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ASHGABAT: President Asif Ali Zardari in a group photo with Heads of States/Governments/Parliaments participating in the International Forum on "Interrelation of Times and Civilizations - Basis of Peace and Development.

## Funding being done for terrorism incidents from abroad: Security forces, provincial & federal Govts, whole nation united against incidents of terrorism: Governor

Jaffar Khan Mandokhail says Prime Minister would come to Quetta in couple of days to personally condole over the incident of terrorism in Duki

#### Independent Report

QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail has stated that the security forces as well as federal and provincial governments and whole nation are united against the incidents of terrorism in the province and as such wholehearted steps would be taken to prevent them in future.

those involved in the Duki retaries present on the oc-casion were Mir Zahoor Buledi, Mir Sadiq Umrani, terrorism attack like incidents have nothing to do with the nationalism and Ms. Raheela Hameed they are just terrorists. Durrani, Ms. Mina Majeed The Governor was Baloch and others.

speaking to the hurriedly Referring the terrorists called press conference attack in Duki coal mine along with the Provincial field that claimed lives of Ministers and parliamen-20 coal mine labourers in tary secretaries here at the Governor's House on Fri-The Provincial Minis-

The Governor said ters and Parliamentary Sec-

day evening.

late Thursday night, Governor said that we share the rief with the bereaved families of those martyred in the incident **President for enhanced focus** 

Nobody allowed to disrupt SCO **Conference in Islamabad:** Tarar

### Zardari, Putin emphasise strengthening bilateral ties

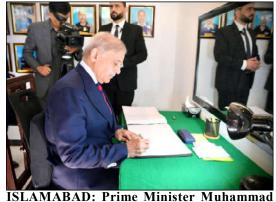
ASHGABAT (APP): President Asif Ali Zardari on Friday met his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin wherein they emphasised further strengthening of bilateral relationship.

The informal interaction was held on the sidelines of two-day international forum on "Interrelation of Times and Civilizations- Basis for Peace and Development" here in the Turkmen capital to commemorate the 300th birth anniversary Magtymguly Faragi, a great Turkmen thinker, poet and philosopher

Both leaders expressed good wishes for each other, according to a President House press release.

dressed the Forum which was also attended by Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian, Russian President Vladimir Putin, Kazakhstan President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev Uzbekistan President Shavkat Mirziyoyev, Tajik President Emomali Rehmon, Kyrgyz President

Sadyr Japarov and others. In his address, the president lauded the Turkmen leadership and people for hosting the event which also provided him an opportunity to interact with the leaders of regional countries.



# 22 labourers killed, seven injured in terrorism attack in Duki coalmines

No justification of attacking innocent mine labourers busy in earning livelihood: Governor in the mining of coal there. trict headquarter hospital Harnai and Kuchlak area of Independent Report

However, the local po-

QUETTA: As many as 22 tack, at least 22 coalmine coal mine labourers were workers were killed while killed and seven others in- seven others got injured. jured by unknown armed assailants in a terrorist attack in coalmine field of Duki on late Thursday night.

The reports reaching for the coalmining in the here suggested that some field before fleeing from the armed assailants apscene. proached the coalmines in Duki area and attacked the lice, Levies, Frontier Corps same with rockets and hand and administration reached grenades. The assailants the spot and cordoned off the area. The bodies of illalso resorted to indiscriminate fire targeting the fated labourers and injured coalmine labourers engaged ones were shifted to the dis- from Loralai, Musakhail, in Duki.

Earlier, the president

who arrived here on

Thursday for a two-

day visit, also ad-

As a result of the at-Duki After necessary first aid, most of the injured were shifted to the teach-The armed assailants fled from the scene after the horrific attack. The reports

ing hospital Loralai. Afterwards, four of them were shifted to Trauma Center suggested that they also Ouetta. burnt the machinery used

Those died in the attack belonged to different areas of Balochistan besides Afghanistan. The sources said that six of all 20 deceased mine workers hailed from Zhob while four of them belonged to Killa Saifullah. Three of them were from

Pishin while one each was

)uetta Investigations have been started into the terrorism incident. However, no arrest could be reported till

ours going to the press. Meanwhile, shutter down strike was observed against killing of the inno-

cent labourers in Duki. All the business concerns and shops remained closed due to the strike.

The strong protest was also lodged along with bodies of the deceased persons by the relatives of the deceased and others



QUETTA: Governor Balochistan Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail along with Balochistan cabinet members addressing a press conference for Duki incident at Governor House.

#### Agenda of terrorists is to destabilize Pakistan: **PM reviews** CM strongly condemns Duki **SCO** Summit preparations terror attack, orders quick & ISLAMABAD (APP) effective action against terrorists Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Friday visited the capital city to review the

**Independent Report** 

coal mine workers in it.

curred in Duki.

QUETTA: The Chief Min-

concerned authorities to take quick and effective action against the terrorists ister Balochistan, Mir involved in the Duki terror-Sarfraz Bugti has strongly ism incident.

He also directed to condemned the terrorist attack in the coalmines in cardon off the entire area and apprehend the terror-Duki and killing of innocent ists involved. In a condemnation The Chief Minister statement issued here on asserted that the terror-Friday, the Chief Minister ists have done extreme of expressed deep grief and the barbarism and cruelty sorrow over killing of innoby targeting the innocent cent coal mine labourers in labourers once again. He said that common the terrorism incident ocpoor labourers are tar-Expressing his anguish geted considering them the over the incident, Chief soft target, so they are cow-Minister directed to the ards

### cultural cooperation

on regional connectivity,

ASHGABAT (APP): President Asif Ali Zardari on Friday addressed an international forum held here in the Turkmen capital, where he emphasized an enhanced focus on the promotion of regional connectivity as well as cultural and economic collaboration in the region. The president, addressing the forum on "Interrelation of Times and Civilizations- Basis for Peace and Development" said that Pakistan and Turkmenistan shared a deep-rooted bond of brotherhood which was built on mutual respect and commonalities of faith and a shared vision for a better and peaceful future.

the 300th birth anniversary of Magtymguly Faragi, a great Turkmen thinker,

The event, held to mark

poet and philosopher, was also attended by several regional leaders including Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian, Russian President Vladimir Putin, Kazakhstan President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev Uzbekistan President Shavkat Mirziyoyev, Tajik Émomali President Rehmon, Kyrgyz President Sadyr Japarov and others.

President Zardari, who arrived here on Thursday on a two-day visit, called Magtymguly Faragi a "towering figure" of Turkmen literature and a "beacon of spiritual enlightenment.'

The great Turkmen poet and Pakistan's national poet Allama Muhammad Iqbal shared several commonalities in their poetry and thoughts on Sufism and nationalism, he added.

ISLAMABAD (APP) Minister for Information, Broadcasting, National Heritage and Culture Attaullah Tarar on Friday said Islamabad has been made fully safe and secure to welcome foreign delegations including 12 heads of the governments for the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Confer ence, scheduled for October 15-16.

'Those who have a mindset to conspire against the country should better stay at home as no miscreant will be allowed to disrupt the SCO Conference in Islamabad," the minister

said while talking to the media. "The announcements do not make any difference as Islamabad has been made fully safe and secure," he said while referring to the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf

which had announced to hold protest in coming davs the Police Lines Headquar-**Bakht visits** 

Trauma Center; inquires about health of Duki injured labourers

UETTA: The Provincial linister for Health, Bakht **QUETTA: Director General Khana Farhang Iran** Muhammad Kakar visited Quetta Dr. Syed Abul Hassan Meeri meeting with the Trauma Center of the Speaker Balochistan Assembly Captain (retd) Sandeman Provincial Headquarter Hospital here on

Abdul Khaliq Achakzai **Drum beaters should** first read court's decision and then criticize: CJP Duki

Hamid Khan.

plication for adjournment

has come from advocate

ISLAMABAD (Online): Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Qazi Faez Isa has refused to give more adjournment in intra party election review case due to absence of PTI lawyers from hearing remarking dilatory tactics are being used.

The CJP further remarked they want headlines but Supreme Court (SC) will not give them any such headline.

Intra Party Election review case came up for hearing before a 3-member bench of SC presided over by CJP Qazi Faez Isa Fri-

No lawyer from PTI side appeared in the court.

