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Iran launches ballistic missiles at Tel Aviv, warns of crushingresponse to any Israeli retaliation

Monitoring Desk TEHRAN: Iran fired a salvo of ballistic missiles at Tel Aviv on Tuesday in retaliation to the Israeli cam-Hezbollah allies in Lebanon and the killing of its chief and that of Hamas.

Alarms sounded across Israel and explosions could be heard in Jerusalem and the Jordan River valley after Israelis piled into bomb shelters. Reporters on state television lay flat on the ground during live broadcasts. Reuters journalists saw missiles intercepted in the airspace of neighbouring Jordan. Israeli media reports said as many as 100 missiles had been launched.

Iran's Revolutionary Guards said the missile attack under way was in response to the killing of Hezbollah chief Hassan Nasrallah last week as well as that of Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh. "In re-

sponse to the martyrdom of [Hamas leader] Ismail Haniyeh, Hassan Nasrallah and [Guards commander] Nilforoshan, we targeted paign against Tehran's the heart of the occupied territories (Israel)," the Guards said in a statement reported by the Fars news

Voice of masses

The Guards threatened to carry out "crushing attacks" against regional Israel if it retaliated after the missile attack. "If the Zionist regime

reacts to Iranian operations, it will face crushing attacks,' the Guard said.

Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei gave the order to launch missiles at Israel, a senior Iranian official told Reuters adding that Tehran "is fully ready for any retaliation"

Iran's mission to the United Nations in New York posted on X that the attack on Israel is a "legal, rational and legitimate response to



QUETTA: Chairman of Pakistan People's Party (PPP) Bilawal Bhutto Zardari addresses the Balochistan High Court Bar Association, focusing on key legal and political issues

QUETTA: Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti in a group photo with officials of

Pakistan needs reforms in judicial system:

Our struggle for constitutional amendment not for current CJ. asserts Bilawal Bhutto Zardari

Chairman PPP pledges to fulfil mission of martyr Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto regarding judicial reforms and constitutional courts; says have no problem about who sits in constitutional court

Independent Report

QUETTA: The Chairman Pakistan Peoples' Party (PPP), Bilawal Bhutto Zardari has categorically stated that so far, his party had agreed to the government's proposal for the formation of a federal constitutional court.

The Chairman PPP said that he has to fulfil the mission of his martyr mother, Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto regarding the judicial reforms and constitutional courts that otherwise part of the charter of democracy (CoD) signed

He said that we restored the constitution through CoD and it was the

Additional Chief Secretary

Development, Hafiz Abdul

Basit, administrative secre-

taries of different line de-

partments, Project Direc-

tors and other concerned

high ups were in attendance

ment authorities briefed the

meeting about the Kachhi

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fected due to the 2022

GoB decides to

open all 3,700

closed schools

in Balochistan

Independent Report

QUETTA: The Govern-

ment of Balochistan has

decided to open 3,700 closed schools in the

According to the Provincial Education

schools were closed due

to non-availability of

the teachers in different

districts of the prov-

ince. The Education De-

partment would recruit

the teachers on contract

so as to post them in the

schools going to be

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their respective dis-

tricts. The sources in-

Commissioners

committee

province.

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canal project in detail.

The Irrigation Depart-

It was informed that the

at the meeting.

objective behind the struggle waged by his martyr mother. He said that we just

want implementation on the CoD. He said that we would accept what the constitution says. He said that it is responsibility of the judiciary

to follow the constitution and law. He said that over the time and experience, he learnt that how difficult is to get justice in the country. He said that the country needs reforms in its judicial system. Bilawal Bhutto Zardari

was addressing the Balochistan High Court (BHC) Bar in Quetta on

Tuesday. Also present on the occasion was the Chief Minister, Mir Sarfraz Bugti and other senior leaders of the party besides a large

The Chairman PPP maintained that his party had no problem if anyone of the top two judges of the country chaired the constitutional court.

number of lawyers.

"After the struggle of 30 years, we have decided to form a constitutional court," he said, adding his struggle for the constitutional amendment was not for the current chief justice,



QUETTA: Provincial Minister Mir Saleem Ahmed Khosa meeting with Governor Balochistan Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail

All know what is happening in SC, nothing is happening behind the scene: CJP

ISLAMABAD (Online): the closed door in SC. Review appeal regarding interpretation of article 63 A was heard in the Su-

preme Court (SC) A larger bench of SC headed over by Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Qazi Faez Isa took up the case

for hearing. CJP remarked at the inception of hearing Justice Munib Akhtar was requested to join the bench

but he maintained his old stance The CJP remarked every one knows at present

what is happening in SC. Nothing is going in behind hearing.

PPP counsel Farooq H Naik said we have appeared voluntarily. Our roll be also got signed.

At the inception of hearing advocate Ali Zafar requested he wants to raise objections over bench. The CJP remarked

you should return to your seat. We will hear you later. After hearing Shahzad Shaukat, Barrister Ali Zafar and Farooq H Naek, the chief justice remarked that the court would hear the remaining lawyers tomorrow and adjourned the

Active participation of youth necessary for our collective

Independent Report Balochistan, Jaffar Khan Mandokhail has stated that voice of youth has immense importance in the society and their character and ac-

Therefore, youngsters should play their due part for sustainable solution to the public issues and hard-

wholehearted part in all welfare, political and social activities for the sake of economic and social comfort just because their active participation is necessary for our collective develop-

He said that we can get dignity together and form such a healthy society which is justified, equal and prosperous for all.

pation and transparent de-

Have never left, nor will leave masses on mercy of fate: Nawaz

LAHORE (INP): President Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) and former prime minister, Muhammad Nawaz Sharif has said that his party has never left the people nor will leave them at mercy of fate.

This was stated by him while speaking during a meeting held at Chief Minister House on Tuesday under the chair of Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz. During the meeting, strategy regarding the development projects of the province came under discussion.

Nawaz Sharif has directed the Punjab government to focus on public relief projects for providing maximum relief and fa-

cilities to the people. The PML-N President further stated that he has never left the people alone during difficult times and will not leave them now.

Chairman PPP leaves Ouetta for Islamabad after winding up two-day visit

Independent Report OUETTA: The Chairman Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP), Bilawal Bhutto Zardari left Quetta for Islamabad after winding up his two-day visit, on Tuesday. The Chairman PPP was seen off by the Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz Bugti, Deputy Speaker, Ms. Ghazala Gola, provincial ministers, parliamentarians and leaders of the Party at Quetta airport.

It may be mentioned here that Chairman PPP had hectic schedule of engagements in Quetta.

He addressed the Balochistan High Court Bar as well as the Peoples Lawyers Forum's convention besides the ceremony of distribution of grants among the flood affectees of 2022. He also had meeting with the Provincial Ministers, members of the assembly and senior provincial leaders of party.

He also visited the residence of PPP leader, Agha Shakeel Durrani to condole death of his mother.

Two security personnel injured in blast at FC check post in Turbat **Independent Report**

TURBAT: A blast occurred at the FC check post located at Educational Chowk in Turbat, injuring two personnel, including a junior officer. According to police, the explosion targeted the FC 168 Wing post, leaving Naik Ashraf and Shahi Tahir wounded. The injured were rushed to the hospital for medical treatment. Police and law enforce-

ment agencies immediately reached the scene, launched an investigation, and initiated a search operation to apprehend the perpetrators.

PM vows further relief as inflation slows at lowest in last four years in Sept

Core inflation decreases to 6.9%

Muhammad Sharif on Tuesday expressed his satisfaction at the slowing down of pricehike which now clocked in at the lowest 6.9 percent when compared with runaway digits in the last 44 months. The prime minister lauded the government's economic team for capping the headline inflation which now clocked in at 6.9 percent on a year-on-year basis in September 2024.

The price hike had nosedived in the month of August this year at one digit 9.6pc for the first time in the last 34 months, PM Office Media Wing said in a press release.

remained at the lowest in

ISLAMABAD (APP): September this year bring-Prime Minister ing the spiraling inflation to Shehbaz record low in the last 44 months

"With the grace of Allah Almighty, the promises made with the public have started yielding results. With inflation rate at 6.9pc, the common man will get relief," the press release quoted the prime minister as saying.

