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Pay tribute to counter-terrorism sacrifices

# Military's top brass vows not to let hard-earned successes be reversed

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

RAWALPINDI (APP): The Pakistan Army's Corps Com- have laid down their lives in Balochistan and Khyber manders' Conference (CCC) held here at GHQ on Tuesday underscored the critical need to safeguard national cyber space through stringent cybersecurity measures.

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

At the commencement of the conference, the participants offered Fateha and paid profound tribute to the ultimate sacrifices made by the Shuhada of the Armed Forces, Law Enforcement Agencies, and citizens who

Pakhtunkhwa in pursuit of peace and stability of Pakistan

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

In assessing the inimical forces, malicious actors, subversive proxies, and the facilitators of Pakistan's external and internal adversaries, particularly those active in Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP), the forum deliberated on a range of measures to neutralize these threats Continued on page 2



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

ghastly killing not to be

spared, says CM Bugti

strong term, flayed the

Musakhail in which 23

passengers were offloaded

and killed for their specific

not Baloch, rather terrorists

and unfortunately, those

killed were not Panjabis but

the proud Pakistanis," the

He dispelled the pre-

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CM clarified.

ISLAMABAD

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Chief Justice of Pakistan

Qazi Faez Isa on Tuesday

remarked that the top court

has issued judgment for re-

moval of restaurants from

Margalla Hills National

Park to protect the natural

verdict on the review peti-

tion against the verdict for

removal of restaurants in-

cluding Monal from na-

Pakistan Qazi Faez Isa

A three-member bench

The court reserved its



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

#### "Terrorism incidents are part of international game": **BA unanimously adopts resolution** condemning recent incidents of terrorism in Balochistan

**Independent Report OUETTA** Balochistan Assembly unanimously adopted the resolution condemning incidents of terrorism took place in different parts of on it. The Chief Minister

resolution. day

ort for Agriculture, Mir Ali gers were assassinated in The Madad Jatak on behalf of front of their families. He some fellow Ministers and parliamentary secretaries. The resolution was ap-

proved after lengthy debate country. the province, here on Tues- winded up debate on the ments involved in the inci-

#### **Elements behind Balochistan** PM stresses redoubled efforts for economic stability as inflation down to single-digit

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

"I am announcing my resignation today. I am unable

what party.

It is better to run shop

of pikoras than this poli-

tics, he held. Who has ad-

to talk but I was not heard.

voice then there is no use

of sitting in this assembly.

come displeased with me.

65000 voters will be-

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday said that after bringing the inflation rate down to the single digit of 9.6%, more efforts were required to bring in economic growth and stability besides addressing the challenges of circular debt and tax evasion.

'Alhamdulillah, the burden of inflation is reducing gradually. A single-digit inflation rate of 9.6% was reported in August this year which was 27% this month of last year. But we have to keep up our efforts to achieve economic growth and stability, create pro-

dressing the meeting of the federal cabinet chaired by him. He congratulated the finance minister, State Bank governor and other economic team members for the achievement and said that serious and tireless efforts

elements behind ghastly killing of innocent Pakistani Akhtar Mengal resigns from people were not Baloch but terrorists and the state NA over Balochistan crises would go all out against

vailing misconception them. He expressed these about the certain gathering under the garb of political nation resolution of the govrights was struggling for the

(APP):

would not be allowed "There is no need to launch a major operation, he said adding that intelligence based raids would be carried out to crush the elements challenging the writ of the government. He offered that our

doors are always open for those who agreed to set on dialogue table with us for any kind of talks in order to maintain peace in the province, adding, the dialogues would not be held with those who took the path of violence and killing people.

of breaking Pakistan which

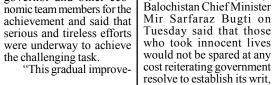
CM Bugti said that the government is providing higher education to Baloch girls in the world's top universities while these elements were leading the youth towards violence and the youth should decide their feature goals.

Sarfraz Bugti said that

also said that the conspiracy was made against the federating units of the

He said that the eledents of terrorism are closductive employment, reduce expenditures by rightsizing and downsizing, shrink circular debt, curb evasion of receipts and eliminate smuggling," the prime minister said ad-

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The Speaker, Captain (Retd) Abdul Khaliq Achakzai was in the chair with Chief Minister Mir Bakht Muhammad Kakar Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti also in attendance. The joint condemna-

tion resolution was tabled August 26. by the Provincial Minister

Expressing view on the ing doors of livelihood or resolution, the Provincial Minister for Livestock, said that there was blood bath of innocent people on highways of the province on nomic massacre of the truck

#### Appreciates active role of CTP to eliminate miscreants: CM assures to extend wholehearted assistance to police deal with challenge of terrorism

He said that the passen-

Independent Report QUETTA: The Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz Bugti has assured that the government would extend wholehearted assistance to the police force to deal with the challenge of terrorism in the province.

He said that we would provide all required resources to the police, however, we would also review its performance on permanent basis.

The Chief Minister was speaking to the newly posted

Inspector General of Police Balochistan, Moazzam Jah Ansari, who called on him here on Tuesday.

The Chief Minister issued certain directives to the IGP for brining improvement in the overall law and order situation and prevention of the crimes and terrorism in the province.

He directed to the IGP to take effective steps for prevention of the incidents of kidnapping for ransom, robberies and street crimes in addition to the terrorism. He further directed to take those involved in the kid-

napping for ransom and land grabbers to the task. In addition to this, he directed to make coordination

among the police stations more effective by updating the profiling of the criminals.

Similarly, he also directed to improve the process of interrogation making the training courses of the police compatible with the current circumstances.

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

Supreme Court and High

Court, as well as for bureau-

public service roles.

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

According to media retarian highlighted that a ports, the bill was moved similar ban is already in by the Jamiat Ulema-e-Isplace for the President, lam-Fazl group (JUI-F) Prime Minister, and memparliamentarian Noor Alam bers of Parliament. The bill has been referred to the Khan in the assembly.

Noor Alam Khan ar-Standing Committee by the Chair, where it will undergo gued in the house that dual citizenship for judges of the review

the Balochi and Pashto speaking people doing business in other provinces by carrying out such acts. He said that the eco-

> Continued on page 2 **Deputy PM**, USAmbassador

discuss bilateral ties ISLAMABAD (Online) US Ambassador Donald Blome called on Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar in

Islamabad Tuesday. ISLAMABAD (Online): The discussion covered Chief of Balochistan Navarious aspects of Pakitional Party (BNP) Sardar stan-US bilateral relations Akhtar Mengal has anincluding avenues for ennounced to resign from Nahanced cooperation in ditional Assembly (NA) verse fields seat They also discussed Talking to media men

matters relating to the up-coming session of the UN with Mehmood Khan Achakzai after NA session General Assembly. he said whosoever he is Pushto speaking, Balochi speaking, Urdu speaking

Imran Maniar steps down ISLAMABAD (INP): The

portunities Imran Manir was already working on a sixmonth contract extension going to be ended on Sepember 13.

Imran Maniar excused from taking another extension as Managing Director SSGC and maintained that he would not be available after September 13.

Imran Maniar was appointed as managing director of SSGC in February 2021

Meanwhile, the SSGC informed the Stock Exchange about the resignation of the development

QUETTA: Commissioner Quetta Division Hamza Shafqaat meeting with Pro-

vincial Ombudsman Balochistan Nazar Muhammad Baloch

to do anything for my people. There is a lack of ernment and the opposition interest in the issues of Balochistan, and whenever we in the Balochistan Assemdiscuss these issues, they are blacked out" bly, on 26th August massa-

**OUETTA** 

legitimate and constitutional rights of the people as saying "The proxies of our countries enemies are CM Balochistan in a

Use of social media without permission by govt employees banned

ISLAMABAD (Online): Federal government has imposed ban on government employees for using social media without per-

mission

It has been said in a cir July 23, 2023 wherein I cular issued by establishsaid if you don't need my ment division that governpolitics then I abandon ment employees cannot politics. No one will be use social media platform responsible for my workwithout permission. ers who go where and join

According to memo randum this decision has been taken for preventing official information and documents from becoming vised me has passed away leaked. The government and I have come here leaving his burial. I came here employees therein have been directed to uphold government servants (con-Today I announce to resign duct) rules 1964. from assembly. If this assembly does not hear our

It has been said in the memorandum government employee cannot express views or give statement on social media without permission. Government employee cannot share documents or information with irrelevant persons. The governmen employees cannot give any opinion or state the facts which affects government prestige

#### Durra Baloch posted as Secretary **Industries &** Commerce

**Independent Report** QUETTA: The Grade-19 Officer of Balochistan Secretariat Service (BSS) Durra Baloch, who was awaiting posting, has been

posted as the Secretary Industries and Commerce, Balochistan. This was announced in

an official notification ishe said that the energy secsued here on Tuesday. tor in Pakistan has been

grappling with challenges According to the notification, Secretary Public for decades. He also said that al-Health Engineering, Imran though Pakistan has be-Taj Gichki, who was assigned additional charge of come successful in tackling the issue of load shedding. the Secretary Industries, has been relieved from the however, rationalizing the energy sector is pivotal for responsibilities

there is cleared evidence of RAW-driven war initiated in Balochistan to create unrest and boost terrorism to divide the country.

furthering the single agenda SC issued judgment for removal of restaurants to protect environment: CJP

(APP):

heard the review petition against the verdict for removal of restaurants. Lawver Naeem Bukhari appeared before the court on behalf of the petitioner.

The CJP remarked that the country was destroyed by climate change, but the goal here is to just make money. If permission was given to build a small hut, g palaces were built. He said that if restau-

rants are built everywhere in the National Park area headed by Chief Justice of then Islamabad may be affected by landslides



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

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

ISLAMABAD (APP): tackling the high cost of elec-Speaker National Assem-bly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq tricity in Pakistan.

Ayaz Sadiq said that Tuesday said that Parliaenergy cost is a global chalment is the right platform lenge. Energy costs have skyrocketed even in deto deliberate upon and find workable solutions to comveloped countries, as has happened in Pakistan. Addressing the confer-The government is commitence "Parliamentary Conted to rationalizing the energy cost for end users, he sultation on Strategic Options for Electricity Distriadded

While highlighting the importance of the right person for the right job, he said that soon after taking oath as Speaker of the National Assembly, he conducted interviews of all officials and officers of the National Assembly Secretariat to depute the right person for the right job

# ergy sector, including electricity and gas, are not permissible under the current agreement with Pakistan. The financial institution has demanded that all such through a notice. subsidies be withdrawn by September.

He went on to say the

IMF rejects Punjab's

electricity bill subsidy,

warns of loan program risk

ISLAMABAD (INP): The International Monetary

Fund (IMF) has rejected the proposal to provide subsidies on electricity bills, warning that such measures

could jeopardize Pakistan's ongoing loan program. According to sources, the IMF has taken a firm

stance, asserting that neither the central nor provincial

governments are authorized to offer subsidies on elec-

tricity bills. The IMF specifically raised concerns over

the Punjab government's recent subsidy initiative, which

provided a significant relief of PKR 14 per unit for consumers using between 200 to 500 units of electricity.

The IMF has emphasized that subsidies in the en-

crats, should be terminated to uphold the integrity and impartiality of these key The JUI-F parliamen-

**SSGC MD** or any one else has been killed, the courts are killers of them which don't administer justice.

Managing Director (MD) of key murderers are politi-Sui Southern Gas Comcians who used politics for pany (SSGC) Imran Maniar business. There was a meeting in PM House on But I apologize.

has resigned from his position to 'pursue other opDaily Soice of Masse Independent Quetta

## Wednesday September 04, 2024

# **Miscellaneous**

QUETTA: Provincial Ministers, Parliamentary Secretaries and MPAs expressing their views on resolutions presented in Balcohistan Assembly

PM stresses redoubled efforts...

tory," he remarked.

# **History made as Bangladesh** whitewash Pakistan in Test series

Visitors outclass Shan Masood-led side in Rawalpindi to secure their first-ever Test series win over Green Shirts

Bangladesh beat Pakistan ond test to complete a 2-0 series sweep in Rawalpindi on Tuesday.

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

RAWALPINDI (INP): the shallow target meant 4-44 — both career-best that Bangladesh tightened by six wickets in the sec- their grip on the match and Pakistan for 172 in their the series, reaching the second innings and visit-100-run mark in the 29th over. Najmul

Hossain loss — with Zakir hitting Shanto on 33 and two sixes and two Mominul Haque, 20, dug boundaries — before in to stop any further rain clouds gathered and inroads with the captain bad light suspended bringing up their fifty play one over after the partnership off the last tea break.

The rain-affected Test He has hit four bound- saw Friday's first day's At the start of play on aries so far in his 33 off play washed out and

he remarked. He said sincere efforts always led nations to excel and Pakistan too could achieve the same as the country had immense resources including compe-Islam raced to 42 without tent minds, natural resources and youth. Prime

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

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ment. We have to take it for-

ward swiftly ... The task is

cumbersome but we will

reach our destination if we

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

#### Military's top brass vows not...

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that the Pakistan Army,

ongoing efforts against illegal spectrum operating in collusion with terrorist networks.

Illegally Occupied Jammu & Kashmir, who continue to suffer gross human rights violations, the forum honored the martyrs of the Freedom Movement. The blatant continued violence and genocide of Palestinians by Israel were also condemned in the strongest rity, ensuring that no inditerms

can trade bloc comprising Brazil, Argentina, Paraguay, Earlier, in the day, the and Uruguay. prime minister wrote on The prime minister.

his X time that the reducwho chaired the meeting of tion in Pakistan's annual inthe federal cabinet, said that flation rate to 9.6% was not the South American Maran accident but an outcome ket could prove advantaof the government's efforts. "Pakistan's annual ingeous for the Pakistani products which could not be explored yet, he reflation rate has dropped to

9.6% in August, first marked. He instructed the ausingle-digit figure in nearly 3 years according to the Pakistan Bureau of Statisnorities concerned to swiftly pursue the agreements and MoUs related to tics. This is not an accident! These are results," the economy which had been pending for long. the prime minister said. The prime minister ex-

He said that his government's focus was on pressed satisfaction over the inflation rate declined providing relief to the to single-digit in August common man

this year and appreciated "Our work is not done, the finance ministry, and a lot more needs to be

> Akhtar Mengal resigns from...

decided today to talk on the problems of Balochistan but people are not interested in the problems of Balochistan.

