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We are firm to remove backwardness and raise standard of life of common men of province: Mir Sarfraz Bugti

Amir Muqam assures federal government to extend every possible cooperation to resolve issues of province and cope with challenges

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Chief Minister addresses tribal jirga in Zhob: Government, security forces & masses to lighten candles of peace in Balochistan

Mir Sarfraz Bugti says we want sustainable solution to public issues: appreciates cooperation of tribal elders and public along with security forces for restoration of peace; issues on-spot orders to resolve certain issues

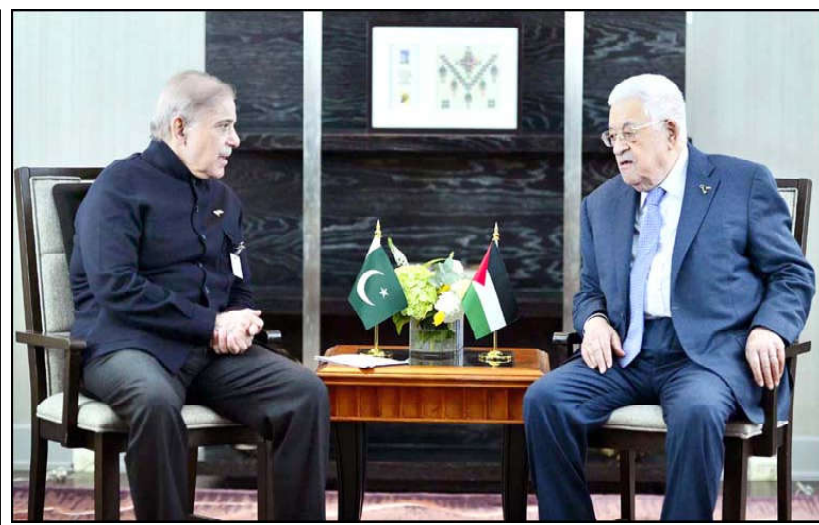
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QUETTA: The Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz Bugti has stated that the government, security forces and masses would lighten the candles of peace in the province.



ISLAMABAD: Saudi Ambassador to Pakistan, Nawaf bin Saeed Ahmad Al-Malki meeting with Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Mohammad Ishaq Dar.

Prudent policies of government resulted in stability of economy, decrease in inflation: Tarar

NEW YORK (APP): Federal Minister for Information, Broadcasting, National Heritage and Culture Attaullah Tarar has said that stringent measures and prudent policies of the government had resulted in stability in the economy.



NEW YORK: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif meeting with the President of the State of Palestine Mahmood Abbas on the sidelines of the 79th session of the United Nations General Assembly.

PM urges sanctions on Israel for genocidal acts against Palestinians

Stresses global unity to demand immediate Gaza ceasefire, creation of Palestine state

NEW YORK (APP): Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Wednesday urged the United Nations Security Council to apply sanctions against Israel including arms & trade embargo for its genocidal acts against the Palestinians.



NEW YORK: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif meets Ms. Kristalina Georgieva, the Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) on the sidelines of the UNGA.

PM Shabbaz says IMF's assistance helped strengthen country's institutions, improve economic management

NEW YORK (APP): Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Thursday appreciated the IMF's technical assistance and capacity-building programmes, which, he said, had helped strengthen the country's institutions and improve its economic management.

Achakzai warns Fazal against supporting constitutional amendments

QUETTA (INP): Chairman of the Pashtunkhwa Milli Awami Party, Mahmood Khan Achakzai, has cautioned Maulana Fazlur Rehman, stating that endorsing the proposed constitutional amendments could harm his political standing.



ZHOB: Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti addressing elites during tribal jirga. Provincial Ministers, Parliamentary Secretaries, MPAs and high officials are also present

Balochistan is heart of Pakistan & priority of our Govt.: Balochistan being given special attention by present federal Govt, says Amir Muqam

Federal Minister for SAFRON says IMF agreement to bring economic stability in country; Rs. 120 billion allocated for Balochistan in federal PSDP; KP Government's agenda is to weak federation; vows to preserve dignity of national flag and anthem

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He mentioned that Rs. 120 billion have been allocated for Balochistan in the current PSDP by the federal government, which are higher than other provinces.



