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President Zardari signs off

Federal cabinet approves SC amendment practice and procedure ordinance

Ordinance on Practice and Procedures Act to further improve transparency in judicial proceedings: Tarar

ISLAMABAD (Online): Prime Minister and federal cabinet have approved Supreme Court Amendment Practice and Procedure Or-

federal cabinet accorded approval to draft bill through summary circula-Practice and Procedure

According to sources

Amendment Ordinance 2024 is likely to be anproved by president soon. Following the imple-

mentation of amendment in the committee to ensure and Procedures Act will ordinance 2024 whatever proceedings of the judiciary is, its draft will be prepared and proceedings of the judiciary will be available for the people.

Supreme Court Practice and Procedure amendment ordinance is aimed at bringing more transparency in court's process.

A committee was constituted under Practice and Procedure act-2023. Imday that the promulgation provement is being brought of Ordinance on Practice

hearing of the cases on merit and their disposal.

Under new amendment ordinance, Chief Justice can nominate any learned judge member of committee in case of non availability of some member.

Meanwhile Federal Minister for Information. Broadcasting, National Heritage and Culture Attaullah Tarar said on Fri-

further improve transparency in the judicial process. Talking to the media

here, he said an ordinance for amendment in the Practice and Procedures Act has been promulgated by the President after approval from the federal cabinet. He said that from now

on, the case that comes first would be taken up first by the court and the cases

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security forces on Friday killed 12 Khwarij terrorists



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif witnesses singing of an MoU between Board of Investment and RUYI Shangdong.

QUETTA: Speaker Balochistan Assembly Captain (retd) Abdul Khaliq Achakzai presiding over a meeting with Task Force of District Administration Chaman for solution of problems

Speaker BA directs concerned high ups to resolve issues of Chaman district on priority basis

Abdul Khaliq Khan Achakzai asks to terminate absentee teachers, reopen non-functional schools, resolve issues of medicines and doctors in Chaman

Independent Report Chaman here at the Provin-QUETTA: The Speaker cial Assembly on Friday. Balochistan Assembly Captain (Retd) Abdul Khaliq Khan Achakzai has stated we have firm resolve to resolve the problems being faced by Chaman and

it's people. The Speaker emphasized that Chaman needs special attention because of it's status of newly newly formed district.

He directed the concerned high ups to terminate the absentee teachers and appoint their substitutes immediately.

The Speaker also directed to reopen all the nonfunctional schools and meet shortage of the lecturers in higher education.

Moreover, adding he asked the concerned authorities to provide necessary medicines in the district headquarter hospital and ensure attendance of the doctors in the district.

The Speaker was presiding over the meeting held to resolve the issues of

The meeting discussed different issues being faced in different sectors in Being the representative of his election con-

stituency, the Speaker stressed the need to take immediate action for resolving issues of the border He also asked the con-

cerned quarters to eliminate corruption from the passport office and post new employees in place of the existing ones. Similarly steps should

also be taken to stop deductions from the funds allocated for the deserving He stressed that the

fruit and vegetable markets as well as truck terminals and other infrastructure should be made opera-

In addition to this, the Speaker also stressed on abolishing the system of sugar permits



Spokesman of President Asif Ali Zardari for Balochistan and Provincial Advisor for Trade & Industry Mir Ali Hassan Zehri addressing a Press

Three ECP officers suspended for incompetence, misconduct

ISLAMABAD (INP): Chief Election Commissioner Sikandar Sultan Raja suspended three Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) officers for 120 days for incompetence and mis-

conduct. According to the notification issued by the ECP, Provincial Election Commissioner Sindh Sharifullah, Director Admin Election Commission Sindh

were suspended for incompetence and misconduct. According to the notification. Election Officer Karachi Khuda Bakhsh has also been suspended and directed that the three officers will remain in Karachi

Azhar Hussain Tanwari

pleted and further orders. While Joint Provincial Election Commissioner Ali Asghar Sial has been appointed Acting Election Commissioner Sindh. The Election Commis

sion stated that on the night of September 17, many bags of different polling stations were damaged by forcibly breaking the locks of the strong room in Papri Karachi, for which a committee has been established to investigate. The notification of Election Commission further stated that Joint Provincial Election Commissioner Sindh Nazar Abbas, Director Waseem Ahmed and REC Larkana Abdul Waheed are included until the inquiry is com- in the inquiry committee.

Sardarzada Faisal Jamali assigned portfolio of Livestock & Dairy Dev.

Independent Report QUETTA: The Provincial Minister, Sardarzada Faisal Khan Jamali has been assigned the portfolio of Livestock and Dairy Development, Balochistan with immediate effect.

This was announced in an official notification issued here by the Services and General Administration Department, Government

of Balochistan on Friday. According to the notification, Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti has assigned the portfolio of Livestock and Dairy Development.

BA session summons on September 24 **Independent Report**

DUETTA: The Balochistan Assembly's session has been summoned on September 24 in Ouetta.

According to an official

notification issued here by the Provincial Assembly secretariat on Friday, the Governor Balochistan. Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail has summoned the session of assembly at 03:00 PM on September 24. According to the notification, the session would remain continued till October 3, 2024. The entry of public and private armed security guards would be banned in the assembly's secretariat during the ses-

PTI allowed to hold rally in Lahore

LAHORE (INP) The district administration of Lahore has decided to permit Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) to hold a rally in Lahore but with some

The decision includes strict adherence to Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) to ensure safety and order during the event, as confirmed by a spokes person. Currently, officials are in discussions to finalise the venue for the rally.

Sources indicate that the Kahna Maweshi Mandi (Cattle Market) is being considered as a potential location. PTI had initially reguested to hold the rally at Minar-e-Pakistan ground

and six army troops were martyred in two different sives was also recovered fierce encounters in North and from them, the ISPR said. South Waziristan districts on Sep-In the second incident tember 19 and 20. in general area Ladha, South Waziristan District, a group According to the ISPR, of Khwarij attacked a secuon September 19, the moverity forces' post. The army ment of a group of seven terrorists, trying to infil-trate Pakistan-Afghanistan troops fought bravely, foil-

12 Khwarij killed,

six soldiers martyred in

North & South Waziristan

RAWALPINDI (APP): The fire exchange, all the seven

ing the attempts of intruborder, was detected by security forces in general sion and killed five Khwarij. area Spinwam, North Waziristan District. The infiltrators were

surrounded, effectively engaged and after an intense

However, during intense exchange of fire, six sons of soil, having fought gallantly, paid the ultimate sacrifice and embraced Shahadat.

Khwarij were sent to hell.

A large quantity of weap-ons, ammunition and explo-

under new ordinance ISLAMABAD: Chief Justice of Pakistan Qazi Faez Isa has nominated Justice Aminuddin Khan as the third mem-

CJP picks Justice Aminuddin as

third member of key committee

ber of the committee tasked with forming benches and fixing cases under Article 184(3) of the Constitution. This move follows the promulgation of an ordinance

on the Supreme Court Practice and Procedure Act, which aims to enhance transparency in Pakistan's judicial pro-

The committee, established under the newly amended Practice and Procedure Act, will be led by the chief justice, with the senior puisne judge (Justice Mansoor Ali Shah) and a third senior judge as members. The ordinance grants the Chief Justice the discretion to nominate a Supreme Court judge as the third member of this com-



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb chairs the meeting of the Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) at the Finance Division.

National Assembly Secretariat deprives PTI of seats, declares its members as that of SIC

Latest party position in National Assembly: PML-N leads with 110 seats; All 80 of PTI's members now recognized as part of Sunni Ittehad Council

ISLAMABAD (INP): The National Assembly Secretariat on Friday annihilated the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) when it issued party position on the basis of Election Amendment

According to a National Assembly Secretariat notification, "All 80 members of the PTI are members of the Sunni Ittehad Council (SIC)." Earlier, on the orders of the Supreme Court, 39 parliamentarians have been declared as members of the PTI and 41 of

It may be noted that a day ago, the National Assembly speaker wrote a letter to the Election Commission (ECP) giving reference to the Election Amendment Act. The assembly secretariat acted in a haste without waiting for the ECP reply and issued a new party position.

According to the notification, the PML-N has 110 seats, the PPP 69 seats, the MQM 22 seats, the Q-League five and the IPP four. The Muslim League-Zia, the BAP and the National Party have one member each in the National Assembly.

The assembly secretariat mentioned that 80 members belonged to the SIC, eight to the JUI-F while the number of independent members is also 8. The PK-MAP, the BNP-Mengal and MWM have one seat each while an independent member has joined the

Chinese firm to set up textile parks in Pakistan aiming \$5b exports, 0.5m jobs; MoU signed

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Board of Investment and Chinese textile firm RUYI Shangdong on Friday signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) under which the latter would establish textile parks of international standards in Pakistan to boost country's exports to \$5 billion and create around 0.5 million

The document was signed as a nine-member delegation of RUYI group led by Chairman QiuYafu called on Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharifhere as a significant development regarding Chinese investment in Pakistan following the ment in Pakistan's textile prime minister's recent

China visit. According to the MoU signed at a ceremony witnessed by Prime Minister Shehbaz Šharif, the Chinese company would establish textile parks in Sindh and Punjab provinces where around 100 Chinese textile firms would be invited to

The prime minister lauded the time-tested Pakistan-China friendship and observed that the bilateral economic ties were strengthening with each passing day.

He welcomed the Chinese RUYI group to Pakistan and lauded its investsector, recalling that the firm

had been the first investor of Sahiwal Coal Power Plant established under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor.

Briefing the prime minister, the company head said that the textile parks aimed at boosting textile exports and making the country a hub of textiles and garments.

To be powered by solar energy, the textile parks would be developed as zero-carbon and and automated facility to enhance the exports to \$2 billion in its first phase and \$5 billion in the second one besides creating from 0.3 million to 0.5 million



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister Communications, Privatization & Board of Investment Abdul Aleem Khan presides over high level meeting of NHA.

Aleem Khan chairs meeting of NHA

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister for Communications, Board of Investment and Privatization Abdul Aleem Khan Friday chaired a high-level meeting of the National Highway Authority (NHA).

He was briefed by Chairman NHA that by implementing his instructions, number of M Tag users has been increased to more than 92% while the revenue of the NHA has also been significantly improved during last six months.

The minister while expressing satisfaction over the betterment asked the NHA to adopt a Hi-Tech System and bring the entire working of National Highway Authority Online in the **shortest possible time.** I fighting till the elimination

President, PM laud security forces for anti-terror operations in Waziristan of terrorism in toto. The

ISLAMABAD (APP): President Asif Ali Zardari and Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif have paid tribute to the security forces for carrying out successful anti-terrorist operations in North and South Waziristan.

President Asif Ali Zardari paid tribute to the security forces for carrying out anti-terror operations in North and South Waziristan and eliminating Khawarij (terrorists). The president reiter-

purge the country of terrorists and paid tribute to the

scourge," the president remarked.

paradise.

Meanwhile Prime South Waziristan. ated the nation's resolve to

soldiers who sacrificed their lives during the opera-'The sacrifices of soldiers for their homeland will never be squandered. The

security forces will keep up

He also expressed sympathies for the bereaved families and prayed to Allah Almighty for the elevation of martyrs' ranks in

whole nation stands by its

security forces to curb this

Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Friday paid tribute to the security forces for carrying out successful anti-terrorist operations in North and The prime minister

lauded the gallantry of the soldiers in eliminating several terrorists in the operations and reiterated the nation's resolve and priority to eliminate terrorism from the country, according to a PM Office press

Shakeel chairs Divisional & Deputy Commissioners on certain issues:

CS exhorts all officers to speed up measures for improving service delivery in respective institutions

Independent Report QUETTA: The Chief Secretary Balochistan, Shakeel

Qadir Khan has exhorted all officers to speed up measures for bringing improvement in the service delivery in their respective departments so that people may get all basic facilities at their doorstep. The Chief Secretary

was presiding over the Divisional and Deputy Commissioners here on Friday. The meeting discussed

about the overdue cases on IPMS, prevention of smuggling, provision of quality education and healthcare facilities, price control, recruitment of the teachers and solarization of agricultural tube wells in the prov-

Those who were also present in the meeting were included: Additional Chief Secretary Home, Shahab Ali Shah, Secretary Forests and Wildlife, Dostain Khan Jamaldini, Secretary Social

Welfare, Abdul Rehman Buzdar, Secretary Industries, Durra Baloch, Secre-Transport. Muhammad Hayat Kakar.

The Divisional Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners participated in the meeting through video

Addressing the meeting, the Chief Secretary said that the provincial cabinet has approved recruitments

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QUETTA: Chief Secretary Balochistan Shakeel Qadir Khan addressing Divisional Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners Conference

Prophet PBUH.

PM greets Rind on

winning Karate

Combat Championship

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Friday congratulated Shahzaib Rind, the Pakistani

mixed martial arts player from Balochistan, who won

the Karate Combat Championship (KC-49) held in

sport and expertise. The whole nation feels proud of

you," the prime minister said, according to a PM Office

feated Brazil's Bruno Roberto De Assis.

had this hope, as well as all your prayers."

You have brought fame to Pakistan through your

In the final contest held in Singapore, Shahzaib

Commenting on his win, Rind wrote on his X

timeline, "Alhamdulillah, history has been made! This

is the first time Pakistan has become a world champion

in MMA. This was a very tough fight at the start, but I

World challenges can be solved in light of Holy Prophet (PBUH)'s teachings: Khalid Maqbool

Federal Minister of Education and Professional Training Dr Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui has said that all the current challenges being faced by the world can be solved in light of the character and teachings of Holy Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him).

Speaking at the opening ceremony of the National Seerat Festival orga-National Rahmatul-Lil-Alameen Wa Khatam-ul-Nabiyeen Authority here on Friday at the National Skills University, the Federal Minister said that we should talk we should only thanks to more about the subject of Seerat-ul-Nabi (PBUH) so Allah.

about the education of

He said that Allah sent the first verses of Quran regarding Iqra (reading) which showed the importance of knowledge and education in Islam. He said that love of the Prophet (PBUH) is a promise to follow his teachings.

Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui said that organizing such events is a matter of great happiness. Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui said that now the religion (Islam) has been completed, and the beloved Messenger of

need for us to look the other way in the presence f the teachings of Holy

Federal Minister of Education Dr Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui said that the finality of the Holy Prophet-hood is a principle that cannot be questioned. No Muslim can ever compromise on the finality of rophet-hood.

He urged the Muslim Immah that we should prepare for the future so that we are not left behind in the modern era

Rahmatul-Lil-Alameen Authority, Khurshid



MULTAN: The South Africa Women's cricket team celebrates with the trophy after winning the series 2-1 against Pakistan Women at Multan Cricket Stadium.

QUETTA: Metropolitan Corporation Deputy Director Health, Dr. Nosheen Khan along with others inspecting the food items during their visit to different restaurants and hotels located on Airport road in Quetta.

PML-N led Govt came into power through backdoor channels: Shibli

ISLAMABAD (INP): Pa- death cell, facing hurdles in kistan Tehreek-e-Insaf meeting visitors, and is not (PTI) leader and Senator Shibli Faraz stated that the current government, which came into power through backdoor channels, is struggling to function.

