Simultaneously published from Quetta, Gwadar, Hub, Karachi, Islamabad

Member APNS & CPNE

Chief Editor: Syed Farooq Shah

www.dailyindependent.com.pk

Ph: 2841470/2841473 REG: No. BC-116 B/ID-445 Vd: XXVI No. 21, Rabi-ul-Awwal 06, 1446 AH Wednesday September 11, 2024 Pages 08, Price Rs. 15

Climate change big challenge; need sustainable planning:

CM directs PDMA to prepare effective and viable strategy for minimizing nature of destructions of floods

Independent Report

QUETTA: The Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz Bugti has stated that climate change is a major challenge and as such there is a need to have sustainable development to cope

The Chief Minister directed to the Director General Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) to prepare effective and viable strategy to minimize the nature of destructions of the floods.

He also directed to release funds on an emergent basis for filling breaches in the Pat Feeder canal and drainage of water from

The Chief Minister was chairing review meeting about the damages Jamali, Nawabzada Tariq cope with the Magsi, Mir Asim Kurd, tion in future.

caused due to the recent monsoon rains in Naseerabad Division, here Lehri, Abdul Majeed

vincial assembly belonging other concerned high ups. to different constituencies of Naseerabad Division highlighted the situation of eas of the Division

The Provincial Minisassembly also presented different suggestions for rehabilitation of the flood affected areas and people.

Present in the meeting were included: Provincial Ministers Mir Shoaib Nausherwani, Mir Muhammad Sadiq Umrani, Mir Saleem Khosa, Sardarzada Faisal Khan

ISLAMABAD: Members of National Assembly Muhammad Siddiqui Khan

Baloch and Abdul Rahman Khan Kanju call on Prime Minister Muhammad

sembly Saeed Akbar Nawani

called on Prime Minister

Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif

on Tuesday to discuss is-

sues pertaining to their con-

overall political situation of

the country also came un-

der the discussion. Special

Assistant to the Prime

Minister for Political Affairs

Rana Sanaullah was also

During the meeting

on Tuesday.

The provincial ministers and members of provincial except by belowing the following the

Addressing the meeting, Chief Minister said that the flood situation is to the flood rain affected ar- face due to extraordinary rains every year and that because of climate changes ters and the members of in majority areas of the province.

The Chief Minister also issued directives to complete the rehabilitation projects of breaches and water drainage in the Pat

Feeder within two weeks. He also directed to prepare complete feasibility study of the Naseerabad Division to cope with the flood situa-

Quiad-e-Azam's

legacy continues

to inspire

Pakistanis: CM

Independent Report

QUETTA: Balochistan

Chief Minister Mir

Sardar Faraz Bugti said

that the personality and

character of Quaid-e-

Azam Muhammad Ali

Jinnah serve as a guid-

ing light for all Paki-

stanis. In a message on

the occasion of Septem-

ber 11, the Chief Minis-

ter said that Quaid-e-

Azam's tireless efforts

and sacrifices in the

struggle for Pakistan's

independence cannot be

need to adhere to the

principles of unity, or-

ganization, and faith,

Quaid-e-Azam, in or-

der to build a better Pa-

kistan and provide a

bright future for genera-

Quaid-e-Azam, upon en-

tering practical politics,

prioritized the attain-

ment of a separate home-

Bugti said that

tions to come.

He emphasized the

exemplified by

forgotten.



National Assembly speaker vows action over PTI leaders' arrests; Summons Islamabad police chief, DIG, SSP with details of cases against assembly members; Says no compromise on dignity of Parliament; PTI vows nationwide protests after leaders arrested in late-night crackdown; ATC grants 8-day physical remand for PTI leaders in Islamabad rally case

several MNAs of PTI

ISLAMABAD (Online): Police has entered into parliament house and arrested

several MNAs of PTI. According to sources inside lights of National Assembly (NA) were switched off and police personnel in plain clothes entered into parliament

The police personnel took position outside parliament house. Masked men took PTI MNAs into their custody from within parliament house. Nasim Shah too was arrested.
PTI leaders Sheikh

Waqas Akram, Aamir Dogar, Zain Qureshi, Ahmad Chatha, Yousuf Khan, Zubair Khan MNA

Sources added the se- National Assembly, Sadiq curity personnel who were with these PTI leaders were also arrested. Security personnel were there outside be taken. parliament service centre.

Amin Khan Gandapur has reached KP House. Naeem Panjutha said he would leave for Peshawar along with KP CM Ali

formation are there Ali

On the other hand in-

Amin Gandapur. Meanwhile Speaker of the National Assembly, Sardar Ayaz Sadiq, has taken notice of the latenight raid on the Parliament House, vowing to hold

those responsible account-Speaking during

said that 'no one will remain silent about the incident and that decisive action wi

"We will take action on last night's incident and address it seriously," Sadiq said, adding that he had requested all video footage to identify the responsible

He further stated that, if necessary, an FIR will be filed, and those involved will be named

Recalling previous attacks on the Parliament and Parliament Lodges, Sadiq emphasised the need for a firm stance against such vio-

Bill to increase

number of

SC judges

tabled in NA

ISLAMABAD (INP)

'The Supreme Court (Num-

ber of Judges) Amendment Bill, 2024' aimed to increase

the number of apex court's

iudges from 17 to 23, in the

National Assembly on

by Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PMLN)

As per "The Supreme Court (Number of Judges)

(Amendment) Bill, 2024

the total number of judges

including the Chief Justice,

will increase from 17 to 23.

ment in the Supreme Court

(Number of Judges) Act,

The bill sought amend-

The bill was introduced

Daniyal

Tuesday.

lawmaker

Chaudhry.



QUETTA: Governor Balochistan Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail visiting fire-hit Government Science College

Meanwhile Member of the National Assembly Office press release said. President lauds services of AQ Khan Hospital Trust, assures his support

PM, MNAs discuss

country's political situation

ISLAMABAD (APP): Rashid Akbar Nawani and

Minister

Assembly Mohammad

Siddique Khan Baloch and Abdul Rehman Kanjo met

Mohammad Shehbaz

Sharif on Tuesday to ad-

dress issues concerning

overall political situation of

the country was also dis-

cussed, a Prime Minister

Office press release stated.

During the meeting, the

their constituencies.

ISLAMABAD (APP): President Asif Ali Zardari on Tuesday commended the services of Abdul Qadeer Khan Hospital Trust for providing accessible and free medical and to the organisation.

led by Dr. Dina Khan, daughter of Mohsin-e-Pakistan the National Assembly Aseefa Bhutto Zardari was also present during the meeting, according to a President House

healthcare to the needy people and assured of his support

The president expressed these views during a meeting with the delegation of Dr. AQ Khan Hospital Trust, late Dr. Abdul Qadeer Khan at Aiwan-e-Sadr. Member of

press release.



ISLAMABAD: Speaker National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq presiding over the meeting of Treasury & Opposition Members in National Assembly at Parliament House.

Mehmood Khan Achakzai says:

Be he any general or Shehbaz we will not allow any one to take undemocratic step

ISLAMABAD (Online): PPP and PML-N signed Chief of Tehreek-e- an agreement for su-Tahaffuz Constitution of Pakistan (TTCP) Mehmood Khan Achakzai has said be he any general or Shehbaz Sharif we will

not allow any one to take an undemocratic step. Speaking in National Assembly (NA) Achakzai said I don't want to say any thing emotionally. The democracy was re-

stored after difficulties Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto came to Pakistan along with her children.

premacy of democracy. we all have taken oath of defending the constitution of Pakistan. if there is any price of oath then speak openly on constitutional and non constitutional steps. We all stand with

Be he general or Shehbaz Sharif we will not allow any one to take unconstitutional step. If you are speaker then deliver the right you

Interior Minister meets ANP **President**

ISLAMABAD (APP): Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi on Tuesday met with President Awami National Party Senator Aimal Wali Khan

During the meeting matters of mutual interest and the overall situation of the country were discussed. Both leaders also talked about measures for establishment of peace in Khyber Pakhtunkĥwa.

Naqvi said that terrorism is condemnable in all its forms, and the national narrative against terrorism is the voice of Pakistan. He emphasized that everyone needs to be united against the terrorism.

state of Science College, assures it's rehabilitation to best the real cause of fire erupted **Independent Report** in the Science College

earliest

Governor grieved over post-fire

QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail has stated that all educational institutions of the province are our national assets.

However, the Governor said that he is grieved over seeing the burnt classrooms of the Government Science College in such a state today.

He said that every possible endeavour would be made to rehabilitate the Science College in its previous

These views were expressed by the Governor during his visit to the Sci-

ence College on Tuesday. The Governor maintained that the fire has destroyed an important portion of the College. However, it is a matter of pleasure that the investigations are continued by the committee formed to determine lings in the college.

He directed to the concerned committee to present the report at the

He stressed the need to conduct structure test of the fire-affected parts of the College in order to ensure safety of its students and staff. He also said that Science College is a prestigious educational institution of the province having history. He mentioned that the Science College has produced several prominent personalities in different sectors of life. He said that we are determined to rehabilitate the institution in it's

previous shape.
Meanwhile, he inspected the ground of Science College and directed to do it's complete renovation and repair besides recycling of water for trees and sap-

Imran Khan 'closes doors to negotiations' with all stakeholders

ISLAMABAD (INP): Pakistan Tehreek-e-Ínsaf (PTI) founder and former prime minister Imran Khan has announced that negotiations with any party, including the Establishment, will be closed. Speaking to journalists at Adiala Jail on Tuesday, the PTI founder said he had authorised six party leaders to talk to the Establishment.

Regarding the Lahore rally, Imran Khan said that whether permission is granted or not, the PTI would hold the rally in Lahore on Sept 21.

When asked about KP Chief Minister Ali Amin

Gandapur's speech in the Islamabad rally, the PTI founder responded that CM Gandapur represented the sentiments of the nation, and he stood with him.

Replying to another query, the former prime minister responded that those apologising for Gandapur's statement were cowards and should not be in the party.
When asked about Senator Faisal Vawda, Imran

Khan stated that everyone knows who Faisal Vawda speaks for, and if the Arshad Sharif murder case is given an open trial, the truth will be revealed

kistan Army killed at least 16 Afghan Taliban as they responded strongly to unprovoked aggression along the Pakistan-Afghan bor-As per details, Afghan Taliban opened unproa robust response. voked fire at Pak-Afghan

Pak Army gives befitting

reply to unprovoked

Afghan Taliban aggression

at Pak-Afghan border

border on September 7, which lasted till September 9 evening. Pakistani Army responded strongly to the unprovoked firing from Afghanistan and killed 16

Taliban fighters, while 27 were injured, according to

were destroyed during the

Security sources have reiterated Pakistan's stance on border security, emphasizing that any unprovoked aggression will be met with

The military's swift and effective retaliation underscores its commitment to defending the nation's borders against external threats.

The growing aggression and border violations from the Afghan side have raised concerns over escalating



ISLAMABAD: Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi in a meeting with President Awami National Party Senator Ăimal Wali Khan.

Public issues can be resolved thru good governance:

Service delivery to be improved by making all departments efficient in Balochistan, vows CM

Mir Sarfraz Bugti takes notice of closure of schools in Pishin; orders to reopen non-functional schools by Dec. 14; assures to develop Pishin as model town

Independent Report

as model town by resolv-OUETTA: The Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz Bugti has categorically stated that service delivery would be improved by making all government departments efficient in the province.

He said that the issues of people can be resolved

through good governance.
The Chief Minister was speaking to the tribal elders and elites during his visit to Pishin on Tuesday. Also accompanied him were the Provincial Minister for Revenue, Mir Asim

Kurd and other high ups. Speaking to them, Mir Sarfraz Bugti assured that Pishin would be developed

civil officer has been deputed as Deputy Commisoner Pishin. He on the occasion

the people.

took notice of the closure of schools in Pishin district and ordered to reopen all of them by December 14. The Chief Minister

ing issues and hardships of

good and most competent

He mentioned that a

also directed to meet shortage of the teachers by reruiting them on contract.

Earlier, he expressed condolence over the death of uncle of Member Provincial Assembly, Asghar Khan Tareen and offered fateha for the departed soul.

PTI introduced tradition of vendetta in politics: Tarar

Federal Minister for Information, Broadcasting, National Heritage and Culture Attaullah Tarar on Tuesday said that the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leadership had introduced the tradition of confrontation and vendetta in politics.

Speaking in the National Assembly, the minister strongly condemned the PTI leaders, including Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Ali Amin Gandapur, for their abusive

ISLAMABAD (APP): outburst against national institutions, woman political opponents and journalists at the Sangjani meeting.

He said the PTI leaders had been repeatedly asked to be careful in their dealing with other political parties as it was a question of time which ultimately changed.

The minister said that Gandapur vented out his anger against institutions, Maryam Nawaz and the journalist community and

Inter College Basima's student obtains 3rd position:

BRC Loralai's students clinch top position as Balochistan Board announces Inter Exam result

BRC Loralai students Shamraiz & Sharifullah share first position securing 1051 marks; BRC Loralai & BRC Zhob students Sajjad Hussain & Muhammad Zahid share 2nd position with 1050 marks



QUETTA: Chairman Balochistan Board Ejaz Azeem Baloch, Controller Examination Abida Kakar and Deputy Controller Result Qazi Anwar Hussain announcing Intermediate 2024 annual examinations result

Independent Report QUETTA: Two students of Balochistan Residential College (BRC) Loralai

clinched top position in the Intermediate's annual examinations 2024 of the Balochistan Board of Intermediate and Secondary

Education (BISE) Quetta. The BRC students namely Shamraiz Khan bearing Roll No. 250062 and Sharifullah bearing Roll No. 250106 secured 1051 marks to stand first in the Intermediate (F.Sc) exami-

Similarly, another BRC Loralai student Sajjad Hussain bearing Roll No. 250059 shared second position with the BRC Zhob's student namely Muhammad Zahid bearing

Continued on page 2

SC dismisses review appeals against removal of restaurants from Margalla Hills

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Supreme Court on Tuesday dismissed the review appeals and upheld its verdict for the removal of restaurants including Monal, Lamontana and Gloria Jean from the Margalla Hills National

The top court also withdrew its observation in which it had stated that the restaurants should be given priority in lease process of any other location.

The court, in its 13page order authored by Chief Justice of Pakistan Qazi Faez Isa, said, "The cases were not heard in

open court by this Bench (of three judges) and the short order dated 11 June 2024 was dictated in open court in the presence of ev-

'The documents filed by the Firm and its part- service of Pakistan, but ners in the review petition and the listed applications confirm that the Firm and/ or its partners are in illegal possession of the land situated in the Margalla Hills National Park ('the National Park') and illegally running restaurants (La Montana and Gloria Jeans."

The court observed their possession within

QUETTA: MPA Nawabzada Tariq Hussain Magsi meeting with Chief Minis-

Sahibzada Hamid Raza, and

stan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI)

has pledged to persist with

its anti-government cam-

paign following a police crackdown at Parliament

House, which saw several

PTI leaders arrested late

Speaking at a press conference in Peshawar on

Tuesday, PTI leader Salman

Akram Raja declared, "There should be no mis-

understanding – the people have risen." Raja was ac-

companied by prominent party figures Omar Ayub,

Asad Qaiser, Azam Swati,

and others, after conclud-

ing the party's core com-

ements of manipulating

Pakistan's political and

democratic systems, stress-

ing that PTI will not retreat

in the face of attempts to

silence the voice of the

speeches made by PTI lead-

ers during the recent

Islamabad rally, describing

the event's atmosphere as

fundamentally different

from regular political dis-

strong disapproval of the

arrests of lawmakers and

other officials, which they

claimed were carried out

under the guise of alleged

violations of public gather-

ing laws Notably several

MNAs were detained in

Islamabad as part of this

Court (ATC) on Tuesday

approved an eight-day

physical remand for PTI

leaders Sher Afzal Marwat,

Aamir Dogar, Zain Oureshi

Naseem Shah, Ahmed

Chattha, and others in con-

nection with the Sangjani

police station case, while

rejecting the physical re-

mand request for Advocate

Shoaib Shaheen and send-

ing him to judicial custody.

Assembly session last

ence had gathered outside

the Parliament House in an-

ticipation. As PTI leaders

exited the building, police

took positions and swiftly

over violations during PTI's

rally in Islamabad on Sun-

day. The violations include

disrupting the agreed route,

breaching commitments.

attacking Islamabad police.

exceeding permitted tim-

ings, and delivering anti-

state speeches.

The arrest took place

moved to detain them.

A heavy police pres-

Islamabad police had

An Anti-Terrorism

crackdown

The party expressed

He defended the

Raja accused certain el-

mittee meeting.

people.

Monday night.

