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# **International Day of Peace** Resolving Kashmir, Palestine disputes key to world peace: PM

President for promoting culture of peace, tolerance, respect to ensure dignity of all individuals

Sharif on Saturday called for fostering peace and stability in the region through dialogues.

To effectively achieve this end, it is essential to the significance of peace, resolve the longstanding disputes," he said in a message on the occasion of the International Day of Peace.

He emphasized that the foundation for any lasting resolution in the region for lasting peace in the hinged solely on one criti-Middle East, peaceful reso-

(APP): cal factor: achieving a fair lution of the dispute ac-Jammu and Kashmir dispute peacefully through an impartial plebiscite and relevant UN Security Council Resolutions.

> we must not overlook the state aggression," the prime minister said, adding that flict.

and just settlement of the cording to the UN resolutions and aspirations of the Palestinians was the need of the hour.

He said on the International Day of Peace, the "As we contemplate government and the people of Pakistan joined the global community to reflect on plight of the innocent the shared values of tolerpeople of Palestine, who ance, compassion, and coare courageously facing operation for a peaceful world, free of war and con-

"On this World Peace



meeting of the Chairpersons of the newly constituted Boards of Directors of the Power Distribution Continued on page 2 | Companies (DISCOs).

#### Sarfraz Bugti pledges to make Day, we recognize the im-Pakistan & Balochistan hub of peace on World Peace Day **Independent Report** QUETTA: The Chief Minister, Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti has made pledge to make Pakistan and Balochistan hub of peace on eve of the World Peace Day.

able world," he remarked.

said Pakistan recognized the

mon goal of peace.'

In a message issued here on the World Peace Day, the Chief Minister said that formation of developed society and survival of the

through peace.
He said that today, peace is the biggest challenge all over the world. He said that Pakistan is

humanity is possible

confronting the international conspiracies and as such we need to put our internal matters right.

The Chief Minister

said that we can't close our eyes from the negative role of the social media in spoiling the peace.

ignored in damaging the cir-

session of the UNGA.

Assembly.

cumstances of Balochistan. He said that the handlers sitting abroad are keeping youth away from the

He also said that distances are being created by growing seeds of hatred between youngsters and

He said that we have to make realize the sensitivity of circumstances. He said that we are

sending our youth all over the world including Oxford for acquiring education. He said that anti-peace

elements are motivating to create law and order by pushing them in darknesses of disappointment. He said that it is re-

sponsibility of the state to establish peace and protect every citizen.

PM to present Pakistan's

perspective at UNGA's platform

ISLAMABAD (Online): Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif

has said that he will present Pakistan's perspective to the world at the platform of the United Nations General

parting for New York to represent Pakistan at the 79th

New York full of engagements. He said that during our

interactions, we will take up global issues, promoting

KARACHI: Peoples Party (PPP) Chairman,

Bilawal Bhutto Zardari along with Bibi Asifa Bhutto

Zardari, PPP Women Central President Faryal

Talpur and others cutting cake during the Cel-

ebration ceremony of in connection of the his 36th

Birthday of Chairman PPP celebrated

Bilawal Bhutto Zardari

peace, development and climate action.

He stated this in a post on his X handle before de-

The Prime Minister said he will have a busy week in

He said that all steps He said that the role of are being taken for estabforeign elements can't be lishing peace in the prov-

# PTI's Lahore rally comes to dramatic end after city admin clampdown at dusk

LAHORE (INP) - The when the deadline for pubmuch-anticipated power show of Pakistan Tehreeke-Insaf (PTI) came to a dramatic end in Lahore as the lights were switched off moments after the expiry of 6pm deadline.

The DJ sound system was also plugged off as the deadline expired.

The dejected PTI workers started leaving the venue when police and district administration took control of the stage.

Earlier, the caravan of PTI reached Lahore from several parts of the coun-

However, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Ali Amin Gandapur couldn't make it to the venue as his convoy was at Kala Shah Kaku interchange

lic rally expired. Earlier, the party work-

ers had refused to leave the venue without listening to the speeches of central lead-

The PTI was demonstrating its public strength in Lahore's Kahna area on Saturday. The rallies from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, led by KP Chief Minister Ali Amin Gandapur, were cruising along the M2 motorway from Islamabad towards Lahore.

A number of PTI workers from all over Punjab used motorway and GT Road to reach Lahore.

Considering the pace of the movement of rallies, it could be easily anticipated that the rally would not be able to finish at the time as cial notification.

per the SOPs provided by the deputy commissioner in Friday night. The deputy commis-

sioner notified that the rally must end before 6pm. Meanwhile, prepara-tions for the rally were

completed. The stage has also been prepared and the sound system installed. Supporters, carrying

party banners and posters, reached the venue. Salman Akram Raja, Mian Azhar and other local leaders reached the venue amid reports of government efforts to place containers. The district administra-

tion granted conditional permission for a rally at Ring Road's Kahna area. The deputy commissioner has already issued the offi-



ISLAMABAD: Federal Interior Minister, Mohsin Naqvi in a meeting with Chinese Minister for Political and Legal Affairs Chen Mingguo

**Mohsin Naqvi meets** 

#### Bilawal turns 36, celebrates birthday

KARACHI (APP): The Chairman of Pakistan People's Party (PPP) Bilawal Bhutto Zardari has turned 36 years old and celebrated his birthday at Bilawal House here on Sat-

Bilawal Bhutto Zardari cut his birthday cake along with first lady Asifa Bhutto Zardari and PPP Women's Central President Faryal

Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah, former Chief Minister Syed Qaim Ali Shah and PPP members of Provincial and National Assemblies as well as Senators participated in the birthday

The PPP Chairman was congratulated on his birthday by PPP Sindh President Nisar Khoro, General Secretary Waqar Mehdi. Information Secretary Ajiz Dhamra and other party workers and parliamentarians

**Election result** of PB-27 Kech challenged in SC ISLAMABAD (Online): Election result of **Balochistan Assembly** PB-27 Kech has been challenged in Supreme Court (SC) Jamil Ahmad Dashti challenged the

success of Barkat Ali from

PML-N in SC Saturday. The petition said application was given to Returning Officer (RO) for form 45 and recounting. **RO** neither provided form 45 nor recounting was conducted. Bogus votes were cast in the constituency. Forensic be got

**Election Tribunal** (ET) dismissed the application on technical grounds rather than hearing the case on Chinese delegation led by minister Chen Mingguo During the meeting, Pakistan-China relations, particularly with Xinjiang,

terior Minister Mohsin Naqvi met with a high-level Chinese delegation led by Minister for Political and Legal Affairs Chen Mingguo, on Saturday.

Minister for Interior warmly welcomed Minister Chen Minguo and his delegation upon their arrival at the Ministry of Interior.

During the meeting, it

was agreed to enhance cooperation in various fields, including counter-terror-ism, cross-border cooperation, anti-smuggling, and anti-narcotics efforts

officers at the Xinjiang Police Academy. During the meeting, it was also agreed that comprehensive measures would

and matters of mutual in-

was agreed to conduct joint

police and paramilitary

forces exercises in Gilgit

Baltistan or Xinjiang and

train Gilgit-Baltistan police

During the meeting, it

terest were discussed.

be taken against terrorism Continued on page 2

### Musharraf, Zia's martial laws better than incumbent democratic setup: Imran

**Monitoring Desk** 

RAWALPINDI: In a fresh salvo against the incumbent ruling coalition, the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) founder Imran Khan has said that former military rulers Pervez Musharraf and Zia-ul-Haq's martial law regimes were "better" than the current democratic

Speaking to reporters during the hearing of the £190 million case at Rawalpindi's Adiala jail on Friday, Khan said that February 8 polls.

those who respect democracy and vote were standing on one side of the divide whereas on the other were those who only respected the powers that

The former prime minister, who has been behind bars for over a year now, has time and time again criticised the Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif-led administration for not being a legitimate power while citing alleged interference and manipulation in the



QUETTA: Provincial Health Minister Bakht Muhammad Kakar inspecting different sections during his surprise visit to Civil Hospital. Secretary Health Saleh Baloch is also present

#### ISLAMABAD: Member PPP Central Executive Committee Haji Ali Madad Jattak meeting with Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti PTI dares not to hold another Jalsa after flop show in Lahore: Tarar

ISLAMABAD (APP): No obstacle was placed Minister for Information, in any city, including Broadcasting, National Islamabad, Attock, and Pakistan Peoples Party Heritage and Culture Mianwali, from where the Attaullah Tarar on Saturday said the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) would not dare to hold another public gathering anywhere in the country after a flop show in Lahore which witnessed a minimal turn-out of the people.

Talking to the media, the minister said the PTI had miserably failed to galvanize the support of their workers for the public gathering in Lahore, despite the all-out facilitation by the administration which not only kept the roads completely open but also provided a foolproof security in the designated area.

PTI had asked their workers to participate in the public gathering, he said, adding their leadership and workers were given free access to enter Lahore from across the country.

He said similarly, the PTI had failed to gather the people in their public gathering of Islamabad, which also saw the presence of a small number of the people.

The minister challenged the PTI leadership to release drone shots of their public gathering in Lahore, which exposed their support among the masses.

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#### Cheques distributed among topper students of different districts of Balochistan **Independent Report**

QUETTA: The cheques were distributed among the topper students of different districts of Balochistan here on Saturday.



The Provincial Minister for Education, Ms. Raheela Hameed Khan Durrani distributed cheques among the district topper students of different examinations.

Also present on the occasion were the Secretary and other high ups of Education Department and students. The cheques were distributed among some 180 male and female students of 30 districts under Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto Scholarship Programme.

#### Yet another polio case reported from Killa Abdullah, tally of cases increases to 14 in Balochistan

**Independent Report** QUETTA: Yet another case of polio has been reported from Killa Abdullah district of Balochistan on Saturday. With this, the number

to six in Killa Abdullah and 14 in the province. The Health Department sources confirmed that the polio virus was detected in 15-months old child belonging to Massezai Union Council of the dis-

of polio cases has increased

Before this, five polio cases were reported from

Killa Abdullah.

Two polio cases were reported from Quetta with one each from Chaman, Jhal Magsi, Kharan, Pishin.

Needless to mention here that highest number of polio cases have been reported in Balochistan this

The Focal Person of the Prime Minister for Polio Eradication, Ms. Ayesha Raza Farooq has already expressed deep concern over the increasing number of polio cases in

#### Ali Madad Jatak meets Chief **Minister Independent Report**

ISLAMABAD: The mem-(PPP) and former Provin cial Minister, Ali Madad Jatak met the Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti here

in Islamabad on Saturday. During the course of meeting, they discussed the present political situation besides other matters of nutual interests

#### Reserved seats matter: PTI files petition in SC

SLAMABAD (Online): Reserved seats matter once again has reached Supreme

Court (SC). PTI has filed petition in SC on the matter of reserved seats.

The petition was filed through counsel Uzair Karamat Bhindari Satur-

day.

The petition said it be declared that amendment in election act does not apply to July 12 decision. It be declared the election commission cannot refuse to implement July 12 decision. Letter from National Assembly speaker has no legal standing with in the perspective of July 12 de-

It be declared that election commission should reject speaker national assembly letter.

#### EC gives reserved seat of NA to PPP in Punjab

ISLAMABAD (Online) Election Commission (EĆ) has given reserved seat of national assembly to PPP in Punjab. Samina Khalid Ghurki

became Member of National Assembly (MNA) on reserved seat.

EC has issued notification in this regard. EC had suspended NA seat of Samina Khalid

Ghurki under the order of Supreme Court on May 13 EC has not taken any decision on giving reserved

#### bright political future of Pakistan: Mir Sarfraz Bugti Independent Report ISLAMABAD: The 36th birth anniversary of the

Birthday held at Bilawal House

Chairman Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) Bilawal Bhutto Zardari was celebrated in Balochistan House, Islamabad on Sat-

The Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti cut the cake of birthday of Bilawal Bhutto Zardari along with other leaders of PPP, Ali Madad Jatak and others.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister said that Bilawal Bhutto Zardari is the bright political future of Pakistan He said that by the

grace of Allah Almighty, Pakistan is lucky to have the capable youth politicians like Bilawal Bhutto Zardari for better guidance of the future. Mir Sarfraz Bugti said

that Bilawal Bhutto Zardari has the honour of popular national politician of the country. He said that Pakistan

Peoples Party is proud on leadership of it's young Chairman. He said that the

Balochistan government is determined for welfare of the public under leadership and guidance of Bilawal Bhutto Zardari.



ISLAMABAD: Chairman Senate, Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani addressing the closing ceremony of 1st International Rahmatul-lil-Aalameen Wa Khatamun Nabiyyin Conference.

# UN must address India's misinterpretation of peace, says AJK conference

MIRPUR (APP): The Institute of Multi-Track Dialogue, Development, and Diplomatic Studies, in colaboration with Girls PG College Palandari, organized a Peace Conference titled 'UN Must Rescue Peace from India's Misinterpretations' to mark International Peace Day, observed on September 21

According to details, the event gathered students, scholars, and top leadership from AJ&K to discuss the significance of peace in conflict zones like . Kashmir and Palestine. The conference stressed that life, liberty, and property are universal rights,

and restoring these rights is key to achieving global peace and harmony, particularly in South Asia.

Speakers called on the United Nations to take action against India's misinterpretation of peace in these regions. Prominent figures ad-

dressing the gathering included the Minister of Higher Education AJ&K, Mr. Malik Zaffar; MLA Sardar Mohammad Hussain; Special Advisor to the Prime Minister AJ&K, Ms. Nabeela Ayub; Divisional Director of Education, Mr. Shamsi; College Principal, Ms. Nazia Akbar; and Director of IDDS, Dr. Waleed

Mr. Malik Zaffar, the chief guest, highlighted the essential role of education in fostering global peace, stating that academia serves as a credible institution capable of bridging gaps, promoting peace, and enhancing Pakistan's image internationally.

Jammu Kashmir Prime

Minister Chaudhary Anwar

ul Hag has said that since

hydropower was the most

important sector in Azad

government was naving

special attention to the

speedy uplift of this sector.

the Board of Directors of

Azad Kashmir Power De-

velopment Organization

(PDO) held at Jammu Kash-

mir House in the federal

metropolis late Friday, the

AJK Prime Minister said

that early completion of the

Addressing a meeting of

He emphasized that peace and war cannot coexist and urged the global community to recognize India's actions in Kashmir as a threat to regional stability and human rights. MLASardar

Mohammad Hussain echoed these sentiments, stressing that peace is the foundation of a just and equal world. He reiterated that Pakistan, being the largest contributor to UN peacekeeping missions, has always stood for peace but remains strong in its resolve to defend justice.

Ms. Nabeela Ayub, Special Advisor to the Prime Minister, reminded attendees of the original purpose of international institutions like the UN, which was to safeguard global peace and prevent future conflicts.

She urged the global community to dismantle India's misrepresentation of peace, ensuring the restoration of the fundamental rights of Kashmiris un-

Dr. Waleed Rasool called for unity in the face of external threats, especially India's aggressive posturing. He advocated for the Organization of Is-

der Indian occupation.

lamic Cooperation (OIC) to adopt a collective security mechanism, similar to NATO's Article 5, to strengthen its geopolitical The event concluded with the distribution of aca-

demic awards, and students presented a tableau underscoring the global responsibility to resolve the Kashmir issue peacefully. Principal Ms. Nazia Akbar expressed her grati-

tude to the participants, stressing that collective action is necessary for bringing peace to Kashmir and Palestine At the end, partici-

pants reaffirmed the call for the UN to contain India's misinterpretation of peace to ensure justice and stability in the region



LAHORE: Members of the ICC team reviewing the security and construction work at the Gaddafi Stadium in connection with the ICC Champions Trophy to be held in Pakistan

Ongoing AJK-based hydroelectric

power projects to open new

vistas to consumers: AJK PM

# **PTI challenges Practice and Procedure Ordinance in LHC**

LAHORE (INP): A day af- lify the ordinance and stop ber committee "comprising ter President Asif Ali any action taken under the the Chief Justice of Paki-Zardari signed signed the Practice and Procedure Ordinance, Pakistan Tehreeke-Insaf (PTI) lawyer Azhar Siddiqui on Saturday challenged it in the Lahore High Court (LHC).

