been set up in tehsil Sialkot. Assistant Director Agriculture (Extension) Sialkot Jawahar Ali said the distribution center had been established in the office of Assistant Director Agriculture (Extension) Sialkot.

He said that farmers holding Kissan Card would be eligible to get benefit from Green Tractor Scheme and other subsidy schemes

Experts highlight training value of apple chain in Balochistan

scholar of the department of Agricultural Education, extension and short courses at Agriculture University (SAU) Tandojam Syed Taimoor Shah presented his paper, highlighting the importance of training for apple commercialization in Balochistan. The event was

presided over by the Vice Chancellor Dr. Fateh Mari. In his presentation, Syed Taimoor Shah described that 11 districts in Balochistan were major apple producers, and his research focused on 6 of these. His findings revealed that the best commercial

HYDERABAD (APP): A farmers receive training in the fields of supply chain management, value chain, shelf life and export of highquality varieties, both the farmers and the province could see significant development.

The Vice Chancellor Dr. Mari praised the scholar's research, stating that it identifies a critical gap in agricultural activities, specifically the training needs of individuals involved in the apple value chain. This work not only has the potential to improve apple production and marketing in Balochistan but also offers guidance on the possible opportunities for apple varieties were grown in these areas, and if he said.

PSX witnesses bearish trend, loses 204 points

ISLAMABAD (APP): The 100-Index of the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) witnessed bearish trend on Monday, losing 204.92 points, a negative change of 0.26 percent, closing at 78,283.30 points against 78,488.22 points on the last working day. total

A total of 457,280,204 shares were traded during the day as compared 680,810,524 shares the previous day, whereas the price of shares stood at Rs 15.874 billion of the Punjab Government. | against Rs 21.186 billion

on the last trading day. As many as 447 companies transacted their shares in the stock market, 107 of them recorded gains and 287 sustained losses, whereas the share price of 53 companies remained unchanged.

The three top trading companies were Hascol Petrol with 46,430,036 shares at Rs 7.65 per share, Agha Steel Industries with 28,794,375 shares at Rs.13.68 per share and Secure Logistics Group with 21,545,106 shares at Rs 14.89 per share.

were transferred to hospitals on time and investiga-

tions are ongoing," he

posted on social media

platform X. Afghanistan's

Taliban authorities have

declared security their high-

est priority since surging

back to power following the

chaotic withdrawal of for-

eign forces three years ago.

security operations have led

to a decline in militants chal-

lenging their rule, according

to analysts, they also

downplay or delay confir-

mation of attacks. The last

suicide attack in Afghani-

stan claimed by the regional

chapter of Islamic State was

in the southern city of

Kandahar — the Taliban's

between China and Russia,

Mandarin has been growing

in popularity across Russia

as a foreign language of

choice, a trend Putin said

was due to developing con-

tacts across economics, poli-

ent German but has also

taken lessons to improve

his English, said that pupils

should not forget the impor-

guage, it has given human-

ity a great deal in terms of combining knowledge and

uniting people in the field

of culture, and so on," Putin

said. Russian, English,

Tatar, German and Chechen

are the most widely spo-

ken languages in Russia,

according to the 2022 census. While Mandarin is spo-

ken far less, it has been

growing swiftly in popular-

ity in recent years as a for-

Putin, who speaks flu-

"English is a great lan-

tics and society.

tance of English.

historic stronghold.

Russia's Putin says his young

Mandarin Chinese

While their sweeping

Six killed, 13 wounded

in Kabul suicide

bombing: police

Monitoring Desk KABUL: A suicide bomber

triggered explosives in the

Afghan capital on Monday,

police said, killing six people

and wounding 13 more. Vio-

lence has waned in Afghani-

stan since the 2021 Taliban

takeover, however, several

militant groups remain ac-

tive, including the regional

chapter of Islamic State.

There was no immediate

claim of responsibility for

Monday afternoon's attack,

which took place in the

Qala-e-Bakhtiar area of

Kabul's southern outskirts.

man Khalid Zadran said "a

person wearing explosives

on his body detonated",

and one woman was among

the fatalities. "The injured

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Putin has two daugh-

Russian, English, German, and French. Putin, who di-

vorced his wife in 2014,

rarely speaks about his

family but has at least three

grandchildren, according to

Russian media.