The prime minister further observed that with continuous reduction in the petroleum prices, the public was getting relief, whereas after interest rate slide, the business activities would get a spur.

He also expressed his satisfaction at the achievement of target of bringing The Consumer Price the inflation rate to 7per-Index (CPI) index reading cent in 2024 ahead of next



ISLAMABAD: The Head of Mission of World Health Organisation in Pakistan Dr. Lou Dapeng presenting a certificate of elimination of TRACHOMA as a public health problem from Pakistan to Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif.

PM Shehbaz effectively pleaded Palestinians case as leader of Ummah: Tarar

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Information, Broadcasting, National Heritage and Culture Attaullah Tarar said on Tuesday that Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif effectively pleaded the case of Palestinians during his historic speech at the United Nations General Assembly as the leader of Muslim Ummah

Addressing a press conference, the minister said that PM Shehbaz's address to the UNGA was highly appreciated all over the world, which was an honour for Pakistan.

The prime minister championed the causes of Muslim Ummah, including Palestine and Kashmir, he

His bilateral meetings



ernment of other countries on the sidelines of the UNGA session also proved very fruitful and constructive in that regard, the minister said.

Tarar said that the PM's speech also proved that Pakistan's foreign policy was successful and that Islamabad was an important player both at the international level and in the



QUETTA: Provincial Health Minister Bakht Muhammad Kakar enquiring about health of a patient during his visit to Sheikh Mohamed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan Institute of Cardiology

Justice Naeem Afghan replaces Justice Munib in Article 63-A case

ceedings.

ISLAMABAD (INP): Supreme Court (SC) Tuesday formed a 'new larger bench' to hear review petition regarding interpretation of Article 63-A of the Constitution of Pakistan.

The decision was reportedly taken during a meeting of Practice and Procedure Committee headed by CJP Justice Qazi Faez The new bench will be

led by Chief Justice of Pakistan Qazi Faez Isa and it includes Justices Ameenuddin, Jamal Mandokhel, Mazhar Alam Miankhail, and Justice Naeem Afghan. The formation of the new bench comes after Justice Munib Akhtar did not attended the pro-

Justice Munib earlier penned a letter to Court Registrar, saying he could not participate in the fivemember bench, arguing that it was inappropriate for only four judges to hear the

His second letter prompted the adjournment of the hearing, as he expressed that while he did not formally recuse himself, he felt unable to join a bench constituted by the Practice and Procedure Committee.

The apex court's hearing is crucial as it addresses critical interpretation of Article 63-A, which relates to disqualification of lawmakers for defection.

Repair work on Phase-I to be completed by November 15: Kachhi canal project has backbone status in agricultural economy of Balochistan, says CM

Mir Sarfraz Bugti asserts no further delay tolerable in important project; emphasizes upon ending disappointment of zamindars concerning Kachhi canal project; assigns task of monitoring of project to Chief Secretary; work on Kachhi canal project Phase-II to be started after approval and release of funds from competent authority

Independent Report OUETTA: The Chief Min-

ister Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz Bugti has stated that the Kachhi canal project has the backbone status in agricultural economy of the province

He noted with concern that the supply of water is suspended for agricultural purposes to Balochistan due to destruction caused to the Phase-I during 2022 floods. As a result of nonsupply of water, the zamindars and farmers are

forced to migrate from the tary, Shakeel Qadir Khan, uncultivated command area of Kachhi canal due to the agricultural water, he regretfully pointed out adding he warned that no further delay would be tolerated in completion of the necessary

The Chief Minister was chairing a high level review meeting on the repair of Kachhi canal phase-I and construction work of the Phase-II here on Tuesday.

The Provincial Ministers Mir Zahoor Ahmed Buledi and Mir Muhammad



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Interior Mohsin Naqvi meets with JUI-F Chief Maulana Fazal ur Rehman in Federal Capital.

Naqvi meets Maulana Fazal, seeks cooperation on constitutional amendment

Inside story of meeting between Maulana Fazlur Rehman and interior minister Mohsin Naqvi has come to open.

Fazlur Maulana Rehman has sought time on the matter of constitutional amendments.

According to sources interior minister appealed to Maulana Fazlur Rehmand to cooperate with government. Mohsin Naqvi requested Maulana Fazlur Rehman to sit with government and listen government stance on the matter of constitutional

Interior minister conveyed the message of President Asif Ali Zardari Maulana Fazlur

amendment.

Sources disclosed

has sought time for consideration and consultation with party. Meeting is likely to take place again

ter Mohsin Naqvi reached residence of Maulana

Mohsin Naqvi congratulated Maulana Fazlur Rehman and Maulana Abdul Ghafoor Haidri on being elected unopposed as JUI-F Amir and JUI-F secretary general respec-

Mohsin Naqvi said the role played by Maulana Fazlur Rehman for supremacy of parliament and promotion of democratic norms is appreciable. He is prudent, far sighted and visionary politician

ISLAMABAD (Online): Maulana Fazlur Rehman

in the next few days. Earlier Interior Minis-Fazlur Rehman to meet

formed that at least 40 closed schools have been reopened in Pishin and Awaran districts.

development: Governor QUETTA: The Governor

tions leave their impacts.

ships.

They should also take

The Governor was speaking to a delegation who called on him under leadership of provincial General Secretary of PML-N, Sajjad Raisani, here on Tuesday. The Governor exhorted youth to inform the great majority of the society about their democratic rights and values so as to pave the way for ensuring the comprehensive partici-

cision making



OUETTA: Chief Secretary Balochistan Shakeel Oadir Khan presiding over a meeting

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Punitive tax plan

The government is desperate to increase its abysmally low tax collection to meet the stringent revenue conditions of the new \$7bn funding programme approved by the IMF recently.

In order to meet the tax target, the FBR has worked out a new compliance and enforcement plan, which primarily relies on punitive actions against tax evaders and cheaters. The authorities hope that it will compel existing taxpayers to stop underreporting their taxable incomes and incentivise non-filers to become taxpayers in order to avoid restrictions on their use of cash for travel, and the purchase of property, cars and financial instruments. The political and financial leadership appears to be enthusiastic about the new strategy, owing to its promise of achieving the desired results in the near term by narrowing the tax gap of Rs7.1tr — representing tax evasion and corruption — without the need to pursue tedious reforms. On the basis of this plan, Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb announced on Sunday the government's "war on cash" as part of the strategy to tap into over the Rs9.3tr in circulation and maximise revenue potential. According to him, non-filers and under-filers are evading taxes amounting to around Rs1.3tr at the individual level. When it comes to circumventing real tax reforms to broaden the tax base, the new 'transformation plan' does not deviate from previous strate-

There is a broad consensus among tax experts and economists that Pakistan's tax system is complicated, unfair, inequitable, corrupt, and inefficient - enough to discourage people from filing. The experience of other countries has established that broad-based, low-rate taxes provide the least incentives for people to evade, avoid and underreport taxable incomes. India, for example, has significantly increased its direct income tax collection as a ratio of the economy by streamlining its tax regime, offering reduced rates, and curbing exemptions. In addition to increased monitoring and compliance, and the expansion of the formalisation of the economy through technology, initiatives such as incentivised lower tax rates for corporations and individuals who forgo exemptions have been implemented, aligning with the agenda to simplify taxation. It is no wonder that India's direct tax-to-GDP ratio reached a record high of 6.5pc in the fiscal year 2023-24. This increase is attributed to growth in income tax collections rather than corporate tax collections. The Indian experience shows that tax compliance can be ensured only through a combination of incentives and the fear of punishment. However, the strategy developed by the FBR to boost compliance rates appears to rely solely on enforcement through punitive actions against tax evaders and cheaters, without actually reforming the complicated

Hence, most tax experts — unlike the minister -have little confidence in the plan as a viable strategy that will help Pakistan overcome its tax woes.

Burying democracy

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Constitution and the

Amendment, are now,

ironically, willing to

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violating one clause as

they did in delaying the

polls. The no-trust vote

public gains.

Constitutional

This goes beyond

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bents.