QUETTA: Minister SAFRON and Kashmir Affairs Amir Muqam briefs the press at Commissionerate of Afghan Refugees.

Election amendment act be given preference or court's decision: EC resorts to SC

ISLAMABAD (Online): Election Commission of Pakistan has filed miscellaneous petition in Supreme Court (SC) on the matter of implementation of order regarding reserved seats.



KARACHI: Commandant PNS BAHADUR inaugurating World Maritime Day Gala 2024 at Pakistani Maritime Museum.

JUI is biggest hurdle in way of constitutional amendments, says Maulana Abdul Wasey

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QUETTA: The newly elected Provincial Ameer of Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (JUI) Maulana Abdul Wasey has stated that JUI is the biggest hurdle in the way of constitutional amendments.



QUETTA: Provincial Ameer of Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (JUI) Maulana Abdul Wasey speaking to a private TV channel on Thursday.

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## Senate Education Body for allocating maximum funds to education sector

ISLAMABAD (APP): Education across various provinces and departments. The committee, at the ministry's request, also proposed an evaluation of the budgetary allocations, advocating for an increase in funding for education. The agenda included discussions on allowances for professors and teachers, the provision of classrooms, issues related to retired teachers, degree attestations, and other significant student-related concerns. During the session, Senator Manzoor Ahmad raised a public importance point regarding the discontinuation of allowances for professors, teachers, and employees of BUIEMS University. It was reported that these allowances had been halted on the directive of the Governor of Balochistan, who serves as the university's Chancellor. Despite multiple representations by the faculty, the university management's case was not acceded to by the



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister of Housing & Works Mian Riaz Hussain Pirzada unveiling plaque to inaugurate Commoners Bridge at Sky Gardens a project of Federal Government Employees Housing Authority Murree Expressway.

## Pirzada emphasizes ensuring quality housing facilities

**Addressing delays in residential projects as top priorities**

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister Mian Riaz Hussain Pirzada emphasized that providing high-quality residential facilities is a top priority, with his team at the ministry and FGEHA committed to resolving delays in ongoing projects. During a visit to the Sky Gardens housing project to oversee infrastructural development, the minister received a formal briefing from the Director General of FGEHA. He also engaged in detailed discussions with the contractors regarding the progress of the development work. The minister attributed the project site as paradise like with beautiful views and scenic beauty around that would be furnished with high quality urban housing facilities, said a press release. He applauded the whole team of contractors and workers for their continued work and stressed upon the early completion of the project.

## Envoy for initiating exchange visits to identify areas of mutual cooperation

ISLAMABAD (APP): Ambassador of Egypt to Pakistan Dr Ihab Mohammad Abdel Hamid Hassan on Thursday underlined the need for initiating reciprocal exchange visits between the businessmen from both the countries to identify potential areas for mutually beneficial for enhancing trade and investment relations. Talking to President Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI) Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari, the envoy said, "Egypt's recent economic reforms, growth initiatives and investment incentives offer lucrative opportunities to Pakistani businessmen." said a press release. He called on the business communities of the two countries to exchange delegations to strengthen bilateral economic trade and investment ties. He said, "Pakistan-Egypt relations are built on a strong foundation of common faith, cultural affinities, and aspirations and would grow further with the passage of time." "Egypt has been a cradle of civilizations and world heritage and tourists from around the world visit



ISLAMABAD: Chairman Prime Minister's Youth Programme Rana Mashhood Ahmad Khan, Ambassador of Azerbaijan to Pakistan Khazar Farhadov, MD PTDC Aftab ur Rahman and others cutting the ribbon during inauguration ceremony of 2nd International Tourism Expo, at a local hotel, in the Federal Capital.

## Govt trying best to improve maritime sector: Qaiser

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Maritime Affairs Qaiser Ahmad Sheikh on Thursday said that the present government was trying its best to improve the maritime sector. In a message on the occasion of World Maritime Day issued here, the minister said that the Secretary General of the International Maritime Organization also appreciated our excellent and marvelous performance. He further said that Pakistan Navy was also helping the ministry to resolve maritime sector issues. Paying special attention toward maritime security and blue economy, he added. Qaiser Sheikh said that digitization of Ports through Maritime Single Window was in progress, adding that modern world class training programs were being conducted in Pakistan Marine Academy. The revenue of Karachi Port Trust (KPT) has also increased compared to last year, he added. The minister said that Pakistan's location in terms of maritime trade was the most important in the region, adding that he was ready to sit with every stakeholder for the betterment of ports.