Addressing a press conference, alongside PTI leaders Rauf Hassan and Abu Zar Salman Niazi, the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate, Shibli Faraz, expressed his concerns over citizens. Even in wars, the prevailing lawlessness there are laws protecting in the country. "The rule of the vulnerable, but here, law has been replaced by the law of the jungle. Those who try to do good for the country are made examples

of," he remarked. Faraz criticized Bilawal Bhutto, saying, "Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto gave this nation political awareness and the 1973 Constitution. Today, his grandson is tearing apart the same constitution with his ac-

Referring to PTI's founder, Faraz highlighted his contributions to Pakistan. "The man who made the country invincible in defense, brought global respect, gave us the 1992 World Cup, and founded Al-Qadir University is being mistreated. Everyone is witnessing how he is being treated now."

government for the treatment of PTI's founder, stating that he is being kept in a external forces.

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of the teachers on contract

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ment. He directed to all

Deputy Commissioners to

make all closed schools

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months and ensure impart-

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sponsibility of the govern-

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healthcare facilities in the

hospitals and to ensure

provision of the medicines

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Commissioners keep strict

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of the medicines.

He said that it is re-

students.

even allowed to speak with his children. "Despite advocating for the rule of law,

the founder of PTI is being persecuted," he added. He further criticized the government's disregard for court rulings, saying, "Judicial decisions are being ignored, and the state is fail ing in its duty to protect the life and dignity of its

people's rights are being

Speaking on the baseless cases against the PTI leader and his wife, Faraz defended Bushra Bibi as an entirely non-political figure who is being unjustly targeted. "This government cannot compete with PTI politically, so they are using every means to suppress us," he said.

Faraz also emphasized that without acknowledging the public's mandate. no real change can occur. "The largest stakeholders in this country are its people. They gave their mandate to PTI in the elections, yet this government wants to rule on charity in the form of reserved seats.

He concluded by say-Faraz condemned the ing, "This is not a political party, but a group of opportunists propped up by

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Commissioners briefed the

meeting about their respec-

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of all the divisions have con-

ducted visits of the hospi-

It was told in the meet-

tive divisions

the official price list.

hospitals.

PCB HEC intervarsity tournament to commence in

October LAHORE (INP): The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) in collaboration with the Higher Education Commission (HEC) is all set to host the inaugural edition of the PCB HEC Intervarsity Tournaments from 10 October across the

country. The event will feature both men's and women's tournaments, with 40-over women's tournament to begin from 10 October. 25 universities are set to fea-

the tournament which will be divided into five zones. The schedule will be announced in due course.

The men's tourna ment, to be played in 50over format, will commence from 15 October. A total of 127 universities will compete in the tournament. where 212 matches will be played across 43 venues of the country. The teams will be divided into 14 zones. The details are at-

tached and available here. In the second phase of the men's tournament, a winner each from 14 zones and four semi-finalists from the last edition of intervarsity tournament will feature in another tournament to further enhance the skills of the players. The details of the second phase will be announced in

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PSB takes notice of athletics team visit to **India without NOC** ISLAMABAD (INP): The why the team was sent to

(PSB) has taken notice of the Pakistan Junior Athletics Team's participation in the South Asian Junior Athletics Championship in India without obtaining the necessary No Objection Certificate (NOC) and has

the Athletics Federation of Pakistan (AFP). According to details, a secure a single medal out of the 90 medals awarded dur-

sought an explanation from

ing the championship. The AFP, already facing criticism for poor team selection leading to disappointing results, is now under further scrutiny as the PSB has questioned

Pakistan Sports Board India without prior approval from the relevant authorities.

The PSB, in a letter addressed to AFP Secretary Shahjahan Mir, stated that the federation did not seek an NOC for the team's departure to India, which is a violation of Article 7(1) of the PSB Constitution.

It is important to note that, for any sporting event team of 12 athletes and five held in India, the rules are officials from Pakistan par- particularly strict Federaticipated in the interna- tions are required to obtain tional event, but failed to clearances not only from the PSB but also from intelligence agencies and various ministries before planning such tours.

The AFP's failure to secure the necessary documents raises questions about their administrative oversight in this matter.

Federal cabinet approves SC...

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on their number. He said that in a case under section 184(3), it will have to be written why it was a matter of public importance.

A formal order will be issued that if a case under Section 184(3) was taken up, whether it was a case of public importance, or human rights issue.

He said under the ordinance, on 184 (3) any order passed by the Supreme Court, the right of appeal had been granted.

According to this ordinance, a transcript will be prepared of the proceedings including judges' remarks and observations during the case and this text will also be available to the pub-

This step had been taken to make the judicial process more transparent, he opined.

He said that in the proposed constitutional package, there is mention of providing convenience to the people

He said a committee had been set up under the Practice and Procedure Act headed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, the puisne judge and the third Senior Judge were its mem-

He said under the ordinance, now the Chief Justice will head the committee whereas the puisne judge will be a member and a third judge of the Supreme Court will be its member. The Chief Justice will

nominate one of the judges of the Supreme Court as a member of this committee from time to time, the minister added. He said cases were de-

layed due to the non-availability of the third member of the committee in Islamabad.

Tarar said that a petition regarding the review of 63-A was pending till date. He remarked that some decision should have come

regarding the revision of 63-A as it was an important matter.

"All these reforms and amendments have been made keeping in mind the interests of the common people," he said. The minister informed

the media that a leading

Chinese investment group

would invest \$ 7 billion for setting up textile parks in Pakistan. He said there was good news for the nation as Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif

has held a meeting with the Chairman of Rui Group of China. He said that a memo-

randum of understanding was signed between the Government of Pakistan and Rui Group which will establish textile parks in Pakistan. He said that Rui Group

China Pakistan Economic Corridor which was completed in the record time of months. He said that these textile parks will be established

had already completed the Sahiwal Coal Project under

The Chinese conglomerate, he said will invite more than 100 Chinese

in Sindh and Punjab prov-

companies to set up textile units in those textile parks. He said in the first phase, \$2 billion will be invested whereas \$ 5 billion will be invested in the second phase by the group

which meant a total of \$ '

billion investment.

He said that wholesale centers will also be established by the Chinese group in textile parks. The establishment of

textile parks would not only generate employment opportunities for 300,000 to 500,000 persons in Pakistan but also help boost exports, he remarked.

"Already our exports have increased by 14 per cent and the current account deficit has reduced" said the minister.

Aleem Khan announces plans to introduce cutting-edge technology on Motorways, GT roads

ISLAMABAD (APP): In a landmark move, Federal Minister for Communications Abdul Aleem Khan has initiated a step to upgrade Pakistan's motorway and GT road monitoring systems where introducing cutting-edge technology to significantly enhance passenger safety and streamline traffic flow.

Talking to a private news channel, minister in a bid to fortify Pakistan's motorways and GT roads has instructed the National High Authority to deploy state-of-the-art monitoring systems, adding, this strategic move will prioritize passenger safety, aiming to minimize risks and ensure seamless travel experiences.

Federal Minister has announced that a remarkable 92% of motorway users have adopted the M-Tag system, a significant milestone in the country's efforts to modernize its transportation infrastruc-

This achievement underscores the success of the government's initiative to promote cashless transactions and reduce congestion transportation network but he added.

at toll plazas, he added. The M-Tag system, introduced by the National Highways and Motorway Police (NHMP) will utilize radio frequency identification (RFID) technology to facilitate seamless travel on motorways, he mentioned.

With the M-Tag sticker on their vehicles users can pass through toll booths without stopping, as the toll amount is automatically deducted from their prepaid account, he mentioned. Minister also revealed

that a state-of-the-art tracking system is now operational on all major roads in province, enhancing

safety and efficiency. This advanced system enables real-time monitoring, swift incident response and data-driven decisionmaking to optimize traffic flow, he added.

To further encourage adoption, he urged transporters to take advantage of the M-Tag facility without

By doing so, they will not only contribute to a

smoother, more efficient

also benefit from reduced waiting times and increased convenience, he stressed.

The National Highway Authority (NHA) is teaming up with the Motorway Police to ensure the smooth functioning of traffic on Pakistan's motorways, he highlighted.
The federal minister's

also directive to adopt the latest cameras and technology is a significant step towards enhancing the National Highway Authority's (NHA) efficiency and revenue collection.

The minister's appreciation for NHA's efforts to boost revenue is well-deserved, as this will enable the institution to become more financially stable and self-sufficient.

By imposing fines on cash users, authorities hope to encourage more drivers to switch to E-tags, leading to a smoother and more efficient toll collection process, he said.

This shift is expected to reduce revenue losses due to malpractices in manual cash collection and decrease queue lengths at toll plazas,



Kakar along with others addressing a press conference, at Quetta press club.

28 committee meetings on average held in five years with 11% activity decline in Senate: PILDAT

ISLAMABAD (APP): President Pakistan Institute of Legislative Development and Transparency (PILDAT), Ahmed Bilal Mehboob on Friday apprised the members of the Parliament during a briefing session that on average, only 28 meetings were held in the past five years by each committee with a 11% decrease in committee ackeeping members' expertise tivity in the Senate in the 2023-2024 parliamentary year, from 326 meetings in 2022-2023 to 290 meetings in 2023-2024. ILDAT convened a briefing session titled "How Can Parliamentary Committees En-

sure Good Governance? aimed at enhancing parliamentarians' engagement with parliament's committee system for oversight of the government that provided a platform for insightful deliberations on improving the effectiveness of committees in ensuring transparency and accountability, a news release said

The session began with President PILDAT, Ahmed Bilal Mehboob delivering a presentation on the subject. He provided a comprehensive overview of the committee process, detailing the different types of Standing Committees in the National Assembly and the Senate.

He analyzed the per formance of the 15th National Assembly, where there was a six-month delay in the formation of Standing Committees despite the Rules of Procedure & Conduct of Business of the National Assembly,

2007, requiring Standing Committees to be constiin mind, Committee meettuted within 30 days of the ascertainment of the Leader of the House. Ahmed Bilal Mehboob's presentation concluded with the following recommendations for improving the effectiveness of Standing Committees underlining that the comappointments should be done on time and

ings must be scheduled more regularly, NA Committees should be given an effective role in the Budget Process, the public part of Committee Meeting Proceedings should be televised, public hearings to invite public input should be held, and Committees should have dedicated research staff and meeting

NOTICE INVITING TENDE

The Executive Engineer (Building) CW PP&H Department Harnai invites sealed bids from eligible bidders who can prove their eligibility and qualification as mention in the bidding documents for the work mentioned below. The work estimated cost and other information of works as under tender based on Composite Schedule of Rates 2023. Government of Balochistan amended up-to-date as required from interested contractors / firms for the work listed below under BPPRA Rules. Tender Fee Rs. 1000/- and Earnest Money 2%

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KARACHI: Members of Pakistan Fisher Folk Forum are holding protest demonstration for awareness of Climate Change, at Karachi press club.

Ahsan stresses greater unity among Muslim Ummah to tackle confronted challenges

Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Professor Ahsan Iqbal on Friday stressed the urgent need for greater ter, urging a way out of the existing crisis of 'knowledge' unity among the Ummah to effectively address the challenges faced, particularly the killings of innocent Muslims in Palestine, Gaza and other regions.

Ummah is the need of the hour, as two billion Mus-lims in the world seem helpless in front of a country of 10 million that is shedding the blood of innocent people in Gaza, Palestine and Lebanon," he said.

The minister was addressing the opening session of a three-day International Secrat Conference at the National Skills Univer-

significance of following the Risalat (SAW) to achieve easily be turned into lies

Upon Him) to succeed in this world and the Hereaf-

limited to only lip-service and are far behind in the practical world. Today's and practice.'

Ahsan Iqbal noted that Muslims were once ahead in multiple fields in Spain but now lagged behind, with no Muslim scientist close to winning a Nobel

He warned that some elements just wanted to fan hatred in society by misleading the public, especially the youth, in the name He emphasized the of religion and Namoos-e-

The minister men-Muhammad (Peace Be tioned that he was the son of a mother who first got the Namoos-e-Risalat (SAW) law approved in Parliament but was targeted

and practice.' by such elements.

Unfortunately, he said: "We (Muslims) are religion of peace, harmony and brotherhood that never allowed taking the lives of innocent people based on "The unity of the Muslims are suffering from their faith, quoting examples the need of the a crisis of both knowledge amples from Islamic his-

> He asserted that no one had the right to doubt any Muslim's faith or belief, as this would be deter-mined by Allah Almighty on the Day of Judgment.

He stressed the importance of non-violent dialogue, particularly in the face of social media's challenges, adding that today's biggest challenge was social media, where truth could and lies into truth



ISLAMABAD: Chairperson Benazir Income Support Programme, Senator Rubina Khalid, calls on the Governor of the State Bank of Pakistan, Jameel Ahmed. Secretary Benazir Income Support Programme, Amer Ali Ahmad, are also present.

NA body directs for steps to revive PTV's past glory & grandeur

ISLAMABAD (APP): The National Assembly's Standing Committee on Information and Broadcasting Friday directed for taking extensive steps to revive the past glory and grandeur of Pakistan Television

The committee, which was presided over by Waja Pullain Baloch, suggested for optimum utilization of the PTV's present infra- demic had proved to be structure and human re- successful. The committee source for making it a prof- directed the Pakistan Elec-

the revival of PTV's glory was need of the hour without losing its status of a sively pursue the issue of family channel and conforming it with the present standing dues to the media

The committee said that the PTV had an immense human resource potential and state of the art infrastructure which could be utilized to regain its former status.

The panel also suggested for a dedicated educational channel as the experiment of imparting education through the PTV during COVID-19 pane entity. tronic Media Regulatory
It was of the view that Authority (PEMRA) and the Press Information Department (PID) to aggrespayment of salaries/out-

Rise in Rare Indus Dolphin number propitious, signifies thriving ecosystem: Sherry

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chairperson, Senate Standing Committee on Climate Change, Senator Sherry Rehman on Friday hailed the increase in the number of Rare Indus Dolphin as a propitious development signifying thriving ecosystem in the Indus Delta. The Senate Standing Committee Chair welcomed the increase in the number of Indus Dolphin (Bhulan), the world's rarest mammal in a press

statement received here. Sherry Senator Rehman said the concerned government agencies and private organizations had an important role in the concreased.

servation and breeding of

the Indus dolphin.
"In 2001, the number of Indus dolphins was only 965, which has increased to 2.100 according to the 2021 survey. The increase in the number of Indus dolphins is a sign of the improvement of the Indus River's ecosystem. According to the 1879 survey, the number of Indus dolphins in the Indus River was 10,000," she said.

said due to the construction of barrages, human activities, river pollution and other reasons, their numbers had drastically de-

Unfortunately, she

reference to pay tribute to late M.A. Rauf organized at **OAU** ISLAMABAD (APP): A

Memorial

memorial reference was organized to pay tribute and offer prayers for the late M.A. Raoof, former Controller of Examinations Quaid-i-Azam University (QAU) Islamabad and Patron of the University of Lahore, here on Friday.

The event was attended by faculty, alumni. officers, and employees of Quaid-e-Azam University (QAU).

DIG emphasizes zero tolerance for corruption & bribery

ISLAMABAD (APP) Deputy Inspector General (DIG) of Police Syed Ali Raza on Friday emphasized upon zero-tolerance policy towards corruption and bribery, stressing that the protection of life, property, and citizens' dignity was of a paramount importance.

