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Exposes India's 'classical settler-colonial project' in IIOJK PM urges world action as illegal occupation of Palestine & Kashmir creates a "fresh hell" daily

Shehbaz Sharif issues stern warning to India, says Pakistan would 'respond decisively' to any aggression across LoC; Reiterates call for Afghan Govt's action against terrorist groups; Govt's tough decisions bearing fruits as Pakistan's economy stabilizes, inflation drops to single digit

UNITED NATIONS in the killing fields of Pal-(APP): Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Friday warned the world community that the illegal occupation of Palestine and Kashmir was creating a "fresh hell" every day and stressed the efforts for dispute resolution, besides addressing the global challenges of terrorism, climate change and Islamophobia.

"Illegal occupation creates a fresh hell, every day, of those who are complicit

in prolonging this cruel conestine, and in occupied flict," the prime minister Jammu and Kashmir... Can told the annual 79th Session we turn a blind eye to the of the United Nations Genmothers, cradling the lifeeral Assembly (UNGA). less bodies of their children? The prime minister, in This is not just a conflict; his 21-minute address at the this is systematic slaughter

193-member Assembly, of innocent people; an astouched on multiple resault on the very essence gional and international isof human life and dignity. sues, including Palestine The blood of Gaza's chiland Kashmir disputes, dren stains the hands of not Ukraine war, climate just the oppressors, but also

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PM Shehbaz, delegations from Arab & Islamic countries walk out

of UNGA in snub to Netanyahu UNITED NATIONS (APP): The Pakistan delegation to the 79th Session of the UN General Assembly, led by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, walked out on Friday as Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu took the stage to address the 193-member Assembly. The walk out, which was joined by Arab and Is-

lamic delegations, served as a strong gesture of pro-test to the presence of Netanyahu, whom the UN or-gans and human rights bodies have accused of being Continued on page 2

Pakistan, Iraq agree

KARACHI: Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Asim Munir interacting with the business community of Karachi.

tus geographically. He said

Balochistan most beautiful tourist destination: We are working on comprehensive strategy for promotion of tourism in Balochistan: Chief Minister

Independent Report QUETTA: The Chief Minister, Mir Sarfraz Bugti has stated that Balochistan is the most beautiful tourist destination and we are working on comprehensive strategy for promotion of tourism in the province.

He said that the government is determined to make cated in the province used Balochistan most attractive to consider symbol of guid-

\$1.02bn from IMF under EFF mous for long rivers, open fields, desert land and high mountainous ranges. This

country's teetering economy, the State Bank of region has also unique sta-Pakistan (SBP) received approximately \$1.03 billion that Balochistan has been the (SDR 760 million) on Friunction of different civiliday under the International zations since ancient era. Monetary Fund's (IMF) \$7 He said that the passes lobillion Extended Fund Facility (EFF) programme. Pakistan had been

to enhance mutually beneficial cooperation NEW YORK (APP): Paki- made by the Government stan and Iraq on Friday of Iraq for the Pakistani pilagreed to further deepen and grims. The two leaders also broaden the scope of existexchanged views on reing bilateral ties and exploit

the potential of enhancing mutually beneficial cooperation between both coun-The bilateral ties were

discussed in a meening en tween Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif and his Iraqi counterpart Mohammad Shia' Al Sudani on the sidelines of 79th Session of the United Nations General

Monitoring Desk ISLAMABAD: In essential lauded the cordial ties besupport to stabilise the tween the two brotherly countries, reinforced by strong historical, cultural and religious affinities.

He also commended the excellent arrangements

gional and international issues of mutual interest. They noted with grave

concern the ongoing Israeli carnage on Gaza and the ensuing humanitarian catastrophe. Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif reiterated Pakistan's call for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza and holding Israel accountable

for the Gaza genocide. Underscoring the commonality of views on international issues, both the leaders resolved to reinforce the international efforts both at the UN and OIC platforms for immediate ceasefire in Gaza, unimpeded supply of humanitarian assistance to Palestinian brethren.

KARACHI (PR): General Syed Asim Munir, NI (M), Chief of Army Staff (COAS), visited the Karachi Corps area of responsibility, where he was briefed on operational preparedness and key training initiatives undertaken by the Army.

During his visit, COAS also inaugurated Innovista Indus IT Park, a hub aimed at empowering Pakistan's youth by fostering academia-industry collaboration in the field of Information Technology, particularly Artificial Intelligence. Honourable Chief entrepreneurs towards the Minister Sindh, Syed Murad Ali Shah, and nocountry's growth. Participants extable civil community members attended the inau-

guration ceremony. Chief Minister Sindh emphasized the importance of IT domain for optimal exploitation of potential of youth and economic growth. COAS highlighted that such projects are aimed at providing the most conducive environment to further promote the growth of IT In-

dustry in the country, which is already accelerating at a respectable pace. COAS also interacted with the business community of Karachi. COAS appreciated the contributions of business community and

towards achieving the positive economic indicators, which are providing an enabling environment for further economic growth. COAS commended the efforts of Federal and Provincial Governments towards supporting all initiatives remarked that and naysayers who made failed efforts towards creating despair and despondency in the society have been defeated through the collective efforts of all stakeholders. COAS appreciated the praiseworthy role performed by brotherly and friendly countries especially China, Kingdom of

Cope with challenges in Balochistan **Governor for support &**



79th Session of United Nations General Assembly.

Naysayers creating despair in society defeated through collective efforts: COAS

Army chief commends China, Saudi Arabia, UAE for economic support to Pakistan

economic Saudi Arabia and UAE in



tries. discussed in a meeting be-**Pakistan receives** first tranche of Assembly here. The prime minister

tourism center of Pakistan. ance for conquerors in the

These views were expressed by the Chief Minister in a message issued on eve of the World Tourism Day observed on Friday, 27th September, all over the globe including Balochistan and Pakistan. The Chief Minister said that it is a matter of pleasure that the World Tourism Day is being observed under theme of 'tourism and peace" today.

He said that people belonging to all schools of thought are settled in Balochistan and the inhabitants of the province are stick to the centuries old traditions.

The Chief Minister region from tourism point mentioned that this region, which falls on almost half of view and as such we would promote it, adding he of view and as such we vowed area of the country is fa-



NEW YORK: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif meets with Prime Minister of Iraq Mr. Mohammed Shia's Al Sudani on the sidelines of 79th session of the United Nations General Assembly.

Services of some Education Officers placed under suspension: **Reforms begins in Education Dept.;** show cause notice issued to DEOs on avoiding action against chronic absentee teachers

initiating disciplinary pro-

ceedings against chronic

absentee teachers reported

during the visits by the con-

cerned teams to date with-

out any cogent reasons,

Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti

expressed contentment

closed for decades are func-

tioning in the province.

Independent Report QUETTA: The much awaited reforms have begun in the Education Department, Balochistan as per the vision of Chief Minister, Mir Sarfraz Bugti.

Show cause notices were issued to the District Education Officers of five districts on avoiding disciplinary action against the willful and chronic absentee teachers in their respective districts while services of some have also been placed under suspension.

The show cause notices were issued to the District Education Officers of Killa Abdullah, Awaran, Usta Muhammad, Ziarat and Kharan.

In the notices issued to the DEOs, it was stated that they willfully avoided

past. The Bolan Pass, conditions deemed "strict" Moola Pass and Zhob have to complete the loan the historic status and improgramme agreed to in July, which Prime Minisportance, he added. While on the other hand, Makran ter Shehbaz Sharif time and desert is also situated in again hoped would be Balochistan, which is oth-Pakistan's last. The IMF Executive erwise included in big deserts of the world.

He said that we are de-

termined to make

Balochistan most attractive

tourism hub. He said that

promotion of peace is pos-

sible through tourism and

added that candles of love

and peace among different

nations and cultures with

tourism. At the outset,

Balochistan is a very lively

Board approved a 37-month loan on Wednesday.

working on implementin

PTIMNA Adil Bazai

joins PML-N SLAMABAD (INP): Pa kistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) MNA, Adil Khan Bazai has joined the Paki-

stan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N), strengthening the government's alliance in the National Assembly ahead of 'proposed' constitu-

tional amendments. As per details, with PTI MNA joining PML-N the government alliance on Friday. now has a total of 215 seats in the National Assembly.

The Pakistan Tehreeke-Insaf (PTI) backed indepanied the President. pendent candidate Adil Bazai secured the seat of Quetta's National Assemthe bereaved family of bly constituency (NA-Zakir Baloch and offered 262) in the general election fateha for the departed soul. 202́4.

It may be recalled that Deputy Commissioner Zakir Baloch had embraced The development came at a time when the coalition government is in talks with

NEW YORK (APP): Fed-

The minister, in an in-

announced ban, saying that

several political parties for consensus on the constitutional amendments. **Minister Health**

inaugurates Oxygen plant in **BINUQ** eral Minister for Informa-Independent Report

tion, Broadcasting, National Heritage and Culture QUETTA: The oxygen lant installed in the Attaullah Tarar Friday said Balochistan Institute of that ban on X, formerly Nephro-Urology Quetta Twitter, was imposed due (BINUQ) here on Friday. to national security issues,

The Provincial Minisnot to curb freedom of exter for Health, Bakht pression. which in turn badly affect-Muhammad Kakar inauguing the education service terview with Voice of rated the oxygen plant in delivery at the district level. BINUQ. America, dispelled the im-Meanwhile, the Chief pression that it was an un-

It may be mentioned here that UNHCR has donated the oxygen plant. The Head of UNHCR

over the opening of closed schools in different parts of the province saying that Alhamdulillah, the schools in Quetta and Chief Executive Officer of BINUQ were also present on the occasion.

The Minister Health He said that a school of appreciated the initiative of Awaran district closed for ÚNHCR regarding donalast 12 years has been tion of the oxygen plant in opened. He said that the BINUQ.

teachers have been posted He said that it would in the school while books serve the cause of ailing and stationery have also people in the province. been made available there.



KARACHI: President Asif Ali Zardari offering condolences to the family members of Deputy Commissioner Zakir Baloch Shaheed. Chief Minister of Balochistan Mir Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti is also present

President, CM visit residence of martyr DC Zakir Baloch; condole martyrdom with family

Independent Report martyrdom in a terrorism QUETTA: The President attack in Mastung. Asif Ali Zardari visited the

The President paid tribresidence of martyr Deputy Commissioner, utes to the martyr Deputy Commissioner and appre-Zakir Ali Baloch in Karachi ciated his spirit of patriotism saying that he em-During the visit, Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti braced martyrdom while performing national responand others were also accom-

pliance.

he added.

sibilities. He said that whole na-The President extion presents salute to the pressed condolence with sacrifices of martyrs.

of reserved seats which i He also said that the had never claimed before entire nation would always any forum. It cited a judgoblige to the martyrs and ment of the full court that a their families for great sacrelief could not be given to rifices rendered for the

The Commission said that the independent candidates were bound to join a party within three days after elections. The independent members had submitted affidavits for joining the Sunni Ittehad Council (SIC), and those affidavits the caretaker government had banned X before the had been ignored in the judgment.

ECP prays for

stav order

against reserved

seats judgment

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Election Commission

of Pakistan (ECP) has filed

more prayers in its review appeal to the Supreme

Court and requested it to

implementation of the re-

served seats' judgment. The ECP, in its plea

said that the Pakistan

Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI)

could not be given the relief

It said that in the de-February elections due to tailed decision, the apex court limited 41 members the issues related to comto Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf The "separatists and (PTI) and gave 15 days to terrorists" were using the the other independent platform against Pakistan members to declare their which could not be allowed, party affiliation.

Tarar said that the terrorists belonging to the socalled Balochistan Libera-Continued on page 2

guidance of federal Govt. to strengthen basic infrastructure

Federal Minister SAFRON & Kashmir Affairs assures Governor of every possible cooperation of Islamabad for sustainable solution to issues & hardships and overcome present challenges

Independent Report

QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail has emphasized that the support and guidance of federal government is necessary to strengthen the basic infrastructure and cope with the present challenges in the province.

The Governor was speaking to the Federal Minister for States and Frontier Regions (SAFRON and Kashmir



issue a stay order on the Affairs, Engineer Amir Muqam who called on him here at the Governor's House on Friday.

During the course of meeting, the Governor and Federal Minister discussed the regional situation as well as the Kashmir conflict and the political scenario of the country besides the development process and federal government's support in the province.

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Govt tireless efforts lead to reduction of inflation: **Deputy Chairman Senate**

ISLAMABAD (APP): Deputy Chairman Senate Syedaal Khan Nasar on Friday said that the incumbent government was working tirelessly in line with the aspirations of the public. As the results, these

efforts were evident in the reduction of inflation, he added. He said this during a

meeting with members of the Balochistan cabinet, including Minister for Revenue Mir Asim Kurd Gello, Minister for Education

The PTI members, the ECP said, could not reach Raheela Hameed Durrani, the number 39 even if the and Parliamentary Secrecertificates of Barrister Gohar were accepted

Liaqat Lehri. Syedaal Khan assured the cabinet members of his full cooperation and support in addressing the issues faced by the Balochistan province, said a press rease issued here.

Deputy Chairman thanked the ministers for their visit and appreciated their ongoing efforts for the development and prosperity in the province.

Raheela Durrani appreciated the efforts of the Deputy Chairman, highlighting, "His doors are always open for evtary for S&GAD Mir eryone."



QUETTA: Provincial Education Minister Raheela Hameed Khan Durrani, Parliamentary Secretary for Culture and Tourism Nawabzada Mir Zareen Khan Magsi and others addressing participants of a ceremony held on eve of World Tourism Day

one who did not claim it. country and nation. Atta Tarar says: Ban on X imposed due to national security issues, not to curb freedom of expression

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Pakistan debunks India's accusations of terrorism, points to Delhi's global franchise of murders

UNITED NATIONS (APP): Pakistan on Thursday firmly self-determination in Kashmir valley," the prime minister rejected India's allegations of involvement in terrorism, added. saying it was ironic for a country that uses the menace as an instrument of state policy against its neighbours to point fingers at others.

"It is surprising to see that this country is lecturing on terrorism when it is itself a state sponsor of terrorism, running a global franchise of assassination campaigns," Pakistani delegate Gul Qaiser Sarwani told the UN Security Council while responding to the charges leveled by India's External Affairs Secretary Tanmaya Lal.

The Indian representative, who was was reacting to Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's speech during the Council's debate on 'Peace for Leadership' in which the Pakistani leader called for effectively addressing the resurgence of the terrorist threat from Afghanistan, especially from Daesh (ISIL-K) and Fitna al-Khawarij. "The council must call for a halt to the massive violations of the fundamental rights of Kashmiri people and implement its own resolutions that demand a plebiscite for

Responding to the prime minister's comments, the Indian delegate accused Pakistan of supporting the elaborate terror ecosystem, training and harbouring global terrorists, saying, "It is high time Pakistan ends occupying and commenting other's territories.3

Exercising his right of reply, Sarwani, the Pakistani delegate, accused India of distorting facts and propagating a false narrative, not only to malign Pakistan, but also to divert attention from it's internal challenges and grave violations of international law.

"Apart from its state terrorism against defenceless people of Indian illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir, India is sponsoring terrorism against Pakistan," Sarwani said.

Pakistan, he said, has solid evidence of Indian sponsorship of Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) and Balochistan Liberation Army (BLA), who have been involved in multiple terrorist activities against civilians and military targets across Pakistan.

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diate end to the bloodshed,

as work for a durable peace

through a viable, secure,

contiguous and sovereign

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the pre-1967 borders, with

Al-Quds Al-Sharif as its

the global leaders, Prime

Minister Shehbaz also high-

lighted the sufferings of the

people of Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kash-

mir, and said that India had

Before the gathering of



NEW YORK: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif meets with the Prime Minister of Nepal H.E. K.P. Sharma Oli on the sidelines of 79th session of the United Nations General Assembly.

UETTA: Provincial Minister for Health Bakht Muhammad Kakar enquiring about health of a patient during his visit to Balochistan Institute of Nephrology Urology

PM Shehbaz, delegations from...

Continued from page 1 responsible for carrying out a massacre of the Palestinian people in its deadly war in Gaza. The Pakistani delegation included Defence Minister Khawaja Asif, Information Minister Attaullah Tarar, Science and Technology Minister Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui, Pakistan's Permanent Representative to the United Nations Munir Akram, and Ambassador to the United States Rizwan Saeed Sheikh

Meanwhile, criticism has arisen over allowing the UN address by Netanyahu, for whom International Criminal Court (ICC) Prosecutor Karim Khan is seeking an arrest warrant for war crimes". Israel's military offensive in the Gaza Strip has killed at least 41,534 Palestinians, mostly women and children, and

ing strikes in Lebanon about their plight and diffiwhich Israel claims that such attacks were aimed at Hezbollah fighters. Tens and thousands of

Lebanese have fled the Israeli bombardment. In his address to the UN General Assembly, PM

Shehbaz Sharif demanded an "immediate" end to the Israeli military offensive in the Gaza Strip and described it as a "systematic slaughter" and "bloodshed". "This is not just a con-

flict, this is a systematic slaughter of innocent Palestinians. An assault on the very essence of human life and dignity, the blood of Gazan children stains not just the hands of the oppressors but also those complicit in prolonging this cruel conflict.'