Ahmad Hassan counsel for Akbar S Babar said ap-

The CJP while moving to counsel for Akbar S Babar remarked " read paragraph No 2 of application for adjournment. Paragraph ter Mir Sarfraz Bugti. regarding the family engagement of Hamid Khan was read

The CJP remarked this is application for some novel adjournment. Application of such nature has not been seen before. This case was to be fixed for hearing in proposed cause list of May 29. There was aplication from advocate Ali Zafar for general adjournment till June 4. Open heart

surgery of one member of bench took place

addressing an event held at

ters here to pay tribute to the police force for their sacrifices and dutifulness, also announced to extend PM telephones to Governor Independent Report on Duki terrorism; assures

stern action against terrorists **Independent Report** QUETTA: The Prime Min-ister Muhammad Shahbaz riday. During the visit, the Sharif telephoned to Gov-Minister inquired about ernor Balochistan, Sheikh health of the labourers in-Jaffar Khan Mandokhail jured in the terrorists attack over the terrorism incident in the coal mine field of

occurred in Duki area of the province. Speaking on the occa-The Prime Minister sion, he said that wholediscussed with the Goverhearted medical treatment nor the tragic incident of facilities would be provided Duki in which innocent to the injured labourers. labourers were killed.

He said that the injured While strongly conlabourers would be shifted demning the tragic incident, to Karachi if needed so, on the Prime Minister exdirectives of Chief Minispressed deep grief and sor-

row with the bereaved families of those lost their lives in the incident of terrorism.

sured that quick and stern action would be taken against those involved in the incident.

bereaved families, the Prime their grief and stand with them in their time of grief.

The Premier also as-

In his message to the

Minister said that we share During the telephonic call, the Prime Minister also

prayed for the departed souls of those labourers killed in the terrorist attack.

families of the remaining 44 of duty.

contingent of Islamabad Police gave guard of honour to the prime minister who later laid a wreath at the Martyrs Monument at the Police Lines and penned his remarks in the visitors

book. He also offered Fateha for the police martyrs and paid tribute to the sacrifices of the police per-

> Full court reference for CJP to be held on October 25 ISLAMABAD (Online):

Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Qazi Faez Isa will be held on October 25.

in full court reference.

nounced its decision to proof total 64 officials of ICT test at Islamabad's D-Police martyred in the line During the visit, the

after the party's political

Full court reference for Chief

Registrar Supreme Court (SC) has issued notice in respect of full court reference and as per this notice full court reference will take place in connection with retirement of CJP Qazi Faez Isa on October 25. Senior lawyers including president Supreme

Court Bar Associaton (SCBA) have been invited

Chowk on October 15the day the country would host the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation summit in the federal capital-to seek the incarcerated former prime minister's release.

'We announce the can cellation of the protest in the districts of Punjab in view of the preparations for the peaceful protest of D-Chowk on October 15," the PTI said in a statement on X

arrangements being made for the upcoming Shanghai

Cooperation Organization

(SCO). On the occasion,

the prime minister was

briefed on the reception ar-

rangements for the guests

attending the SCO Summit.

Mohsin Naqvi, Information

Minister Attaullah Tarar

and other key officials ac-

companied him. Interior

Minister Mohsin Naqvi

and relevant authorities

briefed the prime minister

**PTI** announces

protest at D-Chowk

during SCO summit

**Monitoring Desk** 

ISLAMABAD: Imran

Khan's party has an-

about the arrangements.

Minister

Interior

committee meeting on Friday

ISLAMABAD (Online): PPP chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari has said numbers are complete with government but it wants to

work as per law and constitution "PPP has always evolved constitutional

amendments with consensus, he said this while talking to media men after parliamentary committee meeting here Friday, He held government

wants consensus. It will be our full endeavor to bring consensus draft in consultation with all parties. PPP presented in committee proposals of its original draft which include matters related to constitutional court. We presented this

draft before all parties too. He said Maulana Fazlur Rehman reiterated his stance that his party wants to work out draft in consensus with PPP.

We have enormous trust on federal government, he said Law minister told he has two thirds majority but we are sitting for consensus among all political parties. APP adds: Chairman

ISLAMABAD: Chairman Pakistan Peoples Party Bilawal Bhutto Zardari talking with Chief of Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam-Fazl (JUI-F) Maulana Fazlur Rehman during a meeting at his residence, in the Federal Capital.

### Numbers are complete but govt wants to work as per law, constitution: Bilawal

Zardari, on Friday said that the proposed draft of constitutional amendments presented by his party included the establishment of a Constitutional Court and amendments to Articles 175 A, B, D, E, and F.

Speaking to the media in his chamber at Parliament House, he said that the government has given time to reach a consensus on constitutional amendments re-

lated to judicial reforms. Bilawal said that while the PPP's final document has been released, the draft from Maulana Fazlur Rahman has not yet been formally received. He also mentioned that the PPP's draft has been with Kamran Murtaza for over a week.

"If the government has a two-thirds of majority and still seeks consensus, it is commendable," he said.

Bilawal Bhutto Zardari stressed that the government intends to work within the framework of the constitution and the law. noting that the PPP has always pursued constitutional amendments through consensus. "The PML-N has the right to amend the consti-

Pakistan Peoples Party tution in line with the Charter (PPP), Bilawal Bhutto of Democracy," he said.

Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfaraz Bugti





Shehbaz Sharif writes his remarks in the visitors book at the Police Lines Headquarters.

**PM** pledges financial support for capacity building of police ISLAMABAD (APP): Shuhada Package to the

sonnel

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharifon Friday announced to immediately increase the salaries of Islamabad Police at par with Punjab Police

and an Executive Allowance for the officers of ICT Police as well as the Islamabad administration, on the pattern of provinces. The prime minister, Page 02

a must

commitment

commitment.

**OPINION** 

### Daily **Independent**

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### **Disaffected voices**

A fresh stand-off is brewing between the state, and the recently banned PTM, principally over the tribal jirga that had been planned for today by the latter in KP. Both the centre and the KP government have made it clear that the outfit cannot proceed with the gathering, while there have been violent clashes between PTM supporters and law enforcers, with the group saying that three of its activists have been killed.

Moreover, the interior minister held a presser on Wednesday offering a few carrots — but mostly sticks - to the PTM. Mohsin Naqvi said that talks could be held in a "proper manner", but that the state would not tolerate incitement against institutions. While it is hoped that a peaceful resolution to this impasse is found, the state must ask itself why such movements emerge in the first place, and what mistakes made by successive rulers aggravate the situation in what is sometimes referred to as the country's 'peripheries'.

Looking at KP and the former Fata region, from where the PTM gathers most of its support, this part of Pakistan — especially areas close to the Afghan border - have experienced violence, displacement, and militancy ever since the 'war on terror' arrived in this region over two decades ago. Moreover, lack of development, and claims of state excesses, have added fuel to the fires of discontent.

It is these factors, amongst others, which led to the rise of the PTM. Similar factors are responsible for the popularity of groups such as the Baloch Yakjehti Committee in Balochistan. In fact, many of the BYC's grievances mirror those of the PTM. Baloch activists have for years been calling for the state to deliver to them their constitutional rights, particularly when it comes to the issue of enforced disappearances. But it is not just the peripheries that are in tumult.

The PTI's protest campaign - which finds most resonance in Punjab and urban KP - can be traced to the state's efforts to cancel the party and cut its leadership down to size.

Instead of considering all these and other critical voices as threats, the state needs to treat them as opportunities, hear out the disaffected populations, and find a democratic way forward. Yet it must be said that all movements and political parties must remain peaceful and respect the law; while legitimate criticism of state institutions is kosher, incitement to violence or rebellion against organs of the state can simply not be condoned.

Meanwhile, the state should engage with critical voices, and refrain from forcibly silencing them, as this opens the door to radicalisation, militancy, and separatist sentiments. For the sake of national harmony, disaffected groups both in the peripheries and the mainstream must be engaged in a spirit of conciliation and respect to prevent further divisions.