According to police spokesperson, under the special directives of the Inspector General (IG) Police Syed Ali Nasir Ali Rizvi, the DIG Syed Ali Raza said that the Islamabad Police is committed to resolve public issues on priority.

DIG said this while listening to the complaints and issues of the public as well as police officials during the Khuli Kachehri held at his office, he said.

Senior police officers were also present on this

IG Islamabad holds briefing for officials Beat officers deployed alongside dolphin squad to ensure effective patrolling



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ISLAMABAD: The Inspector General of Police (ÎGP) Islamabad Syed Ali Nasir Raza, conducted a briefing for officers of all police stations, Dolphin Squad, Ababeel Squad, City Watchers, and Night Patrol Unit. On the occasion, DIG Islamabad Syed Ali Raza, senior police officials, and a large number of police officers were also present, a public relations officer said.

During the briefing, the IG Islamabad emphasized the importance of meeting with the officers, stating, "It is my duty, given to me by Allah, to work with you all

to protect the lives and property of the citizens.

You are part of a department where the best way to please Allah is to create ease for his servants. Our duty is to ensure the safety of citizens' lives and property and to enhance the reputation of our department", he added.

Moreover, Islamabad Syed Ali Raza mentioned that special beat officers will be deployed alongside the Dolphin Squad to make patrolling more effective in the federal capital. These beat officers will remain in their designated areas 24/7 and

will respond promptly to

Additionally, individual performance reports of all officers will be compiled daily. Officers stationed at checkpoints will ensure effective monitoring of criminal elements.

Each officer will be held accountable for their individual performance as well as the crimes occurring in their areas. Corruption and negligence in duties will not be tolerated, he added.

DIG Islamabad Syed Ali Raza further said that, the welfare of all officers is my top priority. You must conduct effective crackdowns on criminal elements. All police officers are urged to enhance patrols in the federal capital to prevent crime, ensure immediate response to emergency calls to the helpline Pucar-15, and serve citizens promptly. Protecting the lives and property of citi-

zens is our foremost re-

sponsibility, he maintained.



Ambassador of Nepal to Pakistan Tapas Adhikari, and others cutting the cake during National Day ceremony of Nepal at a local hotel.

CCAR, IRC partner to strengthen humanitarian support in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Chief Commissioner Afghan Refugees (CCAR) and the International Rescue Committee (IRC) Pakistan have formally signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to solidify their collaboration to strengthen humanitarian support in Pakistan.

This strategic partnership addresses the pressing needs of vulnerable populations, particularly Afghan refugees, through a holistic approach that entails institutional strengthening, humanitarian programming and coordinated actions, a

ISLAMABAD (APP):

Mushaal Hussein Mullick,

wife of Jailed Kashmiri

Mohammad Yasin Malik

Friday has issued a defiant

call to action, pledging to uncover and condemn

India's alleged human rights

abuses and illicit strategies

aimed at perpetuating its

Talking to a Private news channel, Mushaal

Hussein Mullick urged the

global community to take

urgent action and high-

lighted that the excessive

use of force by Indian se-

curity forces, resulting in

unlawful killings and inju-

control over Kashmir.

Hurriyat

action against human rights

abuses in Kashmir valley

ries of civilians, including crimes," she mentioned.

Leader

tion, CCAR and IRC intend developing and backstopping multi-sectoral humanitarian support through a consultative process, with an emphasis on capacity building and technical support. Both organizations are committed to sustaining and replicating the Urban Support Units supported by ÎRC.

nership aims to engage and bring together donors and organizations for livelihood & skill development initiatives along with Community-Based Disaster Risk Management/Reduction models tailored for vulner-Under this collabora- able Afghan refugees and

the use of pellet-firing shot-

guns that had partially or

completely blinded many

victims. Mushaal has also

emphasized the need for ac-

countability and an end to

impunity for human rights

violations. "The human

rights situation in Kashmir

has been a concern for de-

cades with reports of mass

killings, enforced disap-

pearances, torture and ha-

rassment," she highlighted.

ment has been accused of

committing severe human

rights abuses against

Kashmiri civilians with

militant groups also re-

sponsible for similar

The Indian govern-

Country Director, International Rescue Committee in Pakistan, stated, "This partnership marks a significant milestone in our col lective ongoing efforts to support Afghan refugees and other vulnerable populations in Pakistan. The collaboration with CCAR will enable us to develop and implement more effective and sustainable programs that address both the immediate needs and longterm resilience of these communities. We are excited to

Moreover, the partcombine our expertise and resources to create a mean-Mushaal urges global

ingful impact." **ATC confirms** bail before

ISLAMABAD (Online) Anti Terrorism Court (ATC) Islamabad has confirmed the bail before arrest plea of PTI counsels Ali . Bokhari and Faisal Chaudhry advocate. The bail plea has been approved against surety bonds valuing Rs 30000 each. The case regarding violation of NOC by PTI leaders and attack on police came up for hearing before Judge Abual Hasnat Zulqarnain

arrest plea of **PTI counsels** Bokhari, Faisal

of ATC Islamabad Friday.

Riasat Ali Azad presi dent Islamabad High Court (IHC) Bar appeared on behalf of the accused in the court.



for life" to promote environmental preservation, raise awareness about the dangers of drug use among youth and engage youth in healthy activities organized by the Prime Minister's Youth Program at Constitution Avenue D-chowk.

Excise deptt introduces new SOPs to tackle agent mafia, improve registration process

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Islamabad Excise and Taxation Department has issued new Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for vehicle registration and transfer for improving public service and cracking down on the influence of agent mafias. These measures were part of an effort to reduce the influence of middlemen or agents and to provide easier access to services for the public, said the spokesman of ICT admin-

istration here. According to the new guidelines, if the vehicle owner is unable to visit the Excise Department for registration or transfer, they must issue an authority letter or provide biometric authentication. This can be done by registering the name and ID card number of the person handling the process on their behalf.

Additionally, if the owner does not come to collect the vehicle registration card in person, biometric verification of the person receiving the card is now mandatory.

Under the new Door Step Policy, the Islamabad Excise Office has also introduced a home or office service for the registration and transfer of vehicles. Citizens can now avail these services without needing to visit the office, making the process more convenient.

Department's mobile van service is available in various markets, parks, and on major highways across Islamabad. This initiative is aimed at bringing the department's services closer to the people.

For those who prefer to handle matters online, the Excise Department has made it possible to register vehicles through its online portal, further simplifying the process. Furthermore, the Excise Department has urged citizens to ensure they receive proper documentation when registering or transferring a vehicle.



ISLAMABAD: Heavy machinery being used for expansion work of Club Road during development work in the Federal Capital.

AIOU hosts Mehfil-e-Milad ceremony

Allama Iqbal Open University (AÎOU) hosted a spiritual Mehfil-e-Milad ceremony to commemorate the birthday of the Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him). The event, organized

by the Department of Mass Communication, drew a large participation of female students who gathered to pay homage to the Prophet The ceremony began

with the recitation of the Holy Quran and Naats in praise of the Prophet (PBUH). Women and children presented heartfelt Naats, filling the hall with sounds of Durud and

Gul Asghar prioritizes implementation of axle load for safeguarding lives and highways

Asghar Khan Baghoor on Friday emphasized that the implementation of axle load will be his top priority to protect national highways and safeguard precious hu-He expressed these

views while talking to NH&MP officials during his visit to the National Highways and Motorway Police (NH&MP) head-Inspector General (IG) NH&MP Salman

Chaudhry warmly welcomed the Secretary on arrival at NH&MP headquar-

On this occasion, the Parliamentary Secretary was briefed in detail about the strategy, axle load control regime and other chal-

lenges of Motorway Police. Inspector General Salman Chaudhry, Additional Inspector General of Police, DÎGs and other senior officers were also

present. The Parliamentary Secretary assured that the implementation of Axle Load will be my first priority to save national highways and precious human

Gul Asghar Khan Baghoor said the development of any country requires a lot of work in the field of communications, telecommunications and energy. Because these are the means by which nations develop, he added.

Gul Asghar Khan said there is an urgent need to solve the shortage of manpower in the Motorway



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Planning Ahsan Igbal planting a tree at the Ministry of Planning, reinforcing Pakistan's commitment to a greener, sustainable future under the UGPP initiative.

Habeas corpus case of 3 persons: **IHC directs IG police to** probe into matter file report on September 24

SLAMABAD (Online): Islamabad High Court (IHC) has directed IG police to probe into the incident and file report on September 24 in the case

in habeas corpus by police. Chief Justice (CJ) IHC Aamer Farooq while have completed paper work addressing IG Police re- to save themselves. marked the misuse of powsic example. According to

from SP office on September 17. Police say they were arrested after registering case on 19. On the same day remand was taken. It is perchance that case was against keeping 3 citizens registered and remand was given after application for recovery was filed. Police

He gave these remarks ers is at peak in your de- during hearing of petition partment. This case is classic example. According to IG Islamabad Ali counsel for petitioner these three persons were lifted being summoned by court.

Al-Qadir trust case PTI calls for stopping jail trial of PTI founder forthwith

ISLAMABAD (Online): PTI leaders while expressing grave concerns over jail trial of PTI founder in Al-Qadir trust case have demanded of Judge Nasir Javed of Accountability Court (AC) to stop the trial forthwith.

PTI leaders including Shibli Faraz, information secretary Rauf Hassan and Suleman Niazi said this while addressing a press conference here Friday.

Opposition leader in Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto gave a consensus constitution to Pakistan in 1973 and what his grandson is doing with this constitution today is before all of us. What is happening with the leader who gave awareness of real freedom to this country. PTI founder has al-

ways talked of supremacy of law and constitution. What is being done with PTI founder and his party is deplorable. If law and constitution are not upheld then country will not make Senate Shibli Faraz said progress. People gave decision on February 8.



ISLAMABAD: Thai artists performing Thai traditional dance during a ceremony title "Sawasdee Pakistan" organized by Thai Embassy at a local Mall, in the Federal Capital.

Twin cities admin unite to combat dengue surge: over 900 cases reported

The district administrations of Islamabad and Rawalpindi were taking coordinated prevention and enforcement actions to tackle the dengue outbreak

Amid the alarming rise in dengue cases in the twin cities, a joint meeting of officials from both administrations outlined the next steps in controlling the spread of dengue.

The meeting cochaired by the Commissioners of both cities while the Deputy Commissioners of Islamabad and Rawalpindi were also in attendance to discuss strategies aimed at curbing the dengue out- both cities. During the meet-

concerning: so far, 537 dengue cases have been reported in Rawalpindi and 389 in Islamabad.

In Islamabad alone, 41 patients have been admitted to various hospitals. The data also revealed that most of the cases (74%) occurred among men, while 26% were women. The majority of the affected persons were from particularly between the ages of 20 and 39.

In the last 24 hours, 48 new cases of dengue have emerged. Over the past week, 1,646 positive larvae cases were found across

ISLAMABAD (APP): break. The numbers are ing, a briefing was given on the ongoing anti-dengue operations, especially at the borders between Islamabad and Rawalpindi. Joint efforts have identified several larvae breeding grounds, which the authorities were targeting for further action.

The administrations stressed the need to use all available resources to prevent the growth of dengue larvae. Officials also highlighted the importance of launching a public awareness campaign to inform citizens about dengue prevention and the standard operating procedures (SOPs) they should follow.

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What now?

The Election Commission of nance, explains the worst-Pakistan appears to be in no mood to obey the Supreme Court, and, continuing a pattern observed over the last year, the federal government seems eager to provide it political cover.

It emerged on Wednesday that the ECP would, instead of implementing the Supreme Court's verdict in the reserved seats case, seek further opinion from 'legal experts' on the matter. This, despite being warned by the court not to delay any further.

As it turns out, it did not need legal counsel: on Thursday, the National Assembly Speaker himself came to the ECP's rescue, informing the Commission that since a new law — bulldozed last month through parliament to prevent the reserved seats from being given to the PTI — had come into effect, it need not heed the Supreme Court's order. Unexpected though the move was, it was not the first time that the ruling set-up had come to the ECP's aid against the courts.

Last year, the ECP had similarly refused to obey the apex court when it made it clear it would not hold elections to the Punjab Assembly despite what the court ordered. The then-PDM government had endorsed the ECP's stance, even though it had been in clear violation of the timeline for polls provided in the Constitution. Emboldened, the ECP has continued to thwart the courts not governments' exclusive since, be it in the matter of election tribunals or, as recently seen, in the case pertaining to come countries to loop in the the PTI's reserved seats.

It may be recalled that the Commission's last attempt to delay implementation of the Supreme Court's verdict in the reserved seats matter was officially condemned as "dilatory tactics, adopted to delay, defeat and obstruct implementation of the decision of the the sofa. court". The ECP was also warned that continuing on this path "may expose the Commission" to legal action in terms of the Constitution and the law. It had zero effect.

Now, the government's actions could turn this into a major clash between institutions. It is a risky and unfortunate escalation. Any confrontation on this issue is a direct challenge to the separation of powers as envisioned in the Constitution. The incident underlines that, despite its repeated claims to institutional 'supremacy' derived from democratic ideals, this government seems to have little interest in, understanding democracy's core principles.

The fact that it is relying on tailor-made legislation, moved after a court verdict, to thwart its implementation will be seen as defiance against the judicature. The situation is made tution. Through it all, it worse by the Speaker of the would be fair to say the house usually won; that National Assembly stepping in there were old judges and endorsing and Commission's position.

The separation of powers must be respected and no institution should overstep its bounds. At this critical juncture, all state institutions must remain within their mandates to prevent further erosion of this is, in 77 years, the a common law jurisdicdemocratic values.

Ashraf Jehangir Qazi

As a senior citizen, I have a duty to express my view at a life-threatening time for my much-abused country. The cumulative effect of corrupt and in--sincere governance, far more than the lack of com-petent goverever crisis in Pakistan today. So, what is good governance'

Policies comprising good governance are gene-rally well known. Basically, it is a matter of gove-rning intent as perceived by the people. They can-not be fooled forever, as Abraham Lincoln famously said.

Intentions determine the extent to which poli-cies comprising good governance are implemented. For Pakistan, given the present political situation, they will also determine whether or not the country survives. By almost every measure, Pakistan is becoming a failed state. Nevertheless, for its ruling elites, avoiding state failure is apparently not a priority

A colonial administration may provide good administration. It cannot pro-

Truth to power

elected government often provides corrupt go--vernance, which does not become good governance because it is indigenous and freely chosen. Constitutional governance may be in accordance with the law, and yet not fulfil

Pakistan adopted the Western political model of having a Constitution that requires a government be elected by the people in an independently and credibly conducted, monitored and certified free and fair election, to be legitimate. The people of Pakistan, accordingly, made their choice on Feb 8, 2024. Their choice was forcibly snatched from them. Instead, a govern-

ment was manufactured by

a constitutionally subordi-

nate institution whose duty

is to defend the country,

the conditions of good gov-

ernance.

not rule and ruin it. No religious law, ethical code, or political ideology condones such malfeasance. Accordingly, force and deception have been resorted to, most recently Sangjani, KP and Balochistan, to suppress a violated and outraged people. This merely exac-

Accordingly, the government that was installed after the Feb 8 election is representative of the power that installed it rather than of the people. That power mimics a colonial administration which can neither command the people's loyalty nor provide good governance. It treats the people as an adversary to be controlled, outwitted and subdued. The Prophet (PBUH) said the quality of actions depends on the quality of

intentions. Intentions can-

not be hidden by gim-

mickry or sophistry. This

applies to governance as

much as it does to any other

individual or collective hu-

man activity. So where do we go from here? We can only go towards good governance as the indispensable condition for national survival. This entails almost every aspect of national activity.