Dr Niaz Murtaza

Pakistan's democracy is an endangered species now, long hunted by uniformed elements. at the centre. I am But it seems that now a deal has been struck rules like it did again as to make it an extinct species, after which it may be buried at sea so that those who love it can't find its remains 22 period damaged deand erect a tomb as that may spark its 'reincarnation' later.

Arguably, no civilian era has witnessed greater assaults on democracy than this one: anchors still talk more delayed, then badly rigged polls; largescale politicisation of state entities; open disregard of Supreme Court verdicts; domination by the establishment; and now, a no-holds-barred assault on both the Constitution and the judi-

It is widely acknowledged that the it is hard to see who is primary entity behind this state of affairs is the deep state. However, as unabashed implementers, the ing plots. It would be PML-N and PPP are sweet justice if no unnow widely criticised as perhaps the most culpable parties with dubious intent in our be small sanction for history. In fact, many moves against democobservers would go so far as to argue that regime from falling they aren't so much political entities now cial command, the PPP as extensions of the and PML-N, which security apparatus.

We have long seen the assault on democracy. Oddly, what we are now seeing is virtual suicide by democracy. Both the PML-N and PPP say they are swallowing all this as bitter pills to cure the nation of the PTI's ills. However, the pre-scribed pills may con-also carried out for tain ingredients injurious not only to democracy but to these parties as well. In the end, only Sherlock Holmes may then deduce if it democratic moves. In desperately break the was suicide or murder fact, it would seem that state's chokehold?

media and the legal The cure is undecommunity, who have fought past assaults. niably worse than the fought past assaults, ills. I was a strong critic are also toeing the line of the PTI when it ruled of those responsible for the current assault on ready to critique it if it democracy. Many in civil society are muted, well as the powers that seeing it as intra-elite be if they target the wars. But it is possible PML-N or PPP again. It that once they succeed in nixing the PTI, they is evident that the 2018will use their enhanced mocracy more than 2008-18. It is even control to nix progressive periphery causes clearer that the current as well. One must proactively resist any era's damage far exceeds that inflicted unattempt to subdue the der the PTI. But many judiciary, even if it is not championing many proof the out-of-power gressive causes at PTI's ills than the big-

A lawyer's movement is not yet here. But The PML-N acts will we see a movement servile fearing that in the judiciary that triggers it, as in 2007? Supreme Court jud-ges latter does so hoping had blocked Gen Pervez Mushar-raf's illegal they do. It's a race to the bottom among emergency, leading to their house arrest and dismissal, only to be reinstated later. If we ahead. But no one wins reach a point where judges feel that they have no choice but to write joint letters, recuse themselves from benches made under controversial new procedures, etc, the blame But even this may for all of this will fall on the establishment and the political rulers of

Legitimacy is the glue that binds states and ensures progress. It was never allowed to grow much here and is being further eroded now. Such state-led lawlessness can only undermine state foundations and have a severe impact on security and the rule of law via increased terrorism, crime, extremism and external threats.

But do our rulers understand this truth? petty gains against For decades, our ability to become a normal, However, few approgressive nation has pear to be actively opbeen stifled. Can a happosing these antiless victim gasping that eliminated democ- certain sections of the Courtesy Dawn

Power is knowledge?

Nazir A. Jogezai

Knowledge empowers individuals, but societal and educational power structures shape what knowledge is accessible and valued. A complex relationship exists between power and knowledge, encompassing curriculum design, assessment, and teaching. We must understand the dichotomy between 'knowledge is power' — where knowledge grants power — and power is knowledge,' where power produces knowledge. Thus, knowledge is both a means to acquire power and a medium to sustain it, shaped by the societal power dy-

curriculum The serves as a powerful me--dium for both expressing and reinforcing power. The knowledge embedded in curricula primarily reflects the perspectives, priorities, and values of those in power. This knowledge may emphasise certain historical narratives while excluding others.

Even after independence, many post-colonial countries' educational curricula still reflect the colonial powers' cultural, historical, and linguistic heritage of colonial powers. In some African countries, the curricula emphasise European literature and history, while ignoring local knowledge systems, languages, and cultural practices. This perpetuates cultural hegemony by elevating the knowledge and values of the dominant culture above local ones, thereby marginalising local knowledge and sustaining colonial power relations.

Similarly, in Pakistan, the focus on certain sects groups ethnic marginalises others, including non-Muslims, the poor, girls, and women. This control over knowledge directly influences what students learn, how they think, and ultimately ing and test preparation how they perceive their resources. Such assess-

place in society.

Learning design and assessment can become powerful tools for reinforcing dominant societal values and power structures. In a competitive education system, children may learn that success lies in surpassing others and that individual achievement takes precedence over teamwork or collective well-being. This mindset can foster a preference for individualism and wealth over community and social responsi-

Given its central role in the power-knowledge nexus, curriculum reform often becomes a battleground where various groups compete to define what knowledge is legitimate and valuable. These struggles reveal the power dynamics of education, as well as the potential for curricula to be a tool for social justice or otherwise. Assessment prac-

tices further determine the value of knowledge. Highstake tests are examples of coerced standards. Assessment often prioritises memorisation over creativity, critical thinking, and emotional intelligence, perpetuating a narrow definition of intelligence and success. marginalises students' intellectual potential and reinforces social stratificatypically have access to more resources that better prepare them for such

Assessments frequently act gatekeepers to further educational opportunities, professional careers, and social mobility.

Entrance exams for prestigious institutes serve as gatekeeping tools.

They typically demand specific knowledge and skills, more accessible to students from affluent backgrounds who can afford private tutor-

ments reinforce social stratification by offering greater opportunities to those already in positions of power, thereby perpetuating existing inequalities.

Teachers act as intermediaries between curricula, assessment and students. They wield power in shaping the delivery, interpretation, and internalisation of knowledge by students. However, teachers themselves operate within a broader power structure defined by educati-o-nal policies, standa-r--ds, and societal exp-ectations. teacher's ability to either

challenge or reinforce do--minant narratives in the classroom can greatly influence students' critithinking and cal worldview. For instance, a tea-cher who encourages students to question and critically analyse the dominant social values can empower students to recognise and challenge inequities.

Conversely, teacher who rigidly follows the prescribed curriculum without encouraging critical discussion may unintentionally uphold existing power dynamics. These examples illustrate a complex and multifaceted relationship between knowledge and power. The societal landscape defines power as tion, as wealthier students either a means to liberty or suppression.

It is crucial to acknowledge that knowledge is neither neutral nor apolitical; it is shaped by power relations. Therefore, those who control knowledge — whether through curriculum design, assessment, or pedagogical practices — wield significant power over individuals and society. The challenge is to craft educational systems that are more equitable and inclusive and allow a diverse range of knowledge to be recognised and valued thereby democratising power and education. -Courtesy Dawn

Commerce News

ADB delegation meets Ahsan to discuss transport infrastructure

The Director of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) Transport Sector Group, Chen Chen, on Tuesday met Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Ahsan Iqbal to discuss Pakistan's transport infrastructure development.

The ADB delegation comprised senior officers and specialists from the Transport Sector Group, while the Ministry of Planning was represented by Member for Infrastructure Waqas Anwar and senior infrastructure department officials, said a news release.

The meeting focused on the ADB's ongoing support for Pakistan's transport sector, future development plans, and the challenges facing the sector

During the meeting, the minister emphasized the importance of road and rail connectivity projects, noting that the country was in the process of finalizing a comprehensive regional connectivity multi-modal

He welcomed the ADB's input in this regard, stating that it would greatly enhance the work already completed by Pakistan. While discussing the

2022 floods, the minister highlighted that Pakistan suffered \$30 billion in dam-

Ahsan Iqbal lamented the inadequate international response, noting that critical programmes in education, health, and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) had to be repurposed to address flood

The minister stressed climate change

Pakistan's strong interest in enhancing the capacity of its railways through modern technology and emphasized the need for prioritizing connectivity projects that align with the National

vival and review of several key projects related to railways, transport, and maritime infrastructure that had been approved in 2018 but were stalled under the previous government



KARACHI: Technician busy in repairing work of batteries to earn his livelihood for support his family, as demand of batteries in city during hot weather of summer season and high tariff of electricity bills, at his workplace located on Garden area in Karachi.