He observed parliamentarians said by themselves that Balochistan is slipping out of our hands. I say Balochistan is not slipping out of your hands but

has slipped out. Blood of several per-

Balochistan. All should unite on this issue. One session should have been convened to discuss this issue. Here when people raise voice in support of truth they are not allowed to speak.

#### **BA unanimously adopts...**

rights.

Speaking on the reso-

lution, the Provincial Min-

ister Noor Muhammad

Dummar said that some

Page

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Continued from page 1 deprivation would be cre-ated if all people of the country are not given due drivers of the province is

also being done. Similarly, the Provincial Minister Agriculture also condemned the incidents of terrorism in the province saying that which Balochi "fake" people are spoiling the peaceful environment of nationalism allows to kill father in front of his chil-

dren. He said that the people sitting in abroad are inolved in terrorism in Balochistan. He stressed that we have to fight terrorists together.

The Parliamentary Secretary Ms. Meena Majeed condemned the cowardly acts of terrorism in the province emphasizing upon to adopt once clear stance for restoration of peace in the province.

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terrorism incidents in the

province saying that we

rendered lot of sacrifices in

the incidents of terrorism.

He said that all have to unite

on a platform for steering

the country out of prevail-

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He said that we have

condemn these incidents.

She said that which are the rights being acquired by shedding blood of innocent Member Provincial Assembly, Mir Zabid Reki

said that no one has right to kill any innocent person for He said that only solution to bring peace in the

grieved over them. She stressed the need He said that federation should give authority to Chief Minister to hold talks. He said that the is-

She also urged the House to conduct in-camera briefing for the members of assembly on the

Speaking on the condemnation resolution, the leader of Opposition said that he condemned the incidents of terrorism took place on August 26 in the province. He said that we would accept whatever decision to be made by the

the second and last Test cricket match between Pakistan and Bangladesh, at the Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium, in the city. the fifth and final day of 68 balls while Mominul then a remarkable the match. Bangladesh refound the ropes twice in fightback by Bangladesh

his 30 off 46 balls. Bangladesh leads the run target. Pakistan got the two-match series 1-0 af- 6 in reply to Pakistan's first breakthrough after 16 ter a surprise win in first innings 274 before runs were added when Mir Rawalpindi last month, Liton Das (138) put to-Hamza bowled Hasan their first in 14 tests gether a seventh-wicket against Pakistan.

They have only won Mehidy Hasan Miraz (78) Fellow pace bowler two series away from that enabled Bangladesh to home — against the West reach 262.

**RAWALPINDI:** Bangladesh's players celebrate with trophy after winning institution. The visitors were 26-

system of accountability ensures that these values are preserved with unwavering commitment, allowing no room for exceptions partnership of 165 with or partiality. This strict adherence to accountability fortifies the Army's integ-

vidual is above the law or

gency and significance of a

robust and effective legal

system, COAS emphasized

that the Pakistan Army

would continue to extend

Recognizing the ur-

exempt from scrutiny.

State Bank governor, and other allied departments done but we are making real progress," he remarked. Meanwhile the federal for their efforts in this cabinet on Tuesday gave exregard. post facto approval and endorsed the signing of Trade Framework Agree-

ment between Pakistan and Mercosur, a South Ameri-Continued from page 1 He underlined he had

sons has been shed in

In a show of solidarity with the people of Indian

The apex committee to welcome it.

ing situation. which was constituted on have to work for collective August 25 incident, bodies interests instead of perof 4 youths were thrown sonal interests. However,

the province. He said that several precious lives have been lost in the terrorism. He said that we have to take practical steps for elimination of terrorism. He said that the terrorists have become stigma for the province.

Provincial Minister, Mir Saleem Khosa while condemning the incidents of terrorism said that these incidents are part of international game.

He said that we should not wait for dialogue after large scale terrorism in the province. He said that talks should be held with those

who want to do so. The Minister Education, Ms. Rahila Hameed

Durrani also strongly condemned the incidents of terrorism saying that all are province lies in negotia-

to talk with all stakeholders. She also pleaded to sit with Dr. Mah Rang and hold talk with her.

sues would not be resolved merely by holding meet-The MPA belonging to National Party, Khair Jan situation. Baloch also condemned the

She said that there is solution to the issue, but for that we have to come on one page. Besides, Ms. Durrani also suggested to hold All Parties Conference.

said that the sense of House in this rega

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#### comprehensive support to the government, adminis-The forum reaffirmed trative apparatus, and Law Enforcement Agencies in taking swift and lawful action against terrorists, anarchists, and criminal mafias. The forum also ex-The forum emphasized pressed satisfaction over

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

that the Army is a disciplined institution, upholding the highest standards of

professionalism, integrity, and loyalty to the state and The institution's wellestablished and rigorous

remain focused on targets," figures — in dismissing ing openers Hasan and

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Bidding Document can be viewed at www.bppra.gob.pk Last Date

of bid submission: Bid can only be submitted electronically latest

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Tender opening: All tenders will be opened on same day at 01:00 PM on EPPS System Address: Executive Engineer Building District

TENDER NOTICE

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Department District Duki invites bids from Eligible Bidders for

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of publication of NIT to 19 September, 2024 during office hours on

working days Last Date of bid submission: The Tenders must be

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Ahmed Nahid then had Pakistan skipper Masood caught behind by Liton off a wild shot before getting the prized wicket of

Azam, caught at slip off a sharp delivery in his next over Nahid grabbed his third by dismissing Shakeel and went to lunch with figures of 3-22 off

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ISLAMABAD: Dr. Sohail Aftab, Director of Public Relations and Spokesper-

son for the National Highway Authority presenting winning shield to the champion team of NPC Carrom Tournament 2024.

dards in pursuit of profes-

sional excellence.

TENDER NOTICE

The Executive Engineer Public Health Engineering Division SHERANI invites sealed tender Forms (as per Schedule B) on the Composite Schedule of Rates 2023 Government of Balochistan from interested firms/Govt. Contractors for following works. Sr No Namo of Work /Cost

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	SHABARAN, SHABAZ KHAN, KHALIQ DAD, NOOR GULL SHAKIR		
	KHAN DISTRICT SHERANI PSDP No.5712 TSE-242509538373		
2	CIVIL WORK FOR WATER SUPPLY SCHEMES KILLI YA KHAIL	01-Job	15.00 M
	RASOOL KAHN, LATIF GHULAM JAN, MARJAN, IMRAN, TAJADIN,		

TASLIM DISTRICT SHERANI PSDP No.5642 TSE-242509538433 The Procurement shall be carried out in accordance with Balochistan Public Procurement Regulatory

Authority rules, 2014, TENDER FEE FOR EACH BIDS: 1000/- to be deposited in head of account C-02726 through Bank challan in NBP SHERANI Branch. BID SECURITY : 02% of Estimated Cost of each Bid BASIC ELIGIBILITY: i. Firms (Single Entity) having valid registration with Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC) in Relevant Category and relevant discipline including five years work experiences & Bank Statement (Turnover). ii. Valid Registration with Income Tax/ Sales Tax Department NTN, & BRA active or ATL & online verifiable. iii. Authorized Representatives 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). iv. Work Order of similar Nature (water supply works) equal to estimated amount of bid completed in last 04 years (02 Nos are required. v. Detail Financial Soundness with required Turn Over given as per criteria specified in the Bidding Documents. vi. Under taking on judicial stamp paper that the firm has never been black listed by any Government / Semi Government Organization. vii. All the terms and conditions specified / mentioned in the bidding documents will be applicable on the whole bidding process. ix, All pages of financial as well technical bids must be signed, stamped & marked from 1st to last page.x. Detail Financial Soundness with required Turn Over given as per criteria specified in the Bidding Documents.xii. Rate analysis in case of rate offered below 10% of the estimated cost must be submitted with financial bidxiii. Affidavit of correctness of information provided by bidder is mandatory.xiv. The detail Technical Criteria is attached in bidding documents.METHOD OF PROCUREMENT: Single Stage-Two Envelope Procedure BIDDING/TENDER DOCUMENTS: ISSUANCE: The eligible Firms can obtain the bidding Documents by downloading from website of BPPRA, from the date of publication of this invitation in newspapers till 20<sup>™</sup> September 2024, at 1:00 PM. The Firms who obtain Bidding Documents by downloading from BPPRA website will also be required to produce Deposited green challan form of above mentioned fee. Earnest Money as mentioned above should be submitted in the form of Call Deposit from a scheduled Bank.Dead line of Submission: The bidding Documents duly filled and attached with copiesOf supporting documents must be delivered in sealed envelopes by hand to the addressmentioned below on or before 20<sup>™</sup> September 2024,at 1:00 PM.Opening: The bid will be opened on 20<sup>TH</sup> September 2024, at 2:00 PM. Place submission will be:-Address: Executive Engineer Public Health Engineering Division SHERANI, Telephone Number: 0822412814, Fax No: 0822412814, Email address: phedivisionSHERANI@gmail.comBid Validity Period: Ninety (90) Days.

There is no consensus The forum expressed between Chotay Mian and confidence in the opera-Baray Mian. You made tional preparedness and minister chief readiness of the Pakistan Balochistan such a person Army and vowed to conwho has mentality of tinue to uphold the stanhavaldar. Balochistan has

نوٹس طلبی کوٹیشن of یر پخطی کوپشین شہر کی صفائی میں استعال ہونے والے اوزار ودیگر اشیاءاور اسٹریٹ لائمٹس کی مرمت کی سامان کیلئے جیر ڈفرم/سیلائرز سے ہر بمہر ٹینڈر/ کوئیشن برائےسال25-2024 مورخہ 17 تتبر 2024 کودن 1بے تک reached this point due to طلوب میں جوکدای دن 2 بج دو پیر حاضر نمائندگان کی موجودگی میں کھولے جائیں گے۔ تمام فرموں اسلائرز ب his wrong decisions. لتماس ہے کہ وہ متعلقہ سامان کی تفصیل دفتر بذا ہے حاصل کر کے اسٹریٹ لائٹس کے مرمت میں استعمال ہونے والا

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کی تفصیل مسلک کریں تا کہ کمیٹی اشیاء کی معیاری ہونے کی جانچ پڑتال بہتر طور پر کر سکیں۔ مزیدتفیلات داشیاء کی فہرست دفتر کی ادقات میں دفتر ہذا ہے کی بھی دقت حاصل کی جا کتی ہے۔

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The procurement of works listed below for which Notice Inviting Tender on sealed percentage rates based on CSR 2018 Govt: of Balochistan are invited from interested Contractors / Firms with detail terms 8 conditions given below. The tender fee will be deposit through green challan in National Bank of Pakistan Ziarat Branch under the head of account C-02716 (Building CWPP&H Receipt) at the rate shown against each work as mentioned below: EARNEST MONEY 4% of Bid cost in shape of call deposit, Tender Fee1000/-, RELEVANT CATEGORY C-5 & Above and DATE OF COMPLETION 30TH JUNE 2025

TENDER NOTICE

NAME OF WORK. E/COST CONSTRUCTION OF OFFICE AND RESIDENTIAL ACCOMMODATIONS 47.637 Million DISTRICTATTORNEY ZIARAT TSE-242509538833

Procurement shall be made under BPPRA Rules 2014 Eligibility of bidders: - Registrations with relevant taxation department i.e (NTN). Income Tax / Sales Tax Department. Balochistan Revenue Authority (BRA) updated. Registration with Pakistan Engineering Council in Relevant Category Discipline Code valid for the FY 2024-2025. "Registration with Pakistan Engineering council (PEC) C-5 and above (Upto 65 million)In Relevant Category And Specialized Code is EE04 (Low Voltage Installation), CE10(i) (General Civil Engineering Works), CE10(ii) (Slope Protection System), CE10(v) (Landscaping & Horticulture)" As per BPPRA Rule 25 (3 Amended), only one Bid can be submitted against one NTN. Rate analysis of offered rates. CDR in case of rate offered below 10% of the total cost. Method of procurement: Single stage, Two envelope procedure. <u>Bid Security</u>: The bid must accompany Bid Security in the form of Call Deposit of amount specified above in the name of undersigned from a schedule bank from Contractor title account. If any Fake Call Deposit provided by the firm, the firm will be recommended for blacklisting. Bidding / Tender Documents. Issuance: Bidding documents will be issued on submission of request by the contractor on his original letter head from the date of publication of advertisement in Newspapers on presentation of requisite documents as required in basic eligibility criteria i.e. Tender Fee (Nonrefundable in shape of green challan under head C-02716, Bid Security / Earnest Money (in the shape of call deposit from the account of firm, the call deposit amount must be deposited by contractor's Firm / Title account), valid Pakistan Engineering Council Certificate, Income Tax Certificate (NTN), registration from BRA etc. (In original). The tender form will not be issued to any attorney holders of the contractors in any case. However, the partners and representatives of firm by producing their legal documents i.e partnership deed or firm certificates that he is the office bearer and is on the pay role of firm (duly attested by 1st Class Magistrate ( Judicial Magistrate) can participate. The power of attorney will be acceptable for specific work only. Submission: - Last date of submission of bids (Technical / Financial) will be 18<sup>™</sup> September, 2024 at 11:0 AM Opening: -The Tender (Technical Bids) will be opened on 18<sup>™</sup> September , 2024 at 12:00AM before procurement committee in the presence of Contractors or their authorized representatives in the office of the Executive Engineer, Building CWPP&H Division Ziarat and for (Financial Bids) opening date will be announce Later. The bid security (CDR) of technically non-responsive bidders shall be returned within 30 days of declaration of their bid as non-responsive. Bid validity Period: Ninety Days (90 days) In case downloading of bidding documents from BPPRA website, the bidder / firm must to provide required document separately to this office before submission of bids. Place of issuance, submission, inquires and opening will be addressed: - Executive Engineer, Building CWPP&H District Ziarat An affidavit shall be provided on non-Judicial Stamp Paper of Rs.100/- that the applicant has never been black listed. The applicant shall also provide an undertaking to the effect that all documents / particulars / information given with this bidding document are true / correct. All documents / proof provided by the Contractors / Firms will be verified from concerned authorities / department. Those contractors who could not complete the previous work without assigning any reason they could not participated.