"It is not enough to

now and demand an imme-

diate end to this bloodshed.

We must remember that the

manity was "diminished" foundation of this instituwhen the "endless suffer-ing" of Palestinians was ig-demned Israeli attacks and ing" of Palestinians was ig-

culties, and stand by them. The prime minister called for a durable peace for Palestine through a two-state solution and demanded that Palestine be

a full UN member. At the UNGA, Palestine President Mahmud Abbas took his seat alongside the Palestinian delegation in alphabetical order for the first time after the delegation received upgraded privileges in the Assembly in May. Prime Minister Shehbaz said he was expressing "the searing pain and anguish of Pakistanis at the plight of Gazans. Our heart bleeds as we witness the tragedy unfolding in the holy land. A tragedy that shakes the very conscious-PM Shehabz said hu- ness of humanity and the

resiled from commitments to implement the UN Security Council resolutions on Jammu and Kashmir which mandated a plebiscite to enable the Kashmiri people to exercise their fundamental right to self-deter-'immediately" admitted as mination. "Since 5th August 2019, India has initiated unilateral illegal steps to impose what its leaders ominously call a "Final Solution" for Jammu and Kashmir. Nine hundred thousand Indian troops terrorize the people of occupied Jammu and Kashmir, with draconian measures,

including prolonged curfews, extra-judicial killings and the abduction of thousands of young Kashmiris." He pointed out the Indian nefarious designs of seizing Kashmiri lands and properties, and settling out-

siders into the occupied

Jammu and Kashmir, to

Kashmir too, it shall fail, InshaAllah," he remarked. Continued from page 1 change, rising poverty and Apprising the global debt burden particularly leaders of India's massive induced by climate change expansion of its military capabilities, he said its war Minister doctrines, envisaged a sur-Shehbaz called upon the

prise attack and a "limited war under the nuclear overhang. Thoughtlessly, India has spurned Pakistan's proposals for a mutual Strategic Restraint Regime'. Its leadership has often threatened to cross the Line of Control and 'take-over' Azad Kashmir." "Let me state in no uncertain terms that Pakistan

will respond, most decisively, to any Indian aggression," he warned. Minister Prime Shehbaz called for the reversal of the Indian unilateral and illegal measures of August 5, 2019 to enter into a dialogue for a peace-

ful resolution of the Jammu and Kashmir dispute. "As we leave this august hall, we must carry with us a message for our people that the weak are not voiceless, that the oppressed should not lose

hope, that poverty is not pre-ordained, and that the Almighty's promise of justice and equality in our only terrestrial home, must be respected," he urged.

He said that the daunting challenges of Israel's genocidal war in Gaza; a dangerous conflict in Ukraine; destructive conflicts across Africa and Asia; rising geopolitical tensions; resurging terrorism; rising poverty; a stifling debt, and the mounting impact of climate change acted as a "chill of a new world order" and

mate goals.

on nearly 100 countries a "death trap" impacting their ability to meet the SDGs, he emphasised reforming and aligning the world trade and technology regimes to promote development and global equity.

ing the geo-economics and regional connectivity, the government had launched the second phase of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), and established the Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC) to mobilize investments, in resilient infrastructure, renewable energy, minerals, sustainable agriculture and technology.

lauded the adoption of 54 said that Pakistan had sacactions by the Summit of rificed around 80,000 lives the Future called by UN of soldiers and civilians, and suffered economic loss worth \$150 billion in its fight against terrorism. He Minister reiterated the nation's resolve to counter the new wave of "externally financed and sponsored" terrorism, especially by the Fitna al-Khawarij (Tehreek-

associates

3 umpires are there, players too are three: **Imran Khan**

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Chief justice is now

He stated third umpire

RAWALPINDI (Online): PTI founder Imran Khan has said there are three umpires and players are three oo at present.

"There are three umpires and players are three too at present who have kept PDM with them only because they need each other to stay in power. We will not hold public meetings now but we will stage protest in Islamabad, on Minar-e-Pakistan and every where in Pakistan, he said this while talking to media men here on the occasion of hearing of Al-

Qadir Trust reference in Adiala jail Friday. What is happening there, they are three umpires and three players too. The fourth PDM is siding with them. They all need each other. Qazi Faez Isa had already evolved plan for extension. The chief justice decision regarding our for it. The properties and electoral symbol was bi- wealth of all of these are ased

Supreme Court judges for dollars. Morality is behave made it clear in the deing butchered in the coun-

cision of reserved seats case try. The institutions have that PML-N and PPP are been ruined. SC larger bench headed by CJP to hear review petition on Article 63A interpretation

ISLAMABAD (INP): The Supreme Court of Pakistan has issued the cause list for the hearing of a review petition challenging its interpretation of Article 63-A of the Constitution.

A five-member larger bench, headed by Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Justice Qazi Faez Isa, will hear the case on September 30. As per the cause list issued on Friday, Justices Muneeb Akhtar, Ameen-ud-Din Khan, Jamal Mandokhail, and Mazhar Alam Miankhel are also part of the larger bench. The review petition challenges the May 17, 2022, decision made by a five-member bench led by former Chief Justice Umar Ata Bandial.

PM urges world action as illegal occupation... Shehbaz referred to the devastation caused by climate change-induced floods in Pakistan in 2022 causing \$30 billion in damages despite the country's less than 1% carbon emissions. "This is unfair in any

calculus of global justice. We must uphold the axiom: the polluter must pay," he remarked and called for the fulfillment of commitments made by the developed countries in climate financing to support the achievements of the SDGs and cli-

Calling the debt burden

The prime minister told the global leaders that his government had taken difficult but necessary decisions that had "rescued our economy from collapse; restored macroeconomic stability; controlled fiscal deficits; strengthened our reserves. As a result, inflation has come to a single digit." He said while prioritiz-

The prime minister

wounded 96,092 since October 7, the Palestinian nored. enclave's health ministry condemn ... we must act said in a statement.

The toll included 39 deaths in the previous 24 hours, the statement added.

The Netanyahu-led government has further ex-

blood and sacrifice of innocent Palestinians will never go to waste. We must worry panded the war by launch-



sub offices in the following districts:

- Chaman
- 2. Chaghi/ Dalbandin.
- 3. Panjgur. 4. Turbat.
- For this purpose, Balochistan Revenue Authority intends to advertise the invitation to bid hiring for rental building in Local Newspapers i.e. Daily Jang, Daily Mashriq and Daily Intikhab Quetta. Sealed bids are invited from the eligible reputed Landlords/ Property Agents/ Owners for "Hiring of Rental Building for Sub Office of Balochistan Revenue Authority.

Bids must be delivered to the undersigned to the address mentioned below at or before October 11th, 2024. Late bids shall be rejected Details of specifications to be advertised are as below

Minimum 6 rooms with total area of at least 5000 to 6000 sqft

Car parking with at least space for 06 vehicles. Must have all utilities (Sui-gas, Water Supply, 3-phase Electricity

Landline connection available in the vicinity).

Must have a proper access road and wide street.

The owner of the property must have confirmed ownership of the building, should not be a disputed building.

The owner of the house must be filer and registered with Balochistar Revenue Authority

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	DISTRICT COUNCIL CHAMAN PACKAGE-II	

TSE-242509557163 Procurements shall be made under the Balochistan Public Procurement Rules - 2014. Eligibility of Bidders: Presence in Active Tax Payer List The bidding firm must not be blacklisted by any procuring agency of Pakistan Balochistan Revenue Authority Registration is required Turn-over of at least as per schemes estimated cost in 3 subsequent previous years showing financia capacity of the firm Procedure of Procurement: Single Stage Two Envelope Bidding Procedure Bid Security: The bids must accompany Bid Security in the form of Bank Guarantee, Deposit at Call of 2 % specified above in the name of the under-signed from a scheduled bank. Tender Documents: The bidding documents can be obtained from the office of the under-signed 2.000 PKR with green Challan in NBP Chaman Branch A/C 4251014090. Issuance of tender Documents: From the date of publication of NIT to 14" October, 2024 during office hours on working days. Last Date of bid submission: The Tenders must be submitted latest by 14th October,

2024 till 11:00 AM. Tender opening: All tenders will be opened on same day at the office of the under-signed at 12:00 AM Address Office of the Chief Officer District Council Chaman. Email: john.shazan44@gmail.com Phone no: 0826654343 CHIEF OFFICER

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called upon the international community to step up efforts of a ceasefire and

and children.

the province.

is employed by all occupying powers, but it has alensure the safety of women ways failed. In Jammu and

Governor for ... Continued from page 1

Continued from page 1 Speaking on the occation Army were using the sion, Governor said that platform for promoting there is a dire need of suptheir anti-state activities. port and guidance of the Even the terrorists federal government for

showed their terrorist acstrengthening basic infrativities live on the X withstructure and tackling with out any check, he added. the present challenges in The minister said the

matter of ban on X was sub While emphasizing judice and the Ministry of upon promoting the collec-Interior had already filed its tive sense, the Governor reply in the court in that said that all political parregard. ties would have to give pref-

"As Pakistanis we can erence to the country's and request the management of national interests remaining X to remove anti-state conabove the personal gains. tent uploaded by the ter-The Governor strongly believed that the frequent rorists," he stressed.

Terrorists, he added, visits of the President, were misusing social media Prime Minister and federal platforms which was to-Ministers to Balochistan tally unjustified. "There must be some would surely play role in

making the relations besystem to regulate the sotween the federation and cial media. Web manageprovince besides promotment system was already ing mutual understanding in place," he said, adding and consensus and developthere was no harm in enment of the province.

Meanwhile, the Federal Minister SAFRON and Kashmir Affairs, who also happens to be the senior leader of ruling Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) from Khyber Pakhtunkhaw, assured the Governor Balochistan that federal government would xtend every possible coperation to the provincial overnment to resolve the ssues on sustainable

rounds and cope with the resent challenges facing ne province.

Naysayers creating despair... Continued from page 1

the economic recovery of Pakistan by helping us in multiple domains.

COAS highlighted that Pakistan has remarkable potential in various domains and all must have unflinching trust and confidence in the bright future of Pakistan. Given the immense resources and potential. Pakistan is destined to achieve its rightful position in the comity of nations, Insha Allah. Earlier on arrival

Commander

Corps

Karachi

COAS was received by

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transform the Muslim-majority into a minority. "This hackneyed tactic Secretary-General Antonio

> Guterres. Prime

Ban on X imposed due to....

suring cyber and data security through it.

He opined that a Digital Rights Protection Authority type institution was needed where the people could file complaints for

redressal A draft for the Digital Rights Protection Authority had been taken up by the Federal Cabinet, but it was deferred, he added.

The cabinet, he said, issued directives for taking suggestions from all stakeholders, including media houses, journalists organizations including Pakistan Federal Union of Journalists and political parties so

that an effective legislation could be done for future implementation. He said as a political

worker, he believed that ban on X should be removed and that could be possible if its management improved compliance issues.



With reference to advertisement published in daily newspapers vide PRQ No.860 /03-09-2024 is hereby cancelled due to missing eligibility criteria the same is hereby now retendered. Note: In All Procurements of GOB Whether Through Electronic or Manual Bid Submission, It is Mandatory For All Bidders to Get **Registered At Electronic Public Procurement System of BPPRA** GOB. The Executive Engineer Building CW PP&H Department District Duki invites bids from Eligible Bidders for execution of following works for the Year 2024 based on Composite schedule rates 2023 on Percentage Rates Tender Fee Rs.1000/- and Bid Security 2% for each work. E/Cost

S.No Name of Work/s Construction of GGPS Mazar Khan Sumand 13.000.000 District Duki TSE-242509559913 13,000,000 Construction of GBPS Hidavat Shah Meera

District Duki TSE-242509559983 Procurements shall be made under the Balochistan Public Procurement Rules - 2014. Eligibility of Bidders: Presence in Active Tax Payer List The bidding firm must not be blacklisted by any procuring agency of Pakistan Balochistan Revenue Authority Registration is required Procedure Of Procurement: Single Stage One Envelope Bidding Procedure Bid Security: The bids must accompany Bid Security in the form of Bank Gurantee, Deposit at Call of 2% specified above in the name of the under-signed from a scheduled bank. Tender Documents: The bidding documents can be obtained from the office of the under-signed 1,000 PKR Issuance of tender Documents: From the date of publication of NIT to 14 October, 2024 during office hours on working days Last Date of bid submission: The Tenders must be submitted latest by 14 October 2024 till 11:00 AM Tender opening: All tenders will be opened on same day at the office of the undersigned at 12:00 PM Address Executive Engineer Building CW PP&H Department District Duki Phone no: 0824660630 Email: malakasadkhantareen @gmail.com Executive Engineer Building CW PP&H Department District

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The original ruling passed with a 3-2 majority, held that the votes of defecting lawmakers (under Article 63-A) would not be counted.

Justice Muneeb Akhtar and Justice Ijaz-ul-Ahsan were part of the majority, while Justices Jamal Mandokhail and Mazhar Alam Miankhel dissented. e-Taliban Pakistan) and its



E/Cost

The Executive Engineer-Road, CW, PP&H Department District Kech invites sealed percentage tender based on composite schedule of rates 2023. Government of Baluchistan amended up-to-date from interested contractors / firms for the work listed below :

Earnest Money 2% of E/Cost and Tender Fee Rs.1000/- for each work

Name of Work

- CONSTRUCTION OF B/T ROAD FROM MUBRIK CHAT TO MUHAMMAD RAHIM 49,028,264/-BUND AT MAND DISTRICT KECH (PSDPNO. 1517/Z2024.0176) TSE-242509559303 CONSTRUCTION OF B/T ROAD MUHAMMAD RAHIM BUND TO SHAH MURAD 49.523.351/-
- CHAT CROSS AT MAND DISTRICT KECH (PSDP NO.1603/Z2024.1077) TSE-242509559363
- CONSTRUCTION OF B/T ROAD FORM SHAH MURAD CHAT CROSS TO MULLAH 44,571,922/-CHATAT MAND DISTRICT KECH (PSDPNO. 1520/Z2024.0178) TSE-242509559313
- CONSTRUCTION OF B/T ROAD FROM F.C CHECK POST GAWAK TO KOHE 31.694.784/-
- PUSHT MAND DISTRICT KECH (PSDPNO. 1522/Z2024.0179) TSE-242509559323 CONSTRUCTION OF B/T ROAD FROM SORO LINKS ROAD MAIN BAZAR MAND 32,685,349/-DISTRICT KECH (PSDPNO. 1581/Z2024.0182) TSE-242509559343
- CONSTRUCTION OF INTERNAL BLACK TOP ROADS LINK TO M-8 ROAD AT 36,647,256/-SAMI DISTRICT KECH (PSDP NO. 1668/Z2024.0603) TSE-242509559383
- CONSTRUCTION OF B/T ROAD FROM MIR MUHAMMAD ALI DAGAR TO MUBRIK 48,533,083/-CHATAT MAND DISTRICT KECH (PSDPNO. 1737/Z2024.0175) TSE-242509559513
- CONSTRUCTION OF B/T ROAD FROM NADRA OFFICE SORO TO SORO MAIN 32.683.790/-BAZAR MAND DISTRICT KECH (PSDPNO. 1577/Z2024.0181) TSE-242509559563
- CONSTRUCTION OF BLACK TOP ROAD FROM ZUBAIDA JALAL ROAD TO 32,526,358/-CHAGOGI DISTRICT KECH DISTRICT KECH (PSDP NO. 1474 Z2024.0253)
- TSE-242509559703 CONSTRUCTION OF B/T ROAD FROM BULLO MAIN ROAD TO SOFI KHUDA 16,839,205/-BAKSH STREET WITH STREET LIGHTS MAND DISTRICT KECH (PSDPNO.1524/Z2024.0183) TSE-242509559673
- CONSTRUCTION OF B/T ROAD BULLO ROAD TO BUGHSAR MAND DISTRICT 23,770,952/-KECH (PSDPNO. 1740/Z2024.0185) TSE-242509559543
- 12 CONSTRUCTION OF B/T ROAD BULLO BHU TO JAMIA MASJID MAND DISTRICT 23,770,952/-KECH (PSDP NO. 1585/Z2024.0184) TSE-242509559353
- CONSTRUCTION OF INTERNAL BLACK TOP ROADS GOVT. SHAHEED AYUB 13 17.830.846/-DEGREE COLLEGE BULEDA DISTRICT KECH (PSDP NO.1563/Z2024.0605) TSE-242509559333

The procurement shall be carried out in accordance with BPPRA rules, 2014. Presence in Active Tax Payer List The bidding firm must not be blacklisted by any procuring agency of Pakistan Balochistan Revenue Authority Registration is required The bidder must have completed 2 Assignment of similar nature of work The bidder must have valid registration with Pakistan Engineering Council in relevant category C-5 for S.No.1 to 9 and C-6 for S.No 10 to 13 Relevant Category And Specialized Code is CE10(i) (General Civil Engineering Works), CE01-(i) (Road and Pavements Drainage & Retaining, Structure) Turn-over 70% of E/Cost from last Three years. METHOD OF PROCUREMENT: Single stage One envelope Bidding Procedure. BIDDING / TENDER DOCUMENTS: Issuance: The contractors/firms having registered with PEC in aforementioned category in relevant discipline can obtain the bidding documents form the address mentioned below on production of green challan form for an amount of Rs. 1000/- (Non-Refundable) deposited in the head of account C-02716 through Government Treasury/National Bank of Pakistan or can be downloaded from website of BPPRA, form the date of publication of this invitation in newspapers till one day prior to the last date of submission. The contractors/firms who obtain bidding documents by downloading them from BPPRA website will also be required to produce deposited green challan form of above mentioned fee. Earnest Money as mentioned above should be submitted in the shape of Bank Guarantee or Deposit at Call from a scheduled Bank Dead line of Submission: The Bidding Documents duly filled and attached with copies of supporting documents must be delivered in sealed envelopes by hand or through registered mail to the address mentioned below on or before 21st October, 2024 at 11:30 Hrs. Opening: The tender document will be opened on 21st October, 2024 at 12:30 Hrs, before procurement committee in the presence of contractors or their authorized representatives/agents. Bid Validity: Ninety (90) Days Place of issuance and submission will be:- Address: Office of the Executive Engineer-Road, CW, PP&H Department District Kech Telephone No.: - 0852-412011 Fax No: 0852-412011

Email Address: executiveengineerkech@gmail.com Terms and Conditions: The detail Terms and conditions are mentioned (incorporated) in detail in bidding documents



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Chairman NDMA highlights Pakistan's significant progress in achieving key targets of Sendai Framework Knowledge Systems- Ex-

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chairman National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), Lieutenant General Inam Haider Malik, attended the international conference with titled "A Decade of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) -Envisioning the Road Ahead.