The federal government and others have been made respondents in the petition.

It has been argued in the petition that the presidential ordinance was based on mala fide intentions. It said that the apex court had given its verdict on the Practice and Procedure Act, adding that powers of the SC couldn't be changed through the ordinance.

The applicant pleaded that the court should nul-

**Sports Desk** 

LAHORE: Pakistan Test

captain Shan Masood likely

to continue to spearhead

Pakistan against England in

the upcoming series, slated

to be happen next month.

Saturday that there was no

chance of replacing

Masood as the red-ball

skipper. Pakistan red-ball

coach Jason Gillespie and

the selectors will pick up

the final squad for the En-

gland series next week.

Gillespie will reach Lahore

MULTAN (APP): Paki-

stan women cricket team

captain Fatima Sana said

that the team's performance was commendable but the

fielding needed more atten-

Holding a press conference after the match, she

said that one area that still

needs attention was field-

ing, as it has not been up to

the mark. She said that the

team aimed to address this

in upcoming team meetings.

with a focus on improving

this aspect. Fatima ex-

pressed that the team's en-

ergy and spirit have been

excellent and "we were op-

timistic about our future

performances." She said

that though some crucial

moments were lost due to

dropped catches at critical

iunctures and despite the

setbacks, the team demon-

tion for improvement.

Pakistan for the highly-an-tralian tour.

Sources divulged on

act until final verdict by the

The federal cabinet approved the Practice and Procedure Amendment Ordinance 2024 which gives more powers to the chief

The ordinance, which amends the Supreme Court Practice and Procedure Act 2023, was sent to the president for approval which he

to the Act, the chief justice law unconstitutional. of Pakistan can nominate a judge in case of unavailability of a committee member.

the chief justice of Pakistan will constitute a three-mem-

ZHOB: Deputy Commissioner Mehboob Ahmed in group photo with teachers

ticipated Test series on

October 2 and will land in

horns on October 7 in the

first of the three Test se-

ries. Following the wrap-

ping up of the England se-

ries, the Pakistan white-ball

team is slated to touchdown

the Australian shores.

where the Green Shirts will

lock horns against the Kan-

garoos in three ODIs and

three T20Is between No-

leave for South Africa and

strated resilience and show-

the matches.

cased solid play throughout

significantly improved at a

time when the team was

preparing for major upcom-

ing events, particularly the World Cup," she added.

said that the team had

been experimenting with

new strategies through-

out the series and the ex-

perimentation would boost

the team's confidence as it

approached the World Cup.

She confessed gaps in the

batting lineup had caused

setbacks in the past, but the

team worked hard to bridge

them and showed consis-

competitive series.

"The batting form has

The Pakistan team will

vember 4 and 18.

England will arrive to Zimbabwe follow the Aus-

More attention needed to

improve fielding: Fatima

Both teams will lock

during his visit to Human Development Foundation School Kharotabad

No chance of replacing

Shan Masood as

red-ball captain

Multan

stan and two next most senior Judges, in order of se-

fore the Supreme Court." According to sources, with the implementation of the ordinance 2024, a transcript of proceedings will be written and available to the public.

niority" to hear "every

cause, appeal or matter be-

The Supreme Court, in its judgement of Oct 11, 2023, had declared Sub-Under the amendment section 2 of Section 5 of the

The right to appeal against the order issued under Clause 3 of Article 184 The Act provided that of the Constitution has also been included in the ordi-

Mohsin Nagyi

meets...

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which is a global issue. It

was also decided that a Pa-

kistani delegation, led by

the Federal Secretary of In-

terior, would soon visit

Xinjiang to enhance mutual

Aingguo also invited Fed-

eral Interior Minister

Mohsin Naqvi to visit

Kinjiang province is of vi-

tal importance for Pakistan

in it's relations with China.

He underscored that be-

sides being Pakistan's

Mohsin Naqvi said that

Chinese Minister Chen

cooperation.

Xinjiang.

#### **ATC** issues non bailable arrest warrants of CM KP, other PTI leaders

ISLAMABAD (Online): Anti Terrorism Court (ATC) Islamabad has issued non bailable arrest warrants of Chief Minister (CM) KP Ali Amin Gandapur and several other leaders of PTI besides declaring Tanvir Butt proclaimed offender.

The bail before arrest plea of Ali Amin Gandapur came up for hearing Saturday in the court led by judge Tahir Abbass Saturday in case of terrorism, vandalism and attack on judicial complex registered in police station I-9 against PTI lead-

Counsel Raja Zahoor ul Hassan filed exemption from attendance plea in the court in respect of Ali Amin

Judge Tahir Abbas Sipra said last time plea for exemption from attendance was given on September 4 but the health recovered on September 8 in public meet-

The court dismissed bail before arrest plea of Ali Amin Gandapur being not

The court issued non bailable arrest warrants of CM KP Ali Amin Gandapur, Wasiq Qayyum Abbasi, Raja Rashid Hafeez and Aamir Mehmood Kiyani. Umer Tanvir Butt was declared proclaimed offender due to his persistent absence.

The court while accepting exemption plea of Faisal Javed adjourned the hearing of the case till Oc-

# **PPPAO** is deviation from long struggle of

Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) has expressed grave concern over Practice Procedure Presidential Amendment Ordinance (PPPAO)

SCBA has said PPPAO is deviation from long struggle of lawyers.

Presidential ordinance is practically tantamount to acceptable.

Supreme Court (SC) had upheld practice and procedure law. Parliament and judiciary are on path of confrontation which will leave disastrous impact on democracy and supremacy of constitution. If judiciary

independence of judiciary

# lawyers: SCBA

SCBA expressed deep sorrow over issuance, time and manner of ordinance.

and parliament don't exercise restraint then the whole system can be derailed. SCBA demands of all stake holders to maintain sanctity of constitution,

#### PTI dares not to hold...

Continued from page 1

Tarar said this showed that the people of Pakistan had rejected them completely, showing full confidence in the governance of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and Chief Minister of Punjab Maryam Nawaz Sharif, who have been taking crucial steps to provide relief to the masses.

The international finan-

cial institutions are ac-

knowledging that the Paki-

stani economy was taking

off, while Bloomberg iden-

tified Pakistan's stock mar-

ket as an emerging and best

market in Asia, he said, add-

ing Fitch and Moody had

improved ratings for Paki-

14 per cent increase in ex-

ports, current account defi-

cit was shrinking, and the

policy rate was reduced to

attract foreign investment.

The progress of Pakistan

under the leadership of PM

Shehbaz had stunned the

opposition which was hell-

bent on creating a situation

of chaos and anarchy in the

country to halt the devel-

opment process, he added.

the letters written by the

PTI leadership to the In-

ternational Monetary

Fund against the bailout

package to default the coun-

ing public gatherings and

press conferences, were

aimed at getting the PTI

founder released from jail,

which is tantamount to an

attempt for an NRO-like

relief from the government,

he said, adding due process

of law would be followed

in his cases such as May 9

ship did not have any

knowledge about their own

narrative, resorting to abu-

sive language and hollow

threats. On the other hand,

Punjab had kept its tradi-

He said the PTI leader-

mayhem and others.

Their all efforts, includ-

The minister recalled

He said there has been

stan as well.

neighbor, we have a 600kilometer-long border with He said the people of Xinjiang.
He added that the Pakistan knew that the inflation had been reduced to China-Pakistan Economic a single digit, which, during Corridor (CPEC) project the tenure of the PTI, also passes through reached a double digit from Xinjiang. He emphasized the four percent that was that Pakistan wants to comachieved under the leaderpletely eliminate smuggling ship of Nawaz Sharif.

of drugs, arms, and all other He noted that the visit of the Pakistani delegation to Xinjiang would open new avenues for strengthening mutual cooperation.

She said that both Mingyuo expressed the deteams delivered impressive sire to enhance relations performances, making it a with Pakistan in all fields. He said that terrorism To a question, Fatima

Minister

s a common problem, adding that Xinjiang had suffered from it for many He highlighted that Pa-

Kinjiang's experience in counter-terrorism. Pakistan-China rela ions, particularly with Xinjiang, and matters of

istan can benefit from

mutual interest were discussed during the

# repeal act-2023 which is not and basic rights of people of Pakistan.

tion of showing hospitality to them, providing them security and a place to hold a flop show.

The minister specifiongoing hydroelectric cally condemned the lanpower projects would not guage used by PTI leader Latif Khosa against the Chief Justice of Pakistan, demanding a notice against him for the contempt.

Tarar also criticized Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Ali Amin Gandapur for his poor governance and asked him to compare his performance with CM Punjab Maryam Nawaz, who has been furthering the 10-year legacy of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif in the province.

Tarar said Punjab has been progressing by leaps and bounds under the leadership of Maryam Nawaz who has been setting new records by initiating new projects in health, education social, and IT sectors.

He said special subsidies have been given in Punjab and federation on the electricity to provide relief to the masses.

On the other side, CM KPK had completely failed in politics, administration and governance of his prov-

Highlighting the new projects started by CM Maryam, he said a cancer hospital was being established in Punjab, while bikes were being given to women and new IT interventions had been introduced to empower the people of Punjab. He asked CM KPK

Gandapur as to why he failed to establish a single university, hospital or dam in the province. The CM KPK should follow her steps as the

people of KPK deserved progress and prosperity, he added. The minister highlighted the bad governance and poor administration in KPK where corruption is

rampant, and institutions have been destroyed, adding to the problems of the tional Day of Peace. He asked the CM KPK to serve the masses instead of hurling threats and

abuses against the institu-

MIRPUR (APP): Azad viding electricity facilities to of salaries to the PDO emthe consumers at large but ployees and approval for the also helpful in generating revenue for the state.

The meeting was at-Chaudhry Muhammad Rasheed, Chief Secretary Azad Kashmir Dawood Muhammad Barich Additional Chief Secretary Development Atif Rehman. Secretary Finance Islam Zeb. Senior Member Board of Revenue Zaheer u din Qureshi, Secretary Law, and

Managing Director PDO. Many important decisions were taken in the meeting, which included condi-

establishment of the reforms committee

The reforms committee tended by Minister Power formed under the chairman-Jammu Kashmir, the state Development Organization ship of Additional Chief Secretary Development primarily mandated with the task of submitting comprehensive recommendations to the board within two weeks with reference to all other matters, including the structure, budget, income, expenditure, and rules of the PDO.

> The meeting also approved PC-1 for the construction of the transmission line from Jagran to



QUETTA: Leaders and members of Peoples Lawyers Forum (PLF) cutting cake during the Celebration ceremony of in connection of the 36th Birthday of Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, Peoples Party (PPP) Chairman

#### **International Day of Peace....**

the global community. "It is only by working together now that we can build a peaceful tomorrow for our

dent Asif Ali Zardari on Saturday emphasized the need for collective efforts to promote a culture of peace, tolerance, and respect for the dignity of all

"Together, we can shape a peaceful fu-ture and a better world where our successive generations could live in peace and harmony", he said in a message in connec-

Today, he said the International Day of Peace was being observed to affirm com-

mitment to principles of peace among nations worldwide. The theme of this

year's International Day of Peace "Cultivating a culture of peace" calls upon us to promote a culture of peace, tolerance, and coexistence among the comity of the nations."

The president said world was facing geopolitical tensions and conflicts in certain regions threatening world peace.

He regretted that ael had un-Israel leashed a reign of terror in Palestine and was committing a genocide by killing thousands of added. people in Gaza.

Similarly, he said the Hindutva-inspired Modi regime was committing grave human Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir(IIOJ&K) and was persecuting Mus-

lims and other minorities in India and depriving them of their fundamental rights.

President Zardari said these blatant violations of international law and human rights endangered global peace and security.

"We need to raise our voices against injustice and oppression. The priority of the world should be to address the problems being faced by humanity, including poverty, hunger, injustice, oppression, inequality, and the violation of basic human rights rather than disputes and conflicts," he

Additionally, the president added that world could not achieve progress and development in the rights violations in absence of peace as wars and conflicts increase the problems and miseries

LAHORE: Players of Lahore and Multan are dodging each other and throwing the ball in the final of the Punjab Inter-Division Dodgeball in Nishtar Park of the provincial capital

Continued from page 1 critical importance of promoting a more peaceful and inclusive world for everyone and was ready to work with

future generations," he concluded. APP adds: Presi-

individuals.

tion with Interna-

He emphasized that

He reiterated that re-

global powers must take practical and pragmatic

steps toward sustainable

peace beyond verbal com-

gions entangled in conflicts

including occupied Kash-

mir, Palestine, and others

yearn for peace, while the

silence of global powers

makes no sense.

Mohsin Naqvi also
highlighted Pakistan's con-

structive role in ensuring

global peace, particularly

has played the role of van-guard in UN peace mis-

brave soldiers of Pakistan's

peace missions were

martyred during efforts to

restore peace and stability

He said that Pakistan

He added that several

during difficult times.

mitments

Mohsin Naqvi pays

homage to Martyrs on

**International Peace Day** 

his special message on International Peace Day, In-

terior Minister Mohsin

Nagyi has said that the Al-

mighty Allah created the

world for peace and harmony. He added that homes,

streets, neighborhoods, so-

cieties, villages, cities, coun-

tries, regions, and continents

look beautiful and livable

and disorder cause wide-

spread devastation and

pose multiple threats to

expressed concern that so-

cieties are currently divided

into groups, factions, and

sects, harming the efforts

for peace around the world.

conflicts have endangered

peace in every region, se-

He said that regional

He stated that chaos

The Interior Minister

only with peace

# **Govt measures show positive** signs in each sector: Rana

Chairman of the Prime Minister Youth Programme (PMYP) Rana Mashhood Ahmed Khan has said that the positive indicators show the remarkable achievements of the present government in every sector and the country is moving in the right direction.

Addressing the participants of the "Cycle For Life" rally held in collaboration with the Mujahid Group Of Industries, Federation of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Khubaib Founda-Anti-Narcotics Force, Islamabad Administration, Capital Development Authority and Islamabad Cycling Association, he said that the objective of the rally was to promote environmental preservation, raise awareness about the dangers of drugs and engage youth in healthy activities

country under the dynamic

leadership of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif was advancing towards the path of development and growth in the exports of textiles and Information technology, increase in the stock exchange index, and growth in other sectors reflected the resultoriented policies of the government.

The Chairman added that PM Shehbaz Sharifhad inaugurated the National Volunteer Core to include the youth in the policymaking, development and governance engagements. Mashhood said that

Pakistan has talented youth and a pivotal role in advancing the country towards fast-paced development. 'We are dedicated to preparing our youth to excel in diverse fields and they have "Say no to drugs'

He said that the Green Youth Movement (GYM) an initiative of the Prime Minister's Youth Rana said that the Programme was creating participated in the cycle awareness and sensitizing

Youth about the effects of climate change.

"By harnessing the youth's creativity, energy, and commitment, we can drive meaningful change and create a legacy of sustainability for future generations, "he added.