Objections raised on big consignment of rice exported to EU

ISLAMABAD (Online): Objections have been raised on a big consignment of rice banned. In 45 varieties of exported to Europe this year.. The consignment of rice valuing Rs over 120 billion is feared to be returned to Pakistan

Sources said the rice which have been objected were exported from January to June this year.

It is feared that export of Pakistani rice can be exported basmati rice, dangerous pesticide was found.

Minister Economic EU wrote several letters regarding objections to Pakistan authorities. Prime Minister constituted high level committee to probe into the matter.

that Pakistan should not hear the brunt of conventional financing losses due to the disasters, particularly as it did not receive sufficient support from nations responsible for exacerbating

Ahsan Igbal expressed Agenda Reforms.

He also urged the re-

BISP, SBP to develop new banking model for payment disbursement

ISLAMABAD (APP): Benazir Income Sup-port Programme (BISP) and State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) are jointly working on the development of a new banking model for the disbursement of pay-ments to over 9.3 million BISP beneficiaries.

In a Zoom meeting, Secretary BISP Amer Ali Ahmed and Deputy Governor State Bank of Pakistan, Saleemullah discussed the progress of the new banking model.

The Deputy Governor SBP assured full cooperation to streamline and improve the payment process.

He informed that SBP was ready to develop a pilot and BISP has to finalize the internal mechanics of the implementation strategy



Senate body on Petroleum rejects PMDC privatization

The Senate Standing Committee on Petroleum on Tuesday rejected the proposed privatization of the Pakistan Mineral Develop-Corporation (PMDC), voicing concerns over potential job losses.

Chaired by Senator Umer Farooq, the committee warned of the risk to 5,000 jobs if privatization proceeds. Senator Manzoor Ahmed questioned the need for privatization, asserting that PMDC has been profitable over the past three years and urging the government to prioritize local the corporation should not be privatized if it is not incurring losses. In response, the Pe-

troleum Authority clarified that PMDC's inclusion in the privatization list aligns with the SOES Act 2023, and the decision was made by the cabinet. The PMDC remains fully owned by the Federation, although concerns were raised by Senator Ahmed, who pointed out that the land was leased rather than owned outright by the Federation.

He also highlighted the need for modernization of PMDC's outdated machinemployees. He argued that ery, which has contributed

years. Senator Qurat-ul-Ain Marri raised the issue of provincial consultation, questioning how the Federation could privatize land belonging to the provinces without their input. The Secretary of Petroleum clarified that only the corporate entity, not the leased land, was being privatized, and that further clarity would emerge once a financial advisor was appointed.

The committee also reviewed delays in the gas supply project for Gulistan Tehsil in Qilla Abdullah, which was inaugurated in

Secy for expediting construction of new model bazaars in 13 districts

LAHORE (APP): Punjab Industries Secretary Ehsan Bhutta has instructed the Punjab Model Bazaars Management Company (PMBMC) to expedite the construction of new model bazaars in 13 districts, including Muzaffargarh, Chiniot and Jhelum. The land for these projects has already been transferred free of cost by the government, the Secretary said and stressed the need to fasttrack all remaining formalities to initiate construction

without delay

Model Bazaars CEO Naveed Rafaqat Ahmad said that Model Bazaars are a key source of relief for the general public, providing essential goods at prices lower than government-notified rates. The secretary directed the CEO to personally oversee the process, ensuring that all necessary steps are completed as per the government's instructions. This project is a priority for the government, and we aim to establish these

Model Bazaars at the earli-

est to benefit the public.'

Kamran elected as chairman **APTMA**

MULTAN (APP): Pakistan Central Cotton Com mittee (PCCC) congratulated Mian Kamran Arshad on his election as Chairman of All Pakistan Textile Mills Association (APTMA). Dr Yusuf Zafar, vice president of the PCCC, expressed hope

rshad's leadership.

He highlighted that Arshad's experience was crucial for the cotton and textile sectors. Dr Zafar also stressed the importance of settling Rs 3.5 billion owed in cotton cess

Ministry to accelerate 5G spectrum auction ISLAMABAD (APP): The trum valuation, and the de-

NA body urges IT

ing Committee on Information Technology & Telecommunication Tuesday expressed serious concerns over the slow progress of the 5G spectrum auction and directed the Ministry of IT to expedite the hiring of con-

The meeting, chaired Syed Amin ul Haque, MNA, emphasized the need for swift action to meet the 2025 target for launching 5G services.

Recognizing the necessity for comprehensive reforms in the telecom sector, the committee stressed the importance of involving all stakeholders in the design of the auction, spec-

velopment of appropriate 5G models. "The timely completion of the auction is seen as critical to Pakistan's technological advancement," it added.

The committee also raised concerns about the unresolved property dispute between PTCL and Etisalat, which had lingered for 18 years.

The ministry informed the committee that a special task force, led by the Finance Minister, had been established by the Prime Minister to address the issue, with progress being made towards a resolution, and its detailed report on any final decisions



ISLAMABAD: An elderly vendor patiently awaits customers, offering eco-friendly shopping bags at the weekly Bazaar in Federal Capital.

LCCI President vows to resolve traders' issues, unveils action plan

Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI) President Mian Abuzar Shad here Tuesday chaired a detailed meeting with the delegations of traders and assured to help resolve their concerns while outlining a strategic roadmap to foster a more favorable business environment in the region.

The meeting was attended by the LCCI Senior Vice President Engineer Khalid Usman, Vice President Shahid Nazir Chaudhry, representatives from various market associations. This interaction marks a significant

leadership's efforts to build trust and strengthen the Chamber's role as a mediator between traders and government authorities. The LCCI President assured them that resolving their issues would be at the forefront on his agenda. He acknowledged the challenges that traders have been facing. Mian Abuzar Shad added that he fully understands the gravity of the challenges traders face on a daily basis. He said that Lahore Chamber would actively work to create a more enabling environment Governor Punjab says:

Role of youth imperative for country's development

RAWALPINDI (APP): The for further enhancing the tion at new heights since challenges being faced by the country can be countered by inculcating youth in national affairs. The the university education are young graduates must contribute their role in practical fields for the country's prosperity and

This was remarked by the Governor Punjab, Sadar Saleem Haider Khan while delivering his speech at the 1st Convocation of the Rawalpindi Woman University (RWU), which was held here on Tuesday. He said that everyone should value the country which has the honor of being the sole nuclear country in the Islamic world.

'Our enemy wants to create division among us on the basis of ethnicity, but together we will not allow anyone to succeed in such a malicious conspiracy against the country", he

The governor while congratulating the graduating students highlighted the responsibilities they would have to render in their future. He underlined the need for collaborative efforts by all the stakeholders towards improvement in diverse fields including the national economy. The governor stressed

women's role in national development and said "The majority position holders in our daughters which is encouraging towards creating gender equity in the soci-

He extended his felicigraduating students saying it was a special day for

"Parents have surely faced the difficulties and sacrificed to get their daughters graduated today. I salute and present my tribute to them", he said and urged the students to generously respond to their parents in devolution of the higher the days to come. He further urged the parents to allow and encourage their daughters to contribute the young talent.
their efforts for the "The total budget of country's peace and stabil-

pressed his pleasure of attending the event for being the first chancellor on the underlined the need to start university's first convocation. He hoped for the fur-

In his address, Dr. Mukhtar Ahmad, Chairman Higher Education Commission (HEC) informed the sults", he said and urged the audience that HEC's jour- teachers to produce virtue nev to take higher educa- professionals.

2002 has been successful. He said that are 265 universities in Pakistan with 13% students' access rate as compared to that of in 2002 having 51 universities with an access rate of 2.1%. He further highlighted that presently 48% of the total tations to the parents of the students in the universities were female students which was 32% in 2002. Moreover, 40,000 research papers are published each

year, which were only 865 per year in 2002, he added. Dr. Mukhtar highlighted that financial crisis. reduced funds to the universities and provincial education were the main challenging areas to be re-dressed to further explore

all universities of Pak is less than that of a single The governor also ex- university of any other country", he said. The chairman further

a special period in the uni-

versity classes regarding ther flourishing of the university in future.

ethics and social norms.