The event, held under the auspices of UNESCO, brought together experts and participants from international organizations, academic institutions, private sector entities, and development agencies. The conference discussed the global and local progress made in DRR over the past decade, a news release on Friday said.

The conference featured four key sessions focusing on Science, Technology, and Innovation for Resilience – Emphasizing the role of modern technologies in disaster forecasting and management, Resilient Built Environment - Discussing infrastructure design to withstand natural hazards, Culture, Nature-based Solutions (NbS), and Indigenous Operations

ploring how traditional practices and cultural knowledge can contribute to DRR, and Economics of Disaster Risk Reduction Investment – Highlighting the importance of financial planning and investment in disaster mitigation.

In his keynote address, Chairman NDMA Lt. Gen. Inam Haider Malik shared insights on Pakistan's progress in Disaster Risk Reduction despite its fragile economic situation. He highlighted the country's increasing vulnerability to natural disasters due to climate change, but also underlined the steps Pakistan has taken to align itself with the goals of the Sendai Frame-

work. Chairman NDMA highlighted that Pakistan remains committed to building resilience against disasters through improved forecasting, early warning systems, and robust disaster response mechanisms. The country has strengthened institutional frameworks, including the development of the National Emergency

(NEOC). Lt. Gen. Inam stressed how developing countries like Pakistan face unique challenges in balancing disaster risk reduction with economic growth. He urged international organizations and development partners to provide support through knowledgesharing and financial assis-

tance He said over a decade Pakistan has made significant progress in achieving key targets of the Sendai Framework. The country has focused on reducing disaster mortality, strengthening infrastructure resilience, and improving disaster risk governance at all levels. Moreover, Pakistan has integrated Naturebased Solutions and Indigenous Knowledge into its DRR strategies, in line with

the framework's goals. The conference successfully highlighted the importance of international collaboration in addressing the increasing risks posed by climate change and other disasters, and mapped out a comprehensive vision for the future of global disaster Center risk management.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Law & Justice Senator Azam Nazeer Tarar had a meeting with Ambassador of Azerbaijan H.E. Khazar Farhadov.

MoCC holds consultation workshop on National Climate Finance Strategy

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Ministry of Climate ners, financial institutions, and civil society orga-Change and Environmental nizations to discuss path-Coordination, in collaboraways for strengthening tion with key stakeholders, Pakistan's climate finance convened a high-level conmechanisms. The National Climate Finance Strategy, a sultation workshop on the National Climate Finance vital component Strategy here on Friday. Pakistan's commitment to The workshop brought toclimate action under the Paris gether officers from key Agreement, aims to enhance the country's ability to mo-Federal Ministries of MoCC, Finance, Planning, bilize, allocate, and manage financial resources for cli-Economic Affairs, Energy, Industries, Commerce, Food mate resilience and low-carbon development. & Agriculture, representa-With Pakistan facing tives of provincial Govern-

ments of Punjab, Khyber increasing climate risks, including floods, droughts, Gilgil Baltistan, Balochistan, and rising temperatures, the Sindh and AJK, internastrategy is designed to suptional development partport the nation's transition

to a sustainable and climateresilient future. Key objectives of the

workshop included stakeholder engagement: Gather input and recommendations from a wide range of stakeholders to ensure a comprehensive and inclusive approach to climate finance, resource mobilization: identify opportunities for scaling up domestic and international climate finance resources, including private sector investments, to meet Pakistan's climate mitigation and adaptation goals, capacity building: strengthen institutional ca-

> **IHC directs SZLBMU to** upload MDCAT questionnaire

> pacities for climate finance

on website

government's National ISLAMABAD (APP) Youth Council. He informed The Islamabad High Court that that Prime Minister (IHC) on Friday directed Shehbaz would soon anthe administration of nounce the establishment of Shaheed Zulfikar Ali Bhutto Medical University NYC which will offer nonpartisan advice to the Prime (SZABMU) to upload the Minister and would advoquestionnaire o Medical cate for youth development and Dental Colleges Admisand engagement in goversion Test (MDCAT) on nance. He said the governwebsite. ment will also launch a Na-Arbab Justice

tional Youth Policy and Na-Muhammad Tahir heard the tional Youth employment case filed by the students policy with consultation of of medical. youth within a month. Rana

During the course of proceedings, Pakistan Medical and Dental Council's (PMDC) lawyer Barrister Jahangir Jadoon said that the university should have uploaded the questionnaire on its website like other institutions to ensure transpar-ency and directed the ad-

Law minister holds meeting with Azerbaijan envoy

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stronger cooperation in le-

comed discussions on leg-

islative developments in

Pakistan that provide new

incentives for foreign in-

Ambassador also re-quested support for

focus on feasibility studies

and navigating the regula-

tory environment. Both sides discussed collabora-

tion in legal education, train-

ing, and capacity building for key stakeholders within

vestment

ISLAMABAD (APP): further reiterated Pakistan's commitment to fostering Justice Azam Nazeer Tarar had a meeting with the Am- gal assistance and welbassador of Azerbaijan H.E. Khazar Farhadov. During the meeting,

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the Ambassador congratu-lated Pakistan on the recently signed Memorandum of Cooperation (MOC) between the two

Azerbaijani businesses op-erating in Pakistan, with a nations, expressing optimism about its practical implementation and exploring areas of mutual interest. He also emphasized Azerbaijan's interest in expanding collaboration, par-ticularly in the legal domain Federal Minister high-

their respective justice systems. To facilitate this colighted the close ties beoperation, it was agreed to establish a small working tween the two countries group to finalize modalities and proposed extending an and open a communication invitation to the Azerbaijani Minister of Justice for an channel between the two official visit to Pakistan. He countries.



Planning Minister Ahsan Iqbal presenting an award to Kamran Lashari, former Director General Walled City of Lahore Authority at National Tourism Awards organized by Discover Pakistan HD Television in Islamabad

Salma lauds PM, CM for controlling kitchen item prices

Chairperson Chief Minister Task Force on Price Control Punjab, Salma Butt Friday credited Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and the Chief Minister of Punjab Maryam Nawaz for achieving a single-digit inflation rate and effectively controlling kitchen item prices which is a significant milestone for the welfare of citizens. Citizens in Punjab are reaping the benefits of a single-digit inflation rate, which is a remarkable achievement for the govern- she mentioned. Responding

ISLAMABAD (APP): tries face in maintaining low inflation rates, she added.

This accomplishment is a testament to the effective governance and leadership of PM Shehbaz Sharif, who has a reputation for being a diligent administrator, particularly during his tenure as Chief Minister of Punjab, she admired.

Under the leadership of Maryum Nawaz Sharif, Punjab witnessed notable development in key sectors such as health, education, agriculture, and industry, ment, she said while talk- to a question, she said we are launching a series of sur-

ISLAMABAD: Federal Secretary for Education and Professional Training Mohyuddin Ahmad Wani in a group photograph with participants during In-auguration ceremony "Green Learning Farm" by knowledge Platform at Islamabad Model School E-7.

Experts call for urgent water management solutions in Pakistan

resources

country. He provided an

overview of the WRAP

Programme, which focuses

on improving water ac-

IWMI had developed a

water accounting frame-

work for Okara district,

along with a Groundwater

Management Information

System (GMIS) to address

water shortages in Punjab.

He explained that

ISLAMABAD (APP): A

tourists from around world to explore Pak beauty One of the key speak-

Gilani urges

Rana Mashhood says: One mln smartphones will be provided to youth

SLAMABAD (APP): had applied for the Chairman of the Prime Youth Minister's Programme (PMYP) Rana Mashhood Ahmad Khan has said that one mln smartphones would be given to youth on easy instalments to equip them with the latest tools of technology. Addressing a news conference here on Friday, he said that in addition to the provision of one lac laptops annually, the government would give 1.5 lacs laptops to students under the "Laptop for All" scheme during the year.

Pakhtunkhwa,

Rana added that interviews for 100 members of the National Youth Council (NYC) had been completed, adding seven to nine thousand young applicants



added that last year around

one lac youngsters had par-

ticipated in the Prime Minis-

ter Youth Talent Hunt Pro-

gram and it was expected that

as many as 1 to 2 million youth

would attend the talent hunt

event in the next year.

planning and execution.

national consultative workshop was held here on Friday, which was attended by the experts from across Pakistan to explore solutions for the country's growing water crisis. The International Water Management Institute (IWMI) under the UK Aidfunded Water Resource Accountability in Pakistan (WRAP) Programme hosted the event with an aim to enhance water management strategies in line with the National Water Policy.

Over 100 participants, including government officials, private sector leaders, representatives from development agencies, academics, and local community members, attended the counting in Pakistan. workshop. They discussed various approaches to tackle water scarcity and highlighted strategies successfully applied in Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) through the WRAP Programme.



ISLAMABAD: Staff and members of educational institutions of Overseas Pakistani Foundation (OPF) are protesting outside NPC in favor of their demands.

ers, Dr. Mohsin Hafeez ISLAMABAD (APP): IWMI's Director for Water, Senate Chairman Syed Food, and Ecosystems, Yousuf Raza Gilani on Friemphasized the importance day called on tourists from of data in managing water around the world to explore Pakistan's natural beauty He pointed out gaps

and rich cultural heritage. in Pakistan's current water Gilani, in his message management systems, paron the World Tourism Day, ticularly the lack of an early said, "Pakistan is rich in warning system to prevent natural beauty, and by profloods and other disasters. moting tourism, we can cre-Dr. Hafeez also discussed the challenge posed by inaccurate groundwater

ate employment opportunities and contribute to the overall prosperity of our data, which affects decination. sion-making related to water management across the

Justice Babar IHC proceeds on one month

leave ISLAMABAD (Online): Chief Justice (CJ) Islamabad High Court (IHC) Justice Aamer Farooq has approved one

China

Babar Sattar. Justice Babar Sattar is among those judges who had written letter to Chief Justice regarding interference of intelligence operatives in judicial affairs. According to sources

month leave of Justice

Justice Babar Sattar presented his leave application sued here Friday. to chief justice Aamer Farooq who approved one month leave application.

According to sources law ministry, secretary to chief justice, registrar and other respective authorities were informed in this regard.

ISLAMABAD: Secretary Ministry of Climate Change, Aisha Humera Ch addressing a workshop on National Climate Finance Strategy.

APACE celebrates 75-yrs of Sino-Pak Friendship

for future cooperation. ISLAMABAD (APP): Yet, it was Umair

The Chinese Association of Shahid's performance that Chinese Foreigners in Pakistan & All-Pakistan truly stole the spotlight. Association of Chinese The Song "Wo men bu yi Enterprises (APACE) yang", tweeted by Chinese celebrated the 75th Anni-Ambassador in Pakistan, went viral two years ago all versary of the founding of over the social media and TV Channels, not only the People's Republic of

Among the notable highlights of the event was captivated audiences in Pakistan but also resonated within Chinese communithe performance by renowned Pakistan singer ties. This song is identity of Pak - China Friendship Umair Shahid, known by his Chinese name Omi. and millions of people liswhose heartfelt song on tened to it both in China China-Pak friendship resoand Pakistan As Shahid performed.

nated deeply with attendit became evident that his ees, said a press release iswords served as a bridge The event drew linking the two cultures. traditions, folk music and prominent figures from such combined activities both nations, including Shi Yuanqiang, Minister of the that bind Pakistan and Chinese Embassy in Paki-China together. The event also fea-

stan, MNA. Danyal Chaudhry and Jiang Zaidong, the Chinese Amtured a rich array of traditional Chinese cultural presentations, including Chibassador to Pakistan. These dignitaries gathnese Opera, folk dances and ered to reflect on the endur-

traditional music These performances ing partnership that has flourished over the past showcased the beauty of Chinese heritage and added seven decades, characterized by mutual respect, a festive flair to the celebrations



diately

14 clarification ISLAMABAD (Online): Election Commission (EC) has challenged September 14 clarification of majority judges of Supreme Court (SC) in connection with reserved seats.

EC has requested SC to review its September 14 clarification.

The EC has taken plea in review petition that EC is not responsible for delay in SC decision. Petition was filed on July 25 in connection with clarification of July 12 decision. SC issued order of clarification on September 14.

Fire erupts at F-6 markaz, no casualties reported

ISLAMABAD (APP): A fire broke out at F-6 markaz on Friday of the Federal Capital, prompting a swift response from the fire brigade and Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) administration, while, no casualties have been reported.

According to the spokesman of ICT administration, a fire erupted at F-6 markaz, a private plaza. The fire brigade quickly arrived at the scene to contain the flames.

Meanwhile, Assistant Commissioner (AC) City Farhan Ahmed also reached the location to oversee the situation

ing to PTV news channel. ministration to do so imme-This milestone is par- prise visits to assess cititicularly significant given zen satisfaction with price the challenges many coun- control measures.

SC dismisses review appeal about votes re-counting in NA-97

ISLAMABAD (APP): Khan observed that the The Supreme Court on Fri- court had clearly declared The Supreme Court on Friday dismissed a review apthat no application was peal of Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz's (PML-N) given to the returning officer concerned for recandidate regarding re- counting of votes in the said counting of votes in NA-97 Tandlianwala. constituency.

Justice Afghan said that the RO had told the comprising Justice Amin ud Election Commission in writing that no application for re-counting had been filed.

He said that the court dismissed the case on August 21, and the very next day the petitioner approached the RO. After that the RO provided the copy of verified application, which gave an impres-sion that he (RO) had denied his previous statement

Justice Amin ud Din for receiving some favour.

A two-judge bench

Din Khan and Justice

Naeem Akhtar Aghan heard

the case filed by PML-N

candidate Gohar Ali

During hearing, the court asked the petitioner's

lawyer to withdraw the

petition or otherwise it

court to decide the case on

The lawyer prayed the

would dismiss the case.

Baloch

merit



ISLAMABAD: Mechanics busy repairing faulty CCTV cameras at Faizabad.

Distt admin action against alms-seeking in ICT; 37 arrested

ISLAMABAD (ÁPP): The district administration of Islamabad, led by Assistant Commissioner Rural, have ramped up efforts to curb unlawful activities and arrested 37 professional alms-seekers from different areas of the Federal Capi-

According to the spokesman of ICT administration, these alms-seekers were arrested in the jurisdictions of Koral, Sihala, Lohibher, and Humak police stations. The District Commissioner (DC) commended the swift action and called for similar operations to be conducted citywide in future

The arrested beggars were taken to the police station. Meanwhile, minors found begging were sent to the Edhi Center for care and rehabilitation.

DC Islamabad Irfan Nawaz Memon stressed the need for a continued crackdown, urging the formation of special teams to monitor suspicious activities at key points, including traffic signals.