The Chairman PMYP added that Pakistan produces less than 1 percent of the world's carbon footprint and was suffering the iggest consequences of climate change which needed to be addressed with the help of the World Climate Change Organiza-

Mashhood said that PMYP had taken various initiatives in the fields of education, technical education, arts and culture. sports, science, math, innovation awards and others to empower youth.

Many youths besides parliamentarians, journalists, sportsmen, and others



Chairman Prime Minister's Youth Programme Rana Mashhood Ahmed participating in "cycle for Life Event" organized by Prime Minister's Youth

# **Senator Tahira seeks cross-party** collaboration for Pak progress

Senator Tahira Aurangzeb of the Pakistan Muslim League Nawaz (PML-N) Saturday extended an olive branch to Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (F) chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman, urging him to ioin forces with the government to usher in vital constitutional reforms that benefit nation

channel, Tahira Aurangzeb stressed the importance of unity among parliamentarians to bring about signifiposed constitutional dence in the current government.

cant changes in Pakistan's constitutional framework. She believes that constitutional courts are the

need of the hour and by joining hands, parliamentarians can introduce constitutional amendments that will ensure speedy justice and positively impact the lives of common people.

fit nation. Tahira Aurangzeb also
Talking to PTV news expressed confidence that the government is hopeful JUI-F chief Maulana Fazlur

Kashmiris continue to suffer

under Indian occupation as

'world observes day of peace' ISLAMABAD (APP): As the world observes the International Day of Peace, the situation in Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK) stands in stark contrast, marred by ongoing Indian state terrorism that fosters a climate of fear and oppression. A report released by Kashmir Media Service in connection with the day, Saturday, revealed that for the past 77 years, the people of IIOJK have endured severe brutality at the hands of Indian forces. The report highlights that Indian troops routinely employ

Since the abrogation of Article 370, IIOJK has been subjected to an intensified

The report asserts that Indian troops, paramilitary forces, and police personnel

For over seven decades, Kashmiris have struggled for their legitimate rights, yet

The report emphasizes that true peace in South Asia will remain out of reach until

The report calls for accountability from Modi and the Indian government for their

The need for global attention and action is urgent, as the situation in IIOJK

military siege, with the RSS-backed Modi government effectively transforming the ter-

ritory into a vast concentration camp. Over 5,000 Kashmiris, including APHC top

leaders, activists, women, youth and journalists, are currently languishing in illegal

are involved in widespread war crimes in IIOJK, characterizing the area as the biggest

open-air prison on earth. Caged and suppressed, the Kashmiris are left awaiting

India has consistently acted as a barrier to a peaceful resolution of the Kashmir dispute.

actions in IIOJK and urges the international community to step in to save the belea

brutal tactics, including torture, against the Kashmiris.

detention in jails both in IIOJK and India.

intervention from the international community.

continues to deteriorate," the report concludes

the Kashmiri people are granted their rightful self-determination.

amendments, adding, these amendments aim to establish constitutional courts. ensuring speedy justice and positive change for the common people.

She further praised the Prime Minister and his cabinet for their tireless efforts specifically highlighting the impressive work of Punjab's Chief Minister.

CM's accomplishments have boosted public confi-

#### **IGP** Islamabad addresses police officials' concerns She noted that the **Independent Report** ISLAMABAD: Inspector the IG Islamabad. He di-

for peace.

General of Police (IGP) rected the senior police of-

and official concerns before



verely affecting the desire in dangerous and turbulent

Syed Ali Nasir Rizvi, held an orderly room at Central Police Office Islamabad, to ensure timely and prioritized resolution of institutional and personal matters concerning police officers.

The establishment of an orderly room aims to prioritize and address issues faced by police officers on a timely basis, emphasizing their welfare and issue resolution. The orderly room was attended by all

divisions' police officers. During the orderly brought forth both personal resolution.

ficers to complete re-inquiries in serious cases On the occasion, the

IG Islamabad Syed Ali Nasir Rizvi highlighted various measures taken for the welfare of police officers, including initiatives aimed at improving residence faenhancing healthcare provisions, and raising educational stan-

He assured all personnel of an open-door policy at his office, encouraging them to bring forward any room, police officers concerns for immediate

# DA launches Tech. & Digitalization Wing block

The Capital Development Authority (CDA), under the directives of its Chairman Muhammad Ali Randhawa, has taken a significant step towards modernization by officially launching its Technology and Digitalization Wing block.

This milestone marks a new era in the Authority's operations as it transitions to a corporate model and collaborative working culture, aiming to streamline services and enhance efficiency, said a press release.

On the occasion of the launch, Chairman CDA Muhammad Ali Randhawa said the future of public ser-

ISLAMABAD (APP): adopting corporate best

As part of this initiative, the newly established Technology and Digitalization Wing block, has been made operational.

This block is equipped with state-of-the-art hardware and software to enhance efficiency. A corporate-style work

environment has been introduced, featuring open desks work environment and an open-door policy to enhance efficiency and transparency.

The implementation of this modern technology is part of a broader initiative aimed at increasing transparency in office opvice delivery lies in embracerations and improving ing modern technology and overall performance.



planting saplings on green belt area at Rawal

### SHO Sangjani jailed for unlawful detention of citizens without charges ISLAMABAD (APP):

Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) Police arrested Station House Officer (SHO) Asim Ali Zaidi of Sangjani police station on Saturday for illegally detaining two citizens without filing any case against them.

According to a police spokesperson, SHO Asim Zaidi had unlawfully detained two Kashmiri citizens, Shahbaz Sharif and Muhammad Saeed, at the Sangjani police station.

He said that the SHO kept the individuals in custody for 19 days without filing any charges. According to the FIR (First Information Report), a case has been registered against SHO Asim Zaidi under Section

342 of the Pakistan Penal Code, which pertains to wrongful confinement, and C-155 of the Police Order, following a report by Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) Tarnol Circle Ansar Ahmed.

The police spokesperson emphasized that the ICT Police strictly adheres to a system of selfaccountability.He said following his arrest, the SHO was presented in court. where the police requested his judicial remand. Judicial Magistrate

Muhammad Azhar Nadeem approved the request and ordered that the accused SHO Asim Ali Zaidi be sent to jail on judicial remand, he added



woman as per FIR.

SP Dolphin and Pa-

trolling has issued order of

dismissal from service in

ocean pollution from land-

based sources, over 10 mil-

lion metric tons of plastic

enter the oceans annually,

threatening marine life and

ecosystems, and introduc-

ing harmful microplastics

Jazz's Chief Corporate &

Regulatory Affairs Officer,

stated, "Jazz's commit-

ment to environmental

sustainability drives us to

combat marine pollution

Syed Fakhar Ahmed,

into the food chain.

# 3 Policemen of Islamabad police sacked for demanding nikah nama, harassing couple

Jazz's employees

participate in

cleanup campaign

ISLAMABAD (APP): As 'Make Room For Life,

part of its commitment to emphasizes the urgent need

en vironmental to tackle global waste and

sustainability, Jazz, marine debris. With 80% of Pakistan's leading digital ocean pollution from land-

ISLAMABAD: A truck art painter working near

ISLAMABAD (Online): Three Policemen have been dismissed from service in Islamabad for demanding Nikah nama from husband and wife and harassing

The incident of demanding nikah nama and harassing husband of wife took place in the jurisdic- to vehicle and kept on hation of Bhara Kahu police rassing her sexually. They

The case was registered in police station Bhara Kahu against these three police men.

operator, organized a beach

cleanup at Clifton Beach,

Karachi, on World Cleanup

Day. The initiative, aligned

with Jazz's ESG agenda,

aimed to raise awareness

about marine pollution and

encourage the protection of

marine ecosystems, with

employees actively partici-

pating to promote a cleaner

environment, said a news

This year's World Cleanup Day, themed

Those who have been respect of these policemen.

# Maqbool Sabri' sacked include constable

Asfand Yar, constable ISLAMABAD (APP): Nayab and constable Sami According to text of FIR these policemen intercepted husband and wife and demanded Nikah Nama They took the woman had sexually harassed the

music lovers. Maqbool Ahmed Sabri initially learnt music from his father Ustad Inayat Hussain Sabri and his elder brother Ghulam Farid Sabri, private news channel reported.

He started Qawwali in 1970s with his brother Ghulam Farid Sabri and earned much fame in

#### Computer, AI classes start at 150 primary schools of FDE

ISLAMABAD (APP): In a significant step towards enhancing digital literacy and preparing young minds for the future, the Islamabad education sector is set to launch computer and AI classes in 150 primary schools of Federal Directorate of Education by

This initiative aims to equip students with essential tech skills and knowledge, fostering a generation ready for the challenges of an increasingly digital world, said a press release

The program is a collaborative effort between the Ministry of Federal education and the National University of Sciences and Technology (NUST), ensuring that the curriculum is both innovative and relevant and computer fellows are both qualified and

# remembered on 13th death anniversary

Fans and media platforms on Saturday across Pakistan and beyond came together to remember the legendary qawwal Maqbool Ahmed Sabri on his 13th death anniversary to honor his enduring legacy and celebrated timeless impact of his music on generations of

next week.

here yesterday.

# ISLAMABAD: Road reconstruction under process outside Islamabad Club APHC denounces BJP-held elections in IIOJK as farce, calls for UN intervention

ISLAMABAD (APP): The All Parties Hurriyat Conference (APHC) has denounced the ongoing elections organized by the BJPled Indian government in Indian illegally occupied

Jammu Kashmir(IIOJ&K), describing them a farce that cannot substitute for a United Nations-supported plebiscite to determine the territory's future. According to Kashmir Media Service, in a statement issued in Srinagar, APHC spokesman Advocate Abdul Rashid Minhas emphasized the urgent need for a special UN envoy for Kashmir.

"The lingering dis-

ing Hindutva agendas of the BJP and RSS, poses a growing threat in a nuclear-capable region," he warned. 'Any unintentional

spark could lead South Asia to the brink of nuclear disaster if the BJP's Hindutva agenda continues unchecked," he cautioned. Minhas reiterated the APHC's commitment to

constructive dialogue involving India, Pakistan, and genuine representatives from Jammu and Kashmir. He characterized the

current elections as irrelevant to the local population, stating, "UN resolutions 91 of 1951 and 122 of 1957 clearly assert that these elections can-

#### **Review petition** of PML-N candidate for recounting in NA-97 fixed for hearing ISLAMABAD (Online):

Review petition of PML-N leader Gohar Baloch on the matter of recounting of Tandlianwala has been fixed for hearing in Supreme Court (SC). A 3-member bench of SC will hear the petition on September 23. It is pertinent to mention here the appeal plea of Gohar Baloch against the decision of high court was rejected in SC on August 21 As per decision Gohar Baloch could not prove filing of application for recounting before compila-tion of the result.

#### Mandi Morr in the Federal Capital. pute, coupled with the ris-Cycling for Peace: NACTA's rally inspires community spirit on Peace Day

a spirited celebration of International Peace Day, the National Counter Terrorism Authority (NACTA) on Saturday hosted a Peace Cycling Rally that not only promoted harmony but also fostered a sense of community across diverse groups. Themed "Cultivating Culture for Peace," the event drew together cyclists of all ages, families, and differently-abled individuals, transforming the streets into a lively demonstration of solidarity and hope.

Starting at F-9 Jinnah Park, the rally attracted enthusiastic participants, each pedaling with purpose. NACTA's Director General, Saleha Zakir Shah, ad-

urging all citizens to actively contribute to a harmonious Pakistan. She highlighted NACTA's commitment to promoting positive initiatives that reflect the country's true identity on the global stage. "Together, we can cultivate a culture

The rally not only celebrated the ideals of peace and harmony but also showcased inclusivity. Participants included individuals from various backgrounds and abilities, with special recognition given to

scoring the essential role of for their inspiring contribucollective action in foster- tions. The presence of seing a peaceful society. nior NACTA officials, in-"Peace is the cornerstone of cluding Senior Analyst development," she asserted, Adnan Khaliq Bhatti and other team members, further emphasized the event's

significance. As the rally progressed through the city, the energy was palpable. Families riding side by side, children laughing, and community members cheering each of peace and resilience," she other on painted a picture of unity and collective purpose. Local schools and community organizations participated, bringing banners and art displays that showcased messages of peace and collaboration.

The route wound through some of dressed the crowd, under- differently-abled cyclists Islamabad's most pictur- nated with themes of unity continues to lead the way

esque areas, creating an inviting atmosphere for onlookers who joined in the festivities. Along the way, participants stopped to engage with local residents, sharing stories and exchanging ideas on how to foster peace within their neighborhoods. This interaction added an organic layer to the event, turning it into a moving dialogue about community and coexist-

The event culminated in a heartfelt ceremony where honorary certificates and caps were awarded to participants, acknowledging their commitment to peace and community engagement. Local artists also performed music that resoand hope, further enriching the experience. Attendees expressed appreciation for NACTA's initiative, noting its posi-

tive impact on enhancing security and promoting understanding among diverse communities. "Events like this remind us of our shared values and the importance of standing together," said one

participant, reflecting the sentiment of many. As the sun set over Islamabad, the cycling rally left behind not just a message of peace but also a renewed commitment among citizens to work together for a brighter, more harmonious future. Through initiatives like this, NACTA

united Pakistan, one pedal at a time. This rally stands as a

testament to the power of community engagement in fostering peace. As participants returned home, many carried with them not just certificates, but a sense of responsibility and optimism. The ripple effect of such gatherings can ignite movements, proving that when people come together, they can create last-

ing change. NACTA's commitment to peace extends beyond a single event; it is a call to action for all citizens to embrace their role in nurturing a culture of peace that resonates throughout Pakistan and beyond.

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# **Democracy in peril**

Who says the doctrine of necessity lies dead and buried? In the hands of the incumbent regime, it has merely would fundamentally alter taken another form.

Consider how the government continues to overrule the judiciary with mala fide legislation while the nation is selves. told that its actions are 'necessary' for judicial improvement and reform. Fortunately, they are finally being called out for what they truly represent: a brazen attack on the existing constitutional act. Consider a world ber-e---ft of Google's omorder. Still, it defies reason why the government has picked a fight with the judiciary over the reserved seats case. It is certainly in no danger of being ousted, nor are its legislative powers in danger of being curtailed given its comfortable majority. Why, then, is it so insistent on being given a two-thirds majority? Why is ceding a few seats to be the true difference between a league or treaty to the opposition so unthinkable for it that it would rather risk contempt than hand them over?

The events of last weekend may have provided one answer. The current set-up desires a new constitutional court to take over the most important functions of the judiciary. No positive intent or good reason can possibly be assigned to this move, given how the Supreme Court has, by and large, kept to its mandate over the past year or so.

It appears that the govern- dered concerns about the government's intentions. Is majority on the Judicial tives and not by 17 ment has simply had enough the government merely enof independent judges, espe- diciary more accountable, cially since a full bench of the or does the amendment betray more insidious de-amendments to Article 209 Supreme Court did not agree signs? with its position in the reserved seats case. Now, they are going out of their way to make sure the court remains unable to have its verdicts most ominous of multiimplemented, thereby forcing faceted risks attributed to it into a direct confrontation with the legislature. Years billions of people. Rising sea levels are one of the ago, the Supreme Court had primary indicators of gloconvicted a sitting prime minister for contempt for refusing to obey an order and, despite the perceived unfairness or harshness of the punishment, the order was nonetheless obeyed. In fact, no government or leader ever had preme Court its orders would pose serious threats to not be implemented. not be implemented — that is until last year, when the PDM government and ECP colluded to thwart a Supreme Court order to hold overdue global temperatures. The elections to the KP and syear 2023 was confirmed as the hottest year on Punjab assemblies. Since record by a clear margin, then, rulings that have not fit of the world have experiin with the regime's plans have routinely been ignored, and the courts seem to have been rendered powerless.

or the World Meteorological Organisation's (WMO) State of Global Climate report, "In 2023, global climate report, "In 202 been rendered powerless.