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overnight score of 9-2 to On the fourth day of the match on Monday, day before Bangladesh of three wickets for 18 **TENDER NOTICE** 

The Executive Engineer(Building)Washuk invites bids from Eligible Bidders for execution of following works for the Year 2024 based on

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Wednesday September 04, 2024





# **PMYP** provides platform to empower Youth: Rana

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

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

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

ISLAMABAD (APP): in progressing the country the tenure of the former PM Chairman of the Prime towards fast-paced development "Our goal is to ensure

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that every young Pakistani has the skills necessary to succeed in today's competitive landscape. By focusing on both high-tech and traditional skill development, we aim to enhance

also asked the management employment prospects and of NAVTTC to increase the foster economic growth", he number of females in the fields of technical education Calling Youth the and for scholarships abroad "Ambassadors of Paki- as Malaysia's development stan," he urged them to of its GDP increased up to work hard honestly and 2 to 3 per cent after the inglorify the name of Pakiclusion of skilled women.

The chairman said that Rana also acknowl- Chief Minister Punjab edged the strong bond be-Maryam Nawaz Sharif and tween Pakistan and China Punjab Education Minister and gratitude for China's Rana Sikandar were also support in poverty allevialaunching new initiatives to tion, youth employment empower youth. Commending

He informed that NAVTTC's, TEVTA and China had offered to pro-TANG's ongoing efforts in vide training to around cultivating a skilled 200,000 youngsters in variworkforce, he emphasized ous fields during Prime the pivotal role of skill edu-Minister Shehbaz Sharif's cation in national develop-



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

## **SECP** Issues warning against fraudulent social media groups

ISLAMABAD (APP): als to grant them member-The Securities and Exship, promising exclusive change Commission of Paaccess to insider tips and kistan (SECP) has issued a training on investments. public alert regarding the SECP warns the pub-

lic that these activities are fraudulent and are aimed at looting innocent people. SECP urges the public to exercise extreme caution and verify the authenticity of any investmentrelated offers or groups be-

fore engaging or making any payments. SECP advises not to share any personal or financial information with these unverified sources, as it dlers of these groups are could lead to significant fi-

charging fees from individu- nancial loss

## **IG Islamabad chaired** important meetings

Independent Report ISLAMABAD: According to the details, Inspector General of Police (IGP) Islamabad Syed Ali Nasir Rizvi chaired important meetings at the Central Police Office (CPO) and Safe City Islamabad, a public relations officer said.

increasing number of

fraudulent social media and

WhatsApp groups that are

operating under the guise of

investment training courses.

by the SECP said that these

groups are impersonating

well-known local and inter-

national business personali-

ties or reputable interna-

tional financial companies

The operators/han-

to deceive the public.

A press release issued

He said that during these meetings, DIG Secuments, assessed the execution of tasks assigned to officers and issued further rity Jawad Tariq, DIG Law and Order Shakir Hussain directives Dawar, AIG Establishment

Abdul Haq Imrani, SSP Safe City Shoaib Khan, along IGP Islamabad Syed Ali Nasir Rizvi also met with the Director IT at the with the Director of IT. CPO Islamabad. During the Director Technical and other police officers were meeting, IG Islamabad received a comprehensive briefing on the performance of all software used by

IG Islamabad reviewed the recruitment pro-Islamabad Police, including cess of Islamabad Police He the renewal of the Safe City issued orders to recruit ofproject and an overall reficers on merit while mainview of performance and taining transparency in the public service delivery. recruitment process. He

Ahsan for capacity building of youth in advanced computing education ISLAMABAD (APP): (HEC) Mukhtar Ahmed is the most important need

He said, "We need to

The minister empha-

"There are many op-

Minister for Planning, Deand senior officials of the velopment and Special Ini-Ministry of Planning. tiatives Professor Ahsan Iqbal on Tuesday stressed country needed to focus on the need for capacity buildteachers' training along with ing of youth in advanced curriculum education, recomputing education, as gretting that students were digitalized education could still being taught a 100-

play an important role in year-old curriculum. achieving the national goal of development and prosincrease capacity in the field of advanced computing. An perity He expressed these action plan should be made

views while chairing a comto become signatories of mittee meeting of the Naaccords. tional Computing Education Accreditation Council sized the need to train (NCEAC), which was atteachers to improve the tended among others by quality of education in line Minister for Economic Afwith modern requirements. fairs Ahad Cheema, Minister of State for Information portunities available in digi-Technology Shaza Fatima, tal computing and hard-Chairman of the Higher ware. Equipping the youth Education Commission

#### **Gilani** assumes responsibilities as President of PIPS Board of Governors

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

Motorway

**Police hands** 

over lost money

to truck driver

ISLAMABAD (APP):

The National Highway and

Police

Motorway

of the hour," he said, stressing that no society could Ahsan Iqbal said the develop without education.

He noted that Pakistan had no shortage of talented youth, who have proven their mettle in the field of information technology globally.

The minister said that it was the responsibility of the council to select the best experts, as "we have to not only educate the youth but also equip them with modern skills

He said Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif had directed that merit and transparency be ensured in the selection of the chairman of the NCEAC and that talented youth be included on a merit basis by adopting with the jewel of education international standards.



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

## **CDA chairman for** strict monitoring of dengue breeding spots

ISLAMABAD (APP): there is increase in the num-Chairman Capital Develop- ber of dengue cases in the ment Authority (CDA) coming days.

ISLAMABAD: Chairman National Disaster Management Authority Lieutenant General Inam Haider Malik presenting souvenirs to Chief Minister Gilgit-Baltistan Haji Gulbar Khan during his visit to NDMA Headquarters.

## PDI takes serious steps to curtail intestinal worms in children: Zoraiz Riaz

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Pakistan, which grapples

with political instability and

the absence of economic

development. He high-

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cal stability, economic

progress and investments

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remain unattainable.

ISLAMABAD (APP): Asst. Chief Health Ministry of Planning & Develop-ment, Zoraiz Riaz, said on Tuesday that the children in Pakistan are suffering from intestinal worms due education departments, he to poor sanitation and hy-

news channel, he described lion school-aged children in that the worms are para- 47 districts of Pakistan are

The Pakistan Deworming Initiative (PDI) is led by the Ministries of Planning, Education, and Health in collaboration with provincial health and

tended by President PAL A 2016-2017 survey Talking to a private found that around 17 mil-

PAL bids farewell to retired colleagues

SLAMABAD (APP): Pa kistan Academy of Letters (PAL) on Tuesday orgapresent nized a ceremony to honour its retired colleagues who completed their tenure. The ceremony was at

Dr Najeeba Arif, Director General Sultan Nasir and other colleagues.

emphasized that all police officers should work to integrate educated youth into the police force, ensuring that merit remains a prior-

1tv IG Islamabad also chaired a meeting at Safe City Islamabad, where he reviewed the performance of the Safe City depart-

sites, which live in human intestines for food and survival

They consume nutrients meant for the human body and cause blood loss, poor nutrition, and stunted growth, he added.

He said that the government, with support from the World Health Organization (WHO), is working to solve this problem based approach and a health across the country.

nior Advisor on SDGs at

the United Nations Devel-

(UNDP), Dr. M. Aman

Ullah on Tuesday said it

was crucial for think tanks

to maintain independence

and avoid politicization

through ensuring diversified

funding sources, transpar-

ency in operations, inde-

pendent peer review and re-

validation, and public dis-

course of its research find-

ings. The Sustainable De-

velopment Policy Institute

(SDPI) held an insightful

Policy Research Clinic on

the pivotal role of think

tanks in government

policy-making, led by Dr. M. Aman Ullah, Senior

Advisor on SDGs at the

United Nations Develop-ment Programme (UNDP).

"Which are the Star Think

Tanks for a Government:

Listening from an Insider,"

shed light on the significance

The session, titled

Programme

opment

Dr. Najiba Arif praised the retirees for their dediat risk of intestinal worm cation and hard work, sayinfections and need annual ing, "You have given the treatment, he further inbest years of your life to the Academy." She empha-He disclosed that, unsized the importance of inder the Pakistan Deworm-

stitutions over individuals. ing Initiative, more than 25 stating, "Our aim should be million children have been the empowerment of institutions for social and na-He said that the protional purposes.' gram operates using two

Sultan Nasir paid tribute to the outgoing officials, especially Malik Mehr Ali, for their services.

#### **Experts advocate for better Rashidi visits** funding, transparency **National Book** Foundation

ISLAMABAD (APP): Member National Assem-ISLAMABAD (APP): Se- of think tanks in shaping bly (MNA) Mehtab Akbar public policy and the chal Rashidi visited the National lenges they face in influenc-Book Foundation (NBF) on ing government actions. Tuesday. policy-making, and legisla-She was received by

Murad Ali Mohmand, In his lecture, Dr. M Managing Director of the Aman Ullah emphasized the NBF, along with other officritical role think tanks play cials including Naeem in government decision-Khan, Nazia Rehman, Asad making, particularly in

Rasool Nagra, and Aftab complex environments like Ahmed During her visit, Ali Mohmand briefed Rashidi on the aims and objectives of the NBF, highlighting the institution's academic and literary activities, including textbook development and publication. MNA Rashidi appreciated the efforts to promote book culture and

Advisor underscored the importance of think tanks praised the work done by in bridging the gap between the NBF. policy formulation and She also toured the implementation, especially National Book Museum, in light of significant mile-Wall of Honors, Indonesian stones such as the Seventh Corner, and Bookshop, and NFC Award and the 18th recorded her comments in

Book Museum

the visitor's book at the



ISLAMABAD: Chief Commissioner Islamabad and Chairman CDA Muhammad Ali Randhwa presiding over the meeting regarding measures taken for the prevention of Dengue.

## **Senate Committee** body on Parliamentary **Affairs convenes**

**Independent Report** stating, "This is our insult. ISLAMABAD: The Senate The Election Commission Standing Committee on did not come here. The Chief Election Commis-Parliamentary Affairs convened today under the chairmanship of Senator Dr. Mohammad Humayun Mohmand. The meeting primarily focused on reviewing the total expenses Senator

During the proceed-ings, Senator Ali Zafar ex-

incurred by the Election Commission of Pakistan tration, noting, "The Elec-(ECP) for the financial year tion Commission has already 2024-25, including salaries informed the committees. We allocate 50 billion rupees to and other expenditures. the ECP, and yet we are unable to question them about pressed strong concerns, their expenditures."

#### truck driver. According to vision. If we cannot ask them questions, then which details, a truck driver approached NHMP and said committee is responsible?" that while changing the truck Ĥumayun Mohmand voiced his frustyre near Colonel Sher Khan's interchange, he left the site and after some while realized that an amount of from him during his stay.

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envisaged by the MoFEPT

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Pakistan's most es-

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from government col-

leges across the

Islamabad Capital Terri-

This event has been

## **Interactive sessions held** on 2nd day of Education **Information Fair**

tions

during the second day of the Education Information is being held from 2nd to 14th September for inter-These sessions covmediate students of public

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

Fair.

tory (ICT) to provide vi-Many students extal guidance on univerpressed their gratitude for sity admissions eligibility criteria, scholarship the comprehensive support opportunities and tips and clarity provided during the fair. on test preparation.

(NHMP) officials found sioner and the members are and handed over a lost under parliamentary superamount of Rs 50,000 to a

Muhammad Ali Randhawa on Tuesday emphasized the need for thorough monitoring of potential breeding spots for dengue.

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

It was highlighted in the briefing that the total number of reported cases this year is lower as compared to the same period ast year

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

The meeting also considered acquiring the services of the additional enstrengthen Islamabad's capacity for surveillance if Rawalpindi.

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

efforts. The meeting was attended by the senior officomologists to further ers from the district administrations of Islamabad and



Rs 50,000 had dropped ISLAMABAD: A view of traffic jam at Constitution Avenue due to VVIP movement in the Federal Capital.

## **PIDE's 4th RASTA conference** sparks innovative solutions for Pakistan's bright future

Independent Report

ISLAMABAD: A two-day Research for Social Transformation and Advancebrought together 17 rement (RASTA) conference, search teams to present organized by the Pakistan Institute of Development their findings, fostering an Economics (PIDE) started extensive knowledge nethere on Tuesday to showwork and promoting highcase pivotal research findquality, evidence-based ings in critical sectors like policy research. Dr Nadeem Ul Haque, Chaireducation, healthcare, exports and investment. man of RASTA and Vice-Chancellor of PIDE, em-

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

the mental health and well-Project Director Dr being of healthcare profes-Faheem Jehangir presented a detailed RASTA Progress sionals, the potential of Report, highlighting that Pakistan's IT industry for the conference would feasoftware export growth, and the impact of governture five technical sessions ment policies on olive proand two showcase ses-

sions, covering topics such duction. as food and agriculture, fis-

of research in policy devel-

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cal management, and more.

In addition to the technical sessions, the confersessions ence included showcase sessions highlighting significant projects, such as improvements in Pakistan's electricity billing system and findings from the 2024 round of the Pakistan Panel Household Survey (PPHS). Dr Haque elabo-Survey rated on RASTA's mission, describing it as Pakistan's phasized the essential role largest and most comprehensive social sciences reopment. He noted that the search network, dedicated conference featured presento bridging the gap between tations of cutting-edge reresearch and policy to ensearch, including studies on hance public policy and guide government decision-making. The first session of the conference, titled "Education and Healthcare," featured an array of critical insights into the challenges and opportunities within pharmaceutical.