# **Keeping promises**

Nikhat Sattar In our everyday lives as well as in matters of great import, such as goverdeny themselves the nance and national and dignity, respect and international dealings, courage that are the human beings make hallmarks of humanity. promises. On a one-to-The

one basis, or collec-(PBUH) is believed to tively, the signature or have said: "The signs of stamp of a person or ena hypocrite are three: Whenever he speaks, tity such as a government, or even a verbal he tells a lie; and whenagreement implies a ever he promises, he commitment to a deed. breaks his promise" Whether it be a peace (Sahih Bukhari, 6,095). treaty, an end to family

And yet, how easor tribal feuds, or someily and almost without thing as minor as a prommissing a heartbeat do ise to meet at a certain we break promises, both time, it entails a firm to each other and to commitment on the side God. For our promises to of the persons involved. God are nothing but lip A promise is distinct service and mechanical from intention. The latrituals without meaning ter may or may not be and spirit, and our promcarried out; the former is ises to each other are trivial and made to be

This is the meaning broken. We commit to that a promise holds for things we know we shall a true Muslim. The word never do and sign pahas been used 151 times pers knowing we shall in the Quran, and tens default. From politics to of times Muslims have simple trade, our combeen enjoined to fulfil mitments are worth their word to another nothing at all. person. It is not merely

This is exactly what an expression of intent hypocrisy involves: or desire, but a wholesaying something while hearted communication meaning something difmeant to indicate that ferent. At every level of whatever is being said Muslimhood, whether it or written will be carried Muslim he out as per the terms of organisations, or diplomatic assurances of The Holy Quran states: "...and fulfil (evsupport and unity of brotherhood, or a casual ery) engagement, for promise to meet tomor-(every) engagement will row, our actions are far be enquired into (on the from our intent.

Day of Reckoning)" It is often com-(17:34). Here, engagemented that keeping promises is a part of ment means promise or simple ethics and there In Islam, promises is no need to bring Islam into the concept.

are of three types: the promises that God had Anyone who thinks made to human beings so is probably unaware both in this life and the of the difference be-Day of Judgment; prom- tween Muslims and the ise that all human souls rest of the world. Musmade to God before comlims are supposed to be ing to the world: that He bound by the belief that was their Creator and they shall return to God one and only Lord; and and are accountable for promises that humans whatever they have make to each other. Each done in this life, for their rious matter. If only we, of these three are sacred for they define the rela-

and His creation and life with a code of ethics among the latter. Break- that will demand justifiing any of the latter two cation for their deeds in by human beings is to front of God. And thus, each will be asked as to why they broke their promise, umpteen times at umpteen places, to Prophet umpteen people and to God Himself. One should, therefore, think

many times before making promises, about whether one shall be able to fulfil them or not. It has become a habit to make promises to do something or be somewhere and break such promises easily. One such example is our promise to be at a given place at a given time, including at ceremonies. Guests often arrive at an

occasion hours later than the time of invitation The other side of hypocrisy is sycophancy. Sycophants tell lies; they exaggerate and often create larger-thanlife images of whoever's virtues they extol, and defend the most appall-

act as something that is beneficial for the people. are the bloated expenditure of government officials in the wake of the current economic crisis in Pakistan, and the repression of human rights in the country. Promises made to de-

to naught. The ever-increasing tide of extreme religiosity, demonstrated so ably in devising intricate ways to prove the 'Islamic' nature of the state is one that is breaking each of the two types of promises: to God and to each other. Hypocrites and sycophants are aplenty and seldom it is that a promise is seen to have been made and fulfilled. Promises are a se-

real life begins after this as a nation, could un-

# Punjab has the key

What is missing in

budgetary allocations to

establishment's

rhetoric.

#### **Aasim Sajjad** Akhtar

To say that Punjab is Pakistan's heartland is to state a simple fact. Even if one were to separate the Seraiki belt from the administrative unit that is the province, Punjabis are still the country's single biggest ethnic-linguistic group. Punjab retains control over the single largest share of economic resources and is the most politically related questions. powerful province.

Punjab has long been the crucial cog that has sustained military hegemony. Not only has a majority of the military economy as anything rank-and-file and top else. The selective but brass been recruited from Punjab, but barring expeddled by the PTI was ceptional historical moments, a critical mass of that inflation, unemploy-Punjab's people has proment and economic hardvided consent to the naduring Imran Khan's tional security state. reign and that the estab-

Is this consensus now fracturing? The polishment committed a grave sin by booting out litical tug-of-war bethe PTI government and tween the establishment bringing back the Sharifs and the PTI has certainly and Bhuttos. been accompanied by a greater and far more vothis story is that the cal critique of the former's role in Pakistan establishment's power is not just based on its mafrom within Punjabi sonipulation of mainstream ciety than at any time in political parties, but also the recent past, espeon an historic economic cially amongst younger generations. Interrogatarrangement that would have to be undone if ing this contradiction is important not just to things are truly to change in this country. gauge what the future This establishment-cenmay hold for the PTI but for Pakistan's historic tric economic order inmilitarised structure of power generally. Elite wrangling or

defence, huge hidden popular challenge: A nobusiness entities like the table feature of the cur-NLC and FWO as well as rent political imbroglio is the fragmentation of Punjab's political elite. broader footprint in natu-Urbane DHA dwellers ral resource grabs and profitable sectors such hailing from army families as real estate. Only when and dynasties like the Punjab's disaffected Chaudhrys of Gujrat are working-class youth get positioned against the current top brass. Meanproject to displace the while, somewhat aubloated national security tonomously of the rulingapparatus with a welclass rebels, workingfare-oriented political class Punjabi youth have flocked to the PTI's economy, and redistribcause, united in their ute wealth away from the adulation for Imran Khan militarised ruling class as Dawn

and as vociferous in their a whole, will we see the anti-establishment crystallisation of a substantive anti-establish-

If palace intrigues ment politics in Punjab. take yet another turn and The national question: The final piece of Punjab's ruling-class rebels currently on the this puzzle has to do with outside of the power Punjab's relationship equation are let back in, with the rest of will anti-establishment Pakistan's ethnic nasentiment amongst tions. Establishment hegemony has been based young, working people also dissipate? There are on a dominant ideology that has privileged Islam and Urdu whilst no guarantees in politics, and the answer will and criminalising natio-nal be determined by other assertion by Bengali, Economic factor: It Bal-o--ch, Pakhtun, is generally understated Sin-d-hi and other ethnic groups. Alongside quethat the anti-establishs-tions of ident-i--ty, the ment vote cast by many young people on Feb 8 oppression of nonwas as much about the Punjabi peripheries has

pivoted on the allocation economic of successful argument re----s-ou-rces and control over the state apparatus

At a time when ship were largely absent movements like the PTM and BYC are subject to intense state repression. effectively repeating the cycle of history that started with the contentious accession of Kalat state, jailing of Bacha Khan and more, the question is whether Punjab's youthful masses are willing and able to extend their fledgling anti-establishment sentiment to the ethnic peripheries and align themselves with the broader demand to end a colonial social contract and start afresh. This may be the hardest sell of all, but if there is a cludes ever-inelastic future to Pakistani politics beyond palace intrigues, the core-periphsubsidies provided to ery divide must be addressed, not least of all because ecological crises bind all geographical regions together whether we like it or not.

Punjab has never been a monolith. Antiestablishment politics has always survived in behind a substantive Pakistan's heartland despite military hegemony. As this hegemony frays, Punjab's working people hold the key to how our putatively collective future unfolds. -- Courtesy

ing statement, policy or

Two such examples

fend democracy and human dignity are brought

one ends. A Muslim will, derstand this. -- Courtionships between God therefore, go through tesy Dawn **Commerce** News

# <u>Aleem Khan advises</u> Saudi delegation to invest in **Pak communications sector**

partnership

ISLAMABAD (APP): and new trends in the expressed their great Federal Minister for Investment, Privatization and Communications Abdul Aleem Khan on Friday advised Saudi business community to public invest in Pakistan's lucrative projects, particularly in the communications sector.