Meanwhile the Paki-

chambers nor by a single judge. They were heard in contempt for the laws of Pakistan and the degradation/destruction of the National Park was made possible by the complicity of those who were required to protect, preserve and conserve it; they were in the

> eyed interests. The order said, "The owner of Monal restaurant and of La Montana and Gloria Jeans had voluntarily offered to vacate the land of the National Park in

> were unmindful of their

duty to serve the people,

instead they served mon-

three months, this court had appreciated this gesture of theirs and recorded this in order dated 11 June 2024 which was confirmed in the detailed judgment.

'The said undertakings to vacate the premises were given in the presence of their respective counsel but they want now to resile therefrom. Making a mockery of solemn undertakings and to render them meaningless cannot be permitted, and those doing so must suffer the consequences



QUETTA: A delegation of Naseerabad led by Parliamentary Secretary Haji Muhammad Khan Lehri meeting with Governor Balochistan Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail

Remarks in PTI public rally challenged Pakistan's integrity: Khawaja Asif

ISLAMABAD (APP): Defence Minister Khawaja Muhammad Asif on Tuesday said that the remarks in the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) public rally had challenged Pakistan's integrity. Speaking in the National Assembly, he said that the rally had undermined Pakistan's integrity, unity, and federation.

He condemned linking Pakistan's existence with any individual, describing it as deplorable. He also strongly denounced the remarks made by Ali Amin Gandapur about attacking Punjab and his comments targeting women, political leadership, and the journalist community.

He criticized the remarks made by the Chief Pakhtunkhwa, which he said hurt the sentiments of political leaders and media He termed September 8 as a "black day" in the country's history in which Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa had challenged the federation.

The minister expressed regret over PTI's avoidance of dialogue with other political parties and alleged that PTI attempts to gain power through backdoor means.

He also regretted the PTI leadership's actions targeting defense installations on May 9 and highlighted that the memorials of mar-tyrs were attacked by PTI workers. He criticized PTI for failing to work towards strengthening democracy and Parliament. The minister said that the people of Khyber Paktunkwana and Balochistan are highly patriotic and have made significant contributions to the

LHC restores Lt Gen **Muhammad Munir Afsar** as NADRA Chairman

LAHORE (APP): A Lahore hearing an intra-court ap-High Court (LHC) twomember bench on Tuesday restored Lieutenant General Muhammad Munir Afsar as the Chairman of the National Database and Regis-Authority (NADRA).

The two-member bench suspended the single bench verdict that had declared the appointment of NADRA Chairman Lieutenant General Muhammad Munir Afsar illegal and issued notices to the parties, seeking their replies.

The bench, comprising Chaudhry Justice Muhammad Iqbal and Justice Ahmad Nadeem Arshad, passed the orders while peal filed by the federal government challenging the single bench verdict.

During the proceedings, Advocate Rashidi Nawaz appeared on behalf of the government and argued that the single bench's verdict, which had declared Afsar's appointment illegal based on a petition filed by Ashba Kamran, was against the facts. He submitted that the petitioner had challenged the appointment notification issued by the interim government, but she had never challenged the new amended rule.

He contended that the federal government had the authority to carry out the

rule-making process under Section 44 of the NADRA Ordinance, 2000, which included the power to amend the rules. He further argued that the chairman's appointment was made in accordance with Rule 7A of the NADRA (Appointment and Emoluments of Chairman and Members) Rules, 2020, and that when discretion is exercised, there is no obligation to issue a public advertisement or conduct a competitive recruitment process. He urged the bench to overturn the single bench's verdict and reinstate the NADRA chairman's ap-

pointment.

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The Executive Engineer Public Health Engineering Division Zhob invites sealed tender Forms (as per Schedule B) on the Composite Schedule of Rates 2023 Government of Baluchistan from interested firms/Govt. Contractors for following works.

Sr. No PSDP Qty. Cost in TS No. WATER SUPPLY FROM ARATHA BABAR RIVER TO KILLI SHIEKHAN ZHOB CITY 242509546173 242509545933 CONSTRUCTION OF WATER SUPPLY SCHEME KILLI ALI KHAN SAMAZAI SANI PATKEZAI SUPPLY OF PIPE LINE CONSTRUCTION OF WATER SUPPLY SCHEMES FOR KILLI MARYAMA, NISHTARAI, BABAKAR KHAIL, WALT AKRAM, ESSAI ZAI, DARGA 22.6328 242509545863 SUPPLY OF PIPE LINE CONSTRUCTION OF WSS QAMERDIN KAREZ. 5655 KANO KAI, KISHATO, WACH GHBARG, QUNDAR 01-Job 25.693 242509546213 UPLIFT OF WSS & SANITATION INFRASTRUCTURE IN UNDER DEVELOPED 5659 5. AREAS OF ZHOB 242509546113 39.451 CIVIL WORK SUPPLY OF PIPE LINE CONSTRUCTION OF WATER SUPPLY SCHEME KILLI GOSTOI BAHLOL, SAMBAZA, TURA DARGA,CHUKHAND CIVIL WORK SUPPLY OF PIPE LINE CONSTRUCTION OF WATER SUPPLY SCHEMES 3.421 242509545793 FOR THONI BABAR, MAZHWA BABAR SINZLAI, TAKAI, KHARWANDAI BAHLOL OMZHA, HASSAN 24.816 0.7202 242509546053 242509545773 SUPPLY OF PIPE LINE CONSTRUCTION OF WATER SUPPLY SCHEME FOR KILLI SHEGHALLA, MANZAKAI, TORAMO, 5880 **ASHEEWAT** 01-Job 25.7164 242509546133 REPLACEMENT OF RUSTED PIPE LINES OF WSS ZHOB TOWN & RESTORATION OF WSS ZHOB TOWN (KAPEEP SOURCE) CIVIL WORK 01-Job 16.4696 242509546073 SUPPLY OF PIPE LINE CONSTRUCTION OF WATER SUPPLY SCHEMES 22.0377 242509545763 FOR KILLI GADAKHAIL, HUSSAIN ZAI, BOBI ERABZAI,KHOZHAK TAKRAI, VIALA, NARAIZAI 242509546033 23.991 SUPPLY OF PIPE LINE CONSTRUCTION OF SOLAR WATER SUPPLY SCHEMES FOR MANDOKHAIL AREA ZHOB CIVIL WORK 242509545953 SUPPLY OF PIPE LINE CONSTRUCTION OF SOLAR BASED WATER 242509545723 12. SUPPLY SCHEME M.HASSAN BACHO NEW ABADI 4626 KILLI APPOZAI 9.6117 242509545883 01-Job OF WATER SUPPLY SCHEMES WITH MACHINERY AT DIFFERENT KILLIES OF ZHOB CIVIL WORK SUPPLY OF PIPE LINE 01-Job 3.844 242509545733 CONSTRUCTION OF WSS AT KILLI SARDAR KHAN AND KILLI DAGA UC SALI KAREZ QAMERDIN KILLI 14 4834 ZHOB. CIVIL WORK 01-Job 01-Job 13.776

SUPPLY OF PIPE LINE The Procurement shall be carried out in accordance with Baluchistan Public Procurement Regulatory Authority rules, 2014, TENDER FEE FOR EACH BIDS: 1000/- to be deposited in head of account C-02725 through Bank challan in NBP Zhob Branch. BID SECURITY: 02% of Estimated Cost of each BidBASIC ELIGIBITY: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 on 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 the 70 % of total bid cost amount of bid completed in last 04 years is required.v. Detail Financial Soundness with required Turn Over given as per Evaluation 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. viii. Pipe Manufactures/ firms must have certificate of Pakistan Standard and Quality Control Authority & ISO Quality certificate for the last 02 years.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. Bank Guarantee where applicable must be submitted with financial bidxv. Those Firms who have not been completed the work awarded of this department are not eligible for this tender.xvi. The detail Technical Criteria is attached in bidding documents xvi. Based on BCSR 2023.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 25th 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 copies of supporting documentsmust be delivered in sealed envelopes by hand to the address mentioned below on before 25th Sep 2024, at 1.00PMOpening: The bid will be opened on 25th September 2024, at 2:00 PM.Place submission will be:-Address: Executive Engineer Public Health Engineering Division Zhob, Telephone Number: 0822412814, Fax No: 0822412814,

E-mail address: phedivisionzhob@gmail.comBid Validity Period: Ninety (90) Days.

PRQ No.983/10-09-2024

Executive Engineer, Public Health Engineering, Division Zhob 🕏 www.dpr.gob.pk. 💌 @dpr_gob 👩 dpr.gob 🚹 @dgpr.balochistan

0.7497 242509545683

ter Balochistan Mir Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti **Police enters into Parliament...**

Continued from page 1

"I was the Speaker during the first attack on Parliament, and we must stand firm this time," he re-

Sadiq has also summoned political leaders from all parties for an urgent meeting in his chamber to discuss further steps. Ali Mohammad Khan outraged over 'masked men' entering parliament, calls

arrests unacceptable National Assembly Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq on Tuesday held a meeting with leaders and members of parliamentary parties to address the matter of recent arrests from the premises

of Parliament. During the meeting, the leaders condemned the events of previous night and urged the Speaker to

take action on the issue. Speaker Ayaz Sadiq reaffirmed his commitment to resolving the issue collaboratively and agreed on the need to establish a comprehensive protocol for handling such incidents in the future.

Terming the reported arrests highly distressing, he said that the respect of all the members of Parliament was of paramount importance. He assured that there would be no compromise on the dignity of Parliament.

The Speaker issued a directive for an immediate and thorough investigation

into the arrests. He summoned the Inspector General of Police (PIG) of Islamabad to his office to inquire about the incident and instructed him to ensure that the arrested members were produced in the Parliament in accor-

dance with legal procedures. He also gave special instructions to the IGP to ensure respectful treatment and provide the best facilities to the arrested members, and sought a detailed report of the incident.

It was told that a comarrested PTI Chairman Barplete investigation into the rister Gohar and MNAs incident was underway, and including Sher Afzal footages of the event were Marwat outside Parliament also being obtained. House following a National

Maintaining the sanctity and respect of Parliament was his top priority, the Speaker reiterated.

The meeting was attended by federal ministers and members of the Parliament, including Rana Sanaullah, Azam Nazeer Tarar, Abdul Aleem Khan, Syed Khurshid Shah, Syed Naveed Qamar, Tariq Fazal Chaudhry, Noor Alam Khan, Shandana Gulzar Khan, Khalid Hussain Magsi, Chaudhry Salik Hussain, Syed Aminul Haque, Amjad Ali Khan, Shahida Akhtar Ali, Ali Muhammad Khan,

Pakistan cricket coaches gear up for strategic meetings with PCB

LAHORE (INP): The Head Coach of Pakistan's white-ball cricket team Gary Kirsten is scheduled to arrive in Pakistan on September 12.

Upon arrival, Kirsten would observe matches of the Champions One Day Cup in Faisalabad and would also consult with mentors of the five teams. He returned to

South Africa in July following the T20 World Cup report and meetings with the think tank. Meanwhile, Jason Gillespie, head coach of Jason the red-ball cricket team, would arrive in Pakistan on September 22.

BRC Loralai's students clinch top...

1049 marks

Continued from page 1 Roll No. 650802 obtaining 1050 marks. However, third position went to the female student namely Salma Mehboob from Govt. Inter College, Basima, bearing Roll No. 584249, who got

This was announced by the Controller Examinations of Balochistan BISE here on Tuesday.

According to the Controller of Examinations, in all 99,887 candidates apexaminations 2024. Of them, 93,768 candidates were declared suc-

country's progress.

cessful showing pass percentage of 93.9 percent. In first year, a total of 46,490 candidates had appeared out of them 42,894 could pass the examinations. The success percentage in first year remained as 92.3 percent. While in second vear, a total of 53,397 candidates had appeared out of them, 50,874 were declared pass showing pass percentage as 95.3

NOTICE INVITING RE-TENDER

(0) The procurement of works listed below for which Notice Inviting Re-Tender on sealed percentage rates pased on CSR 2023 Govt: of Balochistan are invited from interested Contractors / Firms with detail terms & conditions given below. The tender fee Rs.1000/- 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, RELEVANT CATEGORY C-5 & above, Date of Completion 30th June 2025 NAME OF WORK. E/COST

CONSTRUCTION OF OFFICE AND RESIDENTIAL ACCOMMODATIONS DISTRICT ATTORNEY ZIARAT TSE-242509545303

Procurements shall be made under the Balochistan Public Procurement Rules - 2014. Eligibility of Bidders: Presence in Active Tax Payer List The bidding firm must not be blacklisted by any procuring agency of Pakistan Balochistan Revenue Authority Registration is required The bidder must have completed 3 Assignment of similar nature of work Turn over of at least 50,000,000 PKR Amount in3 subsequent previous years showing financial capacity of the firm Registration with Pakistan Engineering council (PEC) C-5 and above (Upto 65 million)In Relevant Category And Specialized Code is EE11(i) (Solar), EE11(ii) (Solar Energy), EE11(vi) (Solar Installation), CE11(i) (General engineering Works only) Rs. 1000 Green Chalan Call deposit Receipt (CDR) #3 Number Of Similar Assignments Of similar worth Rs.50 Million and above, Nature And Complexity Completed in last five years Procedure Of Procurement: Single Stage Two Envelope Bidding Procedure Bid Security: The bids must accompany Bid Security in the form of Bank Gurantee, Deposit at Call of 4 % specified above in the name of the undersigned from a scheduled bank. Tender Documents: The NIT & Bidding Document can be obtained electronically from www.bppra.gob.pk Issuance of tender Documents: Complete Bidding Document can be viewed at www.bppra.gob.pk Last Date of bid submission: Bid can only be submitted electronically latest by 25 September, 2024 till 11:00 AM through supplier dashboard. Tender opening: All tenders will be opened on same day at 12:00 PM on EPPS System Address: Executive Engineer Building PP&H District Ziarat.

PRQ No.994/10-09-2024

CWPP&H DEPARTMENT DISTRICT ZIARAT 📞 www.dpr.gob.pk. 😼 @dpr_gob 👩 dpr.gob 🛐 @dgpr.balochistan

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The Executive Engineer, Communication Department (Roads) Pishin invites electronic bids from eligible bidders who can prove their eligibility and qualification as mentioned in the bidding documents for the works mentioned below based on Composite Schedule of Rates 2023, Government of Balochistan amended up-todate, under BPPRA Rules. Earnest Money 3% in Shape of Call Deposit. Tender Fee Rs.1500/- for each work.

CONSTT: / REH: OF BT ROAD KILLIALIZALTO MALIZAL10 KM INTER ALIZAL 242.338 M 2 KM INTER HAIKALZAI (4KM) INTER KILLI GOHARIAN 2 KM KHUDIDADZA (4KM), PSDP#647 Z2021, 1547, (Remaining Work), TSE-242509541043 CONSTT: / REH: OF MAIN BAGH ROAD FROM TALARI CHECK POST KACH 656.352 M

HASSANZAI U.C BAGH TEHSIL BARSHORE DIST: PISHIN PSDP#756 Z2021.1906. (Remaining Work). **TSE-242509541033** CONST OF BTROAD FROM GAWANZATO KHANAROAD (SUFI JALALUDIN) 504.606 M

BARSHORE PISHIN (PHASE-II) 10.5 KM. PSDP# 1181 Z2021.2070. (Remaining Work). **TSE-242509541023** The procurement shall be carried out in accordance with Balochistan Public Procurement Regulatory, Rules 2014.and Pakistan Engineering Council By-Laws. BASIC ELIGIBILITY: The Contractor must have valid registration with Pakistan Engineering Council in relevant Category & relevant discipline and fresh registration with tax authority's i.e (NTN, sales tax Department and BRA) where applicable. The bidder must have completed at least 03 similar nature assignments. As per BPPRA rule #25 (3) only one Bid can be submitted against one NTN. METHOD OF PROCUREMENT: (Single Stage -Two Envelop) bidding Procedure will be adopted. BIDDING / TENDER DOCUMENTS: The bidders can obtain the bidding document from the website of BPPRA (wwe.bppra.gob.pk), from the date of publication of this invitation in newspapers till the last date of submission. Tender fee on green Challan form for an amount of Rs. mentioned above (Non- refundable) for each work be deposited in the head of account C-02716 Civil works through Govt: Treasury/National Bank of Pakistan. DEADLINE OF SUBMISSION: The bidder can submitted their bids through e-bid system on BPPRA website on or before 23rd September, 2024. at 10:00 AM OPENING: The bids will be opened on the same day 23rd September, 2024. at 11:00 AM electronically before the procurement committee and the bidders who may want to be present. BIDS VALIDITY: Ninety (90) days PLACE: The place of opening will be the Office of the Executive Engineer (Roads), CWPP&H Department District Pishin. Telephone No. 0826920562. E-mail Address: EEIProvincialBandRDisttPishin@yahoo.com The Technical Qualification Criteria is incorporated in the detailed bidding documents uploaded on BPPRA website. The firms providing unsubstantiated and / or incorrect information are liable to disqualification and / or legal action. The undersigned reserves the right to reject all bids as per the BPPRA rules. Any person appearing / submitting bids other than the owner of the firm will need an Authority letter on stamp paper of Rs. 100 duly attested by a first class magistrate.