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

ISLAMABAD (APP): In a significant effort The representatives from to bridge the gap between the renowned universities aspiring students and presconducted an interactive tigious higher education institutions, a groundbreaking session with the students Education Information Fair

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**OPINION** 

#### Daily **Independent** Quetta

# Daily Joice of Masse Independent Wednesday September 04, 2024

#### The way out

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

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

The PTI has once again ruled out the possibility of talks with the government. The snub came in response to a proposal made by PML-N chief Nawaz Sharif for an allparties effort to pull the country out of its crises. The PTI's position is that it does not see the PML-N or its allies in the coalition government as legitimate counterparties because Hindutva's love of Hitler it believes they won through a rigged election. Instead, the has defined India's recent PTI only wishes to speak to policy preferences. the security establishment, ond term for Donald S. Jaishankar said India which, paradoxically, it also Trump in 2020 was of a would respond in kind to repeatedly condemns as the lim politics. India's remain force behind its ongoing victimisation. But if the PTI is willing to let bygones be bygones when it comes to the armed forces, why can it not extend the same courtesy to its rival parties, which, for all their flaws, represent the people of Pakistan? For this, it has no reasonable answer. Meanwhile, the PML-N and its allies continue to dig deeper into the hole. Once seen as tion. According to the the protectors of Pakistan's Asian Development Bank, heatwave days in democratic order, they have lately defaulted to using <sup>Bank</sup>, neatwave days in <sup>Bank</sup>, neatwave days in Pakistan increased by 31 days annually between 1980 and 2007, with scorched-earth tactics in their desperation to keep the PTI ing by one degree Celsius. out of power. In April 2022, when they ousted the PTI government over its oppressive new reality. Despite this, policies, few would have expected they would midwife ingly inactive. With cli-Pakistan's rapid slide towards mate risks now the norm, the education ministries totalitarianism. Yet here we are, with each up, take decisive action, day bringing with it a new scheme to thwart the Supreme Court or subvert the consti- ingerisis. tutional order. Due to their clumsy wielding of power, they have made it progressively more difficult for all stakeholders to retreat from their positions. For instance, negotiation and dialogue would have seemed much more plausible inadequate infrastructure, had the government kept its with many schools lack-ing proper ventilation and distance from the persecution of political opponents and refused to upend democratic sluggish, relying on temprinciples in exchange for retaining power. There are now only difficult ways out of this mess. Politics requires compromise. Till the civilian leadership accepts this, nothing can be expected to change.

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

the solution Current location: In the minds of the boomers and Gen X ruling the roost in the land of the pure Over the weekend, a

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

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

away And not just because ceration but because of return, the newspapers the him but that he was acquit-who the 'student' he next day reported that "a ted by the courts, he was cesses

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

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

But to return to the ofessor

He spent hours at two police stations, was then released after which he proceeded to speak publicly about the matter before the university syndicate. And how his 'arrest' (or was it a detention?) meant he was unable to on X just couldn't look voice his views during the syndicate meeting. And he And not just because wasn't wrong — because of the professor's incar-

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

The arrested professor

In some of the reports, the judge remained nameless while in others the cancellation was reported without any official confirmation. The ever-reliable zarai or 'sources' come to the rescue of those who matter. That the degree was revoked without the 'student' having been given the opportunity to defend himself is perhaps a minor issue. Very minor. To some extent, none

of this was surprising. The manipulation by those in power is now about as subtle as Mr Bean's expressions or Joan Rivers' cosmetic procedures. And yet, some think

they can explain it away. So the next day, the police in Karachi put out a tweet (remember the app is

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

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

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

In Islamabad, parliawanted to give the indementary sessions are called abruptly, with much pendent members in parspeculation over the liament to be given the agenda. As the governchance to join PTI, the ment looks away, lone rangnew laws passed by our ers in parliament, many of legislators say members can't make this choice afthem newbies who are quick to please, present ter three days. Another complicated legislative new eager beaver has presented a bill, which as bills, as private members' bills. The government minlaw, will give the governisters bat their evelashes ment power to move like innocent Disney prinwhile

backbenchers on the treajudges happen to include the one with the "fake sury benches along with allies all decide to vote for degree" or "dual nationbills. Because the legislaality" it will be another tion put together by indicoincidence. viduals was so brilliant, it And why shouldn't the people believe it? Afwas backed by all other individuals who just happen ter all, there was no ban

on X for the longest; there was no firewall or 'fibre wall' slowing down If these bills happen to deal with difficult decithe internet, till one day a sions or judges who are web management system causing a few headaches was being upgraded to some people somewhich then gave way to bad, bad VPNs slowing where on elections, and related matters, what a codown the internet. But incidence. Just like a meetthen it turned out the cables had been damcute sets up for a rom-com which will lead to happily aged. The issue will be ever after and a couple of fixed in October, though hours of oblivion for the this remains subject to viewers. No one is there to further updates. look for loopholes.

So if the judiciary

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

The boomers and Gen X have gone delulu, convinced that they will make it eventually by faking it. The rest of us judges from one high watch on, knowing no the court to another. If these one has a solulu.

our common challenge.

#### **Stop fearing ordinary** people

#### Jawed Naqvi

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

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

in the Modi foreign policy, governor of Jammu and according to Noorani sahib, was the lure of acceptance with the Indian

Asia neighbourhood appear in this preordained

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

minister's remarks, reportedly made at a private event last week, were said to re-frame the country's

Kashmir, once closely allied with PM Modi. have learnt to take such claims with a pinch of salt. S. Jaishankar also said India would yield to positive gestures from across the border. That's a relief. Given that the current ruling dispensation in Pakistan is also known to take its cue from Washing-

ton, there should be room for some kind of rapprochement between the leaders who belong to the same international corner. Except that with his vague remarks, the foreign minister has added needless mystery to the suspense about whether Modi would attend the Shanghai club's summit in Islamabad in October or indirect imports of Russian oil refined in India. We have been waiting for skip it as he did with the one in July in Kazakhstan. a follow-up on the story

had no axe to grind with New Delhi over Kashmir or any other dispute that Pakistan obviously does. Yet Modi didn't go to power deal with Dhaka was struck with the Adani group whereby electricity produced allegedly with imported dirty coal in Jharkhand would be sold to Bangladesh. The Adani group has

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

tipathy in his country towards India One had asked a similar question of former military ruler Gen H.M. Ershad in 1997. Ershad was the host of the first Saarc summit in Dhaka in 1985 I asked him the rea-

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

moving our governments from the frame in dealing with each other in South Asia. What you would find are ordinary people from a different stratosphere. Like the one shared by the javelin heroes of the two countries whose mothers told us son for hosting the dispar- ever so movingly that they Noorani's radar in assess- ate group and then setting prayed for Arshad Nadeem

#### diaspora, chiefly the type managed and plied by Hindutva's overseas infrastructures. The Howdy Modi element has thus remained a mainstay of the ideological posture? "The era of uninter-

foreign

closer scrutiny reveals that the embargoed trade suited the West in a duplicitous way given that substantial quantities of refined petroleum from Russian oil treated in Indian refineries were destined for European markets. The BBC did once report that the UK government was looking into the "loophole" about its

Now, Kazakhstan has

by the outlet ever since. The government's unusual business interests had somehow

One can't be faulted for concluding that India thinks hard about being on a diplomatic circuit if it has the potential to rile its Western minders. It has been argued that India kept the Russian oil imports going, which de-served to be hailed as a brave and defiant stand. A

should

have more than one reason to skip an international gathering, particularly if led by China or

## **Schools and climate**

#### **Dure Sameen** Akhund

As a mother of two school-going children, the record-breaking heatwave experienced in Karachi this year has heightened my concern about the

growing impact of climate change on our children's health, safety, and educacoastal temperatures ris-Pakistan's temperature rise is set to exceed the global average, making this relentless heat our educational institutions have remained disturband schools must step

and ensure our children have a safe and supportive learning environment in the face of this escalat-

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

changes. The 2022 floods destroyed over 30,000 schools, underscoring the vulnerability of our educational infrastructure. This crisis is an opportunity to rebuild climate-resilient schools. We must

implement a uniform is a cost-effective way for building code that schools to enhance the prioritises climate adaplearning environment, tation — improving venwhile fostering ecological awareness among stutilation, installing reflective roofs, and creating dents

shaded areas. Schools lead in sustainability by adopting solar panels, which reduce energy costs, cut reliance on non-renewable sources, and ensure power during outages, providing a more comfortable learning environment for our children.

The National Climate Change Policy adopted in 2021 overlooks the impact of climate change on educational institutions, leaving them without clear guidelines for adapting to rising temperatures and extreme weather. This gap highlights the urgent need for the climate change and education ministries to collaborate on long-term strategies that go beyond short-term solutions like reduced school hours or rainy sea-

son closures, which disrupt education. Private schools should engage consultants to develop sustainable plans that address climate risks and protect the education and well-being of our future generations. All education minis-

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

The standard school uniform needs a redesign to suit the hotter climate. Lightweight, breathable fabrics and mandatory caps during peak summers should become standard to enhance student comfort and safety. Schools must ensure that

uniform vendors meet quality standards to protect all students adequately. Schedu-ling school activities also requires immediate revision. Out-do--or sports and other activities should be held during cooler parts of the day to minimise heat-rel-a-ted illnesses. Scho-ols can enhance outdoor areas by pla---nting trees and ins-talling canopies to provide ample sha-de, ensuring a safer environment for students. Curriculum reforms

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

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

parts of the judiciary. This is unsurprising as their quick disposal may cause a political

portedly. Ergo: India can edly underpinned the documentary on Saarc policy towards the unsponsored by the Indian popular and autocratic Ministry of External Af-Hasina Wajed government fairs. "We were all allergic narrowness with which

Modi

eluded

As Noorani sahib would say, the bonding was the missing antidote to the

in Bangladesh. A contro-versial coal-fired thermal come together to deal with separate from each other.

# **Election imbroglio**

looking PML-N setup.

ment. The fundamental

logic governing Pakistan is

This would not just

#### Dr Niaz Murtaza

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

Balochistan tribunals alone have decided 14 of them. But tribunals in Islamabad and Punjab — Supreme Court chief justhe sites of the most serious rigging charges and handling nearly 50 per cent of the 377 national and provincial petitions plans to retain the current against 36pc of all assem-CJP to protect its interbly seats — have decided ests. The new CJP may only one case. They have not nix the 2024 polls dibeen largely inoperative rectly, as some fear, but due to disputes between by acting quickly on the the executive, ECP and tribunals and reserved courts over their formaseats issues, he may open tion. Common sense and the floodgates that justice say that since the quickly drown the sorryexecutive and ECP stand accused of rigging, high be a blow for the PML-N

courts must decide this matter. Yet, the matters but also for the establishdrag on in the SC and IHC strangely even after months. Thus, the deadline

the unwritten law that evfor petitions' disposal ery institution and law, will be violated in most including Constitution, cases. Such delays are courts, ECP, executive, routine in Pakistan. Howparliament, bureaucracy, ever, delays this time are media and civil society more iffy as in many can be manipulated or cases, the rigging charges damaged to give even taccentre simply on the ECP tical gains to the estabhaving doctored the conlishment. If the new CJP solidation in Form 47 to takes over and acts freely, change the Form 45 reone may see a ferocious sults issued by each pollreaction. Thus, the coming station for a seat. ing months may see much Such a simple matter mayhem. should have taken two to three weeks to resolve for first elections to be all cases. That it remains rigged. The 2018 ones in limbo even after were rigged too, though months suggests foul not as badly as 2024. But play and foot dragging by the 2018 rigging had its the ECP, executive, the own significance as it invisibly omnipresent escame after two relatively

fair polls (2008 and tablishment and even 2013). That had given hope to diehard democrats that we are finally seeing the political le-

earthquake. PTI-backed gitimacy that may lead candidates have filed the to political stability, semost petitions: 188 or curity and economic progress. Yet, that was nearly 50pc of all petitions, including 76 for nanot to be and now we are tional and 72 for Punjab so far from all those outassemblies. Smaller procomes that it is hard to gressive parties have peeven see a U-turn back to them in the foreseetitions too. There are also able future. And then the contested reserved there are numerous earseats that rightfully are lier polls rigged by the PTI's. If all these issues are justly resolved, the powers that be against only one rigged by civilrigged centre and Punjab ians (1977). The victim set-ups led by the uncleniece Sharifs may quickly parties in one election have often been aggresfold. The key person for resolving matters is the sors/victors in others, like PTI and PML-N, with tice. That is why we see but the establ-ishment always the tornado of gossip enbeing the real covert gulfing Islamabad about the PML-N's devious winner.

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

not its Constitution but Our four partly fair polls ('71, '88, '08 and 13) were all held after each of the three eras of open establishment rule for around a decade each that hugely damaged us and there was immense foreign, domestic and even pressure within the ranks for it to quit poli-

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

These are not the Thus, the time is ripe for civil society actors to organise themselves to put pressure on the three major and other parties to stop being pawns and sign charters of democracy and governance to keep the establishment out and deliver civilian sway and able rule

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# **CM KP Gandapur approves** implementation of APS project

PESHAWAR (APP): In a landmark move towards transforming the social protection regime in the province, Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Sardar Ali Amin Khan Gandapur has approved the proposed strategy for implementing the Adaptive Social Protection (APS) Project of the provincial government and authorized Planning & the Development Department to enter into an agreement with the concerned

(GIZ) for this purpose. regard held here at the well as institutionalizing studying Minister's Chief

Secretary Home and Integrated Social Protection Principal Secretary to Information System (Data Chief Minister Centre) would be Muhammad Abid Majeed, Additional Chief Secretary P&D Syed Imtiaz Hussain Shah, SMBR Ikramullah Khan, administrative about the initiatives, secretaries of the programs and activities concerned departments, and other relevant officials social welfare sectors. attended the meeting. Simil The Adaptive Social legal Similarly, developing a

framework Protection project, to be governance implemented with the coordination mechanisms, technical assistance of and a monitoring and GIZ, aims to strengthen evaluation framework are development partner the social protection also among the important system with a special focus features of the project. He was chairing an on improving linkages Apart from this, research important meeting in this among relevant sectors as would be conducted on well as institutionalizing studying poverty the use of social protection dynamics and vulnerability Secretariat on Tuesday. Additional Chief Under this project, an based planning.

and

HYDERABAD: View of stagnant floodwater and destruction after flash flood caused by heavy downpour of monsoon season, showing the negligence of concerned authority, at Sehrishnagar area in Hyderabad.