It is expected of leaders such record high in the satelas Nawaz Sharif, who both understand the system and have suffered much at its hands, to take a firm stand. His party is in power, and he is its president. It is his responsibility deeply disturbing as it to prevent the adventurous degrades ecosystems, reduces habituality and inlot from within his party's ranks from going after the institutions of the state. A fuse has been lit. If this situation is not addressed, it may spell the end of Pakistani democthe end of Pakistani democ- lous urban centres in deracy as we know it.

# Rewiring humanity

Shaukat Ahmed magine a world where libraries fit in your pocket, where distant voices echo in real-time across continents, and where the col-

lective knowledge of humanity streams at your fingertips. This isn't a utopian dream; it's our present reality. In 2007, when Steve Jobs unveiled the iPhone, he set in motion a chain of innovations that our relationship with technology. This device became the paradigm for a new era of digital integration in everyday life, radically reshaping how we connect,

work, and express our-

Apple's metamorphosis from a garage venture to a trillion-dollar titan epitomises the seminal ascent of Big Tech. Yet, Apple is merely one player on a grand technological stage, where the future of hu--manity unfolds act by niscient search, Amazon's ubiquito--us marketplace, Instagram's shared gallery of hu--m---an experience, or X's real-time global conversations. In a mere two decades, these digital behemoths have propelled us from a world of fragmented communication to one where information flows as freely as thought itself. They've forged con-nections between billions, spawning an ecosystem that addresses a myriad of societal impera-

The democratisation

of knowledge is perhaps

Big Tech's most profound gift to humanity, turning the internet into a vast, accessible repository, empowering both autodidacts and formal learners. This emancipation extends beyond the intellectual and into the economic realm, where e-commerce platforms have globalised local markets, and gig economy apps have shattered traditional notions of employment. In emerging economies, these digital tools enable entrepreneurs to leapfrog conventional development stages, fostering innovation and economic growth at an unprec-

edented nace At the epicentre of this seismic upheaval, Big Tech companies are charting the course of our collective future. Their subtificial intelligence, quantum computing, and machine learning are expanding the frontiers of possibility. These advancements transcend the tech sector, driving breakthroughs in transportation and space exploration, transforming agriculture, and combating climate change with hyperefficient energy systems. Technology-driven learning environments that go beyond physical boundaries are profoundly reshaping education. In healthcare, they are pioneering everything from real-time health monitoring to AI-assisted diagnostics, personalised medicine, gene editing, and bioengineering — paving the way for unprecedented improvements in human health and longevity.

footprint of Big Tech extends far beyond innovation or the foundation of our digital existence. Their economic impact reverberates worldwide, generating millions of jobs directly and through extensive supply chains. They've birthed entire industries, from app development to

Moreover, the global

structure investments support the exponential growth of our data-driven

society In times of global crisis, such as the Covid-19 pandemic, these companies proved indispensable, facilitating remote work and education, thus sustaining economic and social continuity amid extraordinary disruption. Social media platforms evolved into digital agoras, bridging vast geographical chasms and fostering unparalleled cultural crosspollination. During crises, these platforms metamorphose into critical infrastructure, coordinating relief efforts and disseminating vital information with unmatched efficiency.

However, this digital renaissance is not without its shadows. Big Tech now navigates an increasingly complex regulatory landscape. In the US, a bipartisan coalition of senators has proposed some of the most stringent technology regulations in decades. These include the American Innovation and Choice Online Act, aimed at pre-

Data Privacy Protection Act, which seeks to establish a comprehensive national framework for data privacy; the Platform Accountability and Consumer Transparency Act, focused on increasing transparency in content moderation practices; and the Algorithmic Justice and Online Platform Transparency Act, designed to combat algorithmic bias and promote fairness in automated decision-

products; the American tech companies, govern-

As the world becomes increasingly interconnected, unilateral regulation by any single country, especially one as influential as the US, risks creating fragmentation in the global digital ecosystem. An internationally coordinated approach is essential — only through global cooperation can we hope to create a regulatory framework that is as borderless and dynamic as the technology it seeks to

making systems.

The path forward demands a delicate balance nurturing innovation while addressing legitimate con-

ments, and civil society. This tripartite alliance must tackle multifaceted challenges: establishing ethical guidelines for AI development, enhancing data protection and transparency, mitigating algorithmic biases, and creating robust global standards for data privacy and security. Equally vital are diversity initiatives that will ensure the fruits of innovation are shared inclusively, and dismantling the technological apartheid that silently segregates our society based on digital access. In the realm of fair competition, the alliance must act as a vigilant guardian, safeguarding digital marketplaces as level playing fields where nascent innovators can challenge tech titans without fear of being stifled by preferential treatment. This watchfulness must extend to the equally crucial domain of content moderation. The goal must be to avoid burdening tech companies with an impossible mandate that forces them to choose between creating sterile voids or allowing anarchic cesspools — neither of digital marketing, while their cloud computing ser-from favouring their own the service of which serves the public in-

# nconstitutional package

#### Mirza Moiz Baig

"I consider the difference between a system founded on the legislature only, and one founded on the people, and a Constitution" Thomas Jefferson at the Constitutional Convention

IN his groundbreaking work on constitutional theory, acclaimed constitutional scholar and former professor at Harvard, Mark Tushnet, underscores the perils concomitant with constitutional hardball'. Constitutional hardball, he argues, involves "legislative and executive initiatives that are without much question within the bounds of existing constitutional doctrine and practice but that are nonetheless in some tension with existing con-

stitutional understandings" Attempts to compel parliament to surrepti-tiously rubber-stamp the 26th Constitutional Amendment have inevitably engendeavouring to make the ju-

Text of the amendment: The amendment strips the Supreme Court of its constitutional jurisdiction, transferring such cases to a 'constitutional court'. Also, while changing the manner in which judges of the superior courts are appointed by, among other things, merging the Judicial Commission and the parliamentary committee on judges' appointment, the amendment

court's first judges. Section 13 of the amendment provides that the first chief justice of the Constitutional Court shall be appointed by the president on the prime minister's

nonetheless dispenses with

such procedure while ap-

pointing the constitutional

The chief justice appointed on the prime minister's advice and the president shall then appoint the remaining judges of the constitutional court. Commission, thus appointing judges to superior courts across the country.

Moreover, given the

of the Constitution, these

judges, handpicked by the executive, shall also be a part of the Supreme Judicial Council and recommend the removal of judges on grounds of incapacity, inefficiency, or misconduct. If these amendments fail to remind judges which side of the bread to butter, Article 200 allows the president to simply transfer uncompliant judges to an-

Assault on the Constitution or towards a more democratic system? The government purports that the Supreme Court's focus on adjudicating constitutional disputes delays the resolution of civil and criminal disputes, thus obstructing litigants' access to jus-

other high court.

Additionally, it claims that the Supreme Court's activism and frequent intervention in the realm of policy obviates the government's ability to shape the polity. Policy These judges and the matters, they argue, ought thus, choked not due to government's representat to be decided by the unelected and sequestered individuals in robes. Such claims, however, fail to withstand even minimal scrutiny.

Firstly, a study pub-

highlighted that constitutional cases instituted at the Supreme Court constitute one per cent of the total number of cases instituted at the court. Secondly. while these cases, given the stakes involved, get disproportionately more coverage than other cases, only one out of six to seven benches of the apex court hears these cases.

Moreover, as lawyer Salahuddin Ahmed recently highlighted, the amendment may exacerbate delays in adjudication since it adds "one more layer to the adiudicatory hierarchy so that after litigants spend decades exhausting civil and criminal law remedies up to the apex court, they can take the dispute on constitutional grounds to the con-

stitutional court" Delays and pendency mar courts across Pakis-tan The pipelines of justice are, self-aggrandising judges preferring constitutional disputes over the more trivial civil or criminal disputes before them; rather, delays em--anate from archaic procedures, paucity of

Iftikhar Chaudhry's tenure calcitrance to embrace modern technology, and the underdevelopment alt-ernate forms of dispute resolution.

Interestingly, while the Arbitration Law Review committee under Justice Mansoor Ali Shah submitted its proposed Arbitration Bill to the law minister in May, parliament is vet to enact the law. The government's commitment (or lack thereof) to unclog the pipelines of justice is, thus, palpable.

Claims of obviating judicial interference in the realm of policy are similarly misplaced. Writing for these pages nearly half a decade ago, this writer had lamented the dilution of the parliamentary committee through successive judicial decisions. While the merger of the Judicial Commission and parliamentary committee may have been justified. the government disregarding the Judicial Commission in favour of cherrypicking the constitutional court's judges betrays its desire to subdue independent judges under the garb of reclaiming space for par-

competent lawyers and skilled judges, inconsistenwith claims of parliamenthe state.

lished during chief justice cies in revenue records, re- tary sovereignty, the amendment surrenders parliament's ability to amend laws relating to the terms of service chiefs. Laws relating to the terms of service chiefs, it provides, can only be altered through a conditional amendment. The amendment.

thus, ought to be seen for what it really is: an attempt to emasculate the iudiciary and marginalise an incoming chief justice, ruffles who executive's feathers. While the government has endeavoured to assuage such concerns by claiming that Justice Shah shall be the next chief justice. such assurances are laced with disingenuity given its attempts to relegate the office of the chief justice to the peripheries. The amendment is, thus, less about reclaiming parliament's powers and more about consolidating power where it has always belonged.

Most egregiously, the government is vet to share the final version of the proposed amendment officially. The Constitution forms the social contract Contemporaneous between the citizens and

# Rising seas

### **Jamil Ahmad**

Sea-level rise is among the climate change, and has serious implications for bal warming, originating in the early 20th century, when fossil fuels consumed by the expanding industrial complex released huge amounts of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. While extreme weather events induced by climate change cause huge damage during short spells, the long-term risks associated with sea-level

Sea levels rise in two cities ways: through melting glaciers and ice sheets re-leasing more water, and through thermal expansion due to an increase in mean sea level reached a lite record (since 1993), reflecting continued ocean warming (thermal expansion) as well as the melting of glaciers and ice

Its impact on coastline communities is creases exposure to ocean hazards, according to UNEP's Global Foresight

Bangkok, Shanghai, and Karachi in Asia, Lagos in Africa, and Buenos Aires

in Latin America. Most at risk, however, are people living in low-elevation coastal areas. In some of the Pacific Islands nations, where the sea level is rising faster than elsewhere, residents are forced to relocate to other areas in search of livelihoods. This trend could spread to other low-lying areas and see a spike in numbers of dislocated persons in the coming years. According to the World Bank, sea-level rise could displace over 216 million people by 2050 worldwide, mostly in low-lying regions and coastal

UN Secretary General António Guterres rightly says that "rising seas are sinking futures" As sea levels creep up, coastal erosion worsens, while saltwater intrusion reduces food productivity, resulting in the loss of habitat for plants, fish and other freshwater maternational law, carrying human rights implications, particularly in low elevation coastal regions where a small rise of a few centimetres can lead to land loss of several kilometres, displacing communities and degrading the economic and social well-being of its in-

Shrinking masses can raise questions about the limits of exclusive economic continental shelves and demarcation of maritime boundaries between states. Also pertinent would be the determination of the national veloping countries lo-cated close to the coast ample, in a small island

nation, who run the risk of dislocation to another country due to loss of habituality in their own countries. What will be the national and legal status of such dislocated people in their new abodes when their lands are swallowed by the sea?These issues have been taken up at UN fora in recent years. An openended Study Group of the International Law Commission is deliberating on the topic 'Sea-level rise in relation to international law'. Scientific data produced by the WMO, the IPCC, UNEP and others have helped a better understanding of the risks associated with ocean swelling and how to

On the policy side, the UN General Assembly, through two resolutions on oceans and law of the sea, has called for action to address the sea-level rise, among other measures, by urgent climate action and enhancing the capacity of developing countries for adaptation and resilience to environmental disasters. The Security Council met to specially discuss this subject last year. This month, a high-level meeting convened by the president of the UN General Assembly at the UN in New York will seek to strengthen international multisectoral cooperation for "addressing the threats posed by sea-level rise". Urgently reducing GHG emissions — the primary

Developing countries will need to integrate sealevel rise into climate risk assessments and prioritise ecosystem-based adaptation and nature-based solutions, such as protecting and expanding mangrove coverage, to buffer against the threats posed by sealevel rise to their peoples and economies. -- Cour-

driver of climate change -

level rise.

is key to controlling sea-

Muhammad

riousness of the issue about the need for wining over the Baloch people and removing their grievances. Of course, given the socioeconomic backwardness of Pakistan's largest province, the Baloch people have genuine grievances and they must be addressed the way a welfare state does. But talk about improving the lot of the Baloch people shouldn't eclipse the overwhelming need for facing the challenge posed to the state of Pakistan by the Balochistan

# **Baloch quagmire**

shouldn't simply be con-

paramilitary camp, ve-

hicles carrying civilians,

drivers of delivery vans;

more bodies were found

in Bela and Kalat. The

damage to railway tracks

cut off links with Iran,

while a strategic bridge

was blown up to cut off

Balochistan from the rest

of the country. Their

most heinous crime was

in Musakhel district,

where they checked the

ethnic identities of bus

passengers and murdered

the attack make it abun-

dantly clear the BLA is not working without massive armed support

from some foreign pow-

ers, which offer them stra-

tegic support and training

Iran has its own ter-

of them in cold blood.

The dimensions of

#### Ali Siddiai

sidered an act of terrorism; its dimensions Of all the sense and nonshowed, besides strategic sense spoken about the planning, the BLA's contempt for our security Balochistan situation, two statements stand forces and their ability to out: Chief Minister shake Pakistan. It was an Sarfraz Bugti's truth act of rebellion against about the 4,000 miles of the state of Pakistan. A roads in the province, and large number of people, Interior Minister (Pakiincluding 14 security perstani cricket's pallbearer) sonnel, lost their lives in Mohsin Naqvi's SHO attacks on a variety of balderdash. targets — buses, railway tracks, police stations, a

Mr Bugti spoke the truth when he said his province had 4,000 miles of highways, and that it was easy for terrorists to find targets and kill civilians. This painful truth is reflected in the comfort with which the terrorists checked the identities of the passengers of a bus on a freeway and murdered them for ethnic reasons. The chief minister's statement highlights the one basic principle of war on terrorism. You cannot put out fire by tackling flames; you target the source. To wit, you have to destroy the terrorists' cells, the hideouts of their leaders and, more important, the sources of their financial and military support — local and foreign. An SHO cannot do this. If there is one, let the nation know who that ge-

rorist problem in its neighbouring Sistan-Quite often, the se-Baluchestan province. Pakistan often thought falls victim to the mantra that counterterrorism efforts were not up to what Islamabad wanted, and there is no doubt the late Iranian president Ebrahim Raisi's visit was intended to sort this out and expand the area of cooperation. His death in a helicopter crash has left the issue in limbo, and it will take time before the current government takes up the issue. The other genuine reason for Pakistan's concerns is Afghanistan. Pakistan's relationship with this country is com-Liberation Army (BLA). plicated, and there is a de-

The Aug 26 mischief gree beyond which the aldn't simply be con-Kabul government cannot go. This is a subject unto

itself. That the BLA has managed to influence young ones is evident from a list of 137 names released by the government recently. It includes students belonging to the Baloch Organisation.