PRQ No.987/10-09-2024 🤹 www.dpr.gob.pk. 😼 @dpr_gob 👩 dpr.gob 🛨 @dgpr.balochistan

Executive Engineer (Roads **CWPP&H Department District Pishin**

CORRIGENDUM & EXTENSION OF DATE This office requested for Technical &Financial proposal of Consultancy Services for the Project & CONSTRUCTION OF JUDICIAL COMPLEX FOR HIGH COURT BENCH LORALAI PSDP NO. 4373 Z2024.1776" which was published in various newspapers under PRQ No.733/28-08-2024 & uploaded on BPPRA

website under TSE-242508531224. The some changes has beer made in to the Technical Evaluation Criteria and the date of bid submission & opening which was fixed on 12th September 2024 has now been extended and the proposals will be submitted & open or 19 th September 2024. All other conditions will remain same.

PRQ No.976/10-09-2024 🕏 www.dpr.gob.pk. 🔻 @dpr_gob 👩 dpr.gob 📑 @dgpr.balochista

Executive Engineer (Buildings) CWP&H Department District Loralai

Rana Tanveer urges

Opposition sit together for sake of strengthening parliament, democracy

Federal Minister for Industries and Production Rana Tanveer Hussain extended an offer to the opposition on Tuesday, urging them to unite to strengthen parlia-

ment, democracy, and the country's overall progress Speaking on the floor of the National Assembly, he said that this is the right time to work together for the common people's pros-perity, development, and upliftment

Recalling events from the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) government, he said that during the PTI sitin, institutions like PTV and parliament were attacked. He also said the civil disobedience campaign initiated by PTI leaders, during which people were asked not to pay their bills.

The minister also recounted the incident where the doors of Maryam Nawaz's hotel room were broken in Karachi. He said that opposition leaders were arrested on fabricated charges during the PTI government. He said that PTI

opposition members in the National Assembly.

tarians urged the PTI leadership to refrain from victimizing opponents. He expressed regret that no PTI member condemned the inappropriate language used by the Chief Minister of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa at a public rally.

He added that the National Assembly was un-constitutionally dissolved by the PTI, and the people of Punjab were also deprived of their representation due to the dissolution of the Punjab Assembly.

Commenting on a recent PTI public rally, the minister said that the leadership did not follow the instructions and code of conduct set by the local administration. He strongly condemned the remarks and language used by Ali Amin Gandapur at the rally. where media personnel, including women, were tar-

The minister also said

inaugurating an art exhibition at Satrang Gallery in a local hotel in the

Program is one of these key

initiatives. Under the

Women Leadership Pro-

gram a total of 161 women

leaders have already been

trained across Pakistan in

all the four major provinces.

The program equipped female academic

and non-academic staff on

governance in higher educa-

tion recruitment policies

managing work-life balance.

gender and workplace com-

munication, public procure-

ment rules financial man-

agement and strategic com-

provided personal and pro-

fessional development opportunities and exposes

participants to interna-

tional best practices in

the powers of jurisdiction

abolished following the res-

toration of NAB amend-

AC issued notice to NAB

on the petition of Yousuf

should inform either

Toshakhana case falls in its

powers of jurisdiction or

otherwise. The hearing of

petition on powers of ju-

risdiction of AC and NAB

was adjourned till Septem-

Judge Abid Sajjad of

Notice said NAB

The program also

munication.

HEC commits to

enhancing women

leadership in higher

education sector

ISLAMABAD (APP):

The Higher Education

Commission (HEC) has

committed to enhancing

women leadership in higher

education sector, knowing

the fact that they constitute

a major part of faculty

across all higher education

institutions in Pakistan but

their representation in se-

nior roles remains limited.

Realizing this, three years ago, HEC initiated

Programme under its

project Higher Education

Development in Pakistan

(HEDP), said a press re-lease on Tuesday.

ing HEC's National Acad-

emy of Higher Education

(NAHE) on various fronts

Former Prime Minister

(PM) Yousuf Raza Gillani

has challenged powers of

jurisdiction of court and

NAB in Toshakhana ve-

reference against president

Asif Ali Zardari, former

prime ministers Nawaz

Sharif and Yousuf Raza

Gillani came up for hearing

in Accountability Court

challenged the jurisdiction

powers of court and NAB.

Yousuf Raza Gillani

Counsel for Yousuf

(AC) Islamabad.

Toshakhana vehicles

HEDP is strengthen-

Leadership

the Women Leadership women's leadership.

Toshakhana vehicles reference:

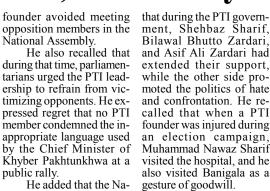
Yousuf Raza Gillani

challenges powers of

jurisdiction of AC, NAB

ISLAMABAD (Online): Raza Gillani said in the court

Women



Meanwhile, MQM-Pakistan leader Syed Mustafa Kamal asserted that parliament is the supreme institution and should not be disrespected He termed Ali Amin Gandapur's speech as undemocratic and divisive and also condemned the derogatory language used by the Chief Minister of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa against women, political leaders,

party can bring the country out of its current crisis and urged political parties to unite on a commor agenda



ISLAMABAD: Country Director, UN Information Center, Catherine Weibel

Senator Falak

suspended for

two days for

using abusive

language

ISLAMABAD (APP):

Senate Chairman Syed

Yousuf Raza Gillani on

Tuesday suspended the

membership of Senator

Falak Naz of Pakistan

Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) for

two days for using abusive

and derogatory language

against Senator Faisal

Vawda and disrupting the

Senator Faisal Vawda

Senator Falak Naz in

proceedings of House despite repeated warnings.

earlier in his speech levelled

accusations against the

PTI's founder with regard

to the assassination of jour-

esponse used derogatory

language against Senator

Vawda, and the latter urged

the Chair to suspend her for

her inappropriate remarks and conduct.

PCP takes

suo moto

notice against

KPCM remarks

ISLAMABAD (APP)

The Press Council of Paki-

stan (PCP) on Tuesday

took suo moto notice of

derogatory remarks made

by Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

Chief Minister Ali Amin

Gandapur against the jour-

nalist community in a pub-

lic rally. Chairman of the

Press Council of Pakistan,

Arshad Khan Jadoon, is-

sued the notice under Ar-

ticle 8 and (2)8 of the Press

Council's regulations. The

chief minister had been

asked to tender a formal

apology within 15 days

from the date of issuance

of notice. He said that the

Press Council is committed

to safeguarding freedom.

nalist Arshad Sharif.

to the details, following the special directives of the Director General (DG) Shakir Hussain Dawar, the Deputy Director Technical welcomed the volunteers of Islamabad Police IQRA University student delegation, a public relations of-He said that, the del-

ISLAMABAD: According

egation visits the command and control center, the data hub unit modern technology-equipped cameras, online women police sta-

visits Safe City Islamabad this project.

Furthermore, the student delegation was informed that Safe City Islamabad is playing a sig-nificant role in various departments through modern techniques, including the Police Operations Center, Emergency Control Center, Data Hub Unit, Dispatch Control Center, E-Challan System, online women police station and the "Pucarhelpline.

The delegation was also apprised of the functionality and benefits of the Islamabad Police and its

safety of the city, preventing crimes and safeguarding the lives and property of citizens. 42% of crimes are resolved through the Safe City Command and Control

Face recognition cameras have been installed at the entry and exit points of the city which are playing an important role in identifying suspicious elements, he maintained.

The delegation acknowledged the modern



ISLAMABAD: Kevin Piccoli, Deputy Director in the Office of International Affairs at the US Commodity Future Trading Commission (CFTC) called on Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb at

Romina launches Recharge Pakistan—excess floodwater management initiative

ISLAMABAD (APP): Coordinator to Prime Minister on Climate Change, Romina Khurshid Alam on Tuesday said that Pakistan regularly experiences seasonal flooding, especially during the monsoon season, which poses significant risks to human life, property, agriculture, and infrastructure. But, managing this excess water can help overcome the risks and prove a boon to the country's socio-economic

Addressing a launching ceremony of the 'Re-Pakistan Programme' as chief guest here Romina Khurshid present government is concerned over wastage of excess floodwaters during summer monsoon season, which gush down the country's river system untapped for want of for various reasons, particularly inadequate storage facilities in the country. She further that ad-

dressing this concern of the Prime Minisetr Shehbaz Sharif, the Recharge Pakistan programme is being launched by the climate change and environmental coordination in collaboration with different national and international stakeholders to building country's here Romina Khurshid flood resilience through na-Alam highlighted that the ture-based adaptation for velopment partners.

Delegation of IQRA students

integrated flood risk management and conservation of excess flood water so as to utilise it for meeting growing water needs of domestic, industrial and agriculture sectors. Managing floodwater through the Recharge Pakistan Programme would be a crucial step for several reasons, as it would help protect lives, property, the environment, infrastructure from the devastating impacts of flooding and help recharge the groundwater level, she contended. The PM's climate aide said, "Recharge Pakistan is basically an unique collaborative initiative as it would be implemented by different national and international de-

Senate HR panel irked by absence of IG Sindh

ISLAMABAD (Online): The Senate Functional Committee on Human Rights, chaired by Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri, convened today at the Parliament House

In attendance were Senator Dr. Zarqa Suharwardy Taimur, Senator Qurat-ul-Ain Marri, Senator Mohammad Humayun Mohmand, Senator Aimal Wali Khan, Senator Jam Saifullah Khan, the Secretary of the Ministry of Human Rights, the Chairperson of Sindh Human Rights Commission and senior officials from the Sindh Police, Human Rights Commission, AIGP Gender Crime. Prosecutor General and Human Rights.

The Chairperson, Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri, expressed concerns over the absence of the IG Sindh in the meeting, emphasizing that his presence was essential for addressing critical issues related to the growing number of cases of domestic violence. rapes, murders and other crimes against innocent citizens of the province. She

work collectively towards creating a safer society and despite repeated reminders, the IG had still not managed to attend the meeting that tantamount to a serious violation of the Rules.

During the briefing, officials informed the members that complaints could be lodged by calling the helpline 1715 at the IG office. Once a complaint is reported, the concerned officer promptly responds. The committee was also briefed on the Zarra Alert and Zainab Alert systems, which have made the complaint process more accessible to the general public. The members stressed the importance of raising public awareness and suggested having a media representative to disseminate crucia information.

Senator Mumtaz Zehri, while highlighting the need for awareness, added that people fear the courts and police for reporting the cases, and in cases of domestic violence, battered and abused women often remain with reiterated that the their abusers, enduring life-Committee's priority is to threatening conditions.



ISLAMABAD: Anti-terrorism court sent the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leader Advocate Shoaib Shaheen to jail on judicial remand while passing judgment in the police attack case.

Anti-polio drive continues in ICT; 2 held for violations

ISLAMABAD (APP): A with health teams. five-day door-to-door antipolio vaccination campaign entered its second day in the Federal Capital while a school principal was arrested for refusing to allow students to receive the po-

lio vaccine. All the Assistant Commissioners are actively participating in the field alongside polio workers to smoothly, said the spokesman of Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) administration. On the occasion, the district administration urged full cooperation to ensure the success of the pal was released after disdoor-to-door campaign.

For this purpose, Assistant Commissioner (AC) Pothohar, Aneeq Anwar, visited the Jhangi Syedan area. while AC Secretariat Abdullah Khan oversaw the campaign in Bari Imam, Barah Kahu, and Phulgran.

During their visits, some challenges faced by polio workers were identified. In response, they

One person was arrested for refusing to let polio workers vaccinate

The district administration emphasized that it is crucial for parents to ensure their children receive polio drops, warning that refusal to vaccinate is a serious offense.

In a separate incident, school within the Nilore police jurisdiction was also arrested after he refused to let polio workers administer the vaccine to his students. Although the princicussions with the district administration, the incident highlights the legal require ment to cooperate with polio workers. The authorities stressed that preventing polio workers from doing their job is a criminal act. The district administration has appealed to all citizens, especially school administrations, to cooperate with the ongoing polio cam-



ISLAMABAD: A Gypsies teenage girl is looking for useful items from a garbage container at sec-

IG police deploys special squads for better traffic in Islamabad

Under the directives of Inspector General (IG) police Syed Ali Nasir Rizvi, special enforcement squads have been deployed to key roads in city to enhance traffic management and ensure smoother flow, aiming to improve overall road safety.

It was also directed to ensure smooth flow of traffic at major roads and to take stern action against those creating inconvenience for the road users, a

public relations officer said. He said that, following the directions of Inspector General of Police (ÎGP) Islamabad Syed Ali Nasir Rizvi, the Islamabad police is taking all possible measures to ensure a safe road environment in the city with maximum convenience

to road users. The special enforcement squads have been constituted to ensure the implementation of traffic

ISLAMABAD (APP): traffic in rush hours, he

added.

While reviewing the overall performance report about traffic related issues, Chief Traffic Officer Islamabad Muhammad Sarfraz Virk, directed to depute special squads at Islamabad Expressway, Karnal Sher Khan Shaheed Road, Srinagar Highway and other important boulevards of the city to ensure smooth traffic flow. He said Islamabad Traffic police officers were directed to ensure traffic discipline in the city and take action against violators without any discrimination. He said Police issued more than 21 thousand fine tickets to vehicles over hampering traffic flow and overloading. Efforts are underway to ensure smooth traffic flow in the city and cooperation of road users is crucial to overcome the traffic related rules and smooth flow of problems, he maintained.

tion and the police opera-

Safe City cameras in the tions center hall. They were city. The modern cameras fully briefed about the pro- of Safe City are playing a cedures and advantages of crucial role in ensuring the

pressed special gratitude to DG Safe City and his team for this successful visit. Parents urged

Chandio urges all political parties to work for economic prosperity of Pakistan

nior leader of Pakistan Peoples Party Maula Bakhsh Chandio on Tuesday urged all the political parties to work for economic prosperity of Paki-stan. All the political issues must be resolved through negotiations, he said while talking to a private television channel. Commenting on arrest of Opposition members on violation of code of conduct, he said, it is a regrettable incident but this culture was promoted by the leaders of Pakistan Tehreek e Insaf (PTI), during their period of tenure of

He suggested all the political parties including Opposition to sit on the table and initiate dialogue for resolving political issues. There is a dire need to strengthen Pakistan's economy, he said adding that we should work for political stability and strengthening democratic system to achieve the development goals.

In reply to a question about talks with PTI to melt down political heat, he said PPP and PML-N leaders have invited PTI on many occasions to sit for talks but the PTI rejected the dialogue offer.

to support polio workers in eradicating polio ISLAMĀBAD (APP): Senator Ayesha Raza

benefits. The delegation ex-

Farooq, focal person of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif for the anti-polio campaign on Tuesday urged the parents of children under-five to cooperate with vaccination teams to get rid of the crippling disease. Talking to a private

news channel, she said that the campaign was launched yesterday on a mass scale. The campaign will be done across 115 districts,

aiming to vaccinate 33 million children against this debilitating disease, she

Climate change poses a significant threat to vulnerable populations in disputed territory: Speakers

ISLAMABAD (APP): Speakers at a symposium on the effects of climate change on human life stated that a collective reaction and concerted effort were urgently needed to safeguard vulnerable communities in disputed territories who were threatened by climate

The seminar, arranged by Kashmir Institute of International Relations in collaboration with International Action for peace and sustainable development on the sidelines of the 57th session of the UNHRC, was attended by international specialists, human rights advocates, diplomats, and academics from all around the world. including Mr. Talha Tufail Bhatti, environmentalist, Mr. Abdul Rehman Research officer CISSAJk, Ms. Eisha Tariq Research intern at Syed Naqashbandi, Mrs Shamim Shwal APHC leaders and Dr

Shugafta Ashraf While the seminar was moderated by Sardar Amjad Yousaf Khan president Internal Action for peace and sustainable development, received a press release from Geneva

Describing climate change as an issue of global concern, the speakers stated that climate change posed a major threat to those living in conflict-affected areas, where communities suffer a slew of chal lenges exacerbated by po litical conflicts, violence, and increased militarization. "Kashmir is one of the areas most vulnerable to climate change," they stated They went on to say that while the protracted conflict poses a serious risk to people's lives, health, food, and way of life throughout

the region

ISLAMABAD: Labourers are busy cleaning and removing old paint to repaint the wall under the Faizabad Interchange.