During the visit of Pakistan. The government Saudi business delegates headed by KSA Minister for Investment Sheikh Khalid Bin Abdul Aziz Al Faleh, Round Table Ministerial Conference was held in which both the countries reviewed in details to further strengthen bilateral ties in develop Government to (G2G) Government relations, said a news release. Addressing the conference Abdul Aleem Khan gave a briefing regarding the best community investment opportunities government

country. He offered Saudi Investment Minister along with the business delegation to come forward and invest in different sector organizations. He said that there are many attractive and profitable projects for

Saudi investment in welcomed all kinds of and investment in Pakistan continue in the future as from Saudi Arabia even in the mode of Public Private ventures. Partnership. He invited

Saudi investors to invest in the profitable projects like M6 and M9 motorways to distances and make the the routes easier, we want to Government.

communication sector on connect the Karachi Port modern lines. The two with the existing Motorway, while the sides discussed mutual cooperation in projects on completion of the Karachithe basis of "G2G" while Hyderabad and Sukkur the Saudi Business Motorways as soon as priority of the present and officials **SBP** injects **Rs8.62** trillion

# Al Baik, GO ink strategic partnership to bring Saudi expertise to Pakistan

ISLAMABAD (APP): A in attendance. memorandum of understanding was signed between Saudi Arabia's Al Baik Food System persistent efforts to Company and Gas and Oil empower Saudi brands to Pakistan Ltd (Go) under expand internationally the Saudi Ministry of Investment

Reflecting Saudi Vision 2030 to enhance exports of rich national expertise and open new horizons for Saudi commercial expansion globally, this agreement would explore the the K possibility of establishing commitment a strategic partnership to set up and operate Al Baik restaurants in Pakistan, marking a key step in Al Baik's expansion strategy across the country.

The signing ceremony was held under the patronage of Saudi Minister of Investment, Engineer Khalid Al-Falih, high-ranking and delegations from both Saudi and Pakistani sides regionally and globally.

This event is the result of the Saudi and enhance the Kingdom's standing in the global economic arena. Go, in which Saudi

Aramco has acquired a 40 percent stake, is a leading player in Pakistan's oil and gas sector. This partnership underscores Kingdom's to diversifying its economy and creating new growth opportunities in foreign markets.

initiative This highlights the crucial role played by the Saudi Ministry of Investment in realizing the objectives of Vision 2030 and reinforcing the Kingdom's position as a leading for 28-day tenor at a economic force both 17.56% rate of return

interest in various investment projects.

On this occasion, Saudi Investment Minister expressed special interest in the presentation of Minister Abdul Aleem Khan and said that doing something for the people of Pakistan.

has always been the first priority of the KSA Government and will well to make more Joint

Abdul Aleem Khan informed the delegation that in order to reduce the

# into market KARACHI (APP): The State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) injected Rs8,623.85 billion into the market

through a reverse repo purchase Open Market Operation (OMO) on Friday According to OMO reserves. The summary for the sugar exports was moved by the Ministry of Industries and Production results issued here, the SBP to ECC, the meeting of conducted an Open Market which was chaired here by Operation, Reverse Repo Purchase (Injection) on October 11, 2024, for 7-

The

day and 28-day tenors and accepted 38 bids cumulatively amounting to Rs8,623.85 million.

The central bank received 23 bids for a 7day tenor cumulatively offering an amount of Rs3,722.7 billion at the rate of return ranging between 17.56 to 17.62 percent while 15 bids amounting to Rs4.901.15 billion were received for the 28-day tenor at the rate of return ranging between 17.56 to 17.63 %. The central bank accepted all 23 bids for 7day tenor and 15 quotes

111 1 12 11 Group photo on reception in honor of KSA Investment Minister, Sh. Khalid Bin Abdul Aziz Al Faleh by Federal Minister for Board of Investment, Privatization & Communications Abdul Aleem Khan in Islamabad. **BISP** beneficiaries to reach 10m

# **ECC allows additional** export of 0.5 million MT of surplus sugar

ISLAMABAD (APP): Senator Muhammad Economic Aurangzeb, according to a Coordination Committee press release issued by (ECC) of the Cabinet here finance ministry. Among others, the on Friday approved export of 500,000 metric tonnes meeting was attended,

Minister for Industries of surplus sugar keeping in view of availability of and Production, Rana Hussain; sufficient surplus stocks. Tanveer Minister for Power, Sardar The surplus stock were available even after Awais Ahmed Khan Leghari; Minister for catering for the proposed and ongoing exports, the requirement for remaining Economic Affairs, Ahad Khan Cheema; Minister of two months of the ongoing State for Finance and crushing year, as well as Revenue. Ali Pervaiz maintenance of strategic Malik, Governor State Bank of Pakistan (SBP), Chairman Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) along with federal Secretaries and senior officers from Federal Minister for the concerned ministries Finance and Revenue, and divisions.

FAISALABAD: Senator Rubina Khalid, **Chairperson of the Benazir Income Support** Programme (BISP) is addressing members of Faisalabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry **(FCCD** 

FAISALABAD (APP): Chairperson Benazir Income Support Program (BISP) Senator Ms. Rubina Khalid said that the number of BISP beneficiaries would jump to 10 million from existing 9.3 million by the end of this year as the Prime Minister had provided more funding for it.

Talking to the media and addressing the "Waseela-e-Rozgar business community in Scheme" was launched but Faisalabad Chamber of it was abundant in its Commerce & Industry (FCCI), she said that the programme provides restart it by equipping

### **PSX** gains **30** points

ISLAMABAD (APP): The 100-Index of the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) gained 30.18 points on Friday, showing a nominal positive change of 0.04 percent, closing at 85,483.40 points against 85,453.22 points on the

last trading day. A total of 560,740,534 shares were traded during the day as compared to 503,750,595

shares the previous trading day, whereas the price of shares stood at Rs 26.121billion against Rs. 27.912 billion on the last trading day. As many as 435 companies transacted their shares in the stock market. 130 of them recorded gains and 251 sustained losses. whereas the share price of 54 companies remained unchanged. Umberger here Friday.

figure this year: Chairperson partial relief to the poorest the of the poor families to registered families particularly girls to get market-driven skills bridge difference between their income and expenditures.

with the support of BISP", she said and She said that she was contemplating to promote added that the ultimate a skilled development objective of her visit to program under BISP to FCCI was to identify gradually drag out registered families from the areas where these children could be absorbed instantly. abysmal poverty.

She said that earlier She said that this skilled human resource could also start their own businesses or could be nestling stage. "We are exported abroad to earn again considering to precious foreign exchange for the country.

According to press

children

# Australia to provide AUD. 3 million for water project

ISLAMABAD (APP): Australia will provide release issued by Economic AUD. 3 million to Pakistan for 'Climate Resilient and Adaptive Water Allocation in Pakistan' project which is to be completed in a period of five years (by 2029).

After the approval by the Federal Minister for Economic Affairs, Ahad Cheema, Secretary EAD, Dr. Kazim Niaz signed a Memorandum of

All this is aimed at Subsidiary Agreement on achieving climate the project with Chief resilience, adaptive Executive of the Australian management, and equitable Center for International water use for better social Agricultural Research and economic outcomes for (ACIAR), Prof. Wendy farming communities, the press release added

Affairs Division (EAD), it is a research project aiming to help improve canal water reliability through improved water allocation decisions and practices in Pakistan by updating the

Water Apportionment Accord Tool to include mid-season planning and operations, exploring onfarm water storage options.

ndependent

### Saturday October 12, 2024

# **Governor Kundi says:** India, Afghanistan lands used against Pakistan

federal government.

The

acknowledged

PESHAWAR Governor **Khyber** Pakhtunkhwa. Faisal Karim Kundi, on Friday, emphasized the importance of restoring peace and stability in the province, adding India and Afghanistan lands are being used against Pakistan.

Addressing a press conference at the Governor House, he called for collective efforts to lift the region out of darkness and addressed the urgent need to manage internal affairs independently. Kundi highlighted the

ongoing challenges, saying, "Our province is facing serious circumstances with rising incidents of Mohsin Naqvi, who terrorism. I have always showed flexibility in and stability in the region.

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is deteriorating."

He urged both the federal and provincial governments to take the situation seriously the ideals of former and implement measures to improve security. He who has consistently mentioned recent political advocated for peaceful

gatherings aimed at negotiations. addressing the province's He also issues, saying that a local leade committee led by the Chief concerns Minister of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa will engage parliamentary representation, asserting, with local representatives to until they have representation present their demands to the in Parliament.'