Kabul police spokes-

Russia fires a barrage of drones, cruise and ballistic missiles at Kyiv as children return to school Monitoring Desk Kursk region and the RusUkraine's Kursk offensive

KYIV: Russia launched an overnight barrage of drones and cruise and ballistic missiles at Kviv, officials said Monday, as children prepared to return to school across Ukraine. Some pupils found classes canceled because of damage from the

Several series of explosions rocked the Ukrainian capital in the early hours. Debris from intercepted missiles and drones fell in every district of Kyiv, wounding three people and damaging two kindergartens, Ukraine's Interior Ministry said. City authorities reported multiple

After more than 900 days of the war, Russia and Ukraine show no sign of letting up in the fight or moving closer to the negotiating table. Both sides are pursuing ambitious ground offensives, with the Ukrainians driving into Russia's

sian army pushing deeper into the Donetsk region of eastern Ukraine that is part of the industrial Donbas

Russian President Vladimir Putin said Monday that Ukraine's Kursk assault won't prevent Russian forces from advancing in eastern Ukraine. Ukrainian forces haven't achieved their goal of diverting Russian troops from the fighting there, he said.

the enemy set for themselves - to stop our offensive in Donbas — they haven't achieved it," Putin told school students during a trip to southern Siberia.

However, Ukraine sident Volodymyr President Zelenskyy said last month that the aim of the Kursk incursion is to create a buffer zone that might prevent further attacks by Putin predicted that which began Aug. 6, will fail and that subsequently Kyiv officials will want "to move to peace talks."

Russia launched 35 missiles of various types and 26 Shahed drones at Ukraine overnight from Sunday to Monday, the Ukrainian air force said. Nine ballistic missiles, 13 cruise missiles and 20 drones were downed, it

Residents of the capi-'The main task that tal hurried into the city's bomb shelters.

Oksana Argunova, an 18-year-old student at a Kviv high school, said that she was still shaking after the nighttime scare.

I woke up, my neighbor was shouting: 'Let's go down (to the shelter), there are big explosions.' We all ran," Argunova told The Associated Press.

Monday was the first Moscow across the border. day back at school after the summer vacation.



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GAZA STRIP: Israel's main union on Sunday ordered a nationwide general strike after soldiers recovered the bodies of six prisoners from the Gaza Strip.

The remains of the six vere recovered on Saturday 'from an underground tunnel in the Rafah area" in southern Gaza, the military

They were among 251 hostages seized during

found dead Hamas's Oct 7 raid on Israel, 97 of whom remain captive, including 33 the army says are dead. Scores were released during a negotiated one-week truce in November, but relatives of those still held believe not enough is being done to free

> Campaign group the Hostages and Missing Families Forum said a negotiated "deal for the return of the prisoners" was urgently needed.

Azerbaijan's ruling party retains parliamentary majority after snap vote

Monitoring Desk BAKU: Azerbaijan's ruling party retained its majority in snap parliamentary elec-

tion, preliminary results showed, in the country's first vote since staging a lightning offensive a year ago to recapture the breakaway territory of Karabakh. Organisation for Security

and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), a rights watchdog, criticised the vote, saying it had fallen well short of democratic standards.

President Ilham Aliyev's party was on course to win 68 out of 125 seats in parliament, according to preliminary results pro-government parties.

from the Central Election the TASS news agency. It had 69 seats in the outgoing parliament.

Just over 2 million people in the energy-rich nation cast their ballots, bringing the turnout at the time of the close of polling stations to 37.3%, said Central Election Commischief Mazahir Exit polls suggested

dozens of other seats would go to candidates who are nominally independent of political parties but in practice back the government as well as to minor

another oil in Red Sea, sources say **Monitoring Desk**

LONDON: A Saudi-owned ages with no major damage assessed or any casualties.

China warns Japan of retaliation over potential new chip curbs

Monitoring Desk BEIJING: China has warned severe economic retaliation against Japan if it further restricts sales and servicing of chipmaking equipment to Chinese firms, Bloomberg News reported on Monday, citing people familiar with the matter. Toyota Motor privately told Japanese officials that Beijing could react to the curbs by cutting Japan's access to minerals required for automotive production, the report said

Saudi tanker, ship attacked

family members speak fluent crude tanker and a separate Panama-flagged oil ship were attacked on Monday in the Red Sea off Yemen MOSCOW: Russian Presitwo sources familiar with the matter said, although it dent Vladimir Putin said on Monday that young memwas unclear if the vessels were hit by Iran-aligned bers of his family speak flu-Houthi militants. The ent Mandarin, though he sources said the Sauditold school children they flagged Amjad and Panamashould not forget the imporflagged Blue Lagoon I were tance of English too despite sailing near to each other the growing popularity of when they were hit, although the tankers were able to continue their voyters with his ex-wife Lyudmila and they speak

"Some of my family members, the little ones, speak Chinese too - they speak it fluently," Putin told pupils of Secondary School No. 20 in Kyzyl, Tuva, about 4,500 km (2,800 miles) east of Moscow. Amid a growing partnership eign language.

landslides in Philippines, leaving at least 14 dead

Monitoring Desk MANILA: A storm set off

pounding rains that flooded many northern Philippine in Antipolo city on Monday, leaving at least 14 people dead and prompting authorities to suspend school classes and government work in the densely populated capital region.