Daily Soice of Masse Independent

Wednesday September 11, 2024

Delayed bailout

Is Pakistan's new bailout deal with the IMF in trouble? Is the Fund's Executive Board deliberately stalling the approval of the \$7bn Extended Fund Facility agreed between Islamabad and the IMF mission on July 15? Are there any geopolitical factors at play?

These are the thoughts that come to mind after Deputy Prime Minister Ishaq Dar's fresh critique of the IMF amid from a country that purdelays in disbursement of the much-needed funds by the between Russia and lender of last resort. Speaking at a Defence Day function in London, the minister mostly recounted his personal experiences of having worked with the Washington-based agency for the revival of a previous 2019 funding plan as the country's finance czar.

In a way, Mr Dar questioned the intentions of the Fund towards Pakistan as he narrated how the agency had continued to stall its financing for eight months, despite completion of the programme review. The lic campaigning and gathlender had eventually substituted that package with a short-term loan of \$3bn to help Pakistan avert looming sovereign default last year, weeks before a caretaker administration was installed to

hold elections.

While the unexpected delay in the new IMF programme's approval is already causing anxiety in the markets, the timing of Mr Dar's tirade against the lender is quite confusing. Whether or not it is linked to the current status of the new ballout, it the local administration will likely add to existing uncertainties around the early deal with all future public gatherings in the capital. deal with all future public gatherings in the capital. deal with all future public ment was clearly under pressure; or someone was ibly removed. On the condisbursement of fresh IMF funds. More so because the timings as hawkishly as sure. There were press its existence. This is as Fund, going by the informa-Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb has divulged to the public in piecemeal fashion, seems to be consistently changing the As both young and old goalposts.

Or should we assume that the government has yet to fully reveal the conditions agreed reveal the conditions agreed with it in the staff-level agreement? Apparently, the delays in the confirmation of the debt rollovers by China, Saudi Arabia and the UAE, as well as the failure to arrange for fresh funds to cover the external financing gap of \$2bn | must not overlook (a) the nationally (16pc) than infor the present fiscal year, are the main reasons for the delayed approval of the IMF Board. Nonetheless, if Mr Dar, who was apparently not given heavily on skilled labour, his favourite portfolio in the present administration due to the mistrust between him and sions remain vital globally and have been the IMF, is to be believed, the evolving simultaneously. Fund might deliberately be For example, plumbers no longer work exclusively deferring disbursements to with traditional systems; the country owing to geopolitical reasons — even if this appears to be a far-fetched new skills. Similarly, the job descriptions for carconclusion.

There are already speculations that the Western powers do not want Pakistan to use IMF funds to pay back the Chinese debt, and that the lender has asked Islamabad to, like Sri Lanka, first secure debt relief from Beijing, before it finally releases the promised funds. It is, therefore, crucial for the government and finance minister to clear the follow at 30pc, while confusion rather than let growing uncertainty continue highly experienced work-to grip the markets. highly experienced work-ers. Domestically, the struction sector leads the to grip the markets.

Will not talking usher in peace?

Jawed Naqvi

India's home minister says there can't be any talks with Pakistan until peace comes to Jammu and Kashmir first

posturing as politicians often do or stating it as conviction common with India's right-wing nationalists. The backdrop to the comments is the threephase assembly elections scheduled in Jammu and Kashmir from Sept 18, which Home Minister Amit Shah is keen to win for his party.

Not talking to Paki-

stan till peace returns to violence-wracked Kashmir makes for a strange argument to keep aloof from an important, in fact, a critical neighbour. It's particularly strange coming ports to be working for peace in a distant conflict

How could there be peace without talking to key stakeholders in the European theatre? It's interesting nevertheless that India flaunts an appetite for resolving disputes abroad (not excluding Sri

while rejecting friendly of-fers from world capitals to help in its perpetually troubled ties with Paki-

Of course, there are

It's not clear if he was those in India's ruling pack that believe there's nothing to talk to Pakistan about. The only dispute, they say, is India's claim on Azad Kashmir, which the Rao government had formalised through a parliamentary resolution in the 1990s. Even that claim needs talks, right? Or, as some ardent nationalists dream, the army would do the job. It's this kind of alarming rubbish that former US secretary of state Mike Pompeo referred to in his memoirs. He got a midnight call about a crisis that broke out in 2019 between India and Pakistan. Pompeo called it a terrifying standoff between nuclear neighbours.

To stay with the arument, could Russia and Jkraine sort out their differences without addressing the interests of the Russian-speaking population of Donbas? Could the people of Donbas find

from the tautological infirmity in Shah's logic, there is grudging admission of a resounding failure wrought on hapless Kashmiris and, in fact, on the entire country. Team Modi had overreached its capacity to resolve burning domestic problems Step back a bit.

When Prime Minister Narendra Modi wrecked India's economy on Nov 8, 2016, with his disastrous move to demonetise per cent of the country's currency, he took the plea that it would rein in terrorism. One could quibble over Modi's definition of terrorism, but that is what he said. People for better or worse agreed to heed the claim at the time, and they obviously suffered for it. Their suffering hadn't ended, however, when Modi wrecked the state of Jammu and Kashmir in August 2019, claiming that breaking it up and removing its special status guaranteed by the Indian constitution was another means towards ending terrorism. Five years after peace without reference to people, and after countless was detached from it in leading the charge against Courtesy Dawn

people maimed and jailed, Shah indicated last week that he still hadn't succeeded in bringing peace to the region. Reports quoted him as telling BJP workers in Jammu that terrorism, a description for armed resistance against Indian rule, was only 70pc tamed in 10 years of Modi rule, whatever the faux statistics mean.

Shah also said that the special status could never again be restored to the state, and described opposition statements that all Kashmiri parties would work towards that end as vacuous. Assembly elections are being held in Jammu and Kashmir together with state polls in BJP-ruled Haryana, abutting Delhi. Elections in Jharkhand and BJP-ruled Maharashtra are also pending. The dismantled state of Jammu and Kashmir is currently only a union territory, in the way that Delhi is. J&K wasn't. The Modi government says it is committed to restoring statehood to J&K but without the special rights, and sans the heaping misery on the region of Ladakh, which

keen to see the feeble attempt at restoring democracy in the state as a potential harbinger of peace to end their exacerbated suffering under Modi's rule. If Shah has his way, he will install a BJP-led government in the Muslimmajority region. It would serve no intrinsic purpose though since the BJP is already ruling Kashmir with the help of its handpicked lieutenant governor, a veritable viceroy representing Delhi. But the symbolism of a win would help the ruling party score brownie points in the face of possible de-

feat in the other state polls. The way the chips are stacked, a BJP victory could yet be the outcome in J&K. The Congress has aligned with the National Conference of former chief minister Farooq Abdullah, but another member of the India-wide opposition alliance, the PDP of Mehbooba Mufti, is going on its own. On the other hand, a party set up by the jailed and newly elected MP Engineer Rashid is

In the multi-cornered ties in the electoral fray are melee, the BJP could emerge as the single largest party, and the lieutenant governor would be well within his rights to invite it to form government. The visuals of a Hindu nationalist party ruling predominantly Muslim-majority Jammu and Kashmir would lend a degree of heft to the celebrations in 2025 of 100 years of the foundation of the RSS. Wrecking the special status of Kashmir has long been a key quest for Hindutva

> Given the state of affairs, what kind of relationship could one foresee for India with Pakistan in the near or distant future? When Jinnah was asked about Pakistan's equation with India, he cited Canada and the United States as examples to follow. As for Gandhi, he was preparing to visit Pakistan on a peace mission when he was laid low by Hindutva conspirators sympathisers are ideologically connected with the party ruling India today. How shall we then contemplate peace ahead? --

Arifa Noor

On Sunday, the PTI was able to hold a jalsa in Islamabad. More than a year after its troubles began on May 9, 2023, and the party contested an election without any puberings, it held a public show outside KP. They had held a power show in Swabi after forming the holding a jalsa in a province the party rules is hardly news.

was a long time coming. Postponements, permissions (or the lack thereof), and many nail-biting 'will they, won't they' moments – the drama continued for some time. Even after the date and the venue, which was far from the city, were finalised, doubts remained: the city was

minute lawmaking gave worrying prematurely. extraordinary powers to power first. The govern-

Once the jalsa began, the police watched the ernment was under pres- a resentful acceptance of

the administration in conferences statements Lahore monitors weddings in big hotels — the tire day; even an exclusive lights-out deadline is a hard stop. By 7.30pm, half an hour after the jalsa was supposed to end, the channels were reporting that policemen had been injured by participants' stone-throwing and had been forced to resort to shelling. The breathless coverage made it seem as government but then, if a stand-off had begun over the 'party' not ending on time.

But this breaking This gathering, too, news was soon forgotten while social media kept reporting on a jalsa that continued late into the night. In this age of #fakenews, it was hard to tell what was

However, the jalsa is perhaps just another indication of the stalemate in politics in this country. Those who think it indiinto cates some major change 'containeristan' and last- might be celebrating or

and sound bites the envideo of a cabinet minister was broadcast on news channels just as the footage of the 'shelling' was doing the rounds. That the channels needed more breaking news on Imran Khan's links to Israel at the same time as the jalsa's school timings had ended is a question which required far more energy than I can spare on a Sun-

The coverage was equally mind-boggling. Apparently, the blockages in the capital and images of PTI supporters making their way to the ialsa were kosher but not of the venue itself. None of the speeches made their way to the screens either.

Perhaps one can venture so far as to say that the restrictions on the gathering as well as its coverage show the acceptance of the party with the to be limited — it cannot pressure; or someone was keen to show that the gov-trary, its popularity forces

true of the government in KP as it is of the jalsa. And because of this, concessions will have to be made to it occasionally.

This is a tightrope for the establishment to walk, especially in Punjab where there are reports of arrests and raids on those associated with the PTI. These are done to keep fear and control in place; easing these may lead to an unwanted reaction. However, keeping up the pressure on the party also means resentment against the establishment will not ease. This is a dilemma they don't seem to have found an answer to.

However, this is a factor which might weigh heavily on some, especially because of events in the region in recent

The PTI itself faces lenges. Imran Khan con- challenges. with few chances of a of it; there are enough ship on the outside is trying to balance his harsh and aggressive stand along with their own desires of a more normal life.

voters, who want not just an end to this stand-off leaders would perhaps prefer to build a better relationship with the establishment and settle down to a boring parliamentary existence. Some of this was also evident from the speech of Mahmood Achakzai, who criticised the party's leadership.

sure from the workers and

What are chances this jalsa was a compromise reached by both sides to manage all these challenges? And that some of the Neanderthal-type speeches were also just a spectacle? Indeed, the rhetoric was harsh because the ac-

The political 'sacri- fact, all one can sense is And then there is the pres- fices' are no less, so to the stillness.

speak. The perception that the ruling party is simply a puppet in the but also the release of hands of the establish-Khan. This heat from be-ment has now become the low has to be managed assumption on the basis even though some of the of which all analyses is now done. The legislation in parliament, the appointments of officers to civilian posts, and the constant bemoaning of May 9 are now seen in this context.

That the party is also worried is obvious from the recent statement attributed to Nawaz Sharif who spoke of all parties and others joining hands to address the challenges and crises facing the country. This was followed by statements from senior party members known for being close to the senior Sharif indicating that the PML-N itself The government too is now dependent on equally difficult chal- is struggling with its own support other than the The people and that even the tinues to be imprisoned economy is just one part party's quaid has become secondary. The jalsa on speaking about it and tuated the stalemate the what it is costing the country faces. It is hard PML-N, especially, in to sense any change in the terms of popular support. direction of the winds; in

The master key

Gulmina Bilal Ahmad

hunt for better employment opportunities, it is worth reflecting on these wise words: "If education is the key, technical-vojobs of today and tomor-

there is an emphasis on IT skills. However, we consistent demand for traditional trades and (b) the changing nature and skill set of traditional trades. Both domestic and international markets still rely such as masons, plumbers, carpenters, and electricians. These profesthey must now be familiar with smart home technologies, which demand new skills. Similarly, the penters and electricians have expanded, integrating smart technology and energy-efficient prac-

The common perception is that a lot of experience is needed, particularly for overseas critical questions about jobs. However, data indicates that mid-level experience is in highest de- considering the investmand internationally, with about 52 per cent of employers seeking midlevel experience. Fresh only 18pc of the international market demands across different sectors.

level, and less than 1pc high-level expertise. Interestingly, voca-

tional trades — certified through various trade programmes — are the most sought-after skill sets in both markets. In market is constantly in ure rises to 68pc. In conflux, with major changes trast, diploma-level qualiin skills required for the fications in health services have a smaller but notable demand: 7pc do-Understandably, mestically and 16pc internationally. Engineering diplomas are more valued ternationally Meanwhile, the demand for BTech degrees is 8pc internationally but only 1pc at home. These figures are from 2017, and work is underway to obtain current figures, but the indicative pattern re-

mains the same. Speaking of patterns, an unsurprising one is that males dominate demand in both domestic and global markets. Internationally, 98pc of skilled labour demand is for men. Domestically, the divide is slightly smaller but still substantial, with 89pc of the demand for male workers, 9pc for both genders and only 2pc specifically for women.

Despite these stark figures, the proportion of women in the annual supply of skilled workers is around 39pc. This raises the underutilisation of female workers, especially ments made in their technical and vocational education. Strategies for integrating women into the skilled labour market is a top reform need.

The demand for skilled labour also varies pattern is similar, with way, accounting for 55pc

71pc seeking mid-level of demand, followed by experience, 29pc entry-maintenance and repair (17pc), services (11pc). and manufacturing (8pc). Domestically, manufacturing is the dominant sector (33pc), followed by services (27pc) and construction (16pc). These discrepancies between national and international markets indicate a skills gap in local econo-

> Understanding these trends can help us prioritise the right skills development programmes. instan--ce, driving and electricians' work are among the most in-demand trades, yet the supply of qualified workers in these fields lags far behind. Take driving, for exa-mple, where there is a demand for 82,015 workers, yet only 5,785 individuals are available to meet this need. Similarly, there are considerable gaps in fields such as mechanics, masonry, welding, and machine operation, many of which underrepresented in cur-

rent vocational training programmes or completely absent from Pakistan's TVET system. The National Vocational and Technical **Training Commission has** a critical role in address-

ing these imbalances and ensuring that the supply skilled workers matches the demands of the national and international markets. The focus is currently on supply chain adjustments, gender inclusion and adaptation to economic transitions.

More importantly, we need provincial and district-level programmes tailored to meet the specific needs of local economies. The bottom line is to ensure that vocational training is not a one-sizefits-all approach, but is, instead, sensitive to regional demands. -- Cour-

Nazir A. Jogezai

With rapid industrial and technological advancements, the educational landscape has evolved to a great extent. But maximum efforts are being made to align the educational system with the needs and demands of the industrial sector. This industry-education alignment concentrates on skill-based education, a standardised curriculum and assessment, alongside homogeneous or onesize-fits-all global education reform initiatives.

The transformation in industrial trends generates new skills, which leads to new educational goals and learning milestones, making it more of an employment-oriented education system that requires graduates for industrial production. Although job security is the state's responsibility, learning has now become a means to an end — make investment to get returns on investment in the form of a job. Individuals are responsible for both success and failure as well as job attainment.

But the controlled purpose of learning prevents a broader understanding of and participation in a social-ecological framework. Education has fundamentally become a private good, determined by the need and satisfaction of private desires rather than a tool of societal progress and evolu-

Educational researcher Gert Biesta has learnification' marketised learning, which favours data-intensive practices. Learning has also become unidimensional in the areas of policy, research and practice; 'what' is learnt and why' it is learnt are obscured as the purpose is limited to excelling in a particular skill set and on

Learning focus

trial production. In learnification, the primary focus is on a

procedural array of policies and practices, individual learning and measurable outcomes. The datafication of learning for its development and outcomes is the norm in the post-digital era. The most relevant examples are standardised exams, uniform learning designs and pedagogies with grades or scores being the focal point of parental, societal and industrial goals, which drive the economic success of education providers. Quantification is the only measure of learning and success in the education sys-

By categorising learning as an easily quantifiable sphere, we overlook the wider functions of education, such as critical thinking, individual growth, social engagement and societal well-being. Consequently, a large number of exam toppers are hardly a reflection of social advancement, even in basic forms such as abiding by traffic laws and being punctual.