Furthermore, Governor the reflected on the historical hospitality extended to constructive role played by Federal Interior Minister Afghan refugees, urging them to contribute to peace

> ATC remands accused in police custody

AHORE (APP): An antiterrorism court (ATC) on Friday handed over an accused involved in the Jinnah House attack case to police on a 10-day physical remand.

produced the accused. singer Umar Aftab Malik. before ATC Judge Irfan Haider and sought a 30-day physical remand. The investigating officer stated that the accused was involved in the Jinnah

## **BISP** registration starts, transparency to be ensured at all levels: Robina Khalid

FAISALABAD: Chairperson Punjab Chief

Minister's Directorate of Inspection and

Monitoring, Evaluation and Feedback Brigadier

Retired Babar Alauddin is addressing the press

conference in the Committee Room of the Deputy

FAISALABAD (APP): level. She said that there were Registration for Benazir Income Support Program (BISP) has been started and transparency would be ensured at its all levels, said Senator Robina Khalid Chairperson BISP. Talking to APP during her visit to BISP Registration Center at al-Fateh Sports Complex Saleemi Chowk here on Friday, she said that eligible people could get them registered by visiting BISP offices at Tehsil and District financial assistance.

**Commissioner's Office.** 

9.3 million people registered with BISP and now its scope would be expanded to 10 million people who were unable to earn sufficient income to meet their expenditures. She paid tribute to the visionary leadership of President Asia Ali Zardari and Bilawal Bhutto Zardari and said that BISP was initiated to improve life standard of the poor by providing them

(APP): advocated for peace, and accepting recommendation Khyber the law and order situation during these discussions. accepting recommendations Kundi reiterated the significance of dialogue and reconciliation, referencing

> President Asif Ali Zardari, He also encouraged local leaders to voice their through

We will support their case he Azma Bokhari has stated that there is a need to Jinnah House attack:



tolerated. "I am fighting not just for myself but for all women who do not have access to the courts," she said during a media briefing at the Lahore High Earlier, the police

Court here on Friday. House attack case and his

### Arora celebrates birthday

custody was required for investigation.

with staff LAHORE (APP): celebration was held at the Human Rights Department employees. on the occasion of Provincial Minister for Minorities Affairs, Sardar Ramesh Singh Arora's

birthday. The event saw a police employees and strong participation from the department's officials and staff.

LAHORE

PESHAWAR: Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi addressing press conference at Governor House.

## Azma calls for laws to regulate social media

LAHORE (APP): Punjab the main accused in her Information Minister case is connected to a franchise of a mobile service that her husband operates. "To date, over 500 mobile SIMs have been issued in the accused's name, which are being used She emphasized that to blackmail people. This is more dangerous and cruel

than one can imagine. They present themselves as innocent while victimizing others in court." she added. We do not have fake accounts, nor do we intend to create them. I simply want to ensure that what

rt here on Friday. Azma revealed that happened to me does not happened to anyone else.

# **IGP signs MoU for** healthcare discounts for police

(APP): across all departments. Inspector General of Families of police martyrs Police (IGP) Punjab Dr. will receive a 27 per cent Usman Anwar signed a discount on OPD memorandum of services, while police understanding (MoU) employees and their families will receive a 22 with a private hospital (Hameed Latif) for treatment discounts for per cent discount on OPD services. the Punjab Police employees and their families undergoing A ceremony in this regard was held at the treatment at the hospital will receive discounts of Central Police Office on 15 to 22 per cent on Friday. A Punjab Police overall expenses. A 25 per

spokesperson said that cent discount will be offered to police employees at the Lahore offered to their families will receive a discount of 15 to 27 per Institute of Fertility and cent on medical expenses Endocrinology Centre.

International News

LAHORE (APP): The Punjab government on Friday transferred 15 assistant commissioners (ACs). According to the notification, Assistant Commissioner Noman Ali Dogar has been made an OSD [officer on special duty], while Kamran Ashraf has been given

**15ACs** 

transferred

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transferred as Gojra AC. Ayesha Badar has been posted as AC Hazro while services of Khurram Mukhtar has been handed over to the C&W. Jawad Hussain has appointed As been Assistant Commissioner Quaidabad and Ahsan Mumtaz as AC Okara.

> **ANF** recovers 75 kg drugs in 8 operations RAWALPINDI (APP): Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) while conducting eight operations across the country managed to recover 75 kg drugs worth over Rs 2,5 million and arrested nine suspects including two women, said an ANF Headquarters

Police Islamabad.

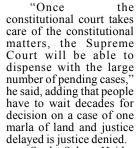
#### represents voice of masses LAHORE (APP): Governor Punjab Sardar constitutional court takes Saleem Haider Khan has said that PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari's stance on the creation of constitutional courts represents collective voice of the masses in the country

Governor Punjab says:

**Bilawal's stance on** 

constitutional courts

Talking to the media men at the residence of deceased journalist Ikhlaq Bajwa here on Friday evening, he said that constitutional courts are need of the hour, adding that litigants had to move from pillar to post in search of justice while justice remains a far cry even for the third generation of a family.



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Sardar Saleem Haider Khan, to a query, said the PPP has neither committed an unconstitutional act throughout its history nor did it broker legislation for an individual, adding that PPP is the only political party which has no blocs in bureaucracy, judiciary, media



FAISALABAD: Senator Rubina Khalid, Chairperson of the Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP), inspects the Benazir Income Support Program Registration Center at Al Fateh Sports Complex, Salimi Chowk.

# **MNA calls for SCO** common currency to boost regional cooperation

LAHORE (APP): There is Heads of Government a need to build a consensus meeting in Islamabad on to introduce a common October 15 and 16. She said the SCO has

the potential to bridge economies and bring together cultures. Let's utilize this opportunity to These views were unite the people of this region and ensure economic prosperity for all. "United we stand, divided we fall, MNA Sehar Kamran said.

She said this unique Sehar expressed these idea should be echoed in the views in reference to as background of sentiments Pakistan is set to host a of cooperation and two-day SCO Council of solidarity.

3, Islamabad. 9 kg opium and 3 kg 600 grams hashish were recovered from a vehicle rounded up near the motorway toll plaza,

currency among the SCO countries to facilitate trade and strengthen economic spokesman here on Friday. ties. He informed that

National News

1200 kg hashish was expressed by Pakistan recovered from the People's Party (PPP) possession of an accused Member of National arrested from Sector, I-11/ Assembly (MNA) Sehar Kamran, while talking to APP.

# Israeli strikes on Gaza, Beirut kill 50 people

Hospital in Gaza City.

**Monitoring Desk** CAIRO: An Israeli airstrike on a school sheltering displaced people in central Gaza killed at least 28 people, including women and children, while 22 people were killed in an attack that targeted a senior Hezbollah figure in central at the school. Beirut.

Israel has repeatedly pounded Beirut's southern suburbs, the bastion of Lebanon's Iran-backed Hezbollah movement, over the last two weeks but Thursday's raid was only the third time the city centre has been targeted.

Medics in Gaza said three hospitals in the north were told to evacuate, putting patients' lives at risk. The strike, in which many more were wounded, occurred in the city of Deir Al-Balah where a million people have taken shelter after fleeing fighting elsewhere after more than a

year of war.

said it had carried out a resu-lted in a new toll of "precise strike' on the 22 people killed and 117 fighters who allegedly had injured," the ministry said a command and control in an updated toll statecentre embedded in a ment. school

Palestinian group Hamas denies such accu-nymity to discuss sensitive matters, told AFP that sations. Medics said 54 Israel had attempted to kill other people were injured a Hezbollah official who The health officials often frequented the loca-

said the Israeli military on tions targeted. Wednesday gave patients Israeli forces fired on and medics 24 hours to positions used by UN leave the Indonesian, Alpeacekeepers in Lebanon Awda and Kamal Adwan on Wednesday and Thursday, the UN force said, as hospitals or risk being stormed as happened ear-Israel warned Lebanese cilier in the war at Al Shifa vilians not to return to homes in the south and At least 22 people were killed in Israeli strikes pursued a widening offen-

sive against Hezbollah. on a densely populated area of central Beirut on said two of its peace-Thursday, the Lebanese keepers were injured in health ministry said, with one of the incidents when a security source saying a an Israeli tank fired at a Hezbollah figure was the watchtower at the force's main headquarters in Ras al-Naqoura, hitting the

The Israeli military Beirut this evening to fall.