"Misuse of technologies like mobiles has contributed much in wrongdo-



PESHAWAR: Advisor to Chief Minister Information & Public Relations of KP Barrister Dr. Muhammad Ali Saif and Administrator China Window Amjad Aziz malik along with other officials cutting cake during China 75th National Day Celebration at China Window.

Salman chairs emergency meeting to address rising dengue cases in Punjab

LAHORE (APP): Provincial Health Minister the meeting, Khawaja Khawaja Salman Rafique on Salman Rafique reviewed Tuesday chaired an emergency meeting of the Technical Working Group in the Department of Primary and Secondary Health Care in response to the increasing cases of dengue. Provincial Health Minister Khawaia Imran Nazir participated in meeting via video link, while Health Advisor Major General (Retired) Azhar

the latest dengue situation across the province. Experts presented their suggestions to control the

spread of dengue.

Minister Khawaja Salman Rafique emphasized that the Technical Working Group should immediately determine the causes of death due to dengue in Rawalpindi and assess the severity of the disease in treated patients.

vincial assembly. Jacobabad police foil motorcycle theft ring, arrest ringleader

PPP decides

launching protest

movement

against KP Govt

PESHAWAR (APP): Paki-

stan People's Party (PPP) Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has

decided to launch a protest

movement against the pro-

vincial government of Pa-

kistan Tehrik-e-Insaf (PTI)

conference here at Peshawar

Press Club (PPC) on Tues-

day, President PPP KP

chapter Syed Mohammad

Ali Shah Bacha said that in

first instance, a protest

demonstration would be

staged in front of the pro-

Addressing a press

in the province.

Independent Report JACOBABAD: In a successful operation, Jacobabad police apprehended the leader of a notorious motorcycle theft ring, Imtiaz alias Kararu, following a police encounter near Chacho Shah Bilawal.

The ringleader, along with his accomplices, was involved in various motorcycle theft and snatching incidents. Police recovered five stolen motorcycles and a TT pistol from Police

CM message on **International Day** for Older Persons

LAHORE (APP): Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif said on Tuesday the Punjab government was improving old homes for senior citizens. In her message on International Day for Older Persons, she said that elderly people living in old home have also had the blessing of Hajj. The CM said elders

were a reflection of our past, a light for the present and a lesson for the future, adding that elders were the lamps in whose light generations grow.

"Elders have made our present possible by giving their youthful energies. Eld-

erly people of Pakistan are our true asset, I pay them rich tribute", she added. The CM said the life experiences and observations of elders were like a treasure for us. Respecting elders is a part of our beliefs and civilization, she said and added, "It is our duty to take care of rights of elderly and to create facilities for them that they deserve.'

The chief minister appealed to the citizens that never forget your elders, rather give them the respect and status they deserve. Only those societies rise that value their



Evaluation, Feedback, Inspection and Monitoring (DEFIM) Chairperson, Brigadier (Retd) Babar Ala Ùddin addresses to media persons during press conference, in Gujranwala.

Mir Murtaza Bhutto murder case: **SHC** criticizes Police for delays in report submission

China's Xi calls for

Taiwan reunification

in national day speech

KARACHI (INP): The Sindh High Court (SHC) has once again adjourned the hearing on appeals in the Mir Murtaza Bhutto murder case, expressing dissatisfaction with delays in submitting reports.

During the session, the court issued a show-cause notice to SSP East for failing to provide a report on deceased accused individuals. The defense lawyers informed the court that Wajid Durrani and Rai Tahir, key accused in the case, could not appear due now adjourned the hearing

ever, questioned whether illness or Supreme Court assignments could excuse their absence.

The court was also informed that four other accused—Shahid Hayat, Shabbir Qaimkhani, Agha Jameel, and Masood Sharif—had passed away, further complicating the

Justice Phalphuto expressed frustration, noting that the appeals have been pending since 2010. The court has to illness. The court, how- until November7.

Pakistani devotee of patriotic songs has collected 5,000 recordings

Ahmed placed the large vinyl disc on a vintage Dansette phonograph and lowered the stylus onto the record as the sound of a decades-old Pakistani patriotic song began to fill the room.

Ahmed, a 36-year-old broadcaster and researcher, was three years old when he fell in love with the iconic 1987 song "Dil Dil Pakistan," becoming a devotee and going on to collect more than 5,000 patriotic songs, or "milli naghmas" as they are called in Urdu. The songs span decades, and Ahmed's collection has them in dozens of languages or a set of spool tapes. But and formats, including cas-

KARACHI (INP): Absar records. Ahmed has also authored two books on national songs, Naghmay Pakistan Kay" and "Har Taan Pakistan."

"I started collecting cassettes in 1996 when I bought my first cassette," Ahmed told Arab News. "By 1999, I properly began gathering milli naghmas and at that time.'

Many recordings have fallen into Ahmed's lap as his reputation as a collector has spread. Others he has had to research, find and buy, traveling across Pakistan just to get his hands on a particular vinyl disk

"I would record every national song that was broadcasted on radio or television. I always kept a cassette in my tape recorder, ready to record any milli naghma that played on Radio Pakistan," Ahmed said, referring to the country's state broadcaster. "This treasure, this collection of sounds from Pakistan, has been safely preserved and it is now part of my record

collection. A significant part of Ahmed's collection is in the Bengali language as many Pakistani patriotic songs were sung by Bengali artmany hundreds of songs he ists when present-day sette tapes, CDs, and vinyl has recorded directly from Bangladesh used to be a based on a poem by the leg-

part of Pakistan before it seceded after the 1971 war. Mufeez Rahman, an

Mehmood Kayani attended

the meeting in person at the

official who worked at Radio Pakistan's Dhaka station, had protected the records from rioters in 1971, Ahmed said. In 2014, he contacted the Pakistani collector after learning about his collection through the Internet. "I can't even imagine how I found these," Ahmed said. "They were no longer available anywhere else but before his death, he [Rahman] made sure to pass them on to me.'

One of Ahmed's most notable finds is the first Indian national song recorded in 1911, "Tarana-e-Milli,"

endary Allama Muhammad Iqbal, widely regarded as having animated the impulse for the Pakistan Movement and who would go on to become the national poet of Pakistan after the country's creation out of India in 1947.

The 1911 version was sung by Ustad Pyare Sahib, a revered singer from the Indian city of Kolkata, who migrated to Karachi after the partition of the subcon-

"I was able to obtain the audio of this song in a digital format, which was given to me by someone who had the gramophone record although it later broke."

International News

Israel launches ground invasion of Lebanon, saying 'targeted raids' aimed at Hezbollah

Monitoring Desk BEIRUT: Israel said its troops had launched raids inside Lebanon on Tuesday, starting its widely expected ground operations after two weeks of devastating airstrikes against Hezbollah's command structure and weapons

The Israeli military said the operations in Lebanon began on Monday night and involved paratroops and commandos from the elite 98th division, which was deployed to the northern front two weeks ago from Gaza where they had been fighting for

It claimed its air force and artillery supported ground troops engaged in limited, localised, and targeted ground raids" southern Lebanon villages that it insisted posed "an immediate threat to Israeli commu- source told Reuters that Is-

nities in northern Israel". raeli units had crossed into In the past 24 hours, at least 95 people had been killed and 172 wounded in Israeli operations. strikes on Lebanon's southern regions, the eastern Bekaa Valley, and Beirut,

Israel has dealt heavy blows to Hezbollah, alleg- ment. edly Iran's most powerful Middle East proxy, assassinating its leader Hassan Nasrallah in Beirut last week, eliminating a towering figure who turned it into has not fired on the Is-Lebanon's top military and political force.

Lebanon's health ministry

said early on Tuesday.

successes Hezbollah in decades, Israel has indicated it is primed for a full-fledged invasion of Lebanon with the stated aim of enabling thousands of its citizens who fled against Hezbollah in Hezbollah rockets to safely return to their communities near the northern border.