The instructional practices simply transfer a standardised curriculum to passive learners — a monologue-oriented curriculum with stratified capital resources ignores the ground realities of a diverse educational landscape, yet expects all learners to excel equally. Our pedagogies prepare students for exams rather than nurture them as driv-

ers of social change. learnification landscape, our policies and educational management remain more administrative than academic, trapped in superficial measures of quantification such as staff attendance through biometric attendance systems. Instead, it should analyse and nour-

being beneficial for indus- ish the academic rigour, contribution to learning improvements and social

Renowned scholar and cultural critic Henry Giroux, therefore, terms such standardisation and quantification of education as 'neoliberal pedagogical terrorism', as it curtails any collective struggle to preserve education as the process of creating critical citizens who contribute to social advancem-e--nt. Instead, it has a corporate drive for standardisation, rigid testing and accountability met-hods and privatisa-

While the number of out-of-school children is becoming a national crisis, those in school are left with poor learning. Moreover, unemployment and the rapid growth in population have become key reasons for the increase in school dropouts.

Societies such as Pakistan, unfortunately, fall into this learnification trap, which is asymmetrical to their societal and structural fabrication. Hence, the country faces mass joblessness. The state offers extensions in the employment age limit as a remedy, which further increases the unemployment rate. What is important is a shift in the purpose of learning; it must move away from corporate or industrial uplift and job-oriented perspective to societal well-being, with bottom-up education for productive learners as opposed to passive ones

Education should not only produce skilled human capital but also nurture them holistically to address diverse societal needs so that they can contribute to the collective social good. Potential learners need to be sensible human beings, responsible citizens and PESHAWAR (APP): Gov-

Pakhtunkhwa, Faisal Karim

Kundi, on Tuesday pre-

sided over the 14th Board

of Governors meeting of

Edwards College at the

dissatisfaction with the un-

necessary delay in the ap-

proval of the minutes from

the previous meeting, say-

ing that stringent action

would be taken in case of

further delays in the prepa-

ration and approval of min-

a detailed review of the

progress on the decisions taken during the last Board

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

Minister of Local Govern-

ment, Elections and Devel-

opment Arshad Ayub Khan

on Tuesday said that the

problems being faced by

the employees of Local

Government Khyber Pakhtunkhwa would be re-

solved as soon as possible.

of Local Government Em-

ployees Federation of

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa at

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

House in Islamabad, he said

that establishing a building

control authority was a top

priority of the provincial

government for improving

parks, said a press release

the KP government was

The Minister said that

issued here.

Talking to a delegation

of Governors meeting.

The meeting included

utes from past meetings.

Governor expressed

vernor House.

Khyber

Maryam seeks five-year vision reports from parliamentary secretaries

LAHORE (APP): Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif on Tuesday held a meeting with Provincial Ministers, Parliamentary Secretaries, and Administrative Secretaries to streamline government af-

The CM directed the authorities concerned to invite parliamentary secretaries concerned to the departmental meetings. She also directed parliamentary secretaries to get details of the projects from their respective departments, and sought five-year vision reports from them.

In her address, the CM emphasized the equal status of parliamentary secretaries, acknowledging their pivotal role in implementing government policies. She underscored the necessity of collective effort, stating, "No one person can run this govern-

ment alone; everyone has to work together.'

highlighted Punjab's potential as noted by Chinese investors and criticized previous administrations for their inefficiency, which she claims undermined development. She remarked on the extensive work achieved during Shehbaz Sharif's tenure, noting that the progress had been significantly disrupted.

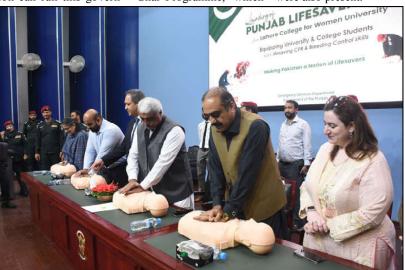
highlighted recent achieve- announced plans to distribments, including a decline ute sweets for Eid Miladin inflation and improve-ments in food prices. She said that the price of flour in Punjab is significantly lower compared to other provinces.

She announced several initiatives: the distribution of Kisan Cards, a Rs 10 lakh subsidy for green tractors, and the 'Apni Chhat Apna Ghar Programme,' which were also present.

offers loans for home construction. She also men-CM Maryam Nawaz tioned relief measures in electricity bills and the launch of Minority Cards.

The CM stressed the importance of fieldwork to address public issues and the ongoing improvement in bureaucratic performance through a new KPI (key performance indicator system. She urged her team to embrace their responsi-The chief minister bilities in public service and un-Nabi (Peace Be Upon

> Senior Provincial Minister Marriyum Aurangzeb, Information & Culture Minister Azma Zahid Bukhari, Provincial Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries attended the meeting. Provincial Secretaries



LAHORE: Provincial Health Minister Khawaja Salman Rafique, Provincial Education Minister Rana Sikandar Hayat, Vice Chancellor Uzma Qureshi, DG Rescue Dr. Rizwan Naseer inaugurated the Life Saver program on the occasion of World First Aid Day at Lahore College for Women University.

Sindh Energy Dept supports IEEEP Fair: Nasir Shah

Minister for Energy Syed Tuesday said that provincial Energy department stands fully committed to support the IEEEP Fair.

'We will work closely along with our support de- to meet the nation's energy partments in the ministries challenges and enhance inof Investment, Planning dustrial efficiency. and Development to ensure robust participation and engagement during the three days of the fair," said Nasir Shah while speaking at the inauguration ceremony of the exhibition.

He added that his presence at the fair demonstrate provincial government's commitment to facilitating business-togovernment interactions and driving growth in the

During the fair, relevant departments of my ministry are available to engage with international and local visitors and exhibitors to apprise initiative aims to showcase our ongoing and upcoming projects across rural and urban Sindh, inviting investment and fostering nerships, drive innovation

ships that will contribute significantly to our economic development," the Minister added. The mincontributions will undoubtedly strengthen our efforts

commend the IEEEP for their tireless efforts in organizing this significant event and extend my appreciation to Badar dedicated support over the years," Shah said.

TDAP Zubair Motiwala said that the IEEEP Fair has grown beyond its original scope of addressing the country's energy needs, and today it stands as a crucial platform for showcasing innovations and fostering economic growth.

'The IEEEP Fair has evolved to encompass a broad spectrum of Électrical, Electronics and Allied Disciplines. It now serves as a vibrant platform for companies to explore part-

mal Literacy Day 2024

PESHAWAR. Provincial Minister Fasil Khan

Tarakai addressing a seminar on International

Commissioner Karachi

reviews measures to control

prices of essential food items

KARACHI (APP): Com- were present in the meet-

ing. The Commissioner di-

rected the Deputy Commis-

sioner East to make the role of Market Committee for

making auction system

transparent. The Commis-

sioner directed the Deputy

Commissioner East to acti-

vate the market committee

and ensure the posted As-

sistant Commissioner

plays its role as a monitor

so that prices are fixed ap-

propriately and citizens can

get fruits and vegetables at

against encroachments

causing traffic congestion in

sioners informed about the

actions taken against en-

croachments in their re-

The meeting also re-

The Deputy Commis-

reasonable prices.

spective districts

Additional Commis- viewed the campaign

Literacy Day at a local school (ups).

missioner Karachi Syed

Hassan Naqvi on Tuesday

chaired a meeting at his of-

fice to review measures for

control of prices of essen-

tended by all Deputy Com-

missioners in person and

Assistant Commissioners

details of violation of offi-

cial prices of commodities

and informed about the ac-

tions taken against profi-

sioner-I Ghulam Mehdi

Shah, Additional Commis-

sioner-II Sved Ghazanfar

Ali Shah, Assistant Com-

missioner Headquarters

Rabia Sved. Assistant

Commissioner General

Hazim Bangwar and others

The meeting was at-

They presented the

tial food items.

via video link

joint ventures and partner- and facilitate economic col-

laboration within the region. role in shaping the future ister said that the IEEEP's of our industries. We welcome engagements with various public sector organizations, which will help bridge the gap between industry and government," Motiwala said.

attracts procurement teams from various industries, including construction, hos-Expo Solutions for their pitals, textiles, hospitality, and academic institutions.

"Their presence un-Chief Executive derscores the fair's importance as a focal point for industry-wide interaction and collaboration. We are proud to support the Make in Pakistan' initiative, which promotes local products and technologies. This effort is crucial for driving import substitution and boosting our domestic

industry," said Motiwala. Chief Executive Badar xpo Solutions Zohair Naseer said this fair is to support local exhibitors, who aspire to enter the ex-

Four killed, two injured in road mishap at Shangla

SHANGLA (APP): Four persons were killed and two injured when a passenger jeep plunged into deep ravine near Leko Kamar area Tehsil Chakaisar, Police said passenger

eep, that was en route to Chakaisar from Kazang village, fell into ravine. The jeep crumbled and ripped into three pieces before reaching the bed of gorge. Four persons includ-

ing Jamshaid Ali, Imran, Izat Sayed and Umar Farroq were killed in the incident and two sustained injuries. Rescue teams recov-

ered the bodies and shifted injured to nearby hospital or treatment.

Mills workers receive financial aid of Rs 4.6m

FAISALABAD (APP) The Labour Welfare Department west region distributed financial aid of Rs 4.6 million among workers of a textile mills from Punjab Workers Welfare Fund, here on Tuesday.

Director Labour West Ghulam Shabir Kalyar gave the cheques to workers by isiting Crescent Textile Mills. Syed Asim Shah from the mill's side, Union Leader Malik Imdad Awan and others were present.

Earlier, the General Secretary Local Government Employees Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Salman Khan Hoti informed the Minister about problems of the employees. There was a detailed discussion on local government members' powers, funds and other local government affairs. At the end of the meeting, the delegation expressed thanks to the Local Government Minister for assuring his support to solve bringing reforms in the lothe long-standing problems.

PESHAWAR: Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi presides

Kundi chairs BoGs meeting

expresses dissatisfaction

over delay in minutes

sented to reduce unneces-

sary expenses and increase

the number of scholarships

for students. Under the

proposal, 14 students from

100 percent scholarships.

Additionally, the proposal

included five scholarships

for Hafiz-e-Quran stu-

dents, and three for

covered the appointment of

the college. The Governor

rules and procedures

and making the depart-

strengthen the institutions

mutual consultation, re-

forms and transparency

would be brought in all the

government institutions.

He said that through

and eliminate corruption.

ments digitised

appointment.

Minister assures to

resolve problems of LG

employees on priority basis

PESHAWAR (APP): cal and district institutions

The discussion also

transgender students.

over the 14th BoGs meeting of Edwards College at Governor House.

He also announced plans to hold a meeting merged districts will receive with students and faculty to gather suggestions for the overall improvement of for disabled students, three the college.

branches of Edwards Col-

lege in Abbottabad and Dera

A proposal was pre-ed to reduce unneces-prepared for establishing

Ismail Khan.

The Governor instructed to expedite work on meeting minutes and other related matters.

Special guests at the meeting included CEO of a permanent Principal for Ghulam Ishaq Khan Instiemphasized that relevant tute Shakil Durrani and renowned educationist Dr. should be reviewed for this Qibla Ayaz, Bishop Peshawar Humphrey Peter. Governor Kundi di-

ATC declares 2 PTI leaders as POs in May-9 case LAHORE (APP): An anti-

terrorism court (ATC) on Tuesday declared two leaders of Pakistan Tehreek-e Insaf (PTI) as proclaimed offenders (POs) in a case of torching police vehicles in Gulberg during the May 9 violence. The court declared the accused, Mian Aslam Iqbal and Khurram Shahzad, as proclaimed offenders. The investigating officer of Gulberg Police Station had filed the application for declaring the accused proclaimed offenders. The officer stated that extensive efforts were made to arrest the accused, but they could not be apprehended as they had gone into hiding to avoid arrest. He submitted that the accused did not appear despite the publication of the advertisement.

two injured

in Pattoki

road accident

woman was killed and two

others sustained injuries in

a road accident that took

place near Pattoki Bypass

area of Kasur district, tv

channels quoting Rescue

sources reported on Tues-

rashly driven car hit the

two-wheeler on Pattoki

Bypass area of Kasur dis-

trict. As a result, a woman

died on the spot. The two

other persons of the same

family were also injured in

the same incident. The dead

and injured were being

shifted to Tehsil Headquar

ter Hospital.

According to details, a

PATTOKI (APP):



stration for acceptance of their demands, nearby Khyber Pakhtunkhwa As sembly building in Peshawar. One killed,

Minister for ensuring safe disposal of industrial waste

KARACHI (APP): Sindh diseases. Minister for Industry and Commerce Jam Ikramullah Dharejo, taking notice of media reports about disposing of industrial waste in sewerage drains in an unsafe manner, on Tuesday directed the factory owners to ensure safe disposal of industrial waste.

The Sindh minister, in a statement on Tuesday, maintained that the unsafe disposal of industrial waste was not only adding up to the environmental pollution but those irresponsible

The minister for industries and commerce also directed MD Sindh Industrial Trading Estate (SITE) to require factory owners of disposing of industrial waste in a safe Dharejo while warning

the factory owners who were disposing of industrial waste in an unsafe manner, stressed them to desist from the environmentally hazardous activities otherwise strict action would be taken against them as per

practices were also causing the law. PDMA DG discuss laws regarding public health, emergency response

General (DG) Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) Irfan Ali Khan held an important meeting to discuss existing laws regarding public health and emergency response

here on Tuesday. Provincial and federal health department representatives and doctors participated in the meeting.

The committee gave a briefing about the plan of the fight against the action of the health department and medical assistance in disasters. A briefing was also given on measures to cooperation.

LAHORE (APP): Director prevent epidemics in flood-

affected areas. DG PDMA Irfan Ali said that natural calamities can be dealt with by all the organisations only through joint and mutual cooperation. Steps are being taken to prevent dengue and other diseases in flood affected areas, he added.

The health department has a key role in any disaster, he said and added that coronavirus, dengue, mpox and other epidemics is possible only through mutual

Minister holds PEF 88th BoD meeting

cial Education Minister Rana Sikandar Hayat chaired the 88th meeting of Punjab Education Foundation (PEF) Board of Directors (BoDs) at the PEF head office, here on Tuesday. Member

Muzammil Mehmood par-

ticipated as a new board

member while Secretary

Schools Education Khalid

Nazir Wattoo, Secretary Literacy and Non-Formal Basic Education Syed Haider Iqbal, Education Expert Asma Waziri, Director STEM, University of Education Dr. Intizar Hussain Butt, Assistant Chief, Planning and Development Department Dr. Saima Malik, Deputy Secretary Technical, Social Welfare Department Muhammad Hussain Bhatti, Additional Finance Secretary Meer Raza and Technocrat Dr. Basit Khan attended the

During the session, Malik Shoaib Awan was elected as the new Chair-

Managing Director PEF Shahid Farid updated the board members on the progress of Phase-I of the Public Schools Reorganisation Programme (PSRP). He informed that Phase-I of PSRP has been Minister's Task Force successfully launched and agreements with Young Entrepreneurs, Individual, Education Chains, Ed-Tech and NGOs will be finalised in the next two-day. Additionally, he provided a detailed briefing on the PSRP

building code. Provincial Education Minister Rana Sikandar Hayat congratulated Malik Shoaib Awan on being elected as the new chairman PEF and expressed his confidence that under his leadership, the PEF would further expand. He praised the entire PEF team for their efforts during the meeting and emphasised that all schools in PSRP Phase-I were allocated on

The team worked tirelessly to launch Phase-I successfully in a short peman of the Punjab Educa- riod, he added.



KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister, Syed Murad Ali Shah exchanges views with Japanese Ambassador, WADA Mitsuhiro during meeting held at CM House.

KP to contact Center over financial issues in tribal districts

PESHAWAR Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government has decided to contact the Center and prepared a document with regard to financial problems of the Merged Districts of he province.

According to official sources, the KP government has once again decided to contact the Federal Government for assistance in resolving the financial issues of the tribal districts. A document written in

this regard has demanded establishment of a special 10-year grant with a name of "Pakistan Building Grant" to address the monetary issues of the merged tribal districts.

The document seeking solution to the financial the document added.

problems in merged districts urged the Federal Government to include these districts in 7th NFC Award and recalculate and reassess its shares. The provincial gov-

ernment was also seeking to send this document to the NFC as it was a constitutional forum. In this document, the

KP government has written that after the merger, tribal districts have been hearly deprived of the development projects as these districts were obtaining an amount of Rs865 billion less than the Baluchistan and other provinces of the country. The tribals districts were facing a deficit of Rs 72 billion annually,

CM KP's derogatory remarks against journalists, women face widespread criticism

hyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) Chief Minister's recent disparaging remarks directed at journalists and women, along with attempts to exert undue pressure on the state institutions including judiciary, have been met with broad condemnation across the province. The unjustified and provocative remarks made by CM KP during a public meeting in Islamabad were described as "irrational" by politicians and civil society and demanded of Gandapur tender unconditional apology over his tirade against media professionals and CM Punjab.