#### **Mayor Karachi Rahmatul Lilaalameen** moot to be observed with **Faryal Talpuron** religious fervor: Minister

PESHAWAR (APP): Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Minister for Hajj, Auqaf Religious, and Minority Affairs Sahibzada Adnan Qadri has said that the Rahmatul National Lilaalameen Conference will be celebrated with religious fervor, dignity, devotion and respect.

He expressed these views while presiding over the National Rahmatul meeting at his office here.

take special interest in the

various arrangements and KARACHI (APP): Mayor activities related to Ushra Karachi Barrister Murtaza Rehmatul Lilaalameen Wahab on Tuesday Mahfil Qaraat, Naat informed Pakistan Peoples Khwani, and important Party's Women Wing decisions were also taken President and Member of in this regard. It was the Provincial Assembly decided that regular Mahfil Qaraat and Naat Khwani Faryal Talpur about the competitions would be ongoing development held at each district projects in Karachi. division, and provincial Murtaza congratulated MNA Faryal

level before the National Rahmatul Lilaalameen Lilaalameen Conference Conference. Provincial minister directed the The meeting was concerned authorities to

Khwaani celebrations by

Later, while talking to

the media, Senator Qurat-

and everyone had put in

Handing Over of 2800 Tyvek Suits and PCR Tests Kits

LAHORE: Punjab Ministers for Health Khawaja Salman Rafique and Khawaja Imran Nazeer receiving Tyvek Suits from World Health Organization for Rescuers.

# **Governor Kundi underscores** concerning law and order in southern districts

PESHAWAR Khyber Governor Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi on Tuesday underscored the concerning state law and order in the province, which has particularly affected the southern districts.

In a meeting with former federal minister Saleem Saifullah Khan Governor Faisal Karim Kundi emphasized the necessity of better law and order situation for the development of the province.

MULTAN (APP): Chairperson of Chief Minister's Inspection

Surveillance and Special

Monitoring Unit Babar

Alawdin called on Additional Chief Secretary

Fuad Hashim Rabbani after

visiting the South Punjab

Secretariat here on

the both agreed on evolving

a mechanism to promote

tourism in South Punjab,

particularly focusing on

potential of events like

Cholistan Desert Jeep

Rally, Thal Jeep Rally,

water sports in Panjnad,

In brief conversation,

for

Team

Tuesday

They also discussed the political situation and from center and said that the province is not Pakhtunkhwa, especially receiving its constitutional

share of electricity, gas, and oil

He stressed the need for a unified political front to advocate for these rights.

Saleem Saifullah Khan commended the Governor's efforts to unite political parties, involve vouth in consultative processes, empower women, and promote be sports.

He praised the Governor's dynamic and hardworking approach.

He suggested the initiation of small dam projects in the southern districts, such as in Kurrar Tangi and Tank Zam.

#### LDA seals 40 properties

LAHORE (APP): Lahore Development Authority in Multan and forts and (LDA) teams, in an on going operation against commercialization fee During the meeting, defaulters, sealed another Babar Alawadin stated that 40 properties here in resolving public issues Gulshan Ravi and Shadman was a top priority of the on Tuesday.

Acting on the directives of LDA Director General Tahir Farooq, action was taken against properties including electronic shops, private offices, schools, paint shops, workshops, shops, furniture stores, and others. The sealed properties

and the Multan Chamber of Commerce. Fuad Rabbani shared had outstanding commercial fee payments had outstanding

that the new secretariat, amounting to millions of constructed on 504 runees

Talented youth,'a valuable asset of country': Maryam

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CM Maryam Nawaz

Senior Provincial

Chairperson Task Force on

Skills Development MPA

Adnan Afzal Chatha

Marriyum

and

LAHORE (APP): Punjab She was also apprised on Chief Minister Maryam complete roadmap of Nawaz Sharif has said that Punjab Skills Development talented youth is a valuable Fund in this regard. asset of any country.

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Chairing a review was apprised that 'Chief meeting on matters related Minister Internship Program' has been started Punjab Skills Development Fund in in Punjab. She was further order to make youth a briefed that admission to productive human courses for internships and resource, here on Tuesday, IT skills has been made the CM said youth will be merit-based for youth. trained in modern market-Minister driven technologies to excel

in global job market. Through Punjab Skills Development Fund, youth will be guided on the path of financial independence, she added

by

attended the meeting. Principal Secretary to CM The CM was briefed Sajid Zafar Dal, Secretary the authorities Implementation Danish concerned that youth will Afzal, CEO PSDF Ahmed be given IT skills and on-Haleem Khan and other job training through Punjab relevant officers were also Skills Development Fund. present.

Aurangzeb



Faisal Karim Kundi is called on by Federal Minister Saleem Saifullah Khan at Governor House.

## Law Minister chairs meeting on restorations of hospitals in Kohat

PESHAWAR (APP): Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Minister for Law and Parliamentary Affairs Aftab Alam Advocate has said that the concerned provincial government is attended the meeting. seriously working on the complete restoration of Sangherh and Police Hospitals in Kohat to ensure better health

Kohat Umar Khan, DHO Kohat, Medical Superintendents of DHQ and Liaquat Memorial Afridi Hospitals and other that the concerned officials

The meeting discussed the matters pertaining to complete restoration/rehabilitation of Sangerh and Police Hospitals and various

facilities to the people. He expressed these important decisions were

(APP): in the southern districts. During the meeting, Governor Kundi praised

the federal government's allocation of 19 billion rupees for the Chashma Lift Canal project, a long-

standing demand of the province He expressed gratitude to the Prime Minister for this allocation and promised that the would project

inaugurated this year. Governor Faisal Kundi emphasized the necessity of political unity to secure provincial rights

palaces of Bahawalpur,

Punjab chief minister.

Alawadin praised coherent role of the South

Punjab Secretariat in

ensuring timely completion

of development projects.

He commended the plan to

establish an IT Park in

collaboration with the

South Punjab Secretariat

said a handout.

public issues in Khyber **CM Inspection Team** 

chairperson visits Multan

Crime

attended by Secretary Auqaf Adil Siddiq, national Rahmat-ul-Administrator Hamid Lilaalameen Conference Gaghiani, and other Mahfil Qaraat and Naatofficers.

The meeting had a sincerely using all available resources.

## **PPP Senator visits** Sanghar to review post-rain situation

HYDERABAD (APP): with the current condition. Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) leader and Senator Qurat-ul-Ain Marri, ul-Ain Marri assured the accompanied by the public that they would Deputy Commissioner not be left alone during Sanghar Dr. Imran-uldifficult times. She Hassan Khowaja, visited stated that the team had various areas in the district worked diligently and and city of Sanghar to successfully drained 70 percent of the rainwater assess the situation following recent rains.

During her visit to significant effort and Gulshan-e-Kamal Colony, received prayers from the she expressed satisfaction



people.

**MULTAN: Chairman Chief Minister Directorate** of Evaluation Inspection and Monitoring Unit Brigadier (Retd) Babar Ala ud Din addressing a press conference at Circuit house.

### Anti-smog drive: **Over 4,000 vehicles** fined in August

response to increasing environmental concerns, Punjab Transport Minister Bilal Akbar Khan has directed a ramp-up of the anti-smog campaign across all districts. The campaign, supervised by Secretary of Transport Ahmad Javed Qazi and Secretary of the Punjab Transport Authority (PTA) Faisal Sultan, has seen significant enforcement actions. Secretary Faisal Sultan reviewed reports from all Regional Transport overloading, Authorities (RTAs) on actions taken in August. According to the report, approximately 78,000 operating without route.

LAHORE (APP): In vehicles were inspected between August 1 and 31 Out of these, 4,205 vehicles emitting excessive smoke were fined, and 1,260 vehicles were impounded. Additionally, around 3,000 vehicles operating without fitness certificates were fined. Over the course of the recent anti-smog operations, more than Rs 9.3 million fines have been imposed. Other enforcement actions include fines foi with

approximately

3,000 vehicles, and 2,363 vehicles were penalized for against institutions.

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

also

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

briefs MNA

development

projects

Talpur on performing

Umrah and presented her

The Mayor Karachi

with flowers.

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

#### Cybercrime case: Court dismisses bail

#### plea of Orya **Maqbool** Jan LAHORE (APP): A

sessions court on Tuesday dismissed bail petition of former bureaucrat and senior analyst Orya Maqbool Jan in a cybercrime case registered the Federal by Investigation Agency (FIA).

Additional District and Sessions Judge Rafaqat Ali Qamar heard the postarrest bail petition of the senior analyst.

Earlier, Jan's counsel, Mian Ali Ishfaq, argued before the court that the FIA had registered a case against his client based on

mere assumptions. He submitted that the agency did not have any evidence Outburst Floods (GLOF) he said. The Chief against his client, and no recovery was made from Secretary underscored the him. He pleaded with the urgency of completing the court to grant bail to his restoration work before client, as his custody was the onset of winter, no longer required for ensuring that communities

investigations. in these valleys remain However, the FIA's connected through restored prosecutor opposed the bail petition and requested the court to dismiss it.

The court, after hearing detailed arguments from both parties, reserved its verdict for a short while. Later, announcing the verdict, the court dismissed the bail petition of Orya Maqbool Jan.

The FIA had registered a case against the analyst on charges of spreading religious hatred and making statements

Fort Munro, Sufi tourism kanals of land at a cost operation.



LAHORE: Group photo of the participants with Dr. Samia Raheel Qazi from the Hijab Ceremony on the occasion of International Hijab Day organized by Jamaat-e-Islami Pakistan Women's Department at the press club of the provincial capital.

## **CS KP Aslam directs** accelerated restoration of roads in Chitral, Kumrat

PESHAWAR (APP): Chief roadways. Secretary Khyber He co

instructed

Works

valleys.

He commended the Pakhtunkhwa, Nadeem district administrations, Aslam Chaudhry on and rescue and line departments for their swift Tuesday chaired a review meeting wherein he rescue and relief efforts to support the affected the communities and tourists. Communications and

(C&W) In addition, the Chief Department to expedite the Secretary directed the restoration of link roads in district administration to Chitral and Kumrat develop a comprehensive plan for the rehabilitation These areas have been or relocation of households significantly affected by recent Glacier Lake affected in Upper and

Lower Chitral districts. During the meeting, the Chief Secretary also highlighted the need to address the educational demands of local communities in Upper Chitral, particularly regarding girls' higher education



preparing a large cargo ship.

views while chairing a high level meeting held in the chair directed the health regarding rehabilitation/ restoration of Sangerh and DDAC Kohat Shafiullah

office of Deputy department and the police Commissioner Kohat to prepare a viable action plan in this regard. The law minister maintained, with Police Hospitals. Chairman the complete rehabilitation of the above mentioned Jan MPA, Daud Afridi hospitals, the public will get the best health

## **E-transfer policy to** ensure impartiality, merit: Minister

PESHAWAR (APP): Provincial Minister for Education, Faisal Khan Tarakai on Tuesday said transfer would be made on that e-transfer policy has merit after approval of been launched to ensure transparency and impartiality in transfer procedure of teachers.

concerned forum. He said He was chairing a meeting that among others was attended by Secretary Masood Ahmad, Special Secretary,

that it would save time of teachers and they would be able to focus teaching in their respective schools. The meeting was told that all the arrangements have been completed for etransfer policy and vacant

The minister said that

teachers would apply

online for vacant posts and

posts would be uploaded on e-transfer portal by district education officer.



LAHORE: Punjab Information Minister Azma Bukhari inspecting the newly constructed building of DGPR. DGPR Dr. Shehnshah Faisal Azeem is also present.

## **GRSC-IoBM hosts** seminar on future of Pakistan-Bangladesh ties

Global and Regional Studies Center - the Institute of Business Management (IoBM) hosted a seminar on "Understanding Political Developments ın Bangladesh and the Future of Pakistan-Bangladesh Relations" here on Tuesday. The event brought together national experts in international relations who shared indepth discussions on Bangladesh's evolving

KARACHI (APP): The political landscape and its impact on relations with Pakistan, said a statement. Chairperson, Pakistan Institute of International Affairs Dr. Masuma Hasan, Executive Director, Center for International Strategic Studies Qazi Khalilullah, Dean, Faculty of Architecture and Sciences at NED University Professor Noman Ahmed, Advisor to the Sindh Ombudsman Rafiuzzaman Siddiqui, and Head of the International Relations Department.

fruit and vegetable markets is also underway to prevent any malpractices. Administrative officers are ensuring the

sale of fruits, vegetables, and bread at government approved prices. All stalls and shops are being instructed to prominently display the rate list, and strict action is being taken against those failing to comply.

official rates. Supervision of the auction process in

official prices, the Price Control Magistrates have conducted inspections at 943 locations, leading to the arrest of six individuals for overpricing fruits, vegetables, and other essential items.

significant move to enforce

Deputy Lahore Commissioner (DC) Syed Musa Raza told media on Tuesday that six cases have been registered for violations of government set prices. Furthermore. fines totaling Rs 1.4 million have been imposed for 168 instances of noncompliance.

The DC emphasized that Price Control Magistrates and Assistant

Commissioners are actively

ensuring adherence to

Six arrested, Education, six cases Qaisar Alam, Additional registered for Secretary, Fayaz Alam and concerned officials. overpricing essentials LAHORE (APP): In a

MPA, Tehsil Chairman Gumbat Sajid Iqbal, DPO facilities. Daily Aoice of Masse, Quetta

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

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



# <u>NA told</u> Plan devised to bring barren land for cultivation under **Green Pakistan Initiative**

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

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

He said it would a joint venture and so far constructed. It would amendment.

Punjab and Sindh have consist of 176 km long transferred land. However, Cholistan Canal and 120 other provinces and Gilgit- km Marur Canal, he Baltistan have not yet added. transferred land.