Let us now talk about the jewel in the crown Gwadar. This port city is a thorn in the flesh of some powers because of its geographical location. It is located close to the Gulf, with oil ships brushing past it. More importantly, Chinese trucks co--ming via the Kara-korum Highway reach the Gwadar port to unload their mammoth cargo for transport onwa--rd to the Middle East and beyond. If Gwadar were not there, Chinese ships would have to come all the way by sea to reach the Western world. The speedy move-

ment of Chinese dumpers in Pakistan is possible because of the vast road network already built and being further expanded as part of Beijing's Belt and Road Initiative. In this context, one has to see the importance of CPEC. For obvious reasons some foreign powers feel uncomfortable about CPEC because it strengthens Pakistan's infrastructure, especially its Balochistan part. That the BLA can do greater damage to Pakistan than the TTP points to the lethal quality and massive help it gets from foreign sympathisers. While the conspiracy theory is often made fun of, Islamabad and Beijing would do well to work jointly and frustrate any attempt made by some foreign powers to exploit the Balochistan issue to further their geopolitical interests. The Balochistan quagmire is too important to be considered a provincial issue. -- Courtesy Dawn

Affairs at the Press Club.

information

minister Azma Bokhari has

said Imran Khan will not

come out of jail no matter

how many public meetings

launch negative propaganda. No matter

how many public meetings are held by PTI, Imran

Khan will not come out of

jail. The culprits of May

9 incident will be identified

technology and they will be

arrested, she said this

while talking to media men

Saturday there was a

'popularity" in Lahore.

gave a statement on the

social media website (x)

and said that the scheduled

time for the PTI meeting

started with a low number

of supporters and even

Marriyum Aurangzeb

modern

Terrible sight of

'revolution,' 'popularity'

in Lahore: Marriyum

LAHORE (APP): Senior releasing fake and old

Punjab Minister Marriyum videos in the last rally

Aurangzeb said on through the media. The

terrible sight of said that they have been revolution" and rejected from P

three dozen seats had not ambulances, bringing cranes

A failed attempt was to Punjab to spread made in the "minds" of "political chaos" in the

their supporters by province, is their real face.

"It is job of PTI to

PTI holds.

through

terrible

RAWALPINDI: MNA Muhammad Hanif Abbasi, Muslim League-N speaking

at the Zonal Seerat-ul-Nabi conference organized by the Ministry of Religious

Azma Bokhari says:

Imran will not come out of jail

no matter how many public

meetings are held by PTI

has been created in the

public meeting of PTI on the order of Chief Minister

people of Punjab what

development has been

time to pay heed to such

public meetings, she held.

accused of May 9 incident

will be identified by

modern technology and will

therefore, efforts are being

made to set up an anarchic

circus with government

government machinery of

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. She

said that the province's

from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

FAISALABAD: Teachers protesting for their demands under the auspices

During the inspection

of the sub-jails in Swabi

and Nowshehra, Justice

Ijaz Anwar was briefed

including the jail

buildings, staff, inmate

sections and barracks of the

jails, interacted with the

inmates, and attentively

listened to their concerns

environment and pending

population,

inspected

available facilities.

regarding the

various aspects,

He thoroughly

different

of the Punjab Teachers' Union, in District Council Chowk, in the city.

**Justice Ijaz inspected** 

facilities in sub jails

PESHAWAR (APP): also present during the

vehicles,

employees

questioned.

She said no hindrance

They should tell

CM Punjab had no

KP, she

absconding

party and its aim is

fomenting chaos in the

understand that Imran

Khan will not come out of

jail through processions or

public meetings. I don't

know what dream they

dream that in coming days

he will get NRO and all

cases against him will be

abolished and he will be

out of jail. His party men

have also assured him that

matter has been settled

and all will change within

7 dead, 1527

injured in

**1377 RTCs** 

in Punjab

LAHORE (APP): Seven

persons were killed and

1527 injured in 1377 Road

Traffic Crashes (RTCs) in

all 37 districts of Punjab

during the last 24 hours.

Out of these, 645 people

with serious injuries were shifted to different

hospitals, while 882

victims with minor injuries

were treated at the incident

site by Rescue Medical

Teams thus reducing the

analysis showed those 763

drivers, 71 underage

drivers, 192 pedestrians,

Furthermore, the

burden of hospitals.

and 579 passengers.

some days.

country, she remarked.
People sho

# Maryam message on World Peace Day Pakistan need sustainable peace, no room for unrest: CM Maryam

LAHORE (APP): Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Sharif has emphasized the critical importance of sustainable peace as a foundation for Pakistan's development.

International Day of Peace being celebrated on Saturday, the CM underscored that lasting stability is crucial for fostering economic growth, social harmony, and overall Emphasizing the significance of peace, the CM said "Peace is a great

CM Maryam Nawaz happiness paid glowing tribute to the everywhere. martyrs, acknowledging that the sacrifices made for the establishment of remembered. She praised unforgettable.'

The chief minister that those striving to prosperity bloom, and

She urged every member of society to play their part in establishing peace will always be peace, declaring that "those who choose the path In her message on the services of security of violence and chaos are forces, including the enemies of Pakistan's peace military and police, and stability. Sabotaging stating, "Their sacrifices peace under the guise of for maintaining peace are differing opinions is ondemnable

The CM prayed that recognized the efforts of may there be peace and peace advocates, saying prosperity in Pakistan at all times and everywhere. resolve conflicts deserve She also articulated that commendation. She added peace in Kashmir, from peace, the flowers of Palestine, and around the world is a collective dream.



SUKKUR: Leaders and members of Peoples Party (PPP) are cutting cake during the Celebration ceremony of in connection of the 36th Birthday Anniversary of Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, PPP Chairman, held in Sukkur.

# Widow will not be dismissed from service on her second marriage: LHC

Lahore High Court (LHĆ) has ruled the widow will not be dismissed from government service on her second marriage after the death of her first husband.

This written order has been issued by LHC on the appeal plea of a woman. According to media

reports a two members Chaudhry decision on the petition of a woman Zoya Islam. was dismissed from service. Court declares null

One Zoya Islam a widow was given job of Naib Qasid in government department in 2020 after job. The appeal plea of the death of her husband widow Zoya Islam is Islam. This woman accepted.

contracted second marriage in 2021 and she was sacked due to second marriage.

It has been said in the decision widow can marry. This is basic right of woman in our religion Islam. Sacking widow from job for contracting second marriage is against Islamic Shariah. It has been said in the court's decision bench of LHC led by Supreme Court decision has come on the law on the Muhammad Iqbal issued basis of which the widow and void single bench decision and notification on sacking the widow from

# Health Advisor KP crackdowns against spurious drugs

PESHAWAR (APP): start from Chitral. Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Ehtesham Ali has directed Director General Drugs fake and substandard and Pharmacy Services to medicines in all districts launch a campaign against spurious, substandard drugs in the province.

Advisor Ehtisham Ali has said that the supply of fake and substandard medicines in the market is unbearable for the health department, for which Director General

He directed to launch a massive crackdown on the suppliers and sellers of up to Waziristan. He appealed to the public to inform the concerned officials about any Any unregistered medicine warehouse or a factory in their localities. On the other hand, DG Drugs Dr. Abbas

has instructed the drug inspectors of all districts to Drugs and Pharmacy carried intelligence-based Services Dr. Abbas and his operations in collaboration team have been tasked to with FIA. 70 new dengue cases reported in Punjab

LAHORE (APP): The cases.one Punjab Health Department confirmed on Saturday that 70 new cases of dengue have been recorded across the province in the last 24 hours. According to a spokesperson, out of A spokesperson from these, 60 cases were the Primary and Secondary reported in Rawalpindi, three cases in Lahore, while Chakwal, Lodhran, and Attock each recorded 2

Gujrawala. Over the past week,326 new cases of dengue virus infections have emerged, bringing the total number of cases in Punjab to 958 for 2024.

Healthcare Department assured the public that preventive measures are fully in place.

# procedure ordinance challenged

in LHC LAHORE (Online) Practice and Procedure Ordinance has been challenged in Lahore High Court (LHC).

**CM Murad** 

suspends DIG,

SSP Mirpurkhas

KARACHI (APP): The Sindh Chief Minister(CM)

Syed Murad Ali Shah has suspended Deputy

suspended Deputy Inspector General(DIG) of

Mirpurkhas Javed Jaskani.

Senior Superintendent of Police(SSP) of Mirpurkhas Captain (Retd) Asad Chaudhary. The Chief Secretary(CS) of Sindh

Asif Haider Shah has

issued a notification in that

Practice,

He also suspended

The petition has been filed by Azhar Siddique advocate making federal government and others respondents.

The petitioner has taken the plea presidential ordinance is based on ill intent. The Supreme Court (SC) decision regarding practice and procedure bil is in place. The powers of SC cannot be increased or decreased presidential ordinance.

#### 2 died, several injured as jeep overturned in Bahawalnagar

BAHAWALNAGAR (APP): At least two children died on the spot, while the other five persons were critically wounded when a Jeep turned turtle Bahawalnagar in the wee hours of Saturday.

According to details, rescue officials 1122 said that the accident occurred near Chak 14 Chowk in Bahawalnagar, where a jeep overturned after colliding with a motorcycle. As a result, two children died on the spot and five other persons, including a woman and a girl, sustained critical injuries



Senior Puisne Judge of the

Peshawar High Court,

Justice Ijaz Anwar, visited

the sub jails in the districts

by Barrister Ikhtiar Khan,

Registrar of the Peshawar

sub-jails, his Lordship was

welcomed by the District

and Sessions Judges,

Additional District and

Sessions Judges, and

Senior Civil Judges cum

Local administration

Judicial Magistrates.

He was accompanied

Upon arrival at both

Swabi and Nowshehra.

High Court.

(APP): current year till last month of August, a total of 37

cases are reported. In response to attack

the scenic site.

Meanwhile, Wildlife around 19 cases were comments blamed feeding

main reason behind change in behavior of the animal.

constitution.

"Feeding monkeys by tourists in Galliyat and other scenic sites including Margalla hills has disturbed the eating habits of the animal which is creating a lot of problems for locals, wildlife protectors and visitors themselves," observed Muhammad Waseem,

Manager WWF Pakistan. Talking to APP, Muhammad Waseem said nature has kept food for monkeys in forest, but providing them food by locals and tourists has affected the habits of the animal, disturbing the natural process by making dependent on them

considers increase in herd size of monkey as reason behind attack on humans. He said from 1978 to 84 a UK based University's Professor and some students did a survey in

However now, he continued, the troop size of monkey has been swelled to more than 100 and availability of food from tourists and junk food on roads, these monkey have migrated from dense forest to human populated

are depriving different wild species of their instinct of wilderness and monkeys.

# Governor Tessori says: 'Pakistan's role in maintaining peace is unforgettable'

Governor of Sindh Kamran Khan Tessori in his message on the occasion of said that Pakistan's role in maintaining world peace from India and Israel was unforgettable.

According to a community must react to spokesman for Governor Tessori said Pakistan had played a vital role in the global war against terrorism.

He said that every Kashmir (IIOJ&K)

KARACHI (APP): The conspiracy of terrorism against world peace was

The Governor said 'World Peace Day', has that today, world peace was facing serious threats The international

> every action against peace. Tessori said that world had to make efforts for peace in Palestine and Indian Illegally Occupied



KARACHI: Members of Civil Society are holding protest demonstration for acceptance of their demands, at Karachi press club.

# Punjab ministers say people rejected PTI call for rally

ministers have stated that the people of Pakistan have rejected the Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) by boycotting its rally in Lahore.

In a joint press conference on Saturday, Punjab Information Minister Azma Bukhari, Health Minister Khawaja Imran Nazir and Law Minister Sohaib Barath declared that the PTI's inability to gather a large crowd in Lahore exposed the party's diminishing influence.

Azma emphasized that the Punjab government ensured that no roads were blocked and that all entry points to the city, including Shahdara, Thokar Niaz Baig, and the Ring Road, remained open. She claimed that fewer than 3,000 people attended the rally from across the country, which highlighted

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's resources for political activities in Punjab and criticized KPK Chief Minister Ali Ameen Gandapur for prioritizing political gatherings over public service.

Bukhari alleged that the PTI government in KP had failed to address the needs of its people and was wasting resources on rallies. She expressed gratitude to the people of Punjab and Lahore for rejecting PTI's "agenda of unrest" and supporting the current government's performance.

Addressing the PTI founder, Bukhari claimed that Khan is attempting to seek an NRO through his rallies, particularly concerning the 190 million pound case and the Toshakhana case. She refuted PTI's allegations the public's disinterest in that the government PTI's politics. She also obstructed the rally.

# Abbottabad lawyers' strike enters fourth day

ABBOTTABAD (APP): Like other parts of the province, the strike of entered the fourth day in the approval of their charter of demands.

The protest, initiated by the President of the a Prosecutor General's Prosecution Association Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Saqeen Shah Advocate, has led to significant delays in cases across Anti-Terrorism, District and Sessions, and Magistrate courts, leaving many litigants in distress.

President of the High Court Bar Association Abbottabad Sardar Aman Advocate urged the provincial government to address the lawyers' concerns. During a media briefing at the Prosecution office near the District and

Sessions court, District Prosecutor Saqib Sultan highlighted a nine-point demand list presented to the government. Key Abbottabad, demanding demands include the establishment of an independent prosecutorial department, the creation of office, and equal allowances for prosecutors in line with those of the

judiciary and police. Other involve the provision of vehicles accommodation prosecutors, basic facilities for female staff, and the approval of a Prosecution Act amendment bill by the Provincial Assembly.

Sardar Advocate emphasized the legitimacy of these demands and called on the provincial government.



Bridge wall at Kalma Chowk.

# Monkey bite registers surge in Galliyat, experts blame tourists

LHC moved

for release

of detained

PTI workers

Petition has been filed in

Lahore High Court (LHC)

for release of PTI arrested

workers. The miscellaneous

petition has been filed by

former member of

provincial assembly Zainab

Umair through Azhar

Siddique advocate seeking

annulment of all detention

orders before public meeting of PTI in Lahore.

The petition said detention

orders of PTI leaders and

workers all over Punjab

were issued which run

contrary to law and

(Online)

AHORE

Monkeys' attack on human and bite incidents have registered an alarming spike of 95 percent in current summer season in Galliyat region of Abbotabad while wildlife experts are blaming feeding by tourists as reason behind changes in behavior and life style of

We have registered around 56 cases of monkey attacks and bites cases in Nathia Gali, Dona Gali, Bara Gali and other adjacent areas in the year 2023 to August 2024, informed Dr. Wasif, a medical official at Kala

Bagh Heath Center. In the year 2023,

by monkeys and claw injury to human, the medical practitioners after doing dressing, prescribe them to get anti-rabies jab to avoid future health complications, informed Dr. Wasif.

He said monkeys population is increased in the region and incidents of attacks are also showing upsurge with the passage of time especially during summer season when thousands of tourists visit

experts when asked for registered while in the of monkeys by tourists as

Waseem Galliyat and found the herd size of monkey around 40

"Feeding by humans

making them dependent on humans thus damaging the ecosystem," comments Daud Khan Yousafzai an M.phil scholar from Buner whose research was on same subject.

Shifting from natural food to human provided items is also affecting ecosystem because these monkeys plays important role regeneration of different plant species through distribution of seed through fecal.