It comprises the rule of law; accountability; meritocracy; strong rights protections; free or lowcost quality education, healthcare and housing; creating more confident, innovative and productive citizens through a holistic dates radical political and (science, socioeconomic change and

tech-no-logy, engineering, mathematics), SMAL (sports, mu--sic, art, literature), and HERP (history, ethics, re--ligion, philosophy) approach to learning; deve-loping class consciousness and solidarity among workers and farmers; comprehensive land and industrial reforms, including cooperative farming and worker ownership of factories; progressive taxation to reduce deficit financing, regressive indirect taxation and gross economic disparities; reducing military budgets to create fiscal space for development expenditures; financing a Pakistan green new deal; exiting the intensive care unit of the IMF; etc. Given this vast scope of 'Good Governance', it will have to be a whole of the nation' learning pro-cess guided by a dedicated, people-friendly lead-ership to break the hitherto unbreakable begging bowl. South Asia is among the world's poorest regions and, within it, Pakistan arguably has the worst Gini Coefficient and Multiple Poverty Index, indi-ca-ting the utter irresponsibility of its governance. This man-

comprehensive technology upgrades. The elites will oppose such empowerment of the people.

Apart from the Western concept of good governance, there are Islamic and eastern traditions which emphasise the community rather than the individual as the criterion for good governance. Nevertheless, good governance in any tradition has one unmistakable quality: when the people have it, they know they do, and when they don't, they know that too.

Whenever the voice of the people has no hearing in the corridors of power, there is no good governance. Such hearing can't be faked, even if the ruling elites insist whatever they do constitutes good governance. Their camp followers, ie much of the middle class intelligentsia, including media intellectuals, who are educated, articulate and well paid, confine their 'criticisms' within limits set by the establishment. They become, despite their cultivated image of dissidence on behalf of the people, collaborators against the

five per cent of the popula-

all tehsils in Sindh, all dis-

tricts in Balochistan, all

DHQs and THQ hospitals

in Puniab and three districts

in Azad Kashmir, making

emergency care for children

accessible to 80pc of

Pakistan's population within 30 minutes.

ChildLife is set to treat two

million children annually in

emergency rooms for pub-

lic sector hospitals at no

cost, with survival rates for

critical cases quadrupling

under their care. It is funded

by government grants and

philanthropic contributions

a PPP in healthcare at scale.

programme, which is state-

financed health insurance

hospitalisation, empanelled

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the government is purchas-

ing predefined health ser-

vices from private provid-

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another great example of

The Sehat Sahulat

tion, or 10-12 million, live very or reasonably comfortably. Hovering insecurely around the poverty line are the so-called 'precariat' of the lower middle and working classes of around 20pc of the population. The remaining 75pc are more or less caged within their variable, but by and large hopeless, situations.

Should they perish quietly? How long can they be securely caged within their worsening conditions with counsels of patience, false promises, enticing prospects in the hereafter and, meanwhile, brutal repression? Charles Dickens answered on behalf of today's elites: "ask me no questions, and be told no lies!" Accordingly, good governance can never be won by a merely awakened, questioning and protesting people, although that is an essential start.

It can only emerge from sustained struggle and sacrifice by an informed and organised people, supported by a government committed to radical reform, and led by elected and educated servants of the people. Why would any akistani not support such In Pakistan, around a nation-saving process? - Courtesy Dawn

PPPs for UHC

Zafar Mirza

The state's role in health and healthcare is as fundamental as health being a fundamental human right. The WHO, of which Pakistan has been a member since the beginning, says in its constitution: "Governments have a responsibility for the health of their peoples which can be fulfilled only by the provision of adequate health and social measures." Governments are the stew-ards of the health sector. Health policy-making; financing; human resource development; laying health infrastructure; disease surveillance for prevention and control; setting quality standards; regulation; health information; addressing the so--cial and environmental determinants of heal--th; and health service provision are some of the established and exclusive responsibilities of gov-ernments in the health sector. However, health service provision is

Due to a number of reasons, there is a growing trend in low- and middle-inprivate health sector in service provision. Most governments in L&MICs have

not really spent enough on healthcare. Resultantly. healthcare provision through the public sector has been both inadequate and of low quality. Another major reason is that, of whatever little is being spent on health by governments, a major part goes on tertiary healthcare: very little is spent on primary healthcare where the bulk of healthcare is needed. where disease can be prevented and managed at an early stage, and which is much more cost-effective. PHC is the foundation of universal health coverage

Ás a result of the short supply of healthcare services by governments, a parallel private heal--th sector has evolved purely as a function of mar-ket demand and in many cases, induced demand Provision of healthcare by private pro-viders is underninned by established market failures in health, coupled with weak regulatory capacity. Nevertheless, due to a general demand inelasti-city in healthcare, the private have to be provided with essential healthcare, along health sector continues to grow and thrive. In Pakistan, for example, around 60 per cent of the total health expenditure is made by

private sector out of pocket. According to surveys, around 70pc of all outdoor health consultations take

place in the private sector. So, when governments are not able to provide sufficient healthcare of sufficient quality and when people buy services out of pocket from priv-ate providers, can the public and private health sectors join hands to improve access to and qua-lity of health services and serve the people bet-ter? This is the question which shapes different forms of public-private partnerships (PPPs) in

Before proceeding further, it is important to establish the private health sector's non-mono-lithic nature Diverse and vibrant it is for-profit and not-forprofit. At some point, governments themselves start realising that they alone cannot do it. The idea of UHC. also as an SDG Goal 3 commitment has reinforced the thinking that if all people with financial protection to those who cannot afford it. then governments on their own cannot advance UHC and have to engage the private health sector. The terms

of engagement, however. make all the difference between different forms and shapes of PPPs

I was walking in the beautiful building of a large tertiary-level hospital on the outskirts

Mu--zaf-fargarh, a relatively poor district of south Punjab, with more than 50pc of its people living in multi-dimensional poverty. One of the adm-ini-s-trators was telling me that when Turkish leader Recep Tayyip Erdoan gifted this hospital to Pak--istan, the then Punjab chief minister in 2014 handed it over to the Indus Hospital and Health Network (IHHN), a large and ever-gro-wing not-forprofit or--ganisation, for its operatio-nal mana-gement. The Punjab government continues to pro-vide finances amounting to billions of rupees on a yearly basis. IHHN has full responsibility of managing the hos-pital, which provides quality healthcare comaround 30,000 patients every month and has all the ery month and has a specialties. This is a great example of PPP in healthcare. IHHN is managing a number of such health facilities across the country.

another Pakistani not-forserve the citizens better profit, started in 2010 with especially those who cannot revamping the children's afford to pay. There are other interemergency room at Civil Hospital Karachi. By 2024, ChildLife has expanded to 313 government hospitals in

faces between the public and private sector for diagnostics, medicines, health technology, IT, public health programmes, including famplanning, and others.

These and many other shades of PPPs in healthcare, in which both kinds of private health sectors are engaged with the public sector, are becoming ubiquitous not only in Pakistan but also many other L&MICs. This is the future of healthcare if these countries have to advance towards UHC in a sustainable manner. Some may argue that this is absolving the state of its responsibility towards healthcare for the people. The counter argument is that PPPs are a means to strengthen quality healthcare and expand it to a maximum number of people through a stronger stewardship role for the state; more specifically, pletely free of cost to predominantly for-profit its contract management capacity. Done well, it can be a win-win solution. In the coming articles, I will expand on this subject through examples and the potential of PPPs to ers for its citizens. This is help Pakistan redouble its also a kind of PPP in which pace towards UHC.-- Cour-

Dogar Courts

healthcare consumers in the

Asad Rahim Khan

Muhammad Munir retreated to his private quarters, where he collapsed on

We know this because another (future) chief justice, Nasim Hasan Shah, was there: "I saw a heartrending scene. Here was this man, who half an hour earlier had been presiding with all the majesty of his office at the Federal Court, now lying prostrate," as others sprinkled water on his face. "Obviously," writes the author, "he had been physically and emotionally drained by the proceedings."

That was gracious of him: the decision in Federation vs Tamizuddin not only derailed democracy for good, it also delivered the courts to the deep

In the decades since, the executive carried on tightening its grip — some of those sad notes still echo today: Bhutto amending the Constitution to extend a favourite chief justice; Zia's PCO, a purge by any other name, bury-ing judicial independence

With the rise of Dogar Courts were brought in to dry-clean emergency rule — the price of serving on them was to betray the Constithe there were bold judges, but

almost no old, bold judges. It may be time to make that choice again. Because the 26th Amendment — what's been leaked — is an all-out assault on the Cons-titution. Lawyers across the spectrum have dubbed it a scandal, a suicide pact, a neo-PCO, and with reason: most corrosive solution to tion, hence its reliance on

check: the unbowed judge. For starters, it hol-After hearing the case his lows out the Supreme life would be known for, Court of its main function Court of its main function interpreting the Constitution — and sets up a brand new federal court to do it. Shorn of its purpose, the demoted Supreme Court shall now concern itself with civil

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one favourite.

stranger's rice paddy. Not yet content with asking him to lord over the ashes, the Supreme Court's chief justice will be chosen by a crew of MNAs dominated by the ruling parties. This not only reverses any gains made for independent appointments since at least 1996, it encourages hopefuls to audition for their role as power's number

Things get even worse for high court judges, who can now be transferred from province to province in the manner of common bureaucrats. Imagine if, at the first sign of resistance, the centre keeps ping-ponging courageous judges between Quetta and Karachi: would the integrity of the Islamabad High Court remain intact if the state Pervez Musharraf, the could have dispersed the six letter-signing judges over four units? Or if their writ jurisdiction had to

cede to 'national security'? All of which brings us to the new Dogar bench so proposed: this federal constitutional court, or 'FCC', will have its first chief justice handpicked by the prime minister! Unless the FCC stands for Fully Controlled Chaperones, this is no less than extraordinary. Plus, if our history around the term 'consultation' is anything to go by, then that same chief justice will go on to

pick his fellow judges. Not least, Pakistan is the executive's major interpretation; on hun-

dreds of years of precedent. We already have a 'constitutional court': the high courts and Supreme Court. A separate constitutional court is from civil law countries — think France or Germany — one that's alien to our legal

In sum, the Supreme Court is being destroyed and replaced by a brandnew, even-more-supreme court, just one that's junior to the PM. If this sounds like the end of the in--dependence of the judiciary, that's because it is: the third branch will be sawed off and remade a

support beam. And the next victim will be the ordinary litigant: as the JUI-F's senator Kamran Murtaza has already revealed (and opposed), one late-night draft was all set to water down Article 8 — the protection of fundamental

That this journey began with the trash-fire law that was the Practice and Procedure Act is now plain — those praising its case-fixation committee overlook the fact that the new method still results in mostly 'li--keminded' benches; that its appeals process has mainly managed freezing out the military trials case; and that it has opened the door to a rump Assembly mangling the Constitution to pun-

ish the judges. But the road must end there: this amendment cannot stand. If the idea was to reduce backlog, all it does is throw up another needless forum. If the idea was to honour the Charter of Democracy, the same charter calls for FCC judges to be appointed by a judicial commission (and not the PM's speed dial). And if the idea was the chief justice's extension, that won't work either. On Oct 26, Justice Syed Mansoor Ali Shah will be chief justice of Pakistan.

Best to act accordingly.

Courtesy Dawn

Father of man

ChildLife Foundation.

Zubeida Mustafa Aug 31 was Dr Maria Montessori's birthday. The Pakistan Montessori Association had planned to honour its icons that day, starting with its legendary founder-educator and followed by her luminous successors in Paki-Mrs Gool Minwalla and others. Special tribute was to be paid to Farida Akbar, whose contribution as a trainer of trainers is unparalleled. Cyclone Asna disrupted

was held a week later. The storm was nature's revenge for the excesses committed by humankind. This was a warning to us not to tamper with nature's ways. The same also holds true for the child's education. When incorrectly managed, our school system causes 'deviations' — a term used by Dr

the programme. The event

Montessori — in the child. I quote from The Absorbent Mind to show how misunderstood our children are. "Education is not what the teacher gives: [it] is a natural process spontaneously carried out by the human individual. It is acquired not by listening to words [of a teacher], but by [gaining] experiences from the environment.

Montessori philosophy is that the child 'constructs' itself and by doing so it constructs the man/ woman it will grow up to be. The teacher's role is to facilitate the child in this self-construction process. She prepares the environment from where the child gains its experiences. Montessori's emphasis is on the psychic development of the child that be-

gins at birth. This is an autonomous process. It must be fully respected. Every child is born with diverse tendencies', strengths and weaknesses. The child

must be encouraged to explore its self-learning instincts. Any attempt to control the child in the name of discipline and uniformity is self-defeating. The 'strait-jacketing' of children destroys their interest in education itself.

Farida Akbar would always remind her students: "Follow the child." It sounded so exciting. I would wonder, can't we make our early childhood education more childfriendly by adopting some basic principles of the Montessori philosophy? In March 2023, I de-

cided to experiment with

10 children from a low-in-

acquired a classroom from a neighbouring school for two hours in the afternoon thrice a week, I launched my 'Aao Khailain Markaz' (Come Let's Play Centre). My friend Hawa Mohammad, an excellent teacher trainer who acquired her expertise from renowned institutions, readily agreed to join me in my venture for six months. Above all, it was a privilege to have Farida Akbar as our mentor and guide. I had requested her to brief Hawa about her relationship visà-vis the children. Ĥawa says the time she spent with Mrs Akbar was a unique learning experi-The gist of the ence. "She enriched my understanding of a child. Her passion for her work was remarkable. She visited the centre whenever she felt her presence was needed.' We collected a lot of

teaching material, including many colourful picture books, flash cards and stationery for the children.

The basic principle Hawa followed was to ensure that every child had the freedom of choice of the activity that interested it. Other do's and don'ts for Hawa included: speak softly; don't order the child, just do yourself whatever

needs to be done and the child will imitate you; do not say 'no' to a child if it has to be stopped, just distract it with something more attractive. Being a gentle person herself, Hawa was quick on the uptake.

How fast the children oriented them-selves to their surroundings and pace of work was amazing. They showed a re--m-a-rkable sense of ti--ming. They star-ted recognising their names written in Urdu and were attracted by books which they picked up themselves for Hawa to read out to them. The most significome community. Having cant of all was their immense interest in whatever they chose to do. Each of them sat and worked with great concentration without being asked to. Above all, they became very articulate as we always spoke in Urdu, the language they spoke at home.

We gave nature time to do its work as there was no hurry. We had been told that when a child's finger muscles and handeye coordination are ready, it will begin to write without being shown how to.