The minister said a that water distribution in company has also been the said canals would be registered under green purely met through the initiatives. Under the plan, share of respective provinces and Indus River 40 per cent revenue each would be given to the System Authority (IRSA) respective province and would issue proper investors while remaining certificate in this regard. 20 per cent revenue would The Cholistan Canal

be purely specified for would get water for four months from share of research and development Punjab province while for He said required 2 months it would feed irrigation water for the through flood water, he

scheme would be provided said. Responding to a point raised by Syed Naveed from share of the respective province. Around 400,000 acres command area would Qamar, the minister said come under the Cholistan the federal government scheme in Punjab, he said. could not ask from the He said the project provinces about their water share distribution in would cost Rs 211 billion under which 296 kilometer their respective provinces long canal would be after the 18th constitutional



PBC launched in Sharjah to enhance Pak-UAE economic, investment cooperation

Pakistani

Chamber.

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Sharjah Chamber of Commerce and Industry General (SCCI) has officially launched the Pakistan Business Council in Sharjah, aimed at expanding economic cooperation between the business communities of in the Emirates and Pakistan.

This initiative aims to

boost trade and investment exchanges, capitalize on available opportunities for mutual benefit, and contribute to the growth of the private sector while enhancing its role in comprehensive economic development, according to a press release received here Tuesday. Held at

SCCI's headquarters, the inauguration ceremony was attended by Abdallah Sultan Al Owais, Chairman of the Sharjah Chamber of Commerce, and Industry; Faisal Niaz Tirmizi, Ambassador of Pakistan in the UAE, and Waleed Abdul Rahman Bukhatir, Second Vice Chairman of the Sharjah Chamber, Hussain Muhammad, Consul General Pakistan along with key members of the Chamber's Board of

Directors. Also present were cross-border partnerships Mohammad Ahmed Amin among entrepreneurs and

General of SCCI; strengthening investment

## **Finance Minister discusses** investment opportunities with FLSmidth's Global CEO

Abdulaziz Al Shamsi, Assistant Director-Federal Minister for for Finance and Revenue, Communication and Business Sector at SCCI; Fatema Khalifa Al Senator Aurangzeb here on Tuesday held a meeting Muqarrab, Director of International Relations Department at SCCI, and with Mikko Keto, Global Chief Executive Officer (ECO) of FLSmidth, a Syed Muhammad Tahir, leading global provider of Chairman of the Founding engineering and equipment Committee of Pakistan for the mining and cement Business Council, as well industries. as representatives of the

The meeting was also business attended by Ambassador of community in Sharjah. Denmark, Jakob Linulf, In his remarks, Abdallah Sultan Al Owais senior officials from FLSmidth and the Finance affirmed that launching the Division, according to Pakistan Business Council press release issued by in Sharjah marked a finance ministry. significant new addition to The Finance Minister the network of business

councils operating under the umbrella of the Sharjah Rs 23 bln USF, **Rs 3.960 bln** These councils offer ideal platforms for **Ignite budgets** 

companies to connect, approved collaborate, and form winwin partnerships that ISLAMABAD (APP): The Universal Service benefit everyone involved, he added Fund Committee approved a budget of Rs. 23 billion for

and

release.

He further noted that the new council was a key part of SCCI's strategy to expand the number of business councils and capitalize on their role in enhancing economic collaboration, fostering

Al Awadi, Director- investors,

ISLAMABAD (APP): emphasized Pakistan's state focusing on creating

strategic shift towards an export-led growth model Muhammad at ensuring aimed sustainable economic development across various sectors. He also highlighted

the government's ongoing efforts in the form of comprehensive reforms in the energy and power sectors, privatization of state-owned enterprises,

and restructuring of the tax system and public expenditure. The minister underscored the

government's commitment sector-led growth, with the

business-friendly environment.

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



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

## **KP** govt to implement

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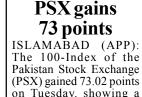
ISLAMABAD: Minister of State for IT and Telecommunication Ms. Shaza Fatima Khawaja chairs the 50th Universal Service Fund (USF) Policy Committee meeting.

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

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

essential financial services. In addition, the collaboration introduces an innovative RRBT (Reverse Ring Back Tone) loan recovery campaign, which will deliver personalized

more effective engagement.



on Tuesday, showing a positive change of 0.09

percent, closing at 8,356.32 points against 78,283.30 points on the last working day. A total of 436,672,976 shares were traded during the day as

shares the previous day.

compared to 457,280,204

This partnership milestone in the digital transformation of the nation's financial services, with the dual objectives of substantially enhancing customer engagement, and expanding digital literacy and inclusion, said a news release.

By synergizing their unique capabilities, this partnership will spearhead entrepreneurship initiative dedicated to empowering solutions. By drawing on female customers by providing them with essential digital assets.

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

#### This RRBT service, marks a significant while serving as a tool for payment reminders, also presents an opportunity to showcase MMBL's new products and services, cultivating a more informed and engaged customer base. Mujtaba, Kazim Consumer President Division

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**QUETTA: WAPDA Hydro Union Central Joint** 

President and Provincial Chairman, Muhammad

relatives.

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

Shipping activity at **Port Qasim** digital inclusion and entrepreneurship. This KARACHI (APP): Shipping activity was KARACHI initiative aligns with our new ServiceCo model and our broader vision of a digitally inclusive Pakistan.

report at the port where two ships, Meratus Jayawijaya and DSI Pyxis carrying Container and per cent during the first Coal, berthed at Qasim month of the current fiscal year (2024-25) compared International Container Terminal and Pakistan International Bulk Terminal respectively on Monday.

the month under review was recorded at \$290.962 Meanwhile four more ships, Ph Minh Giang, CP million against \$265.411 Shenzhen, New Levant and million last year showing 9.62 per cent growth, the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) reported. Clipper Kythira scheduled to load/offload River Sand, Cement, Peas and Coal are arrived at outer anchorage port during last 24 hours.

US were recorded at US A total of nine ships \$476.017 million during July (2024-25) against exports of US \$439.892 were engaged at PQA berths during the last 24 hours, out of them three

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

## **Pak-US trade witnesses** over 9% surplus in July

ISLAMABAD (APP): 5.16 per cent. Pakistan's goods and services trade with the United States (US) Meanwhile, on a month-on-month basis, the

exports to US rose by 7.26 witnessed a surplus of 9.62 per cent during July 2024 compared to the exports of \$443.789 million in June 2024, the SBP data to the corresponding revealed. month of last year. Ove

th of last year. Overall Pakistan's Trade surplus during exports to all other countries increased by 12.84 per cent in the first month, from US \$ 2.118 billion to US \$ 2.390 billion, the SBP data revealed. On the other hand, the imports from US into the country during the month under review was

recorded at US \$ 185.055 July (2024-25) against million against US status of US \$439.892 million during July (2023-24), showing an increase of cent in July (2024-25).

The committee also approved the release of the first quarter's budget for the current financial year, amounting to Rs. 5.5 billion, to the USF. USF PESHAWAR (APP): Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Minister for Agriculture Chief Executive Officer Chaudhary Mudassar Naveed briefed the meeting

on ongoing and future Sajjad Barkwal has said projects. that the provincial government would soon Shaza Fatima

Khawaja also presided over the 44<sup>th</sup> Ignite Policy Committee meeting, where Presiding over a review meeting of the Joint a budget of Rs. 3.960 billion for FY 2024-25 was approved for Ignite. Coordination Committee

(USF) Policy

the financial year 2024-25

during its 50th policy

chaired by Minister of

State for IT and

Telecommunication, Shaza

Fatima Khawaja, with

Secretary IT Azfar Manzoor also in

attendance, said a news

The meeting was

meeting on Tuesday.

Department here, he said **LESCO** chief that under the new policy, holds meeting the barren land would be made cultivable while on net metering additional suitable land LAHORE (APP): Lahore would be selected for the Electric Supply Company (LESCO) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Engineer Shahid Haider chaired a meeting to make the net metering process more transparent and easy here at LESCO Head Office on BEIJING Tuesday.

The CEO directed the officers concerned to put in place more effective measures to prevent corruption in the net metering process, adding that zero tolerance policy should be adopted to prevent corruption so as to provide complete facilities to customers regarding net metering.

Superintending Engineers (SEs), Executive Engineers (E-Xns) and SDOs (Sub-Division

10-year new agri policy to ensure food security

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ramzan Achakzai, along with others addresses to media persons during press conference held at Quetta press club. ships, Lusail.

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

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

milk business, a decision life-changing. "Initially, I struggled Nowshera district stands unemployment after reasonable income. out as a beacon of hope and completion of my Describing th resilience for many matriculation," Fawad business as unemployed youth. At just 28-year-old, with APP. "But diving into recounted in an interview the milk business was a turning point for me. It allowed me to earn a decent livelihood and support my

Milk Business: A key to alleviating poverty in rural areas of Pakistan PESHAWAR (APP): family, he ventured into the is then sold throughout the day, often extending into that has since proven to be the night. His dedication and hard work have paid with off, allowing him to earn a

Describing the milk business as highly profitable, Fawad said that he collects about 20 kilograms of milk daily, purchasing it at Rs200 per kilogram and selling it for Rs240 per kilogram family besides fulfilling the meaning by earning Rs40 education and other per kilogram. essential expenses of my

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

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

The overall exports to

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

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

played key role in alleviation of poverty, increase meat and milk

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

people and women.

production in the province. These gigantic projects include 'Poverty

Gul Bibi, a poor housewife and mother of nine children at village Chamkani, Peshawar is among thousands of poor road in Hyderabad.

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



# Daily A oice of Masse, Wednesday September 04, 2024 International News Quetta Israeli attacks in Gaza kill 35 **Palestinians but pauses allow** third day of polio vaccinations

#### Monitoring Desk

CAIRO: Israeli forces killed at least 35 Palestinians across Gaza on Tuesday as they battled Hamas-led militants, Palestinian officials said, but brief pauses in fighting allowed medics to conduct a third day of polio vaccinations for children.

Among those killed were four women in the southern city of Rafah and eight people near a hospital in Gaza City in the north, the Palestinian Civil Emergency Service said.

Later on Tuesday, an Israeli airstrike killed nine Palestinians inside a house near Omar Al-Mokhtar Street in the middle of Gaza City, medics said.

Another strike hit near a college in Sheikh Radwan, a northern suburb of the city. The Israeli military said the strike targeted Hamas militants operating from a command center embedded inside the former Nama College.

Others were killed in ahead of its targets for po the territory, medics said.

separate air strikes across lio vaccinations in Gaza on Tuesday, day three of a The Israeli military mass campaign, and had insaid it killed eight Palestinoculated about a quarter of ian gunmen, including a sechildren under 10. nior Hamas commander who

The campaign, which took part in the Oct. 7 atwas hastened by the distacks in Israel, at a command covery of the first polio centre near the Al-Ahli Arab case in a Gazan baby last Hospital in Gaza City. A month, relies on daily eightstatement said Ahmed Fozi hour pauses in fighting be-Nazer Muhammad Wadia tween Israel and Hamas had taken command of a militants in specific areas of "massacre of civilians carthe besieged enclave.

ried out by Hamas terror-Diplomatic efforts to secure a permanent ceasefire and release foreign ists" in Israel's Netiv HaAsara community near the Gaza border. There was and Israeli hostages held in no response from Hamas. Gaza and return many Pal-She now finds herself shelestinians jailed by Israel tering in classrooms instead have stalled, however.

of studying in them. The Israeli Prime Minisarmed wings of Hamas and ter Benjamin Netanyahu Islamic Jihad said they were said on Monday that Isbattling Israeli forces in the raeli troops would remain in the Philadelphi corridor Zeitoun suburb of Gaza City, and also in Rafah and on the southern edge of Gaza, one of the main Khan Younis in the south. Nevertheless, the sticking points in reaching

World Health Organization a deal to end the fighting (WHO) said that it was and return hostages.

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said on Tuesday.

Palestinians try to put out a fire at the site of an Israeli strike on a college sheltering displaced people, amid Israel-Hamas conflict, in the northern Gaza Strip.

Trump says he

had 'every right'

to interfere in

2020 election

**Monitoring Desk** 

WASHINGTON: For-mer

US President Donald

Trump, who faces federal

and state charges for alleg-

edly trying to overturn his

2020 election loss to Presi-

dent Joe Biden, insists he

had "every right" to inter-

fere in the election, while

repeating his claim the

criminal election interfer-

ence cases against him are

poll numbers go up. Who-

ever heard you get indicted

for interfering with a presi

dential election, where you

have every right to do it,

Four shot dead

on Chicago train

Monitoring Desk

WASHINGTON: Four

people were shot dead on a

train in the US city of Chi-

cago on Monday, with a suspect apprehended soon

where they found the four

victims. "Three were pro-

nounced dead on scene, the

fourth was transported to

you get indicted.

curred.

"It's so crazy, that my

politically motivated.

## **DR Congo jailbreak** attempt leaves 129 dead

2am which lasted for sev-Monitoring Desk KINSHASA: An at-tempted jailbreak from the eral hours in the area of the prison, a popular and resi-Democratic Republic of dential neighbourhood.

Democratic Republic Congo's largest prison has left at least 129 people dead of Congo Interior Minister and led to women being Jacquemain Shabani in a raped, the interior minister statement released by video on Tuesday announced a provisional death toll of 129 The circumstances around the bid to bust out people. They included "24 of the Makala prison in the who were shot after warncapital Kinshasa, which ings", he said. At least 59 others had been wounded holds 10 times the number and were receiving care, he it is meant to house, in the

said, adding that many people had been crushed or suffocated and that many women had been raped. **China school bus** 

# crashes into crowd, kills **11 including students**

**Monitoring Desk** BEIJING: A school bus ploughed into a crowd of people outside a middle school in eastern China on Tuesday, killing 11 parents and students, state media reported. State broadcaster CCTV said that the driver had "lost control" of the vehicle as it approached the school in Shandong province's Tai'an city at 7:27am. The bus ran into a group of parents and children on the side of the road, according to CCTV.

eral adults knelt over children and sprawled unmoving on the ground, while other people were heard screaming in the background. 'They're all dead, it's so

Lovola University Medical woman's voice was heard Center in Maywood, where saying off-camera in one they were later pronounced," a police stateclip of the aftermath of the ment said.