Ikhtair Wali Khan, the Information Secretary for Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) in KP criticized Gandapur's attack on the media, emphasizing that the press had played a crucial role in promoting the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party's popularity during the 2018 general elections when other political parties

PESHAWAR (APP): The were completely sidelined, paving the way for PTI founder to get majority and became the prime minister Pakistan.

Declaring the PTI's Islamabad rally as a complete failure, the PMLN leader strongly condemned Gandapur's illogical statement pertaining to forceful release of the PTI founder, adding such premature and provocative statements was aimed to place undue pressure on state institutions, including the judi-

He urged the Chief Justice of Pakistan to take suo moto notice of Gandapur's derogatory remarks, highlighting PTI's pattern of pressuring institutions when favorable judgments are not secured. The PML-N leader

stressed that legal proceedings cannot be influenced through public rallies or agitation. Instead, he argued that PTI leadership should present concrete evidence in court in PTI founder's corruption cases



KARACHI: Members of Pakistan Punjabi Organization are holding protest demonstration against target killing of Punjabis in Balochistan, held at Karachi press club.

Independent

Trade Policy 2025 to be announced soon: Kamal

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Commerce and Trade Jam Kamal Khan has said the government was working to announce the Trade Policy 2025 which would be presented to the standing committees of the Parliament

Replying to the questions of Senator Zeeshan Khanzada in the 342nd session of the question and answer session of the House, he said the government was committed to facilitating trade and industry and expanding exports.

Kamal said that the incumbent government was determined to bring institutional and structural reforms, enhance regional connectivity, and diversify exports to ensure sustainable growth and stabilise the

Jam Kamal said Prime ings with relevant ministries and stakeholders to deliberate upon a range of issues so that a comprehensive strategy could be framed to do away with all the challenges being faced by the business and industry in

He said that the textile sector, which constithe country's exports, was considering different options for developing the

Kamal informed that the present government had appointed a competent Head of the National Comber 1. He told the House

that textiles and apparel exports slightly increased Minister Shehbaz Sharif by 0.93 per cent in the Fihas conducted several meet- nancial Year (FY) 2023-24 as compared with FY 2022-

The minister added that the government was taking steps to redesign of Export Facilitation Scheme (EFS) of FBR for inclusion of all stages of the manufacturing for end-to-end coverage; exemption of registered units from sales tax tutes the major portion of on utility bills and removal of other procedural irritants under stress and we are to ease the imports for reexport purposes

Later the Chairman of the Senate Syed Yousaf Raza Gillani referred the matter at the request of Senator Zeeshan Khanzada with the consent of Minispliance Center on Septem- ter Jam Kamal Khan to the concerned committee



ISLAMABAD: Finance Minister Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb held a meeting with the K-Electric leadership to discuss energy sector reforms and renewable energy transition.

CM announces initiatives to upgrade agriculture, improve farmers' lot

LAHORE (APP): Punjab culture centers across the loans and other facilities Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif has announced a series of initiatives aimed at advancing agriculture and improving the socio-economic conditions of farmers in the prov-

ing with the Agriculture Department on Tuesday, she highlighted the introduction of several key projects: Kissan Cards, Agricultural Mall Pilot Project, Green Tractor Scheme, Agricultural Graduates Internship, and

noted that the distribution said and added that seeds,

ISLAMABAD (APP):

The overseas workers' re-

mittances witnessed an in-

crease of 44 per cent during the first two months of the

current fiscal year 2024-25,

the State Bank of Pakistan

province has commenced from today.

Farmers can get Kissan Cards from agricultural center in the agriculture office in each tehsil. these cards to buy agricul-During a review meet- tural inputs for the wheat crop after October 15.

The CM said that 500,000 farmers will benefit from Kissan Card. A farmer will be able to get a loan from Rs 30,000 per acre to Rs 150,000 through Kissan Card.

The chief minister Sahiwal and Sargodha, she of 40,000 Kissan Cards to farmers through 136 agricultural goods, counseling,

Similarly, on a year-

on-year basis, the worker's

remittance went up by 40.5 per cent in August 2024 to US \$2.942 billion from US

\$ 2.094 billion during the

same month last year.

will be available at these

approved the Fresh Agriculture Graduates Internship Program, under which They will be able to use training of 1,000 agriculture graduates will start across Punjab from next week. She said these agriculture graduates will access the farmers through geomapping, and will advise them in the field on how to get good harvest.

Tractor Scheme, 10,000 tractors will be given away Agricultural Mall Pi- in a year. The Punjab gov-Tube Well Solarization lot Project will be started ernment will give a subsidy in Okara, Bahawalpur, of Rs 1 million on each tractor. Farmers will be able to apply after the launch of the scheme on September

AHORE (APP): A highlevel delegation from the Shandong Chamber of Commerce & Industry, China, visited the Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI) here Tuesday. LCCI Vice President Adnan Khalid Butt presented the address of welcome to the delegation led by Li Chong. Shahbaz Under CM Green Siddique, Convener of the

> tions, was also present. The LCCI Vice Presimissions in engaging with the LCCI, recognizing it as a pivotal hub for enhancing bilateral trade relations. He nomic growth.

Standing Committee on

'Pak-China Business Rela-

Shandong CCI visits LCCI specifically acknowledged the vital role of Li Chong and his delegation in exploring business opportunities that could further strengthen the economic ties between the two nations

Govt. committed to

promote Islamic banking

in country: NA told

ISLAMABAD (APP): lighted that Islamic finan-

cial instruments are asset-

backed, with certificates is-

sued against tangible assets.

In 2023, certificates worth

Rs 80 billion were issued

against assets such as the

Lahore-Sialkot Motorway

in Islamic banking accounts

and announced plans to is-

sue new certificates based

on the recently identified

He said that the gov-

and Islamabad Metro.

Minister for Finance and

Revenue Ali Pervaiz Malik

Tuesday informed the Na-

tional Assembly that the

government is committed to

promote Islamic banking in

the country. In response to

a Calling Attention Notice

in the House, he said that

the government plans to

launch new Shariah-compli-

ant certificates worth Rs 50

billion under Islamic Fi-

schemes under the Central

Directorate of National

Savings (CDNS) were

launched in July 2023, in-

volving Rs 70 billion in in-

struments, though these

schemes were later sus-

pended. On the The minister high- assets.

Chinese delegation from

He explained that two

nance this month.

Adnan Khalid Butt underscored the importance of mutual cooperation in various sectors, including Minerals, Steel Structures, Gold Mines, Salt Mines, Construction and Medical Equipment. He emphasized that the Pakistani business community is eager to colinterest of Chinese trade terprises in these fields, with the aim of fostering long-term partnerships that could lead to significant eco-

Abdul Aleem Khan presided meeting on Gems Stones Over Rs153 billion tax refunds disbursed to exporters, ensuring market liquidity: Aurganzeb

expired in 2024 and no new

policy and the government

Minister for Finance and Revenue, Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb on Tuesday told the Upper House of the Parliament that the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) has pro-

ISLAMABAD: Chairman PM Steering Committee & Federal Minister for Communications, Privatization & Board of Investment

refunds to the exporters enernment has identified new suring market liquidity. assets valued at Rs 1,000 He was responding billion and has secured the during the Questions and necessary approvals to Answers session to a proceed. Consequently, supplementary query of Shariah-compliant certificates worth Rs 50 billion Senator Zeeshan Khanzada amid the seventh meeting of will be issued this month. the 342nd Senate Session The minister also rehere with Deputy Chairported a 30 percent increase

> Nasar in chair. Senator Zeeshan Khanzada of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) in his query noted that the trade

man Senate, Syedaal Khan

Rupee gains 09 paisa against dollar ISLAMABAD (APP): Pa-

kistani rupee on Tuesday appreciated by 09 paisa against the US dollar in the interbank trading and closed at Rs 278.61 against the previous day's closing of Rs 278.70.

However, according to the Forex Association of Pakistan (FAP), the buying and selling rates of the dollar in the open market stood at Rs 278.85 and Rs 280.45 respectively.

The price of Euro decreased by 70 paisa to close at Rs 307.51 against the last day's closing of Rs 308.21, according to the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP).

ISLAMABAD (APP): policy imposed in 2019 had in response to another

stance was shared so far. Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb responded that the federal government through FBR had expedited vided over Rs153 billion tax refunds and over Rs52 billion were dispersed to the exporters on July 1st, the first day of the fiscal year

He said the federal government was focussing on diversification of exports into agriculture and information and technology (IT) as these two sectors were real channels and levers of growth and a comprehensive policy was in

The Finance Minister

query, said the question is pertinent and agriculture was the real lever of growth in Pakistan that saved the country economically through its 6% growth rate during the past fiscal year

that averted default risk. He assured the mover that the federal government would increase the financing for agriculture sector with large- and small-scale farmer financing including livestock and dairy financing as the latter comprised 60% of country's agriculture sector GDP.

"We are trying to promote dairy and livestock financing through banks and the point of the Member is well noted," he said



MULTAN: Deputy Commissioner Waseem Hamid Sindhu distributes Chief Minister Kisan Cards to farmers by the Provincial government to support and empower the agricultural community.

Businessmen can make Pakistan an economic power: Dr Gohar Ejaz

LAHORE (APP): While business community, Patron-in-Chief APTMA and former caretaker federal minister Dr Gohar Ejaz has said that the business leadership has the potential to make Pakistan an economic power. He was speaking at a reception organized in the honour of PIAF Founders LBF Alliance candidates on Tuesday where APTMA North extended all out support to the PIAF Founders LBF Alliance in the upcoming Lahore Chamber of Commerce & Industry (LCCI) elections 2024-26. Patron-in-Chief United Business Group (UBG) S

Dr Gohar Ejaz said a stressing upon the unity of country can only be powerful if it has strong army and a strong economy. Pakistan has a strong army and the business community is dreaming of securing a strong economy by forging alliances right from the FPCCI to Chambers and Associations

He said the country's xports would have been US \$60 billion today had the business community decided to forge unity 10 years back. He said the business community has a new leadership in the form of S M Tanveer who has united the business community countrywide and se-M Tanveer was also cured two-thirds majority present. cured two-thirds majority in the FPCCI elections.

participants of the International Workshop. Sindh govt approves 12 new high-yield crop varieties to boost agriculture

government's commitment

to farmers' welfare. Mahar

also announced the upcom-

ing Seed Act, which aims

to curb counterfeit agricul-

tural products and hold

fraudulent companies ac-

mate change is posing seri-

ous threats to agricultural

progress, with farmers

bearing the brunt of natural

disasters. He urged agricul-

tural experts to intensify

their research efforts, align-

He warned that cli-

countable.

Asad Isalm Mahni, Additional Secretary Ministry for Industry and Produc

tion, Muhammad Alamgir Chaudhry, ČEO NPO in a group photo with the

KARACHI (APP): In a significant move towards boosting agricultural productivity, the Sindh govern-ment has approved 12 in-novative crop varieties including cotton, wheat, mustard,and ber developed by the province's leading

agricultural scientists.

During the 36th piv-

otal meeting of the Sindh

Seed Council, chaired by the

Sindh Minister for Agricul-

ture Sardar Muhammad Bux

Khan Mahar these crop varieties were introduced.

key varieties such as CRS

644, CRS 674, CRS 682, the latest BT 2021, and Mian

Resham non-BT cotton, as

well as IV-3, Urooj 22,

Akbar 19, Subhani 21, and

a new pasta wheat variety.

Mustard variety Kizola and

ber variety Lemai Golo also

concerns during the meet-

ing, highlighting the finan-

cial devastation caused by

substandard rice seeds from

Farmers voiced strong

received approval.

The council approved

papers were found correct and hence, all these three office-bearers have been declared elected uncontested.

PSX turns bullish, gains 671 points

SLAMABAD (APP)

shares were traded during the day as compared to 491,124,197 shares the previous day, whereas the price of shares stood at Rs 13.763 billion against Rs.10.124 billion on the last

As many as 436 com-

a province, leading to millions in losses for Sindh's farmers. Taking swift action Minister Mehar are tion, Minister Mahar orsector's future. dered a thorough investiga-

Director General of Research Mazhar Keerio praised the newly develtion and demanded an immediate report on the issue. Mahar acknowledged oped varieties, stating they were the result of cuttingthat while there have been edge scientific methods improvements in the agricultural sector, more needs These crops will not only to be done to address existing weaknesses. "We will boost Sindh's agricultural output but also push the only approve new crop vaprovince toward self-suffirieties after thorough conciency in key crops," he sultations with farmers," he said, emphasizing the

Farmer leader Nadeem Shah echoed this sentiment expressing optimism that Sindh will soon achieve self-sufficiency in cottor and wheat.

The meeting was attended by officials including Agriculture Secretary Rafique Ahmed Buriro, DG Research Mazhar Keerio, DG of Federal Seed Certification, representatives from leading seed companies, DG of Agriculture Munir Ahmed Jumani and others

FCCI proactively identifies core economic issues: Engr. Ahmad

FAISALABAD (APP): of electricity but the prob-The R&D Department of lem is related to its transthe FCCI is working proactively to identify core economic issues including electricity to help the office bearers and executive committee to take up these and \$ 9 billion in 2024. He issues with departments and ministries concerned for their speedy resolution through prudent policy making, said Engineer Ahmad Hassan, former Vice President Faisalabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry (FCCI). Delivering a special lecture on "potential of solar energy in Pakistan", he said that total installed capacity of electricity is 42,000 MW while its measures should be taken to maximum demand is 31,000 MW. "It is ironic that we have only 22,000 MW capacity of transmission and distribution. It indicates could sustain a population of that there was no shortage only 2 billion individuals.

mission and distribution, he remarked and added that the IPPs were yet another sore point as \$ 4.7 billion said that Pakistan has solar potential to produce 209 million MW of electricity whereas we are getting only 1,000 MW solar energy. He said that Pakistan will face three major challenges during the next 50 years including the population, environment changes and energy which would further precipitate issues of food security. contain population growth within the available resources and said that some scholars are of the view that the earth



QUETTA: Provincial Minister for Finance Mir Shoiab Nosherwani presides over the meeting to review performance of Mines and Minerals Department.

(SBP) latest data said. Remittances inflows during August 2024 were The inflow of US\$ 5.936 billion was recorded mainly sourced from Saudi Arabia (\$713.1 million), the during July-August 2024-25 as compared to the in-United Arab Emirates flow of US \$4.123 billion (\$538.4 million), the United during July-August 2023-24, showing growth of 44 Kingdom (\$474.8 million) and the United States o America (\$322.4 million).

Workers' remittances

increase by 44% to \$5.936b

inflow in two months

HYDERABAD: Workers making different parts from iron die at his work place at goods Naka area.

CCP enforces 'Competition Law', Rs 27 million in penalties recovered

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) has successfully recovered Rs27 million in penalties from Reliance Paints and Pakistan Steel Mills (PSM) by exercising its authority under Section 40(2)(a) of the Competition Act, 2010, through the attachment of their bank accounts.

These recoveries are part of the CCP's broader strategy to enforce its mandate of ensuring a level playing field across all sectors, demonstrating its commitment to tackling anti-competitive practices, said a press release issued here on

Over the past year, the CCP has recovered a total of PKR 69 million in penalties, accounting for 25% restricting competition only among its dealers.

of the total amount recovered since the Commission's establishment in 2007. This significant progress under-scores the CCP's ongoing vigilance and effectivenes in promoting fair competition and protecting consumer interests. To date, the CCP has recovered PKR 269 million in penalties. In case of Reliance Paints, the enquiry was initiated following a formal complaint from Akzo Nobel Pakistan Ltd, alleging that the company was fixing minimum resale prices and penalizing dealers and retailers for not complying with its pricing directives. The CCP's enquiry confirmed that Reliance Paints' practices were restricting competition not

Sohail Pasha elected chairman PTEA unopposed

FAISALABAD (APP): Pakistan Textile Exporters Association (PTEA) has elected Sohail Pasha as unopposed Chairman of PTEA, whereas Mahmood Ahmad and Ameer Ahmed were elected uncontested Senior Vice Chairman and Vice Chairman, respec

Earlier, twenty-four members were also elected unopposed for the Executive Committee seats of PTEA for the next two-year

Member PTEA Election Commission Rana Javed Akhtar, declaring unofficial results, said here on Tuesday that only three nomination papers were received for the office Chairman, Senior Vice Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Association.

After scrutiny, these

The 100-Index of the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) turned around to bullish trend on Tuesday, gaining 671.73 points, a positive change of 0.85 percent, closing at 79,286.74 points against 78,615.00 points on

the last working day.
A total of 509,490,385 trading day.

panies transacted their shares in the stock market, 202 of them recorded gains and 170 sustained losses, whereas the share price of 64 companies remained unchanged.