We never made the children competitive or rewarded them for their good work. But we ensured that they were always happy and did what they wanted to do in a carefully planned environment. Thus, they derived satisfaction from accomplishing their work. This satisfaction was their own re-

I now understand why our present system is flawed. We push the child too much and create competitiveness. That has made us what we are: ambitious, greedy and willing to cut corners to get what we want. Give the child time and it will turn out to be nature's best specimen in a world of diversity. --

CM chairs 7-hour long meeting in P&D dept

LAHORE (APP): Chief Minister was updated that Minister Punjab Maryam Rs 278 billion have been P&D Department to of which Rs 83 billion review progress on 77 initiatives, 70 projects and Monitoring is being 7 special programs of the introduced through Chief Minister.

She was briefed by Senior Provincial Minister Marriyum Aurangzeb that 28 PDWP meetings were Maryam Nawaz Sharif held in which 287 public was welfare schemes in the briefed,"Progress on province, besides 206 special measures of the Chief Minister were considered. She was also apprised in detail of the progress made so far for in She said,"I will not various development compromise agriculture, meteorology, IT and social welfare.

Nawaz Sharif chaired a allocated for the seven-hour long meeting in development schemes, out have been released so far. modern technology including drones and GIS mapping. Chief

further projects will be ensured against clear timeline." She reviewed current status of the development projects including transparency, speed and quality of implementation of these projects to ensure



KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister, Syed Murad Ali Shah exchanging views with Barrister Hallar Wassan, MPA during meeting held at CM House

CM KP to inaugurate development projects next month

PESHAWAR (APP): Chief Minister of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Ali Ámin Gandapur, will inaugurate several projects next month under the Peshawar Uplift Program phase including the renovation of

After the timely provision of funds by the provincial government, the areas, construction of ongoing projects under the Peshawar uplift program have gained further

The ongoing projects include the construction of for Women have been the six kilometer-long Hayatabad Jogging and Cycling Track in the provincial capital, the Furthermore, construction of Peshawar of the historic Government Zoo Road (Palosi Road), Hussain Sharif Higher the Igra Chowk Island on University Road, the Park No. 1 in Peshawar University Road, and the repair, renovation.

construction of the Walkway Town Market. Additionally, several projects have been completed at the historic University of Peshawar, the university, repair and construction of the main roads, flooring of key public washrooms, and modern parking facilities. Alongside, several

development projects at the adjacent Jinnah College completed, including flooring, repairs, and other improvement works. and renovation and restoration

Secondary Schoo Island on City, as well as the



KARACHI: Police and Rangers officials are taking part in mock exercise as a practice to defend in perception of any terrorist attack, at Cantt Railway Station in Karachi.

LHC orders DC to decide on PTI's plea for rally

LAHORE (APP): The Zaman, Inspector General Lahore High Court (LHC) on Friday ordered the deputy commissioner of Lahore to make a decision by 5 PM on Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf's (PTI) application for permission to hold a rally in the provincial capital.

A three-member bench, headed by Justice Farooq Haider and comprising Justice Tariq Nadeem and Justice Ali Zia Bajwa, passed the order while disposing of a petition filed by former MNA Aliya Hamza and others, seeking permission for a rally scheduled to be held on September 21 at Minar-e-Pakistan.

During

of Police Dr. Usman Anwar, and other relevant officers appeared before the bench. A provincial law officer, representing the Punjab government, opposed the petition, Punjab claiming the petitioners had not approached the relevant forum permission to hold the rally and rejected allegations of

harassment. The bench instructed the PTI to submit an official request for the rally and emphasized the need to find a permanent solution by designating rally sites across Punjab.

Later, the PTI submitted a written the request in the court, and the proceedings, Punjab Chief deputy commissioner was Secretary Zahid Akhtar ordered to make a decision.

Food Minister chairs meeting to review development projects

PESHAWAR (APP): To departments. During the review the progress of work on different ongoing development schemes a meeting was held under the chairmanship of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Minister for Food Zahir Shah Toru which was attended by Provincial Assembly members Iftikhar Ali Mashwani, Amir Farzand Khan, Chairman DDAC Zarshad Khan, Tariq Ariani and Deputy Commissioner Mardan Behzad Adil

meeting, the provincial minister and members of the assembly were briefed in detail about the progress on development projects.

The Provincial Food Minister strictly instructed the officers to perform their duties efficiently for the timely completion of development projects and provide maximum relief to the people. The officers of all the departments were instructed to complete the besides officers from other ongoing development.



Punjab Governor says:

Pakistan, Azerbaijan enjoy long standing brotherly ties

Governor, Sardar Saleem Haider Khan here today at Governor House Lahore. The two sides stressed the and Azerbaijan.

occasion, the Punjab Azerbaijan's Governor, Sardar Saleem towards Pakist

Republic of Azerbaijan to the direct flights between Khazar two brotherly countries Farhadov, called on Punjab and mutual exports from Azerbaijan to Pakistan and from Pakistan to Azerbaijan. He stated that Pakistan and Azerbaijan enjoy close ties need to enhance trade relations between Pakistan that Pakistani flags are displayed in Azerbaijan that Speaking on the reflects the love of people towards Pakistan, adding Haider Khan said that the that Pakistani people cherish

stressed the need for two countries. The Ambassador of the Republic of Azerbaijan to Pakistan, Khazar Farhadov said that Pakistan stood with Azerbaijan in difficult times. He expressed determination to enhance trade relations between the countries. He said that plan for preferential trade two countries enjoy long the same feelings for facilities for Pakistani brotherly Azerbaijan. He said that businessmen was on the

Ambassador of the Azerbaijan in supporting and mutual support. He infrastructure and energy exchange of trade and Pakistan. delegations between the reaffirmed his commitment standing brotherly Azerbaijan. He said that businessmen was on me relations. He appreciated the relations between the cards. He said that there

Independent Report the role of the Ambassador two countries are based on are vast opportunities for AHORE: The of the Republic of common religion, culture cooperation in sectors between Azerbaijan to foster economic relations with Pakistan. Both sides highly appreciated the successful State visit of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan in last July. Meanwhile, a delegation of young IT experts called on Governor Punjab Sardar Saleem Haider Khan at Governor House Lahore.

Punjab Home dept issues dengue alert to police, jails

LAHÔRE (APP): The Punjab Home Department on Friday issued a dengue alert to the police formation offices and jails.

government official sources informed APP that the Home Secretary has sought a report on immediate dengue measures.

The Forensic Science Agency has also been ordered to speed up dengue measures.

Department has further sought a report on the implementation of dengue guideline of the Health Department. The Home Department has directed ne officials of all the above departments to take steps to stop breeding of dengue mosquito.

9 dead, 1488 injured in 1372 road accidents in Punjab

LAHORE (APP): Nine persons were killed and 14,77 injured in 1372 Road Traffic Crashes (RTCs) in all 37 districts of Punjab during the last 24 hours. Out of these, 653 people with serious injuries were shifted to different hospitals, while 835 victims with minor injuries were treated at the incident site by rescue medical teams thus reducing the burden of hospitals.

Furthermore, the analysis showed those 790 drivers, 54 underage drivers, 193 pedestrians, and 514 passengers were among the victims of road traffic crashes. The statistics show that 270 RTCs were reported in Lahore which affected 288 persons placing the Provincial Capital at top of the list followed by Faisalabad 100 in with 100 victims and at third Multan with 77 RTCs and 102 victims. The details further reveal that 1497 victims were affected by road traffic crashes including 1205 males & 292 females, while the age group of the victims shows that 242 were under 18 years of age, 814 were between 18 and 40 years and rest of the 441 victims were reported above 40 years of age

Chinese investors to be encouraged to invest in Sindh: Governor Tessori Governor

Governor Sindh Kamran founding Day celebration of the People's Republic of China in Islamabad. Upon his Kamran Khan Tessori was warmly welcomed by the Chinese Ambassador, Jiang Zaidong and the diplomatic According to the

spokesman of the Governor Sindh, on this occasion, Governor Sindh Kamran Khan Tessori congratulated the Chinese Ambassador and presented a bouquet as a gesture of goodwill.

He highlighted the deep-rooted friendship between Pakistan and China, noting that it is based on unshakable love and mutual respect, rising and deeper than the seas.

Kamran Khan Tessori Khan Tessori attended the invited Chinese investors to explore investment opportunities in the province, emphasizing that the region offers an ideal arrival, Governor Sindh environment and lucrative sectors for investment. He assured that through the Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC), investors are provided with full support, assistance, and cooperation ensure operations.

He further remarked that China is confidently progressing on the path of economic, scientific, and technological advancement, steadily strengthening its global standing. Governor Sindh Kamran Khan Tessori also acknowledged China's active role in addressing key issues on higher than the Himalayas the regional and global



Azerbaijan to Pakistan, Khazar Farhadov, called on Punjab Governor, Sardar Saleem Haider Khan

No compromise can be made on liberties of citizens: SHC

KARACHI (Online): Sindh High Court (SHC) has said no compromise can be made on the liberties of citizens and constitution has given guarantee for it.

The petitions for recovery of 6 citizens who had gone missing from different areas came up for hearing Friday,

The court expressed dissatisfaction annoyance over the reports of investigating agencies.

cannot satisfy the court by government. preparing traditional The investigating

several meetings of JIT and

task force have been held. All steps are being taken. Letters have been written to jails all over the country and other institutions. The state counsel said

financial assistance has been approved for the affected family. The family members

got annoyed over on offer of financial assistance. The family members

said we want Muhammad Tahir, We pay tax more Justice Nemat Ullah than what financial Phulpoto remarked you assistance is given by the According

petitioner Muhammad Tahir is missing from the officer said in the court area of New Town Karachi since 2018.



LAHORE: Punjab Minister for Health Khawaja Salman Rafique chairs high level meeting at Punjab Health Initiative Management Company.

Punjab govt committed to maintain peace: Azma

Information Punjab Minister Azma Bukhari on Friday reiterated the provincial government's commitment to maintaining peace and stability, warning that no one will be allowed to disrupt law and order or exploit youth for political purposes. Talking to a private

news channel, Azma said under Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif's leadership, the Punjab government is determined to deliver on its promises. She said

government is launching multiple projects for youth welfare, including free IT courses, the Punjab Rozgar Scheme, the CM Punjab

Program, the Punjab Youth Helpline, development initiatives, and women empowerment programs.
"These initiatives aim

to provide young people with skills, resources and opportunities to thrive, aligning with Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif's vision for a progressive prosperous Punjab", she

Punjab Information Minister Azma Bukhari has thrown down the gauntlet, challenging critics compare performance of previous Chief Minister Buzdar with the current CM.



LAHORE: A view of heavy shipping containers placed alongside a road for road block due to PTI public gathering (Jalsa) at Minto Park, healed on 21 September Saturday, in the Provincial Capital.

Barrister Dr. Saif **ESSI** to issue E-cards for treatment: Fazal Shakoor

PESHAWAR (APP): KF Minister for Labour Fazal Shakoor Khan has said that steps for provision of all possible medical facilities to patients at Employees Social Security Hospitals would continue and very soon labourers would be issued E-cards for the purpose.

Advisor to Chief Minister

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa for

Information and Public

Relations Barrister Dr. Saif

Friday said the provincial

government was actively

working on policy and at

ground levels to provide

better opportunities to

prepare the youth for

Conference, he emphasized

that the youth should not

merely focus on acquiring

degrees, but also strive to

individuals, equipped with modern education and

Addressing the Young

Parliament

responsible

and better

future challenges.

citizens

He expressed these views during visit to Employees Social Security Hospital Gadoon Amazai on Friday. Special Assistant to KP CM on Industries, Commerce and Technical Education, Abdul Karim Khan, Secretary Labour Mian Adil Iqbal, Secretary Workers Welfare Board Muhammad Tufail. Director Labour Irfanullah, and Director Workers Welfare Board (Education). other authorities also accompanied the minister

provincial The minister inspected medical store and various other sections of the hospital while management gave him a detailed briefing.

during the visit.

The Minister for Labour said that the issuance of E-Card will secure all data of the patients and ensure the provision of treatment facilities to all visitors and they will be got rid of waiting in long queues.

(APP): urged young people to prioritize entrepreneurship efforts of the young leaders over relying on government involved in organizing such

He stated, "We need to move beyond nepotism and corruption, and it is essential for the youth to contribute to this change."

LAHORE: Punjab Local Government Minister Zeeshan Rafique chairs high

level meeting regarding preparation of app for citizens under "Suthara

KP govt takes initiatives to

empower youth for future

challenges: Barrister Saif

entrepreneurship entrepreneurship,

activities, stating that these initiatives are crucial for preparing the youth to take three-day

conference, organized by Young Leaders Parliament in collaboration with the Directorate of Youth Affairs, saw participation from over 70 young leaders across Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The event featured extensive sessions on commerce, technical

on the responsibilities of tomorrow. He encouraged the youth to learn from the experiences of their elders. understand modern-day requirements, and plan effectively for the future. He also stressed the importance of identifying issues and corruption

departments and bringing them to the attention of the authorities or highlighting them on social media. The advisor said the education, and online Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

Dr. Saif praised the



HYDERABAD: Large number of candidates gathered outside the National Database and Registration Authority office for interviews for the various jobs in NADRA office, in the city.

Salman vows to make health insurance program beneficial for common man

LAHORE (APP): Punjab Health Minister Khawaja Salman Rafique has reaffirmed government's commitment to ensuring that the health insurance program benefits

the common man. 'We want to run the health insurance program through a sustainable model," he stated while presiding over a meeting at the Punjab Health Initiative

Management Company

(PHIMC) on Friday. During the meeting, the minister reviewed modern reform measures aimed at enhancing the efficiency and reach of the health insurance program. He emphasized that the program, which serves more than 120 million

continue uninterrupted. He also highlighted that PML-N leader Muhammad Nawaz Sharif initiated the health card with an experienced team, and efforts are ongoing to relaunch the program in an improved form.

brainstorming day and night to launch the health card in a better format," said the Minister.

He further stated that the government aims to ensure that the real benefits of the health insurance program reach the common man, with plans to shift a larger portion of the health insurance program from the private to the public sector. Independent

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Awais chairs introductory meeting of BoDs, CEOs, WB, ADB, IDB experts

The introductory meeting of Chairpersons Board of Directors (BoDs), Chief Executive Officers (CEOs) of power companies, experts from World Bank, Asian Development Bank, Islamic Development Bank and other development partners was held here on Friday. Federal Minister for Power Division Sardar Awais Ahmed Khan Laghari presided over the meeting, said a press release issued here.

history, chairmen of transparency in the system the Power Division would distribution companies, and Power Division is restructure NTDC.

NTDC and development working on it to achieve the partners were brought together on one platform under the leadership of the federal minister to strategy for the future.

Speaking on the occasion, the minister said the power sector. In that NTDC would be current scenario, each restructured to make the matter required to be grid strengthen and sustainable.

system due to lack of infrastructure and

goal," he added. Awais Leghari sought effective proposals from

development partners in formulate a comprehensive order to create a more efficient, effective and transparent environment in referred to the board of NTDC, which needed to be He said that that there changed. He said due to were some hurdles in the slow decision making, targets were not achieved on time which created more For the first time in technology. "We need more uncertainty and added that

to introduce a robust and sustainable system. The minister stressed

that we need more transparency in data and investment plans, to reduce electricity costs for consumers. "Transparency is part of our vision and we need to make prompt, datadriven decisions for the benefit of consumers," he said. Awais Leghari appreciated the support of development partners and the vision of the newly appointed chairmen BoDs and NTDC, and directed them to focus on transparency and effective decision-making.