The storm, locally called Enteng, gained speed and was moving northwestward at 20 kph (12 mph) toward the country's northernmost provinces. It was forecast to strengthen further, possibly becoming a typhoon, before blowing away toward southern China in the next two days, the weather bureau said.

At least 14 people died, mostly due to land-

Storm sets off floods and

landslides and unleashed

Tropical Storm Yagi slammed into Casiguran town in the northeastern province of Aurora Monday afternoon and gained strength with sustained winds of 85 kilometers (53 miles) per hour and gusts of 105 kph (65 mph), according to the weather bu-

slides and drownings, offi-

cials said. A landslide hit two small shanties on a hillside to the west of the capital, killing at least three people, including a pregnant woman. Four other villagers drowned in swollen creeks, Antipolo's disastermitigation officer Enrilito Bernardo Jr. told The Associated Press by tele-

'The creeks overflowed and a part of the hillside gave in because of the heavy rains," Bernardo

Four residents died in separate landslides in central Cebu city and Northern Samar province Three others died in the eastern city of Naga — two by drowning and one due to electrocution, officials said. Storm warnings were raised in a large swath of Luzon, the country's most populous region, including in metropolitan Manila, where schools at all levels and most government work were suspended due to the storm.

Al chatbots must learn to say 'help!' says Microsoft executive

SAN FRANCISCO: Generative AI tools will save companies lots of time and money, promises Vik Singh, a Microsoft vice president, even if the models must learn to admit when they just don't know what to do. 'Just to be really

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frank, the thing that's really missing today is that a model doesn't raise its hands and say 'Hey, I'm not sure, I need help,"" Singh said in an interview.

competitors have been rapidly deploying generative AI applications like ChatGPT, which produce all kinds of content on demand and give users the illusion of omniscience. But despite progress, they still "hallucinate," or invent answers. This is an important problem for the Copilot executive to solve: Singh's corporate customers can't afford for their AI systems to go off the rails, even occasionally

Salesforce, this week said he saw many of his customers increasingly frustrated with the meanderings of Microsoft's Copilot. Singh insisted that "really smart

people" were trying to find ways for a chatbot to admit "when it doesn't know the right answer and to ask for help." A more humble model would be no less useful, in Singh's opinion. Even if the model has to turn to a human in 50 per cent of cases, that still saves "tons of money." At one Microsoft client, "every time a new request comes in, they spend \$8 to have a customer service rep answer it, so there are real savings to be had, and it's also a better experience for the customer because they get a faster response." Singh arrived at Microsoft in January and this summer took over as head of the teams developing "Copilot," Microsoft's Al assistant that specializes in sales, accounting and online services.

These applications have the gargantuan task of bringing in revenue and justifying the massive investments in generative AI. At the height of the AI frenzy, start-ups driving the technology were promising systems so advanced that they would "uplift humanity," in the words of Sam Altman, head of OpenAI, which is mainly funded by Microsoft

Palestinians gather for a polio vaccination campaign, at a United Nations healthcare center in Deir Al-Balah in the central Gaza Strip. Over 60 dead as heavy rains

batter parts of India, causing widespread flooding to expedite relief efforts and **Monitoring Desk**

NEW DELHI: Indian offi-

Telangana in the south.

Gujarat has reported the

highest number of fatalities,

with over 45 deaths.

deaths, while Andhra Pradesh has reported 10.

been deployed in Gujarat,

where floods have devas-

tated large areas since Au-

assist with rescue opera-

tions. Andhra Pradesh

Minister N

The Indian Army has

dents to remain resilient. "I cials reported on Monday that more than 60 people wish the affected people to have died across three be brave," he said. In Telangana, CM states due to severe flooding caused by heavy rains Revanth Reddy announced over the past several days. a financial assistance pack-The states affected in- age of 500,000 Indian Rupees (nearly \$5,960) to the clude Gujarat in the west and Andhra Pradesh and families of those who died

due to the floods. Reddy also urged the federal government to classify the disaster as a "national calamity" Telangana has seen nine

encouraged affected resi-

Opposition leader Rahul Gandhi extended his condolences to the victims' families and called on Congress leaders and workers to mobilise resources for relief and rescue efforts.