# The UNIFIL force MOSCOW.

target. "The Israeli enemy's attacks on the capital tower and causing them

#### Masoud Pezeshkian on Friday in Turkmenistan, where the two leaders hailed their countries growing economic ties and similar views on world affairs, an entente viewed with concern by the U.S. At odds with Wash-

Japanese Nihon

ington and the European Union over Russia's war in Ukraine, something he casts as part of a wider agency.

existential struggle Monitoring Desk against an arrogant and self-interested West -Russia's Vladimir Putin held talks Putin is keen to deepen with Iranian President ties with what he calls the Global East and Global South

Putin, whose country is hosting a summit of the BRICS nations in Kazan on 22-24, invited Oct. Pezeshkian to come to Russia on an official visit, a proposal the Iranian leader

accepted according to Russia's state RIA news

### Hezbollah forges new command for crucial ground war after heavy Israeli blows

Monitoring Desk BEIRUT: Hezbollah is preparing for a long war of attrition in south Lebanon, after Israel wiped out its top leadership, with a new military command directing rocket fire and the ground conflict, two sources famil-

Hezbollah has been diminished by three weeks of devastating Israeli blows most notably the killing of its leader Savved Hassan Nasrallah. Friends and foes alike are now watching how effectively it resists Israeli troops that have crossed

into Lebanon with the stated aim of driving it away from the border. The Iran-backed group still has a considerable stockpile of weapons, including its most powerful precision missiles which it

has vet to use. four sources familiar with its operations said. despite waves of airstrikes that Israel says has severely depleted its arsenal. Hezbollah's command was disrupted for the first few days after Nasrallah's Sept. 27 assassination until

hours later.

Shi'ite militants established

a new "operations room" 72

nuclear weapons states will hold a meeting in New York in the next two weeks, Russian state media quoted Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov as saying on Thursday.

gether Russia, the United States, China, France and Britain, all of which are nuclear-armed states and permanent members of the United Nations Security Council

> nounce a specific date or say what level of officials would attend.

'all-out war" in Lebanon. Germany's Scholz Middle East was a central to discuss Middle issue during Friday's East East, Ukraine Blinken said Washington with Erdogan was dedicated to using diplomacy to try to control in Istanbul the situation in the face of **Monitoring Desk** what he called an Iranian-

BERLIN: German Chanled axis of resistance. cellor Olaf Scholz will meet with Turkish Presithe United States, which dent Tayyip Erdogan in has been the case going back Istanbul on Oct 19, where a year... (is) preventing these conflicts from spreadthey will discuss the war in Ukraine and the situaing. And we're working on tion in the Middle East, a that every day," Blinken told a press conference. "We're working very German government spokesperson said on Frihard through deterrence and day. Migration as well as bilateral and economic through diplomacy to prevent that from happening. There's also obviously policy issues will also be on the agenda.

of humanity', calls for permanent ceasfire 7, 2023 resulted in the **Monitoring Desk** deaths of 1,206 people, TIRANA: Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan most of them civilians, acrenewed his attacks on Israel as he arrived in Tirana

Erdogan says Gaza 'shame

cording to an AFP tally based on official Israeli fig-Thursday, the first stop of a Balkans tour that will also ures. According to the Hamas-run territory's health ministry, 42,065 Repeating his claim that Israel's actions in Gaza people have been killed in Gaza since the start of the constituted "genocide", he branded it the "shame of humanity", at a joint press war, mostly civilians. The UN has said the figures are

reliable Erdogan has branded Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu the "butcher of Gaza" and compared him to Nazi Germany's Adolf Hitler.

"The aggression led by the Netanyahu government now threatens the world order beyond the region,<sup>3</sup> Erdogan said. Later Thursday Erdogan, accompanied by Prime Minister Edi Rama, inaugurated the attack on Israel on October Great Mosque of Tirana.

## Blinken says Asia concerned about spread of Middle East conflict

deep concern that we share about the plight of children, women, and men in Gaza.

The US has stressed to Israel the importance of meeting the humanitarian needs of people in Gaza, Blinken said, adding it was in Israel's interest that people forced from their homes by hostilities in Lebanon are able to return.

The conflict in the The annual summit of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Asia Summit in Laos, where (ASEAN) also included meetings with leaders and top diplomats from India, China, Japan, the United States, Russia, South Korea, Australia and New "The intense focus of Zealand, as well as United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres.

Friday's discussions included the war in Ukraine, Myanmar's civil war, climate change, tensions in the Taiwan Strait and concern about confrontations in the South China Sea, a key conduit for at least \$3 trillion in annual ship-borne trade.



in Central Asia meeting

Japan's Nihon **Hidankyo wins 2024** Nobel **Peace Prize** 

**Monitoring Desk** OSLO: organisation Hidankyo, a grassroots movement of atomic bomb survivors from Hiroshima and Nagasaki also known as

Peace Prize on Friday. "Hibakusha is receiving the Peace Prize for its efforts to achieve a world free of nuclear weapons and for demonstrating through witness testimony that Group of Seven (G7) summit in southern Italy in June. At the end of Friday's meeting, Francis gifted tee said in its citation.

Zelenskiy a piece of bronze Witnesses to the only artwork with a flower growtwo nuclear bombs ever to ing next to a bird, inscribed be used in conflict have dediwith the phrase "Peace is a cated their lives to the struggle for a nuclear-free world. "The Hibakusha help Zelenskiy gave the pope an oil painting showus to describe the indescrib-

ing a child amid ruins in the Ukrainian town of Bucha, able, and to somehow grasp which was occupied by the incomprehensible pain Russian forces for 33 days and suffering caused by nuclear weapons.

Zelenskiy seeks pope's help to free Ukraine **POWs held in Russia** Zelenskiy, but said a sub-

**Monitoring Desk** VATICAN CITY: Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy asked Pope Francis during a meeting at the Vatican on Friday for help in securing the release of Ukrainians held captive by Russia.

Zelenskiy, who is touring major European capitals to discuss his proposed "victory plan" for the war with Russia, said he had also invited the Vatican to take part in a conference on the prisoners-of-war, due to be held in Canada later this month. "We are counting on the Holy See's assistance in helping to bring back Ukrainians who have been taken captive by Russia," Zelenskiy said in a post on social media, adding this was the main topic of his 35-minute conversation with the pope. A Vatican readout provided no details about the pope's talks with

Vatican's chief diplomat had included discussions "dedicated to the state of the war ... as well as the ways in which it could be brought to an end" It was Zelenskiy's second face-to-face meeting with Pope Francis in four months. The two men also met on the sidelines of a

fragile flower"

in spring 2022.

the Ukrainian leader and the

sequent meeting between

Hibakusha, won the Nobel

nuclear weapons must never be used again," the Norwegian Nobel Commit-

able, to think the unthink-

iar with its operations said.

our best to urgently guarantee a permanent ceasefire and exert the **Russia savs** necessary pressure on Is-**'Nuclear Five'** rael," he added. "The genocide that has states to meet been going on in Gaza for soon in New York the past year is the com-**Monitoring Desk** mon shame of all humanity," he added. The Hamas MOSCOW: A group of five

The group brings to-

Ryabkov did not an-

**Monitoring Desk** VIENTIANE: US Secretary of State Antony Blinken said on Friday

there was deep concern in

Asia about the prospect of

conflict spreading in the Middle East, as the U.N.

chief called for everything possible to be done to avoid

take him to Serbia.

conference with Albanian

Prime Minister Edi Rama.

community, we must do

"The international

### Daily **Independent**, Gwadar

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## President Zardari for railroad connectivity with Turkiye to boost trade, economic coop.

ASHGABAT President Asif Ali Zardari on Friday highlighted the need to improve railroad connectivity between Pakistan and Turkive to boost trade and economic cooperation as well as peopleto-people contacts.

In his meeting with the Speaker of Turkish Par-liament, he called for further improving bilateral ties and exchanges of delegations to bring the two brotherly countries further closer

President Asif Ali Zardari and the Speaker of Turkiye's Parliament, Numan Kurtulmus held a meeting in Ashgabat on the sidelines of the International Forum on "Interrelation of Times and Civilizations - Basis of Peace and Development"

Deputy Prime Minister/Foreign Minister, Sena-tor Mohammad Ishaq Dar, cess and prosperity of and Chief Minister Turkiye.