The operation was seen as a step toward ensuring the safety and wellbeing of the city's residents, with authorities promising to continue their efforts in maintaining public order.

Wani seeks UNHRC's role regarding release of a report on human rights situation in Kashmir ISLAMABAD (APP): Indian Occupied Kashmir, tion of assembly segments

Permanent Representative World Muslim Congress and Chairman Kashmir Institute of International Relations Altaf Hussain Wani has said that people of the disputed territory have suffered immensely due to India's severe repression and constitutional terrorism. Wani said this during a debate held here under agenda item 4 on the sidelines of the 57th session of United Nations Human Rights council Geneva today, received a press release here on Friday from Geneva

Drawing the UN human rights council's attenhuman rights situation in

Altaf Hussain Wani, while speaking on on behalf of World Muslim Congress said, "Kashmiris are witnessing ongoing killings, torture, and arbitrary detentions, alongside the demo-

lition of properties". Referring to India's double-edged onslaught against the Kashmiri people, he said, " Since August 5, 2019, the Indian government has intensified efforts to impose settler colonialism under the guise of "normalcy" and "development.

This onslaught, he ment, he said, misleads the said, has resulted in the dis- international community memberment of the occution towards the alarming pied state, demographic empowerment, especially changes, and the delimita-

and disempowerment of the majority population. About the continued

loodshed and violence, Altaf Wani said that the so-called normalcy has tragically

claimed 914 innocent lives through extrajudicial killings and siege-and-cordon operations. Moreover, 2,447

Kashmiris have been tortured, and 24,625 have been arbitrarily detained for challenging the status quo", he added. The Indian govern-

with a false narrative of as it approaches elections.



ISLAMABAD: Lawyers shouting slogans during protest in favor of their demands outside Supreme Court, in the Federal Capital.

trust, and a shared vision

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Breathing space

Pakistan's last-gasp \$7bn IMF bailout approved by the multi-We know the answer. lateral lender more than two months after an agreement was reached between the two sides sets a massive and difficult agenda for the government. lose sight of the flock, con-The approval of the 37-month vinced that only their guardpackage will kick the 'default nation's survival. can' further down the road. providing the authorities some Who will guard the guardspace to address the structural economic issues that have brought the country to the IMF's doors for a record 25 rescues since 1958.

The new programme targets should dominate Pakistan. debt sustainability and macroeconomic stability through consolidation of public finances, build-up of foreign exchange reserves, restoration of a debtridden energy sector, and an improved business clime to encourage private sector-led growth. In addition, the loan On the roads we see drivstipulates an expansion in social spending and protection, the imposition of an effective agriculture income tax, transfer of several fiscal responsibilities they are in the governto the provinces and the curtailment of subsidies.

The funding programme, which makes Pakistan the most frequent borrower of IMF funds besides being its fifth largest debtor, also envisages a substantial increase in tax revenues to boost the tax-to-GDP ratio by three percentage points to 13.5pc in three years. The politically and economically beleaguered Shehbaz Sharif government has already implemented additional taxes of nearly Rs1.8tr, and heftily in-is pilfered. Electricity dis-tribution companies use are topics, like religion, but from their regard to tween citizens, institu-but from their regard to tween citizens, institu-pens to trust levels in creased electricity and gas the same tactics. FBR prices to get access to fresh IMF funds. As is evident from this citizens about the conseyear's budget, the wealthy quences of not filing tax all the time. Even in this classes have again evaded the filing correctly or filing nil extreme pain of fiscal and economic adjustments with the working classes shouldering most of this burden. In spite of delays, the loan's approval was never in doubt. The question is: will this the universe. This moveprogramme help Pakistan intent to create a world emerge from its economic crisis? Or, more importantly, will the government be able to meet the stringent loan conditions? This question becomes even more crucial because lenders like ADB believe that rising political and institutional tensions may make it difficult to implement the reforms that Pakistan has committed to delivering. Struggling with boom-and-bust economic cycles for decades, the country has been facing anaemic economic growth, high inflation and a balance-of-payments crisis for over two years now. So far Islamabad has munity During the fourth warded off a default and accessed IMF funds, with generous support from China, Saudi Arabia and the UAE. With debt payments totalling \$90bn over the next three years, this support will not be enough for the country to come out of the crisis. No doubt the programme is crucial to end the uncertainty around Pakistan's ability to pay its debts. But the government needs to go beyond the stipulations of the bailout to drive longterm economic growth and break out of endless IMF rescue cycles. Is it prepared to execute the IMF-mandated reforms and also look beyond for longer-term stability? Its actions so far, especially its taxation measures, inspire little hope.

Power of the powerless elections gave a verdict through the ballot which was overturned by a brute minor-

It was a near miss. The ruling coalition, with an arguably fake mandate, was on the verge of destroying the Constitution by demolishing We, the powerless citithe last hope for democracy:

Tariq Khosa

the independence of the jution and suppression or diciary. At whose behest was the act of midnight madness speak truth to power for course correction. As a over a weekend resorted to? former law-enforcement officer, I oppose the use of vio-The guardian angels of lence, not merely on moral an authoritarian state pergrounds but because it is an ceive themselves not only as ineffective means of fighting protectors but also the proan 'authoritarian' regime. By prietors of our future. Like resorting to violent means. overzealous shepherds, they one chooses the very type of struggle in which oppressors nearly always have suianship can ensure the periority. Democratic activ-The question is: Quis ists who use force against an autocratic regime usually lose. custodiet ipsos custodes? argued American academic Gene Sharp in From Dictaians? A rhetorical question, perhaps, as, these custoditorship to Democracy. They ans (read: the establishment) have less firepower and fewer resources than the tend to monopolise the very state. He stressed that social means by which their overjustice and political move-ments should identify the sight might be conducted. It is time to decide what 'Achilles' heel of the despots, sort of governance structure the areas in which they are

Should it be the constituweak In Pakistan's current tional order envisioned by scenario, the government's the founding fathers, where great weakness is a lack of every citizen is equal under legitimacy. An overwhelming the law, where due process majority in the Feb 8 national is followed, and where all in-

stitutions act within their le-gal boundaries? Or should Pakistan's mission persist as one of an eternal security state, where justice, lawmaking, foreign policy and even the economy are militarised?

zens, must choose subjuganot pass the legitimacy test. Pakistanis want a fair deal, based on a new national agenda and a charter of governance that reflects public sentiments: racy: True representation can only emerge through fair and free elections. Civil society has rejected the sham results of the Feb 8 polls. We need a new and independent Election Commission. The concept of a caretaker government installed before the polls has proved a failure. Three heads in a province, ie chief justice chief secretary and the IGP. can ensure fair polls with an independent ECP. It is doable if there

is a will to bring about representative democracy. There is one condition: the establishment and deep state should not get involved in politics. Decentralised federal-

ism: Centralised control from Rawalpindi and Islamabad must be replaced with genuine provincial autonomy and

strong local self-government. We must seek unity in diversity. Cultural and linguistic ity A state can essentially diversity is our strength A justify its power by ensurbottoms-up approach to decision-making should be adopted rather than toping the sanctity of the electoral process and the rule of law. The present rulers do down strategies.

National security: Our national purpose as delineated by our founding fathers was a democratic, enlightened polity based on social iustice. Unfortunately, we Representative demochave become a security state at cross purposes with society's democratic aspirations. Unless we humanise the state, the national security narrative will continue to dominate at the expense of human security and development.

Intelligence agencies: Our premier federal intelligence agencies are operating without any legal framework. The culture of impunity developed by the deep state must be addressed through parliamentary oversight and laws that clearly define the role of agencies in both internal and external security dimensions. The issue of missing persons can be resolved through constitutional and legal means. A law to address enforced disappearances must be promulgated forth-with to fulfil an international

obligation and satisfy domescivil tic society organisations

fair administration of justice is Terrorism and violent crucial in a democratic state. extremism: The counterterrorism National Ac-An authoritarian executive tion Plan, as reviewed and would always want the judiupdated by Nacta in 2021, must be implemented by fedciary to be a compliant instrument of oppression. An indeeral and provincial stakeholdpendent judiciary would invariably foil those designs. The ers. We need strong border control. The TTP's increasing current internecine tensions in the apex court do not augur belligerence against state institutions should be met with full well for democracy. force. Banned militant groups

Corruption and organised crime: Corruption like the BLA, BRA and BLF should be dealt with firmly. and the crime nexus must be Effective action must be taken broken. NAB should be disagainst domestic sectarian and banded as it is an instrument militant groups. The state of political engineering. A new must abandon any support to independent commission militant outfits and non-state against corruption may be esactors. National harmony can tablished or FIA made operaonly be achieved through toltionally and administratively erance. The role of the state in autonomous to undertake investigation of corrupt pracreligion is not that of enforcer but enabler or facilitator. An tices and economic crimes inclusive, humane state can win Police as an institution needs the trust of the citizens who total revamping to investigate organised criminality and en-Balochistan and KP: It

Independent judiciary:

The role of the judiciary in

upholding the rule of law and

force the law impartially. The above is the minimum agenda for change. "Progress is impossible without change, and those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything," said George Bernard Shaw. The power of the powerless should not be tested further. -- Courtesy Dawn

'Nasty, brutish, and short'

Faisal Bari

ers from the police department or cars with green number plates driving recklessly and aggressively as if they have the right of way just because ment or police. Those driving bigger cars, especially SUVs, do this to drivers

of smaller cars; the drivers of smaller cars do this to motorcyclists and pedestrians. It is a chain of harassment and bullying that goes from the 'strongest' to the 'weakest'. This seems to be the only law on the roads.

But this is not restricted to the roads alone. It is true in almost all walks of life in Pakistan. The gas threatens company people with prison and other dire consequences if bills are not paid on time or not paid at all or if gas have been used and where mob rule has meant their own interest. We addoes the same and more; through emails it warns say and to whom almost returns in time and/or not area, the laws have been

ers that since the smog season was round the corner, if they burned crops their agricultural equipment could be confiscated and they could be jailed.

law-enforcement agencies keep telling us about the possible consequences of speaking about some 'institutions' of national importance or against the 'ideology' of Pakistan on social and other media. We have also seen, over the last year and more, how even the name of particular leaders or flags of a political party can lead to harassment and/or arrests. Volumes can be written on how the Maintenance of Public Order and Section 144

perpetrators.

It is not just powerful individuals threatening and bullying other individuals or state institutions trying to bully citizens into submission, people sitting in powerful institutions are doing the same to people in other Ministers and some institutions as well as for personal, sectional or institutional benefit. What

a tight spot we are in! Of course, there are laws, rules and ordinances that back what these institutions are threatening people with. And prosecutions, by most of these institutions, have increased over time or are being used to deal with 'troublemakers'. But it is the general trend in society as a whole that I am more concerned about.

"It is not from the benevolence of the butcher, the brewer, or the baker

came the basis/ inspiration for the first welfare theorem. But we also know that the above holds only if there are no externalities and public goods, no market power for firms and no information asymmetries. All of these are present in economies all the time.

Even more importantly, Adam Smith's other main work was on the theory of moral sentiments. For Smith, empathy for each other is a very important basis of our ability to create a decent society. This is a lesson from Smith that most people who quote his ode to self-love (self-interest) fail to even mention.

Societies do not thrive on the basis of laws, rules, regulations and the pursuit of selfinterest. They need trust and between citizens

Adam Smith. This is the ety would that be? We invisible hand and it be- cannot sleep with our every man, the same coneyes open all the time. Would that be a society worth living in? Could such a society even remain viable?

are wary of elite capture.

is time to heal wounds in the

strategically vital borderlands

of the Baloch and Pakhtuns.

Constructive engagement is

needed with dissidents, activ-

ists and disgruntled vouth.

Sociopolitical and economic

empowerment is needed in

Balochistan and erstwhile

Fata

We have to consider the problem very carefully. It makes individual sense, at the level of an institution and in an instance or a few instances, to use threats ters; no society; and and fear as a way of eliciting compliance.

The electricity distribution companies might see the value of such advertising and behaviour at times when the sector is in a 'crisis' and the same for FBR. etc. But if most or all state institutions start taking the same approach and route, what tures of the fear, poverty, happens to the social nastiness and brutish contract among citizens ness that are mentioned.

every man is enemy to sequent to the time wherein men live without other security than what their own strength and their own invention shall furnish them withal. In such condition there is no place for industry ... no knowledge of the face of the earth; no account of time; no arts; no letwhich is worst of all, continual fear, and danger of violent death; and the life of man, solitary, poor, nasty, brutish, and short

Of course, Pakistan is not 'there' and the 'there' in modern times might be different from what Hobbes described, but it will have the fea-

Is it still possible to change course and see a good way out of the mo-

returns, etc. The other severe punishments for most famous quotes from lice? What sort of soci- to a time of war, where day, radio broadcast a message from the Punjab government telling farm-

people self-censor and are dress ourselves, not to cannot police each one careful about what they their humanity but their self-love, and never talk to them of our own necessities but of their advan-'armed' to provide for very tage." This is one of the those who police the po-therefore is consequent only wait and see.

Islamic modernism

Ghulam Shabbir

Pristine Islam was a scienand philosophy. But his tific statement of man's temporary measure asrole and relation to God and sumed permanence in orthodox Islam, while with ment of moral initiative was Ibn al-Arabi's speculative philosophy, he tore asunmoral order with the inder the symbiotic existence struments of state through of reason and intuition, socioeconomic principles with reason condemned to of the Quran, which inoblivion in the interests of volved active goodwill and so-called infallible intucooperation of its adherition (kashf). What Ibn alents. The upshot of this Arabi forgot was that reasociopolitical order was to son is both perceptive and reflect equality which all formulative and Sufi intupeople share in the eyes of ition needs to be rehabili-God. The Prophet (PBUH) succeeded in estated to stay accountable to true reason. tablishing an egalitarian Ibn Taimiyya's fresh

moral order in Arabia. approach to the Quran and When he departed, Isseerah reinvigorated posilam was all set to launch tivism and collectivism of its 'world career' beyond Islam. He went unheeded Arabia. Thus, under the for centuries till the 18th-Prophet and the first two century reformer Ibn Abdul Wahab 'resurrected' caliphs, the interests of the community and the state him piecemeal, suited to were identical and indivishis capacities and necessiible. During the third ties. However, it was caliph's rule the integrity Sheikh Sirhindi who owned of the state was shaken, Ibn Taimiyya in almost all and so was that of the comaspects of Islamic thought. It can be argued that he rescaliph's period the state cued reason and reality of was dismembered, and so the world from the iron was the community. grip of Sufism.

Religio-political wars harmed the community, tury reformers particularly socioeconomic Abdul Wahab and Shah and political reforms. To Ibn Taimiyya, the period Wali Allah — sensed that the rot had set in on the till 425 AH is considered realm of Islamic intellectuthe most creative time for alism and vehemently enthe development of Islamic deavoured for course cordisciplines, ie, law, theolrection ogy, hermeneutics etc, which he terms classical counter with the imperial Islam. From the fourth West forced Muslims to century onwards, conjecreformulate Islam as a soture replaced scientific outcial proposition to make look and neo-kalam, neo-Islam again a socially fiqh, neo-mysticism took geared religion. root and since ijtihad and ijma came to an early stop, century reformer Syed the inner integrity of Islam suffered; indeed, mutually opposed 'Islams' develped throughout the latter centuries

Ghazali struck an organic link between law, thelogy and mysticism but he sacrificed positivism and collectivism at the altar of personalism. He enemy of reason nor scicondemned reason as ence, and it fell to Sir Syed

against faith to stem the and Mohammad Abduh to aggressive tide of science prove this statement. Both flung open the door of petrified tradition to fresh air, yet the formulation of Islamic modernism was far from their capacities. So, the none-too-sober character of Islamic modernism provoked a comparably none-too-thoughtful radical reaction.

two opposing movements - the one that accepted secular moderni--ty, the other that assumed fundam-entalism. This is what happened both in the

subcontinent and the Middle East. As a related development, says French scholar Jacques Berque "Today, all too many militants and intellectuals, are proponents either of an authenticity with no future or of a modernism with no roots. Allama Iqbal en-

hanced the legacy of Afghani. His magnum opus, Reconstruction of Religious Thought in Islam, wherein Abduh and Sir Syed fail to find a place even in the footnotes, proves to be the linchpin of Islamic modernism. However, Islamic

modernism as a systematic thought found full expression in Dr Fazlur Rahman's constructs. He was the epitome of traditional as well as modern learning.

Mystic tradition supplied him with vast reservoirs of faith, and modern learning equipped him with intellectual prowess Here the great 19th-His belief in intellectual egalitarianism gave him the courage to speak

Jamal al-Din Afghani enters the arena. Neither enchanted nor haunted by Westernism, he appreciated the dynamic impulse, son and reality of the world are tuned to the constitutionalism and scientific attitude of that culture but condemned its materialistic metaphysics. He said Islam is neither the ready to take the plunge? -- Courtesy Dawn

Two great 18th-cen-

However, the en-

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As a corollary, Islamic modernism split into clear that the rot runs deep.