Sajid Hussain Field Assistant Common Leopard WWF-Pakistan when contacted echoed the same reason of tourists feeding as reason behind change in habit of



KARACHI: View of huge heap of garbage creating problems for commuter causing unhygienic atmosphere showing the negligence of concerned authorities, located on Korangi Chakra Goth area in Karachi.

# Tanveer initiates process to enhance provincial coord. for **SMEs development**

Minister for Industries and Production Rana Tanveer Hussain has initiated a process to enhance provincial governments for equitable development of Industries and Production stability. the SMEs across the and Socrat Aman Rana, essential drivers of country as per advice of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif. In this regard, he held a meeting with Punjab government's Industries department at PCOM, according to a SMEDA spokesman here Saturday. The meeting was also attended by Ehsan Bhutta,

Umar, Managing Director economy of any country, PSIC, from the Punjab government. The minister to employment generation, was accompanied by Saif Anjum, Federal Secretary Chief Executive Officer of economic development, job SMEDA. A number of the creation, innovation, and other senior officers including GM SMEDA Medium Enterprises have Ms. Saleha Saeed and Ms. momentous role in Nadia Jehangir Seth.

Addressing the the country. Small meeting, the federal businesses can play a key minister said that that role in shaping the national Small and Medium growth strategy, he said,

Industries Enterprises (SMEs) plays adding the development contributing significantly economic growth, innovation, and social SMEs are social progress. The Small momentous role in economic development of

Punjab, and Ms. Saira a crucial role in the and progress of Small Medium Enterprises are top priority of the current government. government is determined to maintain equitable development of SMEs in all provinces of the country that is why a

coordination process has been initiated with provinces on direction of the PM, he said and assured that the government will facilitate and incentivize SMEs to achieve optimal economic

ISLAMABAD (APP):

The Cabinet Committee on

State-Owned Enterprises

(CCoSOEs) on Saturday

approved the summary of the Revenue Division

reconstitution of the Board

of Directors of Pakistan

Revenue Automation

private limited (PRAL) as

per terms specified under

the State Owned Enterprises Act 2023.

under the chairmanship of

Minister for Finance and

The meeting was met

RAWALPINDI: Workers shoveling coal at

FBR sets Sept 30 deadline

for income tax returns, no

extension to be granted:

**Spokesperson** 

ISLAMABAD (APP):

Spokesperson

Muhammad

cautioned

urged

Federal Board of Revenue

citizens against last-

minute rush, advising them

to file their income tax

returns well before the

September 30 deadline and

emphasized that no extensions will be granted.

Talking to a private news channel, Bakhtiar

taxpayers to submit their taxes on time to boost

government aims to

promote a culture of tax

compliance which is

crucial for the country's

economic stability and

By doing so, the

Responding to a

Pakistan's economy.

(FBR)

Bakhtiar

Saturday

Muhammad

growth

Hamilton Road for customers at a coal yard.

**CCoSOEs** approves

reconstitution of PRAL's

**Board of Directors** 

(virtual), said a news

recommendation of five

majority independent

directors and four ex-

officio members by the

Committee as per Section

(1) of Section 10 of the

Enterprises (Governance

The meeting was told

and Operations) Act, 2023.

that all the five members

query, he said that FBR is

committed to improving

the capability of our tax

system through the

application of modern

leveraging data analytics and artificial intelligence

(AI) to identify and combat

tax evasion, upgrading tax

enhancing audit and

verification processes, he

added. To support taxpayers, the FBR is

providing assistance and

simplifying tax laws and

user-friendly tax filing

system, is a key initiative

in this effort, he said, adding that the FBR is

focused on building a

The Iris portal,

procedures, he said.

motivated, satisfied.

includes

techniques.

infrastructure,

Nominations

Earlier, the meeting

Revenue

considered



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue, Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb, chairs the virtual meeting of the Cabinet Committee on State-Owned Enterprises (CCoSOEs) at the Finance

LAHORE: Punjab Minister for Agriculture and Livestock Syed Ashiq Hussain Kirmani presides over the meeting to review production of Tomato and Onion at Agriculture House Lahore. Punjab Secretary Agriculture Iftikhar Ali Sahoo is also present.

# **ICCI** elects **Nasir Mansoor Qureshi as President**

ISLAMABAD (APP): The election for the office bearers of Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI) was held at Chamber House on Saturday in which Nasir Mansoor Quresh was elected as President, Abdul Rahman Siddiqui, Senior creating conducive Vice President and Nasir environment for business Mehmood Chaudhry, as activities. Vice President.

All the candidates were elected unopposed and will formally take over the charge of their offices on October 1, 2024, said a news release.

Speaking at the the global market by occasion, the newly elected connecting local President Nasir Mansoor Qureshi said that he would strive hard for the progress and prosperity of business resolving its issues.

He said that the elected office bearers and liaison with business assured them of his full government support and cooperation departments and other in their endeavors relevant organizations would be further key issues of the strengthened to address the business community.

#### Rana reviews **GMO Soybean** production in country

ISLAMABAD (APP) Minister for National Food Security, Industries and He said that he would Production Rana Tanveer take the fraternity on board Hussain on Saturday on important issues and for chaired a meeting to review ease of doing businesses. genetically modified He said that workable organisms soybean production and proposals would be given to the government for export in the country.

genetically modified seed has several benefits There is a need to however it also has some pave the way for international investment in drawbacks.

Currently, these seeds the country at this time, by are used for only cotton production across the will create opportunities | country.

The issue of GMO production is under consideration in Cabinet, businessmen with the the minister said highlighting that the Ministry of Food Security international market, he President ICCI has no obstacles to community by focusing on Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari importing GMO soybean, congratulated the newly | however the Ministry of

committee of the cabinet will be formed to consult the issue with the Climate Ministry and other stakeholders stressing the need to thoroughly evaluate all aspects before making

#### **PSMA** demand extension in settling such decision. outstanding credit lines fined for LAHORE (APP): Pakistan of stocks by providing hoarding,

working on it and his team

for trade and investment in

connecting

Sugar Mills Association (PSMA) has appealed the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) to extend the date of settling outstanding credit lines of sugar mills of Commercial and Islamic Banks by December 31, The PSMA spokesman told media here that the association has written a letter to the SBP Governor in this regard and explained the current condition of sugar industry.

The letter reads that the sugar mills manufacture 12 months sugar within a short span of three months while they have to make payments to all growers within 15 days of the delivery of sugarcane. It is not possible for the sugar mills to manage such huge amounts to make payments within three months for sugar. Commercial and Islamic Banks support the sugar industry through seasonal

working capital to run their business smoothly and to ensure timely payments to the sugarcane growers as

Sugar industry had 7.54 MMT of governmentverified sugar stocks available after crushing season of 2023-24 against its domestic consumption of 6 MMT. Since then, PSMA has been seeking approval to export surplus sugar of nearly 1.5 MMT to ensure timely payments to growers and to pay off bank loans, but the sugar industry was allowed

export of 0.15 MMT only. In the circumstances, it would be impossible for sugar mills to clear approximately Rs. 200 billion of outstanding credit lines of Commercial and Islamic Banks by September 30, 2024 unless the industry is permitted to export the surplus sugar. Moreover, due to existing stocks, sugar mills would

# **Shopkeepers**

profiteering иÛZAFARGARH District administration raided and fined Rs2 million on shopkeepers violations including hoarding, profiteering and adulteration September.

Under directions of Deputy Commissioner Mian Usman Ali, action is being taken across the against profiteering, hoarding, and adulteration. According to a report issued by the Deputy Commissioner's office, a total of Rs2 million fine was imposed during the current month for violations such as profiteering, hoarding, and not displaying the official price list prominently. Out of this, Rs159,000 was fined for overcharging on bread, while over Rs 1.8 million was collected for



ISLAMBAD: A laborers busy in loading sugarcane on delivery truck at Vegetable and Fruit Market in Federal Capital.

# **Chief Secretary assures** business community of addressing infrastructure

HYDERABAD (APP): long-standing issues The Sindh Chief Secretary Syed Asif Hyder Shah has reaffirmed the Sindh government's strong commitment to improving Hyderabad's infrastructure and fostering a businessfriendly environment during his address to representatives Hyderabad Chamber of

Small Traders and Small Industry (HCSTSI). The chamber's President Faroog Shaikhani informed in a statement issued here on Saturday that during his recent visit, the CS announced

c o m p r e h e n s i v e development package of Rs5 billion for Hyderabad. He added that the

package aimed at resolving

related to water supply, sewerage, and road infrastructure, all of which were critical for boosting the city's economy.

The CS further

instructed the Managing Director of SITE Limited to allocate 1,000 acres of land for a new industrial zone and to also submit a progress report about the 300-acre SITE phase II project. Shaikhani apprised that Shah also revealed that Rs1.1 billion had already been released for the restoration of SITE Hyderabad's infrastructure, particularly roads and sewerage systems, which would soon be received by the SITE management.

Senator recommended for positions Muhammad Aurangzeb of independent directors were drawn from the private sector and possessed vast relevant experience in top management positions besides having high-end professional qualifications, expertise and academic background in law, accountancy management. The meeting considered the summary and accorded strong endorsement to the

#### **BISP** releases quarterly tranche in Sargodha

SARGODHA (APP): The Benazir Income Support Program Sargodha district has released the quarterly tranche for September-December 2024 for registered beneficiaries.

Deputy Director Raazia Asim told media that 72,335 beneficiaries in Sargodha city and 165,183 beneficiaries in Sargodha district would get BISP payments of Rs10,500 each. She said that the

## **CCP scrutinizes** misleading discount advertisements ISLAMABAD (APP): most

(CCP), while taking action against retailers advertising discounts as "up to a percentage" during the 'End of Season Sales" issued notices to 20 brands, seeking clarification on their potentially misleading discount practices.

Such unspecified discount offers are akin to 'Bait and Switch Advertising' defined as a tactic to mislead buyers, whereby a seller advertises an appealing but spurious offer to sell a product or service that the seller does not actually intend to sell, said a news release.

Instead, the seller alternative which is prohibited under Section 10 of the Act as Deceptive Marketing Practices.

Market Intelligence

Unit/Office of Fair Trade of the CCP conducted a random survey in the twin cities and identified various brands offering discounts "Up to Some Percentage" on their products. The survey revealed that maximum (upper limit) discount was being offered payment process had been on a small collection of least are also advised to exercise started and five camp sites. attractive articles and the vigilance.

popular and The Competition frequently purchased items
Commission of Pakistan were available with minimal were available with minimal or no discount

Consequently, a clear gap was observed between the advertised discounts and the real offers, compelling the customers to ask multiple questions to determine the actual discounts available on their chosen items. Some of the brands were, however, offering flat discounts or concessions (discounts up to some upper limit) with adequate disclosures/ disclaimers i.e. on the entire/limited or specified stock which is highly appreciated by the CCP.

The Commission advises various consumer offers an unwanted brands offering discounts to preclude distributing any misleading information and ensure clear and adequate disclosures regarding actual and discounted prices with the details of the stock on offer with flat or differential discounts. Undertakings, Brands and outlets violating this directive may face enforcement action by the CCP under Section 10 of the Competition Act, 2010. Similarly, consumers



GUJRANWALA: Members of Gujranwala Chamber of Commerce and Industry gather for casting their votes during Gujranwala Chamber of Commerce and Industry Election 2024-25, held at GCCI premises in Gujranwala.

#### Gold rates increase further by Rs.500 per tola to Rs.272,500

ISLAMABAD (APP): The per tola price of 24 karat gold increased by Rs.500 and was sold at Rs.272,500 on Saturday compared to its sale at Rs.272,000 on last trading

The price of 10 grams of 24 karat gold also increased by Rs. 429 to Rs. 233,625 from Rs. 233,196 whereas the price of 10 gram 22 karat gold went up to Rs.214,156 from Rs.213,763, the All Sindh Jewellers Sarafa Association reported.

The price of per tola and ten gram silver remained unchanged at Rs.2,950 and Rs.2,529.14, respectively.

The price of gold in the international market increased by \$10 to \$2,622 \$2,612, from Association reported.

#### **SNGPL** cuts off eight more connections over violations

MULTAN (APP): The Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPĹ) task force disconnected eight more meters.

In the light of the directions of the General Manager SNGPL UFG Control Task Force, operations are underway on a daily basis

# Citizens appreciate govt's move to lower fuel prices

SARGODHA Citizens showered praise on the government's recent decision to reduce petrol prices by Rs13 and diesel prices by Rs10 and termed it a huge relief for the public. With the hopes of the decrease providing a much-needed respite from inflation, individuals such as Saad Qureshi, Shahid Bhutta, Nauman Malik, Waleed Qureshi, Salman Jandran, and many others voiced their appreciation for this move.

The decision to slash fuel prices has been met with widespread acclaim. Citizens believe that this significant reduction will lowering transport fares, general public

(APP): making it easier for people to commute and travel. Furthermore, the ripple effect of this reduction in transportation costs is expected to have a positive impact on the prices of everyday essentials. Citizens are now

urging the government to take swift action in conducting magistrate's raids on local bazaars to lower the prices of daily necessities. Additionally, they emphasize the importance of stringent oversight by the Regional Transport Authority to ensure that the recent reduction in petrol prices translate into undoubtedly result in tangible benefits for the

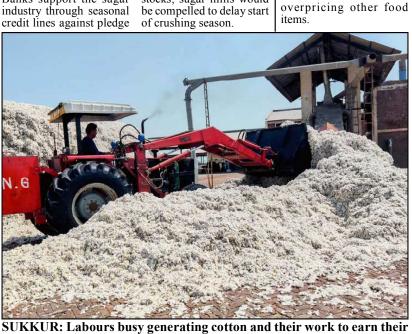
## **Bullish week:** PSX soars 2,741 points to historic high of 82,074

Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) benchmark (KSE-100) index experienced a significant surge this week, closing at 82,074 points, an increase of 2,741 points or 3.5% week-on-week.

This bullish trend of PSX was driven by optimism surrounding the anticipated approval of a \$7 billion loan from the International Monetary Fund (IMF), with the IMF

KARACHI (INP): The Executive Board scheduled to meet on September 25, according to AHL research.

Additionally, a 50 basis points rate cut by the Federal Reserve boosted market participation across Asian markets, including Pakistan. Large Scale Manufacturing Industries (LSMI) output saw a yearon-year increase of 2.4% in July 2024, although it decreased by 2.1% on a month-on-month basis.



livelihood for support their families, at workplace as the demand of cotton for making warm clothes increased in city due arrive of winter season while the cotton generators are facing severe losses due to low production in all the districts of Sindh, in Sukkur.

nated two days in a row

which shocked many in

Lebanon, showed injured,

bloodied people lying in the

street or falling to the

ground after explosions in

shops. Doctors in Lebanon

told AFP of horrific eye in-

juries and finger amputa-

tions caused by the blasts.

On Thursday, Lebanese

authorities prohibited pas-

sengers travelling from

Beirut airport from "trans-

porting any pager or walkie-

talkie device aboard

planes". Schools and uni-

versities were closed on

Scenes of carnage circulating on social media,

# Daily Acice of Masse, Independent Quetta

# Ukraine says Russia is planning strikes on nuclear facilities

**Monitoring Desk** 

KYIV: Ukraine's foreign minister said on Saturday that Russia is planning strikes on Ukrainian nuclear facilities before the winter, and urged the UN's nuclear watchdog and Ukraine's allies to establish permanent monitoring missions at the country's nuclear plants.

"According to Ukrainian intelligence, (the) Kremlin is preparing strikes on Ukrainian nuclear energy critical objects ahead of winter," Foreign Minister Andriy Sybiha wrote on X.