QUETTA: Governor Balochistan Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail formally inaugurating Fine Arts exhibition at Sardar Bahadur Khan Women's University

### Pakistan's stability will not be compromised by political ambitions: Defence Minister stabilize Pakistan and halt

our economic growth.'

He further criticized

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister of Defence Khawaja Asif, on Friday responding to Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaaf's (PTI) call for protest, warned that any attempts to destabilize the country will be met with the full force of the state. Speaking to a private news channel, he highlighted that hosting the Shanghai Cooperation Or-ganization (SCO) conference was a major diplomatic achievement for Pakistan.

single statement condemn-He accused PTI of trying the losses our security ing to hinder the country's forces suffer, and instead progress, stating, "This is they seem focused on weakdeliberate attempt to deening Pakistan.

(APP): Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti, were also present during the meeting. During the meeting,

the president said that Turkiye was a great and sincere friend of Pakistan and the Muslim World and had been taking principled positions on the issues faced by the Muslim Ummah as well as raising its voice against injustice.

The meeting expressed concern over the grave humanitarian situation in Palestine and Leba non where Israel was killing innocent people. It was emphasized that the Muslim World needed to make sincere and serious efforts to address the challenges being faced by the Ummah. President Zardari said

that Turkiye was on its way to becoming an economic power and expressed ership

During a meeting with Saudi Investment Minister Khalid Bin Abdulaziz Al Faleh, the minister highlighted that trade between the two countries stood at

He stated that the relationship between the two countries was unique and had always withstood the test of time.

However, he stressed that the challenge now is to align the relationship with modern realities by enhancing trade. "Our political relationship will strengthen with robust economic cooperation," the minister as-

> **Ministers** flay Duki

PTI, alleging that the party was aligned with interna-QUETTA: The Provincia tional conspiracies aimed at Ministers Sardar Abdul destabilizing the nation. Rehman Khetran and Bakht Muhammad Kakar have This is a continuation of their efforts to ensure that strongly condemned the Pakistan remains unstable,<sup>3</sup> terrorism incident occurred he remarked. Khawaja Asi in the coalmine field in Duki. also condemned PTI's si-In their separate conlence over the frequent martyrdom of soldiers, saying, They have not issued a



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif chairs a meeting on matters related to Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training.

# Ahsan Iqbal, Saudi Minister explore strategies to strengthen bilateral cooperation

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Planginning of Chinese coopera-tion in the form of CPEC ning, Development and Special Initiatives, Professor Ahsan Iqbal, on Friday emphasized Pakistan's projects, he recalled, "In 2013, I was entrusted with the responsibility of launching a game-changing project with China. It commitment to increasing its trade volume with Saudi Arabia by collaborating started with a piece of paper, and within 3-4 years, Pakistan secured \$25 bilwith the current Saudi leadlion in investments under CPEC

Quoting the success of CPEC, the minister added that by 2017, Pakistan had reached a point where every American and Euro-\$4.6 billion in 2022

pean businessman was keen on joining CPEC projects. "Unfortunately, due to the poor policies of the thennew government, our policies were discontinued, weakening the economy, he remarked.

serted.

# **Provincial** terrorism

incident

demnation statement is-sued here on Friday, the Provincial Minister for PHE, Sardar Abdul Rehman Khetran and Minister for Health, Bakht Muhammad Kakar expressed deep grief and sorrow over killing of the innocent coal mine

ated the 5Es framework, Reflecting on the bewhich, according to the minister, was developed after consulting 1,000 opinion leaders and sector ex-

perts. Discussing Pakistan's future trajectory, the minister said that the country's most pressing challenge over the next 5-7 years would be increasing exports.

"Our weakness is that, over the past 77 years, we have failed to adopt an export-led growth strategy. He further noted that

a significant challenge Pakistan faces is the capacity of low-skilled labor working in Saudi Arabia. "If the labor class returns to Pakistan, it will result in a con-siderable decrease in FDI," he added.

The minister sug-gested training Pakistan's workforce and upgrading When the current government took office again, the challenge was to stabitheir technical capabilities lize the economy for longto retain them within the term growth. To achieve Saudi economy.



**ISLAMABAD: Saudi Investment Minister Khalid** Bin Abdulaziz Al Falih meeting with Federal Minister for Planning Ahsan Iqbal.

## Saudi Minister praises Pakistan's private sector, abundant natural resources

ISLAMABAD (APP): stating that the country is Saudi Minister for Invest-ment, Sheikh Khalid Bin recovery and sustainable who called on him, at

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"We are impressed

prosperity.

menting enabling regula-

tions and easing business

operations for both local

opment, 27 separate agree-

ments were signed between

Pakistan and Saudi Arabia,

aiming to boost investment

This move is expected to

create a vibrant economy,

unlocking new opportuni-

ties for growth and devel-

onstrate the commitment of

both nations to foster eco-

nomic cooperation and col-

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country.

and Saudi investors.

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# No country can progress without a high-quality education system: PM

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Shehbaz educational emergency. Sharif on Friday emphasized that the provision of quality education and technical training was the government's top priority, as no nation can progress without a high-quality education system.

He was chairing an important review meeting on Federal Education and Technical Training Affairs. The Prime Minister

stated that, in today's education landscape, skills development, information technology, and digitization have become indispensable, stressing the urgent need to align Pakistan's education system with these modern principles. He further highlighted that, in line with the government's commitment to ensuring no child in Pakistan is left out of school, the incumbent administra-

tion had implemented an

ties also provided. Additionally, he un-The Prime Minister called for the formulation of

of education for any reason

should be offered free tech-

nical training, and an aware-

ness campaign should be

launched to encourage them

builders of the nation," he

said, highlighting the criti-

cal need to establish a high-

quality teacher training in-

stitution in Islamabad. He

also directed a third-party

audit of teacher training

programs and the assess-

ment of teachers' skills.

Teachers are the

to return to school.

derscored the importance of holding a National Curricua strategy to provide lum Summit to facilitate the monthly stipends to female introduction of a uniform students in rural areas of education system across Islamabad, aiming to inthe country crease enrollment in these The Prime Minister schools. "Technical training directed relevant authorities should be integrated into to expedite the construction the curriculum of Islamabad of Daanish Schools in unschools," the Prime Minisderprivileged areas, includter said. He added that students who had dropped out

ing Islamabad, Gilgit-Baltistan, Azad Jammu & Kashmir, and Balochistan. He also instructed that daycare centers be established in all educational institutions in Islamabad to support the convenience of female teachers. In his directive to set

up e-libraries in parks and recreational areas of Islamabad, the Prime Minister emphasized that access to these libraries should be free, with complimentary internet facili-



ASHGABAT: President Asif Ali Zardari and the Speaker of Turkiye's Parliament, Numan Kurtulmus, in a meeting on the sidelines of the International Forum on "Interrelation of Times and Civilizations - Basis of Peace and Development" being held in Ashgabat.

### **Gilani** calls for promoting cooperation with UAE

ISLAMABAD (APP) Acting President Syed Yousaf Raza Gilani on Friday said that Pakistan greatly valued its longstanding relationship with the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and highlighted the importance of enhancing bilateral cooperation in key sectors such as Information Technology, renewable energy, agriculture and tourism. The acting president expressed these views while on visit to the Quetta jail talking to the Ambassador

on Friday. of UAE Hamad Obaid She was accompanied by Member of Provincial Assembly, Ms. Shahida

says Deputy Speaker BA During the visit, she expressed his resolve to resolve the issues being faced by the women prisoners.

She also said that we are determined to resolve the issues of all prisoners very focus is on promotion of education and skills of prisoners. Ms. Ghazala Gola assured cooperation between the provincial assembly and Jail authorities for enforcement of the reforms in prisons. Earlier, the Inspector General of

**Documenting Friendship: 'from** 

Xi'an to Gwadar Port' marks

75 years of Sino-Pak ties

Independent Report QUETTA: The Deputy Speaker Balochistan As-sembly, Ms. Ghazala Gola has stated that the issues

**Issues of women prisoners to** 

be resolved on priority basis,

of women prisoners would be resolved on priority basis. She said that endeavours would also be made to ensure welfare of the women prisoners in Quetta district jail. The Deputy Speaker of Provincial Assembly was

especially of the women prisoners. She said that our the



Command Scroll to Commander Karachi Vice Admiral Muhammad Faisal Abbasi.