**Monitoring Desk** ULAANBAATĂR: Rus-sian President Vladimir Putin received a red carpet welcome on Tuesday on a state visit to Mongolia, whose failure to arrest him under a warrant from the International Criminal Court was criticised by Jkraine as a blow against justice. As he stepped out of his limousine in the capital Ulaanbaatar, Putin was greeted by his Mongolian counterpart Ukhnaagiin Khurelsukh in front of a row

with pointed tops.

and present him with flow-ers. An International Criminal Court arrest warrant issued last year against Putin obliges the court's 124 member states, including Mongolia, to arrest the Russian president and transfer him to The Hague for trial if he sets foot on

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their territory. Mongolia's failure to act on it was "a heavy blow to the International Criminal Court and the system of criminal law", Ukrainian Foreign Ministry spokes-person Heorhiy Tykhyi of ceremonial guardsmen on horseback wearing helmets said

"Mongolia has allowed an accused criminal The Kremlin leader stooped to kiss a young girl to evade justice, thereby who stepped forward to sharing responsibility for welcome him in Russian the war crimes.

Palestinian is safe under

### UN expert warns Israel's 'genocidal violence' may spread beyond Gaza

**Monitoring Desk** Israel's unfettered control. GENEVA: An independent Albanese, who is an inde-UN expert warned on Monday that Israel's pendent expert appointed by the UN Human Rights "genocidal violence" in Gaza risked spreading to Council but who does not speak on behalf of the other parts of the occupied United Nations, has repeat-Palestinian territory amid a large-scale military operaedly accused Israel of committing genocide in its con-

tion in the West Bank. Francesca Albanese, flict in Gaza. Violence has surged in the West Bank after the the United Nations special rapporteur on the rights situ-Hamas October 7 raid in ation in the Palestinian ter-Israel. Monday's statement ritories, warned in a statement that Israel's recent incame after days of surging tensification of its operations in the occupied West Bank, which is separated from Gaza by Israeli territory, marked "a dangerous escalation". "Israel's genocidal violence risks leaking out of Gaza and into the occupied Palestinian territory as a whole," she said.

after the mass shooting oc-"The writing is on the Police said they rewall, and we cannot consponded to an emergency tinue to ignore it. There is hotline call early on Monmounting evidence that no Palestinian territory. day morning, arriving at the Forest Park train station

violence, with the Ramallah-based Palestinian health ministry saying that at least 26 Palestinians had been killed since Wednesday when Israel launched simultaneous raids across the northern West Bank. Middle Eastern and Western governments, as well as UN officials, have called on Israel to end the large-scale operations in the

**IAEA chief meets** Ukrainian energy chiefs on way to nuclear plant

**Monitoring Desk** KYIV: UN nuclear agency chief Rafael Grossi met ahead of my ZNPP visit." Ukrainian energy officials on Tuesday before a planned

our support to Ukraine's NPPs (nuclear power plants)

Grossi said on X on Monday that he was on his way to the Zaporizhzhia

Russian President Vladimir Putin and Mongolian President Ukhnaagiin Khurelsukh attend an official welcoming ceremony in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.

buildings of the (Poltava

## Russian missile strike kills 41 people and wounds 180 in Ukrainian city of Poltava, Zelenskyy says

Monitoring Desk Military) Institute of Com-KYIV: Two Russian ballismunications was partially tic missiles struck a milidestroyed. People found tary training facility and themselves under the nearby hospital in a centraleastern region of Ukraine, rubble. Many were saved.' killing at least 41 people and vounding 180 others, posted on his Telegram President Ukrainian Volodymyr Zelenskyy said

Zelenskyy said in a video channel "All necessary ser-

Syria blast kills senior commander in Kurdish

security forces

Monitoring Desk BEIRUT: A war monitor said a senior commander from the security forces in northeast Syria's semiautonomous Kurdish-led administration was killed on Tuesday in a blast near

dent) has caused the deaths of 11 people, of whom six were parents and five were students," the broadcaster crash.

prison in Hasakeh prov-

early hours of Monday remain unclear. On Monday, witnesses told AFP they had heard gunfire at around

reported. It said that one other person was in a "critical" condition, while the vital signs of another 12 people were "stable". Photos and videos circulating on social media showed people in blood-soaked clothes lying in the road near a hulking grey bus. Sev-

"As of now, (the inciheartbreaking,'

Tuesday. The strike oc-curred in the city of rescue operation," he Poltava, the capital of the added. He said he had orregion of the same name, officials said. Poltava is located about 350 kilometers (200 miles) southeast of Kyiv. The city is on the main highway and rail route between Kyiv and Ukraine's second-largest city, Kharkiv, which is close to the Russian border.

The strike appeared to be one of the deadliest carried out by Russian forces medics saved 25 people, 11 since the war began more of them dug out from the than 900 days ago on Feb. rubble, a Defense Ministry 24, 2022. "One of the statement said.

## Wall Street slips at the start of a week full of economic updates

Monitoring Desk NEW YORK: U.S. stocks are sinking Tuesday ahead of a week full of updates on the economy's strength. The S&P 500 was

0.7% lower in early trading, coming off a winning week that had carried it to the cusp of its all-time high. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 167 points, or 0.4%, from its own record set on Friday before Monday's Labor Day holiday. The Nasdaq composite was 1.1% lower, as of 9:35 a.m. Eastern time.

Treasury yields were also sinking in the bond market ahead of a report coming later in the morn-ing on U.S. manufacturing. It's been one of the economy's areas hit hardest by high interest rates and has been contracting for most of the last two

dered "a full and prompt investigation" into what happened. Zelenskyy didn't provide any further details. The missiles hit shortly after the air raid alert sounded, when many people were on their way to a bomb shelter. Ukraine's Defense Ministry said describing the strike as "bar-

vatory for Human Rights said. baric "Rescue crews and

Worries about a slow-

ing U.S. economy helped

send stocks on a scary sum-

mertime swoon early last

month, but financial mar-

kets rebounded on hopes

that the Federal Reserve

could pull off a perfect land-

ing for the economy. After

jacking its main interest rate

to a two-decade high in

hopes of slowing the

high inflation, the Fed looks

later this month in hopes

economy needs include up-

dates on the number of job

were advertising at the end

of July and how strong U.S.

services businesses grew

last month

Other reports later

of avoiding a recession.

ince. "A commander in the Kurdish security forces was killed and another person was wounded" in an explosion near the prison in Umm Farsan on the outskirts of the city of Qamishli "at the same time as a Turkish drone was flying in the area", the Syrian Obser-

#### **Rebels use** drones to drop explosives on **Indian forces**

**Monitoring Desk** NEW DELHI: Insurgents in India's Manipur state have carried out a deadly attack on security forces, using drones to drop explosives in what police called a "significant escalation" of violence in the restive north-

eastern region. A 31-year-old women was killed and six people were wounded on Sunday in what police said was an unprecedented attack" by rebels who used drones to drop the heads of rocket-

propelled grenades. Fighting broke out in economy enough to stifle Manipur in May 2023 between the predominantly set to ease interest rates Hindu Meitei majority and mainly Christian Kuki community, an ethnic conflict that has since killed at this week that could show least 200 people. Rival mihow much help the litias have set up blockades in parts of the state, which

openings U.S. employers Myanmar. Longstanding tensions between the two groups revolve around competition for land and public jobs.

war-torn

borders

# rose to 71 on Tuesday with millions of people still stranded in devastated ar-

The floods, triggered weeks, causing widespread

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### Venezuelan judge issues arrest warrant for opposition's former presidential candidate

President Nicolás Maduro CARACAS: A Venezuelan had won a third six-year term in office. judge on Monday issued an

Authorities sought the arrest warrant for the warrant after González opposition's former presidential candidate Edmundo failed to appear three times to answer questions from González as part of a crimiprosecutors. González, 75. nal investigation into the has not made any public results of the highly anticiappearances since the day pated July election that after the election. His camboth the ruling party and paign did not immediately its opponents claim to have respond to a request for won. The warrant was iscomment from The Assosued at the request of auciated Press. Prosecutors thorities who accuse have zeroed in on thousands González, a former diploof tally sheets known as mat, of various crimes inactas - printouts measurcluding conspiracy, falsifying several feet that reing documents and usurpasemble shopping receipts — that have long been contion of powers. The move is the latest escalation of sidered the ultimate proof repression against the opof election results in Venposition in the month after election officials declared ezuela

More than 580,000 ginia, a giant awakens: the Green Bank Telescope begins its nightly vigil, scanning the cosmos for secrets. If intelligent life exists beyond Earth, there's a good chance the teams analysing the data from the world's

largest, fully steerable radio Authorities are now astronomy facility will be focusing on preventing the the first to know. "People spread of waterborne dishave been asking themeases, a common aftermath selves the question, 'Are we alone in the universe? ever since they first gazed

#### Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant, part of efforts to prevent a wartime nuclear catastrophe.

Grossi, the director of the International Atomic EnergyAgency (IAEA), arrived in Ukraine a week after visiting the Kursk nuclear power station in Russia and warning of the danger of a nuclear accident there.

On his latest visit to Ukraine since Russia's invasion in February 2022, Grossi met Energy Minister German Galushchenko, as well as Petro Kotin, head of state nuclear power company Energoatom, and Oleh Korikov, acting head of Ukraine's State Nuclear Regulatory Inspectorate.

The IAEA was "fully committed to safety & security of (Ukrainian) nuclear sites, with (a) presence at each," Grossi wrote on X alongside photos showing him and Ukrainian officials holding talks. He said they were "exchanging (views) on east of the plant.

branded China a "complex

intelligence concern" Tues-

day and warned the Pacific

nation was vulnerable to

port, the New Zealand Se-

curity Intelligence Service

said several countries were

undertaking "malicious ac-

tivity" on its shores but

called out China's attempts

as "complex and decep-

was accused of using front

In particular, Beijing

In one example, a Chi-

front

nese-language community

news outlet parroted

Beijing's talking points, it

"These

organisations will often ap-

pear to be community-

based... but their true affili-

ation, direction and funding

The unusually blunt

sources are hidden," the re-

language comes as New

Zealand's recently elected

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party.

said.

port said.

In an annual threat re-

foreign interference.

nuclear power plant (ZNPP) "to continue our assistance & help prevent a nuclear accident.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy said he would meet Grossi after the IAEA chief visits the country's nuclear plants.

Classes in the metro have become a necessity, as the two-and-a-half-year war shows no sign of relenting. The ZNPP in southeastern Ukraine, Europe's largest nuclear power plant, fell to Russian troops soon after Moscow's full-scale invasion and is not operating now. Both sides have frequently accused each other of shelling the plant. Moscow and Kyiv both deny the accusations.

Zelenskiy and Dutch Prime Minister Dick Schoof on Monday visited the city of Zaporizhzhia, which lies across the Dnipro River to the north-

#### **New Zealand spy** report calls out China for interference **Monitoring Desk**

policy more closely toward WELLINGTON: New traditional Western allies. Zealand's spy service

This comes after years of growing economic ties with China-New Zealand's biggest trade partner.

In March, Wellington publicly said a Chinese state-sponsored group was behind a 2021 malicious cyber attack that infiltrated sensitive government computer systems.

China dismissed allegations of hacking and accused New Zealand critics of being puppets of Washington.

organisations to connect Asked Tuesday about the spy report, Beijing said with local groups to replace it would "never interfere in authentic and diverse comthe internal affairs of any munity views with those approved by the ruling other country".

'We hope the New Zealand side will maintain a rational and objective understanding of China, and create favourable conditions for the development of healthy, stable relations between the two countries,' said foreign ministry spokesperson Mao Ning. New Zealand's spy

agency said the country's geographical position and role in the Pacific region made it "vulnerable" to other countries striving for centre-right government tilts the country's foreign greater influence.

People move a cart with a woman and child through a flooded street, in the Fazilpur area of Feni, Bangladesh.

eas and increasing concern about outbreaks of waterborne disease as the inundation recedes. by relentless monsoon rains and runoff from upstream waterways, have wreaked havoc over the past two

in 11 flood-hit districts and in urgent need of food, clean water, medicine, and dry clothing. Nearly 500 medical teams were helping provide treatment, with the army, air force, navy, and the border guard assisting in relief efforts.

destruction and affecting of such disasters.

NEW YORK: Pro-Palestinian demonstrators call for a ceasefire and the end

up at the night sky and

wondered if there were

Swedish

parents told to

keep toddlers

off TV

**Monitoring Desk** 

STOCKHOLM: Toddlers

should not be allowed to

watch screens at all, Swe-

den told parents on Mon-

day. Children under the age

of two should be kept away

from digital media and tele-

vision completely, the

country's Public Health

of two and five should be

limited to a maximum of one

hour of screen time a day, it

said in new recommenda-

tions, while those aged six

to 12 should spend no more

than an hour or two a day

in front of a screen.

Kids between the ages

gency said.

other worlds out there."



### Daily **Independent**, Quetta

## **CDWP** okays eight development projects worth Rs144.3 bln

ISLAMABAD (APP): relation to developmental tial to ensure value for Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives (PDSI) & Deputy Chairman Planning Commission Ahsan Iqbal on Tuesday chaired a meeting of the Central Development Working Party (CDWP) that approved eight development projects worth of Rs144.3 billion.

"Out of these, five projects worth Rs15.35 billion have been approved by the CDWP forum, while it recommended three projects of Rs129 billion to the Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (ECNEC) for its consideration," a news release said. The meeting was attended among others by by Secretary Planning Awais Manzur Sumra, Additional Secretary Planning, Members of the Planning Commission, JCE (Ops), JCE (Ep), as well as respective federal secretaries, heads of provincial departments and representatives from federal ministries and provincial governments.

During the meeting, Ahsan Iqbal expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the prime minister for entrusting him with the position of Deputy Chairman for the fourth time.

projects, emphasizing that approval for development projects by CDWP exceeding one billion rupees was granted. He pointed out that in 2018, the PML-N government left Pakistan's development budget at 1,000 billion rupees.