A Lebanese security

Lebanon overnight for reconnaissance and probing

Lebanese troops also pulled back from positions along the border, the source added. Lebanese army spokesperson did not confirm or deny the move-

Lebanon's army has historically stayed on the sidelines of major conflicts with Israel, and in the last year of hostilities raeli military.

The operation into Despite its biggest Lebanon represents an esagainst calation of the conflict in the Middle East between Israel and allegedly Iranbacked fighters that now threatens to suck in the US and Iran.

Local residents in the Lebanese border town of Aita al-Shaab reported heavy shelling and the sound of helicopters and drones overhead

School bus fire in **Monitoring Desk** Juangroongruangkit said.

BANGKOK: At least 23 people died in Thailand when a school bus carrying more than 40 students and teachers on a field trip caught fire on the outskirts of the capital Bangkok, po-

Trairong Phiwpan, forensic science commissioner told reporters, with an investi-

three teachers were sent to a hospital for treatment,

on Israel to withdraw troops from Lebanon Images posted on so-**Monitoring Desk** cial media and carried by local news outlets showed MOSCOW: Russia on Tuesday called on Israel to

which were still on fire. The blaze was later extinguished. A Reuters photographer saw fire trucks, police, and rescue vehicles parked around the blackened vehicle, with a cluster of firefighters at the entrance.

thick grey smoke pouring

out of the bus, parts of

Teachers told us that the fire ignited very quickly," acting police chief Kittirat Phanphet told

Putin orders conscription of in Russia's

MOSCOW: Russian President Vladimir Putin ordered the conscription of 133,000 new servicemen in Russia's autumn draft that starts Oct. 1 and goes until the end of the year, according to a Kremlin decree published on Monday. The decree, published in Russian state-run newspaper Rossiyskaya Gazeta, calls to carry out the draft of citizens "aged 18 to 30 years, who are not in the reserve and are subject to con-Maritime Trade Operations scription in accordance with the Federal Law.

75th Foundation Day of the Republic of China, President Xi Jinping has reiterated his call for China to "reunite" with Taiwan, saying that achieving com-

plete national reunification is the common aspiration of the Chinese people."It is an irreversible trend, a matter of justice, and it is in accordance with the popular will. No one can stop the march of history," President Xi said during his address to thousands of people who had gathered for a banquet celebrating 75 years of the People's Republic.

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October 1, 1949, after the of weapons.

Communist army defeated nationalist Kuomintang for-c-es at the end of a civi war lasting two decades. The defeated nationalists fled to Taiwan. "Taiwan is sacred territory for China. People on both sides of the Taiwan Strait have blood ties, and these family ties will always be stronger than others," Xi said. Xi also used his speech to call for opposition to the "separatist activities". Earlier, US President Joe Biden approved \$567 million in military assistance for Taiwan.

The United States does not officially recognize Taiwan diplomati-The People's Repub- cally, it is Taipei's key lic of China was founded on partner and major provider

Gaza children 'extremely impacted' by war: UNICEF **Monitoring Desk**

JERUSALEM: Nearly a year of devastating war has left Gaza's 2.4 million people enduring a humanitarian tragedy, with children in the besieged territory the most vulnerable, a UNICEF

official told AFP in an in-Jonathan Crickx, the UN agency's spokesman for the Palestinian territories, has returned this month from a week-long mission to Gaza, still heavily impacted even as

He talked to AFP about the plight of Gaza's children, who have not had a single day of education since the Israel-Hamas war broke out on October 7.

Israel shifts its military fo-

cus to Lebanon.

You see children who are not allowed to have the life of normal children, no education, no play, no joy," Crickx said. The faces of these

children are... so sad."

Most children he saw in the war-battered Palestinian territory were helping their family as they no longer had classes to attend. 'So, you see a lot of

children carrying these dirty yellow plastic jerrycans" with up to 25 litres of water, he said.

"I've seen children pushing these jerrycans with a broken wheelchair, trying to bring water, which is one of the major issues... in the Gaza Strip." Crickx said it was

heartbreaking to see children, some as young as five or six, trying to find food for their families. They are "walking ir

huge piles of garbage and trying to get whatever they can," he said.

"These children are extremely impacted by the violence and the bombings and insecurity they have been through for a year.' Crickx vividly remembers his conversation with Ahmad, a 10-year-old Gazan boy who lived with

camp in southern Gaza. The boy's uncle had died a horrific death, Crickx

his family in a displacement

Ahmad "was saying things that a 10-year-old should not tell you, how the body was in pieces, how the head was far away".

US sees indications of imminent Iranian missile attack on Israel

Monitoring Desk WASHINGTON: United States has indications that Iran is preparing to imminently launch a ballistic missile attack against Israel that could be at least as large as a strike that Tehran staged earlier this year, US officials said on Tuesday. The United States is actively supporting preparations to defend Israel against a new Iranian missile attack, a senior White House official said. "A direct military attack from Iran against Israel will carry severe consequences

for Iran," the official said. A second US official said that the Iranian strike could be as large or potentially bigger than the one on April 14 in which Tehran launched more than 300 missiles and drones. Iran's mission to the United Nations did not immediately

respond to a request for comment.

The April attack - the first-ever direct Iranian strike on Israel - was in retaliation for what Iran called an Israeli strike on its Damascus consulate that killed seven Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps officers, including two senior commanders.

It caused only modest damage inside Israel due to air defense interceptions not only by Israel but also by the United States, Britain, and other allies in the region. The US warning of a looming Iranian strike followed Israel's announcement that its forces staged raids into southern Lebanon in a limited incursion as it pursues two weeks of strikes against Hezbollah militants that have killed the Iran-backed group's leader and senior commanders

resume strike over colleague's rape and murder Monitoring Desk

The discovery of the 31-year-old's bloodied body at a state-run hospital in the eastern city in August rekindled nationwide anger at the chronic issue of violence against women. Doctors briefly returned to limited work in emergency departments last month but decided at a union meeting to cease work again. Union spokesman Aniket Mahato said the West Bengal state government had failed to deliver on its promises to upgrade lighting, CCTV cameras,

Indian doctors

NEW DELHI: Indian doctors in Kolkata said on Tuesday they had resumed a strike to protest against the brutal rape and murder of a colleague because their demands for hospital safety improvements had not been

and other security measures in hospitals.

President Xi Jinping and ex-premier Wen Jiabao attend the national day reception at the Great Hall of People. Russia calls

Thailand kills at least 23

lice said on Tuesday.

Twenty-three bodies have been identified, gation on the causes under-

Sixteen students and Transport Minister Suriya a press conference

Drone boat hits ship in Red Sea as missile strikes another in likely assaults by Yemen Houthi rebels

Monitoring Desk DUBAI: An explosiveloaded drone crashed into one ship Tuesday in the Red Sea as a missile exploded against another, the British military and private security officials said, marking the latest suspected attacks by Yemen's Houthi rebels. The attacks likely are the rebels' first assaults on commercial shipping in weeks as the Israel-Hamas war threatens to become a regional conflict.

They come as Israeli

ground forces entered Leba-

non after days of Israeli

airstrikes that killed

Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah and other top officials, and earlier explosions of sabotaged electronic devices used by the Shiite militia. The Houthis threatened "escalating military operations" targeting Israel on Monday after they apparently shot down a U.S. military drone flying over Yemen. The first attack took place some 110 kilometers (70 miles) off the port city of Hodeida. A captain on a ship saw four "splashes" near his vessel, the British military's United Kingdom

center said in a warning.

withdraw troops from Lebanon, warning that the attack would lead to a further escalation of violence in the Middle East. Israel said commando and paratroop units launched raids into Lebanon on Tuesday as part of a "limited" ground incur-

sion, while Iran-backed Hezbollah said it had fired a barrage of missiles into Israel, including at its spy agency near Tel Aviv. **133,000** servicemen

autumn draft **Monitoring Desk**

NA Speaker urges Muslim Ummah to unite, promote Islam's true message globally

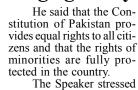
National Assembly Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq on Tuesday emphasized the need for unity among the Muslim Ummah, urging them to come together and work collectively to promote Islam's true message glo-

During meeting with prominent religious scholar Dr. Zakir Naik at the Parliament House, he welcomed Dr. Zakir Naik and expressed his delight over his visit to Pakistan.