gust 27. Troops with specialised equipment are working around the clock to "I urge Congress leaders and workers to mobilise all available resources to support the ongoing relief and rescue efforts," Gandhi

Chandrababu Naidu vowed wrote on X. Trump 'has a lot on his plate', misunderstands Taiwan's chip role, minister says

Monitoring Desk TAIPEI: Former US President Donald Trump "has a lot on his plate" and misunderstands Taiwan's role in the semiconductor industry, possibly because others have misinformed him, the island's Economy Minister Kuo Jyh-huei said on

Trump, the Republican nominee in November's presidential election, unnerved democratically governed Taiwan, which is claimed by China, by saying in July, "Taiwan should pay us for defence," and that it had taken American semiconductor business.

remarks pummelled shares of Taiwan's TSMC, the world's largest contract chipmaker and a major supplier to companies such as Apple and Nvidia. Speaking to reporters in Taipei ahead of this

week's Semicon Taiwan exhibition, set to be attended by top executives from TSMC, Samsung and SK Hynix, Kuo rejected Trump's remarks.

'Taiwan did not steal the US chip industry," said Kuo, previously a senior executive of a TSMC supplier, Topco Scientific. Taiwan helps comple-

ment the US chip industry in manufacturing, and makes chips as commissioned by US industry, he added. "This is a misunderstanding on Trump's part. The president has a lot on his plate; maybe a friend or a competitor in Taiwan told him that," Kuo said.

TSMC is spending billions building new facto ries overseas, including \$65 billion on three plants in the US state of Arizona, though it says most manufacturing will stay in Taiwan

Bad weather behind Raisi helicopter crash, probe report confirms

Monitoring Desk EHRAN: Iran's final investigation into the May helicopter crash that killed president Ebrahim Raisi has found it was caused by bad weather, the body investigating the case said on Sunday. e helicopter carrying 6 year-old Raisi and his entourage came down on a fogshrouded mountainside in northern Iran, killing the president and seven others, and triggering snap elections. The main cause of the helicopter crash was the "complex climatic and atmospheric conditions of the region in the spring", the special board investigating the dimensions and causes of the helicopter

Taliban chief tells Afghan officials to enforce new morality law

Monitoring Desk KABUL: Taliban supreme leader Hibatullah Akhundzada has ordered Afghan officials to enact a sweeping new morality law curtailing women's rights and enshrining an austere vision of Islamic society. Taliban authorities last month announced the law, which includes rules that women's faces, bodies and voices should be "covered" outside the home, among 35 articles dictating behaviour

and lifestyle. While many of the measures have been informally enforced since the Taliban's takeover in 2021, their formal codification sparked an outcry from the international community and rights groups. Akhundzada told civil and should implement ... the

military officials "they law of promoting virtue in society", a statement by the Information and Culture province said.



Indian soldiers help people cross a stream in Wayanad using a rope.

flict, in Kharkiv, Ukraine. Myanmar junta announces census for promised 2025 election

Monitoring Desk MYANMAR: Myanmar's military government will conduct a nationwide population and household census in October, state media said on Monday, paving the way for a prom-

raging conflict across swathes of the country. The census data collected between Oct 1-15 will be used to hold a general election next year, junta chief Min Aung Hlaing told

ised election next year amid

"The census can be used in compilation of correct and accurate voter lists which is a basic need for successfully holding a free and fair multi-party democratic general election," Min Aung Hlaing said separately in a televised speech on Sunday.

media reported.

Teachers, students and their parents celebrate the beginning of a school year

at an underground school located at a metro, amid the Russia-Ukraine con-

The proposed election has already been widely derided as a sham and the outcome is unlikely to be recognised by western countries, with dozens of parties disbanded for a meeting on Sunday, state not registering to run.

Amazon river levels fall due to lack of rain, hurting navigation

BRASILIA: Last year's record drought in the Amazon and less than usual rainfall since caused river water levels to drop rapidly, hindering navigation by barges carrying grains for export and cutting off communities that depend on

The Brazilian Geological Service (SGB) has warned that water levels have been falling since June and all rivers in the Amazon basin are expected to drop below their historical

In Manaus, the Rio Negro river is 21 meters deep, down from 24 meters at the same time in 2023. which is beginning to worry

industries in the Free Trade Zone, where businesses have requested dredging work begin on the river to avoid last year's disruption of transport.
Dredging has started

on critical points of the Madeira river where only low-draft vessels are able to pass, according to the government's department of transport infrastructure DNIT. Dredging work is being contracted for the major Amazon and Solimoes rivers. DNIT said. Following last year's drought, barges were prevented from using some ports on the Amazon river, and the outlook for this vear is even worse, said consultancy ARGUS

tention but was never sworn in, and was convicted last March of election fraud through vote-