The three top trading companies were WorldCall Telecom with 117,010,305 shares at Rs 1.52 per share.

UN chief calls the death and destruction in Gaza the worst he's seen

Monitoring DeskUNITED NATIONS: The U.N. chief said that the United Nations has offered to monitor any cease-fire in Gaza and demanded an end to the worst death and destruction he has seen in his more than seven-year

Secretary-General António Guterres said in an interview with The Associated Press that it's "unrealistic" to think the U.N. could play a role in Gaza's future, either by administering the territory or providing a peacekeeping force, because Israel is unlikely to

accept a U.N. role.

But he said "the U.N. will be available to support any cease-fire." The United Nations has had a military monitoring mission in the Middle East, known as UNTSO, since 1948, and "from our side, this was one tions. I've never seen such of the hypotheses that a level of death and destruc-

we've put on the table," he

"Of course, we'll be international community asked for us," Guterres said. "The question is whether the parties would accept it, and in particular whether Israel would ac-

Israel's military assault on Gaza, triggered by Hamas' attacks in southern Israel on Oct. 7, has stretched for 11 months, with recent cease-fire talks failing to reach a breakthrough and violence in the West Bank reaching new

Stressing the urgency of a cease-fire now, Guterres said: "The level of suffering we are witnessing in Gaza is unprecedented in my mandate as secretarygeneral of the United Na-

tion as we are seeing in Gaza in the last few months.

The war has killed ready to do whatever the over 40,900 Palestinians, according to Gaza's Health Ministry. The ministry. part of Gaza's Hamas government, does not differentiate between fighters and civilians in its count though it says about half of the dead have been women and children. Israel says at least 17,000 militants are among the dead.

The war has caused vast destruction and displaced around 90% of Gaza's population of 2.3 million people, often multiple times.

Israel's U.N. Ambassador Danny Danon reacted to Guterres' comments saying, "It is disappointing to see the U.N. advocate for a cease-fire without mentioning the hostages and without condemning



MASYAF: People inspect a damaged car at the site of overnight Israeli strikes

Typhoon Yagi claims 59 lives in Vietnam

Monitoring Desk HANOI: The death toll in Vietnam from Typhoon Yagi jumped to 59, state media reported on Monday, as business leaders said the storm had been a "disaster" for the country's vital manufacturing sector.

ern Vietnam in 30 years, downed bridges, tore roofs off buildings and damaged factories after making landfall on Saturday carrying winds in excess of 149

kilometres per hour. Power blackouts caused major disruptions to factories in northern Vietnam, which is a major production hub for global tech firms such as Samsung and

Foxconn. The north was also battling serious flooding on Monday, with several communities partially underwa-

people in Vietnam, state media reported, 44 of them in landslides and flash floods. The death toll had earlier been put at 21. Authorities said on Monday that 247 people had been injured.

ufacturing sector.
Yagi, according to metion is very serious. We have teorologists the most pow- ordered the discharge of erful typhoon to hit north- water (from reservoirs)," Nguyen Hoang Hiep deputy minister of agriculture and rural development, said in a statement.

"Localities must be active to support and ensure the safety of their people and assets." At least 24 others were killed as Yagi tore through southern China and the Philippines before hitting Vietnam.

Some 1.5 million people were still without electricity in Vietnam on Monday and a major bridge across the swollen and fast-moving Red River collapsed in northern ter. The storm killed 59 Phu Tho province.

Nine migrants perish off Senegal's coast

Monitoring Desk MBOUR: At least nine people died after their boat sank off the coast of Senegal, the navy said on

Monday, in the latest mi-

gration-linked tragedy to

occur off West Africa. The pirogue, which was "involved in irregular emigration", capsized on Sunday off the coast of the western town of Mbour the navy said in a post on

The navy said it had launched a search involving three vessels and a Spanish maritime patrol aircraft. Nine lifeless bodies were discovered and three survivors identified. An unknown number of people have been rescued by local fishermen", it said, without giving the number of miss-

The search is ongoing along the coast. Onlookers and relatives of the victims gathered on the shore for news of the missing.

India's Manipur orders Taiwan fighter internet blackout, curfew iet crashes at sea on training after ethnic clashes

Monitoring Desk MANIPUR: India's strifetorn northeastern state of Manipur ordered an internet blackout on Tuesday, after imposing a curfew following days of deadly ethnic violence and clashes between protesters

and police. Manipur has been rocked by periodic clashes for more than a year between the predominantly Hindu Meitei majority and the mainly Christian and order in public inter-Kuki community, dividing the state into ethnic en-

At least 11 people were killed last week as hostilities between the two communities erupted again after months of relative calm. A notice from the

state's home ministry ordered all internet and mobile data services in the

state to be shut off for five days in order to bring the latest unrest under con-

"Some anti-social elements might use social media extensively for transmission of images. hate speech, and hate video messages inciting the passions of the public," the notice said.

"It has become necessary to take adequate measures to maintain law est, by stopping the spread of disinformation and false rumours."

Internet services were shut down for months in Manipur last year during the first outbreak of violence, which displaced around 60,000 people from their homes according to government

TAIPEI: A Taiwan Air Force Mirage fighter jet crashed off the island's northwest coast on Tuesday night and search efforts were ongoing for the pilot, who successfully ejected, the defence ministry and official Central News Agency said.

mission

Monitoring Desk

The defence ministry said the French-built Mirage was conducting nighttime exercises when it suffered a suspected loss of power and the pilot then bailed out.

a major air base.

Search and rescue efforts were ongoing, the ministry said.



Pope Francis is welcomed on the day of the Holy Mass at the Esplanade of Taci Tolu during his apostolic trip to Asia, in Dili, East Timor.



Palestinians inspect the site following Israeli strikes on a tent camp sheltering displaced people, amid the Israel-Hamas conflict, at the Al-Mawasi area in Khan Younis, in the southern Gaza Strip.

China announces joint naval, air drills with Russia

Monitoring Desk BEIJING: China's Defense Ministry on Monday announced joint naval and air drills with Russia starting this month, underscoring the closeness between their militaries as Russia presses its grinding invasion of Ukraine. The ministry said the "Northern United-2024" exercises would take place in the Sea of Japan and the Sea of Okhotsk farther north, but gave no details. It said the naval and air

tegic cooperation between the two countries and 'strengthen their ability to jointly deal with security threats." The notice also said the two navies would cruise together in the Pacific, the fifth time they have done so. and together take part in Russia's "Great Ocean-24" exercise. No details were given. China has refused to criticize Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine, now in its third year, and blamed the U.S. and NATO for provokdrills aimed to improve straing President Vladimir Putin.

RSF paramilitaries kill 31 in Sudanese city of Sennar, activists say

Monitoring Desk DUBAI: At least 31 people

have been killed and 100 wounded since the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces renewed an assault on the city of Sennar in southeastern Sudan on Sunday, a legal activist group said.

Several parts of the city including the main market have been targeted by RSF artillery fire, said Emergency Lawyers, which has monitored civilian deaths and other humanitarian violations.

The progress of the RSF, which already controls most of Sennar and at least half of the country, has

movement difficult.

Its war with Sudan's army has created the world's largest hunger and internal displacement crises, killing tens of thousands of civilians and destroying most of Sudan's infrastructure

Emergency Lawyers said the army had killed at least four people in al-Souki, a town near Sennar, during airstrikes.

The RSF killed one person and wounded 17 in artillery strikes on el-Obeid, another town it has struggled to assert full con-

UN convoy in Gaza released after being detained by Israel

Monitoring Desk UNITED NATIONS: A convoy of United Nations vehicles and staff detained for more than eight hours by Israel in northern Gaza on Monday has been released, the head of the U.N. agency for Palestinian refugees (UNRWA) said.

The Israeli military said on Monday it detained the convoy after receiving intelligence indicating that a number of "Palestinian suspects" were aboard and that it wanted to question

Bangladesh to seek Hasina's extradition from India

Monitoring Desk DHAKA: Bangladesh's war crimes tribunal is to seek the extradition of ousted leader Sheikh Hasina from neighbouring India, its chief prosecutor has said, accusing her of carrying out massacres"

Weeks of student-led demonstrations Bangladesh escalated into mass protests last month, with Hasina quitting as prime minister and fleeing by helicopter to old ally India on August 5, ending her iron-fisted 15-year rule.

'As the main perpetrator has fled the country, we will start the legal procedure to bring her back."



Secretary of State Antony Blinken, speaks during a strategic dialogue meeting with Britain's Foreign Secretary David Lammy at the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) in London, Britain.

causes behind youth in-

volvement in knife crime.

also looking to strengthen

laws around the online sale

of knives and younger

people's access to them.

Addressing the summit at

10 Downing Street, Starmer

said there was a need to "try

to reach into the lives of

young people who may be

going off the tracks and try-

ing to bring them back be-

knives are too easily

"Far too many

fore they do so".

The government is

Starmer launches antiknife crime coalition

Monitoring Desk LONDON: British Prime Minister Keir Starmer convened a coalition to stop young people from falling into knife crime on Monday, joined by actor and anti-knife crime campaigner Idris Elba. Starmer launched the coalition to fight the "national crisis", bringing together campaign groups as well as families and young people affected by knife crime, the most common

method of homicide in England and Wales. The annual knife available, whether that's

The Central News Agency said the aircraft had crashed into the sea off Hsinchu on Taiwan's northwest coast, a city home to

crime meeting aims to in- online, whether that's crease understanding of the through the post". **East Timor turns out** in force for Mass with **Pope Francis**

Monitoring Desk DILI: An estimated 600,000 people in East Timor, just under half its population, turned out in the baking heat on Tuesday for a Mass with Pope Francis at a coastal park synonymous with the

country's long struggle for independence from Indone-Filling a wide, dusty area where Indonesian forces buried slain Timorese independence fighters, people arrived as early as 1 a.m. and sat on

the ground, many braving the sun for hours in temperatures as high as 32 degrees Celsius (90°F). Many sheltered under umbrellas decorated in the

white and yellow colours of the Vatican flag, while others carried signs asking for blessings and sang local melodies, in one of the largest ever turnouts as a proportion of a country's population for a Mass dur-

ing a papal visit.

one of hundreds of priests celebrating the Mass, said he came with 800 of his parishioners from Zumalai, a village about 140 km (85 miles) away. "I am so happy because we never thought we would see the pope," said the priest.

Řev. Pedro Amaral,

School teacher Jamie Belo, 60, said he left home 12 hours before Mass to secure a spot to see the

Eiffel family to fight Olympic rings staying on Paris tower **Monitoring Desk**

PARIS: The descendants of the Eiffel Tower's designer say they will fight to stop the Olympic rings being left on the tower as the mayor of Paris plans.

The family of the legendary engineer Gustave Eiffel said they "oppose any alteration that negatively impacts respect for the work" of their ancestor, adding they had already consulted lawyers about blocking the change.

Muslim scholar convicted of rape on appeal in Switzerland: court **Monitoring Desk**

GENEVA: A Swiss appeals court on Tuesday found Islamic scholar Tariq Ramadan guilty of raping a woman in a Geneva hotel 15 years ago, overturning an earlier lower court acquittal. The court said it "annuls the judgement of 24 May 2023" and sentenced the 62-year-old former Oxford University professor to three years in prison, two of them suspended.

The verdict was slightly more lenient than the three years in prison half suspended – requested by the prosecutor in the

appeals case in May. The ruling – dated August 28 but not made public until after it was reported by broadcaster RTS early on Tuesday.

Ukraine attacks Russia with 144 drones, killing one and closing airports

Monitoring Desk Tuesday struck Moscow and western Russia in one of its biggest ever drone attacks, killing at least one woman, wrecking dozens of homes and forcing the closure of major airports in the capital, Russian officials

Ukraine launched swarms of attack drones over the world's biggest nuclear power. Russia said it destroyed at least 20 over the Moscow region, which has a population of over 21 million, and 124 more over eight other regions.

Three of Moscow's four airports were closed for air traffic following the attacks, Russia's aviation authority Rosaviatsia said. A major road leading to the

capital was partially closed. The drone attacks damaged at least two highrise apartment buildings in the Ramenskoye district of the Moscow region, setting flats on fire, Moscow's governor Andrei Vorobyov

A 46-year-old woman died and three people were injured in Ramenskoye, Vorobyov said.

He added that 43 people were evacuated to temporary accommodation

Social media videos showed flames bursting out of windows of a multistorey residential building, saying that dozens of flats were damaged in the Ramenskoye district.

US and Britain accuse Iran of sending Russia missiles to use in Ukraine

Monitoring Desk LONDON: The United States and Britain formally accused Iran on Tuesday of supplying short-range ballistic missiles to Russia to use in the war in Ukraine and will take measures to

punish those involved. U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken, speaking alongside British Foreign Secretary David Lammy during a visit to London, said that sanctions would be announced later Tuesday.

"Russia has now received shipments of these ballistic missiles and will likely use them within weeks in Ukraine, against Ukrainians," Blinken said. 'The supply of Iranian missiles enables Russia to use more of its arsenal for targets that are further from the front line." It comes as paring to make a joint visit escalating the conflict.

Wednesday to Ukraine, where they will meet President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and other senior officials to discuss bolstering the country's defenses. The Kremlin is trying to repel Ukraine's surprise offensive that has claimed hundreds of miles of territory in Russia's Kursk region.

The accusations about Iranian missiles could embolden Zelenskyy to further ramp up pressure on the U.S. and other allies to allow Ukraine to use Western-supplied missiles to strike deep inside Russia and hit sites from which Moscow launches aerial attacks. President Joe Biden has allowed Ukraine to fire U.S.-provided missiles across the border into Russia in self-defense but largely limited the distance Blinken and Lammy are pre- over concerns about further

Israeli defense chief says a temporary truce with Hamas is possible

Monitoring Desk fense minister says the devastating war between window is closing on an Israel and Hamas. A main opportunity to reach a area of disagreement has emporary cease-fire deal with the Hamas militant end to the nearly year-old group that he believes could also bring calm to the country's volatile northern border with Lebanon.

Speaking to reporters, Yoav Gallant said that conditions are ripe for at least a six-week pause in fighting that would include the release of many of the hostages held in Gaza. However, he would not commit to a permanent end to the fighting, as Hamas has demanded, raising questions about the feasibility of a deal.

"Israel achieve an agreement that will bring about a pause for six weeks and bring back hostages," he said. After that period, he said, "we maintain the right to operate and achieve our goals — including the destruction of Hamas."

The United States, along with mediators Egypt and Qatar, has been

working for months to broker a cease-fire to end the been Hamas' demand for an war and a full withdrawal of all Israeli troops from

the Gaza Strip.
Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has raised a new sticking point in recent weeks, saying that Israel must remain stationed in a strategic corridor along Gaza's border with Egypt indefi-

Gallant has been quoted in Israeli media as saying that Israel could withdraw from the corridor for six weeks — to allow hostages to go free without risking Israel's security. The two men reportedly got into a heated shouting match at a recent Cabinet meeting where ministers overwhelmingly sided with Netanyahu.

During Monday's meeting with foreign journalists, Gallant was asked about his relationship with the prime minister.

Prayers for birth in most populous nation India

Monitoring Desk VARANASI: Each year 25 million babies are born in India, the world's most populous nation, but for desperate childless couples wanting to be parents, prayers at a sacred Hindu well offer

hope.
"We just hope that
"gaid 30god blesses us," said 30year-old Vishwakarma, on pilgrimage with her husband Deepak to the ancient Lolark Kund well, in India's holy city of Varanasi.

Married for eight years, the couple has suffered the deep trauma of repeated stillbirths or their babies dying days after being born. Varanasi is better

come to die, to have their bodies cremated on the banks of the sacred Ganges, believing that it will ensure liberation from the cycle of rebirth.

But it is also a site where people pray for

Fertility rites at Lolark Kund well have taken place for centuries, and celebrations peak during this week's festival of Lolark Shasthi. of child", Rinky said. Thousands

from all over the country gather at the ancient well, climbing down steep steps into the dark waters to bathe Vishwakarma said

couples and devotees

her sister had two daughters after praying at the "If it worked for my

sister, there are chances it could work for us too, she said, having travelled 1,500 kilometres (over 900 miles) from the southern state of Goa. Vishwakarma was

among the throngs of thousands performing religious rituals—taking the holy bath and making offerings of fruits and vegetables. "I have faith," said

Sarita Yadav, 22, married known for where Hindus for four years and coming for the past three to bathe while hoping for a child. "People come here in large numbers, and that does mean something," she said. "There is belief." Rinky Devi and Maya Devi, cousins in their 20s, queued for two days for their turn. The women prayed for a baby

with their husbands. 'We just have one hope; that god listens to us and blesses us with a

Following Quaid's guiding principles vital for a strong, prosperous Pakistan: Zardari

PM calls on nation to renew commitment for building Pakistan as per Quaid's vision

ISLAMABAD (APP): President Asif Ali Zardari has urged the nation to fol-Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah's principles of "unity, faith and discipline" emphasising their significance as a beacon for the country's development. "I am sure that by acting upon his (Quaid-e-Azam) teachings and advice, we can make Pakistan strong and prosperous," the president said in his message to the nation on the occasion of the 76th death anniversary of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah annually observed

on September 11. Paying tribute to Muhammad Ali Jinnah, the president said that the Pakistani nation was indebted to him for his efforts and contribution to the creation of a separate homeland for

continent where they could harmony," he remarked. live with dignity and exercise their political, cultural, and religious rights.