The matters pertaining to the challenges faced by the Muslim Ummah, interfaith harmony, and other important issues were

The speaker said that Islam is a complete code of life that promotes peace, tolerance, and love.

Ayaz Sadiq lauded the services rendered by Dr. Zakir Naik's in spreading the message of peace and love of Islam around the



that the solution to the challenges faced by the Muslim Ummah lies in unity and solidarity.
Dr. Zakir Naik

praised the love and hospitality of the Pakistani people, stating that "the people of Pakistan are very oving and caring". He emphasized on the

Rana Sana says:

Imran's political

approach

undermines

democracy

SLAMABAD (ÅPP)

Adviser to the Prime Min-

ister on Inter-Provincial

Coordination and Political

Affairs, Rana Sanaullah, on

Tuesday said that political

approach of the founder of

(PTI) negates the essence

of democracy in the coun-

try. Speaking to a private

news channel, he said that

the PTI leader spent three

and a half years attempting

to undermine every politi-

cian and political party in

ing dialogue, striving for a

political landscape where

only his party remained

current government's

Muqam visits

Swabi, inspects

site of blast

SWABI (APP): Federal

Minister for Kashmir Af-

fairs and Gilgit-Baltistan,

Engr. Ameer Muqam on

Tuesday visited Swabi and

inspected the site of blast in City Police Station.

He announced and amount of Rs. 100,000 each

for families of those killed

in the explosion. He said

federal government would

be requested to announce

compensation amount for

martyred and injured of the

incident. Later, he went to

the residence of Igtidar who

lost life in the City Police

Station blast and condoled

with his father. Meanwhile

talking to media, he said that

provincial government should focus the problems.

Two youth

crushed to

death by over

speeding bus

ZHOB (INP): Two youth were crushed to death by

an over speeding bus at Zhob-Quetta National Highway on Tuesday.

reckless driven bus ran over

a motorcycle carrying two

youth near BRC College in

Both youth hailing from Zhob died on the spot

eams reached the scene and

shifted the bodies to Zhob

Police and rescue

in the accident

According to details, a

dominant," he said.

"He insisted on avoid-

Commenting on the

akistan Tehreek-e-Insaaf

Muslim countries to shun their differences and unite in the light of the Holy Quran and Sunnah to confront the challenges being faced by the Muslim

Dr. Zakir Naik said that Islam is a religion of peace, love, and brotherhood, and his missionary work aims to highlight the true message of peace and love in Islam across the



QUETTA: Parliamentary Secretary Hadia Nawaz meeting with Provincial Minister for PHE Sardar Abdul Rehman Khetran

Pakistan, Oman agree on MoU to facilitate enhancement of workforce

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan and Oman agreed on the early finalization of a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on labor and manpower exchange which would facilitate the enhancement of Pakistan's workforce and its smooth movement from Pakistan to

This was decided in a recent meeting held in Muscat between Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development Chaudhry Salik Hussain and Minister of Labour of the Sultanate of Oman Dr. Mahad bin Said the Pakistani workforce bin Ali Baowain, said a abroad.

Chaudhry Hussain is on a three-day visit to the Sultanate where he will meet several ministers of Oman and will inaugurate a new branch of Pakistan International School in Muscat.

During the meeting, Chaudhry Salik Hussain apprised the Omani side of the major reforms the government was undertaking to improve the emigration process of Pakistani workers, their professional capacity enhancement, and the marketing of

Now one chief justice should go, second should come: Naeem

ISLAMABAD (Online): JI here Tuesday. Amir Hafiz Naeem ur He held the entire Pa Amir Hafiz Naeem ur Rehman has demanded of Chief Justice of Pakistan of Palestine on October 7 (CJP) Oazi Faez Isa to take initiative to end prevailing judicial crisis

"we will not accept any constitutional package of government. Opposition parties are requested not to be hoaxed by government. Next strategy in connection with Haq Do Tehreek will be given after October 7, he said this while addressing a press conference on October 7.

so that one voice goes to world that we are with Palestine. We are making contacts with different political parties in this connection. He stated JI will start protest movement under Haq Do Awam Ko after October 7. Government has breached the agreement made with us. In this regard we will start our movement



QUETTA: A delegation of PML-N Women Wing meeting with Governor Balochistan Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail

Raheela calls for urgent action on Menstrual Health and Hygiene Tax Reforms

Balochistan Education Minister Raheela Hameed Khan Durrani on Tuesday called for urgent action on Menstrual Health and Hygiene Tax Reforms.

She said this while addressing at the Policy Dialogue organized by the MHM Working Group (MHMWG) Secretariat Balochistan in collaboration with UNICEF Pakistan, brought together a diverse group of policymakers, advocates, and stakeholders to discuss strategies for impact full tax reforms.

Members National Assembly (MNAs) Ms. Akhtar Bibi, Phulain Baloch and Member Balochistan Assembly Rahmat Saleh Baloch reiterated their commitment to championing this issue at the federal level, assuring participants that they

would push for legislative reforms to ensure MHM products are affordable for public support to create an inclusive society where every woman could manage all, especially vulnerable groups in rural and remote areas of Balochistan. Addressing at Policy

Dialogue, Raheela Durrani said, "This is not just a policy issue—it's a human rights issue"

She opened the Policy Dialogue on Menstrual Health and Hygiene (MHM) Tax Reforms and stressed the vital need for parliamentarians from Balochistan to raise their voices at the federal level, pushing for MHM tax reforms that would ensure affordability and accessibility of menstrual products

for women and girls. Ms. Durrani called for a united front in advocating these reforms, emphasizing rizing menstrual hygiene the need for sustained government commitment and

her menstrual health with dignity. Following her lead, stakeholders Balochistan, including parliamentarians, health and education officials and experts urged the Federal Government to take immediate action on MHM tax reforms. These reforms they stressed, are essential enhancing affordability and availability of menstrual products which would alleviate the financial burden on millions of women and girls in the

province. In a detailed presentation, Mr. Rahmatullah Khan Durrani, Commissioner of Income Tax at the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR), proposed categoproducts as essential items rather than luxury goods.

Philosopher Dr. Zakir Abdul Karim Naik at Parliament House. Like Trachoma, PM urges sustained efforts to eliminate polio, hepatitis from Pakistan caused by infection by the

ISLAMABAD: Speaker National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq in a group photo with Renowned Islamic

ISLAMABAD Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday stressed the urgent need to eradicate polio and hepatitis in the country through sustained efforts, similar to the successful elimination of Trachoma, a contagious eye infection that causes inflammation on the inner eyelids.

Speaking at a function where Dr Lou Dapeng, Head of Mission for the World Health Organization in Pakistan, presented a Trachoma-free Pakistan certificate to Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, he said that the certificate symbolized the dedication of the Health Ministry and other stakeholders in the effort to

eliminate the disease.

Chlamydia trachomatis bacterium and can result in irreversible blindness if left untreated. This achievement marks a significant milestone in public health.

The prime minister directed the relevant authorities to sustain their hard work and dedication, emphasizing that such efforts could elevate Pakistan to new heights of excellence, as long as they were pre-pared to tackle the chalenges ahead.

He recalled that durng his tenure as Punjab chief minister, he initiated effective programmes to combat the diseases, and hoped that the same would continue under the current leadership of Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz and in

offered the cooperation of Federal Government in that

PM Shehbaz appreciated the collaborative efforts of the Health Ministry, provincial governments, NGOs, experts, and other departments in eradicating Trachoma, which had helped save the sight of hundreds.

He instructed the relevant authorities to take preventive measures, and establish effective supervision and checks and balances to stop reemergence of the disease in the country. He also directed the authorities to leverage existing technical capacity and expertise, urging field officers, doctors and others to collaborate effectively to achieve success in all areas

Govt contacted

heirs of ailing

child taking

notice of post viral

on social media

Independent Report

QUETTA: The Govern-

ment of Balochistan has

contacted the family of the

ailing child whose post had

gone viral on social media

for treatment. The spokes-

man of Provincial Govern-

ment, Shahid Rind said that

the child suffering from dis-

ease has been admitted in the

Children hospital. The opera-

tion of child would be con-

ducted in the Children Hospi-

tal on advise of the doctors,

the spokesman of provincial government added.