Ethnic Greek

local politician

released from

Albanian jail

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PRISTINA: An ethnic

Greek politician in Alba-

nia who also has Greek

citizenship was released

from jail on Monday in a

case that has sparked ten-

sions between Albania and

Fredis Beleris was ar-

neighbouring Greece.

soar, says WMO **Monitoring Desk**

Africa faces steep costs as temperatures

SOMALIA: Africa faces an increasingly heavy toll from climate change with many countries having to spend up to 9% of their budgets battling climate extremes, a World Meteorological Organization (WMO) report said on Monday. Despite producing far lower greenhouse gas emissions than other continents, Africa's temperatures have risen more rapidly than the global average. African countries are now losing on average 2%-5% of gross domestic product responding to deadly heatwaves, heavy rains, floods, cyclones.

rested in May 2023 during a mayoral election campaign in his Albanian hometown of Himare, which has an active ethnic Greek community. He won the vote while in de-

Since last year, Microsoft, Google and their

Marc Benioff, CEO of

Independent Report
QUETTA: The Leader of
Opposition in Balochistan
Asia Zohri has evenessed

Aziz Zehri has expressed

satisfaction over the measures taken by Provincial

Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) for tack-

ling the emergent situation and natural disaster in the

He said that the measures taken by PDMA for

tackling the emergent situ-

ation following the natural

calamities are satisfactory.

markable improvement has

been witnessed in the ser-

vice delivery and capacity

of PDMA with increase in

the modern machinery for

He said that the re-

Leader of Opposition in BA visits PDMA: Zehri expresses satisfaction

over measures of PDMA for

tackling natural disasters,

emergent situation

Monday.

casion of his visit to the PDMA office here on

vincial assembly Mir Zabid

Reki and Fazal Qadir were

also accompanied the

of PDMA, Jehanzaib Khan

briefed the Leader of Op-

position and members of

assembly about the opera-

tional activities and pre-

paredness by PDMA to

tackle the emergent situa-

tion following the natural disasters. While Mir Younas Zehri expressed

satisfaction over the mea-

sures for tackling any emer-

gent situation in case of the

natural calamities, the

Leader of Opposition.

The members of pro-

The Director General

Call attention notice on rehabilitation, financial assistance of rain affected people of Balochistan in BA session

Balochistan Assembly session commenced with the Deputy Speaker, Ms. Ghazala Gola in the chair here on Monday.

The member of Provincial Assembly belonging to Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (JUI), Mir Zabid Ali Reki tabled a call attention notice in the House.

In his call attention notice, Mir Zabid Ali Reki diverted the attention of Provincial Disaster Man-Authority (PDMA) towards the heavy financial and human losses caused due to the rains, flashfloods and hailstorm in the province especially Washuk district.

He said that the cattle, house, orchards and crops have been perished due to the situation. He said that due to the devastations, it

both ends meet. Moreover, the relief goods. as the people of province live in the mud houses, so the rains and flashfloods have also caused damages to their house.

He inquired the government about the measures taken for rehabilitation of the people affected in the districts especially Washuk as a result of the torrential monsoon rains.

Th Provincial Minister Revenue, Mir Asim Kurd said that we want that the losses caused to the people during rains and flashfloods may be compensated. He said that assistance has been provided to the people where there it has had access.

The Minister Com-Saleem Khosa said that PDMA has made better arrangements this year than before. However, some amount should also be given for the people to make their of their houses along with ers

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initia-

tives, Prof. Ahsan Iqbal, addressing a symposium on "Climate Change and Health Development Consequences in Pakistan at the Pakistan Academy of Sciences.

CCoSOEs deliberates on

management, strategic

direction of key SOEs

ISLAMABAD (APP): Governor, SECP Chair-Minister for Finance and man, TCP Chairman, PQA

Muhammad Aurangzeb on ies, and other senior offic-

on various critical issues Ministry of Commerce re-

and strategic direction of rate the Trading Corpora-

QUETTA: Commissioner Quetta and Administra-

tor Metropolitan Corporation, Hamza Shafqat pre-

sides over the high-level meeting held at his office.

Chinese companies held

job fair for Gwadar youth

GWADAR (INP): Chinese introduced their businesses

ates participated in the job Gwadar district, Gwadar

Provincial Ombudsman

directs irrigation dept to give

appointment orders to petitioner

QUETTA (APP): Provin- partment in the Provincial

mented.