Mercifully, there is another side to this story. The response of a wide cross-section of Sindhi political circles, intellectuals and common people to the Umerkot incident has been swift and considerable. Immediately after the event, a young Hindu man, Premo Kohli, prevented the enraged mob from setting the body of the

lynched Shahnawaz Kunbhar, on fire. This act of bravery then became the rallying cry mobilisation, culminating in a public protest bringing together thousands of people in Umerkot, the

scene of the original lynching, on Sept 25 more mobilisation in the coming days on both sides of the ideological divide.

It is not to be understated that the religious right both mainstream and militant — has created significant pockets of support in Sindhi society in recent years. The right-wing always looks at emotive events like lynchings as opportunities to further and write the truth with its agenda. But of all of Pakistan's brutalised peno holds barred. In his ripheries, Sindh remains discourse, revelation, reahome to the most robust

and historically powerful same wavelength. As a expressions of cultural resistance to right-wing mililighthouse his legacy seems enough to lead the tancy. Ironically, it is from fleets to harbour. Are we

Sindh that mainstream Pakistani historiography

tions and the state. We society? It seems the situation would eventually of us and at all times: who will police who, and lead to the 'state of nawho will police those described by ture' who are policing or Hobbes: "Whatsoever Most of us, it seems, can

rass we are currently enmeshed in? Will thought leaders in and outside of important institutions stand up and be counted?

Cultural resistance

traces its origins; in this

familiar story, Islam en-

tered the subcontinent

through Muhammad bin

Aasim Sajjad Akhtar

Mob lynchings under the Oasim's conquest of pretext of blasphemy have Sindh. But despite the inbecome commonplace. In vestments made by the exceptional circum-Pakistani state in propastances, law enforcement gating this official history, officials intervene and Sindhi public opinion has take accused persons into always resisted the idea custody before the mob that Muhammad bin sets upon them. But two Qasim was a liberator. recent cases in Quetta and Over the past eight Umerkot, where accused decades, the Sindhi lanpersons were killed while guage and its literatures in police custody, make

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have been developed more than all of Pakistan's vernaculars. The vast majority of Sindhi-speaking children grow up learning how to read and write their mother tongue. Sindhi-language newspapers have a reach far exceeding Urdu and English ones

Cultural resistance to the religious right, as well as the big landed pirs who instrumentalise their spiritual power, is not a recent phenomenon. The 17thcentury Sufi saint and poet Shah Inayat was also a Robin Hood figure who mobilised landless peasants — popularly called haris in Sindh — against landlords and local kingdoms. This legacy carried on into the 20th century under the tutelage of legendary figures like the communist leader Haider Bux Jatoi. These feats of popular resistance are immortalised in the words of Latif, and many others. Despite all of this, Sindhi politics remains in the shadows of the PPP. For a brief period after it was formed in 1967, the PPP in Sindh embodied the aspirations of workers and peasants, as well as the progressive intelligentsia at large. While some of the latter remain convinced of the PPP's progressive credentials, today's PPP is an umbrella for landlords and state functionaries that are any-

the people.

Shahnawaz Kunbhar, killed while in the custody of high-ranking police officials, who were in turn garlanded by prominent religious functionaries. To date, there has been no meaningful action taken by the PPP-led provincial government against these powerful men, let alone a public statement by PPP leaders condemning the

mob lynching. The PPP is not fundamentally responsible for Pakistan's drift towards the right — that accolade belongs to the military establishment and org-anic intellectuals. But the PPP, like all mainstream bourgeois parties, almost always chooses silence rather than confrontation over incidents like the Umerkot lynching.

As the PPP continues to insist on finding a way to pass the latest constitutional amendment, which makes a mockery of the notion of separation of powers and institutional independence, it should not be forgotten that it was when Zulfikar Ali Bhutto was prime minister that the second amendment was made to the 1974 Constitution through which Ahmadis were excommunicated.

Such expediencies have gotten us to where we are. Every day they push us further towards the proverbial abyss. The fact that Sindhi progressives continue to push back despite everything is a source of hope. They are paralleled young Pakhtun progressives resisting the forces of reaction and the establishment through the PTM, and Baloch women that are doing so through the BYC. The next step would be a countrywide umbrella that brings together all of these vibrant forms of cultural resistance to offer a genuine politicaleconomic alternative to the establishment-centric systhing but answerable to tem of power. -- Cour-So it was with Dr tesy Dawn

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Governor deplores apathy of KP govt over violent armed clashes in Kurram

PESHAWAR Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi on Friday strongly criticized the provincial government over its apathy to solve the violent territorial dispute among rivals groups in Kurram which had claimed several precious lives in the area so far.

In a meeting with Bushra Gohar, the to trade and public Chairperson of the Khyber connectivity between Pakhtunkhwa Organizing Committee of the National Democratic Movement, here at the Governors House, Kundi expressed concern over the aiming to enhance deteriorating security commercial and economic situation in the area as well as the province.

He said that unrest has fostered a sense of concluded insecurity among the considerations people of KP and required organizing an all-parties international stage.

(APP): immediate attention of the conference provincial government.

The meeting focused on significant provincial issues and the current Pakhtunkhwa's first female paragliding pilot, Benazir Awan, called on Governor national situation including the law and order situation,

the closure of Torkham border, and the worsening situations in Parachinar. He said that the issue of Torkham border's closure was posing a barrier

connectivity between Pakistan and Afghanistan. During the discussion, Benazir Awan presented Kundi said that he was her proposals to create in contact with the federal more opportunities for government to expedite a resolution to this matter, sports, paragliding. activities between the two greater participation in

with for

Faisal Karim Kundi. The meeting focused on promoting adventure sports for women in the province and showcasing Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's positive image globally.

women in adventure particularly She emphasized the exceptional talents of women in the province and advocated for

meeting adventure sports to highlight their skills on the



PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhawa Governor Faisal Karim Kundi addressing the World Heart Day event at Rehman Medical Institute, Hayatabad. Marriyum Aurangzeb says:

barren lands of Punjab.

youths

CM's shrimp farming vision to settle barren lands of Punjab

LAHORE (APP): Senior of shrimp farming, that is Punjab Minister Marriyum being started.

She informed the first Aurangzeb said on Friday production of prawns will be obtained in October, that Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif's vision is to settle the adding God willing, barren lands will be inhabited. The She expressed these senior Minister said that remarks while talking to a the agricultural research delegation of Thai Union, and development and skill in which both sides agreed project will be implemented to work together for the with promotion of shrimp RsRs8.5 billion.

The government will The Senior Minister help in providing seeds and said agriculture and farmers feed for the promotion of will get development shrimp production, she through modern farming, added. Farmers will get

adding with the encouragement of shrimp interest-free loans for farming, Chief Minister hatchery, that would help Maryam Nawaz Sharif has develop farmers and included Punjab in the list agriculture sector, the minister said adding government will help of the modern world in erms of modern farming. Marriyum Aurangzeb farmers in farm processing

and feed as well as storage. said that apart from earning a billion dollars in foreign Graduate youth will exchange, thousands of be given opportunities in

will research centers through get employment from the start universities



LAHORE: Newly appointed Punjab Secretary Information Tahir Raza Hamdani and DGPR Ghulam Sagheer Shahid meeting with Punjab Minister for Information Azma Bukhari.

CS emphasizes need to produce skilled, qualified nurses

CM Murad to open Jam Sadiq Bridge for traffic by end of Oct

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KARACHI (APP): Sindh CEO Asad Zamin. Karachi fuel, Chief Minister Syed Metropolitan, being the Murad Ali Shah has directed the P&D department to finalize the construction work of Malir Expressway, the first phase so that he could open it for traffic at the end of next month.

He expressed these views while chairing a review meeting here at the CM House on Friday. The meeting was attended by Minister P&D Nasir Shah, Chief Secretary Asif Hyder Shah, Secretary Energy Musadiq Khan, Chairman P&D Najam Shah, issues arise on major roads of the city, hence road Secretary Finance Fayaz users Jatoi, Secretary to CM Raheem Shaikh, PPP Unit inconveniences/hazards

13 dead,

1400 injured

in 1334 RTCs

in Punjab

LAHORE (APP): At least thirteen persons were killed and 1400 injured in

1334 Road Traffic Crashes

(RTCs) in all 37 districts

of Punjab during the last 24 hours. Out of these,

617 people with serious

injuries were shifted to

different hospitals, while

783 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 783

drivers, 64 underage drivers, 140 pedestrians,

and 490 passengers were

among the victims of road

traffic crashes. The

statistics show that 254

Lahore which affected 274

persons.

mega/biggest city of Pakistan has the potential to accommodate and attract people from all over the country by providing jobs, business opportunities and housing facilities, the CM said and went on saying resultantly the population of the city has increased tremendously. Murad Shah said that due to the phenomenal population growth, and increase in vehicular traffic, congestion and traffic jams

are

environmental pollution (Noise and smoke) and accidents.

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The CM said that Karachi has two seaports, from where heavy vehicular traffic generates for the supply of oil, and other imported goods to upcountry, thereby adding an extra volume of heavy traffic on city roads up to the superhighway (Motorway M9) and National Highway N-5.

Considering the situation in view, the Government of Sindh has decided to provide the shortest alternate route to connect the Motorway/ Super Highway with the like wastage of time and city centre.

Punjab govt to provide interest-free loans to doctors: Health Minister

facing

LAHORE (APP): Punjab Health Minister Khawaja Salman Rafique announced the government's the PHF, where modern commitment to support reforms to enhance the doctors by offering interest-free loans for business ventures.

During his visit to the Punjab Health Foundation (PHF) on Friday, the minister highlighted the government's ongoing efforts to facilitate healthcare professionals.

He stated that every year, the Punjab government provides interest-free loans worth millions of rupees to doctors through the PHF. He further emphasized that RTCs were reported in additional steps will be taken to improve the foundation's operations.

He also announced plans to call a meeting of the Board of Directors of institution's efficiency and effectiveness will be discussed. He pledged to transform the PHF into a profitable organization, ensuring it continues to benefit healthcare professionals in the province

Earlier, the minister received a briefing from the Managing Director of PHF Jawad Akram regarding the foundation's performance and toured various departments, where he reviewed their functioning in detail. Relevant officers were also present during the visit.



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KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister, Syed Murad Ali Shah exchanging views with Khawaja Aftab, Regional Director IFC during meeting held at CM House in Karachi

CM's message on **World Tourism Day**

LAHORE (APP): Chief for tourists from all over Minister Maryam Nawaz the world." Sharif, in her message on World Tourism Day, sent greetings to all those who are passionate about tourism

She added,"Allah (SWT) has invited man to walk on the earth and meditate She highlighted,"Tourism ignites natural abilities of a person and helps him think about himself and the universe around."

The Chief Minister Development Plan will said, "Allah (SWT) has upgrade the infrastructure blessed our beloved of Murree in modern style. homeland with immense Preliminary work has also

underscored,"Sustainable measures are being taken for the promotion of religious tourism in Punjab.

She said,"Ancient forts, religious places, picturesque valleys are very much suitable for tourism. We are determined to highlight a positive image of Pakistan at the international level through tourism. The Murree

started on the project of

Governor visits Swabi to inquire health

ofinjured police officers

WABI (APP): Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Faisal Karim Kundi, on Friday made a special visit to Swabi where he met with

injured police personnel and civilians at the District Headquarters Hospital (DHQ) and Bacha Khan Medical Hospital.

During his visit, he expressed his hopes for their speedy recovery.

In a brief interaction with the media, Governor Faisal Karim Kundi said that investigations into the incident are ongoing and

tourism potential and all possible resources will be utilized for the promotion of tourism." Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif said, "The regions of Punjab rich in natural beauty are second to none. The historical, cultural and natural heritage of Punjab is a rich source of attraction



KARACHI: Sindh Police Inspector General (IG) Ghulam Nabi Memon presides over a high-level meeting, at CPO Headquarters in Karachi.

PPP leader says: PTI misusing KP's resources on staging gatherings, rallies

province.

PESHAWAR (APP): Provincial President PPP Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Syed Mohammad Ali Shah Bacha has said that the PTI led provincial government is misusing the resources of the province on the public meetings and rallies

Speaking on the fold. Those present were included Member KP occasion of the joining of Alamzeb Khan, a former Director General (DG) Khyber Livestock Pakhtunkhwa along his family members and associates in PPP here on Malik Amjad, president PPP district Mohmand Friday, he said that KP government has proved to be the worst government in Malik Israel Khan.

emphasized the provincial running a glass train from Rawalpindi to Murree.³ government's Chief Minister Maryam responsibility to provide Nawaz Sharif said,"It is financial assistance to the Punjab's honor to introduce injured hybrid double-decker buses He also mentioned for the first time in plans to coordinate with Pakistan. Tourism will the federal government display a beautiful face of

regarding this support. The Governor was briefed by doctors on the medical facilities being provided to the injured.

The assured that all possible resources will be made available for their treatment.

PIC achieves milestone by performing **Mitral** Chip

procedure Cardiology (PIC) has successfully introduced a minimally invasive procedure for the treatment of leaky heart valves

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi also attended the function and welcomed former DG Livestock, Alamzeb Khan along with his family and associates into the party region.

Assembly, Arbab Zarak Khan, Farzand Ali Wazir, Sajid Turi, Fazle Haq, Misbahuddin, Malik Tehmas Khan, Zia Ullah Afridi, Malik Saeed Khan, heart

PESHAWAR (APP): Chief workforce. Secretary (CS) Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Nadeem Aslam Chaudhry chairing a meeting of medical teaching institution (MTI) hospitals here Friday

seize

emphasized need of producing qualified nurses to explore domestic and international opportunities. He said that the

Governor growing demand for nurses is a significant opportunity for the youth of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. He assured full support to health

must opportunity by ensuring that

PESHAWAR (APP): The Peshawar Institute of

the history of the province. Governor According to a press release issued on Friday, it is first time that Mitral Clip procedure has been performed in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa establishing PIC as a pioneer in advanced cardiac care in the

> This cutting-edge intervention provides an innovative solution for patients with mitral valve regurgitation, a condition where the heart's mitral valve does not close properly causing blood to flow backward into the

The global healthcare sector has a strong demand for trained professionals

and it is vital that our vouth are well-prepared to meet these needs. Chief Secretary also highlighted the importance of language proficiency, particularly in English, to enable nursing graduates to compete globally. He directed health authorities to strengthen language

training modules for graduates. He also directed the finance department to department and MTI prioritize hospital needs hospitals in addressing and ensure timely release this need stating that "We of funds for smooth this operations.

On the occasion, the necessarv hospital representatives arrangements are in place provided updates on to produce a highly skilled critical issues and qualified nursing challenges.



HYDERABAD: Christian Study Centre Director, Bishop Samuel addresses during seminar on **Combined Assembly on Composite Heritage** organized by Christian Study Centre held at local hotel in Hyderabad.

Cylinder blast in house leaves 5 family membersinjured HYDERABAD (APP) Five members of a family and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa were injured due to an

explosion of a LPG government has started work on Ehsaas projects cylinder in a house in including Ehsaas Rozgar, Liaquat Colony area here Ehsaas Hoonar, Noujawan on Friday. According to the Rozgar and others for police, the blast took place welfare of youth in the in the home's kitchen province, said the provincial advisor for where the meal was being prepared. All of the injured were shifted to Liaquat Finance Muzamil Aslam. In a statement issued University Hospital's

here on Friday, he said that burns ward The injured include the Ehsaas projects has 35 years old Reeman, 25 been started at a cost of Rs years old Ahmed Ali, 25 15 billion to create vast vears old Samra, 20 years employment opportunities in the private sector for the old Sumera and 10 years youth, adding that in this old Kinza.

LAHORE: A delegation of Thai Union meeting with Senior Minister Punjab Marriyum Aurangzaib.

exclusively

findings

KP Govt starts work on Ehsassa projects for youth's welfare

PESHAWAR (APP): The regard soft loans up to 1 crore rupees would be provided under the Ehsaas Noujawan Rozgar scheme.

Similarly, he said an interest-free loan of Rs 200,000 would be given for starting a new business or expanding the business and under the Ehsaas Hunar program, interest-free loans of up to 500,000 rupees would be provided. The Advisor said that

the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government intended to empower the youth financially through Ehsaas projects.