ISLAMABAD (APP):

The newly appointed

United Nations (UN)

Resident and Humanitarian

Coordinator (UNRHC)

Mohamed Yahiya on

Friday met with Federal

Minister for Commerce

Jam Kamal Khan and

discussed sustainable trade

UNRHC office, United

Development Organization

and International Trade

Centre, said a news release.

the minister appreciated

the work of UN in the

realm of trade and advised

During the meeting,

He was accompanied

representatives from

Industrial

UN Resident Coordinator Mohamed Yahiya

presenting a souvenir to Federal Minister for

Commerce Jam Kamal Khan during a meeting to

discuss sustainable trade growth and cooperation

Sahiwal Coal Power

Plant paid Rs 120.5

bln tax so far

tax

direct

machinery,

of the Sahiwal plant

reaches far beyond its

through corporate taxes. A

substantial portion of its

revenue flow comes from

value added tax (VAT)

generated through its

extensive procurement processes. This includes

the purchase of coal,

Furthermore, the presence of the Sahiwal

plant has stimulated the

growth of local industries,

which in turn contribute

to provincial revenues

through various channels.

By fostering a dynamic

economic environment

around the plant, it has

become a significant

maintenance materials.

contributions

between Pakistan and the United Nations.

ISLAMABAD (APP): Since its establishment, the

Sahiwal Coal Power Plant

has made a significant

contribution to Pakistan's

fiscal landscape, with approximately Rs 120.5

billion in taxes paid to the

federal and provincial

contributions are a

testament to the plant's

role in driving economic growth and supporting

public finances, said a

press release issued here Friday. Since its inception,

this plant has significantly

contributed to the

country's fiscal health.

playing a pivotal role in

expanding Pakistan's tax

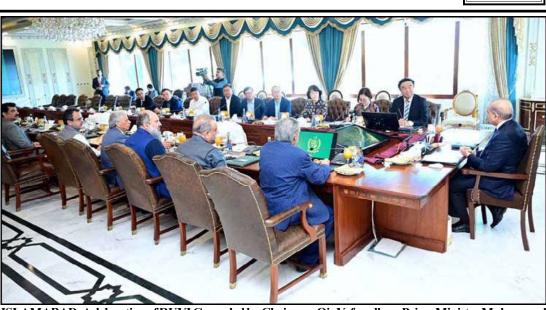
net and fostering economic

governments.

These

growth in Pakistan.

Nations



ISLAMABAD: A delegation of RUYI Group led by Chairman Qiu Yafu calls on Prime Minister Muhammad

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Power Sardar Awais Ahmed Khan Leghari in a meeting with Board Chairpersons and CEOs of power companies, along with experts from the World Bank, Asian Development Bank and other development partners.

Steps being taken to boost cultivation of onion, tomato: Ashiq

LAHORE (APP): Punjab Agriculture Minister Syed Ashiq Hussain Kirmani on Friday said the Punjab government was taking practical steps to boost seasonal and off season cultivation of onion and tomato in Punjab.

While presiding over meeting at the Agriculture House, here, he said that to increase production of onion and tomato the government had started pilot project worth Rs 6 billion. In this regard 33 farmer enterprise groups of 450 farmers would be formed on an area of 2500 acres to ensure of onions would increase availability of affordable by 28,500 tons, while the

year, he added. Syed Ashiq Hussain Kirmani said that modern agricultural machinery and provided to farmers on seasonal and non-seasonal cultivation of onion and also be set up.

ISLAMABAD (APP):

China is transitioning from

a solar manufacturing

powerhouse to a leading

innovator in intellectual

property (IP) as in 2022, China has accounted for

over 80 per cent of capacity and production in

all stages of the solar PV

supply chain including

polysilicon, wafers, cells,

Executive Deputy
Director of China's

Photovoltaics Industry IP

Operation Centre, Chen

Wei informed the participants at the China

IP annual meeting, citing the Photovoltaics IP

Development Report for

2023 in Beijing, China

Economic Net reported on

manufacturing, Chen also

noted a significant increase

investment among Chinese

firms. "Several Chinese PV

giants have been allocating

and

(R&D)

research

Beyond

development

and modules.

Friday

For success of the project, it was need of the hour that there should be link of farmer groups with value added industry, local businessmen and investors with international market, he said and added that World Bank would provide financial support for onion and tomato seeds, nursery plants, machinery and agricultural equipment and cold storage

Punjab Agriculture Secretary Iftikhar Ali Sahoo said that under this project, the seasonal and non-seasonal production quality vegetables to the seasonal and non-seasonal people throughout the production of tomatoes would increase by 39,000 tons. He said that under this project, farmers training programs would be solar system would be conducted to attract farmers towards onion and subsidy for increasing tomato cultivation while demonstration plots would

technology.

investments

National

technologies.

Energy

encouraged more Chinese

enterprises and research

institutes to innovate in the

industry. In solar cell

efficiency research, more

and more Chinese solar

enterprises and research

institutes have become

contributors to the best

research-cell efficiency

chart. The chart, updated

by the Colorado-based

(NREL), a national

laboratory under the US

Department of Energy,

documents the highest

Renewable

Laboratory

Sialkot's Kazakhstan. China shifts from solar

manufacturing giant to solar IP innovator in PV technology over the past years," he said adding. This is a significant

have

investment given the specialised nature of PV The manufacturing Pakistan Gems and prowess and R&D

Jewellers Rs.233196.

On the other hand, the price of 10-gram gold of 24 karats also registered a huge rise, increasing by Rs 3001 to settle at Rs.233196.

confirmed conversion In contrast to the big efficiencies for research cells for a range of solar "Solar cell efficiency is a critical metric in the industry," Chen explained at Rs 2529.14.

Honorary CG of Kazakhstan visits SCCI

SIALKOT (APP): Honorary Consul General of Kazakhstan Rao Khalid Mahmood, Director of Kazakhstan House, Lahore Abuzar Butt and Manager of Travel and Tourism at Kazakhstan House Umair Afzal visited the Sialkot Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI).

SCCI President Abdul Ghafoor Malik and Senior Vice President (SVP) Wahub Jahangir warmly welcomed distinguished guests. The

office-bearers of the Sialkot Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI) had a productive meeting with Honorary Consul General of Kazakhstan Rao Khalid

Mahmood. on strengthening trade ties. exploring opportunities, discussing potential collaborations between potential community

Gold prices surge all-time high

LAHORE (APP): Gold prices rose sharply in global and domestic markets, setting new alltime highs on Friday.

In the international bullion market, gold price rose by \$35 to hit a new high of \$2,612 per ounce. According to the All-

Sarafa Association (APGJSA) sources, the prices of gold in the local bullion markets also reached a new high in history, as a result of which the price of 24 karat gold rose by Rs.3500 to a new high of Rs.272000 per tola. The price of gold per 10 grams also rose by Rs 3001 to a new high of

rise in gold prices, the price of silver per tola remained unchanged at Rs 2950 and the price of silver per 10 grams remained unchanged



Rice exports grew 98.58% in two months, reached to \$646.667mln

ISLAMABAD (APP): country during the first two months of the current financial year increased by 98.58 per cent as compared to the exports of the corresponding period of the last year.

During the period from July-August, 2024, over 340,703 metric tons of rice valued at \$464.667 million were exported as compared to the exports of 340,703 metric tons worth \$233.992 million in the same period of last year.

The exports of basmati rice grew by 103.63 per cent as 187,016 metric tons of basmati rice worth \$192.610 million were exported as against

the exports of 79,180 Rice exports from the metric tons valued at \$94.590 million in the same period of the last year.

During the period under review, the country earned \$272.057 million by exporting about 430,045 metric tons of rice of other verities, which was recorded at \$135.402 million in the first two months of the last year.

Meanwhile, the food group imports into the country experienced a significant decline of 18.15% during the first two months of the current financial year as compared to the imports of the corresponding period of

sustainable trade growth note of the projects working in agricultural sector to improve the conditions of small farmers

UN resident coordinator

meets Jam Kamal to discuss

to take provinces and other

relevant stakeholders

that Small Medium

Enterprises (SMEs) should

be given preference while

to ensure sustainability

benefits of exports growth

should be equitably with

vulnerable including the

work being done under UN

agencies for promoting

equitable and sustainable

development in bordering

He appreciated the

populace living

devising polices.

marginalized

peripheral areas.

Jam Kamal stressed

He emphasized that

onboard in the process.

the official on wide range improving competitiveness

development.

The UN team highlighting the importance trade

and growers. Earlier, Yahiya briefed

of interventions for trade Pakistan. He said trade was an important sector for generating much needed fiscal space vital for ensuring sustainable

environmental measures

Rupee gains 08 paisa against dollar

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistani rupee on Friday appreciated by 08 paisa against the US dollar in the interbank trading and closed at Rs 277.83 against the previous day's closing of Rs 277.91. However, according to the Forex Association of Pakistan (FAP), the buying and selling rates of the dollar in the open market stood at Rs 279.25 and Rs 280.75 respectively. The price of Euro increased by 36 paisa to close at Rs 310.19 against the last day's closing of Rs 309.83, according to the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP). The Japanese yen came down by 02 paisa and closed at Rs1.93, whereas an increase of Rs 1.62 was witnessed in the exchange rate of the British Pound, which traded at Rs369.81 as compared to the last day's closing of Rs 368.19.

Indonesian market open to Pak rice, meats, medicines, cosmetics and more: Envoy

ISLAMABAD (APP): opportunity to absorb Acting Ambassador of Pakistani rice, meats, Indonesia to Pakistan medicines, cosmetics, and Rahmat K. Hindiarta has said that trade relations between Pakistan and Indonesia can have very positive effects at the global stage.

He made these remarks during a meeting

with a business delegation led by Pakistan Development Foundation (PDF) Chairman Muhammad Bilal Sethi at the Indonesian Embassy. The delegation included JW Holdings Chief Executive Officer Hasnain Waheed, Yasir Kamran Khattak, and Malik Mubasher Khan.

Rahmat underlined the vital role that Pakistani

other commodities in the Indonesian market," he added. He said Indonesia was a big country with huge population and untapped potentials, as the country gave high priority in the food security and health sectors for the people. During the meeting, Indonesian Embassy officials provided Indonesian a detailed briefing on the Indonesia-South and Central Asia (INASCA) Business Forum and Trade Expo Indonesia (TEI), scheduled to be held in Jakarta this October. They invited the Pakistani delegation to participate in the largest expo in Indonesia, highlighting the opportunities for fostering trade ties between the two

Senate body reviews overbilling, power theft, data discrepancies

ISLAMABAD (APP): stating that her family had Committee on Power Division on Friday reviewed overbilling, power theft and data discrepancies in power sector. The Committee labeling it as part of a mafia, Aziz in the Chair discussed ortance rai Senator Muhammad Zai Khan regarding the overbilling of electricity bills and the

consumers. Senator Palwasha expressed concern over acknowledging incorrect meter readings.

indifference of officers/

officials to the plight of

The Senate Standing to visit the office 28 times in three months, where they were met with misbehavior.

Senator Palwasha condemned this conduct, which met with Mohsin and called for strict action.

She suggested a point of public referring the matter to the FIA to dismantle Palwasha group and set an example. Zai Khan She emphasized that

if such treatment could happen to her family, the hardships faced by the common public would be unimaginable. The Committee Chairman, concerns.



Federal Minister for Privatisation, Abdul Aleem Khan presiding Privatisation Commission Board Meeting in Islamabad.

PFA shuts down 10 food points on Motorway

LAHORE (APP): The Punjab Food Authority (PFA) carried out an inspection of food points along the Motorway from Lahore to Faisalabad to ensure the provision of healthy and quality food to commuters.

On the directions of Punjab Food Authority (PFA) Director General Muhammad Asim Javaid, food safety teams under the supervision of PFA Additional Director General (Operations) Sardar Asif Dogar inspected 81 food points including restaurants, tuck shops and cafes. The teams have thoroughly examined the production area, kitchens and other areas of the food outlets. The teams closed down 10 famous food points, punished 63 eateries with Rs1.8 million cumulative fine and issued warning notices for improvement to 25 others. Further, the PFA's enforcement teams discarded 205kg of unhygienic meat and 49kg of expired food items. PFA DG Muhammad Asim Javaid said that the authority had taken action and closed down food points for failing to meet ĥygienic working

environment

Short term inflation eases by 0.52%

ISLAMABAD (APP): 44,175 and above Rs The weekly inflation, measured by the Sensitive Price Indicator (SPI), decreased by 0.52 percent for the combined consumption groups during the week ended on September 19, the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) reported on Friday.
According to the PBS

data, the SPI for the week under review in the abovementioned group was recorded at 317.61 points as compared to 319.28 points during the past As compared to the

corresponding week of last year, the SPI for the combined consumption group in the week under review witnessed an increase of 12.72 per cent. The weekly SPI with

the base year 2015-16 =100 covers 17 urban centres and 51 essential items for all expenditure

Likewise, SPI for the lowest consumption group of up to Rs 17,732 witnessed decrease of 0.42 per cent and went down to 310.84 points from last week's 312.14 points.

The SPI consumption groups of Rs 17,732 to 22,888; Rs 22,889-29,517; Rs 29,518-

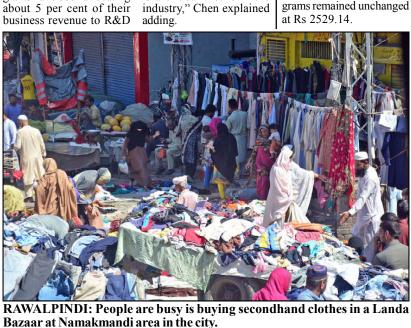
44,175, decreased by 0.45 percent, 0.44 percent, 0.48 percent and 0.58 percent respectively. During the week, out

of 51 items, prices of 17 (33.34%) items increased, 15 (29.41%) items decreased and 19 (37.25%) items remained stable.

The items, which recorded major decrease in their average prices on a week-on-week basis included diesel (5.00%), onions (4.45%), petrol (3.88%),tomatoes (1.93%), sugar (0.70%), potatoes & LPG (0.57%) each, cooking oil 5 litre (0.45%), pulse moong (0.44%), pulse masoor (0.30%), cigarettes (0.25%) and pulse mash (0.24%).

The commodities which recorded major increase in their average prices on week-on-week basis included chicken (1.49%), pulse gram (0.83%), cooked daal (0.81%), shirting (0.74%), cooked beef (0.72%), eggs (0.69%), garlic (0.65%), gur (0.59%), georgette (0.50%) and salt powder.