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

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

also noted that a more than 50 percent of the total expenditure was consumed debt servicing.

need to expand the tax net and promote exports. Despite these chal-

lenges, he expressed optimism, acknowledging the government's efforts to reduce the inflation rate from 35 per cent to 9.5 percent.

Ahsan Iqbal further stated that as 100 percent of federal government's net resources were consumed by debt servicing and de-He highlighted the sig-nificance of the forum in based on borrowing essen-

QUETTA: Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti presiding

over a meeting regarding appointment of teachers and reforms in Education

Aurangzeb vows to continue

with tax reforms, rightsizing

for macroeconomic stability

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

He urged that no compromise should be made on quality while preparing PC-I documents, and that national priorities should be considered while formulating any project. "Poorly prepared project documents should be promptly returned to the respective

ministries.3 Ahsan Iqbal said the government was committed to turning around the economy by implementing Es National Economic Transformation Plan and restore 6 percent annual growth by 2029. The CDWP approved

He emphasized the a project "Reaching Out of School Children (OOSC) in AJK" worth Rs 7183.515 million, besides recommending the Establishment of Nawaz Sharif Institute of Cancer Treatment & Research, Lahore at the cost of Rs52772.520 million to CNEC for consideration.

They forum also okayed four projects titled "Establishment of National Center of Artificial Intelligence (Revisited)" worth Rs1854.446 million.



Shehbaz Sharif.

### Effective legislation to be made for contract policy: **Govt. decides to recruit teachers** on vacant posts for making closed schools functional

#### Chief Minister directs to make final announcement of "SBK" tests according to the orders of court

**Independent Report** DUETTA: The Government of Balochistan has decided to make recruitments of teachers on the vacant posts in order to make the closed schools functional.

All the recruitments would be made on contact while extension would be made on the basis of individuals' performance. The effective legislation would be made for the contract

policy. The decision to this

# **MQM** delegation meets PM; lauds pro-business,

were in attendance.

tion, which was headed by party chairman and Minister for Science and Technolter for Science and Technol-ogy, Federal Education and Professional Training Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui and comprised MNAs Dr Farooq Sattar, Mustafa Kamal and Syed Aminul Haq, also lauded the prime minister's business-friendly policies and measures to boost country's exports, according to a PM Office national economy. one and a backbone of the

effect was made during a versity according to the or meeting chaired by the ders of court. Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz He reiterated his

Bugti here on Tuesday. overnment's pledge that no The Provincial Minisjob would be sold out at all ter for Education, Ms. and added that all recruit-Rahila Hameed Khan ments would be made on Durrani, Chief Secretary, merit Shakeel Qadir Khan and

He said that the sale other concerned high ups of jobs is an intolerable act and as such, he directed to Speaking on the occathe concerned authorities sion, Chief Minister dito prepare effective rected to make final anmechanism for its prevention. He said that no irnouncement of the tests conducted by the Sardar regularity would be toler Bahadur Khan Women Uniated at all.

#### **PM condoles** demise of Saudi **Princess Latifa Bint Abdulaziz**

ISLAMABAD (APP) Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday expressed grief and sorrow over the sad demise of Princess Latifa Bint Abdulaziz Al-Saud of Saudi Arabia.

The prime minister, in social media post on X conveyed his condolences to Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulâziz Al-Šaud and Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud of the Kingdom o Saudi Arabia. "Deeply grieved to learn about the sad demise of Princess Latifa. We convey our deepest condo lences to the Royal family Pakistan Navy. the leadership and the people of Saudi Arabia,<sup>3</sup> said the prime minister.

## **Gilani emphasizes** comprehensive efforts to ensure human dev.,

address climate crisis

Thursday July 20, 2024

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

rum (PHF) annual report

launch event to acknowl-

edge INGOs' contributions

to Pakistan. He acknowl-

years. He said that the true strength of a nation lies in its ability to empower marginalized and vulnerable communities. "Coming In this regard, he called from South Punjab, I can for forging robust partnerpersonally relate to the ships between government struggles and aspirations of institutions, UN agencies, communities seeking op-portunities and support to and civil society organizations to ensure a cohesive not only uplift their lot but and effective humanitarian also fuel national progress" response. The Chairman the Chairman Senate re-Senate was addressing the marked in his address. Pakistan Humanitarian Fo-

organizations for consis-

tently providing much-

needed relief and assistance

to the deserving and the af-

circumstances over the

fected during challenging

He observed that inclusive development is not just a moral imperative but it is essential for the progress and prosperity of the country

PNS Hunain, the third

The construction of

2021 while commissioning

Four Babur class ships



**QUETTA: Chairman Balochistan Public Service** Commission Abdul Salik Khan meeting with Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti

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

RAWALPINDI (APP): The Pakistan Navy offshore patrol vessel built is going to observe inducin Romania, will also join tion of two newly built the Pakistan Navy fleet. warships in the national PNS Babur started on 4th June 2020. PNS Babar was fleet amid a massive increase in naval defense capabilities; on the occasion launched on 15th August

of Defence Day. Pakistan Navy Ship (PNS) Babar and PNS took place on 23rd September 2023. Hunain will join the fleet of Pakistan Navy simultaequipped with vertical neously, an Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) launching system are being inducted into Pakistan news release said. PNS Babur, the first

Navy. Under the Pak-Miljum/Babar class ship Turkiye agreement, two ships are being built in being built in Turkiye, will Istanbul and two in officially become part of the Karachi

ISLAMABAD Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue, Sena- tailers and distributors to

Department

economy. He particularly Government, also exrequested wholesalers, re- pressed resolve to rightsize different ministries and tor Muhammad Aurangzeb contribute in the economic autonomous bodies to bring here on Tuesday reaffirmed uplift of the country, add- down the size of federal the government's resolve to carry forward the reforms try its best to bring simplic-try its best to bring simplicity in tax system and ac- two weeks to prepare implementation plan for commodate their recomrightsizing, keeping in view mendations. However, the minister their employees, resources, stated in clear terms that properties and litigation government was not going matters. "Once the to take back its decision as programme is executed, other ministries would be it would be counterproductive and create difficulties taken for the same process." for other sectors. "One He said, ministries and authing I want to be very tonomous bodies were given percent tax, curtailing the clear, this is not going to be opportunity to share their taken back, because if we performance and justify do this, the other sectors, what they have contributed who are annoyed, would go in national economy. He in further difficulties." said, the government would

#### **export growth policies** ISLAMABAD (APP): A delegation of the Muttahida press release. The delegation men bers put forward their pro-Qaumi Movement (MQM) Pakistan on Tuesday called posals for economic develon Prime Minister Shehbaz opment and uplift of the people of the country's Sharif and appreciated his economic hubs, particularly economic policies which led to the reduction in the inthose of Karachi. flation rate to a single-digit. The MQM delega-

parties. government's priorities for it being the most important

11.

The delegation mem-

Calling the MQM a key coalition partner, the prime minister said that the work on national development initiatives was at a swift pace in coordination with the coalition He assured the delegation that the resolution of the issues confronting Karachi city was among the

agenda, aiming at broadening of the tax base and rightsizing of the federal government to achieve macroeconomic stability what he called 'basic hygiene' for sustainable growth.

In a televised message, the minister said 43 percent of sectors in the economy were paying less than 1 tax to GDP ratio to as low as 8.8 percent adding that this ratio needed to be lifted up to over 13 percent.

The minister requested all the potential taxpayers to come forward and contribute in country's



**QUETTA: Inspector General of Police, Balochistan** is Moazzam Jah Ansari, anf other offering funeral prayer of Sub-inspector who lost their live in last nigh firing incident.

## **Judicial reforms** Govt's top priority: Law Minister

The chair referred the

Meanwhile, the Na-

bills to the standing com-

passed a resolution recom-

mending the government to

take immediate steps for the

provision of state of the art

medical facilities in federal

capital hospitals and high

quality healthcare for all

It was moved by Ms

patients.

Aliya Kamran.

this scheme.

mittees concerned.

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

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

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

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

The minister, who is need to bring legislative also Chairman of Highchanges in Civil Servant Act 1973 with the help of coa-Powered Committee on Rightsizing of the Federal lition partners.

#### Armed men attack marble-laden trucks in Noshki

**Independent Report** OSHKI - Unidentified armed men opened fire on

trucks carrying marble in the Sarml area of Nushki, setting one of the vehicles ablaze. According to sources from the Nushki district administration, the attackers also fired at the tires of another truck, causing them to burst. The armed men managed to escape after the incident, and no casualties have been reported, sources from the district administration confirmed. This incident has

saster raised concerns about the Authority's control room, security of vehicles trans-(PDMA) told. porting goods in the region. An investigation into the matter is underway.

Fateha khawani for Zareef to be held at Governor

#### House

**Independent Report** Responding to a calling attention notice, Min-QUETTA: The fateha ister for Water Resources khawani for departed soul Musadik Malik said unof relative of Governor Balochistan, Sheikh Jaffar der Green Pakistan Initiative, a plan has been de-Khan Mandokhail and vised to bring barren land former Senator Zareef Khan in the country under cul-Mandokhail is scheduled to tivation and enhance per be held at Governor House acre crop production. He tomorrow (Thursday).

pointed out that Punjab According to an offiand Sindh provinces have cial hand out issued here on so far identified land for Tuesday, the Governor Balochistan and other rela-The house has now tives of Sheikh Zareef Mandokhail would take

been adjourned to meet again tomorrow Wednesfateha from 10:00 AM to day at eleven am Asr prayer.



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

## **5 dead in Balochistan** and 4 in KP in rain related incidents

died

cials said on Tuesday.

Balochistan in rain-related

incidents, Younus Mengal,

head of the Provincial Di-

Management

The deceased include

dren

QUETTA (INP): Five chil- tricts. Relief and rescue efacross forts were under way in the Balochistan while four province, he added.

people lost their lives in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa over Detailing the deadly incidents, Mengal said a pair the past day as monsoon of brothers drowned in rains continued to wreak flashfloods in Zhob Dishavoc countrywide, offitrict, and their bodies were recovered by the district administration and the PDMA. In Khuzdar District's Tootak area, three Deaths mount countrywide as various areas continue to receive monsoon showers along with children were "immediately the remnants of cyclonic rescued" by Levies officials storm Asna that brought after they fell into a dam with it heavy rains for but were taken to a hospi-Sindh and Balochistan. tal, where two of them Since July 1, a total of 39 passed away, the official people have died in

said. A fifth minor, Mengal added, drowned in a flash flood passing by the Kech River in Kech District. The PDMA official confirmed that 11 Balochistan districts have been declared calamity-hit

19 children, five of whom as of yet, where the authority's aid efforts were died in three separate incidents on Monday, Mengal under way. Mengal further said. The PDMA official said that in view of alerts by said a new spell of rain enthe Pakistan Meteorological tered Balochistan a day ago Department (PMD), holiand was expected to condays of PDMA and other tinue till tonight in 22 disgovernment employees.



**QUETTA: Leaders and members of Pakistan Peace** Forces are holding protest demonstration to express solidarity with Pakistan Army armed forces and to condemn Terrorism in Balochistan, held at Quetta press club.

#### Drowned body recovered from Surap river in Turbat QUETTA (APP): The Pro-

vincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) team recovered the body of the person who drowned in the Surap river area of Turbat and handed it over to the relatives. The deceased person drowned while bathing in Surap Dam on Monday. According to PDMA, a person named Khalil Ahmed son of Rafiq Ahmed resident of Apsar drowned in Surap Dam while bathing. On which immediate action was taken by the PDMA team under the supervision of Deputy Commissioner Ketch Ismail Ibrahim on special directives of DG PDMA Balochistan Jhanzaib Khan and Commissioner Makran Division along with DD PDMA Turbat.

down by unknown armed assailants in Quetta

Ministers, ACS, IGP participate in funeral:

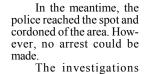
Police Sub-Inspector gunned

Independent Report QUETTA: A Sub-Inspector of Police, Amanullah was shot dead by unknown armed men in Killi Deba area of Quetta on Tuesday morning.

The police sources informed that the Sub-Inspector of Police was on his

way riding in his personal vehicle when some unknown armed assailants approached him and shot him from the close range. They fled from the scene leaving the police cop in pool of blood.

As a result of firing, the police cop got injured seriously. He was brought to the Sandeman Provincial Hospital, however, he succumbed to his serious wounds and died.



have been started into the cold blooded murder of the Police Sub-Inspector, who was posted in the Shaheed Ameer Dasti police station. Meanwhile, the fu-

neral prayer of Amanullah was offered at the Central Police Office the same afternoon. The Provincial Ministers Mir Ali Madad Jatak and Bakht Muhammad Kakar, Additional Chief Secretary Home, Shahabuddin, Inspector General of Police, Moazzam Jah Ansari and other police officers participated in the funeral prayer.



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

## Initiatives for women's legal aid to be supported in Balochistan, says Dr. Rubaba Khan Buledi

Independent Report QUETTA: The Advisor to Chief Minister of enhanced collaboration to Balochistan for Women Development Department, Dr. Rubaba Khan Buledi has said that provincial government is committed to creating a strong support system for women across Balochistan, and legal aid is a crucial part of

this effort. lenges These remarks were given during a meeting with access to legal representaa delegation of female lawtion due to financial conyers During the meeting, the straints, ensuring that their delegation expressed their enthusiasm about the presrights are protected and their ence of a female minister ces heard. leading the Women Devel-

opment Department and Buledi welcomed the proemphasized the need for posal and appreciated the uplift the status of women across Balochistan.

ing issues faced by women The women lawyers in the province. She emphaproposed the creation of a sized the importance of empowering women through legal support and new organization focused on the welfare of women, which would provide free reiterated her department's legal aid and services to commitment to advancing women facing legal chalwomen's rights and welfare The initiative aims to

'The Women Develsupport women who lack opment Department is ready to work closely with the legal community to ensure that women have access to justice and their rights are upheld." said Dr. Dr. Rubaba Khan Rubaba Khan Buledi.

proactive approach of the

female lawyers in address-

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