"In particular, it concerns open distribution devices at (nuclear power plants and) transmission substations, critical for the safe operation of nuclear energy." Sybiha did not elaborate on why Kyiv believed such strikes were being prepared.

There was no imme-

Atomic Energy Agency controlled nuclear facilities. (IAEA), did not immedifor comment.

Ukrainian president's chief of staff, Andriy Yermak, called for a swift global response to the purported threat of a strike on a nuclear facility.

"This is preparation for a possible nuclear disaster scenario. Russia is a terrorist," he wrote on Telegram. "They must be stopped here and now. The countries of the West and the Global South must react harshly to preparations for terror.

Russia has been waging an aerial bombardment campaign on Ukraine's 2022 after invading the country earlier that year.

It has damaged or destroyed most of Ukraine's thermal power generating

Ukraine has previately respond to a request ously accused Russia of nuclear blackmail after Russian forces occupied the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant, Europe's largest, in March 2022, early on in the invasion.

Moscow denies that

allegation.
Both sides have regularly accused each other of shelling areas next to the plant, which has on several occasions cut power lines to the plant, increasing the chance of a blackout that could cause a nuclear accident. IAEA head Rafael Grossi has visited Ukraine and Russia several times throughout the war and has power grid since autumn urged the sides not to engage each other near nuclear facilities.

"I think it is always a risk when there is a possibility of an attack on a nuclear power plant," he

First-time

asylum seekers

in EU drop by

17% in June

**Monitoring Desk** 

ONDON: First-time ap-

plications from people

seeking asylum in European

June, with Syrians, Venezu-

elans, and Afghans being the

primary applicants, a re-

port from the bloc's statis-

tics agency Eurostat

showed on Friday. Eurostat reported 70,375 first-time

asylum requests from non-

EU citizens across the

bloc's 27 countries, a de-

crease of 17% compared to

largest share of applicants,

accounting for 12% in June,

followed by Venezuelans

Syrians remained the

June 2023.

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BEIRUT: People inspect the damage at the scene of an Israeli strike in the southern suburbs of the Lebanese capital.

# Iran unveils new drone, missile amid rising tensions

**Monitoring Desk** TEHRAN: Iran unveiled a new ballistic missile and an upgraded one-way attack drone at a military parade on Saturday, state media said, amid soaring regional tensions and allegations of arming Russia.

Iran stands accused by Western governments of supplying both drones and missiles to Russia for use in its war with Ukraine, a charge it has repeatedly denied. The solid-fuel Jihad missile was designed and

space arm of Iran's Revolutionary Guards and has an operational range of 1,000 kilometres, state news agency IRNA said. The Shahed-136B

drone is an upgraded version of the Shahed-136, with new features and an operational range of more than 4,000 kilometres, it added. Iranian President

Pezeshkian attended the annual parade in Tehran, commemorating the 1980-88 war

# with Saddam Hussein's Iraq. Sri Lanka votes for new president with economic

future at stake **Monitoring Desk** 

COLOMBO: Sri Lankans voted on Saturday in an election to pick a president who will face the task of bolstering the country's fragile economic recovery following its worst financial crisis in decades.

The election is predicted to be a close contest between President Ranil Wickremesinghe, main opposition leader Sajith Premadasa and Marxist-leaning challenger Kumara Dissanayake.

Dissanayake narrowly led in one recent opinion poll.

local time and counting started afterwards, with results expected to be announced by the Election Commission on Sunday. Postal votes were to be counted first, senior commission official Saman Sri Ratnayake, told Reuters.

The country's election system allows voters to cast three preferential votes for their chosen candidates.

If no candidate wins 50 per cent in the first count, a second round of counting determines the winner between the two top candidates, using the Voting closed at 4pm preferential votes.

#### Russia and China start naval exercises in Sea of Japan **Monitoring Desk**

MOSCOW: Russia and China started naval exercises in the Sea of Japan on Saturday, Russian news agencies cited Russia's Pacific Fleet as saying.
"A joint detachment

of warships of the Pacific Fleet and Chinese Navv set out from Vladivostok to conduct the joint Russian-Chinese "Beibu/Interaction - 2024" naval exercise." the RIA news agency quoted the Pacific Fleet as saying.

The exercises will in-

clude anti-aircraft and antisubmarine weapons, RIA reported.

#### Britain's debt hits 100pc of economic output

**Monitoring Desk** LONDON: British government debt hit 100 per cent of economic output for the first time in recent history and there was another large budget deficit last month, adding to the problems for Finance Minister Rachel Reeves as she readies her tax and spending plans.

Public sector net debt, excluding public sector-owned banks, rose to 100 per cent of GDP for the first time since monthly records began in 1993, up from 99.3 per cent in July, the Office for National Statistics said on Friday.

#### sleep with mobile phones Wednesday following the in another room after hand- initial blasts, but they reheld devices used by opened on Thursday, with Hezbollah operatives deto- people on edge. Ukraine joins NATO drill to test

Nasrallah vows

revenge amid Israeli

bombing in Lebanon

**Monitoring Desk** 

BEIRUT: Israel bombed

Lebanon, after two waves

of explosions targeted its

communications systems,

killing at least 37 people

across the country.

On Thursday, the Israeli military claimed it

struck six Hezbollah "infra-

structure sites" and a weap-

ons storage facility overnight in southern Lebanon.

News Agency also reported

Israeli strikes and shelling

on several towns in the

south. Meanwhile, panic-

stricken Lebanese have

tossed power banks, or

Lebanon's National

anti-drone systems **Monitoring Desk** VREDEPEEL: NATO con-

cluded a major anti-drone exercise this week, with Ukraine taking part for the first time as the Western alliance seeks to learn urgently from the rapid development and widespread use of unmanned systems in the war there.

The drills at a Dutch military base, involving more than 20 countries and some 50 companies, tested cutting-edge systems to detect and counter drones and assessed how they

work together.
The 11-day exercise ended with a demonstration of jamming and hacking drones in a week when their critical role in the Ukraine war was demonstrated once

On Wednesday, a large Ukrainian drone attack trig-gered an earthquake-sized lands.

blast at a major Russian arsenal. The following day, Russian President Vladimir Putin said Moscow was ramping up drone production tenfold to nearly 1.4 million this year.

The proliferation of drones in the war - to destroy targets and survey the battlefield – has prompted NATO to increase its focus on the threat they could pose to the alliance. NATO takes this

threat very, very seriously," said Matt Roper, chief of the Joint Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Centre at the alliance's technology agency.
"This is not a domain

we can afford to sit back and be passive on," he said at the exercise site, Lieutenant General Best Barracks in the east of The Nether-

#### Components for pagers used in Lebanon blasts are not from Taiwan, minister says

**Monitoring Desk** TAIPEI: Components used in thousands of pagers that with certainty they were not made in Taiwan," addeconomy minister said on Friday. Taiwan-based Gold Apollo said this week it did not manufacture the devices used in the attack, and that Budapest-based company BAC to which the pagers were traced has a li-

cense to use its brand. It was not clear how or when the pagers were weaponised so they could be remotely detonated. The same applied to the hundreds of hand-held radios used by Hezbollah that exploded on Wednesday in a second wave of attacks. The two incidents killed 37 people and wounded about 3,000 in Lebanon.

"The components are (mainly) low-end IC (integrated circuits) and batteries," Taiwan's Economy Minister Kuo Jyh-huei told reporters. When he was pressed on whether the parts in the pagers that ex-ploded were made in Tai-

detonated on Tuesday in ing the case is being inves-Lebanon in a deadly blow tigated by judicial authorito Hezbollah were not made in Taiwan, Taiwan's Israel was responsible for the pager explosions on Tuesday that raised the stakes in a growing conflict between the two sides. Israel has not directly commented on the attacks.

wan, he said, "I can say

Taiwan's Foreign Minister Lin Chia-lung, also speaking to reporters at parliament, answered "no" when asked if he had met with the de facto Israeli ambassador to express concern about the case.

'We are asking our missions abroad to raise their security awareness and will exchange relevant information with other countries." As Taiwanese authorities look into any potential link between its sprawling global tech supply chains and the devices used in the attacks in Lebanon, Gold Apollo's president and founder, Hsu Ching-kuang, was questioned by prosecutors late into the night on Thursday.

## China, Japan agree Fukushima discharge plan, paving way to restart seafood trade

**Monitoring Desk** TOKYO: China and Japan

reached an agreement over the discharge of wastewater from the wrecked Fukushima nuclear plant, the two governments said on Friday, paving the way for a restart of seafood shipments from Japan to China. Beijing banned pur-

chases of seafood originating in Japan about a year ago citing the risk of radioactive contamination after Tokyo Electric Power started releasing treated water from the Fukushima plant into the Pacific Ocean. Under the agreement,

Japan would establish a long-term international monitoring arrangement and allow stakeholders to conduct independent sampling and monitoring.

'We conveyed that we are ready to conduct additional monitoring on the treated water," Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida told reporters.

'China in turn said it would begin to revisit its import restrictions on Japanese marine products, and will steadily increase imports for products that meet Chinese standards."

The Chinese criteria that the Japanese products

must meet are not countryspecific and apply to all imports, he added. Before the ban, China

was the biggest market for Japanese seafood exports. Japan's exports of agricultural, forestry, and fishery products in the first half of 2024 fell for the first time since 2020, hit by China's ban. Chinese foreign minisspokesperson Mao Ning said, however, that the

agreement did not mean an immediate resumption of imports and that Beijing remains opposed to the discharge of the water from Fukushima. "We will carry out technical consultations with the Japanese side and gradually resume the import of Japanese aquatic products," she told a regular press conference in Beijing. Japan has maintained that the water release is safe, noting the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) has also concluded the impact it would have on people and the environment was "negligible". Japan's position that the ban must be lifted immediately likewise remains unchanged, foreign ministry official Hiroyuki Namazu said at a briefing following Kishida's an-

nouncement.

# diate comment from Moscapacity and has somecow. The UN's nuclear times hit dams, but has not said on a visit to Kyiv at yet struck any Ukrainian- the beginning of September.

US Secret Service Acting Director Ronald Rowe speaks during a press conference in Washington DC, US.

# Zelenskyy to meet Biden, Harris

# as Ukraine pushes US to loosen restrictions on long-range weapons

**Monitoring Desk** WASHINGTON: Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy will travel to Washington next Thursday for talks with President Joe looking forward to hosting my friend President Zelenskyy of Ukraine next week at the White House," Biden said in message posted on X. "During his visit, I'll reaffirm America's commitment to supporting Ukraine as it defends its freedom and independence.

The Biden administration still is not convinced that it should give Ukraine the authority to launch longrange missiles deeper into Russia, and U.S. officials say they are seeking more de- long-range drones.

Monitoring Desk MANILA: The Philip-

pines hopes to procure

mid-range capability mis-

siles in future and wants to utilise a US-deployed

Typhon system for its

military training, with no

immediate plan for it to

be returned, a top security official said on Fri-

report by Reuters, Philippine National Security

Adviser Eduardo Ano said

for the withdrawal of the

United States' mid-range

missile system from the

country, which China has

demanded to be pulled

Reuters reported on

out citing risks of a geo-

Thursday the United

States was testing the fea-

sibility of the missile

system's use in a regional

political confrontation.

Confirming an earlier

missile launchers purchase

to retain US Typhon system

tailed information about how Kyiv would use the weapons and how they fit into the

broader strategy for the war. U.S. officials said they have asked Ukraine to spell Biden and Vice President out more clearly its combat Kamala Harris as he presses objectives should the adfor the U.S. to allow ministration green light loos-Ukraine to use Western-pro- ening restrictions on longvided weapons to strike range weaponry. Adminisdeeper into Russia. "I'm tration officials are concerned that loosening restrictions would have limited impact and come with great risk. Russian President Vladimir Putin last week warned that Russia would be "at war" with the United States and its NATO allies if they allow Ukraine to use the longrange weapons. U.S. defense officials have repeatedly argued that the longrange missiles are limited in

conflict and has no immediate plans to take it back.

It was sent to the northern Philippines in

April as part of the two defence allies' joint military drills, in what was its

first deployment in the

prised of officials of both

and Afghans, accounting for 9% and 8% respectively.

Of those applications, more than three quarters were received by Germany, number and that Ukraine Spain, Italy, and France, already is using its own while 2.9% were made by unaccompanied minors, Philippines eyes future Eurostat said.

However, applica-tions submitted to Germany in June 2024 dropped by 27% to 16,770 compared with the same period

### Fear, panic haunt Lebanese after devices

explode **Monitoring Desk** BEIRUT: Some panic-

the last two days is so

Indo-Pacific region, though no missiles were stricken Lebanese have launched during the exertossed power banks, or sleep with mobile phones "We don't have a in another room, after handtimeline," Ano told reportheld devices used by ers when asked how long Hezbollah operatives detothe Typhon system would nated two days in a row, there was no set timeline remain in the Philippines, killing 37 people.
"What happened in noting that a panel com-

> countries would decide its frightening. It's terrifying,' future. "No plans to pull it out yet."
>
> "There will be consultation, but for now we Lina Ismail told AFP by phone from the eastern city of Baalbek where some of the explosions occurred. need the ... Typhon missile launcher for our train-

> We were so scared that we dismantled the inverter (a ing and upgrading the cacomponent inside solar enpabilities of our armed ergy systems) and turned off forces," Ano added. the device," she said.



Voters queue outside a polling station to vote on the day of the presidential

## anniversary of the outbreak of the Iran-Iraq war in Tehran. Taiwan court rules death penalty constitutional but only for most serious crimes

**Monitoring Desk** TAIPEI: Taiwan's constitutional court ruled on Friday that the death penalty is constitutional but only for the most serious crimes with the most rigorous legal scrutiny, after considering a petition brought by 37 people who are on death row. Despite Taiwan's reputation as Asia's most liberal democracy, the death penalty remains broadly popular according to opinion polls, though in recent years it has only rarely been carried out and violent crime is

which began hearing the case in April, ruled that though the right to life should be protected, such protections are "not absolute," judge Hsu Tzong-li said.

Bavar missiles are displayed during the annual military parade marking the

Rights groups in Taiwan, which was under martial law until 1987, said while there were some positives in the ruling, Taiwan needed to put an end to all executions. "When will Taiwan finally abolish the death penalty? The road ahead will be even more difficult," said the Taiwan Alliance to End the Death

#### relatively low. The court, **Turkey wants to regulate** Germany's beloved döner kebab street food regulate what can legally

**Monitoring Desk** 

BERLIN: Beef and chicken glisten as they rotate slowly on vertical spits before they are carved off in razor-thin strips. Two cooks slide from a sizzling griddle to a warm toaster in a practiced dance. Mounds of fresh tomatoes, cabbage and red onions shine in a colorful tableau.

The scene at Kebap With Attitude in Berlin's trendy Mitte neighborhood is typical of any street-side stand or restaurant where cooks pile the ingredients into pita bread to create the

city's beloved döner kebab. But the snack's status could be in jeopardy if the European Commission ap-

proves a bid by Turkey to

take the döner kebab name. In the balance is an in-

dustry that generates annual sales of roughly 2.3 billion euros (nearly \$2.6 billion) in Germany alone, and 3.5 billion euros (nearly \$3.9 billion) across Europe, according to the Berlinbased Association of Turkish Döner Producers in Eu-

"From the government to the streets, everyone is eating döner kebab, Deniz Buchholz, the owner of Kebap With Attitude, said as waiters ferried steaming orders from the kitchen to hungry lunchtime customers on a rainy Monday afternoon.