Petitioner Najma the relevant investigation

Nazar

fair, where five companies Pro reported on Monday.

key SOEs. The meeting tion of Pakistan (TCP).

Monday presided over a meeting of the Cabinet

Committee on State-Owned Enterprises

(CCoSOEs) that focused

related to the management

was attended among others by Minister for Planning,

Development and Special

Initiatives Ahsan Iqbal,

Minister for Commerce

Jam Kamal Khan, Minister

for Housing & Works Mian

Riaz Hussain Pirzada, Min-

ister for Economic Affairs

Ahad Khan Cheema, Min-

ister for Maritime Affairs

Qaiser Ahmed Sheikh, SBP

companies held a job fair

for Gwadar youth in col-

laboration with the Gwadar

University Pak-China Vo-

cational and Technical

It was held at Gwadar

More than 250 gradu-

cial Ombudsman of

Muhammad Baloch issued

directives to Irrigation De-

partment to give an ap-

pointment order for appli-

cant after taking action on

Khan had submitted a case

receiving complaint of pe-

Balochistan,

Institute

Port Authority (GPA).

Senator Chairman, federal secretar-

release said

ers from the relevant min-

istries and divisions, a news

cussed a summary of the

garding the plan to reinvigo-

given the peculiar nature of

the entity, TCP may be cat-

egorized as an essential SOE

under the SOEs Policy

2023. It was further de-

cided that a detailed finan-

cial plan of the entity

should be prepared, which

should address the question

of settlement of its liabili-

and conducted separate job

company Agven and China

Overseas Ports Holding

Company said that the

event was aimed to provide

better opportunities to the

students of the institution

and the graduates of the

few days ago in which

petitioner said that the

appointment order issued

by Irrigation Department

was not being imple-

budsman sent the case to

officer Jameel Kakar for

The provincial om-

Officials of Chinese

The committee dis-

It was decided that

Meanwhile, the questions about Home department and PDMA were de-

ferred because of the absence of respective provincial ministers.

In the meantime, the members of opposition also staged token out from the House after they were not allowed to speak about

However, the members joined the session after sometime ending their token walk out.

Earlier, on a point of order, the Member of Provincial Assembly and former Chief Minister, Dr. Abdul Malik Baloch said that some 3,000 people of the province have been inmunication and Works cluded in the fourth sched-

Those who were included in the fourth schedule list are: former Deputy Speaker, politicians, mehas become very difficult to the affectees for repair dia persons besides oth-

PTA starts

banning of

mobile sims

on expired ID

cards

AHORE (APP): The Pa-

kistan Telecommunication

Authority (PTA) has

started the second phase of

banning of mobile SIMs to

According to the spokesperson of PTA, in

the second phase, the iden-

tity cards of the current

mobile sims are overdue. He

says citizens should renew

their ID cards to avoid be

ing banned.

blocked.

prevent their illegal use.



Aurangzeb chairing a meeting of CCoSOEs at the Finance Division.

Ahsan suggests holding int'l summit to establish strong S&T, economic development linkage

nomic development of the

nomic development.

sium, the minister said today the country has thousands of Ph.Ds in the S&T and engineering sectors due to the Pakistan Muslim League Nawaz (PML-N) initiative, the "Teachers Researchers Overseas Scholarship Scheme," which was initiated in 1998 under Vision-2010. At that time, the number of S&T

resource development, particularly in the S&T and engineering sectors.

"There is a need for amples of developed nations, including America and European countries, that relied on solving is-

attempts and having internationally acknowledged human resources," he ob-

Ahsan Iqbal men-

faced numerous challenges related to agriculture, health and climate change; and there should be regular ideas from university labs to address these issues ef-

fectively.

"We are all aware of harablems," the our national problems," the minister said, adding that the government's 5Es framework focused on environment and climate change, food and water se-

curity.

He said the government has established a unit in the Ministry of Planning to monitor and evaluate ministries' Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) regularly, under the 5Es framework (Export, Energy, Equity, E-Pakistan Environment) launched for national eco nomic development.