ISLAMABAD: People chop to remove a fallen heavy tree on a loading van at Sittara Market during heavy rainfall, in the Federal Capital.

## Team of Federal Ombudsman conducts inspection visit to Islamabad Airport

Independent Report ISLAMABAD: Responding to a large number of complaints regarding maladministration of the Federal Agencies performing duties at the Islamabad new airport, a Wafaqi Mohtasib's Inspection Team visited the Airport, on the directives of Wafaqi Mohtasib Mr. Ejaz Ahmad Qureshi, here today. The Inspection Team was headed by Senior Advisor, Wafaqi Mohtasib Secretariat, Syed Asif Shah. Members of the team interacted with the passengers, listened to their complaints and passed on the spot instructions to the administration for their immediate redressal, said in a Press Release issued here on Thursday. The team included Grievance Commissioner for Overseas Pakistanis, Deputy Advisor (Implementation), WMS and Consultant (Media), WMS. The team visited the na-

## 2 shot dead in front of Islamabad Kutcheri due to old enmity

ISLAMABAD (Online): 2 persons were killed in firing in front of Islamabad Kutcheri. The Islamabad police spokesperson said firing incident took place on G-11 Service road due to old enmity. One person was killed and one was injured due to firing. Later the injured person succumbed to injuries. The victims of firing were Syed Tafseer Haider and Nazir. They were presented in the court in 24/173 case. The rival party opened fire on them after their acquittal from court.

## UN Women Pak took steps to incorporate gender indicators

ISLAMABAD (APP): UN Women Pakistan has taken a step to effectively get gender indicators incorporated into the provincial plans by developing a set of Gender-Responsive Planning and Budgeting (GRP) Guidelines. According to data revealed by UN Women said that Pakistan's partnerships with private sectors aim to advance gender equality and women's empowerment in the workplace, marketplace, and community through facilitating knowledge sharing, adopting best practices, and creating dignified, harassment-free environments for all. Through partnerships, the engagement promotes safer mobility, creates sustainable talent pipelines, influences CSR spending on gender-related initiatives, and encourages businesses to adopt gender-responsive procurement practices to support women-owned businesses, it added. According to UN Women Pakistan, the Labour and Human Resource Department, the Government of Punjab and Labour Department, Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa have both endorsed, adapted and notified these Guidelines to ensure that the processes for planning (of projects and schemes) and budgeting (of the finalized projects and schemes) are gender-responsive with regard to the Annual Development Programme (ADP). It was a minor achievement that the guidelines were endorsed and notified by government departments. UN Women have been set up in Khyber



ISLAMABAD: Federal Ombudsman Ejaz Ahmed Qureshi presiding over the meeting during his visit to Islamabad Airport along with Inspection Team.

## Eradicating fake news top priority of PML-N govt: Daniyal Chaudhry

ISLAMABAD (APP): Member of the National Assembly and Parliamentary Secretary for Information and Broadcasting, Daniyal Chaudhry, on Thursday reaffirmed his government's commitment to upholding freedom of expression, emphasizing the need to combat the spread of fake news. He made these remarks during the 19th General Council meeting of the Press Council of Pakistan (PCP). Chaudhry highlighted the critical role the PCP plays in maintaining media integrity and expressed his full support for the council's efforts. "Our government firmly believes in the freedom of expression, but at

## Mashhood urges Youth to explore diversity in tourism

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chairman of the Prime Minister's Youth Programme, (PMYP) Rana Mashhood Ahmad Khan, on Thursday emphasized the need for youth to engage in tourism activities and explore diverse cultural traditions. Celebrating World Tourism Day at a local hotel, he highlighted the importance of tourism in youth development and its impact on the economy. The event featured discussions on tourism initiatives, cultural exchanges, and networking opportunities. Rana Mashhood Ahmad Khan reiterated the government's commitment to promoting tourism and empowering youth. He encouraged youth to take advantage of tourism opportunities and contribute to the country's economic growth. The event aimed to promote tourism and cultural exchange among youth and was attended by youth leaders.