On-year basis, the commodities decrease witnessed included wheat flour (38.14%)



Israel kills top Hezbollah figure in Beirut strike

Israeli military says around 10 senior Hezbollah commanders killed along with Aqil

Monitoring Desk

BEIRUT: Israel killed a top Hezbollah commander in an airstrike on Beirut's southern suburbs on Friday, the Israeli military and two security sources in Lebanon said, sharply escalating the year-long conflict between Israel and the Iran-backed group. Israeli military said that Aqil, who served on Hezbollah's top military body, was the acting commander of the group's elite Radwan force and that he was killed along with other senior commanders of the unit. One of the security sources in Lebanon said he was killed with members of the Radwan unit as they held a meeting

The strike killed nine people and wounded 59 others, Lebanon's health ministry said, in a preliminary toll. The strike inflicted another blow on Hezbollah

after the group suffered an unprecedented attack earlier this week in which pagers and walkie talkies used by its members exploded, killing 37 people and wounding thousands. That attack was widely believed to have been carried out by Israel, which has neither confirmed or denied its involvement. The civil defence said its rescue teams were searching for people under the rubble of two buildings hit in Friday's strike.

The Israeli military said it had conducted a "targeted strike" in Beirut, without giving further details. It marks the second

time in less than two months that Israel has targeted a leading Hezbollah military commander in Beirut. In July, an Israeli airstrike killed Fuad Shukr, the group's top military

bounty on his head from the United States over his link to the deadly bombing of Marines in Lebanon in 1983, according to the U.S. State Department website.

The Israeli military re-

ported warning sirens

sounded in northern Israel following the Beirut strike. Israeli media reported heavy





People and members of the military inspect the site of an Israeli strike in the southern suburbs of Beirut, Lebanon.

Israeli forces deepen raid in Rafah, kill 27 people across Gaza

Monitoring Desk CAIRO: Israeli forces killed at least 27 Palestinians in tank and air strikes on north and central areas of the Gaza Strip on Friday, medics said, as tanks advanced further into northwest Rafah near the border with

The unrelenting fighting between the Israelis and Hamas militants in the enclave carried on even as a parallel conflict in the Lebanon-Israel border area involving Hamas' allies Gaza City.

Hezbollah intensified. Meanwhile, some Palestinians displaced by the Israeli assault on Gaza said they feared their temporary beachside camp would be inundated by high waves.

Palestinian health officials said shelling by Israeli tanks killed eight people and wounded several others in the Nuseirat refugee camp in the central area of Gaza, and six others were killed in an airstrike on a house in

Sudan's warring parties say they are open for peaceful solutions

Monitoring Desk

AIRO: Sudan's army and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF) said they are open for peaceful solutions to a war that has been ongoing for more than 17 months, in response to US President Joe Biden's call on warring parties to reengage in talks.

Army chief Abdel Fattah al-Burhan said on Wednesday the Sudanese government remains open to all constructive efforts aimed at ending the war, before RSF leader Mohamed Hamdan Dagalo followed suit with a similar sentiment early mitting abuses.

on Thursday.
"We reaffirm our commitment to ceasefire negotiations. We believe that the path to peace lies in dialogue, not random violence, and we will continue to engage in peace processes to secure a future free from fear and suffering for all Sudanese civilians, Dagalo said on X.

However, both men traded blame for a failure to bring an end to a conflict that has killed more than 12,000 people since it started in April 2023, accusing each other of com-

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US polls: Donald Trump says Jews will be partly to blame if he loses election **Monitoring Desk**

WASHINGTON DC: Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump said on Thursday that Jewish-American voters would be partly to blame if he lost the November 5 election to

Vice President Kamala Har-

ris, the Democratic candi-

During comments to the Israeli-American Council National Summit in Washington, the former president lamented that he was trailing Harris among American Jews.

Israel would likely cease to exist within two years should Harris win the election, and Jews would be partly to blame for that outcome because they tend to vote for Democrats,

Trump argued.
"If I don't win this election — and the Jewish people would really have a lot to do with that if that happens because if 40 per cent, I mean, 60pc of the people are voting for the enemy — Israel, in my opinion, will cease to exist within two years," Trump told the crowd.

Trump was citing a poll that he said showed Harris polling at 60pc among American Jews. He also lamented winning less than 30pc of the vote among American Jews in the 2016 election

Nigeria's flood-hit

expensive

canoe rides

Monitoring Desk

MAIDUGURI: When floods swept through

Nigeria's northeastern city

of Maiduguri last week, ca-

noe owners volunteered to

help move residents to

safêty. But residents say

they are now being ripped

off by the canoe owners

charging steep fees to move

their belongings. Maiduguri, the capital of Borno state,

is reeling from the worst

flooding in three decades af-

ter a dam wall burst follow-

ing heavy rains that also hit

several parts of West and

beaten to death on

Dhaka campus



documents showed and sources familiar with the The country has been struggling to pay its bills due to costly fuel and goods imports since the war in Ukraine began in 2022, while political turmoil

to its troubles. Bangladesh is urgently seeking \$5bn in financial aid from international lenders to stabilise its dwindling foreign exchange reserves and its central bank has raised key interest rates to tame soaring inflation. Last year, it sought a \$4.7bn bail-

lomatic relations with Israel without one," he added. Normalisation deals brokered by then US president Donald Trump in 2020 between Israel and Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates had ended a longstanding Arab consensus that there should be no normalisation without an independent Palestinian state and thrown the spotlight on their more powerful neighbour Saudi Arabia. As recently as earlier this month, US Secretary of

dom will not establish dip

State Antony Blinken had been holding out the prospect of the swift establishment of ties with the Gulf Arab oil kingpin as a potential dividend for Israel

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pend specifically on him

(Biden). On other allies

too, but there are certain

points which depend on

the goodwill and support

vided regular updates on

the plan's preparation but

has given few clues to the

contents, indicating only

that it aims to create terms

acceptable to Ukraine af-

ter more than 2-1/2 years

of war following Russia's

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The plan is predicated

upon decisions which

'The entire plan is

full-scale invasion.

Zelenskiy has pro-

of the United States,3

elenskiy said.

Zelenskiy says Ukraine 'victory plan' depends on quick decisions by allies

Saudi crown prince

says no Israel ties

without Palestinian state

Monitoring Desk

RIYADH: Saudi Arabia's de

facto ruler said that the

kingdom will not establish

ties with Israel until a Pal-

estinian state has been cre-

ated, in a blow to US ef-

forts to seal a normalisation

deal. "We renew the

kingdom's rejection and

strong condemnation of the

crimes of the Israeli occu-

pation authority against the

Palestinian people," Crown Prince Mohammed bin

Salman told the opening

session of its advisory

cease its tireless efforts to

establish an independent

Palestinian state with east

Jerusalem as its capital,

and we affirm that the king-

'The kingdom will not

Shura Council.

Monitoring Desk

KYIV: Ukraine's "victory plan" in the war against Russia depends on quick decisions being taken by allies this year, President Volodymyr Zelenskiy said on Friday during a visit by European Commission President Ursula von der

Zelenskiy told a joint press conference with von der Leyen that Ukraine planned to use a proposed multi-billion dollar European Union loan for air defence, energy and domestic weapons purchases.

Zelenskiy singled out the importance of U.S. President Joe Biden to the victory plan, which he said the two leaders will discuss when they meet. The Ukrainian leader is travelling to the United States next week.

should take place from October to December, and not delaying these pro-cesses," he told the press conference alongside von "Most of the deci- der Leyen.

Bangladesh struggling to muster dollars to pay Indian power debts, sources say

ability to access the dollars it requires to pay them,

which led to the ouster of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in August has added

out from the International Monetary Fund.

residents lament "Efforts are on to clear the outstanding payments, but the current dollar crisis is complicating the process significantly," an official at

the Bangladesh Power De-

is to Adani Power, he added. Adani Power did not respond to a request for

comment.

PTC India and SEIL
Energy India Ltd have written to the BPDB to recover about \$80m and \$190m respectively in payment for the power they provided to Bangladesh, documents reviewed by Reuters show.

"PTC has a long term business relation of supply-ing power to BPDB since 2013 and the power supply under [the] current contract is from 2022," a PTC India spokesperson said. A SEIL spokesperson said it had informed the Bangladesh authorities about what it called an "unsustainable situation" Bangladesh, which imports nearly 20 per cent of its power from its neighbour India, has not paid for the electricity for the last eight to nine months, a source told Reuters

Poland's third-largest city braces for peaking floods

Monitoring Desk WROCLAW: Poland's thirdlargest city Wroclaw was bracing for peaking flood waters on Thursday, with early indications its defences were holding firm after the worst floods in at least two decades ravaged central Europe this week. The flood wave that has inundated the Polish-Czech border region since the weekend reached Wroclaw overnight, but there were no signs of serious damage initially. "It is too early to announce that the flood in Wroclaw has been overcome," Prime Minister Donald Tusk said during a meeting with a crisis team. "I would prefer that we hold on nervously and try to guess... the increase in the state of rivers as accurately

Agnieszka Popow-Wozniak, 44, an infertility clinic employee who had cycled through the city, told Reuters the situation seems to be better than expected.

as possible.'

"There is no flooding in the city centre at the moment (...) The recreational beaches are flooded, but I think we all expected it, and I think for now everything looks optimistic." The army said 16,000 soldiers were helping out in the region, alongside levels seen in 2013.

police and thousands of volunteers. Tusk was preparing to meet European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen and other leaders of flood-hit central European states on Thursday after the rains left a trail of destruction from Romania to Poland At least 24 people have died, with five dead in the Czech Republic, seven in Romania, seven in Poland, and five in

The deluge has spread mud and debris throughout towns, destroyed bridges, submerged cars and left authorities and households with a bill for damages that will run into billions of dollars. Von der Leyen is due to visit Wroclaw on Thursday afternoon to meet Tusk and the prime ministers of the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Austria to discuss aid for the region. The Czech finance minister has said the damage in the country would run into the billions of euros. In Hungary, towns were dealing with the rising Danube River, and Prime Minister Victor Orban said the water level in Budapest was expected to peak on Saturday afternoon or evening, but that it would be lower than record

Iranian hackers tried but failed to interest Biden's campaign in stolen Trump info, FBI says

Ukraine conflict, in Kyiv, Ukraine.

Monitoring Desk WASHINGTON: Iranian hackers sought to interest President Joe Biden's campaign in information stolen campaign, sending unsolicited emails to people associated with the then-Democratic candidate in an effort to interfere in the 2024 election, the FBI and other fed-

eral agencies said Wednes-There's no indication that any of the recipients responded, officials said, and several media organizations who have said they also were approached with stolen material did not publish it. Kamala Harris' presidential campaign called the emails from Iran "unwelcome and unacceptable malicious activity" that were people who regarded them

The emails were received before the hack of the Trump campaign was publicly acknowledged, and from rival Donald Trump's there's no evidence the recipients of the emails knew their origin.

European Commission President Ursula Von der Leyen and Ukraine's Presi-

dent Volodymyr Zelenskiy attend a joint press conference, amid the Russia-

The announcement is the latest U.S. government effort to call out what officials say is Iran's brazen, ongoing work to interfere in the election, including a hack-and-leak campaign that the FBI and other federal agencies linked last

month to Tehran. U.S. officials in recent months have used criminal charges, sanctions and public advisories to detail actions taken by foreign adversaries to influence the election, including an indictment targeting a covert received by only a few Russian effort to spread pro-Russia content to U.S. as spam or phishing at- audiences.

Ukraine official claims Russian advance in Kursk has been 'stopped'

Monitoring Desk KYIV: Russia's counteroffensive to retake Ukrainianheld territory in the Kursk region has been "stopped", spokesman from Ukraine's military administration there told AFP on Wednesday, after Moscow said it was beginning to repel the surprise incursion.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, meanwhile, said that Kyiv has "fully prepared" its "victory plan" to end the war with Russia, which he has said he will discuss with US leader Joe Biden.

Russia earlier this month said it had taken back several villages from Ukraine in the region, where Kyiv has held on to swathes of land since its shock offensive began more than a month ago.

"They tried to attack

were stopped there," spokesman Oleksiy Dmytrashkivsky from Ukraine's military administration in Kursk told AFP.

"The situation was stabilised and today everything is under control, they are not successful," he said A Ukrainian official later played down the claim.

"The Russian operation in the Kursk region is still ongoing, so it is too early to say that it has failed completely," the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity. Zelensky later struck a determined tone in his daily evening address. "Today we can say that our victory plan has been fully prepared—all the points," he said.

"Everything has been worked out. The most important thing now is the determination to imple-

Ex-Iran president Rafsanjani's daughter released from prison after two years **Monitoring Desk**

Hashemi Rafsanjani, the daughter of former Iranian president Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, has been released from Tehran's Evin prison after serving two ears for her role in protests over women's rights.

Faezeh was sentenced to five years in prison following her arrest during the 2022 protests. Her release followed a

ruling by an appeals court, as confirmed by her lawyer, Mohammad Hossein Mohammad Hossein Aghassi. Faezeh was arrested in September 2022 during nationwide protests sparked by the death of Mahsa Amini. Mahsa's passing while in police custody for allegedly violating Iran's strict dress code ignited widespread demonstrations demanding change. The protests, which began on September 16, 2022, have seen significant participation from women and schoolchildren.

Ship with 20,000 litres of diesel fuel sinks off Greenland

Monitoring Desk COPENHAGEN: A ship carrying 20,000 litres of diesel fuel ran aground and sank off Greenland's coast on Thursday, said authorities who were working to contain a potential spill in the fragile Arctic ecosys-

"Last night, around 1:45am, a ship hit a reef near Nanortalik and started taking on water," Greenlandic police said in a statement. The vessel sank

Authorities believe the 30-metre (98-foot) ship contained some 15,000 to 20,000 litres (3,963 to 5,283 gallons) of diesel fuel in its tanks, in addition to

China says carrier accused of entering Japanese waters was on routine training

people currently on death row, in Taipei, Taiwan.

Monitoring Desk BEIJING: China said on Thursday its Liaoning aircraft carrier had been on a routine training mission in the western Pacific and dismissed charges by Tokyo that the vessel and its escorts had entered Japanese waters. In the latest incident in a drawn-out dispute between Beijing and Tokyo over maritime activities, Japan's defence ministry said on Wednesday the carrier and two accompanying destroyers had sailed be-

tween Japan's southern

lands in waters where Japan can exert control. China's defence ministry responded on Thurs-

Members of the Taiwan constitutional court hold a press conference after the

ruling on the constitutionality of the death penalty in a case brought by 37

day by saying the vessels were on a training exercise that was in line with relevant international laws. It did not give an exact location for the flotilla. "There is no need for relevant parties to over-interpret it," the defence ministry said in a statement. Japan's Deputy Chief Cabinet Secretary Hiroshi Moriya said on Wednesday that Tokyo had conveyed its serious concerns to Beijing.

Yonaguni and Iriomote is-Striking Indian doctors to resume work after protest against Kolkata rape

Monitoring Desk NEW DELHI: Indian doctors on strike in Kolkata to protest the brutal rape and murder of a colleague will resume some duties from Saturday, the group leading the protests told AFP on

The discovery of the 31-year-old doctor's bloodied body at a state-run hospital in the eastern city last month rekindled nationwide anger at the chronic issue of violence against

While the protests and strikes have since calmed in the rest of India, regular demonstrations had continued in Kolkata, the capital of West Bengal state.

"We will return to work in a graded manner from Saturday," Aniket Mahato of the West Bengal Junior Doctors Front told AFP following late-night talks with authorities.