Fatal shooting

in Panjgur

Independent Report

PANJGUR: Unidentified

armed men opened fire in

Chitkan New Bazaar,

Gadroshiya Point, resulting

in the death of Pir Jan, son of Sofi Aslam, a resident of

Police sources con-

According to details

two armed robbers at-

firmed the incident and

Chitkan.



QUETTA: Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti talking with Provincial Ministers and MPAs at Quetta airport

MNCH Program boosts healthcare Infrastructure in Balochistan

QUETTA (APP): In a significant move to enhance maternal healthcare in Balochistan, the Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (MNCH) Program headed by Dr Gul Sabeen Azam, has established a Pre-Fabricated Static Centre in Dera

"This initiative, directed by Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfaraz Bugti, aims to reduce maternal mortality rates in the region by providing accessible healthcare services," said Dr Gul Sabeen, Provincial Coordinator MNCH Balochistan while

talking to APP here Tues-She noted that the newly inaugurated Centre, launched by Ejaz Sarwar, DC Dera Bugti, with sup-

DHO Quetta, will facilitate normal deliveries and enable swift referrals of complicated cases to the District Headquarters Hospital (DHQ).

To address transportation delays, Dr Gul Sabeen said a critical factor in Balochistan's high maternal mortality rates, an ambulance has also been provided.

This development fol-lows the MNCH Program's earlier successes in Usta Mohammad Naseerabad, where similar Pre-Fabricated Units were established in 2022

About increasing its outreach, she said the program plans to extend its support to other districts, further strengthening healthcare infrastructure in port from Dr. Azam Bugti, the province.

PYCA organized awareness workshop in Quetta

OUETTA (APP): Pakistan need to regulate industrially Youth Change Advocates (PYCA) organized an awareness workshop in Quetta for bringing together iournalists to advance the cause of the transform Pa-

kistan campaign.
This workshop strove to inform journalists of their roles as TRANSFORM Pakistan ambassadors for the regulation of industrially produced transfats (iTFAs) and ban on partially hydrogenated oils (PHOs) in all dietary sources across Pakistan. Media Advocacy

Workshop was started on September 30th at the Quetta Press Club. A total of 19 journal-

ists from major print and electronic media platforms participated in the training. "We have been doing discussions on the urgent sis in Pakistan.

produced trans-fatty acids (iTFAs) across all dietary sources and to legislate a ban on the production and distribution of partially hy-drogenated oils (PHOs) in Pakistan to ensure that the food that we all consume is free of these poisonous substances. Among these discussions, one on one talks with media personnel remains pivotal considering the power of media to bring change" said Areebah Shahid, Executive Director

The workshop was attended by Deputy Director Technical, Balochistan Food Authority. Mr. Naqeeb Ullah.

at PYCA.

Addressing the group of journalists, he said, "A single regulation is necessary in times of health cri-

QUETTA: Participants of policy dialogue on MHM tax reforms photographed

with Provincial Education Minister Raheela Hameed Khan Durrani, MPA

Rehmat Saleh Baloch, Akhtar Bibi and experts of health and education sectors

launched an investigation into the fatal shooting. Labourer shot dead by robbers over resistance DUKI (INP): Robbers gunned down a labourer and injured another over resistance during a robbery here on Tuesday, police said.

tempted to snatch motorcycle from labourers in Meraj area Salazai Stop of district Duki of Balochistan. The labourers offered resistance and injured a robber in attack by hoeing. The robbers opened straight firing killing a labourer on the spot, leaving other critically in jured and fled the scene.

Balochistan Govt. to ensure timely completion of all projects under CPEC, CM Independent Report

Bugti greets Chinese on 75th National Day:

QUETTA: The Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz Bugti has congratulated the Chinese nation on the 75th National Day and said that the friendship of Pakistan and China is higher than Himalaya and deeper than the oceans.

In a felicitation message issued here on eve of the 75th National Day of the Peoples Republic of China observed on Tuesday, the Chief Minister said that the Pak-China economic, social and commerce relations span over last several decades. These relations are important for the regional peace and balance of power and stability, he

The Chief Minister said that Pakistan values it's relations with China a lot

the long-standing relations between the two countries. He said that work is

continued on certain impor-

tant projects including trade energy, he added. The Chief Minister said that the provincial government would ensure timely completion of all the

projects under CPEC. With this, not only more opportunities of livelihood would be created, but new era of development and construction would be started in the province, adding he believed.

He said that the people of two countries could be brought together through cultural exchange programmes. He said that the provincial government is taking steps to make effective the progress on the CPEC projects



QUETTA: Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti coming to airport to see off PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari to Islamabad.

CEO Health Card says: Govt utilizing resources to provide health facilities

Executive Officer (CEO) Health Card Balochistan Dr. Samiullah Kakar on Tuesday said that the government is utilizing all available resources to provide health facilities to the people. He expressed these views while chairing a meeting with MS Dr. Sultan Lahri of Helper Eye Hospital, MS Dr. Ishaq Panizai of Civil Hospital Quetta, consultants of the medical faculty, cardiology, gynecology and surgery depart-

Dr. Samiullah Kakar said that the process of treating patients through vices at BMCH will be fully health card in Helper Eye Hospital Quetta was stalled available for patients on health card, he noted. He has been started.

He said that Cardiac Department and other 11 specialties in Civil Hospital Quetta have committed and needy could easily ac-

QUETTA (APP): Chief ity health services to the poor and deserving people of Balochistan through

Health Card Program. He also assured the consultants that the health card program would provide full support to the consultants saying that collective efforts are very important for the success of the ealth card program.

Dr, Sami said that the misunderstandings regarding the health card have been removed in Bolan Medical Hospital and treatment of patients through health card has been formally started. Soon 24/7 serwould be provided absolutely free through the health card so that every individual, especially the poor



QUETTA: Provincial Minister Mir Asghar Rind and Senator Mir Abdul Quddus Bizenjo holding a

NAB amendment law Shahbaz, Hamza files petition in AC to seek relief in Ramzan Sugar Mills

Minister (PM) Shehbaz Sharif and his son Hamza Shehbaz Sharif have sought relief in Ramzan Sugar Mills reference under NAB amendment law.

The counsel for PM Shehbaz Sharif and Hamza Shehbaz Sharif has filed petition in accountability court regarding jurisdiction powers of the court.

has no jurisdiction powers the attendance.

LAHORE (Online): Prime to hear the reference under new NAB laws. The court should send back the reference to chairman NAB.

> Later the court sought reply from NAB till October 11 with regard to peti-

The court accepted exemption plea of Shehbaz Sharif for one day. Anwar Hussain representative of Shehbaz Sharif appeared in The petition said AC the court and got completed

PCG seizes arms, narcotics in Balochistan cans of beer were recovered

QUETTA (APP): Pakistan Coast Guards (PCG)'s jawans seized arms and narcotics in respective areas of Balochistan including Gwadar, general area Musa Goth, Winder and Uthal. According to PCG's

spokesman, on a tip off, PCG's personnel conducted raids at places and recovered arms including 226 Glock pistols with magazines, 34 Beretta pistols with magazines, 145 30-bore pistols, 140 Sapier magazine 30-bore pistols and 324 Sapier magazine Gulag pistols

The Pakistan Coast Guards also seized drugs including alcohol, hashish and heroin during the past few

According to details, 959 bottles of high quality foreign liquor and 2203

ish was recovered from Gwadar in the last few Apart from this, 44.5 kg of high quality heroin hidden in a suspicious house and bushes were

seized from Windar and

332 kg of high quality hash

In a similar operation,

from Gadani area.

Uthal and two persons were arrested. The seized liquor and heroin are worth around Rs 60 million in the international market

It should be noted that

Pakistan Coast Guard is always engaged in preventing drug and all kinds of smuggling and will continue to play its role in cleaning the society from the scourge of drugs and illegal