Calling him a visionary leader, who united the Muslims of India under one banner, the president said the whole nation was proud of Quaid-e-Azam's untiring struggle and unwavering commitment to the right to self-determination that shaped the destiny of millions of Muslims.

'Quaid-e-Azam's vision for Pakistan was fundamentally democratic as he firmly believed in a state where all citizens, irrespective of religion, would be equal before the law. Muhammad Ali Jinnah's struggle not only laid the foundation of Pakistan's democratic system but continues to influence our aspirations for parliamentary

President Zardari said that Quaid-e-Azam successfully steered Indian Muslims through the complex political landscape of India while maintaining an unyielding stance on the rights of Muslims.

He said that Jinnah

ISLAMABAD: A delegation of Dr. A.Q.Khan Hospital Trust, led by the Chair-

person of the Trust, Dr. Dina Khan, call on the President Asif Ali Zardari, at

Pak calls for mechanisms enabling

UN peacekeepers to foster peace

among conflicting parties

meeting was organized by

Slovenia as the rotating

President of the UN Secu-

rity Council for the month

sador Akram said Pakistan

has a long and close involve-

ment with United Nations

peace operations. Pakistan,

he said, is host to one of

the first United Nations

missions — the UN Mili-

tary Observer Group in In-

(UNMOGIP), which was

established in 1949 to moni-

tor the ceasefire along the

line of control (LoC) in dis-

puted Jammu and Kashmir.

has also deployed 230,000

peacekeepers in 46 mis-

sions and has lost 181

peacekeepers in the service

of international peace and

security, Ambassador Akram added. In today's

day and age, he said, United

Nations peacekeeping mis-

sions find themselves fac-

ing new and growing chal-

these projects under the

PSDP will continue. He di-

rected all provinces to in-

form within a week, the

names of the ministries to

which these ongoing

projects will be transferred

projects in the federal capi-

tal will also be transferred

to the CDA and the relevant

ministries. He clarified that

the ongoing projects under

the PWD are not being ter-

minated but are merely be-

ing transferred to different

institutions. Ahsan Iqbal

Balochistan has completed

its work in this regard first

and the remaining provinces

should also provide com-

plete details within a week.

He said that the purpose of

this committee was to re-

solve the difficulties faced

according to the law.

appreciated

The ongoing PWD

OUETTA: Provincial Education Minister Raheela

Hameed Khan Durrani meeting with Governor

Ahsan accelerates transfer

of PWD Project to province

Balochistan Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail

For its part, Pakistan

Pakistan

and

of September.

Monday's Council

At the outset, Ambas-

had envisioned a Pakistan based on Islamic principles of democracy and socioeconomic justice. "It was due to his sheer will, hard work and successful advocacy of the cause of Muslims that the partition of India became a reality. On this day, we not only honour his efforts but also recommit ourselves to the values and ideals that he championed,' the president added. Meanwhile Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif called on the nation to renew the commitment for building

(APP): Pakistan has called

for strengthening the role

and capacity of UN peace-

keeping in hotspots around

the world, proposing that

the Security Council should

create effective political

mechanisms to promote

peace agreements among

member Council as it re-

viewed UN peacekeeping

operations, Ambassador

Munir Akram pointed out

that such a mechanism

would require greater cooperation among Security

Council members, espe-

cially the permanent ones,

notwithstanding their geo-

said that peacekeeping mis-

sions should also put

greater emphasis on pro-

moting local peace arrange-

ments at the community

level to reduce violence, citing the successful efforts

of the Pakistani peacekeep-

ers in restive Abyei, an area

disputed by South Sudan

In a meeting chaired by

Federal Minister for Plan-

ning, Development and

Special Initiative s Ahsan

Iqbal, it was decided to ex-

pedite the process of trans-

ferring ongoing develop-

ment projects under the

dissolved Public Works

Department (PWD) to the

tended by the Secretary of

Planning and senior offi-

cials from various prov-

inces. It was agreed that the

Public Sector Development Program (PSDP) projects

would be transferred to the

provincial governments as

soon as possible so that

work on these projects

could continue without any

hindrance. Planning Minis-

ter Ahsan Iqbal said that

only the projects are being

transferred to the provinces

The meeting was at-

provincial governments.

The Pakistani envoy

political rivalries.

Speaking in the 15-

parties to the conflict.



QUETTA: Parliamentary Secretary for Social Welfare Department Balochistan, Haji Wali Muhammad Noorzai presenting shield to participants during the seminar on the eve of International Literacy Day held in Quetta.

Advisor for Women Development emphasizes: Improving transportation facilities inevitable to enhance women's access to education & service

QUETTA: The Advisor to Minister of Balochistan for Women De-Khan Buledi, emphasized the importance of improvment opportunities in the

province. She expressed these views during a meeting with Parliamentary Secretary for Transport, MPA Abdul Majeed Badini, here on

Tuesday. Buledi stated that in order

tion and training in the province, it is essential to provide them with safe, relivelopment. Dr. Rubaba able, and convenient transportation services.

educational and professional fields.

She further added that to empower women, all rel-Dr. Rubaba Khan evant institutions must collaborate to effectively pro-

to ensure women's educa- mote gender equality and women's rights. Dr. Rubaba Khan Buledi assured full cooperation regarding women-specific initiatives in the transport sector and She highlighted the reaffirmed that the Goving transportation facilities need for special buses for ernment of Balochistan is to enhance women's access women, particularly fe-taking all possible steps to to education and employ-ment opportunities in the male students, and called for fare reductions, stress-On this occasion, Dr. ing that such measures Rubaba Khan Buledi reitwould help women achieve erated that Balochistan's greater success in both development is not possible without ensuring women's inclusion, and the government is committed to providing all neces-



women advance.

sary resources to help

lost another seat won in the February 8 general elections after a vote recount.

to Asif Moosa of the Pakistan People's Party (PPP) from Sindh Assembly constituency PS-112 after the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) held a vote recount

Sarbuland Khan who bagged 9,943 votes.

Repatriation of illegal Afghan nationals continues

ISLAMABAD (Online): The process of repatriation of the illegal Afghan nationals to their homeland is underway in a dignified man-

According to latest statistics, the total number of illegal Afghan nationals who were repatriated till yesterday has reached more than seven hundred thirteen thousand. Twenty-one thousand one hundred and ninety three Afghan nationals including 7843 men, 6012 women and 7338 children left the country from

vacant regular posts in federal ministries, divisions ISLAMABAD (INP): The

QUETTA: Parliamentary Secretary for Transport

Abdul Majeed Badini meeting with Provincial Ad-

Govt eliminates 150,000

visor Dr. Rubaba Khan Buledi

federal government has formally eliminated 150,000 vacant regular posts across various ministries and divi-According to the report, the Establishment Division has issued an official directive to all secretaries of ministries and divisions,

following recommendations from the High-Powered Right Sizing Committee,

The decision to abolish these posts aims to streamline government onerations and reduce unnecessary expenditures. According to the official let-

authority to eliminate the posts has been del-

spective ministries and divisions. Each division is re-

sponsible for issuing a notification to close the vacancies within their sub-departments, and they must also send comprehensive information, along with the notification, to the Establishment Division by September

Division are tasked with overseeing the implementation of this decision, ensuring that the federal cabinet's directive is effec-

son by the Establishment Division.



Muhammad Aurangzeb on Tuesday informed the Upper House of the Parliament that the loss-making state-owned enterprises were bleeding one trillion rupees of the national ex-

He was responding to the questions during the question hour session of the seventh meeting of the 2nd Senate session here.

Senator Aurangzeb said the federal government had completed its work on rationalisation of six ministries, whereas under the PWD discussion servants package was on the cards whereas change in legislation was needed as without changing it would not be able to move forward. "The treasury benches need the support of the house to enact this critical legislation austerity and privatization, whereas pen-

contributory define contributions are under discussion for public servants that will be proceeded," he said.

Replying another ery, he said the debt to DP ratio scenario in June 2020 was 77% and in June 2024 it was at 67% whereas its gradient was on right track alongwith its rate of growth declining gradually. Moreover, he said in Fiscal Year 2021 (FY21) increase in debt percentage was 30% that had reduced to 15% indicating all indicators in positive direction, he added. Commenting on the government's strategy to pull the economy out of debts, the Finance Minister said, "Its road to market and we have to change our DNA of economy from import-led to export-led and the federal government are incorporating FDI and financing into exports that will further strengthen the



ter Balochistan Mir Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti upon

Noorzai vows to take concrete steps to improve literacy rate in province

Independent Report OUETTA: In a bid to tackle the challenges of education in Balochistan, Parliamentary Secretary for Social Welfare Haji Wali Muhammad Noorzai has vowed to take concrete steps to improve the literacy rate in the province.

children out of school. He

ensuring that education

ches every household.

pressed concern over the ex-

Noorzai also ex-

Senate Chairman Sved Yousaf Raza Gillani on Tuesday challenged the jurisdiction of the Accountability Court in hearing the the Toshakhana vehicles reference filed by the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) against him. Accountability Court

chaos spread by terrorists

involvement of organized

criminal networks in illegal

extraction of resources and

criminal activities; external

interventions in local con

flicts; limitations imposed

on the resources for UN

peacekeeping and erosion

of unified support from

member States, especially

the Council's permanent

members. The international

community, especially the

United Nations and the Se-

curity Council, must extend

full support to those re-

gional organizations — like

the African Union — who

are prepared to take more

robust operations where

necessary to enforce peace,

Jean-Pierre Lacroix, UN Un-

der-Secretary-General for

Peace Operations, under

scored the need for greate political support and re sources for UN peacekeep

ing mission to carry out their

duties safely as conflicts

Gillani

challenges NAB

iurisdiction in

Toshakhana

vehicles' case

ISLAMABAD (APP)

grow more complex.

Opening the debate

Ambassador Akram said.

Judge Abida Sajjad, who heard the reference, sought comments from NAB

During the course of proceedings, Gillani's lawyer pleaded that the reference did not fall in the jurisdiction of NAB after restoration of amendments in the NAB law.

At this, the court served notices to the respondents and adjourned the case till September 26.

Two bills including SC (Amendment) Bill introduced in NA

ISLAMABAD (APP): Two bills including the Su-preme Court (Number of Judges) (Amendment) Bill 2024 and the Pakistan Environmental Protection (Amendment) Bill, 2024 were introduced in the National Assembly on Tues-day. Danyal Chaudhary sought the leave to introduce the bill to further amend the Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Act, 1997 [The Supreme Court (Number of Judges) (Amendment) Bill, 2024] in the House while Nuzhat Sadiq moved the bill to further amend the Pakistan Environmental Protection Act, 1997 [The Pakistan Environmental Protection (Amendment) Bill, 2024].

Tarar visits residence of Asma Shirazi to condole her brother's death

ISLAMABAD (APP) Federal Minister fo Information, Broadcasting National Heritage and Cul ture Attaullah Tarar on Tuesday visited the residence of Hum News Senior Anchor Person Asma Shirazi to express his condolences on demise of her brother. The minister extended his heartfelt condolences to the family on the death of Asma Shirazi' brother Mohsin Shirazi and recited Fateha for the departed soul. Prime Minister's Coordinator Badr Shehbaz Waraich, In-Secretary formation Ambreen Jan, Joint Secretary Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and

Principal Information Of-

in political rallies and promised swift legal action against such practices. He emphasized the importance of education as the greatest wealth and the key to unlocking the future of Balochistan's youth.

The Balochistan government has already taken steps to send over 3,000 Speaking at a cerchildren abroad for educaemony to mark Internation, a move aimed at bridgtional Literacy Day, ing the education gap in the Noorzai acknowledged that Balochistan lags behind in With a population of education, with 300,000

1.5 million, Balochistan reiterated the government's faces significant challenges commitment to activating in providing quality educanon-functional schools and tion to its citizens. How ever, with the government's renewed focus on education, hopes are high for a brighter future for the ploitation of school children province's youth.



QUETTA: Parliamentary Secretary Mir Barkat Rind and Secretary Hafiz Abdul Majid meeting with Provincial Minister Mir Sadiq Umrani

CM to preside over meeting on judicious distribution of water between Sindh, Balochistan

Independent Report QUETTA: The Chief Minister, Mir Sarfraz Bugti is scheduled to preside over meeting on the issue of judicious distribution of water between Sindh and Balochistan (Wednesday).

The Provincial Minister Irrigation Sindh, Jam Shoro would be participating in the meeting convened on directives of Chairman, Pakistan Peoples Party, Bilawal Bhutto Zardari on the important matter. The Cairman IRSA, man PPP.

Abdul Hameed Mengal, Secretary Irrigation Balochistan, Hafiz Abdul Majid, Chief Engineer Canals, Nasir Majeed, Secretary Irrigation Sindh, Zarif Khodo, Chief Engineer, Mukhtar Abro and other concerned high ups would also be attending the meeting. The meeting is aimed at adopting same stance on formula of distribution of water by Sindh and Balochistan at IRSA platform following the sincere efforts made by the Chair-

Chinese business delegation visit SIFC

high-level Chinese business delegation, comprising Xinjiang Iron Brothers Co Ltd with four other prominent Chinese business entities Tuesday visited Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC).

The delegation was headed by Mr Yuan Jianmin (Senior and renowned Economist) along with members representing various business enterprises, said a press release issued

The delegation was warmly received by officials of SIFC and comprehensive briefs were given covering potential and investment opportunities in priority sectors including Agriculture/ Livestock, IT, Energy, Minerals, Tourism,

ISLAMABAD (APP):A Industry, and policy level measures being undertaken to improve the overall investment climate in the country. The visit of delegation will further catalyze the ongoing engagements be-tween Pakistan and China under Business-to-Business framework. The delegation was

also briefed about salient features of industrial development in Pakistan. delegation The

showed keen interest for investments in key sectors under SIFC and relocation of Chinese industries to Pakistan including Gilgit Baltistan. The visit of delegation will further catalyze the ongoing engagements between Pakistan and China under Business-to-Business framework



QUETTA: National Champion Martial Arts Sher Baz Marri meeting with Chief Secretary Balochistan Shakeel Qadir Khan

No decision made to shut down Utility **Stores: Rana**

Minister for Industries and Production Rana Tanveer Hussain informed the National Assembly on Tuesday that no decision has been made to shut down Utility Stores.

In response to a Calling Attention Notice, he said that restructuring of the organization would be carried out in consultation with all stakeholders, including employee representatives from the

Rana Tanveer said that Utility Stores Corporation (USC) is a crucial organization providing essential services, and efforts are underway to improve its opera-He highlighted that the

ordinance concerning stateowned enterprises clearly mandates that essential institutions will not be privatized or shut down. The minister reiter-

Balochistan Assembly Ghazala Gola

ated that the USC, established by Shaheed Zulfikar provide relief to the com-He said that, alongside

Benazir Income Support Program (BISP), which now has a budget close to Rs 600 billion, the government has approved a Rs 60 billion subsidy for Utility Stores to ensure the provision of affordable and quality goods to the

Prime Muhammad Sharif is personally com-

Regarding the Public ks Department (PWD), the minister said that the government has decided to shut down PWD and transfer repair works to the Capital Development

Ali Bhutto, was designed to

rograms such as the

The minister that Minister mitted to provide maximum relief to the masses and is taking steps to improve Utility Stores as well as other public sector institu-

Authority (CDA).

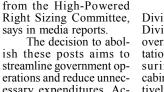
QUETTA: Parliamentary Secretaries and MPAs meeting with Deputy Speaker



According to details, PTI's Sarbuland Khan lost

After a notification issued by the ECP, PPP's Asif Moosa took oath as a member of the Sindh Assembly. After the revised results, PPP's Asif Moosa secured the seat with 11,724 followed by PTI's

17th August to 09th of Sep-



egated to the principal ac-counts officers of the re-

The Establishment Division and the Finance

tively carried out. To facilitate institutional coordination, Shahid Nawaz has been appointed as the focal per-