World Tourism Day: Pakistan's rich heritage needs digital spotlight

PESHAWAR (APP): As significance for global and the world celebrated tourism day on Friday with enthusiasm, Pakistan emphasized its unique emancipation adventure.

heritage and historical Tourism Authority (KPC&TA) held a offerings, notably its rich Gandhara and Indus civilizations for foreign prominent event at Nishtar Hall in Peshawar in tourists to discover by connection with world taking advantage of the tourism day, recognizing Govt. friendly tourism services of stakeholders, travelers and journalists for

This year's theme, 'Tourism for Peace,' reflected the nation's strong commitment and resolve to leveraging tourism as a vehicle for growth, economic poverty's alleviation, peace and social harmony. In Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, the

government departments, NGOs and civil society joined hands to mark the day with a series of events. including walks, seminars, and award ceremonies,

cultural,

policies

tourism highlighting

regional peace and economic growth for people's socio economic KP Culture and

their great to explore.

contributions to promotion of the tourism sector and awarded them for their impressive work. World Tourism Day, established in 1980, commemorated the adoption of the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) statutes in 1970, aiming to foster connections among nations and cultures across borders.

Pakistan's diverse landscapes, primitive civilizations and ancient Museum.

Archaeology and Museums KP, noted heritage sites—six UNESCO World Heritage sites including Takht Bhai Mardan, Moenjo Dharo, Taxila, Makli monument significant discoveries, including human remains dating back to the Early Thatta, Shalimar Gardens Paleolithic period, which and Shahi Fort at Lahore, emphasized the region's deep historical roots. Rohtas fort and five of the world's highest peaks with over 8000 meters heights He pointed to the excavations including K2 and Naga in Soan Valley and Sangaro Cave, revealing evidence of Parbat in Gilgit Baltistan—offered a rich human life as far back as

tapestry for global tourists two million years ago. These showcased the rich cultural Speakers at the key event highlighted the Pakistan's historical narrative of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, where significance in terms of ancient people created different forms of tourism tools and especially of being a home transitioning from a nomadic lifestyle to one to the Gandhara and Indus that involved settled agriculture and food civilizations. with archaeological sites revealing artifacts and services. As the discussion statues from various eras shifted to the cultural besides preservation of crossroads represented by Lord Buddha's statues and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, the speakers elaborated on the life stories in panels preserved at Peshawar province's role in the spread of Buddhism, particularly the Gandhara Bakhtzada Khan, Assistant Director of

and civilization, which flourished under Persian rule in the 6th century BC in the present day KP.

Notable figures, such as Alexander the Great, traversed these lands. contributing to the region's historical significance.

"Peshawar Museum housing over 30,000 including artifacts Gandhara art, serves as a crucial repository of this rich history, attracting monks and followers of Buddhism across the world."Anaya Khan, a student who visited the pottery, museum along with parents, expressed awe at the preserved relics of Gandhara civilization and suggested the importance of digital media in showcasing these treasures to a global audience. Impressed by the Lordh Buddha's life stories and swords of freedom fighters of Waziristan tribes of the pre partition era.

MOHENJO DARO: A tourist delegation from Korea are visiting and expressed keen interest in the historical ruins of the World Heritage Monuments of Mohenjo Daro.

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PM invites American banks for investment in key sectors

NEW YORK (APP): Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Friday invited American banks to invest in Pakistan's key sectors of infrastructure, energy, technology, agriculture, and assured of the government's commitment to maintain a stable macroeconomic environment to facilitate foreign investors.

The prime minister Pakistani bankers on the sidelines of the 79th UN General Assembly. The delegation comprised high-ranking prestigious banks including IP Morgan Netivis Corner JP Morgan, Natixis Corps & Investments, Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corp, Goldman Sachs, Citizens sustainability Bank, Lazard, Audax Group

delegation about the key initiatives taken by the government to stabilize the minister economy and attract opportunity to interact foreign investment to with him, the delegation Pakistan, including lauded the government's broadening the tax base, policies that have been enhancing the ease of doing business, and ongoing the reforms in the state-owned enterprises.

These steps have deep said this while talking to a resulted in improved cooperating with the delegation of prominent economic indicators and government for the American upgradation of Pakistan's development

Sustainable Finance Framework, which will allow the Government to carry out a green/ bond the Group



in

issuance

ISLAMABAD: Federal minister industries and production Rana Tanveer Hussain chairing the 12th meeting of NCC on SME development, Federal Secretary I&P Saif Anjum and CEO SMEDA Mr. Socrat Aman Rana are also present.

Ahsan Iqbal for adopting export-led growth strategy with efficient port services

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US CG visits KPBOIT,

meets CM' aide on

industries, commerce

PESHAWAR (APP): US Business Facilitation Iqbal

Pakhtunkhwa.

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Professor Ahsan Iqbal stressed the need to imports, which requires adopt an export-led sufficient foreign exchange. economic growth strategy Highlighting the by enhancing the country's importance of logistic

declaring sustainability a top priority, noting that as the growth rate increases, there would be pressure on Highlighting the

seaports and shipping services for increased Institute for a term of two exports ninister vears.

He informed the international capital

markets Thanking the prime ister for the with him, the delegation instrumental in achieving the macroeconomic stability in Pakistan. The delegation also expressed a interest in

of JP Morgan, Natixis Corps & Investments, Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corp, Goldman Sachs, Citizens

Bank, Lazard, and Audax

Dr Suleri

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25 major Chinese companies keen for investing in Pakistan ISLAMABAD (APP): As President of Lianghao Mr. many as, 25 major Chinese Li Hui, Qin Linz Heng and investment companies have Ambassador of Pakistan to expressed their deep interest in investing in Pakistan.

79th session of the United Nations General Assembly.

Business а Roundtable Conference of Chaoyang District, Beijing including agriculture, automobile, electrical alliances, pharmaceuticals, logistics, medical equipment and technology companies are included.

Minister for Board of Investment, Privatization Communications country in the world with Abdul Aleem Khan a population of 23 million presided over the and where better labor and conference arranged at more consumers are Pakistani Embassy in China, said a press release.

Country Director of make bilateral investments Hong Kong business group in education, technology Anna Su, Mayor of Daming County Mr. Li Pakistan who is a major Shuang, Chief Advisor Qin partner in China's Belt

added further said that Pakistan has the 2nd largest reserves China Khalil Hashmi of Coal and the 7th largest addressed this conference. The conference discussed the cooperation reserves of Copper while we can become the center between China and of business activities in the Pakistan and various region by improving the MoUs were signed in the agriculture and livestock

NEW YORK: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif meets with a

delegation of prominent Pakistani-American Bankers on the sidelines of

fields of textile technology, sectors. He said that for agriculture and animal husbandry. investment the atmosphere Aleem Khan said that in Pakistan is favorable, we Pakistan's population consists of 70% youth which is the 5th largest will welcome Chinese companies to shift their industry and today's Round Table will be a milestone in this regard. Moreover, Chairman of China Roads and Bridges available. Corporation Du Fie along With China we will

with his delegation held a meeting with Abdul Aleem Khan in Beijing regarding the interest in Privatization of DISCOs and various sectors in Zone of Karachi.

goes up slightly

The weekly inflation, year, the SPI for the combined consumption group in the week under review witnessed an

increase of 12.80 per cent. The weekly SPI with the base year 2015-16 =100 covers 17 urban centres and 51 essential items for all expenditure items for all expenditure groups. Likewise, SPI for According to the PBS the lowest consumption

The

data, the SPI for the week group of up to Rs 17,732 witnessed increase of 0.08

Pakistan eyes tourism boom to strengthen foreign exchange, trade

SLAMABAD (APP): In (EDF) for tourism-related crucial meeting led by export initiatives. Federal Minister for Commerce Jam Kamal Khan, stakeholders from akistan's tourism and hospitality sector highlighted the vast potential of tourism in increasing foreign exchange driving trade and

enhancement. The meeting took place on World Tourism Day, a day dedicated globally to recognizing the importance of tourism in fostering international understanding, economic growth, and cultural exchange, according to press release issued by commerce ministry.

sector, Jam Kamal assured full support from the PTDC said that Pakistan Ministry of Commerce, including the provision of Export Development Fund attractions.



The meeting was

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Pakistan Tourism Development Corporation (PTDC) Aftab Ur Rehman Rana, and representatives from the public and private sectors. The gathering sought

to address challenges in the tourism sector and explore avenues for exponential growth.

Acknowledging the In a presentation, opportunities in this Aftab Ur Rehman Rana, Managing Director of was blessed with a diverse range of tourism



LAHORE: Women are busy is buying clothes on a stall at a local hotel, in the Provincial Capital.

Rana expresses satisfaction on implementation process of SME policy

LAHORE (APP): Federal Minister for Industries and Production Rana Tanveer Hussain on Friday active coordination with expressed satisfaction on implementation process of the Small and Medium Enterprises (SME) Policy.

He chaired the $12^{\mbox{\tiny th}}$ Meeting of National Coordination Committee on SME Development at the SMEDA Head Office. Federal Secretary Industries and Production day and 28-day tenors and accepted 20 bids cumulatively amounting to the minister in this Phularwan accompanied the prevailing challenges.

occasion. Rana Tanveer Hussain also appreciated SMEDA's provincial working groups to expedite the formulation implementation of strategies in all provinces and administrative units.

He said the SME sector was the back-bone of economy that was why the federal government was spearheading SME development to create a conducive business Saif Anjum and Joint environment for SMEs, enabling them to address

He said that Prim

ISLAMABAD (APP): corresponding week of last

appointed **ADB** council measured by the Sensitive Price Indicator (SPI), member witnessed a nominal increase of 0.05 percent for ISLAMABAD (APP) Director, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Dr. Abid Qaiyum Suleri has

the combined consumption groups during the week ended on September 26, the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) reported been appointed as the member of the Advisory on Friday.

Council (2024-26) of the Asian Development Bank under review in the above-

Linzheng, Deputy Mayor Road Initiative (BRI) and Sun Deshi, Group project besides CPEC, he Short term inflation

in Pakistan and investment in the Special Economic

SBP injects **Rs1589** billion into market

KARACHI (APP): The State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) injected Rs1,589.5

billion in the market through reverse repo purchase Open Market Operation (OMO) on

Friday. According to OMO results issued here, the SBP conducted Open Market Operation, Reverse Repo Purchase (Injection) on September 27, 2024 for 7-

Abdul Aleem Khan

achieve national prosperity and safeguard efficient and competitive, sovereignty," he said in a with fast container televised address while delivery services in chairing a meeting of the collaboration with the prime minister's private sector. committee to address logistic issues faced by seaports in Karachi.

The meeting was 2022, which reviewed 350 attended by key seaports and placed stakeholders, including the Karachi and Bin Qasim Secretary of Maritime ports at numbers 84 and 90 Affairs, the Secretary of respectively, he expressed Railways and members of a firm resolve to include the Planning Commission. Pakistani seaports among

He called for the list of the top $5\overline{0}$ advancing the national equipped with the "fastest growth strategy by clearance services."

Consul General Shante

Moore visited Khyber

Pakhtunkhwa Board of

Investment and Trade and

held a meeting with Special Assistant to Chief

Minister on Industries,

Commerce and Technical

Education Abdul Karim

Tordher and KP Board of

Investment and Trade

(KPBOIT) Team here on

Pakistan bee keepers,

exporters and honey

Industrialists Association

Hattar SEZ and Shaheed

Peshawar also attended the

welcomed the US Consul

The Special Assistant

Representatives of all

association.

Friday.

traders'

meeting

"This is the only way vowed to make the The country's seaports more Council is the subsidiary body of the Institute which is an independent organization providing

technical assistance and advice on identifying Citing a World Bank effective strategies for ontainers improved operations and Competitiveness Report also to review and comment on strategy and work program of the institute, said a press release on Friday. The

Advisory Council of the Institute comprises of seven or more members to be appointed by the President of the Bank, one of whom shall be from among the senior

staff of the Bank and the remaining members shall be distinguished practitioners.

PSX loses 365 more points

Sarwar briefed him on the SLAMABÂD (APP): aspects of investment and trade potential of Khyber Director Business Facilitation also highlighted that bilateral trade cooperation and relations between United State of America and Pakistan can 81,657.97 points on the further be extended in

different sectors of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. In that regards a mechanism may be established for exchange of business delegations. Furthermore. invitation for participation in Islamabad international Benazir Women University expo and investment billion on the last trading conference 2024 was day. As many as 439

council general with a request to engage US General while Director business community

The 100-Index of the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) continued with bearish trend on Friday, losing 365.83 points, a negative change of 0.45 percent, closing at 81,292.13 points against

last working day. A total of 339,323,128 shares were traded during the day as compared to 423,942,319 shares the previous trading day, whereas the price of shares stood at Rs 12.893 billion against Rs.17.671

extended to the honourable companies transacted their shares in the stock market 129 of them recorded gains and 234 sustained losses.

mentioned group was per cent and went up to Advisory 311.09 points from last recorded at 317.76 points as compared to 317.61 week's 310.84 points. points during the past week

Rs1,589.5 billion. The central bank received 14 bids for 7-day tenor for cumulatively offering an amount of Rs1,420.050 billion at the rate of return.

Pak elected

member of

ASOSAI

Socrat Aman Rana gave a presentation to update the implementation process of Action Plan on this country.

meeting. SMEDA CEO Minister Shehbaz Sharif had established a Steering Committee on SMEs for monitoring and tracking the SME Policy 2021 & SME development in the

by AFD for gender reforms

within NTDC. It was the

last session of a series of

six workshops after

Islamabad, Faisalabad,

Multan, Hyderabad and

conducted by Dr. Farzana

Bari, a lead trainer from

NIRAS. Key topics

covered in the workshop,

constructs of gender,

intersectional approaches,

Pakistan's constitutional

The training was

societal

gender

international

Peshawar.

included,

and

NTDC training workshop concludes

AHORE (APP): The The firm has been engaged National Transmission and Despatch Company (NTDC) Human Resource Department organized a two-day training workshop on gender mainstreaming and women empowerment at a local

hotel here on Friday. General Manager (HR) Engr. Sohail Mumtaz Bajwa was the chief guest of the concluding ceremony, who gave away shields and certificates to the trainers and participants.

commitments to gender The workshop was conducted in collaboration equality and the need of with French Development formal Agency (AFD) and its mainstreaming policies consultancy firm NIRAS. within NTDC.



ISLAMABAD: A vendor is selling walnuts on a cart in capital city.



SPI

LAHORE: Punjab Finance Minister Mujtaba Shuja-ur-Rehman presides over the 8th meeting of Punjab Public Finance Management Reforms Steering Committee.

Govt to build 13 new model markets in Punjab

In this connection, a under the chairmanship of

Provincial Minister of Industry and Commerce Chaudhry Shafay Hussain.

In the meeting, it was decided to build new model markets. These model markets will be built in the districts where these markets do not exist. After the approval, the project of more model markets.

ISLAMABAD (APP): In

the run-up to the 75th

anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of

China, a report titled 'China's 75-Year Journey:

Breaking Myths & Inspiring Hope' has been

published by KTrade

Securities Limited, a

leading stock and

commodity brokerage in

economic growth over the

past decades, characterized

by speed, consistency, and

a broad impact on global

markets and emerging

China Economic Net,

In an interview with

The report highlights

remarkable

Pakistan.

China's

economies.

KTrade

Governing Board LAHORE (APP): The building new model bazaars New model markets

Governing Board of the Asian Organisation of Supreme Audit Institutions Okara, (ASOSAI) (2024-27) at the latest assembly in New Delhi India. On the final day of

board for the

for the establishment of 13 organisation.

Chairman, Ali Farid short period," he added. He Khwaja, described China's also pointed out that 75-year economic journey China's economic growth has lifted 800 million as an inspiring model for emerging markets and people out of poverty, underdeveloped nations. making it a unique success

CPEC, a key to Pakistan's economic growth: KTrade report

He remarked that story Khwaja explained China has successfully that unlike traditional dismantled myths that developing countries cannot catch up with models of economic growth, which were often advanced economies. "For driven by resource years, people from countries like India, Pakistan, and Africa believed they needed to extraction, China's rise was based on domestic reforms and more efficient use of migrate to developed nations to seek better opportunities. However, China's rapid economic growth has demonstrated that it is possible to catch

existing resources. He emphasized that China's

development was not a zero-sum game but rather focused on equitable growth. China's approach of producing high-quality, up and become a developed affordable products in Securities country within a relatively

telecommunications, LED technology, solar energy, and electric vehicles has made these technologies accessible to a global audience. "In certain cases, China even subsidized these technologies for other countries, allowing them to achieve equitable economic growth with their indigenous resources," he added The China-Pakistan

Economic Corridor (CPEC), launched in 2013 under China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), was identified in the report as a key driver of Pakistan's leveraging Pakistan's industries such as

geographical importance and contributing to the country's growth, particularly in the Large-Scale Manufacturing (LSM) sector. Over the past decade, Pakistan's LSM index grew by 43%, with further growth expected as Special Economic Zones (SEZs) under CPEC become operational by 2030. The report also referenced the Asian Development Bank (ADB), which estimates that CPEC could increase Pakistan's GDP by 2.5% by 2030 through infrastructure socio-economic improvements, enhanced development. The report connectivity, and the praised CPEC for establishment of new industries



PESHAWAR: Consumers are looking for imported car accessories and spare parts at the largest market for new and used auto parts in Shuba Bazaar.