#### minister who resigned from the ruling party to contest as an independent candidate. Crackdown on India's civil society groups

condemned

Ghana's electoral

commission

approves 13

candidates to run

for president

**Monitoring Desk** 

commission has approved

13 candidates, including

Vice President Mahamudu

Bawumia and former presi-

dent John Dramani

Mahama, to contest a presi-

dential poll set for Dec. 7, a

top elections authority of-

had also accepted the candi-

dacies of Alan John

Kwadwo Kyerematen, a

former trade and industry

The commission said it

ficial said on Friday.

**Monitoring Desk** NEW DELHI: İndia must stop its "witch hunt" against civil society groups under the pretext of tackling money laundering or terrorism financing, Amnesty Internat-ional has said following a report by a global money-laundering watchdog. Rights organisations and news out-

lets have long complained of harassment under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Hindu-nationalist administration, a charge it has denied. In the last decade, India has cancelled the licences of thousands of non-governmental organisations using the Foreign Contribution Regulation.

# Bilawal reaffirms party's commitment to justice and democracy

ISLAMABAD Chairman Pakistan People's Party (PPP) Bilawal Bhutto Zardari has reaffirmed the party's commitment to the ideals of peace, justice, democracy and human dignity.

In a message on the occasion of International Peace Day, he stressed that peace is not just the absence of conflict but the presence of justice, equality, and respect for human rights.

"True peace can only be achieved when every individual, regardless of their background or beliefs, is treated with fairness and dignity," he said. He highlighted that Pakistan, as a nation, has faced challenges in its pursuit of peace, both domestically and internationally, but has remained resilient in its quest to build a harmonious and prosper-

"PPP has always been at the forefront of advocat-

ing for peace, dialogue, and mir (IIOJK) and the Israeli reconciliation, values that brutality in Palestine pose were championed by Shaheed Zulfikar Ali and stability. Bhutto and Shaheed Mohtarma Bhutto," he added.

Bilawal Bhutto also acknowledged this year's United Nations theme for International Peace Day, 'Cultivating a Culture of Peace". He urged the global community to work together in addressing shared change, which are critical to fostering lasting peace.
"Peace is intercon-

nected with development, and the sustainable progress of any nation depends on the well-being of its people and the fairness of its systems," he said. He also cautioned the

international community

He further emphasized Benazir that in today's world, emerging technologies, including artificial intelligence, must be governed ethically and responsibly to ensure that they contribute to peace and do not exacerbate inequality or conflict. "It is vital that we use technology as a force for challenges such as poverty, inequality, and climate ency, justice, and

ency, justice, and inclusivity," he remarked. Bilawal Bhutto calling on all citizens of Pakistan to contribute to the peaceful development of society.

ISLAMABAD

Pakistan's Permanent Rep-

resentative to the United

Nations, Munir Akram,

stated that Pakistan re-

mains committed to main-

taining its ties with the

Taliban, despite any differ-

Speaking in an interview with a US broadcaster,

Munir emphasised that the

mistakes of the Afghan government should not be

borne by the Afghan people, highlighting

Pakistan's enduring relationship with its neighbour.

"Let us honor this International Peace Day by standing firm in our resolve to build a Pakistan where peace, justice, democracy. and human dignity prevail that the ongoing Indian and where every citizen atrocities in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kash-



QUETTA: Director Abul Hassan Amiri addressing Eid Milad-e-Nabi (SAWW) and Hafta Wahdat Conference organized by Khana Farang-e-Iran.

# **Kashmiris continue to suffer** under Indian occupation as world observes day of peace

ISLAMABAD (INP): As forming the territory into a the world observes the International Day of Peace, the situation in Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK) stands in stark contrast, marred by ongoing Indian state terrorism that fosters a climate of fear and oppression.

A report released by Kashmir Media Service in military forces, and police connection with the day on Saturday, revealed that for the past 77 years, the people of IIOJK have enarea as the biggest open-air dured severe brutality at the prison on earth. Caged and hands of Indian forces. The suppressed, the Kashmiris report highlights that Indian troops routinely employ brutal tactics, including tor-

ture, against the Kashmiris. Since the abrogation of Article 370, IIOJK has been subjected to an intensified military siege, with the RSS-backed Modi government effectively trans-

vast concentration camp Over 5,000 Kashmiris, including APHC top leaders, activists, women, youth and journalists, are currently languishing in illegal detention in jails both in IIOJK and India.

The report asserts that Indian troops, parapersonnel are involved in widespread war crimes in are left awaiting intervention from the international

For over seven decades, Kashmiris have struggled for their legitimate rights, yet India has consistently acted as a barrier to a peaceful resolution of the Kashmir dispute.



QUETTA: Awami National Party (ANP) Balochistan President, Asghar Khan Achakzai addresses during the condolence reference ceremony on the occasion of death anniversary of the martyred advocate Arbab Ghulam Kasi organized by ANP.

### Dr Affan says: **CT** scan service started in GDA, Pak China Friendship Hospital

Campus of the hospital Dr. Affan Faiqzada on Saturday said that Gwadar Development Authority (GDA) Pak China Friendship Hospital has crossed a major milestone by completing the first successful CT scan in the history of Gwadar.

He said that this development is a revolutionary step in the healthcare sector in the region which

was awaited for a long time. He said that named after Gwadar Development Authority (GDA) Pak-China Friendship, this hospital is managed by Indus Hospital and Health Network of Sindh province.

tion Theater in district headquarter hospital.

Head of Campus of the hospital Dr. Affan Faiqzada

QUETTA (APP): Head of termed this successful CT scan as a new chapter for the people of the area.

He said that this facility is a great blessing for the health of the people of the area. He expressed his sincere gratitude to all the experts, technicians, and doctors who contributed to this important achievement.

He also expressed hope that more modern medical facilities will be provided in the future, so that the people of Gwadar could get the best health opportunities.

Public circles have appreciated the initiative of Chief Minister Balochistan, MPA Maulana Hidayatur Rehman GDA officials and

#### PR announces reduction in train fares

ISLAMABAD (INP): Pakistan Railways has announced a 10% reduction in train fares, effective from September 23

As per details, the fare cut will apply to all AC classes of express and mail trains, as well as all economy classes of passenger trains Earlier, the railway department decided to op-

erate 10 passenger trains under the public-private partnership (PPP) mode. According to Pakistan Railways officials, the first phase of the privatisation

will commence soon and 10 trains will be handed over to private operators under the PPP mode.

#### Jam calls for promoting a peaceful, inclusive, united Pak

SLAMABAD (APP) Minister for Commerce Jam Kamal Khan on Saturday called for promoting a peaceful, inclusive, and united Pakistan.

He urged to reflect on the true essence of peace both as individuals and as

In these challenging times, our country faces not only economic and social difficulties but also the urgent need to heal divisions within our society, he said in a message on International Day of Peace.

Peace is not just a global aspiration; it starts at home, in our communities, and in our daily interac-

#### Dr Zakir Naik announces schedule to visit Pakistan

ISLAMABAD (Online) Renowned Muslim Scholar Dr Zakir Naik has announced to come to Pakistan along with his son.

He is coming to Pakistan 8 years after leaving India. While sharing post on social media website X he has announced the schedule for visiting Pakistan.

Dr Zakir Naik while sharing post on X said he will visit Pakistan alongwith his son Sheikh Farooq Naik on invitation of government of Pakistan. Sharing his schedule on visit to Pakistan he said he will address public gatherings in Islamabad, Karachi and Lahore in the month of October.

PISHIN: Provincial Health Minister Bakht Muhammad Kakar inaugurating Gynae Ward and Opera-

#### Munir pointed out that Pakistan has always Afghan interim governsupported engagement Backed by the with Afghanistan, stressing Taliban, these terrorists are that diplomacy aims to transform situations equipped with advanced weaponry and increasingly through dialogue and collaborate with other in-

ISLAMABAD: Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti cut-

ting cake on eve of 36th birthday of Chairman PPP Bilawal Bhutto Zardari.

Munir Akram says

Pakistan committed to dialogue

with Taliban despite differences

external issues require a

joint strategy and collective

Munir Akram, raised alarms

at the United Nations Se-

curity Council (UNSC) re-

garding the increasing ter-

rorist threat emanating

the Tehreek-e-Taliban Paki-stan (TTP), a terrorist

group which Pakistan refers

to as Fitna al-Khawarij, is

rapidly expanding its influence with the support of the

surgent factions, including

He emphasised that

from Afghanistan.

Therefore, ambassador

Afghanistan's internal and TTP's growing alliance

activities.

policy.

He reiterated that secessionist groups like the while the Taliban's mis-Majeed Brigade. Pakistan fears that the takes are recognised,



KANDKOT: Amir JI Hafiz Naeemur Rehman addressing sit in against lawlessness.

# **DPM** chairs meeting of **Chairpersons of Boards** of Directors of DISCOs

ISLAMABAD (APP): the Boards of Director Deputy Prime Minister and Minister Foreign Mohammad Ishaq Dar on Saturday chaired the meeting of the Chairpersons of the newly constituted Boards of Directors of the Power Distribution Companies (DISCOs).

The meeting was also attended by Minister for Power, Sardar Awais Ahmad Khan Leghari.

cused on the critically required human resource by

The discussions fo-

principles of the outsourcing for maximum efficiencies, reduction in line losses, elimination of power theft and customer They were also urged

were asked to reassess the

level of human resource re-

quirements in light of the

functional requirements and

to look into all those ageing posts which are now redundant. The deputy PM expressed full resolve of the Government to address the issues of governance in the The chairpersons of DISCOs.

# Sec. Health inaugurates **Center of Excellence in** Sandeman Hospital Quetta

**Independent Report** QUETTA: The Secretary Health Department, Muhammad Saleh Baloch inaugurated the Center of Excellence for child care here in the Sandeman Provincial Headquarter Hospital on Saturday.
The Director General

of Health Services, Dr. Amin Mandokhail, Chief of UNICEF, Dr. Maryam Darvesh, Nutrition Chief of UNICEF, Antone Grama, Medical Superintendent of Sandeman Hospital, Dr. Ishaq Panezai, Director Nutrition Programme, Dr. Naeemullah Zarkoon, Deputy Director Nutrition, Dr. Awais Tareen, and other

concerned high ups. The Secretary Health and other concerned high ups visited the Center of Excellence established with support of UNICEF. They appreciated the initiative of UNICEF and decided to carry on the programme.

Speaking on the occasion, Secretary Health concerned about the state of malnutrition of children in Balochistan saying that the highest number of children are suffering from malnutrition in the country especially in Balochistan as such there is a need to pay at-

## Asad Qaiser says: Bilawal supporting undemocratic individuals to abolish constitution of 1973

SWABI (INP): Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leading member Asad Qaiser berated Bilawal Bhutto Zardari for supporting undemocratic individuals to abolish constitution of 1973. The PTI leader was referring to the support of

Bilawal Bhutto for the PML-N led incumbent government on proposed constitutional amendment. Addressing a public

gathering in Swabi, Asad Qaiser raised the question on the claims of PPP calling itself champion of democracy, saying he was dismayed at the PPP involvement in the conspiracy. He stressed that grandson of Bhutto Bialwal Bhutto was equally guilty in this conspiracy, supporting undemocratic quarters to nullify the 1973 constitution. The PTI leader claimed that the coalition government was making efforts to amend Article 8 of the constitution pertaining to fundamental hu-

# Pak, China strengthen energy partnership at Silk Route Expo

roundtable meetings, Dr Malik met with representatives from leading Chinese companies, including the Shaanxi Energy Bureau, Yanchang Petroleum Group, Hua Lu Engineer-ing and Technology Group, Shanghai Electric, Shaanxi Blower Group, China Typical Group and Hangzhou Maibao Import & Export Company Limited at the Pakistan Pavilion, set up for the Expo in Xian, China.

regional and global terrorist The ambassador also stressed Pakistan's readiness to collaborate with regional and international bodies to curb this growing menace, as Islamabad continues its nationwide crack-

down on Fitna al-Khawarij. Furthermore, the ambassador criticised the Afghan interim government for its ongoing human rights abuses, particularly against women and girls.

with Al-Qaeda could soon

elevate it to a central role in

condemned Kabul's failure to uphold promises regarding gender equality, highlighting that these regressive policies not only contravene Islamic values but also hinder Afghanistan's potential for international en-

#### Pak envoy in **Madrid presents** credential to **President** Macron

PARIS (APP): Pakistan's Ambassador in Madrid, Spain Dr Zahoor Ahmed has presented credential as the country's Ambassador concurrently accredited to Andorra, to President Emmanuel Macron here at the Élysée Palace.

Andorra has a special arrangement; it has two Heads of States (Co-Princes which are President of France and Bishop of Urgell). Ambassadors accredited to Andorra are dentials to both of them, a press release issued on Saturday said.

President Macron referred to historic arrangement of having two Heads States by the Principality of Andorra. He said that Andorra was a unique country. Having visited to all seven parishes of Andorra.

He believed that it had a lot to offer. He also referred to the leadership of the country in mountain tourism and financial services.

# ISLAMABAD (APP): (FFC) and the Thar Coal

Minister for Petroleum Dr Musadik Malik on Satur-day led a delegation of Pa-the Expo said a news rekistani energy companies to the 8th Silk Route Expo, fostering collaborations with Chinese counterparts to boost Pakistan's energy During a series of

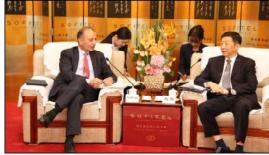
Pakistani companies, including Oil and Gas Development Company (OGDCL), Pakistan Petroleum Limited (PPL), Mari Petroleum Company Limited (MPCL), Fauji Fertilizer Company Limited

Opening the discussion forum, the minister outlined the vision of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and assured the Chinese companies that Pakistan would provide maximum facilitation in partnering with Pakistani firms, whether individually or in consortia.

During the meeting, key areas of partnership in-cluding oil and gas exploration, refinery upgrades, coal conversion and regasification were discussed.

Dr Musadik Malik emphasized that Pakistan has one of the largest coal reserves and is committed to adding value to its natural resources while ensuring environmental protec-

He also highlighted the country's focus on producing fertilizer using coalbased energy.



Federal Minister for Petroleum Dr Musadik Malik met the Governor Mr. Zhao Gang of Shaanxi prov-

## **AJK PM says:** Ongoing AJK-based hydroelectric power projects to open new vistas to consumers

MIRPUR (APP): Azad Jammu Kashmir Prime Minister Chaudhary Anwar ul Haq has said that since hydropower was the most important sector in Azad Jammu Kashmir, the state government was paying special attention to the speedy uplift of this sector. Addressing a meeting of the Board of Directors of mir House in the federal metropolis late Friday, the AJK Prime Minister said that early completion of the ongoing hydroelectric power projects would not only be instrumental in providing electricity facilities to the consumers at large

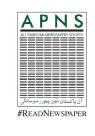
ing revenue for the state. The meeting was attended by Minister Power Development Organization Chaudhry Muhammad Rasheed, Chief Secretary

but also helpful in generat-

Azad Kashmir Dawood Muhammad Barich, Additional Chief Secretary Development Atif Rehman, Secretary Finance Islam Zeb, Senior Member Board of Revenue Zaheer u din Qureshi, Secretary Law, and Managing Director

Many important decisions were taken in the Azad Kashmir Power De- meeting, which included velopment Organization conditional approval for PDO employees and approval for the establishment of the reforms committee. The reforms commit-

tee, formed under the chairmanship of Additional Chief Secretary Development, was primarily mandated with the task of submitting comprehensive recommendations to the board within two weeks with reference to all other matters, including the structure, budget, income, expenditure, and rules of the PDO.



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