### Vice Admiral Faisal Abbasi take over as **Commander Karachi**

Admiral

Muhammad

Saleem handed over the

command of Commander

Karachi to Vice Admiral

Muhammad Faisal Abbasi,

a news release said. Vice

Admiral Muhammad Faisal

Abbasi is a graduate of Pa-

kistan Navy War College

(Lahore), Naval Command

College (USA), and Na-

tional Defence University

Medical College, Professor

Raz Muhammad Kakar

briefed the Minister Health

about overall functioning of

Minister about the chal-

lenges being faced by the

BMC including lack of in-

frastructure besides its fu-

Kakar maintained that the

provincial government is

taking all possible steps for

raising standard of the

medical education in the

Minister also went round

of the under construction

boys and girls hostel in the

During his visit, the

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province

KARACHI (APP): Vice ral Abdul Munib and Rear Admiral Muhammad Faisal Abbasi took over as Commander Karachi and Rear Admiral Abdul Munib assumed the Command of Commander Pakistan Fleet during Change of Command ceremonies held here on Friday.

Vice Admiral Muhammad Faisal Abbasi handed over the command of PN Fleet to Rear Admi- (Islamabad).

### **Minister Health says:** BUMHS has key status in progress of medical sector

Independent Report QUETTA: The Provincial Minister for Health, Bakht Muhammad Kakar has stated that the Bolan University of Medical and Health Sciences (BUMHS) has key status in development of the medical sector of province and as such its progress is included in priorities of the provincial government.

The Minister for Health was speaking on occasion of the visit to BUMHS here on Friday. Also accompanied with him were the Secretary Health, Mujeebur Rehman Panezai, Director General Health, Amin Khan Mandokhail. The Principal of Bolan college. ncident.

Abdul Aziz Al Faleh on They said that killing Friday expressed his admiof labourers is inhumanity ration for Pakistan's private and intolerable. They said sector and abundant rethat killing of labouers is sources gross violation of the justice and human rights.

with the private sector of Pakistan and the resources Ulema, Mashaikh available, including natuof Kohat division ral resources, fantastic human resources, technolpledge support to ogy, manufacturing, and innovation," the minister **Pakistan Army** 

said. PESHAWAR (APP): Ulema & Mashaikh, and During a visit to Park View City, he emphasized that empowering these re-Madrassah students from sources with increased in-Kohat Division visited vestment, such as the ini-Kohat Garrison, where tiatives announced earlier, they expressed their soliwill further unlock darity with the Pakistan Pakistan's potential. Army in efforts to maintain peace and eliminate the

The Saudi Minister expressed optimism about threat of Khawarij. During Pakistan's economic future, the visit, the group paid

tribute to the Pakistan Army and security forces for their sacrifices in safeguarding the nation. The participants unanimously pledged to cooperate with the relevant authorities in preventing the spread of Khawarj ideology and other disruptive elements that

> **QUETTA: Members of Pakistan Mine Workers** Federation are holding protest demonstration against the attack on miners in Duki area of Balochistan, at Quetta press club.

### Train service resumed from Quetta for interior country after 46 days **Independent Report**

QUETTA: The train service was resumed for the interior country from Quetta as Jaffar Express departed for Peshawar after suspension of some 46 days, on Friday morning

The Divisional Superintendent of Pakistan Railways Quetta, Imran Hayat saw off the passengers left for Peshawar from the Quetta Railway station.

It may be mentioned here that the train service remained suspended from Quetta to other parts of the country due to destruction of a railway bridge located in Dozan area of Bolan. The railway bridge had been destroyed by some miscreants in a subversive act on August 26, 2024. However, it was reconstructed by the Pakistan Railways and with this, the train service was resumed. It may also be mentioned here that the trial of the bridge was done on Thursday in presence of the DS Railways



QUETTA: Provincial Health Minister Bakht Muhammad Kakar enquiring about injured of Dukki coal mine firing

Aiwan-e-Sadr. Yousaf Raza This positive outlook Gilani applauded the vision is backed by actions alof the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan. ready taken by Pakistan's leadership, including imple-

Rauf as well as the representatives of FDI and Women Development Department

Prisons, Shujauddin Kasi and Superintendent of Jail apprised the Deputy Speaker of Provincial Assembly about the ongoing initiatives.



QUETTA: MPAs Shahida Rauf, Uzma Yaqoob, Sheyan Imran and others meet ing with Deputy Speaker Balochistan Assembly Ghazala Gola

### Health Dept directs NGOs to obtain NOC from MNCH

QUETTA (APP): The Balochistan Health Departtitled 'From Xi'an to ment has informed all non-Gwadar Port' has been governmental organizations launched to celebrate the (NGOs) working on materenduring friendship benal and child healthcare to obtain a No Objection Certween China and Pakistan. tificate (NOC) from the This joint venture commemorates the 75th anniprovincial coordinator of versary of the founding of the Maternal, Newborn, and Child Health (MNCH) the People's Republic of China. The documentary was program before operating in selected as an "Asian Film any district of the province. and Television Exchange

The directive aims to ensure the proper utilization of available resources and prevent duplication of efforts. According to the circular issued by the Director General of Health Services, obtaining an NOC will be mandatory for all NGOs working on mater-

held on Friday at Pakistan Television (PTV), the largenal and child healthcare services.

ISLAMABAD (APP): A Gwadar Port" was offinew cultural documentary cially broadcast.

On this occasion. Director Producer Bai Zhijun addresses to the press conference, said that the total planning "One inch road am inch of blood during Krakoram road construction process.

'Road workers manv people lost their lives, average every Kilometer is a staff sacrifice. The two peoples paid a huge price, the people with life and sweet to build the road. Belt and Road as important part of economic corridor is known as the road of friend-ship," The director of the documentary said that China and Pakistan are conscale humanistic documen-tary "From Xi'an to rivers, lips and teeth." nected by "mountains and

### **Pakistan Business Forum says Termination of IPP accords marks** beginning of broader reforms providing economic relief to public

Project" by the China Na-

tional Film and Television

Bureau, receiving major cul-

tural quality support from

At a press conference

the Publicity Department of

the CPC Shaanxi.

man of the Pakistan Business Forum (PBF) for Balochistan and former President FPCCI, Daroo Khan Achakzai lauded the Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and federal cabinet efforts to terminate five Power Purchase Agreements (PPA's) termed a first step for an efficient

electricity tariff for the public and industry. As this move will benefit electricity consumers to

the tune of Rs60 billion annually, reducing per-unit electricity costs, and sav-ing the national treasury Rs411 billion overall ming from recommendations by the Task Force on Addressing the press

OUETTA (APP): Chair- conference on Friday, he Power Sector Reforms, tarsaid PBF believes that the termination of the IPP agreements marks the beginning of broader reforms aimed at providing economic relief to the public while ensuring the sustainability of the energy sector Daroo Khan said the

recent approval by Federal Cabinet to terminate Power Purchase Agreements with five Independent Power Producers (IPPs) marks a significant step in the country's efforts to reform its struggling power sector. The decision. stem-

gets HUBCO, Lalpir Power Limited, Saba Power, Rousch Power, and Atlas Power, he said.

He also recalled that on July 2024, PBF President sent a letter addressed to Federal Minister for Power Awais Khan Laghari, to expressed strong dismay over the electricity tariff hike in Pakistan, emphasizing its adverse effects on both industries and the general public.

PBF were urged the government to reevaluate its agreements with IPPs, citing substantial disparities in electricity costs compared to neighboring countries.

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Two terrorists killed in 'accomplices' firing: CTD

LAHORE (APP): Two ter-rorists were killed allegedly

in the firing of their own

accomplices when five mili-

tants in two police vans

were being shifted from

Sahiwal jail in the wake of a

Counter-Terrorism Depart-

ment (CTD) spokesman

the eliminated militants

were the masterminds be-

hind the Dasu Dam attack,

and facing life sentence.

Five terrorists were being

shifted from Sahiwal jail in

two police vans when on

Samundri Road when some

unidentified terrorists at-

tacked one of the vans to

get their accomplices freed

from police custody.

According to the

threat alert.

threaten peace.