13 new model markets in model bazaars is estimated different districts of Punjab. meeting was held in the committee room of the Punjab Investment Board Narowal,

Khanewal, Patuki, and Jardanwala.

ISLAMABAD (APP) Punjab government on will be taken forward, the Pakistan's Supreme Audit Institution (SAI) on Friday Friday has decided to build cost of building 13 new at Rs3 billion. elected a member of the will be constructed in Muzaffargarh, Mandi Bahauddin,

Chiniot, Chunian, Wazirabad,

the 16th ASOSAI Assembly held in New Delhi from 21 – 27 September, the country's SAI, the Office of the Auditor General of Pakistan, became a member of the governing

While giving a briefing in the meeting, it was

decided that this project of public welfare will be completed quickly, and the place has been identified

Sharqpur, Bhalwal, Jhelum

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of world leaders at the U.N. General Assembly, where

Trump vows to end Ukraine war quickly as he meets with Zelenskiy

Monitoring Desk NEW YORK: Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump said on Friday he would work with both Ukraine and Russia to end their war, as he stood next to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy before their meeting in New York. Speaking to reporters at Trump Tower, Zelenskiy said he wanted to discuss his "victory plan" for Ukraine with Trump during their first meeting since 2019. He said he was meeting both Trump and his Democratic rival in the Nov 5 election, Vice President Kamala Harris, because Ukraine needed strong US support in its continuing war with Russia.

Trump praised Zelenskiy, but said he also had a solid relationship with Russian President Vladimir Putin. "We have a very good relationship (with Zelenskiy), and I also

have a very good relation-ship, as you know, with President Putin," Trump said. "And I think if we win, I think we're going to get it resolved very quickly," he marked change in tone from added.

Zelenskiy and Trump stood alongside one another, with the Ukrainian president occasionally looking up at Trump during the latter's remarks to journalists. Zelenskiy has used his US visit to pro-mote his "victory plan," which a US official described as a repackaged request for more weapons and a lifting of restrictions on the use of long-range missiles. The plan presup-

cial said. Some officials see the aim as unrealistic. When asked on Thursday by a reporter if Ukraine should hand over some land and see what we could

Trump replied: "We'll see what happens." Still, Trump said on Friday he was pleased some of his previous comments on the campaign trail. On Monday, Trump

said Zelenskiy wanted Harris to win the election. He has also called Zelenskiy "the greatest salesman of all time" because his country has received billions of dollars in military aid from the United States and Europe.

"It's an honor to have the president with us, and he's been through a lot," Trump said on Friday "He's been through a treposes the ultimate defeat of mendous amount, like Russia in the war, the offiprobably nobody else, almost nobody else in history, if you really get right down to it, and we're go-

ing to have a discussion to Russia to end the war - a come up with.³



and Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskiy meet at Trump Tower in New York City, U.S.

Israeli bombing sends people fleeing Lebanon to war-ravaged Syria

Monitoring Desk JDEIDET YABUS: Lebanese man Hassan Slim had avoided Syria for years as war raged in the neighbouring country, but has now found himself fleeing there as Israeli pounded strikes Lebanon's south.

Slim, 24, was waiting Wednesday with his elderly mother for their papers to be processed on the Syrian side of a border crossing, after a dramatic escalation this week of the dark

nearly 12 months of cross-border clashes between Lebanon's Hezbollah and Israeli forces. "We were avoiding

Syria because of the war, but now war is at our doorstep and we have to flee," said Slim, from south Lebanon, who has not visited since civil conflict erupted there in 2011. "I don't know how

long I'll stay in Syria, I'm afraid of this leap in

Ex-defence minister Ishiba set to become Japan's next PM

parliament.

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OKYO: Veteran lawmaker Shigeru Ishiba was set on Friday to become Japan's next prime minister after winning a closely fought contest in his fifth and final attempt to lead the ruling Liberal Democratic

Ishiba prevailed over hardline nationalist shutters after Sanae Takaichi in a runoff vote in what was thorities cut ties with dip-

seen as one of the most unpredictable leadership elections in decades with a record nine candidates in the field.

China and nuclear-armed North Korea

Party's (LDP) leadership election in Tokyo.

Australia, Britain to

strike treaty for joint

production of submarines

after landslide, killing 15 Monitoring Desk JAKARTA: At least 15 people died in the collapse of an illegal gold mine in Indonesia's province of West Sumatra, following a land-

slide caused by heavy rains, an official said on Friday, while rescuers are scrambling to locate seven missing. Small-scale and illegal mining has often caused accidents in Indonesia, where mineral resources are located in remote areas in conditions difficult for authorities to

Indonesia gold

mine collapses

7-year-old **Indian boy** killed in ritual sacrifice

Monitoring Desk NEW DELHI: Five people were arrested in India for era, is essentially assured of the killing of a seven-yearbecoming Japan's premier old boy in an alleged ritual because of its majority in sacrifice aimed at bringing good fortune to a public The scramble to reschool, police said on Friplace current premier day.

Fumio Kishida was sparked The victim was found in August when he andead in his bed on Sunday nounced his intention to night at the hostel where he step down over a series of lived in the city of Hathras, scandals that plunged the not far from the country's Liberal Democratic Party's

famed Taj Mahal. (LDP) ratings to record Instead of alerting authorities, police said that Ishiba must quell anschool director Dinesh ger at home over rising liv-Baghel hid the body in the ing costs and navigate a trunk of his car. Police ofvolatile security environficer Himanshu Mathur told AFP that the boy was killed before a black magic ceremony conducted by Baghel's father.

Netanyahu vows to use 'full force' against Hezbollah and dims hopes for a cease-fire attend the annual gathering

Monitoring Desk IEW YORK: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Thursday vowed to carry out "full force" strikes against Hezbollah until it ceases firing rockets across the border, dimming hopes for a cease-fire proposal put forth by U.S. and European officials. Israel carried out a new

U.S. and European officials were putting heavy pressure on both sides of the conflict to accept a proposed 21-day halt in the fighting to give time for diplomacy and avert all-out war. Nearly 700 people have been killed in Lebanon this week as Israel dramatically escalated strikes, saying it is targeting strike in the Lebanese capital, which killed a senior the military capacity of Hezbollah commander, and Hezbollah - the Iranianbacked Shiite group that is the militant group launched dozens of rockets into Isthe strongest armed force in rael. Tens of thousands of Lebanon. Israeli leaders say Israeli and Lebanese people they are determined to stop living near their countries' the group's cross-border attacks, which began after border have been displaced by the fighting. Netanyahu spoke as he arrived in New York to

Iran treads carefully, backing Hezbollah while avoiding war

Despite the surge in **Monitoring Desk** hostilities, Iran appears de-TEHRAN: As violence between Israel and Hezbollah termined to avoid direct escalates. Iran is walking a military confrontation. tightrope by supporting Hezbollah without being 'Íran is not going to be pulled into war," said dragged into a full-blown conflict and playing into its Hamid Gholamzadeh, an Iran-based political expert.

enemy's hands. national Crisis Group said With a focus on eas-Iran's strategy was to ing its isolation and reviving its battered economy, project power, without directly engaging, especially Iran is aware that war could complicate efforts to secure as escalation could benefit relief from crippling sanc-Israel and impact the US tions

election. "Iran does not want to play into its arch-Cross-border fire between Israel and Hezbollah, enemy's hands," said Vaez, sparked by Hamas's Octonoting Iran's priority was securing sanctions relief and ber 7 attack on Israel, has some economic stability. intensified, especially after last week's sabotage on Hezbollah's communications that killed 39 people. Israeli air strikes on Hezbollah strongholds in Lebanon followed, killing

Even during its firstever direct attack on Israel in April - retaliation for an air strike Tehran's embassy annex in Damascus - most missiles were intercepted hundreds. Hezbollah retaliby Israel's defences or alated with rocket barrages. lied forces

Ali Vaez of the Inter-

Harris heads to the **US-Mexico border to face** down criticism of her record

Harris recounts how PHOENIX: Vice President sweeping bipartisan pack-Kamala Harris on Friday age aiming to overhaul the will make her first visit to federal immigration system the U.S.-Mexico border collapsed in Congress ear-

launched by the People's SYDNEY: Fijian President Ratu Wiliame Katonivere Liberation Army Rocket Force at 8:44 a.m. Beijing called for "respect for our time (0044 GMT) on region" and a stop to missile tests in the Pacific Wednesday and "fell into expected sea areas," the Ocean, after China launched an intercontinental ballistic Chinese defence ministry said on Wednesday.

Australian Trea

dummy warhead, was

our region' after

China missile test

An AFP reporter saw a notice hung on the gate to

staff.

A view shows damage at the site of Israeli strike in Saksakiyeh, southern Fiji urges 'respect for Afghan

embassy in UK Party.

Taliban cuts ties **Monitoring Desk** LONDON: Afghanistan's embassy in London closed on Friday after Taliban au-

lomatic missions set up by The leader of the LDP, the previous government in Kabul and fired its UK

ment in East Asia fuelled by an increasingly assertive which has ruled Japan for almost all of the post-war

United Nations General Assembly in New York. Katonivere recalled the Pacific Ocean's history as a nuclear weapons testing and noted ground. Wednesday's rare launch by China of an intercontinental ballistic missile.

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Lebanon.

missile.

In

"There was a unilateral test firing of a ballistic missile into the Pacific Ocean. We urge respect for our region and call for cessation of such action," he said.

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TUNIS: Tunisia's parlia-

ment was set to vote on a

major amendment to the

electoral law on Friday,

nine days before a presi-

dential election that oppo-

sition groups fear will ce-

ment President Kais Saied's

ministrative Court of its

authority to adjudicate elec-

toral disputes. It is likely

to pass in an assembly

elected in 2022 on an 11%

turnout after Saied dis-

Court is widely seen as the

last independent judicial

body, after Saied dissolved

the Supreme Judicial Coun-

cil and dismissed dozens of

tingent erected iron barriers

to block access to parlia-

ment, dozens of protesters

As a large police con-

judges in 2022.

The Âdministrative

solved the previous one.

The bill strips the Ad-

authoritarian rule.

The ICBM, carrying a ported.

Tunisia assembly votes on

election bill days before

poll, protest looms

Jim Chalmers said he had the consular section readraised the missile test in a ing: "The embassy of the meeting with his counter-Republic of Afghanistan is part in Beijing. In French Polynesia, closed " No one answered the door but the country's media reported the missile flag was still flying. landed near to the French

Afghan ambassador Pacific territory's exclusive to the UK Zalmai Rassoul economic zone, with Presiannounced on social medent Moetai Brotherson dia earlier this month that expressing surprise and the embassy would close concern. Brotherson sent a "at the official request of protest letter to the Chinese the host country" on Sep-Embassy after learning of tember 27. the missile launch in the media, Radio Tahiti re-

UK's 'youngest knife murderers' handed detention terms

Monitoring Desk LONDON: Britain's "youngest knife murder-

has come!' Civil rights activists and opposition parties including the Free Constitutional Party, whose leader is in jail, called for protests

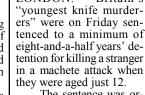
said. "We are at the peak of absurdity and one-man rule." The court this month ordered the electoral commission to reinstate disqualified presidential candidates, saying the legitimacy of the Oct 6 election was in

But the commission defied the court and has allowed only two candidates to run against Saied



they are under 18, killed Shawn Seesahai, 19, in a park in Wolverhampton, central England, last November. They were described in court as "the youngest knife murderers" and are also believed to be the youngest convicted of murder in Britain since

1993, when 11-year-old. Robert Thompson and Jon Venables were found guilty of killing a toddler, James Bulger.



produce a new class of nuclear-powered subma-rine, under the AUKUS partnership which also includes the United States. Australia will buy US Virginia class nuclear-powered submarines from the

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United States in the next decade, with Britain and Australia later building a new class of AUKUS submarine at Barrow-in-Furness in Britain, and in South Aus-tralia, under the AUKUS of the treaty," he added.

pact announced in 2023 We will be negotiating a SYDNEY: Australia and treaty, a bilateral treaty, be-Britain said they would tween Australia and the UK strike a bilateral treaty to to enable our portion of AUKUS," Australian De-fence Minister Richard Marles told reporters after a meeting with his British and US counterparts on Thursday in London. "We will be operating the same class of submarine. So when you look at the industrial co-

One of candidates Shigeru Ishiba casts his ballot at the Liberal Democratic

operation, the technology transfer, the way in which all of those mechanisms operate to do that, that is the subject

Taiwan says it looks forward to deepening ties with Japan under Ishiba

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AIPEI: Taiwan President Lai Ching-te is looking forward to deepening ties with Japan's ruling party under Shigeru Ishiba's leadership, Lai's Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) said on Friday.

Former defence minister Ishiba is set to become Japan's prime minister after winning a closely fought contest earlier on Friday in his fifth attempt to lead the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP).

Lai congratulates Ishiba, who visited Taipei last month and met Lai on his election as LDP leader, the DPP said in a statement. Chinese-claimed Taiwan.

Both parties have a deep friendship and Lai has always attached great importance to the development of relations and looks forward to further deepening regular exchanges on all levels and co-operation under Ishiba, the DPP added.

As well as being president, Lai is also the DPP's chairman. Taiwan's foreign ministry said in a separate statement that it had told its de facto embassy in To-

kyo to send congratulations on behalf of the government to Ishiba at the earliest opportunity. Japan, like most

countries, does not have formal diplomatic ties with

in India **Monitoring Desk** MANIPUR: The suspension of internet and mobile data services in the Indian state, Manipur, has highlighted significant cybersecurity failures in the coun-

Internet shutdown

in Manipur

exposes cyber-

security failures

try. Media reports indicated that the internet blackout, KYIV: Russian forces staimplemented in September tioned in the southern bor-2024 amid rising tensions der region of Rostov fired and protests, served as a the missile that killed cover for broader cyber-se-Reuters safety adviser curity shortcomings, raising Ryan Evans and wounded concerns about both intertwo of the agency's journal and external cyber nalists when it struck a hothreats to India. tel in eastern Ukraine last

Japanese man acquitted of **1966 murders** after 45 years on death row **Monitoring Desk**

TOKYO: A Japanese man Sea of Azov near the Ukraisaid to have spent the nian border. world's longest time on death row was acquitted of vices said there were two murder on Thursday, his Russian units operating legal team said, ending his close to the launch site at family's search for justice that time: the 1st Guards rocket brigade of the 49th after a wrongful conviction Army and the 107th Guards for crimes committed OCKC Army. The rocket brigade of the 35th nearly 60 years ago. The Shizuoka district court cleared Iwao Hakamada, 88, military's general staff, in in a retrial of the murders of four people in the censeparate written responses to Reuters' questions, said tral Japanese region in that there was also a third 1966. It was sweet to hear the words "not guilty" in the courtroom, said Hideko Hakamada, who has battled

unit near Taganrog that could have conducted the strike: the 47th rocket brigade of the 8th Army. for decades to clear her The general staff's younger brother's name.

since becoming the Demo-cratic presidential nominee to confront head-on one of her biggest vulnerabilities ahead of the November election. She is scheduled to appear in Douglas, Arizona, as former President Donald Trump and his fellow Republicans pound Harris relentlessly over the Biden administration's record on migration and fault the vice president for spending little time visiting the border during her time in the White House.

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Immigration and border security are top issues in Arizona, the only battleground state that borders Mexico and one that contended with a record influx of asylum seekers last year. Trump has an edge with voters on migration, and Harris has gone on offense to improve her standing on the issue and defuse a key line of political attack for Trump. In nearly every that operated trans campaign speech she gives, and at the border.

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month, four Ukrainian se-

services, in previously un-

reported details of the Aug.

24 attack shared with

Reuters, said the missile

was launched from a site

close to Taganrog, a Rus-

sian city on the coast of the

The intelligence ser-

Ukrainian

Ukraine's intelligence

curity sources said.

"The American people

deserve a president who cares more about border security than playing po-litical games," Harris plans to say, according to an excerpt of her remarks previewed by her campaign.

After the immigration legislation stalled, the Biden administration announced rules that bar migrants from being granted asylum when U.S. officials deem that the southern border is overwhelmed. Since then, arrests for illegal border crossings have fallen.Harris will also use her trip to remind voters about her work as attorney general of California in confronting crime along the border. During an August rally in Glendale, outside Phoenix, she talked about helping to prosecute drug- and people-smuggling gangs that operated transnationally

Russian forces fired missile that killed Reuters safety adviser, Ukraine says

statement said a Russian Iskander 9M723 ballistic missile was fired from the area at around 22:28 (1928 GMT) and struck the Sapphire Hotel in Kramatorsk, where the Reuters team was staying, seven minutes later.