He stressed the need for peace, political stability, consistent policies and an uninterrupted reform process to achieve national goals of progress and pros

Sui Rifles 130

wing provides

affected by recent torren-

tial rains in the outskirts of

Sui, specifically in the

Wing, Lieutenant Colonel

Asadur Rehman, distrib-

uted tents, rations, and daily

household essentials to the

affected families. While in

teracting with the victims

Lieutenant Colonel Asadu

Rehman said, "We stand with our brothers in this

expressed gratitude to Lieu-

tenant Colonel Asadur Rehman, saying, "We are thankful to Sui Rifles for

helping us in this challeng-

This initiative by Sui Rifles 130 Wing

Free mobile

veterinary

campuses set

up in Jhal Magsi

QUETTA (APP): On the

special directive of Deputy

Syed Rehmatullah Shah

Commissioner Jhal Magsi

Livestock Department Jhal

Magsi set up free mobile

veterinary campuses to

vaccinate cattle to prevent

the spread of various dis-

eases after recent monsoon

rain. Under the supervision

of Deputy Director (Live-

stock) Jhal Magsi Dr. Mansoor Ahmed Tareen in

Nowshera, Mutt Sindhar

and Kot Magsi, small and

large animals are treated for

various diseases and vacci-

nation processes have been

started to prevent ailments.

Deputy Commissioner Jhal Magsi Syed Rahmatullah Shah has said

that free mobile veterinary cam-

puses have been started in the

areas affected by the recent

The affected families

difficult time.'

Commander

Sinhari Matt area.



QUETTA: Opposition Leader in Balochistan Assembly, MPA Younus Aziz Zehri along with others visiting Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) Headquarters in Quetta.

Consider case of Aafia as case of army chief extension in service: IHC asks AAG

Islamabad High Court (IHC) while rejecting plea of Additional Attorney General (AAG) Munawar Iqbal Dogal for giving 5 weeks more time in Dr Aafia Siddiqui case who is imprisoned in US jail has remarked "consider it this is case of extension in army chief ser-

"When Dr Aafia Siddiqui returns any day to Pakistan then you should all apologize to her collectively. Let the history write one US lawyer contested this case free, these remarks were given by Justice Sardar Ejaz Ishaq Khan during the Iqbal Dogal said governhearing of petition related to release and return of Dr

Imran Shafiq counsel for petitioner Fouzia Siddiqui and amicus curiae Zainab Janjua appeared in the court as well.

Clive Smith who is counsel for Fouzia Siddiqui in US appeared in the court through video link.

The court remarked Clive Smith made efforts in the case. He went to A fghanistan. There is no one among government officials who can say he stands with Smith. Justice Sardar Ejaz Khan remarked I cannot understand government fears of what. AAG Munawar ment is supporting Aafia Siddiqui on permanent ba-



HUB: Senior Member Board of Revenue **Balochistan Qambar Dashti and Commissioner** Kalat Division Naeem Bazai receiving Provincial Advisor Industries Mir Ali Hassan Zehri upon arrival at LIEDA

Senior MBR visits Hub, presides over meeting on settlement affairs

Independent Report QUETTA: The senior Member Board of Revenue, Kambar Dashti visited Hub

on Monday. During the visit, the senior MBR monitored the

settlement matters in Hub. He also visited the Lasbela Industrial Estate Authority along with the Advisor to Chief Minister for Commerce, Mir Ali Hassan Zehri.

They were welcomed Kalat, Muhammad Naeem enue affairs

Bazai on their arrival in

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Commissioner Rohana Gul Kakar, Assistant Commissioner Hub, Ali Durrani and the Revenue

The senior MBR presided over the meeting on the settlement affairs.

Certain important decisions were made about implementation on the the Commissioner settlement manual and rev-

Senate passes resolution paying tribute to Olympic hero Arshad Nadeem

ISLAMABAD (APP): The members of the Upper House of the Parliament on Monday adopted a unanimous resolution to felicitate and express solidarity with the Olympic Gold medalist Athelete Arshad Nadeem for his remarkable achievement at the Paris Olympics 2024.

The resolution was moved Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, Senator Azam Nazeer Tarar on behalf of Senators Syed Shibli Faraz, Muhammad Qasim, Danesh Kumar, Falak Naz, Saifullah Abro, Palwasha Mohammed Zai Khan, Saleem Mandviwalla, Fawzia Arshad, Manzoor Ahmed, Shahadat Awan, Jan Muhammad, Gurdeep Singh, Umer Farooq, Syed Faisal Ali Subzwari. Amir of Pakistan.

Rashid, Mohsin Aziz, Dost Muhammad Khan, Azam Nazeer Tarar, Mohammad Humayun Mohmand Nasir Mehmood, Syed Mohsin Raza Naqvi, Kamran Murtaza, Saifullah Sarwar Khan Nyazee, Zeeshan Khan Zada, Aimal Wali Khan Hidayatullah Khan.