## IHC allows SZABU to release result of Mdcad test

ISLAMABAD (Online): Islamabad High Court (IHC) has allowed Shaheed Zulfikar Ali Bhutto University (SZABU) to issue results of Medical Admission Test (Mdcad). The petition filed by 6 students including Ammar Naeem, Shahzeb Wazir and Saba Imman seeking court's orders for holding Mdcad test again due to out of syllabus questions in the test.

## Speakers for bold climate action, global unity to ensure resilience against global warming impacts

ISLAMABAD (APP): Speakers at an international climate conference in run-up to COP29 on Thursday called for bold climate action and global unity on key agendas like climate finance availability and access to ensure resilience among communities of less developed countries against global warming impacts. The Centre for Strategic Perspective (CSP) at the Institute of Strategic Studies Islamabad (ISSI), in collaboration with the Hanns Seidel Foundation (HSF), convened the international conference titled "Navigating Pakistan's Climate Action Path: Adaptation, Finance, and Technology". The conference, organized ahead of the COP29 summit, brought together leading experts from Pakistan and abroad to deliberate on the country's climate strategy, focusing on key areas like adaptation, climate finance, and technological advancements. Ambassador of Azerbaijan Khazar Farhadov, in his keynote address at the inaugural session, emphasized the urgency of bold climate action and global unity in tackling climate change. He highlighted Azerbaijan's commitment to promoting peace, climate finance, and adaptation efforts at COP29, stressing that international cooperation was essential for achieving a sustainable and prosperous future for all. Senator Sherry Rehman, speaking as the chief guest, stressed the urgency of bold climate action at the upcoming COP, referencing the encouraging statements made by the Ambassador of Azerbaijan on renewable energy and financing. She highlighted Pakistan's unique climate challenges, which were both local and global, emphasizing that no country could face such crises in isolation. As a developing country on the frontlines of climate change, she said, Pakistan was experiencing increasingly extreme weather events, including successive record-breaking summers over the last four years. Sherry Rehman stressed that Pakistan's economy, natural resources, and people were all at risk, yet the country remained underprepared for an unpredictable future. She pointed out that while global discussions, such as the Summit of the Future, aimed to set ambitious climate goals, they often fell short of the necessary commitments. She said Pakistan, having led the G77 during COP27, continued to advocate for developing countries to unite on a common agenda. However, she warned that the clock was ticking faster for vulnerable nations like Pakistan, with the current decade being crucial for achieving climate targets - not the distant 2050. Sherry Rehman also called for improved climate reporting, noting that many developing countries lacked the capacity to measure emissions accurately. She criticized the slow pace of climate finance and underscored the vital importance of accelerated operationalization and increased capitalization of the Loss and Damage Fund. She also stressed that global North-South financial transfers must accelerate, underlining the need for focusing on 'Internationally Determined Contributions' as well. Sherry Rehman underscored the need for enhanced citizens' involvement and local climate action, urging Pakistan to strengthen its environmental protection agencies. Climate justice, she emphasized, must be at the forefront of global discussions, ensuring no country or community was left behind, and Pakistan should play a leadership role in that regard. ISSI Director General Ambassador Sohail Mahmood, in his remarks, welcomed the participants and highlighted the critical importance of the dialogues in shaping Pakistan's climate strategies. He expressed gratitude to HSF for its partnership and acknowledged the distinguished speakers, including government officials, civil society representatives, and international experts for their contributions. He recognized Senator Sherry Rehman for her relentless advocacy for climate justice and her leadership role in securing a global outcome on the creation of the Loss and Damage Fund at COP27 at Sharm-el-Sheikh in 2022. He emphasized Pakistan's vulnerability to climate change, despite contributing less than 1% to global emissions, referencing the devastating 2022 floods and the urgent need for adaptation measures.



ISLAMABAD: A group Photo of incumbent and former Information Secretaries and senior serving and former Information service officers at a dinner hosted by former PIO Rao Tahseen at his residence in federal capital.