Junior doctors would return to emergency rooms in state-run hospitals, but would not resume their duties in outpatient departments, inpatient services or on planned surgeries, he

He said the decision came following floods that have inundated parts of West Bengal in recent

"It's time to move and help the affected people,"

Central África. With vehicles unable to move in many parts of Maiduguri, residents are relying on canoes. **Pro-Hasina** student leader

Monitoring Desk DHAKA: A Bangladeshi student leader was beaten to death at his university campus in an apparent reprisal for attacks on protesters during the uprising that ousted ex-premier Sheikh Hasina last month.

Shamim Ahmed was enrolled at Jahangirnagar University in the capital Dhaka, and was a top member of the student wing of Hasina's Awami League party, police officer Abu Bakkar said. Bakkar said Ahmed was beaten by unknown assail-

1,000 litres of engine oil. from the flanks, but they

Members of the West Bengal Junior Doctors' Front march along a street during a protest condemning the rape and murder of a trainee medic at a government-run hospital, in Kolkata, India.

FBR's digitisation, improved enforcement vital for economic reforms: PM

Sharif on Friday said the digitisation of the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) and its improved enforcement mechanism were the need of the hour to bring about economic reforms in

The prime minister chairing a meeting to review the matters related to the FBR, directed the authorities concerned to formulate a comprehensive strategy to improve FBR's enforcement, according to a PM Office press release.

Calling the FBR the backbone of the national economy and appreciating its transformation plan, he said enhanced tax receipts would upgrade service delivery and the social sector.

He called for consulting the prominent taxpayers and all stakeholders on the FBR transformation plan and seeking approval of amendments in coordination with the relevant

said the promotion of the government priorities calling it inevitable for a strong

He instructed the third-party audit of FBR's projects and expedited ef-

was told that the FBR tured effective utilisation of technology, awarding efficient officers to improve tax receipts, and improving enforcement of taxation

Formulated by FBR officers and experts within the last 40 days, the program would ensure tax collection without impeding economic development besides facilitating the honest taxpayers.

It also provides for

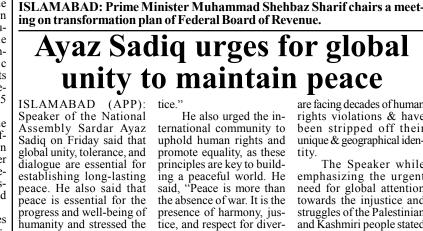
in fraud, to prevent tax eva-

private sector was among measures would be enforced after consultation with the good taxpayers.

> proved the FBR's Home Grown Transformation Plan which has been formulated on the prime

In the first phase, the efficient and competent officers would be posted in Karachi, the large taxpayer

datory professional degree



In his message, Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq has said that the role of diplomacy is pivotal for maintaining peace. He also added 'Nations and leaders must prioritize dialogue and understanding over conflict. Peace cannot be achieved through violence; it can only be sustained through mutual respect, cooperation, and a commitment to jus-

Former Federal Minister

for Railways and Senior

leader of Pakistan Muslim

League-Nawaz (PML-N),

Khawaja Saad Rafiq called

on Deputy Chairman Sen-

ate, Syedaal Khan Nasar

where both the leaders

urged all the political par-

ties of the country to strive

for pulling that nation out

expressed his condolences

on the death of Syedaal

Khan's mother in law at his

residence here on Friday

and prayed for the departed

soul. Deputy Chairman

Senate welcomed the senior

PML-N leader and former

Federal Minister Khawaja

Saad Rafique and had a de-

tailed discussion on the of the country.

QUETTA: Provincial Secretary Finance Babar

Khan presiding over board meeting of Balochistan

9 shopkeepers held

on violation of price

Khawaja Saad Rafique

of economic turmoil.

importance of resolving

conflicts through peaceful

He also urged the international community to uphold human rights and promote equality, as these principles are key to building a peaceful world. He said, "Peace is more than the absence of war. It is the presence of harmony, justice, and respect for diversity." "Only by embracing these values can we hope

to create a world where future generations can thrive in peace and security," he added. Sardar Ayaz while underscoring Pakistan's steadfast commitment to advocating for the rights of oppressed people of Palestine & Kashmir stated that Pakistan is consistently calling for an end to the illegal occupation of Palestinian territories and is advocating for the Kashmiris who

nomic situation of the coun-

measures were being taken

to improve the economic

and political affairs of the country. "PML-N is the

largest political party in the

country. All the political

parties of the country

should support the present

government for the better

interest of the country". He

appreciated the services of

Deputy Chairman Syedaal

Khan in the Upper House

and paid tribute to his ser-

vices. He said that the cur-

rent government's effort

was to implement such leg-

islation that was beneficial

to solve the economic, so-

cial and political problems

Saad Rafique said that

try, a news release said.

Saad, Syedaal urge political

parties to end economic

turmoil in country

ISLAMABAD (APP): overall political and eco-

are facing decades of human rights violations & have been stripped off their unique & geographical iden-

The Speaker while emphasizing the urgent need for global attention towards the injustice and struggles of the Palestinian and Kashmiri people stated that their quest for self-determination is a matter of basic human rights, and it is incumbent upon the international community to support their aspirations for freedom and dignity.

He urged all nations to unite in the pursuit of peace and justice. The Speaker stated, "On this International Peace Day, let us renew our commitment to ending conflicts, upholding human rights, and supporting those who strive for freedom."

Pak elected as Member of IAEA's Board of Governors

ISLAMABAD (Online): Pakistan has been elected as Member of International Atomic Energy Agency's (IAEA) Board of Governors (BOG) for a two-year term. Pakistan was elected by consensus at the 68th Session of the IAEA's General Conference in Vienna from the Middle East and South Asia region, for the term beginning this month. This is Pakistan's 21st term on the IAEA's BOG. Pakistan's election is recognition of its long-standing commitment to the aims and objectives of the IAEA in promoting peaceful uses of nuclear energy as well as its positive contribution.

Balochistan **Health Dept** appoints Dr. Samiullah as CEO BHCP

OUETTA Balochistan Health Department on Friday appointed Dr Samiullah Kakar (HMC-B-19) as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Balochistan Health Card Program (BHCP).

This official nouncement was issued by Balochistan Health Depart-

Dr. Musadik invites Chinese enterprises to invest in Pak energy, petroleum sectors

Federal Minister for Petroleum Dr. Musadik Malik crucial for the country's Friday invited Chinese enterprises, especially those from Shaanxi province, to invest in Pakistan's energy and petroleum sectors.

In his opening remarks at China (Shaanxi)-Pakistan Conference for Economic and Trade Cooperation on the sidelines of the 8th Silk Road International Expo at Xi'an Shaanxi Province, China he said "Top companies from Pakistan specializing in upstream, midstream and downstream petroleum and coal companies were looking to work stan and China. with Shaanxi Companies to

ISLAMABAD (APP): bolster infrastructure and energy production, areas socioeconomic develop-

> He underscored efforts to deepen provinciallevel cooperation, focusing on enhancing B2B linkages across sectors such as mining, petroleum and energy, and technology.

> The Minister said that the 8th Silk Road International Expo was not just a celebration of trade and investment; it was a celebration of the spirit of cooperation that defines the relationship between Paki-

> > The minister noted



ment, joint ventures and technology transfer said a news release recived here.

this was a part of Pakistan's projects but platforms for broader effort to attract for- peace, prosperity and develeign direct investment to opment for the entire world.

collaborate through invest- that the Belt and Road Initiative and its flagship project, the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor, were He highlighted that not only infrastructure

Thanks Chairman PPP, CM for Health portfolio:

Putting health sector on modern lines included in top priority of Govt.: Kakar

Independent Report QUETTA: The newly appointed Provincial Minister for Health, Bakht Muhammad Kakar has stated that it is included in top priority of the provincial government to provide healthcare facilities to people at their doorstep

and put the important sector on modern lines. He said that all available resources would be mobilized to achieve the target of improvement in health sector. He said that more resources are required for provision of healthcare facilities in remote areas of the province. However, we would not let people dis-

who was assigned the portfolio of Health the other

thanked the Chairman Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP), Bilawal Bhutto Zardari on reposing confidence on him.

He said that PPP has always given top priority to serve the masses. He said that the services rendered by PPP are open to everyone, he added.

He also thanked the Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz Bugti on the confidence reposed on him by assigning the portfolio of Health and adding he vowed to come up to his appointed at all, Bakht Muhammad Kakar said, his vision.

Grand Jirga affirms support to Pak Army in war against terrorism

Wana, South Waziristan on Friday expressed strong re-

organized by Frontier Corps South in Wana, South mitment to stand by Pakistan Army in the ongoing war against Khawarij. The participants also endorsed one point agenda of the Government against the terrorists and militants and called it the right step and need of the hour.



PESHAWAR (APP): The tribal elders and scholars from

solve to extend full support to Pakistan army in war against terrorism and militants. A grand Jirga of tribal elders and scholars was

Waziristan wherein the participants reiterated their com-



Fighting fake news is crucial as disinformation can distort reality, leading to poor decisions on critical issues like health, safety, and voting.

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It was told that such

The meeting ap-

forts to curb smuggling. lated on the prime During the briefing, minister's directives in con-Prime Minister Shehbaz sultation with economic and technological experts transformation plan fea- after analysing the tax receipts during the last 25

> unit contributing 32% of receipts, who would be assisted by the auditors and experts.

The plan also features the reward for best-performing officers, and a manfrom the best universities strict action or restrictions for the officers, after their on transactions against common and specialised



honored Mr. Muhammad Siddique Baksh, a long-standing Pakistani expatriate, with a Certificate of Appreciation for his exemplary conduct while working in UAE since 1968.

ECC approves export of 40,000 tons sugar to **Tajikistan**

The Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the Cabinet on Friday approved a proposal to export 40,000 metric tons of sugar with the Tajik entity.

Muhammad Aurangzeb in the chair, gave its consent for sugar's export on a sum-Industries and Production.

The committee, however, directed that after further discussions with the were available to meet do-Tajik entity, the final form of the sale agreement be January next year.

ISLAMABAD (APP): brought back to it for approval. The Industries Ministry, in conjunction with the Trading Corporation of Pakistan (TCP), would lead the process, a to Tajikistan, subject to fi- news release said. The ECC nalizing the sale agreement also reviewed and approved another proposal from the Industries Ministry regardwith Federal Minister for ing the further export of Finance and Revenue 0.100 million metric tons of surplus sugar. The meeting was informed that the price of sugar as per the Pakistan mary of the Ministry of Bureau of Statistics (PBS) data had shown a downward trend since July while sufficient stocks of sugar

mestic requirements up to



QUETTA: Members of Tehreek-e-Jawanan-e-Pakistan are holding rally in favor of Pakistan Armed Forces, at Quetta press club.

DEO says 87 closed schools made functional in Pishin

Independent Report QUETTA: As many as 87 closed schools have been made functional in while 40 temporary teachers of the Balochistan Education Community Schools and NCHD have been made permanent in Pishin dis-

This was informed by the District Education Officer, Piahin, Muhammad Zaman Tareen on Friday.

The DEO was speaking on occasion of the distribution of the letters of making permanent among sides the officials.

the teachers in the Deputy Commissioner Complex Pishin on Friday

Needless to mention here is that the initiative was taken in light of the directives of the Provincial Minister for Education, Ms. Raheela Hameed Durrani and Secretary Education, Muhammad Saleh

Also present on the occasion were the Deputy Commissioner Pishin, Zahid Khan and Additional Deputy Commissioner be-

Protest in Gwadar: pickup drivers demand freedom of movement

Independent Report GWADAR: Choose the one that suits your preference! drivers in Gwadar's Kontani Hor area staged a

protest at the Coastal Highway's Sarbandan Cross, bringing traffic to a standstill. The drivers are upset about restrictions imposed on their business and movement in the area. They claim

that Pakistan Coast Guards

have banned the transpor-

tation of Iranian petroleum

products out of Gwadai

including BNP Awami's Central Secretary General Advocate Saeed Faiz, All Parties Gwadar's Convener Ghaffar Hoot, National Party's Central Secretary General Adam Qadir Bakhsh, and PPP's District President Yousuf Faradi, joined the protest to show solidarity with the pickup

underway QUETTA (APP): On the

Action against

encroachments

of govt land

directive of Deputy Commissioner Quetta Lt® Saad Bin Asad, actions against property and encroachments of government land are inderway in provincial capital city. In this regard, district

administration Quetta along with Metropolitan Corpo ration took action against Sariab road cutting and drain encroachment in satellite town.

On this occasion, Assistant Commissioner Sariab Maria Shamoon and Magistrate Sariab along with Quetta Development Project SDO demolished the market with heavy machinery in connection with Sariab road paving.

According to press release that several notices were issued to the market owners. Assistant Commissioner Sariab along with the Municipal Corporation team have removed the encroachments from the drain in Satellite Town Achakzai

Pak can't bear existence of Fitna al-Khawarij

NEW YORK (INP): Pakistan's permanent representative in the United Nations (UN) Munir Akram said on Friday that Pakistan couldn't bear the existence of Fitna al-Khawarij.

The senior diplomat said in a statement that ideology of Fitna al-Khawarii was akin to the ideology of Al-Qaeda, adding that terrorists didn't belong to any religion. "Pakistan has given many sacrifices in the war on terror.

control in Quetta tation of official price list **Independent Report** QUETTA: At least nine shopkeepers were arrested

Education Endowment Fund

and 13 others were charged fine of thousands of rupees during the campaign continued against the profiteering and violation of the hygienic principles in provincial metropolis.

According to an official hand out issued here on Friday, in all 76 shops and hotels were visited by the assistant commissioners and special magistrates in different parts of the metropolis. Otherwise, stern action would be taken against them, it was warned further.

During the inspection, nine shopkeepers were arrested on charges of violation of the non-implementher.

while fine was charged from 13 others on charges on neglecting the hygienic prin-

The Assistant Commissioner Sariab, Maria Shamoon led the crackdown in different areas of the city including airport road and adjacent areas. During the crackdown,

the gauge of petrol pumps was also checked. The district administration has warned to all shopkeepers, hotels and restaurants owners to follow the official price list and ensure cleanli-

outlets. Otherwise, stern action would be taken against

ness in their respective

NAB operates strictly in accordance with laws: DG

Independent Report QUETTA: A group of stu-

from University Law College Quetta visited the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) Balochistan office on 20th September 2024. The team was warmly welcomed by Addl. Director (A&P), ensuring a

views of NAB operations. Later, a comprehensive indents and faculty members teractive session was conducted by Mr. Imran Majeed, Additional Director. He delved into NAB's working by adopting threepronged strategy i.e. awareness, prevention and enforcement, and briefed about key sections of the

dressing questions from the law students and faculty. He emphasized NAB's role as an apex anti-corruption agency, operating strictly under the laws. The DG highlighted the vision of Honourable Chairman NAB to shift the focus towards mega cases and preventive measures to eradicate corruption.



experience.

The students group visited different wings of the bureau where they were provided insightful over- special appearance, ad-

Ordinance (NAO) 1999 and its amendments. Director General

with the presentation of a shield to the senior faculty member and a group photo. Both NAB Balochistan made a hostsandguestsexpressedgratitude fortheenriching experience.

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