The general staff said the Iskander-M is accurate to within 30 metres of its intended target. However, it said it had no information that Russia had deliberately designated the Sapphire as a priority target nor any intercepts that could shed light on why the hotel was struck.

In a written response to Reuters' questions, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said that they were for the armed forces to answer.

"For our part, we can repeat once again - our armed forces strike only at objects directly or indirectly connected with the military infrastructure, Peskov added.

Russia's defence ministry did not reply to Reuters' written questions.

Neither the Ûkrainian intelligence services nor the general staff statement explained how they traced the launch site to Taganrog.

question.

New York City Mayor Eric Adams walks outside his official residence Gracie Mansion, after he was charged with bribery and illegally soliciting a campaign contribution from a foreign national, in New York City, U.S.

election". Some chanted "Dictator Saied ... your turn in a machete attack when The sentence was ordered as a nationwide ban on "zombie" style knives and machetes with blades of over 20 centimetres came into force on Saturday. this week to curb a wave of "We are witnessing horrifying killings by young the capture of the state people. The two boys, who days before the vote," poare now aged 13 and cannot litical activist Chaima Issa be identified legally because

Daily **Independent**, Quetta

Amir Muqam stresses for welfare of coalmines workers

QUETTA (APP): Federal Minister for States and Frontier Regions

(SAFRON) Amir Muqam on Friday said that all out efforts would be taken to ensure the protection of coalminers and basic facilities as the workers working in the coal mines are the asset of the country.

The workers are working hard and contributing to the country's economy and development, Amir Muqam said while addressing a ceremony organized in the honor of coal mines workers.

He said that the people associated with the coal mines would be provided all the facilities and privileges for avoiding tragic incidents in the mining sites. He said on the mines where injustice was done with the workers will be sealed and ban would be also imposed on those

mines in the province which lack precautionary mea-

tion of coal mine workers.

ISLAMABAD (INP): Pa-

kistan has received "signifi-

cant financing assurances"

from China, Saudi Arabia

and the United Arab Emir-

ates linked to a new International Monetary Fund

program that go beyond a

deal to roll over \$12 billion

in bilateral loans owed to

them by Islamabad, an IMF

official said on Thursday.

sion Chief Nathan Porter de-

clined to provide details of

IMF Pakistan Mis-

IMF Pak chief says

received from China,

UAE, Saudi Arabia

additional financing amounts kistan has staged a "really

committed by the three coun- remarkable" economic turn-

tries but said they would come around since mid-2023,

The IMF's Executive

Board on Wednesday ap-proved a new \$7 billion, 37-

month loan agreement for

Pakistan that requires

'sound policies and re-

forms" to strengthen mac-

roeconomic stability. The

approval releases an imme-

diate \$1 billion disburse-

ment to Islamabad. The cri-

sis-wracked South Asian

country has had 22 previ-

ous IMF bailout programs

with inflation down dramati-

cally, stable exchange rates

and foreign reserves that have

more than doubled. "So what

we've seen is the benefits of

undertaking good policies," Porter said, adding that the

challenge now was to build

stronger growth.

since 1958. Porter said Pa-

sures. Amir Muqam said that no compromise will be made on the protection and rights of the workers working in the coal mine.

The government was the key priority to provide all possible facilities to the workers, their all legitimate demands would be addressed. He also announced 2 ambulances for the coal mine workers.

Engineer Amii Muqam hailed the approval of 7 billion dollar ÎMF deal, which will stabilize the economy of the country.

"The political rivals of aPrime Minister Shehbaz the PML-N and anti Paki-Sharif emphasized his stan elements tried their government's commitment best to sabotage the finanto strengthening trade and cial deal to put the country investment ties between in the financial crises, how Pakistan and the United ever their nefarious designs States during a meeting failed," Amir Mugam rewith a delegation from the marked. US-Pakistan Business Federal Minister said

Council in New York on that those who destroy Friday. Addressing the delpeace cannot be Pakistanis egation, which included the

president, senior officials, and corporate leaders from leading US companies, he expressed a strong desire to

PM meets Nepalese counterpart EW YORK (APP): Prime

Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Friday held a meeting with his Nepalese counterpart K.P. **QUETTA: Federal Minister for States and Fron-**Sharma Oli and expressed tier Regions (SAFRON) Amir Muqam addresses a Pakistan's desire to further ceremony in honoring the hard work and dedicastrengthen the multifaceted

bilateral cooperation, especially in commercial, economic, trade, and tourism sectors. More financing assurances

In the meeting, held on the sidelines of the 79th Session of the United Nations General Assembly here, the two leaders reiterated their commitment to continue exploring avenues for enhancing bilateral and

regional cooperation. Prime Minister Shehbaz congratulated K.P. Sharma Oli on assuming the office of the prime minis-

Expressing satisfaction at the excellent bilateral ties between Pakistan and Nepal, he conveyed warm sentiments and wishes for the people and the Government of Nepal on behalf of the people of Pakistan. Minister

Prime Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif also extended an in-

istan.

vitation to the Nepalese

NEW YORK (APP): attract American invest- executing projects in four ments in key sectors to foscritical areas: agriculture, information technology, ter growth and prosperity. During his remarks, energy, and mining.

the prime minister high-He explained that the lighted the government's SIFC aims to enhance infocus on improving the ease vestor confidence and expeof doing business in Pakidite project implementation stan, noting that gathering through tailored solutions insights from the corporate and demand-driven supsector is a top priority. port. The prime minister He introduced the

Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC), a high-level, one-stop agency designed to assist foreign fintech), pharmaceuticals, investors in planning and oil and gas, and mining-

Governor, Federal **Minister SAFRON** visit Ziarat valley

visited the Quaid-e-Azam Residency where they also planted saplings in it's premises. Later, they also met the local leaders and workers of Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N). Earlier, the Deputy

Federal Minister SAFRON

Commissioner Ziarat, Liaquat Ali Kakar welcomed

tional at the US Chamber identified several sectors in of Commerce; Esperanza Pakistan's economy-par-Jelalian, President of the ticularly agriculture, the US-Pakistan Business Council; and Steven Kobos, tech sector (including President and CEO of Excelerate Energy

where US companies could

take advantage of favorable

government policies and

engage in mutually benefi-

cial projects. Attendees in-

cluded prominent represen-

tatives of US investors in

Pakistan, such as John

Murphy, Senior Vice Presi-

dent and Head of Interna-

Ahsan hails Pak-China friendship, urges following Chinese model of development

ISLAMABAD (APP): the country. Minister for Planning, De- He said a number of Minister for Planning, Dévelopment and Special Initiatives Professor Ahsan Iqbal has lauded allweather friendship between Pakistan and China, stressing the need to follow the Chinese model of national

past few decades, Ahsan Iqbal praised the country's ability to lift 800 million people out of poverty in development. 'Peace, consistency of policies and implementjust three to four decades ing reforms in all sectors are prerequisites for progress an achievement unprecand development of any edented in human history. country and we can learn this from China," he said China's success lies not while addressing a ceronly in its modernization emony held to mark the National Day of China, a but also in its preservation of a unique cultural idennews release said on Friday.

Pakistan and China.

Acknowledging

national development, the

minister said China brought

investment in Pakistan

when no country was will-

ing to make investment in

tity "China's success has The ceremony was organized by China Global Television Network and shown that modernization does not have to come at featured folk performances the cost of losing one's culby cultural troupes from tural roots," he remarked.

China's distinctive approach—what the min-ister called the "Chinese China's role in Pakistan's style of development"has allowed it to forge its own path, independent of Western models of democracy and capitalism.

projects were started in the

country under the banner of

China Pakistan Economic

Reflecting on China's remarkable rise over the

He emphasized that

Corridor (CPEC).

NEW YORK: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif meets with a delegation of the US-Pakistan Business Council on the sidelines of 79th session of the United Nations General Assembly.

Based on UN resolutions Pakistan urges OIC to boost efforts for 'just' settlement of Kashmir dispute

JNITED NATIONS (APP): Pakistan has called on the Islamic Cooperation Organization (OIC) to scale up its efforts for the mitigation of the Kashmiri people's sufferings and finding a just settlement of the Jammu and Kashmir

57-member organization to transform its pronouncements on the decades-old dispute into "tangible actions. "The OIC and its

Member States should use their influence to urge India to improve the human rights dispute in accordance with situation in Kashmir; re-United Nations resolutions lease the political prisoners; that grant the Kashmiri repeal draconian emergency people the right to self-de-

Deputy Foreign Minister Nuh Yilmaz, Azerbaijan's Deputy Foreign Minister ELnur Mammadov, Saudi Arabia's Minister Plenipotentiary at Foreign Ministry, Ambassador Haitham Al-Aalki, and Niger's Director of International Organizations at the Foreign Ministry, Hama Knsave Souleymane. the meeting was presided over by OIC





QUETTA: Senator Abdul Shakoor Achakzai meet-

ing with Governor Balochistan Sheikh Jaffar

Governor says

Different areas of Balochistan

can become new attractive &



Khan Mandokhail



KARACHI: Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Asim Munir addressing inaugural ceremony of Innovista Indus IT Park, a hub aimed at empowering Pakistan's youth by fostering academia-industry collabora tion in the field of Information Technology, particularly Artificial Intelligence **PM Shehbaz calls for enhanced**

investment, trade ties with the US

on top of the debt rollover. "I won't go into the specifics, but UAE, China and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia all provided significant financing assurances joined up in this program," Porter told reporters on a conference call

SOHBATPUR: Provincial Minister for Communication & Works Mir Saleem Khosa inspecting different development projects during his visit of Sohbatpur

Sardar Khetran says: Govt. determined to develop Balochistan despite financial hardships

Independent Report QUETTA: The Provincial Minister for Public Health Engineering (PHE) Sardar Abdul Rehman Khetran has stated that the provincial government is determined to develop the province de-spite financial hardships.

He said that concrete steps are being taken for timely completion of the ongoing development and welfare projects in the province.

He said that the present government has put the province on path of development of the province.

The Minister was speaking to the Parliamentary Secretary Excise,

Muhammad Khan Lehri and former Deputy Speaker of provincial assembly, Sardar Babar Musakhail who called on him here on Friday During the course of

meeting, they discussed about the issues of people besides the steps being taken for their welfare.

Sardar Abdul Rehman Khetran said that it is top priority of the government to resolve the issues being

faced by the people. He said that development projects have been started for public welfare.

He said that it is our aim to bring positive change in life of the people.



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According to the DC office, the meeting focused on improving education in

Education officials including District Officer Malala Kakar and Deputy District Education Officer Jzmi Gilani attended the meeting. They briefed the DC about the current state of schools, teacher attendance and performance in the district. Speaking at the neeting, DC emphasized

QUETTA: View of traffic jam due to protest demonstration of relatives of Suhail Khan, Transporter against his kidnapping and demanding for his recovery as soon as possible, in Quetta.

profitable hub of tourism

prime minister to visit Pa-**Independent Report** QUETTA: The Governor Seven more Balochistan, Jaffar Khan Mandokhail has stated that killed, 46 practical steps are being injured in taken for promotion of tourism in the country es-Kurram pecially Balochistan due to the special interest of skirmishes

Prime Muhammad ESHAWAR (APP): The territorial skirmishes among rival groups in Kurram con-Sharif stated in a special video tinued on seventh consecumessage issued on eve of the tive day with a death toll of

World Tourism Day ob-46 and 98 injured. According to the poserved on Friday. lice, clashes among tribes continued in different villages of Kurram district. with use of heavy arms and ammunition

According to the hospital sources, five more people killed while 12 others injured in fresh clashes.

Meanwhile the Parachinar - Peshawar main road and Pak-Afghan Kharlachi border remained closed for traffic causing shortage of food items, fuel and medicine in the area. Deputy Commis-sioner Javedullah Mehsud

said that efforts were being made with the district administration, police, mili-tary leadership, tribal leaders and Jirga members for a ceasefire.

DC leads meeting on education in

Chaman (APP) Deputy Commissioner

Abbas led an important meeting of the District Eduation Group at the DC office, on Friday. tourist

Balochistan. Talking to PTV news. Chaman district.

region and showcase its unique history, traditions, and natural beauty. 'Balochistan is home

the importance of educa-tion. He said, "We are takto numerous unexplored wonders, waiting to be dising all possible steps to covered by tourists," Magsi oost the morale of the said education department. "From the majestic

place of Quaid-e-Azam Residency on Friday.

The Governor said that different areas of Balochistan can become new attractive and profitable centers for tourism. He referred to the natural scenes, over 700 kilometers long coastal belt, rocks and Minister mountains, fertile land of Shahbaz Mehr Garh and deserts This, the Governor found across Balochistan.

It may be mentioned here that World Tourism Day is observed on 27th September every year all The Governor was in over the globe and so in

the famous and historic Pakistan.

LASBELA: Coordinator to the Prime Minister on Climate Change, Romina Khurshid Alam distributing the Hygiene Kits to students at Hygeine Kits distributing ceremony.

Magsi invites foreign, local tourists to experience **Balochistan's beauty**

QUETTA (APP): Provin- Quaid-e-Azam Residency in Ziarat to the pristine cial Parliamentary Secretary for Culture and Tourism, beaches of Gwadar, our Nawabzada Mir Zareen province offers a diverse Khan Magsi Friday on World Tourism day exrange of attractions," he mentioned tended an invitation to both foreign and local tourists to

spots

discover the rich cultural heritage and breathtaking of Europe to enjoy their beauty, we want our province to be a destination where Pakistanis and international tourists can expe-

> extended. 'We invite you to experience our hospitality,

rich culture, and breathtaking beauty," he stressed. "Desert Rally and Jal Maghzi have

Balochistan on the global tourism map

termination.

Speaking to OIC's Contact Group on Jammu & Kashmir, which met on the sidelines of the 79th session of UN General Assembly, Defence Minster Khawaja Mohammad Asif

underscored the need for the

Admission entrance test conducted for fall semester in Gwadar University

QUETTA (APP): Gwadar University successfully conducted the entrance tes for Semester Fall 2024 Fri day in which a good number of aspirants from Gwadar district participated.

Gwadar University Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Abdul Razzaq Sabir appreciated the test organizing team for conducting the test successfully. The Vice-Chancellor

in his statement said, "The high turnout in the entrance test reflects the growing interest of students in pursuing higher education in Gwadar University, we are dedicated to offering quality education and shaping future leaders." He said that the University of Gwadar offers diverse programs in various disciplines including Management Sciences Commerce, Economic.

Cop shot dead in Bajaur

PESHAWAR (APP): Un known armed men on Friday shot dead a police constable in Khar tehsil of Bajaur district.

Police said the constable, Tahir Rehman was waiting for a vehicle on the roadside in Delly village of Khar when unknown armed men fired at him, killing him on the spot.

Police said two other people also sustained injuries in the incident and were shifted to THQ Khar. The deceased cop was deputed at Sim police station and was on a leave.

Later, the martyred police official was laid to rest at the ancestral graveput yard with complete departmental honor.

laws; remove military pres-ence from populated areas; and implement the relevant UN Security Council resolutions," Khawaja Asif added

Secretary-General Hissein Brahim Taha. Dr. Ghulam Nabi Fai,

Secretary-General of the World Kashmir awareness The five-member forum, attended in his cagroup's state members, bepacity as a True Represensides Pakistan, who were tative of the People of present were : Turkiye's Jammu and Kashmir.

Speaking on the occa-

He directed to the dis-

He said that some 73

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to serve the people.



QUETTA: Former Deputy Speaker Balochistan Assembly Babar Khan Musakhail and Parliamentary Secretary Excise Muhammad Khan Lehri meeting with Provincial Minister for PHE Sardar Abdul Rehman Khetran

Ali Hasan Zehri says: Master Plan of Rs. 6b for development of infrastructure in Hub other concerned officials.

Independent Report QUETTA: The Advisor to Chief Minister for Indussion, Mir Ali Hasan Zehri said that we are aware of tries, Ali Hasan Zehri has stated that the Master Plan the issues of unemployof Rs. 6 billion has been ment and others in Hub disapproved for development of infrastructure in Hub dis-

trict He said that the Presisolve the issues of local and dent Asif Ali Zardari has domicile certificates in the approved 3,000 labour district. quarters for the labourers in closes schools have been Ĥub, which would be constructed costing Rs. 16 bilmade functional in Hub. He lion. tration and other depart-

This was announced ments are fully mobilized by the Advisor to Chief Minister while addressing the open court in Hub on Friday.

mentioned that approval Ålso present on the has also been made for dualization of 18 kilometer occasion were Deputy Commissioner Hub, Ms. link road from Gadani to RCD highway. Rohana Gul Kakar and



HUB: Advisor to Chief Minister Balochistan on Commerce and Industry, Mir Ali Hassan Zehri listening the problems of citizens during the open court program held in Hub.

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"Balochistan is for every Pakistani," Magsi emphasized, adding, Just as people from around the world flock to UAE and