Waliuddin Chishti, Pervaiz

The resolution stated: "The Senate of Pakistan congratulates Arshad Nadeem on his remarkable achievement of winning the Gold medal in the Javelin throw at the Paris Olym-

This House Recognizes the achievement of Arshad Nadeem as a testament to dedication & hard work, inspiring the Youth

ISLAMABAD (APP): around 350. He explained that un-Minister for Planning, Development and Special Inider the scheme, the governtiatives Professor Ahsan ment had offered 5,000 Iqbal on Monday highoverseas and indigenous lighted the key role of scischolarships to brilliant ence and technology (S&T) students, resulting in a sigand engineers in the econificant increase in human

Accordingly, he suggested convening an international S&T Summit to invite the world's top scientists and researchers, aiming to find ways to establish a strong link between the science and technology sector and national eco-

Addressing a sympo-

effective utilization of their capabilities to find solutions to our issues, engaging them in university laboratories," he said, citing ex-

sues-whether related to the corporate sector or national level—through laboratories under professors. "Unfortunately, Pakistan is totally disconnected in this area despite repeated



alongwith his family meeting with Chairman PkMAP and Chairman Tehreek Tahafuz-e-Ain Pakistan Mehmood Khan Achakzai

Bakht Kakar says Youth policy being introduced to provide jobs in Balochistan

According to the spokesperson, in the first stage, fake SIMs and ex-(APP): pired ID cards were being Balochistan Minister for blocked, 16 fake SIMs and Livestock and Dairy Develinvalid ID cards were opment Bakht Muhammad blocked in the first phase while more than 69 thoufor the first time in the hissand illegal sims were youth policy was being in-He said, based on the troduced by the provincial government to provide new

obtained from NADRA, illegal sims were being blocked, in the third for them. stage, sims registered in the names of deceased people will be blocked. Likewise, before the mobile blockage. a notification messages will be sent to the users.

The PTA spokesperson further said that fake sims are being used in various illegal activities, tax fraud and other activities.

Young Pakistani wins fourth place in Intl Quran

recitation competition ISLAMABAD (APP): A ten-year-old boy from Swat, Pakistan, has made his country proud by securing fourth place in an international Quran recitation competition held in

His achievement highlighted the strong cultural and spiritual ties between Pakistan and Algeria. Muhammad Bashar, a

ten-year-old from Swat, Pakistan, recently participated in the International Quran Recitation Compe-tition, "Mazamir Dawood," held in Algeria, which was organized by the private media channel 'Echorouk". The competition took place from August 18 to 31, featuring participants from over 15 countries. Muhammad Bashar secured the fourth position, earning a prize of \$1,500.

The Echorouk channel hosts this competition an-

affected families **Independent Report** SUI: Sui Rifles 130 Wing development and prosperorganized a ceremony to ity of the people of our condistribute tents, rations, and essential items to families

Kakar on Monday said that tory of the province, the employment opportunities He expressed these

views while talking to various delegations of his constituency called on him at his office.

The Minister said that public service was considstruggle was to work for the

stituency and we would not disappoint our people

in any way.

Bakht Muhammad Kakar said that his priorities included basic facilities of life such as education, health, water, electricity and employment opportunities so that people could benefit from these facilities. He said that people

were cheated in the name of PSDP in the past, people's representatives keep flourishing through bogus and inefficient ered worship, the aim of our schemes, but the people were standing still.



Executive Officer QESCO Engr. Shafqat Ali

NADRA, NTCL, and

Database and Registration Authority (NADRA), NADRA Technologies Limited (NTCL), and Pakistan Computer Emergency Response Team (PkCERT) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to strengthen their cyber security measures and share

Chairman of NADRA. Under the agreement, NADRA, NTCL, and

PkCERT will share sensitive information related to cyber security threats and incidents and will collaborate to respond to events that may affect Pakistan's digital assets. The partnership will also involve joint investigations into cyber security incidents and research and development projects to improve cyber security technologies and strategies.

PkCERT sign MoU to enhance cyber security Islamabad, attended by the **Independent Report** ISLAMABAD: National

information about potential threats. The signing cer-

emony took place at

NADRA Headquarters in against the Irrigation Defurther inquiry. monsoon rains and floods

QUETTA: Provincial Ministers Mir Saleem Ahmed Khosa, Bakht Muhammad Kakar, Haji Ali Madad Jattak, Parliamentary Secretaries Asfand Yar Kakar, Mir Liaqat Lehri, Haji Abdul Majeed Badini, Haji Wali Muhammad Noorzai and MPAs Malik Naeem Khan Bazai and Nawab Changaiz Marri talk during Balochistan Assembly session.